

Tidings

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I can't imagine that the summer is over and now we are into the Fall Season. I hope you and your families had a wonderful Summer, and those who travelled are safely back home. We most welcome you all back, especially our Choir and Bell Choir, for it is my hope that you are rejuvenated and ready to serve the Lord.

This Fall, we have many activities, some will last into Advent, while others will continue into the New Year. As you are aware, beginning this fall, we as a diocese will be studying the Book of Acts. It is my hope that you will find time to join us in our Adult Education forums which will be held on Sundays, between services at 9:15 am – 10:15 am. I know some of you have had the introduction already, but whatever forum you will decide to join, you will be accommodated. For those who will not be able to join us on Sundays, you can join us on Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 10:30 am. As we explore the Book of Acts together, it is our hope that this will deepen our understanding of who we are called to. For more information and resources of this study, contact our office, Monday, Wednesday – Friday, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm or email us at trinityelkton@gmail.com or visit the Diocesan website.

This coming Saturday, September 9, we will be heading to Hazelmoor Drive for our picnic. I want to thank the organizers from Trinity and St. Stephen's who have made this come to fruition. This will be a time of fellowship and relaxation especially to those who never made it to the beach this past season, this will just be a taste of it. On behalf of the two parishes, I want to thank Ann Goudy and her family for welcoming us to their neighborhood and home.

God has been gracious to us especially in our shared mutual ministry, though we have had few shortcomings, but that is normal with any pioneer ministry. Despite the teething problems, we have almost completed a year. This month we will be having a review of our share mutual ministry. It is my hope that most vestry members will attend. If you cannot attend for one reason or another, I expect you to fill out the review forms and return them to our facilitator. The review will be helpful for all of us as we assess our goals, that we had set in the beginning and hopefully help us in the planning of the way forward.

Despite the blessings and joys we'd share, we also continue to console our families who have been bereaved recently. We continue to keep the Law's and the Burkley families in our prayers.

We also want to remembers those families who lost their beloved one and property in Huston and Louisiana. I urge you to pray for these families and donate as explained in the Bishop's letter below.

Peace and Grace

Nicholas

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Letter from our Bishop.....

Dear Diocese of Easton,

I have been watching the weather events of Hurricane Harvey unfold in Texas with great concern for our brothers and sisters. It is in times of suffering and loss when we can most clearly become aware of God's presence.



We here on the Eastern Shore of Maryland understand what it means to live in an area that is close to the waters and susceptible to floods. Because of this we understand the fear that happens when large hurricanes come up the Atlantic Ocean. We can also remember times, not that long ago, when other hurricanes and tropical storms devastated our part of the world. We understand this disaster because we have lived this disaster before.

In living through previous disasters, we can attest to God's presence. We have experienced the love that comes through the touch of another person's hand, or through the smile on another human's face, or the love expressed in another soul's eyes. We know these things because we have lived these things, in both the giving and the receiving. And through it all, we know that God is with us. We give thanks for God's loving presence.

We can also give thanks for the work of the Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), who worked so tirelessly on behalf of the town of Crisfield, in our own diocese, after Superstorm Sandy in 2012. We should not forget that when we needed help, the Episcopal Church was there for us. Now it is our turn to offer that help to others who also need it. Now we can be that beacon of God's love to a broken community that is truly under the dark clouds of a massive storm.

I invite you to help by making donations to the ERD in one of three ways. The first is by visiting the ERD website: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/> and clicking on the 'donate now' button that pops up. The second way would be to write a check for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, with a note in the memo line stating 'Hurricane Relief' and send it to me here at Bray House, 314 North Street, Easton, MD 21601. I will forward monies that I receive to the bishops in the impacted area so that they can reach out to specific needs that they are aware of. And lastly, please take a special collection on Sunday at your parish and forward the money to ERD.

Above all, I ask for your prayers for the people who have been impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Remember them and pray for them for they will be cleaning up from this storm for many years to come.

+San

SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

During Mass on Sat., Aug. 12, Bob W. offered an intercessory prayer for the people of Charlottesville. I had not yet heard the news of that day, so I did not truly grasp that for which we were praying. When I arrived home that evening, Sandy asked me if I had heard about what had happened in Charlottesville as he had heard snippets on the car radio but not the full story. We tuned into the 11pm news and were horrified by what we heard. I had visited Charlottesville once and wandered the campus of UVA, and I simply could not reconcile the images of my memories and the news reports in my mind.

I enjoy living in my “bubble” of peace and love. Growing up, I heard stories of Nazism and World War II, segregation, and other forms of hatred and intolerance. I have read books and watched news reports about discrimination and ideological wars. I took a class on

race relations in college. Some may say I’m naïve, spoiled, or fortunate, but my experiences in school, in work, in my community, and in church mainly seemed to support the second greatest commandment “Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” Nelson Mandela said, “No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin or his background or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love. For love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite.” I have been fortunate to grow up learning to love; and I hope, through example and through conversations, I have influenced others to love. It seems to me that the Trinity Family also tries to teach and share love. How can we do more to show others how to love, especially those who have so much hate?

Another quote that resonates with me is by Elie Wiesel, “We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented. The opposite of love is not hate, it’s indifference.” Frankly, I have never considered being a part of a protest or a counter-protest, but I am willing to sign petitions and share my thoughts in certain public forums. How do we show that we are not indifferent? How do we help the oppressed?

Each week, we pray for peace and justice throughout the world, and we are dismissed with the words, “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord”. We must work together to combat hatred and intolerance by being examples of love and speaking up for the victims of oppression and hate. I welcome your ideas for how we can do more to promote these ideals.
~Heidi

Prayers are asked for

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



Coffee & Conversation.....

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

TOGETHER began last Sunday, September 3 and follow continue on September 10, September 17 and ending on September 24. Programs for each Sunday will be in the Parish House from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Please contact smithwf43@hotmail.com Bill Smith for more info.



St. Stephen's & Trinity Church

will join together for a Potluck Picnic this Saturday, September 9, 1:00 pm, at Hazelmoor Drive, Earleville, MD. This is a beachfront area on the Elk River, near Grove Point, that is shared by the homeowners. The Goudy family, are members of St. Stephens, and they will be our hosts. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish to share. St. Stephen's will supply the burgers and dogs which will be grilled on-site. Trinity will supply the rolls and paper products. St. Stephen's members will bring a corn-hole game, and you are invited to bring games, beach chairs and/or blankets. Swimming is allowed, and water shoes are recommended due to the rocky bottom. RSVP by e-mail Heidi at HeidiWhite416@aol.com.

VESTRY RUMBLINGS

Even though things have been relatively quiet during the summer, the Vestry have been reviewing bids to repair the slate roof, considering solar powering the rectory, and considering other repairs to make sure that our physical plant is in good order.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Workshops on Planned

Giving: For Parish Leaders in the Dioceses of Delaware and Easton, Saturday, September 30, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Christ Church of Milford, DE. Parishes with or without an existing Planned Giving ministry and/or an Endowment will benefit. Workshops will review best practices and empower leadership to take the best, next steps for their parish! To register call by September 25 Judith Gregory at 302-256-0374 judithgregory@dioceseofdelaware.net



Safeguarding God's Children Training:

The Diocese of Easton SGC Policy Manual will go into effect on September 1, 2017. The policies are designed to help create a standard for the care and protection of children across our Diocese. All clergy, lay staff, and volunteers including licensed Eucharistic ministers and visitors, vestries, and others who come in contact with and work with children and youth must complete this training. From the diocesan website: "*Safeguarding God's Children* provides participants with the information they need to protect the children they know and care for in their personal lives and in the ministries in which they serve. The program is based on the philosophy that if every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can all change one life, together we will make a difference in this generation of children." Sandy and Heidi are trainers and will offer this training for Trinity.

ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

I will again be coordinating Trinity's Stewardship campaign this year. Last year Trinity fell short of the pledged funds to meet its budget. Part of that was due to the loss of a critical number of members who moved away from Trinity to other areas. Approximately 32% of our pledges

were increased in 2017, but this was not enough to bridge the shortfall.

This year we have several new members whose participation may offset 2017 membership losses.

This year Stewardship will begin late September/ early October.

Your continued support of Trinity in time, talent, and treasure is appreciated and important to Trinity sustainability.

Thanks

~Richard Lemen

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Rehearsals for the Ministry of Music will begin on September 11, 2017. The Trinity choir will begin rehearsing on Sunday, September 11, 2017 at 9:00 AM on the second floor of the Parish House. The Bell choir meets following the worship service. The Bell choir rehearsal takes place in the Church. Bell choir rehearsals will be announced due to the availability of its members.

All are welcome, even if you are an occasional visitor. For more information, contact Rodney Long at rodney.long1@gmail.com, or call the church office 410-398-5350.

~Rodney Long



The sign up sheet for our coffee hour is in the Parish House. Please consider signing up to bring in a treat for any particular Sunday. We very much appreciate you contributing your time and talents to Trinity's wonderful hospitality endeavor.

A BIG thank you to Richard Lemen for all the long hours and hard work he spent restoring and painting our RED doors.

They look GREAT!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR TRINITY SOCIAL **On Thursday, Sept. 21 from 11:00 to 3:00 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! Please help us make this a community fun and gathering time! It will be held the third Thursday of every month.

Thanks to Larry & Joan-Marie for that delicious cake!!

September 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 pm <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
3 <i>Morning Prayer 8 am</i> <i>C & C & Adult Ed.</i> 9:15– 10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am	4	5 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	6 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	7	8	9 PICNIC 1:00 PM <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 pm <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
10 <i>Morning Prayer 8 am</i> <i>C & C & Adult Ed.</i> 9:15– 10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am	11 <i>Vestry Meeting</i> 7:00 PM	12 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	13 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	14	15	16 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 pm <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
17 <i>Morning Prayer 8 am</i> <i>C & C & Adult Ed.</i> 9:15– 10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am	18	19 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	20 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	21 <i>Card Party</i> <i>Parish House</i> 11:00 AM	22	23 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 pm <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>
24 <i>Morning Prayer 8 am</i> <i>C & C & Adult Ed.</i> 9:15– 10:15 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am	25	26 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	27 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	28	29	30 <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 5:00 pm <i>Pizza @ Seasons</i>