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## TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### We Made It!

### 161 Acts of Kindness by October 27<sup>th</sup>!!!

Congratulations and thanks to all!! We not only reached 150 Acts of Kindness by October 27<sup>th</sup>, we surpassed it with 161!! Cheryl and I attended the Camp Wright Harvest Festival on the 27<sup>th</sup> and mentioned our accomplishment to Joanne Fisher and Father Patrick Collins. They were both delighted and mentioned how what we accomplished at Trinity was very special. There will be an opportunity in March at the Convention to showcase this more along with all the other 150 challenges for the Bishop and the Presiding Bishop to see.

We are so blessed to have done this. Our AoK Acts of Kindness covered 101 Acts of Kindness to neighbors, friends and Church goers that ranged from simple of acts of kindness to take over a task for a friend or provide a ride, to loving acts of kindness by heavy cleaning or chores or extensive consolation and support in times of need; 40 Acts of Kindness to strangers in need that ranged from simple acts of kindness such as letting someone go in front in line or in traffic, to taking on a chore for an extended period, to helping with a dire financial need or comforting someone by praying with them. These along with our Christmas in April participation and Community kitchen participation brought the total to 161 Acts of Kindness!!

This was such an incredible experience to be a part of. The actual cards and write ups are in the gold purse hanging in the Parish House. It was truly a blessing to compile these for Trinity.

Rather than end here. I suggest we keep on doing our Acts of Kindness – it’s AoK!! I will keep the cards in the back of the Church and I suggest that perhaps we find a way to highlight one or two every month in Tidings. I don’t think we created anything that wasn’t already happening, I think we have only revealed another thread of genuine caring and love that makes up the fabric of Trinity. Rather than count them, maybe all we need to do is recognize a few from time to time to rejoice in the power of God’s love working through each and every one of us.

Thanks to all of you for accomplishing this and for doing all that you do!! Let’s keep on doing it!!

Here is a blessing I thought very appropriate that Father Ed Godden used in a funeral I attended at St. Thomas Episcopal in Newark for a colleague on November 3.

*Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and may the blessing of God who made us, who loves us and who travels with us, be with you now and forever. Amen*

Sincerely,  
Ross Lee

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**Prayers are  
asked for**

Eli  
Hamid Basil  
Nancy Bogan  
Bob Boulden  
Pam Boulden  
Susan Burkholder  
Marion Conner  
Goldie Cook

Tim Coudon  
Jesse Cugini  
Rev. Michael Curry  
Ronnie Davis  
Alan Fenson  
Shawnda Fenson  
George Gibson  
Bill Gilbert  
Dan Graham  
Margaret Graham

Bill Jackson  
Kathy Koslak  
Margaret Long  
Rt. Santosh Marray  
Victoria Marsh  
John McLean  
George Miller  
Mary Morrison  
Rose Perrone  
Christopher Porteus

Janice Potts  
Jane Sichangi  
Betsy Spina  
Beverly Tozer



*“May the souls of the  
faithful departed rest  
in peace”  
Eugene Caffey  
Judge Wilcox*

**Deck of Cards**



It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said , Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon? The soldier replied, I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.

The sergeant said, Looks to me like you're going to play cards. The soldier said, No, sir. You see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards. The sergeant asked in disbelief, How will you do that?

"You see the Ace, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God. The Two represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The Three represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Four stands for the Four Gospels Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The Five is for the five virgins. There were ten but only five of them were glorified. The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The Seven is for the day God rested after making His Creation. The Eight is for the family of Noah and his wife, their three sons and their wives the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth. The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him. The Ten represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone. The Jack is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell. The Queen stands for the Virgin Mary. The King stands for Jesus, for He is the King of all kings. When I count the dots on all the cards, I come up with 365 total, one for every day of the year. There are a total of 52 cards in a deck each is a week - 52 weeks in a year. The four suits represent the four seasons Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. Each suit has thirteen cards there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. So when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for. The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, "Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?"

*Please let this be a reminder and take time to pray for all of our soldiers who are protecting us. God Bless them all.*

*Father Nicholas  
Discretionary Fund*

***Sunday, November 11***

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

*Women of Trinity Fun Day Social*

**Thursday, November 15**

from 11:30 am– 2:30 pm. Light lunch, \$5.00.

Join us for lunch, or stay for a fun day of cards, games and fellowship.

**COMMUNITY  
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**



**Sunday, November 18 at 4:00 pm  
at United Methodist Church**



By using your Redner's card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape. Bring your tapes into the Parish House and place them in the envelope on the bulletin board. Thanks again!!

***Happy Birthday to our November Baby***



**Mary Helen Atwood**

**November 13**



Hosts are needed to provide light refreshments (cookies, donuts) after the 10:30 a.m. service. Coffee

hour is a critical ministry, not only for the fellowship of our regular members but also for the meeting and greeting of newcomers. PLEASE, if you can take even one Sunday a year, it would help a lot! A sign-up sheet is in the parish house.



Altar flowers 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.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet for breakfast at JoJo's Restaurant on

Saturday, December 1 at 8:00 am. After breakfast they will depart to Trinity Church to set up the crèche. All are welcome to participate in this traditional event. This usually takes less than two hours. Lots of willing hands make the job easier.

**VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORSHIP**

You can sponsor the Vigil candle for a week for a donation of \$10.00. This sponsorship is to the Glory of God, and can be in memory of, or in thanksgiving for people or events in your life. Simply fill out the form that is in the pews and drop it off or mail it to the church office, along with your donation of \$10.00.



## THE CECIL COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER

will be collecting new unwrapped toys and pajamas for families this Christmas. We hope to make their holidays extra special this year. Please bring your unwrapped gifts in by Sunday, December 2, and drop them in the box in the back of the church. Any donations are greatly appreciated.



**Stewardship** is our commitment of

**time, talent, and treasure** to

Trinity. This time of year Trinity asks you for a financial commitment by making a pledge.

Your combined pledges helps Trinity make a

budget for 2019. Last year, we received 31 pledges, the year before 34, and the year before that 36. So far this year we have received 19 pledges and two of them are 1st time pledging. Each member has been mailed a stewardship letter and pledge card. If you have not pledged yet, please do so. Prompt return of your pledge card will help the Vestry with financial planning for 2019. If you need a pledge card, they are available in the back of the church and also in the Parish House, or by mail from Carol.

Thanks again to all for your **time, talent, and treasures.**

~ Richard Lemen

## INVITE\*WELCOME\*CONNECT

Presiding Bishop. Rev. Michael Curry offered his thoughts in the forward to Mary Parmer's new book, 'Invite Welcome Connect, stories and tools to transform your church.' He stated that Mary, "shares the deep truths rooted in the gospel and in our tradition as followers of Christ". He further stated "he encourages all Episcopalians to embrace the ministry as one way to live into the Jesus Movement".




Our neighbors in the Diocese of Delaware have taken this message to heart and asked Mary Parmer to address their Clergy and parishioners in lecture and workshop sessions on Oct. 19 and 20, 2018. The session for parishioners exceeded the seating capacity of 250 in the Parish Hall of Christ Church, Wilmington, DE.

The Providence III Diocesan Group, that includes our own Diocese of Easton, will likely be involved in additional discussions of this ministry as an increasing number of Episcopal Churches are eager to learn more about this transformation process for congregations.

Trinity Church will continue to follow developments in this ministry to determine how we can implement selected suggestions that lead to transformations for us as a small parish.

~Bill Smith

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 <i>Morning Prayer</i> 8:00 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am	5	6 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	7 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	8	9	10
11 <i>Morning Prayer</i> 8:00 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am	12 <i>Vestry Meeting</i> 7:00 pm	13 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	14 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	15 <i>Fun Day</i> <i>Parish House</i> 11:30 am	16	17
18 <i>Morning Prayer</i> 8:00 am <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 am <i>Community Thanksgiving Service</i> 4:00 pm <i>United Methodist Church</i>	19	20 <i>Food Pantry</i> 10-11:30 am <i>NA Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	21 6:30 pm <i>AA Meeting</i>	22 	23	24
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