

# *Tidings*

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## *October 2016*

As I was organizing my desk this past week, I came across a calendar that was passed to me by Patricia Smith, just a few days before they departed to their new home in Milford, Delaware. In his remarks in the 1987 parish directory, Fr. Ed. Godden said, “In this town, we represent the resources God has in the Episcopal Church to carry out his mission.” He continues to say, “The cover of this directory with its picture of us going from worship into the world, symbolizes the mission God has given to us. When we go forth into the world, we leave the nave, but not the Church, because we go out to be the Church in the world from Sunday afternoon to Saturday night...”

Looking through this directory I see many fond memories exhibiting the great potential that can be actualized as we together go forth into the world to be His Church in the world, especially in this month of October, which is the stewardship month.

For us to keep on going into the world, we need to give for the on going mission of Jesus Christ through His Church” as said by The Rev, Thomas Carson. My former lecturer, Howard Friend said in his book, “Recovering The Sacred Center,” we as a congregation have the potential for creativity, productivity and viable relationships. We may or may not have realized our full potential, but therefore it is my roles as your rector, with the support of our vestry through the guidance of the Holy Spirit to walk with you, as we join together to actualize our potential into the outward reality.

We need to discover or rediscover our potential through the process of inner searching and deep longing for the Spirit of God who will help and guide us to rediscover these potentials and actualize them into our daily living as we carry out the work of His mission.

Blessings to you all

*Fr. Nicholas*

## *Your Prayers are asked for*

Robert	Margaret Long
Michael	Victoria Marsh
Randy	Kate Miles
Jacob Asroff	George Miller
Jane Ayers	Jean Mulford
Dustin Bartow	Richard Palmer
Hamid Basil	Rose Perrone
Robert Burchett	Christopher Porteus
Goldie Cook	Janice Potts
Jesse Cugini	Charlotte Moore
Donna H Dellinger	Linda Rawlings
Deborah Edwards	Jane Sichangi
Judy Fisher	Geri Simons
Eric Hearn	Carroll Smith
Joe Heimberger	Tricia Smith
Bill Jackson	Betsy Spina
Libby Keefer	Marlene Thompson
Kathy Koslak	
Elizabeth Lane	

## *Stewardship Update*

October 30th has been designated as Stewardship Day at Trinity. Prior to that date you will receive a stewardship letter with a pledge card and a stamped addressed return envelope to the attention of Carol Cummings. Your pledge will be kept confidential and only Carol will know your pledge intentions.

For this year -2016- the number of pledges were down but the dollar amount pledged was up. For this coming year -2017- we are hopeful that the number of pledges will be up and that those who didn't pledge or are new will do so regardless of the amount. We are also hopeful that those who pledged this year will increase their tithe for next year as some did for this year.

*Your continued support of Trinity through tithing, time, and talent is needed and appreciated.*

~Richard Lemen  
Stewardship Chair

## *How Are We Doing? October Tidings 2016*

**Sunday worship: Our weekly, monthly attendance numbers.**

For the month of September, 2016 we averaged 21 communicants for both services.

**Fellowship through First Friday Dinners.**

We did not have a dinner in September. Our next First Friday Fare will be on October 7, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in our Parish House.

**Outreach via the Food Pantry .**

For the month of September 2016, our Food Pantry served 19 families.

We had gotten some nice community support for a Saturday evening service from the community via Seasons Pizza who offered to provide free pizza after the service gratis. The starting date for the Saturday evening service is still uncertain and will most likely wait until Father Nicholas returns from vacation in November.

We are looking for music volunteers to add a different touch to the service. Please see me, Father Nicholas, Judy Caffey, Diane Hair, Regina Lane, or Susan Burkholder, if you are interested in participating for music or otherwise for the Saturday service or if you have any ideas for helping to make this an exciting and fun growth opportunity for Trinity.

~Ross Lee



The Ministry of music welcomes all those who wish to participate in either the Trinity Choir or the Handbell ensemble.

Membership is open to all members as well as all visitors. Trinity Choir rehearses each Sunday at 8:30 AM in the choir room found on the second floor in the Parish House. The Handbell ensemble rehearsal in the church following the 10:00 AM worship service. The dates of rehearsal for the Bell Choir will be announced.

Please contact Rodney Long for more information at 215- 881-3050 [Rodney.long1@gmail.com](mailto:Rodney.long1@gmail.com)

## Vestry Highlights from September's Meeting

**Members Present:** M.H. Atwood J. Caffey H. White S. Burkholder R. Lee Fr. Nicholas

Treasurer's Report: UBS: Dividends to date are \$5,734; Signature cards were signed by new leaders;  
Cecil Bank: \$67,812 (drop due to paying church insurance liability ad \$1500 to make payroll;

### SHARED MINISTRY UPDATE

Still waiting for Diocesan approval of a onetime 10K donation from them to aid with Shared Ministry financial concerns. This info is needed before Vestry can discuss all of the pros and cons. Vestry members discussed their concerns and questions. It was brought up that we should hold meetings after church to bring parishioners up to date and to seek their input.

### Building/Grounds

Hans received one bid back from 3 he had sought for brick work around the church. Ross Gibson's quote was \$4800. The Brotherhood will pay \$3600, so the parish was to pay the difference \$1200.

### Church Growth

Ross is to chair this committee. Meeting to be held Sun 9/18 to discuss implementation of trial Saturday evening service.

## Moving Forward Together

### LET'S RALLY TOGETHER

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "rally" in several ways. First, as a *transitive verb*, it means: *1a: to muster for a common purpose; b: to recall to order; 2a: to arouse for action b: to rouse from depression or weakness.* Secondly, as an *intransitive verb*, it means: *1: to come together again to renew an effort; 2: to join in a common cause; 3: recover, rebound; 4: to engage in a rally.*

As a child, I attended "Airstream rallies" with my grandparents. They were events that I greatly anticipated and always enjoyed. I met people of all ages who enjoyed traveling in their silver trailers just like my grandparents and me; and the journey was as fun as the destination. At the rally, there was always something for everyone to do from tow vehicle maintenance to handicrafts, from simply chatting to dancing and singing, from touring the area exploring God's natural creation to participating in a worship service. I do not own an Airstream, so I cannot participate in those rallies anymore. Although I hope someday I may experience that again; however, I have heard that participation has declined in those events and I do not know if the organization will still exist when I am ready and able. Of course, there are those who have never heard of an Airstream, and there are those who know what they are but do not know about the rallies. If they did know, they would realize how much fun they have been missing!

I have similar thoughts about Trinity. Personally, I anticipate our time together and enjoy Mass and our other events. Our many service and outreach opportunities appeal to varying interests. Of course, there are some who have never heard of Trinity and don't know what the Episcopal church is. There are some who have turned away from church, and there are some who may eagerly anticipate returning.

For those of us here, we must rally together! We must come together to preserve our tradition, to rouse our church from this lull, to renew our energy and enthusiasm, and to reach out to those who have turned away and to those who don't know about us.

What ideas do you have for recruiting new attendees and retaining our current members? What does Trinity mean to you? How can we share our enthusiasm? Please share your thoughts with me or any Vestry member.

~Heidi White



Newsletter

If you have news or info for the November's newsletter, please provide the information to Carol before October 24.

## Diocesan News-

### Bishop's Investiture

October 15, at 10:30am at the Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills - The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray's investiture as the XI Bishop of Easton will be held. For more information please check the Diocesan website <http://dioceseofeaston.org/>.

### National Youth Workers Convention "Arise 2016" - Nov. 17-20 – Cincinnati, OH

For anyone working with Youth (ages 11-21). Registration is now open. We are excited to offer a discounted rate to youth workers & clergy in our Diocese. Transportation, accommodations, and convention together for \$350. Additional scholarships are also available - please contact Joanne ([joanne@dioceseofeaston.org](mailto:joanne@dioceseofeaston.org)) for more information.

The National Youth Workers Convention has been training, equipping, and encouraging youth workers for more than 45 years as a part of Youth Specialties. You'll find everything you need for youth ministry: training, resources, community, encouragement, and more. Special in 2016: Youth Specialties commissioned the Barna Group to conduct a "State of Youth Ministry" nationwide study. The original research will be revealed at NYWC and help everyone engaged in the world of youth ministry ARISE to better serve teenagers. We're also super excited that this year's Convention will feature Rend Collective, the Skit Guys, and countless speakers and artists that will encourage your heart, challenge you as a youth worker, and lead you into a time with Jesus. For more information about the convention visit [www.youthspecialties.com/nywc/](http://www.youthspecialties.com/nywc/)

**Wardens , Treasurers, & Vestry Conference** - Oct. 29, 10am-3pm at Trinity Cathedral in Easton

**Diocesan Convention** - Feb. 24-25, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge, MD

**Planning a vacation?** Did you know that the Diocese has time shares for rent to anyone in the Diocese? For additional information, please contact the Diocesan Office at 410-822-1919. They include:

#### Maryland

Bay Club – Ocean City

Ocean City Condominiums – Ocean City

#### Virginia

Kingsgate – Williamsburg

The Colony Condominiums – Virginia Beach

Greenspring Plantation – Williamsburg

Pine Villas, Lake Laura – Basye

#### South Carolina

Country Club Villas – Surfside Beach

Lodge Alley Inn – Charleston

#### Florida

Orlando International Resort – Orlando

#### North Carolina

Windjammer – Fairfield Harbour

**WOMEN  
OF TRINITY  
FIRST FRIDAY FARE  
October 7, 2016  
at 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM  
Parish House.**

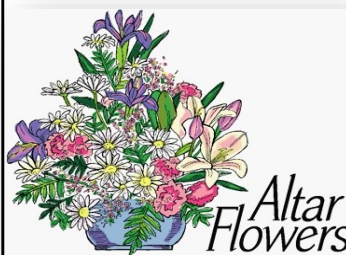


**Soup & desserts  
\$5.00 per person**

**Chili & desserts  
\$7.00 per person**



Please join our Trinity members after the 8:00 am and 10:00 a.m. service for coffee and fellowship. A sign-up sheet for hosts is



Are a lovely addition to our worship experience and a beautiful way to celebrate an occasion or remember loved ones. Please consider donating flowers during the year. A sign-up board may be found in the Parish House.

# 8:00 AM

# Ministry Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>CBR</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>P oP</u>
10/9	Gordon Tozer	Susan Weed Paul Arbour Jr.	Mary Helen Atwood
10/16	Mary Helen Atwood	Gayle Mayo MH Atwood	Gordon Tozer
10/23	Victoria Koslak	Susan Weed Paul Arbour Jr.	Mary Helen Atwood
10/30	Gordon Tozer	Gayle Mayo MH Atwood	Gordon Tozer

<u>Counters</u>
10/10 Orville Potts & Gordon Tozer
10/17 Gordon Tozer & Eugene Caffey
10/24 Dick Lemen & Judy Caffey
10/31 Judy & Eugene Caffey

# 10:00 AM

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>CBR</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>P oP</u>	<u>Greeter</u>
10/9	Marina White	Bill Gorak	Heidi White	Diane & Dwight Hair	Marina White	Libby Keefer
10/16	Marina White	Susan Burkholder	Ross Lee	Susan and Rick Burkholder	Judy Caffey	Jane Ayers
10/23	Carri Birdsall	Marina White	Debbie McKeown	Ross Lee Eugene Caffey	Debbie McKeown	Libby Keefer
10/30	Marina White	Ross Lee	Heidi White	Susan and Rick Burkholder	M.K Hitchcock	Jane Ayers