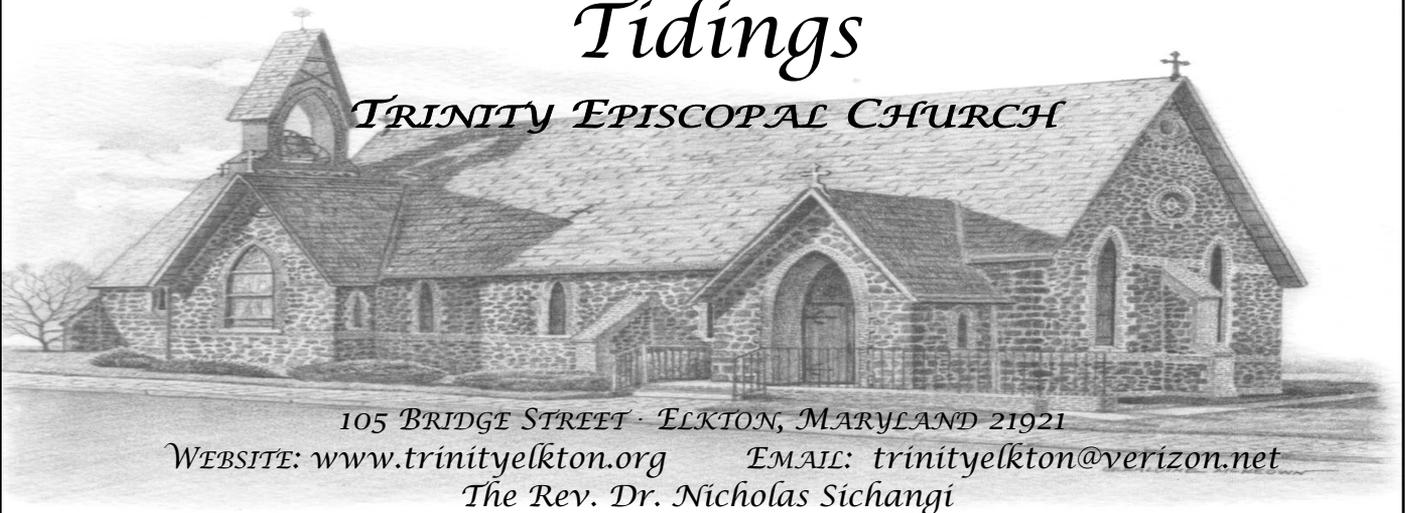


Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Story of God's Amazing Grace.

For many Sundays, my sermons have focused on the story of God's amazing grace: the redemption of Jerusalem and the entire world. What gave me the inspiration was also shared by the early missionaries. In a sermon preached before the London Missionary Society at Surrey Chapel, on Wednesday morning, May 12, 1819, by The Rev J.A. James of Birmingham, he said, "The object of the Redeemer's visit to our world, was not to teach men the art and the science, not to instruct them in letters, not to introduce the reign of philosophy... they are infinitely too low to be the highest end of incarnation and death of the Son of God..." The primary object of the redeemer's visit to our world is to be the Light of the world. The light dispels darkness and fear. Light brings hope to the darkening world.

In the world today, we face challenges that prior generations could not have imagined. Many live in isolation and loneliness while the world flies by on the wings of the Internet. Economic pressures are heightened as families struggle to sustain themselves. Even the weather has become severe and unpredictable. Frustration and despair loom.

Where is hope? Where is God in all these challenges? God is here. He invites us to come. It is through our fellowship with God that we are able to experience His glory, which shines into the dark corners of our souls. God dispels that darkness by replenishing us with His Grace. God brings comfort and healing to the wounded hearts.

The NFL Super Bowl XLVIII is over. The winning team is rejoicing, but nothing was without pain. No victory occurs without agonizing preparation. Just as the Seahawks hold their trophy high in celebration; their joy exceeds their aching bodies.

Seasons come and seasons go. Now is the season for preparation. How shall we prepare ourselves?

Are we prepared to look to the future with determination? As the psalmist says, "Speak in my heart and say 'Seek my face'. Your face Lord, will I seek."

God is calling us to be the church that is responding to His call and allowing His Light to shine. When we allow this Light to enter our church and our hearts, the shadows and darkness disappear and we are empowered to do His will. His will is the light for each and all of us.

~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi

Your Prayers are asked for

*Jan Ackerman
Jacob Asroff
William Atwood
Dustin Bartow
Ellen Bonn
Melissa Collins
Goldie Cook
Helen Cornacchia
Tiffany Cox
Jesse Cugini
Nancy Draper
Rusann Foster
Wendy Gilbert
Joe Heimberger
Walter Jermyn
Libby Keefer
Kathy Koslak
Rosemarie Scott Murphy*

*Richard Palmer
Justin Pearce
Rose Perrone
John Potts
Vaughn Potts
Linda Rawlings
Vince Rinella
Brooke Rollins
Antonette Rosato
David Russ
Lou Russ
Charles Scott
Carroll Smith
Ira Smith
Christine Stanley
Bunny Sturgill-Martin
Brian Tozer
Lisa Wiegand*



The Bishop will be visiting Trinity Church on Sunday, February 16th.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

are needed to provide light refreshments (cookies, donuts). 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. **Sign-up sheet** is in the Parish House.



Episcopal Relief & Development
Healing a hurting world

**Sunday, March 9th
Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday**

is a special opportunity to live out the promises made in our Baptismal Covenant, by demonstrating our commitment to care for people who are hungry, sick or living in extreme poverty. Our church will celebrate Episcopal Relief & Development Sunday *on Sunday, March 9th*. We will collect an offering to support the Episcopal Church's mission to heal a hurting world. So put your Hope Chest back to work at home with the whole family (there are more in the back of the church if you need one.) Or consider between now and then what you can contribute to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are far less fortunate than we are. Checks can be made out to "Episcopal Relief & Development". (And cash always works too!) God bless you.

Wendy and Rich Gilbert, Trinity World Missions

MANY THANKS TO THE WOMEN OF TRINITY who provided the delicious lunch for the annual meeting. Thanks again!!



Trinity Church excited to serve up home style meal each First Friday

By Dara McBride

ELKTON — For the past year, the Women of Trinity have been cooking up 10 to 12 quarts per month of their best soup and chili.

In January, Trinity Episcopal

Church in Elkton marked one year serving up First Friday Fare from its Parish Hall. The event coincides with downtown Elkton's First Friday events, a night where local businesses and art groups open up their doors on the first Friday of every month to celebrate the arts.

It seemed like a natural fit to invite locals to start a night on the town with a delicious meal, said Millie MacMichael, a member of the group. "We thought people could come down, have a bite to eat, soup and dessert, and then head downtown," MacMichael said.

About 10 women organize the monthly dinners. Members of the women's group come from Cecil County, as well as nearby towns in Delaware and Pennsylvania. A couple have ties to the Cecil County Arts Council, which organizes Elkton's First Friday, so it was easy to encourage people to move from one end of Elkton's Main Street to the other.

On the first Friday of every month, the women serve up dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. The next meal will be this Friday as part of February's First Friday programming.

Although a decent crowd comes out to chow down, rarely have the ladies had to scrape the bottom to serve a customer. At least four big slow cookers keep various soups and chili's warm in the Trinity kitchen. In the summer, they serve up hotdogs. Right now, it's \$5 for soup and \$7 for chili – and then visitors can pick up a beverage and some homemade dessert.

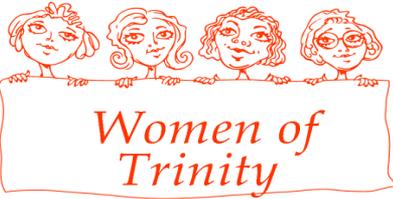
Proceeds from the First Friday Fare nights have helped the church expand outreach.

The church adopted two families at the beginning of the school year to set up children with back to school clothes and supplies. The women have also bought \$100 worth of McDonald's meal passes that the church can hand out to needy visitors. There is a hope that portion of money raised can go to installing air conditioning for the church.

And outreach is what it's all about. The Rev. Nicholas Sichangi, vicar at Trinity Episcopal Church, said what the women are doing is a perfect example of how the congregation can help the community. "That is the mission of the church, to go out and serve the community," he said.

Now one year since First Friday Fare started, the women are still excited to serve up a homestyle meal for a local crowd.

Trish Smith, the leader of the group, is happy with the success the First Friday Fare nights have had. Seeing people come back month after month is an encouraging sign for the ladies, she said. "It just inspires us to keep going," said Smith.



will meet at the Parish House at 11:30 am on Monday, February 24th. Bring a bag lunch, drinks/desserts will be provided.

BIBLE STUDY & MID-WEEK EUCHARIST

Wednesdays at 9:00 am

in Trinity House.

Join Us!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 4th

The traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday, March 4, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish House. Come, relax, and let others do the cooking and serving while you enjoy the fellowship. Adults \$ 5.00 Families \$15.00 and Children 5 and under free.

Lent begins

Ash Wednesday,

March 5th

Holy Eucharist with the

Imposition of Ashes

at 7:00 p.m.



WOMEN OF TRINITY

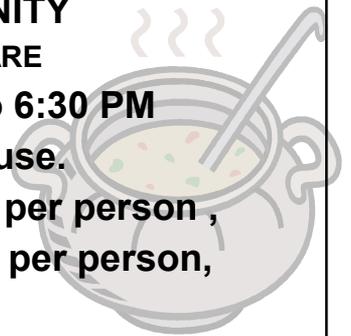
FIRST FRIDAY FARE

March 7th 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,



Ministry Schedule

8:00 AM

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
2/9	Gordon Tozer	Gordon Tozer	Sam Smith, Gayle Mayo
2/16	Tricia Smith	Mitzie Snyder	Paul Arbour Jr., Mitzie Snyder
2/23	Gordon Tozer		Gayle Mayo, Sam Smith

10:00 AM

Date	Acolytes	Lector	CBR	Ushers	P oP	Greeter
2/9	Aaron Derby Hunter Taylor	Bill Gorak	Kathy Davidson	Eugene Caffey Ross Lee	Judy Caffey	Jane Ayers
2/16	Carri Birdsall Marina White	Mary Morrison	Margaret Russ	Rick & Susan Burkholder	Mary K. Hitchcock	Kathy Davidson
2/23	Hunter Taylor T.J.Taylor	Marina White	Debbie McKeown	Charlie Davidson M K. Hitchcock	Judy Caffey	Libby Keefer