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2017

Tidings

New Email Address

Due to Verizon Business Accounts merging with AOL, the email address trinityelkton@verizon.net will no longer be available.

In the future, please use this address for email correspondence.

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FIRST FRIDAY FARE: May 5 at 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

in the Parish House. Soup, desserts & drinks. Take out available!

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST: Sunday, May 14 in the Parish House at 8:45 am. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will honor the Women of Trinity Parish by providing breakfast between the services. Please plan to attend in celebration of our Moms!

ORGANIST'S SHOWCASE II: Sunday, May 21, at 3:00 pm

Troy Lawson, Rodney Long, Brent Pertusio, Robert S. Wallace,

There will be a free will offering, a reception following the program. All are welcome!!



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SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Our emotional rollercoaster continues in May. On May 25, 40 days after Easter, we will celebrate Ascension Thursday when Jesus ascends in glory to Heaven and returns to His Father. The disciples had extra time with their beloved, but surely they mourned because He has left again.

On May 31, we will celebrate the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin (a prelude to Jesus' birth). So, we've had all of this death and resurrection stuff, and now we are talking about pregnancy and anticipation of birth. The gospel appointed for that day is: Luke 1:39-57. Mary goes to visit her cousin Elizabeth who is pregnant with John (the Baptist), who leaps within her womb when Elizabeth & Mary greet each other. Elizabeth proclaims, "Blessed is the fruit of your womb..." Out of this bible passage, we ended up with two beautiful prayers (which are very familiar to Catholics) – The Magnificat and the Hail Mary.

In January, I told you about the significance of Mary to me. Elizabeth is also important. It is the middle name of 5 generations in my family. Elizabeth, Mary's cousin, and her husband Zachariah wanted a child and prayed. On Thomas Sunday (the 2nd Sunday of Easter), Fr. Nicholas spoke about doubt and people who say "I can't believe it." Zachariah was one of those skeptics. Even though he prayed and

was told by Gabriel his prayers had been answered, he could not believe that his wife was pregnant especially due to their advanced age. So, God rendered him mute until Zachariah insisted that the baby be named John (as he had been told to do). I can't imagine being Elizabeth, an older pregnant woman, with her cousin who is pregnant with the Savior of the world visiting for 3 months, and a mute husband. She then gives birth to John the Baptist, another significant force in the Jesus story. Miracles abound.

Our lives as the family of Trinity are filled with ups and downs, like the Biblical rollercoaster we have been on. To me, it seems that the ups are outweighing the downs. Trinity is growing. We welcome new members and visitors, especially our youngest Adelaide Rose Wood. We welcome back those who have been away for a while. I am excited for all that is going on around Trinity. Our Sunday School will be revitalized. Our Youth Focus Group has created a new Instagram page and will record a service to share what Trinity offers with the cyberworld. Hans and Bill are working to update our website to make it spiffy. Katy and Ross are leading the charge with preparations for the Treasure Hunt, which we hope will spread the word about Trinity. Many parishioners have helped with keeping our grounds looking beautiful,

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Christmas in April, the Food Pantry, and many other activities. This month, the Brotherhood will provide a scrumptious Mothers' Day breakfast, Rodney and his colleagues will present a beautiful organ concert on May 21, the Women of Trinity will provide First Friday Fare and on May 17 they will host a Trinity Social. Look for more information

about these and other activities in this Tidings. I hope you will plan to attend as many of these events as you can.

It is hard for me to believe all the miracles that abound a Trinity, but in this case seeing is believing and I believe! Thank you for helping to make miracles!

~ Heidi

Sunday School for Children
(age 4 through 6th Grade)

We are excited to announce a plan for Children's Sunday School. It is flexible so that we will always have something to offer when we have families with children. If there are children attending the service, the ushers will signal Fr.

Nicholas by moving little chairs from behind the choir stalls to center. After the Gospel, the children will be invited to move to the little seats and Fr. Nicholas will provide a brief sermonette for the children. They will then be dismissed for an activity in the Parish House (Sunday School room). (We will soon have laptops to be able to access an on-line, age-appropriate curriculum.) The acolyte will retrieve the children during the Prayers of the People and lead the youth back to Mass where they will help during the Presentation of the Gifts.

Coffee & Conversation- Sunday mornings in the Parish House from 9:15 to 10:15 am. All are welcome

Bible Study & Mid-Week Eucharist- Every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am in the Parish House. Please let Father Nicholas know on Sunday if you will be attending.



Your Prayers are asked for:

- Michael
- Randy
- Jacob Asroff
- Dustin Bartow
- Hamid Basil
- Bob Boulden
- Pam Boulden
- Robert Burchett
- Goldie Cook
- Jesse Cugini
- Donna H. Dellinger
- Deborah Edwards
- Shawnda Fenson
- Alan Fenson
- Judy Fisher
- Eve Glantz
- Margaret Graham
- Eric Hearn
- Joe Heimberger
- Bill Jackson
- Libby Keefer
- Kathy Koslak
- Elizabeth Lane
- Margaret Long
- Victoria Marsh
- Kate Miles
- George Miller
- Jean Mulford
- Susan Orr
- Richard Palmer
- Lawrence Parker
- Rose Perrone
- Christopher Porteus
- Janice Potts
- Linda Rawlings
- Jane Sichangi
- Geri Simons
- Carroll Smith
- Betsy Spina
- Marlene Thompson

HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY

LET US KNOW YOUR BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

Our new
Sunshine Committee
Team at Trinity
Church would like to
acknowledge
everyone's
birthday & wedding
anniversary.

Please give us your
name and the month
and day of these
special occasions
and drop it in the
offering plate,
call the
office or
send us an email.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/13 Mary Katharine Hitchcock

HAPPY 68 YEAR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

5/18 Virginia & Lewis Collins

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/19 Rick Burkholder

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

5/22 Beth Koenings

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

5/22 Mary & Richard Huber

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

5/28 Bill & Pat Smith



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR TRINITY SOCIAL

On Wednesday, May 17 from 11:00 to 2:00 pm in the Parish House. We will have games to play, or you can bring your own, and bring a friend. Bring a lunch and \$5.00 for our outreach programs. We will have drinks and desserts! Perhaps you have a hobby you could share, a story you can tell, an art piece to color, we are open to suggestions. Please help us make this a community fun and gathering time! It will be held the third Wednesday of every month.



Pentecost Flowers *Celebration of the Holy Spirit.*

If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Day of Pentecost Sunday service, please complete this form and return it to the church office by May 13. Enclosed is a check/cash in the amount of \$_____ for Pentecost flowers.

in memory of _____

a thank offering for _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

DIOCESAN NEWS



Camp Wright Scholarship

If you know of a child who would like to attend Camp but would have difficulty paying the tuition, please contact Heidi (302) 836-5784. Since 1930, Camp Wright has provided young people with challenging and rewarding outdoor experiences in a Christian setting on Maryland's Eastern Shore. They offer a variety of Resident and Day Camp programs for campers having completed kindergarten through 11th grade. Camp Wright is operated by the Diocese of Easton of the Episcopal Church. The mission of Camp Wright is the spiritual and physical development of youth through living, recreating, learning, singing and praying in an environment that promotes leadership and individual growth. As a Christian camp in Maryland, they strive to give campers memorable experiences and lifetime lessons in the best possible setting. Children of all faiths and backgrounds are welcome to attend. For more information about Camp Wright, please check <http://www.campwright.com/>

Elisabeth von Trapp in Concert at Holy Trinity Oxford

Elisabeth von Trapp, granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron von Trapp, will be in Oxford on **May 7 at 7:00 pm**. Elisabeth packed the house at her last Holy Trinity performance and left the audience breathless in awe and

delight. Free will donation accepted at the door. For more info., call (410) 226-5134.

United Thank Offering

UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Thank you to everyone for their generous gifts to UTO in 2016! Donations can be made payable to UNITED THANK OFFERING and mailed to Charlotte Meyer, UTO Diocesan Co-Coordinator, St. Paul's Church, P.O. Box 141, Trappe, MD 21673.

The Diocese of Easton's Church Initiatives Grant Program

The committee is pleased to announce two grants were awarded for the 2017 funding cycle: St. Paul's Church, Centreville received \$5000 to support the Parish's Backpacks for Kids program through the remaining weeks of the school year and to provide funding for packed weekend meals for Kennard Elementary School children in need. And, **Trinity Episcopal Church, Elkton** received \$1,219.98 to provide funding for two laptop computers that will support Sunday school classes, parish presentations, food pantry clients who are seeking jobs and parishioners who do not otherwise have access to a computer. The Grant Program, currently in its 6th year, is funded by investment returns from the Diocese's St. Stephens Endowment Fund - created with proceeds from the sale of St.

Stephen's Church, East New Market. Money is available exclusively to parishes and mission churches in the Diocese of Easton to undertake innovative programs and projects.

St. Mary Anne's Garden Market

This is an annual tradition that brings vendors from all over the region to one location for all your garden needs while enjoying food, fun, demonstrations and family-friendly activities. May 5, 9am-7pm & May 6, 9am-5pm (rain or shine). Visit <http://stmaryannesgardenmarket.org> for more information.

Hillsboro Retreat Center

The ministry of the Retreat House in Hillsboro is focused on holding prayerful and quiet space for anyone who seeks time apart from the busy-ness of life. Come enjoy the quiet church, walk the Labyrinth and the peaceful grounds, or sit and be in comfortable indoor spaces.

Upcoming Events:

May 9, June 13, July 11: 6:30 - 8:30 pm: Movie series and conversation focused on reconciliation dialogue.
May 16, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm lunch included: Spirituality of the trees: Come spend a half day listening to and learning from the trees as we explore the tradition of Rogationtide. Sample liturgies will be available for distribution. For more information contact the Retreat House at (410) 364-7042

Serving the Needs of the Homeless & Disadvantaged in Elkton

As you know, homelessness is rampant in Elkton. Some of Trinity's Outreach activities try to help those who are homeless or disadvantaged including our Food Pantry and our participation in the Community Kitchen. We used to participate in the rotating homeless shelter. Some of us have heard that there are other groups in the area who try to help the homeless, but we are not sure who they are or what they do. Here is some information, gleaned from their respective websites, about groups in Elkton that serve those needs.

Elkton Community Kitchen offers free lunch each Friday from 12-1pm at the Elkton Presbyterian Church. Churches take turns staffing and providing food for this outreach activity.

Meeting Ground is a faith-based organization that has responded to the needs of homeless people in Maryland & Delaware since 1981. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness will find temporary "safe haven" in their services. Using Christian values, "guests" can regroup and get their lives back in order with the help and support of a caring community. Their programs include:

1. **The Mary Randall Center Day Program** is the first step for many on the path from shelter to home. It is a place where individuals currently experiencing homeless are able to shower, collect their mail, launder their clothing, and link with medical services and job seeking assistance. At the Mary Randall Center individuals find the means to new life, restored dreams, and opportunities to build personal and professional skills. Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00-11:30am; Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-4 pm

2. **The Cecil County Men's Shelter** (Settlement House) provides transitional housing for men who are experiencing a period of homelessness in their lives. The Men's Shelter is within walking distance to medical services, social services, and employment opportunities.

The men move toward independence, greater self-sufficiency and increased hope and wholeness by receiving: referrals to medical and mental health providers, help with a job search or improving education, case management, the hospitality of food and friendship, and individual and small group interaction. The Men's Shelter works closely with the Veteran's Administration and reserves eight of the fifteen beds for veterans.

3. **Wayfarers' House** provides transitional residential shelter services for women and women with young children who are experiencing a period of homelessness in their lives. Located in a large house in Elkton, Maryland, the program provides shelter, food, and assistance in obtaining medical, mental health, substance use treatment and other services.

4. **The Meeting Ground Emergency Rotating Shelter** provides shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness during the cold winter months. They partner with local churches and other organizations to offer this service to the community. The rotation begins in late November and runs through late March. For those interested in securing a place in the rotating shelter, intake takes place at 4PM Monday-Friday, at the Mary Randall Center. Meeting Ground will provide transportation and program management, while the churches will provide space, staffing, and food. Over 35 local churches help to make the rotating shelter a beacon of hope to those without homes during the dangerously cold weather.

5. **Free Lunch Program** provides a lunch Monday through Thursday to anyone who is hungry in the community. On average, 40 men, women and children find not just a good meal, but the warmth of friendship through this outreach. Meals are served at noon, Monday – Thursday on the back porch of the Settlement House at Cecil County Men's Shelter.

The Paris Foundation - Their Mission is to demonstrate Christ's unconditional love to those in the Greater Elkton area, who are in need of material, emotional, and spiritual support. They seek to end homelessness through the following programs:

1. **The Matthew Project** focuses on meeting the physical needs of the local community and homeless.

Food - Hundreds of volunteers serving donated meals to over 32,000 guests each year (8 per week, including Sunday lunch); participate in Elkton Community Kitchen; partner with local food banks
Clothing/Shoes - nightly distribution of clothing and shoes to the local community.

Shelter - Secure camping/survival gear donations, provide shelter referrals, establish transitional housing partnerships

Health - distribute Personal Care Packs, provide counseling to those who are dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues, sponsor free medical/dental clinics and health screenings.

2. **Faith Works** provides the people we serve the opportunity to work with our volunteers on service projects throughout the local community.

3. **Good Ground** provides a mechanism for God's people to use their gifts and talents to minister to hurting people.

Ministry through Saturday and Sunday night Bible Study and Fellowship services

Numerous salvations, baptisms, and hundreds of Bibles distributed.

Outreach to families with children:

Biblically themed holiday parties (Valentine's, Easter, Halloween, Christmas).

Sunday night Sunday School class.

Week-long summer Vacation Bible School.

4. **The Leslie House** is a family transitional residence, where a team of dedicated people will mentor and monitor families with needed financial and accountability skills required to move to the next level of housing.

ANNUAL YARD SALE

This is the only yard sale
we will have this year!!

Saturday, June 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Event will take place Rain or Shine!

Lunch will be sold!

You must provide your own tables



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

\$10.00

Space

Make checks payable to **Women of Trinity**, mail form with payment to Trinity Episcopal Church, 105 N Bridge Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Return your form early so you can reserve your space.

Please return to the church office by June 7

How Are We Doing?

Sunday worship

For the month of April, 2017 we averaged 42 communicants for the 10:30 service with close to 70 communicants on Easter Sunday.

Fellowship through First Friday Dinners

We had 15 people at our First Friday in April. Our next First Friday Fare will be on May 5, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm in our Parish House.

Outreach via the Food Pantry

For the month of April, 2017 our Food Pantry served 21 families.



Worship Schedule

Saturday Evening Service: 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist with music

Sunday Morning Prayer: 8:00 a m

Sunday Morning Service: 10:30 am Holy Eucharist with music & choir

*Look for our Facebook page: Trinity Episcopal Church
New Instagram page: trinityelkton*



If you have photographs of any church events, parish work or play that you would like to have included in our newsletter, please send them to the church office. They will be included in the newsletter as space permits.

Every second Sunday of the month the loose offering will be given to Father Nicholas's discretionary fund.

Sunday, May 14

June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, and December 10.

If you have news or info for the June newsletter, please provide the information to Carol before May 26, 2017



**Pentecost Sunday is on June 4.....
wear red to church!**

May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 PM	3 6:30 PM <i>AA Meeting</i>	4	5 <i>1st Friday</i> <i>Fare</i> 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm	6 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 PM <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
7 <i>Morning Prayer 8 AM</i> <i>C & C 9:15 AM</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 10:30</i>	8 <i>Vestry</i> <i>Meeting</i> 7:00 PM	9 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 PM	10 6:30 PM <i>AA Meeting</i>	11	12	13 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 PM <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
14 <i>Morning Prayer 8 AM</i> <i>Mothers Day</i> <i>Breakfast</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 10:30</i>	15	16 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 PM	17 6:30 PM <i>AA Meeting</i>	18	19	20 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 PM <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
21 <i>Morning Prayer 8 AM</i> <i>C & C 9:15 AM</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 10:30</i> <i>ORGANIST'S</i> <i>SHOWCASE II</i> 3:00 PM	22	23 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 PM	24 6:30 PM <i>AA Meeting</i>	25	26	27 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 PM <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
28 <i>Morning Prayer 8 AM</i> <i>C & C 9:15 AM</i> <i>Holy Eucharist 10:30</i>	29	30 <i>Food Pantry</i> <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 PM	31 6:30 PM <i>AA Meeting</i>			



Staff:

The Reverend Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi, *Rector*

Rodney Long, *Choirmaster /Organist*

Carol Cummings, *Parish Secretary*

Jimmy Slagle, *Sexton*

Parish Officers:

Heidi White, *Senior Warden*

Ross Lee, *Junior Warden*

Mary Helen Atwood, *Treasurer*

Judy Caffey, *Registrar*

Vestry:

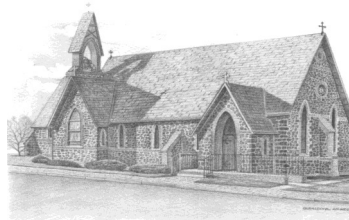
Katherine Derby ('18)

Diane Hair ('19)

Matt Koenings ('18)

Richard Lemen ('20)

William Smith ('20)



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