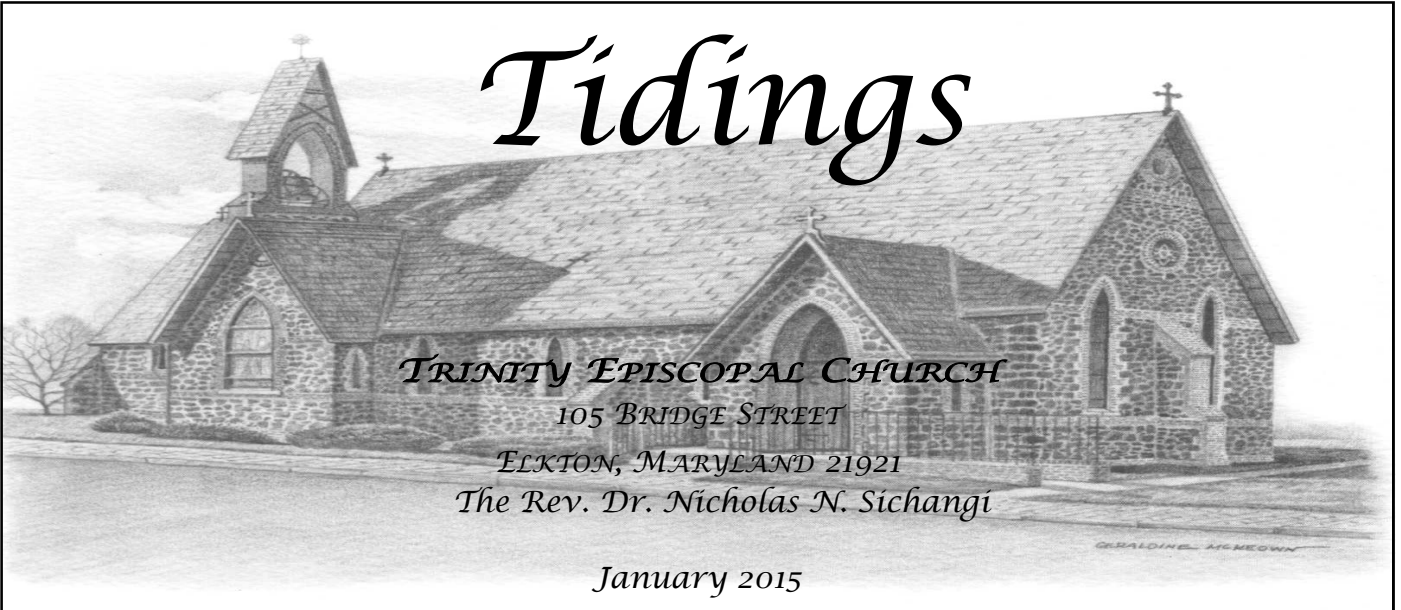


# *Tidings*



*TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH*

*105 BRIDGE STREET*

*ELKTON, MARYLAND 21921*

*The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi*

*January 2015*

## **Let Your Light Shine**

On that holy night when Christ was born in a manger, a light from heaven announced His birth. It shone all around. It guided the wise men in their journey to Him. Let this light, His gift, guide us in our journey as well.

In my recent sermons, I talked much about light. This light that shines is life. It is powerful. It moves and it expands. Therefore this light cannot be contained.

If Christ is “The Light of the World”, therefore in Him we have life in abundance. In Him we have the power to overcome evil and the powers of darkness. In Him we have our very being.

Each Sunday when we join with all the faithful in reciting the Nicene Creed, our spirits are uplifted and bathed in the light of God and we are inspired to go forth into the world ready to be used as servants of Christ.

This year, the first Sunday is our Epiphany. How I wish that each Sunday would be an epiphany for us. Someone once said that “an epiphany is an ‘aha moment’” when our eyes are opened, our spirits are touched, and we discover something that might have been there all along, but had not been apparent to us.

This year, with His gift of light, let us do three great things;

Let us:

“Open our eyes”

“Open our spirits”

“Really look and discover the mysteries of God’s presence among our family of Trinity Church.

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

***Your Prayers are asked for***

<i>Jacob Asroff</i>	<i>Nancy Draper</i>	<i>Rosemarie Scott Murphy</i>
<i>Mary Helen Atwood</i>	<i>Rebecca Duffy</i>	<i>Richard Palmer</i>
<i>Sean Baker</i>	<i>Mary Foxwell</i>	<i>Justin Pearce</i>
<i>Dustin Bartow</i>	<i>Emily Gaffney</i>	<i>Rose Perrone</i>
<i>Adele Bass</i>	<i>Joe Heimberger</i>	<i>Diane Porter</i>
<i>Jim Bauman</i>	<i>Walter Jermyn</i>	<i>Christopher Porteus</i>
<i>Robert Burchett</i>	<i>Peggy Jordan</i>	<i>Vaughn Potts</i>
<i>Kim Cartwright</i>	<i>Libby Keefer</i>	<i>Linda Rawlings</i>
<i>Goldie Cook</i>	<i>Kathy Koslak</i>	<i>Brooke Rollins</i>
<i>Tim Coudon</i>	<i>Regina Lane</i>	<i>Jane Sichangi</i>
<i>Jesse Cugini</i>	<i>Victoria Marsh</i>	<i>Lisa Wiegand</i>



**8:00 a.m. service**

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
1/11	Victoria Koslak	Tricia Smith	Mary Helen Atwood, Mitzie Snyder
1/18	Mary Helen Atwood	Mitzie Snyder	Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
1/25	Gordon Tozer	Mary Helen Atwood	Gayle Mayo, Mary Helen Atwood

**10:00 a.m. service**

Date	Acolytes	Lector	CBR	Ushers	P of P	Greeter
1/11	Carri Birdsall Aaron Derby	Mary Morrison	Debbie McKeown	Rick & Susan Burkholder	Janice Potts	Libby Keefer
1/18	Marina White Jack Fossler	Bill Gorak	Orville Potts	Diane & Dwight Hair	Debbie McKeown	Jane Ayers
1/25	Aaron Derby Carri Birdsall	Marina White	Kathy Davidson	Charlie Davidson Ross Lee	Marina White	Libby Keefer

May the New Year bring us...

Enough happiness to keep us sweet; Enough trials to keep us strong;  
 Enough hope to keep us lively; Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God;  
 Enough failure to keep us humble; Enough success to keep us eager;  
 Enough friends to give us comfort; Enough wealth to meet our needs;  
 Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward; Enough faith to overcome despair;  
 And enough determination to use every day and situation somehow for good.

It's called Karma.

This year I decided to get involved in the Thanksgiving meals.

About a month before Thanksgiving, I sent out the word to Trinity members that we needed turkeys. We received 9 turkeys, lots of sides, and money toward the baskets. We also received money for a family that had no clothes for their three children.

I went shopping for clothes and for food for Thanksgiving. Between the food that was donated and the food I purchased, I was able to fill the baskets with turkeys, stuffing, cornbread, gravy, cranberry sauce, green beans, corn, rolls, applesauce, chicken broth, sweet potatoes, and pumpkin pie.

I called back the 9 families that had asked for help and I told them to come by on the Friday before Thanksgiving. Each and every one of them were so grateful for all that was given to them.

There were two families that had no way of picking up the food. One was a woman, who had asked if there was any way someone could bring it to her. When I told her I didn't think I could find someone, she said "that's ok dear," and I told her I would call her back. I hung up the phone and thought about her three children having no food for their Thanksgiving meal.

I thought there had to be a way to get the food to her. I spoke with Diane Hair and the two of us packed up the car and went that afternoon.

I never thought that bringing a basket of food to a total stranger would change the way that I looked at Thanksgiving.

She was so grateful for the food we gave her. She began to cry and tell us her life story. She grew up in foster care, until her grandmother ended up adopting her. She now lives with her three children, one of whom is autistic. Her husband works in Philadelphia, and comes home when he can. She has no car and relies on her neighbors to take her places. Currently she is suffering from cancer for a second time. She has had multiple surgeries and doesn't like taking pain medication because it hinders her ability to take care of her children. With very little money, no food, no help, being sick and not knowing what will happen to her, she was so grateful for the little we did for her that day.

I left her apartment that rainy afternoon, looking at my life a lot differently from when I had walked in. I started thinking about how thankful I am for all I have. For my health, my family, my home, my friends, my job, and food on my table. Just helping this one stranger changed my thoughts and feelings.

This new year, help someone out. It will make you feel better about yourself.

It will connect you with another person, maybe for a moment, if not for life.

It may improve the life of another. It may make the world a better place, and if that kindness is passed on it can multiply.

She has changed my life.

~Carol Cummings

**OUR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2015**



# POTLUCK DINNER

THANK YOU  
BEN COOK  
for all the photos!

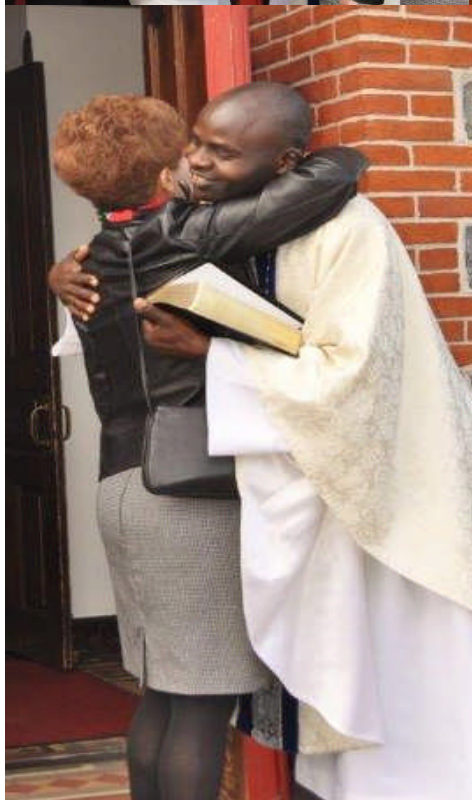


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## Trinity Teens

Trinity's teen group has been defunct for several years and we are reviving it. Sandy White has volunteered to serve as program facilitator. Some teens met with him in December to begin planning. The goals include having a fun group to share recreation, social, and community service activities. We reviewed some of the fun things to do in the area: bowling, indoor rock climbing, roller skating, ice skating, trampoline park, Elkton Golf & Batting Center (mini-golf, driving range, batting cage), North Bay, movies, mall, lunch, etc. Soon, we will discuss community service ideas.



Most activities will be open to current and past church members 7th grade to age 19, and they may invite guests in the same age range. Parents, Grandparents, and guardians are always welcome.

The first scheduled activity will be:

**When: Sunday, January 11 at 3:30 pm**

**What: Family Bowling**

**Where: Elk Lanes, 406 Bow Street, Elkton, MD 21921**

**Cost: \$4.00 per game per person, free shoe rental**

RSVP to [sandyw1994@aol.com](mailto:sandyw1994@aol.com). If you can attend, please let us know the number of attendees by Wednesday, January 7 so that we can reserve the appropriate number of lanes.

There's a chance that some may go out to Friendly's afterward to eat, and all would be welcome.

If you would like to thank someone at Trinity Church in the Tidings newsletter, please contact us by the 1st of each month to be included in the next tidings at 410-398-5350, or [trinityelkton@verizon.net](mailto:trinityelkton@verizon.net)

### Circle of THANKS!!

- ♥ For all those who helped fill the baskets for Thanksgiving.
- ♥ For those who helped make our Church beautiful at Christmas time.
- ♥ A BIG THANKS to Mary Helen Atwood for helping out the family in need!



## *Redner's Warehouse Markets*

### *Save a Tape*

#### *Here's how it works:*

When you shop at Redner's Warehouse, use your pump perks card, and save your receipt. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redners, your receipt will be designated as a

Save-A-Tape customer receipt. Bring your tapes into the Parish House and place them in the envelope on the bulletin board. Trinity will receive 1% of you total. Thank You in advance!!

