

Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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November 2013

“Being kind and compassionate to one another: Ephesians 4:32”

In Maria Harris’ book, “Fashion Me a People,” she explains the five marks of a church’s curriculum. One of these marks is the “Koinonia,” which is a Greek word which may be defined as fellowship, community, communion, association or joint participation.

As is our mission and vision statement, we at Trinity come to church because of our deep need to feel a place where we can belong, uphold our traditions and seek fellowship as we strive to be whole in Christ Jesus.

As we come together to worship God, there are four things that we do in our fellowship. First, we stir up or invigorate one another. We have an African saying which says that one stick can not light a fire. Therefore there is a need to come together to rekindle the fire that we first experienced when we began our faith journey.

Secondly, we exercise our faith in acts of love and charity. Trinity church exudes acts of love and kindness. At Trinity we have an on going food pantry, thanks to our faithful volunteers. Our prayer chain gives solace to those in distress. As being part of the diocese of Easton, we as a church will support the Children’s Home Foundation program. For many years the organization has provided scholarships and support to young people pursuing an education.

Thirdly, we support one another in faith. When an individual falters in faith, we are there to give witness. Our Bible study is an open forum in which we explore God’s word to refresh our spirits.

Finally, we are a part of the Trinity church family, we encourage and strengthen one another. As is our vision statement, living and growing in our relationship with God, we also go forth into our community to spread God’s love and joy.

This season of Thanksgiving gives us a special opportunity to share God’s love as we share our bounty with families in need by preparing food baskets for this holiday. Our volunteers will gather turkeys and all of the trimmings so that needy families will enjoy a feast as bountiful as anyone’s. This season of thanksgiving is also a time that we assess our own bounty and commit ourselves through stewardship to the well being of our Church and diocese. November 10th will be our Stewardship Sunday. On Sunday November 24th, the thanksgiving baskets and Children’s Home Foundation will be culminated.

Let’s praise God from whom all blessings flow. Amen.

~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi

Priest In Charge

Your Prayers are asked for:

*Jan Ackerman
Jacob Asroff
Dustin Bartow
Melissa Collins
Goldie Cook
Helen Cornacchia
Jesse Cugini
Nancy Draper
Eugene and Family
Rusann Foster
Matthew Gaffney
Ruth Gilbert
Margaret Graham
Joe Heimberger
Rev. Ron Hiester
Madison Hoehn
Walter Jermyn
Victoria Jubinski
Libby Keefer
Holli Krebs
Rosemarie Scott Murphy
Richard Palmer
Justin Pearce
Rose Perrone
John Potts
Vaughn Potts
Steve Radclif
Linda Rawlings
Al Renwick
Brooke Rollins
David Russ
Lou Russ
Carroll Smith
Ira Smith
Russell Stobaugh
Bunny Sturgill-Martin
Brian Tozer
Lisa Wiegand*

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

Join us this Sunday, November 10th for a light fare
after the 10:00 AM service.

The Vestry thanks all of you for your support of our
church and its ministries.

FALL UTO INGATHERING

Remember your blessing
and share them with someone else.

Send in your offerings by 11/24



Trinity Work Day

Saturday, December 7th 8:00 A.M.

Join your parish family as we continue to make the
Trinity property look its *best!*

WOMEN OF TRINITY

FIRST FRIDAY FARE

December 6, 2013

5:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the Parish House.

Soup and desserts \$5.00 per person

Chili and desserts \$7.00 per person,

Trinity will be having a first Friday fare every
month. If you would like to sponsor a Friday,
please see or call Tricia Smith @ 610-932-5303

***Trinity Gift Shop open during the
1st Friday Fare.***



**THE Children's Home
FOUNDATION**

The Sunday before Thanksgiving has been
designated Children's Home Foundation Sunday.
We ask for your prayers and support. Please drop
your checks or loss change in the little house in the
back of the church Sunday, November 24th.

***Make checks payable to:
Children's Home Foundation.***

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

A BIG THANKS TO THE WOMEN OF TRINITY

for putting together a wonderful Pot Luck Dinner.

EMAIL LIST SERVE

If you are not receiving our parish emails and would like to, please send your email address to the office at trinityelkton@verizon.net Group emails from the office are sent blind cc for privacy.



Holiday Turkeys Needed

The Food Pantry is asking for donations to make Thanksgiving baskets that include a turkey and all the trimmings for some families in our community. The list below shows what is needed for the average family of 4 to have Thanksgiving dinner. Please consider donating items to help us feed several families this holiday. You can donate several cans/boxes of the same item, or you could work with your own family or friends to purchase all the items needed to complete an entire basket. Any and all donations are welcome, regardless of the quantity, so please give what you can. There will also be a display in the back of the church with suggestions for donations that you can choose from. Donations should be turned in by November 17th to give us time to create the baskets, but please no later than November 24th.

Thank you for your help with this important ministry.

8-10 lb Turkey (FROZEN) or 5-6 lb Turkey Breast

2 Boxes Instant Mashed Potatoes

2 Cans of Green Beans

2 Cans of Sweet Potatoes/Yams

1 Can Cranberry Sauce

2 Boxes of Stuffing

2 Cans of Corn

2 Cans/Jars/Packets of Gravy

2 Cans of Fruit

(Fruit Cocktail, Peaches or Pears)



FLOWERS OVER THE ALTAR

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 narthex (foyer) at the back of the church.





CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

This year we will be collecting toiletries for the homeless and needy. Please take a bag for a man, women or child and fill it with appropriate items. Here are some ideas to fill up the bags: Shampoo, lip balm, deodorant, shaving cream, razor, sunscreen, brush/comb, hand sanitizer, tweezers, vaseline, bug spray, toothbrush /toothpaste/floss, basic first-aid kit, tissues, aspirin, soap/ body wash, hair ties. Please feel free to use your imagination if you have a great idea for an item. Elkton Community Kitchen Christmas luncheon is on December 20th. Please place your filled bags in the Christmas box in the back of the church by *Sunday, December 15th*. Any question please contact Robanne Palmer or Susan Weed.

Thank you for your generosity.

~Robanne Palmer

Women of Trinity

As a group, we continue to hold a working meeting on the last Monday of each month. The gathering is semi formal. We socialize while eating lunch and swapping ideas; however, we do follow an agenda and Millie MacMichael has been our secretary, taking notes and making them available from each meeting. Beginning with the December meeting, we plan to share these notes with the Vestry and the congregation, and encourage people to join in our outreach endeavors. We'd really like some fresh ideas and will do our best to help make those ideas a reality.

First Friday Fare was an inspiration of Diane Hair at the beginning of this year as a way to reach out and become involved with the community, and make money at the same time. 'Hot soup for a cold night' became our mantra and 1st Friday Fare took on a life of its own. We're grateful to all the people who have helped - providing food, serving food, setting up and breaking down tables, and Carol for publishing the dates – it wouldn't have gotten off the ground without all of you.

Through a connection with the Elkton Health & Housing Authority, Mitzie Snyder was able to arrange for two families to receive school supplies, sneakers and socks at the beginning of the school year. We received thank you notes and have voted to help another family at Christmas.

A suggestion that we plan evening meetings that last about an hour will be followed through in the New Year. A good way to keep in touch.

~ Tricia Smith

Northern Convocation Meeting

is scheduled for
**Tuesday, December 3 at
 7:00 PM—8:30 PM
 at Kennedyville, MD**
 All Delegates and Alternates are asked to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS

*November 10- Stewardship Sunday
 November 24- Children's Home Foundation
 November 25- Women's Meeting
 December 3- Northern Convocation Meeting
 December 6- 1st Friday Fare
 December 7- Work Day at Trinity*



DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the Altar and Church nave for the Christmas Eve Services, please complete this form and bring or mail it to the Church by December 19th.

Enclosed a check for \$_____

for flowers in memory of _____

or as a Thank offering for _____

Signed _____

Phone # _____

Ministry Schedule November

8:00 AM

November 10

CBR– Gordon Tozer
P of P– Gordon Tozer
Ushers– Paul Arbour Jr.

November 17

CBR–Gordon Tozer
P of P– Tricia Smith
Ushers– Mitzie Snyder and Susan Weed

November 24

CBR– Mary Helen Atwood
P of P– Mary Helen Atwood
Ushers– Paul Arbour Jr. and Gayle Mayo

Nursery

November 10- Susan Weed
November 17- Tammy Cox
November 24- Tracy Mozier

10:00 AM

November 10

Acolytes– T. J. Taylor and Aaron Derby
Lector– Bill Gorak
CBR- Allen Clay and Kathy Davidson
P of P– Debbie McKeown
Ushers– Diane and Dwight Hair
Greeter– Jane Ayers

November 17

Acolytes– J.P Fossler and Carri Birdsall
Lector– Mary Morrison
CBR–Margaret Russ and Orville Potts
P of P– Judy Caffey
Ushers– Eugene Caffey and Ross Lee
Greeter–Kathy Davidson

November 24

Acolytes– Marina White and Hunter Taylor
Lector– Ross Lee
CBR– Ross Lee and Mary Morrison
P of P- Mary K. Hitchcock
Ushers– Rick and Susan Burkholder
Greeter– Libby Keefer



COFFEE HOUR HOSTS are needed to provide light refreshments (cookies, donuts, juice). We supply the coffee, cream and sugar) after the 10:00 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! **Sign-up sheet** is in the Parish House.



BIBLE STUDY &

**MID-WEEK
EUCCHARIST**
*Wednesdays at
9:00 AM
Trinity House.
Join Us!*

