

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Tidings

*November
2012*

1 Chronicles 29:12 –14 says, “All riches and wealth come from you. Everything is a gift from you. We have only given back what is yours already.”

Everyone knew that Nancy had just one dress. She would wash it at night to wear the next day. She was one of my parishioners when I served at St. Stephens’ a small church in Nandi in North Western Kenya. Nancy was a widow, whose only income was gleaned from the corn she and her children raised on their tiny plot of land, but faithfully she tithed, sharing her blessings with the church.

Romans 14: 7-8 says, “None of us lives for himself only, none of us dies for himself, If we live, it is for the Lord that we live,”

God not only wants us to give to His church for it’s mission, but he wants us to share our time, talents, and treasure with others. We cannot repay Him, but we can share His love by serving others.

At Trinity, we have a new ministry called meals ministry, whose mission it is to reach out to parishioners in need. The committee members meet and inform themselves of those who might need prayers and assistance. For example, meals are prepared for persons returning home after hospitalization.

The Women of Trinity and the men of the brotherhood not only give spiritual support to members, but reach out to the larger community as well. Each Sunday, those attending services bring non-perishable food for the food pantry, which provides relief to those who come to us in need. From the dedicated choir, altar guild, coffee hour host, collection counters, greeters, lay readers/ chalice bearers, nursery attendants, prayers of the people readers, Sunday school helpers, Sunday school teachers, ushers, youth group leaders to the volunteers who assist in keeping the church grounds pristine (gardeners and lawn mowers), God’s work is being accomplished.

We have been blessed abundantly by God’s love expressed through the hearts and hands of others. So many have given us the chance to be who we are today. As we think of stewardship month, let us also give our time, talents and treasure for the service of God and humanity.

When we lament about the tragedies that abound and question, “Why does suffering exist. Why doesn’t God do something about it.”

God answers, “ I sent you.”

~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi
Interim priest.

The two questions I have been asked most frequently since being ordained as a transitional deacon are: "What's the difference between a deacon and a transitional deacon?" and "I thought you were going to be ordained as a priest. What happened?"

Actually, the two questions are very much related. Some people are called to be deacons. Following a time of discernment of their call, and an extended period of study, they are ordained by the bishop as deacons. These individuals are called permanent or vocational deacons.

Others, like myself, are called to be priests. We also spend time in discernment and then attend seminary where we study for the priesthood. In the Episcopal, Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, all priests are first ordained as deacons and are referred to as transitional deacons during the time between diaconal ordination and ordination to the priesthood. This period of time is a minimum of six months, although it can be longer.

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek *diakonos* (δίακονος), meaning "servant" and the diaconate is a servant ministry that underlies all other ordained ministries. One of the best explanations I've heard is one that the Rev. Dr. Sam Hartman, gave a few years ago when preaching at a diaconal ordination:

"The deacon represents, symbolizes, focuses and articulates the ministry and vocation we all share as Christians. . . All are called to represent and lead the community of faith. BUT, all ordained individuals – FIRST OF ALL – are called to embody and represent, to prod and promote, to be a catalyst for and a symbol for the ministry that all Christians share. Whatever else ordained leaders eventually might be called and ordered to do, the first and foundational ordained ministry is diaconal—the ministry of bringing the gifts and grace of the Good News of love and our care to the world and to the church."

We are all called to spread the Good News of Christ and to be God's hands and feet in the world. Deacons, both transitional and permanent, are called to a special ministry of servanthood and to be a conduit between the world and the Church, helping our community of faith to live out our baptismal covenant. As a priest, I will always also be a deacon, and be "ready to help and serve those in need" (BCP, Ordination of a Deacon, p 544).

I thank God for each of you, for the warm and generous welcome you have given me since I joined you in September. I am thankful for your guidance and support as I continue to learn and grow in my ministry. And I am blessed to have this opportunity to serve the five Episcopal parishes in Cecil County as your transitional deacon and to work with you, your vestries and your priests.

Faithfully,
Darcy

REMINDER: **The Northern Convocation Youth Lock-In** is scheduled for overnight, 8 PM – 8 AM, December 1- 2, 2012 at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown. The registration form will be available online at the diocesan website www.dioceseofeaston.org and also through your parish office. Registration will be limited to the first 50 youth from Northern Convocation parishes who sign up.



Thanksgiving Eve Service

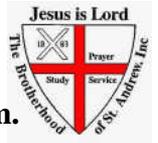
*Holy Eucharist will be held on
Wednesday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m.
followed by dessert and coffee in the
Parish Hall
Childcare provided*

Your Prayers are asked for

*Jacob Asroff
Dustin Bartow
Jackie Bollinger
Bill Bulford
Donald Cole
Helen Cornacchia
Jesse Cugini
Marie Dawson
Samantha Elwell
Rusann Foster
Ruth Gilbert
Margaret Graham
Russell Holland
Eugene Irwin
Walter Jermyn
Libby Keefer
Holli Krebs
Chase Lupica
Louis Marion
George Miller & Family
Richard Palmer
Rose Perrone
Chris Porteus
Vaughn Potts
Linda Rawlings
David Russ
Robert Schick
Moses Sichangi
Carroll Smith
Karen Smith
Russell Stobaugh
Lisa Wiegand*



Upcoming Brotherhood Events



December 1 - Work day to assemble crèche 8:00 a.m.

**January 19- Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting 8:00 am
in the Parish Hall.**

Coffee Hour

After the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service we have fellowship in the Parish Hall. Come join us as this is great time to mingle, get to know people and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea. We need people to set up coffee and refreshments after the 10 AM service. Just come a little earlier and bring some morning snack; we provide the coffee, tea, sugar and creamer. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the parish hall or call Carol at 410-398-5350.



EMAIL LISTSERVE

If you are not receiving our parish emails and would like to, please send your email address to the office at trinityelkton@verizon.net

You will be notified of special events, etc. Group emails from the office are sent blind cc for privacy.

Holiday Turkeys Needed

The Food Pantry would like to have small turkeys or turkey breast available for families for the holidays. If you would like to donate a turkey please contact Goldie Cook or drop off at Trinity House.



FOOD DRIVE The food pantry is having a food drive. Please fill up a bag of food and bring it with you on Sunday. Doing this will help replenish our empty shelves. Thank you in advance!

NORTHERN CONVOCATION YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN-

Youth in Grades 6 - 12 from the Episcopal churches of the Northern Convocation.

When: Saturday, December 1 -- Sunday December 2

Time: 8 PM Saturday evening until 8 AM Sunday morning

Location: Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Chestertown, MD.

What: Lock-In with lots of fun, food, games, crafts, movies, and worship.

More details to follow. Participation will be limited to the first 50 youth who register.

Since one of the youth-articulated goals was to build community within and among the Episcopal youth of the Northern Convocation, this first event is limited to members of our parishes. Please mark your calendars and spread the news. **Registration Forms are in the back of the church.**

Ministry Schedule November 2012

8:00 a.m. service

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
11/11	Mary Helen Atwood	Gordon Tozer	Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
11/18	Gordon Tozer	Gordon Tozer	Mitzi Snyder, Frank D. Brown Jr.
11/25	Mary Helen Atwood	Mitzi Snyder	Sam Smith, Gayle Mayo

10:00 a.m. service

Date	Acolytes	Lector	CBR	Ushers	P of P	Greeter
11/11	J.P. Fossler Carri Birdsall	Hans Nafzinger	Margaret Russ Mary Morrison	Wendy Gilbert Richard Gilbert	Judy Caffey	Kathy Davidson
11/18	Marina White Hunter Taylor	Ross Lee	Allen Clay Orville Potts	Rick Burkholder Eugene Caffey	Judy Caffey	Libby Keefer
11/21 Thanks- giving Eve.	Carri Birdsall Marina White	Bill Gorak	Heidi White Debbie McKeown	Ross Lee Mary Katharine Hitchcock	Orville Potts	Sherri & Dave Calladine
11/25	T.J.Taylor Aaron Derby	Hans Nafzinger	Kathy Davidson Ross Lee	Charlie Davidson Rick Burkholder	Debbie McKeown	Libby Keefer

Nursery

11/4 Joan Gaffney
11/11 Tammy Cox
11/18 Sherri Calladine
11/25 Libby Keefer

Altar Guild November

Susan Weed
Debbie McKeown

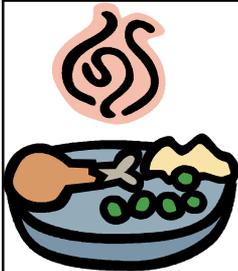


Bible Study &

MID-WEEK EUCHARIST

*Wednesdays at 9:00 AM
in Trinity House. Join Us!*

*There will be NO BIBLE STUDY on
Wednesday, 11/21*



"MEALS MINISTRY OF TRINITY"

is a program to provide meals to those in our church family who need help in providing food for themselves and/or their families for a limited period of time. This includes after surgery or hospitalization, during times of crisis, etc.

Please call if you or someone you know has a need. If you would like to be part of this new and wonderful ministry please contact us to put your name on the list of providers. This is a win-win ministry- Join us!
410-398-5350 or email- trinityelkton@verizon.net



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INGATHERING

Sunday, November 25th.

Remember your blessing
and share them with
someone else.



VERY SPECIAL PARISH MEETING
will be held on *Wednesday, November 28th* from
6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The Rev. Canon
Heather Cook will be here to facilitate as we gather
input from our parishioners to inform decisions
regarding the direction and vision of Trinity. Please
sign-up in the back of the church or respond by
e-mail to trinityelkton@verizon.net

***DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR
TIME & TALENT CARDS
THANK YOU!!***

***DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR
STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS***

Prompt return of your pledge will help the Vestry
with financial planning for 2013.
The Vestry thanks all of you for your support of our
church and its ministries.

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Sunday, November 18th

at 7:00PM at

Immaculate Conception Church

454 Bow Street

Come join our community of faith for this hour-long
a service to give. Thanks to God for everything.



Trinity Women's Group
will meet at the parish hall
at 11:30 am on Monday, November 26
Bring a bag lunch, drinks and desserts will be provided



DESSERTS NEEDED

We need people to set-up and clean-up for Thanksgiving eve.
coffee hour. If you would like to bring in a pie or dessert of any
kind. Please sign the sheet in the back of the church.

Help People Recover from Hurricane Sandy



Photo: CCM at Hines

Hurricane Sandy is a large, complex storm that swept through the Caribbean on October 25 before heading north along the eastern coast of the US and making landfall in central New Jersey on October 29.

The storm caused significant damage as well as loss of life, and many areas are experiencing record flooding and power outages. Blizzard warnings have been issued for parts of the Appalachian mountains.

Episcopal Relief & Development has reached out to partners in the Caribbean and along the US East Coast, and stands ready to respond.

At this time, we ask that you continue to pray for all those who are impacted by the storm.

In addition, we have established a dedicated Hurricane Sandy Response Fund that will support the relief and recovery efforts of our partners in both the Caribbean and the US.

Our partners are currently in the process of conducting needs assessments and formulating relief activities. We will continue to be in touch with them as they minister to impacted communities.

In the United States, we have been in contact with over a dozen Diocesan Disaster Coordinators about activities on the diocesan and parish levels.

We will continue to be in touch with our partners through the immediate relief and long-term recovery phases of their storm response.

Enclosed is my gift to the Hurricane Sandy Response Fund.

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500
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Please make checks payable to:

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Merrifield, VA 22116-7058

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Monthly Planner

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