

# Tidings

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## Prayers are asked for

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Kathy Koslak

Elizabeth Lane

Margaret Long

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George Miller

Susan Orr

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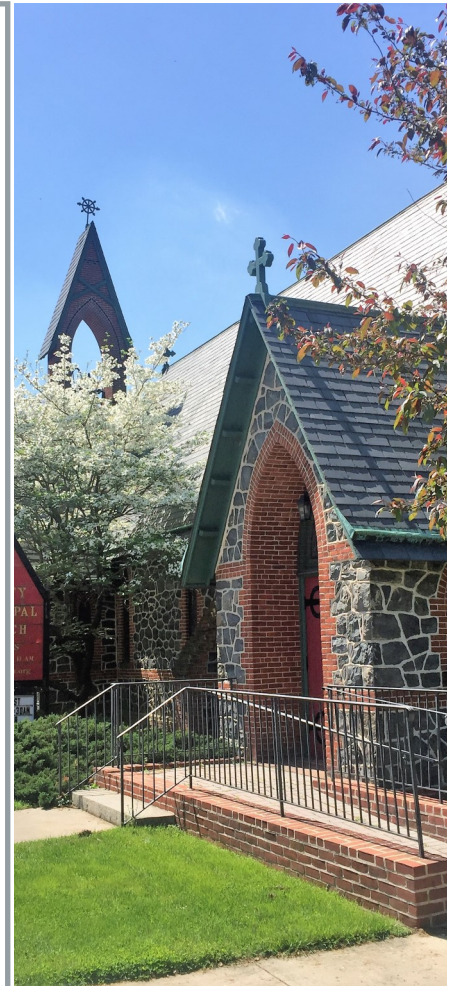
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## SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

Each week we share with each other a sign of peace during Mass. What does this sign of peace really mean to you, and how do we extend it outside of that moment? It may be a handshake, hug, kiss, or wave; and often it includes the words "Peace" or "Peace be with you". We are a small congregation and we can usually greet almost everyone. Sometimes, there are newcomers who are shy or are unfamiliar with this tradition. Some parishioners will go over to them and welcome them. Others are too shy to approach the new person.

I recognize the difficulties from the perspectives of the newcomer and the shy congregation member as I tend to be more of an introvert, especially in large group settings. In new settings, I tend to hang back and observe and wait for someone to approach me. I have difficulty approaching new people and starting conversations. As most of you know, my husband Sandy is the extrovert of our

family. Marina and I affectionately call him "our puppy" because he is not afraid to approach anyone and views everyone as a friend. Through him, I have learned to not be quite as shy, but it is still a challenge for me.

Recently, Mom and I attended a day-long conference about an initiative, called "*Invite, Welcome, Connect*" that was led by its foundress Mary Foster Parmer. The Vision is to change the culture of the Episcopal-Anglican Church to move from Maintenance to Mission. The Core Values are to be prayerful, intentional, relational – to be in relation with the people of our church and accountable to God, the Gospel & each other. Mary said we think of ourselves as a friendly community but we are actually a community of friends. Our actions speak louder than words. For example, do we take that extra step to welcome newcomers and invite them

into our conversations, or do we chat with the same people each week, or do we even go to coffee hour or other fellowship activities?

*Invite, Welcome, Connect* is evangelism not a program, and there are suggestions but no prescribed way of doing things. Mary suggested that we develop a Ministry of Hospitality with 3 teams focused on each of the tenets: Invite, Welcome, Connect. I would like to develop a committee to look at this.

I challenge you to:

- 1) Invite someone to attend church with you.
- 2) Strike up a conversation with someone with whom you usually do not speak extensively.
- 3) Consider volunteering to serve on the new committee that will look closely at this initiative and consider how we may be able to implement the ideas at Trinity.

Peace be with you!  
~Heidi

A special thank you to Louise McLean, who brought the idea for the Ribbon Book Markers to Trinity Women for the Prayer Books and Hymnals. Louise was the inspiration and driving force in getting the project organized, completed, blessed by Father Nicholas, and inserted. Ribbons of Liturgical Colors were chosen for the Prayer Book (Green for Ordinary Time--the color of Hope and Life Eternal; Red for Pentecost and Saints Days--the color of the Passion, blood, fire, God's love and martyrdom; Purple for Lent--the color of Penance and humility; White for Easter, Christmas, Nuptials, Baptisms, and Funerals--the color of Triumph, Purity, Innocence, Joy. Ribbons of Royal Blue (the color of Royalty to welcome the coming of the King) and White (Holiness, Respect, Reverence) were chosen for the Hymnals.

## Adult Education

**Reading the Acts of the Apostles Together**, a study course prepared by members of the Diocese of Easton and endorsed by our Bishop Santosh Marray attracted eight parishioners drawn from our Sunday morning Coffee & Conversation group. Devoting four individual Sundays to the exercise the group followed selected readings from the book, Acts of the Apostles, and used the recommended resource guide authored by N.T. Wright for further clarification of verses and for discussion questions. Questions offered in the guide were prepared to gain a better understanding of the challenges, spoke persons of the early Church encountered in carrying the **Good News** to diverse groups of people throughout provinces within close proximity to seas that served as means of transportation for travel, trade, and communication. Their suffering, but continued persistence was evident in each journey as was their reliance on prayer and their discernment to use the Holy Spirit for guidance. Both of which aided them to continue to accept and meet the mission given to them by Christ, prior to the Ascension. Relating these early experiences by the Apostles to our every day experience in our own spiritual journey was also part of the effort encountered in the study and each participant offered a variety of comments that proved to be thought provoking as well as insightful.

While this particular study course has come to an end, the reading, study, and understanding of the book, Acts of the Apostles, does not **end** but continues to be a foundation book of the New Testament that deserves continual review and discussion by all members of the our Christian tradition. This being the case, in the coming months and year ahead, we can expect to hear additional encouragement to participate in a study group by our own parish, organized by clergy, or coming to us with endorsement by the Episcopal Church.

*~Bill Smith*

## VESTRY RUMBLINGS

Shared Ministry – Fr. Nicholas’s family has been added to his health coverage and he is now officially canonically resident here, so we will pay his pension, too. St. Stephen’s and Trinity’s Vestries continue to look at the sustainability of this endeavor.

Physical Plant - The slate roofs of the Parish House and the Church have been repaired by Leelands, and a grant has been submitted to help cover the costs of repairs. Brickwork is being repaired by Ross Gibson. Dick Lemen and Larry Parker painted railings, doors, and the kitchen. After hearing the presentation for solar, we are exploring other cost-saving energy options before deciding how best to proceed. Boulden Brothers installed two new commercial faucets in the kitchen and a new outside hose bib at the rectory. Quinn & Heidi installed a new sink in the choir room bathroom and will complete some plumbing jobs in the rectory. We are considering improved campus security and repairs to the ceiling of the upstairs room in the Parish House.

As always, we are seeking ways to improve our financial health and expand our community. As Stewardship Sunday approaches, you will be hearing more about these efforts.

# ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

Stewardship consists of ways that with our time, talent, and treasure we can support Trinity and its Christian mission. Trinity will begin its Stewardship Campaign in October. October 29, will be Stewardship Sunday. Again we will ask for your pledge of financial support for 2018. Pledges are a commitment that Trinity can rely on to meet its operating expenses and put together its 2018 budget. We give thanks for your past and current support and pray for your continued and future support.

Thanks  
~Richard Lemen  
Stewardship committee

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.



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

**Sunday, October 8,**  
November 12, and December 10.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
10/9 Mitzie Snyder  
10/19 Jesse Cugini  
10/24 Paul Arbour



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN OUR TRINITY SOCIAL **On Thursday, October 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.



## FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry needs your help. At this time, it is unclear whether we will receive a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In the past, we have relied on that grant and your generosity to keep our shelves stocked. Currently, we must rely on you. We are asking you to donate money (which is used to buy bread and other needed pantry items) or specific food items (a list can be found with the brown paper bags at the back of the church).

Volunteers are always welcome to participate in this ministry. If you are interested in donating your time and talent, please contact Ross Lee.

~Ross Lee



**Safeguarding God's Children Workshop** All staff and volunteers who may come in contact with children and youth, including but not limited to licensed Eucharistic Ministers, Visitors, Vestry members, Sunday School leaders. Join us at St. MaryAnne's, in Northeast, MD on October 4, 2017, 6-9pm. Please Register by e-mail [jmflood45@gmail.com](mailto:jmflood45@gmail.com)

# October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Food Pantry 10-11:30 am NA Meeting 7:30 pm	4	5	6	7 Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Pizza @ Seasons
8 Morning Prayer 8 am C & C & Adult Ed. 9:15- 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	9 Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm	10 Food Pantry 10-11:30 am NA Meeting 7:30 pm	11 6:30 pm AA Meeting	12	13	14 Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Pizza @ Seasons
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