

# *Tidings*

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

105 BRIDGE STREET

ELKTON, MARYLAND 21921

*The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi*



## Home Is Where the Heart Is.

A building doesn't make a home. It is customary in my Luhya culture for a young man to leave the home of his mother as he enters manhood. Often boys band together and build a house, but I was proud. I wanted my own place. My father directed me to a spot near an old abandoned settler's house, which was overgrown and reputed to be infested with poisonous snakes.

In Kenya, there are snakes so venomous, when bitten one is dead before he hits the ground. I endeavored to conceal my trepidations, but behind a sly smile, am sure my father sensed my fears.

Alone I cleared the area, cut the briars, and removed the stones. I felled acacia trees and hewed them into beams and cut rafters. I dug holes and erected posts to establish the framework. Lastly I gathered grasses and thatched the roof as I had helped my late father do many times before. Though I was proud of my endeavors, this house was never a home.

When I finished High School, on a rickety bicycle I sought additional education in many places. Overtime, I laid my head in many places, sometimes out doors, but seldom in a place I would dignify as a home.

It is said, "Home is where the heart is." I found myself traveling the same way from work each day with a pretty girl. It must have taken planning and courage for that pretty girl to ask me if I would like to have tea with her, and when she did, I said "No." Because I could see by her bearing that she was of a higher class than I, the son of a poor farmer and mason. I berated myself fiercely, but luckily enough she asked again and that time I had the common sense to accept her invitation.

When I became an Anglican priest, Jane and I lived in many parishes. Each place has been a home because of her. One place I can remember we lived in a building with only a partial roof. Our sons, Chris, Dennis and Hudson were just babies then, but with love encompassing our young family, it was indeed a home.

Finally, we purchased a plot of land. Together Jane and I built our own house. She handed building material up to me until weariness overtook her. But our determination did fashion our own home on our own land.

When I entered Trinity House on Monday, September 8, 2014, I was shocked into speechlessness. What occurred during my vacation to visit my wife and my home in Kenya was miraculous. Loving hands and hearts had come together to build a home. It is amazing how this church family worked together to build this miracle. Without losing focus and departing from a straight line, this accomplishment was attained in such a short time. I can only compare it to the rebuilding of the walls of the second Temple in Jerusalem. Together we will build a strong church.

A home is indeed where the heart is. Though part of my heart is with Jane and my sons in Kenya, love cannot be measured. Just as God's love, it is boundless. My heart is here.

*~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi*  
**Rector**

*Your Prayers are asked for*

*Jan Ackerman  
Sharon Arbour  
Jacob Asroff  
Sean Baker  
Dustin Bartow  
Robert Burchett  
Kim Cartwright  
Goldie Cook  
Helen Cornacchia  
Jesse Cugini*

*Nancy Draper  
Mary Foxwell  
Joe Heimberger  
Walter Jermyn  
Libby Keefer  
Kathy Koslak  
Regina Lane  
Rosemarie Scott Murphy  
Richard Palmer  
Justin Pearce*

*Rose Perrone  
Christopher Porteus  
John Potts  
Vaughn Potts  
Linda Rawlings  
Brooke Rollins  
Jane Sichangi  
Christine Stanley  
Bunny Sturgill-Martin  
Lisa Wiegand*



**ANNUAL CHURCH SALE**

**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014**

**8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**(Rain or Shine)**

Volunteers are needed to help set up, help out, and clean up. Please call the office if you can spare an hour or two.

Treasures Needed! Please check your closets, cabinets, basement, and attic for contributions. We need books, kitchen stuff, household items, children's toys, etc.

Donations will be taken on Thursday 9/18 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Parish House. Your contributions are gratefully appreciated. If you need to drop stuff off other than Thursday, please call the office.

Calling All Bakers. We are having a baked goods table at the yard sale. Please help by baking cookies. Drop them off on Thursday or Friday. Any question, please call the office at 410-398-5350. Thank you in advance!



**COFFEE HOUR HOSTS**

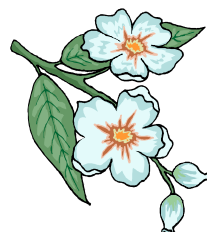
are needed to provide light refreshments (cookies, donuts). We supply the coffee, cream and sugar. Coffee hour is a critical ministry, not only for the fellowship of our regular members but also for the meeting and greeting of newcomers. Sign up sheet is in the Parish House.

**ALTAR FLOWERS WELCOME**

*Please consider*

*taking part in  
adorning God's  
altar.*

*Sign-up sheet is  
in the  
Parish House.*



**WOMEN OF TRINITY  
FIRST FRIDAY FARE**  
October 3 at 5:00 PM to 6:30  
PM, Parish House.  
Soup and desserts  
\$5.00 per person  
Chili and desserts  
\$7.00 per person



**BIBLE STUDY**  
**MID-WEEK**  
**EUCCHARIST**  
*Wednesdays at*  
*9:00 AM*  
*in the Parish House.*  
*Join Us!*

*Blessing of the Animals*



***Make plans to attend our  
Blessing of the Animals Service on  
Saturday, October 4, beginning at 4:00 pm  
in front of the Parish House.***

Pets of all kinds are welcome to be part of this ancient Christian tradition—as long as they are on leashes or in appropriate carriers. If you cannot transport your pet, you may bring a picture.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to our church.



**CECIL COUNTY CROP HUNGER WALK**

Sunday, October 5, 2014

St. Mary Ann's Episcopal Church

315 S. Main Street

North East, MD

Registration 1:00 PM Walk 2:00 PM

***End hunger one step at a time by participating in this year's  
CROP HUNGER WALK.***

**ALTAR GUILD**

Anyone wishing to volunteer their services with Altar Guild can contact Debbie McKeown at 410-398-4439 or Cheryl Lee at 410-885-5744.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Anyone wishing to participate on the Worship Committee please contact Debbie McKeown at 410-398-4439.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

The regular 8:00 am & 10:00 am worship service schedule resumes this ***Sunday, September 14.***



## RUSS'S ANGELS WILL WALK AGAIN OCTOBER 18, 2014 to end Alzheimer's.

This team was formed back in 2011 to honor my dad, Dan Russ. We now walk not only to honor him but also our mom Lou Russ who passed away 2/26/14 and for so many others. We as a congregation know people fighting this disease today. There is no time like the present to put an end to it so others don't have to live through it.

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the nation's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer care, support and research.

### ***Consider joining our team!***

*Where: Tubman-Garrett Park on the Wilmington Riverfront*

*When: Saturday, October 18, 2014*

*Length: 3K (1.89 miles)*

Contact: Margaret Russ for more information to join the team  
443-945-7230 or use my link to get to my page.

<http://act.alz.org/goto/RussAngels>

Under my name you will see my team, click it. Then you will see join my team. Then you can go ahead and register.

If you would like to donate to help End Alzheimer's you can use the link above and then hit my team. Feel free to donate to anyone on the team or make a team donation.

If you would rather give cash, please hand it to Margaret Russ.

Make Your Checks Payable to

Alzheimer's Association Delaware Valley Chapter.

Please write Russ's Angels in the memo line.

We appreciate your support to End Alzheimer's a disease which currently affects over 5.4 million Americans.

Someone develops AD every **67 seconds**.

*We are also hosting a Fund Raiser dinner on 10/4/14 at the American Legion down the street. If interested, please contact Marie Taylor or Margaret Russ for tickets.*

# Welcome Home Father Nicholas



## *The Children's Home*

### *Foundation scholarships*

for Elkton High School was received by Sarah Stewart, Rachael Toller and Marlee Butler. They each received \$1,000.00 for their next two years in college. Sarah Stewart will be attending the Fashion Institute of New York to study merchandising management. Rachael Toller will be in the nursing program at Del Tech. Marlee Butler will be a student at Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School.



Austin Benett from North East High School will be getting a welding certificate at Cecil College. Bryce Jamison from North East High School will be going to Cecil College for Computer Technology. Dr. Elizabeth Lowe presented scholarships to three students at Chesapeake City High School and Barbara Weaver had one student at Perryville High School.

All in all, to include returning students from last year, Cecil County was able to assist with over \$20,000.00 worth of help for our needing students.

May I share a note from one of last years recipients:

Ms. Hair,

Got your message yesterday but I was dealing with my Mother's car because it kept acting up and we were trying to find the problem. I am doing great in school. Since I have started I have gotten student of the course (SOC) twice, one was for basic engines and the other for basic electrical. I have gotten 95% or better course grade in all my classes since I started and some were even 100%. I am enjoying my time at UTI and have made quite a bit of friends.

This young man was the first in his family to have graduated high school. A family working hard just to keep up and with a "special" child in the family barely getting by. We have made a difference in the life of this young man. I pray that in November when we have our annual asking, you will remember him and all the other children we help.

~Diane Hair

Trinity Chair for the Children's Home Foundation

Diocese of Easton