



**THE NEWSLETTER FOR TRINITY EPISCOPAL**

# Tidings

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## Calendar

*Sunday, May 13 – 9:00 am Brotherhood’s Annual Mother’s Day Breakfast*

*Monday, May 14– 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting, Parish House, all are welcome*

*Sunday, May 20– Pentecost Sunday at 10:30 am, The Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray*

*Monday, May 28 – Women of Trinity Hot Dog Sale at the Elkton Memorial Day Parade*



**C**ome & **E**njoy **L**unch with  
*The Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray  
and his wife, Lynn  
at Minihane’s Restaurant,  
Main Street, Elkton  
Sunday, May 20 at NOON*

*See page 2 for details*



**Sunday, May 20** the color for the day is **Red.**

If you can, please wear something red.

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### *Senior Warden's Message*

May is an exciting month full of celebration: May 10 - Ascension Thursday; May 13 - Mothers' Day; May 20 - Pentecost and we will welcome Bishop San and his wife Lynn; May 27 - Trinity Sunday (the feast of our name-sake); May 28 - Memorial Day; and May 31 - the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin.

I am excited for all that is going on around Trinity. Our weekly liturgies are beautiful; and Matt Cugini recorded our Easter service and it has been shared on our website so that others can see what happens inside these walls. Many parishioners help keep our grounds looking beautiful, so that people driving by can see what a pretty place Trinity is on the outside. So much of what we do extends beyond our doors & grounds. Many of our Trinity family participated in the Christmas in April project at Deep Roots - Clairvaux Farm. It was a beautiful, busy day shared with our friends from St. Stephen's and Augustine Parish. Of course, our Tuesday Food Pantry continues to faithfully serve those in need. This month, our choir member Rebecca Silverstein and her classmate Andrea Shabazian will present a beautiful flute concert, the Brotherhood will provide a scrumptious Mothers' Day breakfast, the Women of Trinity will host their Fun Day activities and a Memorial Day Hot Dog Sale. Look for more information about these and other activities in this Tidings. I hope you will plan to attend as many of these events as you can.

During the Vestry retreat, Fr. Nicholas asked each of us to reflect on where we have felt God moving in our lives and in the life of the church in this past year. The answers ran the gamut and encompassed the Trinity family.

God's presence is felt: in our outreach activities (Food Pantry, Christmas in April, the Thanksgiving food baskets); in the fellowship of love among the congregation especially during the passing of the peace; in the discussions and in the difficult questions that are asked; in witnessing the efforts of many who make things happen without being asked and watching others use their talents; in the Mass; in the Lenten program; in the force of love; in our struggles. Where do you feel God's presence?

The retreat was also a time for us to reflect on our challenges, identify our needs, and focus on solutions, and to set goals. As you know, over the past few years, we have been financially challenged. We just completed a successful capital campaign to raise funds specifically for our physical plant. (Thank you for your generosity!) In an effort to address our operating budget, the Deficit Reduction Committee has been established and they are working on various projects including grant writing, fundraisers, and ways of reducing costs. Another focus is Membership Growth and we have established the Invite, Welcome, Connect Ministry. Pentecost Sunday will kick-off part of their initiatives related to making Trinity more welcoming to newcomers. The Vestry is committed to the Parish Vision of "living and growing in our relationship with God, [sharing] the Good News of Jesus Christ with our expanding church family, and [going] forth into our community to spread His love and joy."

Fr. Nicholas reminded us that "where your heart is, your treasure is" and I know Trinity is a place where my heart and many others' hearts are.

*~Heidi*

The Rt. Rev. Santosh K. Marray  
will visit us on Pentecost Sunday, May 20,  
Join us at 10:30 am service  
& wear red to church!

### **Women of Trinity Fun Day Social**

Thursday, May 17 11:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Light lunch only \$5.00. Join us for lunch,  
or stay for a fun day of cards,  
games and fellowship!

Meet & Greet lunch  
with Bishop Santosh Marray & his wife Lynn  
Sunday, May 20 at NOON  
Minihane's Restaurant, Main Street, Elkton  
Choice Chicken or Salmon,  
Potato, Vegetable, Fruit, Coffee or Tea.  
Make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church  
for \$25.00 per person.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken or \_\_\_\_\_ Salmon

RSVP with choice & money by Sunday, May 13

**Prayers are asked for**

Barbara

Mary Helen Atwood

Jacob Asroff

Dustin Bartow

Hamid Basil

Bob Boulden

Pam Boulden

Robert Burchett

Marion Conner

Goldie Cook

Tim Coudon

Jesse Cugini

Donna H. Dellinger

Deborah Edwards

Alan Fenson

Shawnda Fenson

Mike Fossler

George Gibson

Ruth Gilbert

William Gilbert

Eve Glantz

Dan Graham

Margaret Graham

Eric Hearn

Joe Heimberger

Bill Jackson

Robert Kane

Art Kendall

Kathy Koslak

Elizabeth Lane

Margaret Long

Victoria Marsh

John McLean

George Miller

Mary Morrison

Susan Orr

Richard Palmer

Lawrence Parker

Rose Perrone

Beverly Porteus

Christopher Porteus

Janice Potts

Linda Rawlings

Jane Sichangi

Carroll Smith

Betsy Spina

Marlene Thompson

Robert Wallace

Rose Wallace



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May 12 Jane Sichangi

May 13 Mary Katharine Hitchcock

May 19 Rick Burkholder

May 22 Beth Koenings

May 25 Chris Porteus

May 25 Latrelle Edwards



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

May 18 Virginia & Lewis Collins 68 year

May 22 Mary & Richard Huber

May 28 Bill & Pat Smith

*If we missed your birthday or anniversary, please accept our sincerest apologies and let the church office know so we can correct our information.*

**Christian Education**

**Sunday School for Children** (age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)

A reminder of the plan for Children's Sunday School - It is flexible so that we will always have something to offer when we have families with children. If there are children attending the service, the ushers will signal Fr. Nicholas by moving little chairs from behind the choir stalls to center. After the Gospel, the children will be invited to move to the little seats and Fr. Nicholas will provide a brief sermonette for the children. They will then be dismissed for an activity in the Parish House (Sunday School room). (We will soon have laptops to be able to access an on-line, age-appropriate curriculum.) The acolyte will retrieve the children during the Prayers of the People and lead the youth back to Mass where they will help during the Presentation of the Gifts.

## 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 this form and drop it off or mail it to the church office, along with your donation of \$10.00."

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sponsor the Vigil Candle for the week of \_\_\_\_\_

to the Glory of God, and in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

or in thanksgiving for \_\_\_\_\_

## A Celebration of the Holy Spirit

If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the altar and church nave for the Day of Pentecost Sunday service on May 20, please complete this form and return it to the church office by May 13. Thank you!

Enclosed is a check/cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Pentecost flowers.

My donation is: (as it is to appear in the bulletin)

in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

a thank offering \_\_\_\_\_

105 N. Bridge Street, Elkton Saturday, June 23, 2018 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Event will take place Rain or Shine! Yard Sale Reservation Form



(You must provide your own tables)

Outside space \$10.00      Indoor space \$15.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch  
will  
be  
sold!

Make checks payable to Women of Trinity, mail form with payment to Trinity Episcopal Church, 105 North Bridge Street, Elkton, MD 21921.

Return your form early so you can reserve your space.

This is the only yard sale we will have this year!!

Please return to the church office by June 2

## **Serving the Needs of the Homeless & Disadvantaged in Elkton**

As you know, homelessness is rampant in Elkton. Some of Trinity's Outreach activities try to help those who are homeless or disadvantaged including our Food Pantry and our participation in the Community Kitchen. We used to participate in the rotating homeless shelter. Some of us have heard that there are other groups in the area who try to help the homeless, but we are not sure who they are or what they do. Here is some information, gleaned from their respective websites, about groups in Elkton that serve those needs.

**Elkton Community Kitchen** offers free lunch each Friday from 12-1pm at the Elkton Presbyterian Church. Churches take turns staffing and providing food for this outreach activity.

**Meeting Ground** is a faith-based organization that has responded to the needs of homeless people in Maryland & Delaware since 1981. Individuals and families experiencing homelessness will find temporary "safe haven" in their services. Using Christian values, "guests" can regroup and get their lives back in order with the help and support of a caring community.

Their programs include:

**The Mary Randall Center Day Program** is the first step for many on the path from shelter to home. It is a place where individuals currently experiencing homeless are able to shower, collect their mail, launder their clothing, and link with medical services and job seeking assistance. At the Mary Randall Center individuals find the means to new life, restored dreams, and opportunities to build personal and professional skills. Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00-11:30am; Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-4 pm

**The Cecil County Men's Shelter** (Settlement House) provides transitional housing for men who are experiencing a period of homelessness in their lives. The Men's Shelter is within walking distance to medical services, social services, and employment opportunities. The men move toward independence, greater self-sufficiency and increased hope and wholeness by receiving: referrals to medical and mental health providers, help with a job search or improving education, case management, the hospitality of food and friendship, and individual and small group interaction. The Men's Shelter works closely with the Veteran's Administration and reserves eight of the fifteen beds for veterans.

**Wayfarers' House** provides transitional residential shelter services for women and women with young children who are experiencing a period of homelessness in their lives. Located in a large house in Elkton, Maryland, the program provides shelter, food, and assistance in obtaining medical, mental health, substance use treatment and other services.

**The Meeting Ground Emergency Rotating Shelter** provides shelter to individuals and families experiencing homelessness during the cold winter months. They partner with local churches and other organizations to offer this service to the community. The rotation begins in late November and runs through late March. For those interested in securing a place in the rotating shelter, intake takes place at 4PM Monday-Friday, at the Mary Randall Center. Meeting Ground will provide transportation and program management, while the churches will provide space, staffing, and food. Over 35 local churches help to make the rotating shelter a beacon of hope to those without homes during the dangerously cold weather.

**Free Lunch Program** provides a lunch Monday through Thursday to anyone who is hungry in the community. On average, 40 men, women and children find not just a good meal, but the warmth of friendship through this outreach. Meals are served at noon, Monday – Thursday on the back porch of the Settlement House at Cecil County Men's Shelter.

**The Paris Foundation** - Their Mission is to demonstrate Christ's unconditional love to those in the Greater Elkton area, who are in need of material, emotional, and spiritual support. They seek to end homelessness through the following programs:

**The Matthew Project** focuses on meeting the physical needs of the local community and homeless.

Food - Hundreds of volunteers serving donated meals to over 32,000 guests each year (8 per week, including Sunday lunch); participate in Elkton Community Kitchen; partner with local food banks Clothing/Shoes - nightly distribution of clothing and shoes to the local community. Shelter - Secure camping/survival gear donations, provide shelter referrals, establish transitional housing partnerships Health - distribute Personal Care Packs, provide counseling to those who are dealing with mental health and substance abuse issues, sponsor free medical/dental clinics and health screenings

**Faith Works** provides the people we serve the opportunity to work with our volunteers on service projects throughout the local community.

**Good Ground** provides a mechanism for God's people to use their gifts and talents to minister to hurting people. Ministry through Saturday and Sunday night Bible Study and Fellowship services. Numerous salvations, baptisms, and hundreds of Bibles distributed. Outreach to families with children: Biblically themed holiday parties (Valentine's, Easter, Halloween, Christmas). Sunday night Sunday School class. Week-long summer Vacation Bible School.

**The Leslie House** is a family transitional residence, where a team of dedicated people will mentor and monitor families with needed financial and accountability skills required to move to the next level of housing.



The picture above of the Vestry was taken at the end of our annual retreat. Matt and Beth Koenings were hosts this year providing a beautiful setting on the Elk River serving a delicious Trinity breast of chicken and providing overall great hospitality.

Father Nicholas started off the meeting with prayer and thanksgiving. He asked the vestry to reflect on their mission and responsibilities. He provided pamphlets and booklets on vestry responsibilities and duties. These are now available in the church office.

After lunch the Vestry discussed goals for the year. One goal is to pursue sustained and increased membership. Bill Smith is coordinating this effort through an IWC – Invite, Welcome, and Connect Committee that he chairs. Bill plans on having an IWC plan to present to the congregation during the Bishop’s visit on Sunday, May 20. It is hoped that the entire congregation will support and work to make this endeavor successful. Another goal is to increase church revenue through additional fund raisers. We are looking forward to a very successful Yard Sale and perhaps a barbecue in the Fall. A spaghetti dinner in 2018 is being considered. Another goal is the extension of outreach. The importance of outreach was discussed. Christmas in April, and the Food Pantry are examples of Trinity outreach. Additional outreach such as Al-Anon is to be considered.

Heidi closed the retreat with a brief summary and prayer.  
Minutes from the Vestry meeting are available in the church office.

~Richard Lemen

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