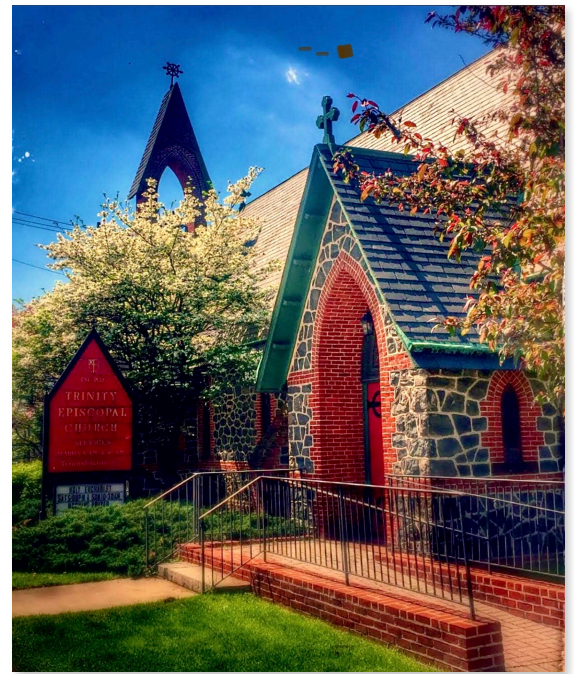


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**Prayer List** *"Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always.*

Mary Helen Atwood, Jenn, Tim Bennett, Donald Comer, Alan Fenson, Shawnda Fenson, Brian Hubis, Dorothy Kirk, Louise McLean, Natalie Northon, Robert Powell, Hunter Smith, Kyle Watson.

***Happy Birthday June Babies***

6 Jane B. Ayers

9 Adelaide Wood

30 Father Nicholas



*Let us know your birthday and anniversary. Our sunshine committee would like to acknowledge everyone's birthday and wedding anniversary. Please send in your name, the month and the day of these special occasions. Drop it in the offering plate, call the office or send us an email.*

***A BIG Thank you to  
the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew for the delicious  
Mother's Day breakfast and lovely flowers.  
A BIG Thank you to  
all those who helped out on spruce-up day at Trinity!***

# Memories of our beloved priest, and friend

June 2010

## The Reverend Beverly Porteus.

Before I was a priest, I lived on Manhattan's Upper East Side for twenty years. For the most part, I loved living there. Once I got used to the pace and intensity of city life, I learned to love the variety of people, the cultural events, museums, ballet, and opera. I loved the movie houses in which I could find almost any movie recently released. There were world-class restaurants within walking distance, and untold numbers of ethnic and charm-filled bistros. Fifth Avenue shopping beckoned. Broadway was just a cab ride away. And Yankee Stadium was only a subway ride away. I had a great job in television, and just enough money to enjoy living in that remarkable city. And I had made friends there. The downside was that the only way I could really tell what season it was was by taking a cab through Central Park on my way to work. But, still, I was a bit of a snob about living in New York.

Fast-forward four years...I was just graduating from seminary (in New York, natch), and I had just gotten married to the love of my life. I got a job as an Assistant at Church of the Advent, Kennett Square, PA. I was excited, nervous, and happy, all at the same time.

From this commenced what my husband remembers as the “summer of canned gravy.” I was miserable. I complained about the lack of restaurants, especially “fine” Italian and “authentic” Chinese. Chris took me to a lovely inn for dinner, and I mumbled, horrified, about the canned gravy on my entree. “There's no place to shop—we have to drive forever,” I cried. He took me for a weekend away at a lovely place on the Eastern Shore, and I complained bitterly about our room, ants on the window sill, and a shrimp kabob that was “pathetically” meager.

My head rang with the phrase, “You Can't Always Get What You Want,” courtesy of the Rolling Stones.

And then, something happened. We took off for Hershey Park—I loved amusement parks. I was quietly happy to be with Chris and on this little trip. I watched the scenery go by. And suddenly I felt a big and unfamiliar emotion rising in me. And it was utter surprise and joy. There were green trees everywhere, beautiful rolling hills, farms right out of a Lionel train set. Wildflowers filled the median on the highway. And on back roads, cardinals darted around our car. The air was heavy with scents, rather than city “smells.” And I was with the man I loved and who loved me. And I had a job as an Episcopal priest in a great parish.

The tune changed, in a way, to “You Don't Always Know What You Have,” courtesy of God. I write this because, if we are fortunate enough to be able to enjoy it, summer offers us a way out of our snits and moods and bad attitudes—whether we are 6 or 86.

*Make time to be outside, to see nature, people, beaches, gardens, to breathe in the creation and the beauty. Be aware of the rich life, the wonderful world you are part of. Be where you are, and give thanks to God.*

Faithfully,

Beverly

## Pasties By Penny Mother's Day Tea

On May 12th, Trinity hosted the 1st Pastries by Penny Tea House. There were 2 sessions held (11 AM and 2 PM). We had a total of 94 attendees who got to enjoy a delicious selection of teas, scones, tea sandwiches, cream of potato soup, and pastries. Excitement was in the air not only because of Mother's Day but for future Tea events. Our own Mary Katharine Hitchcock even received a wonderful happy birthday song from the 2 PM attendees. The Bakery also donated \$400 towards our Outreach fund in appreciation of the use of our building!



## Trinity Tea with Pastries by Penny

On Saturday, July 22nd, Trinity will be hosting our 2nd Tea House catered by Pastries by Penny. We are starting with 1 sitting at 11AM until we fill that seating and then will consider adding a second seating. We will once again have a lovely selection of teas, scones, tea sandwiches, soup, and pastries to choose from. This event is open to all Trinity and St. Stephen's members, friends, neighbors, and family. We will only open to outside advertising if we are not able to fill the sessions. Mary Katharine Hitchcock will be taking reservations for spots. Each table has 8 seats so you can reserve the whole table or just 1 or 2 seats opening the door to meet new friends! The cost of the tea will be \$30, and proceeds will benefit the new Trinity Outreach fund. Deadline for reservations is July 2nd.



Mary Katharine Hitchcock  
graduated from Cecil College with an  
Associate degree in General Education.



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*a Huge success! Volunteers needed*

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- Bake goods for bake sale. (Cookies, cupcakes, brownies, sweet breads)
- Help sell baked goods and yard sale table that day.
- Help clean up

If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please call the office 410-398-5350 or email us at [trinityelkton@gmail.com](mailto:trinityelkton@gmail.com)



**Yard Sale, Saturday, June 17th**

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(You must provide your own tables)

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Return your form early so you can reserve your space. This is the only yard sale we will have this year!! RSVP before June 3. Proceeds will go to our Building Fund.