



# Tidings

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

105 BRIDGE STREET · ELKTON, MARYLAND 21921

WEBSITE: [www.trinityelkton.org](http://www.trinityelkton.org)

EMAIL: [trinityelkton@gmail.com](mailto:trinityelkton@gmail.com)

Office: 410~398~5350

The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi



2019

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Prayer List.....	2
Fun Day.....	2
Book Drive.....	2
Coffee Hour.....	2
Flowers.....	2
Pledge.....	2
Brotherhood.....	2
Birthdays.....	2
Vigil Candle.....	2
The Good Book.....	3
I*W*C.....	3

## ANNUAL REPORTS

Please have your reports emailed to the office by Sunday, January 6

*Saturday, January 5 Brotherhood breakfast at JoJo's 8:00 a.m.  
Followed by taking down the crèche.*

*Sunday, January 6 -Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist 10:30 am*

*Tuesday, January 8- Food Pantry 10:00 am– 11:30 am  
NA Meeting 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, January 9-AA Meeting 6:30 pm*

*Thursday, January 10-The Good Book-An organizational meeting  
6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish House.*

*Sunday, January 13 -Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist 10:30 am*

*Monday, January 14-Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm*

*Tuesday, January 15 -Food Pantry 10:00 am– 11:30 am  
NA Meeting 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, January 16 - ICW Meeting Noon-2:00 p.m.  
AA Meeting 6:30 pm*

*Thursday, January 17- Women's Fun Day 11:00 am to 2:30 pm*

*Sunday, January 20 -Morning Prayer 8:00 am  
Holy Eucharist 10:30 am*

*Tuesday, January 22- Food Pantry 10:00 am– 11:30 am  
NA Meeting 7:30 pm*

*Wednesday, January 23-AA Meeting 6:30 pm*

## *Annual Meeting*

*Sunday, January 27th*

*One Service at 10:30 a.m.*

*Our Annul Parish meeting to follow  
with lunch provided.*

**Prayers are asked for**

Eli  
Hamid Basil  
Bob Boulden  
Pam Boulden  
Susan Burkholder  
Marion Conner  
Goldie Cook  
Tim Coudon  
Jesse Cugini  
the Most Rev. Michael Curry  
Ronnie Davis  
Alan Fenson  
Shawnda Fenson  
George Gibson  
Bill Gilbert  
Dan Graham  
Margaret Graham  
Bill Jackson  
Kathy Koslak  
Margaret Long  
Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray  
Victoria Marsh  
John McLean  
George Miller  
Mary Morrison  
Rose Perrone  
Rev. Christopher Porteus  
Janice Potts  
Jane Sichangi  
Betsy Spina  
Beverly Tozer

**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Please help us keep our list up-to-date. If you have put a name on the list, we'd appreciate knowing whether they should remain on the list or be taken off. Please call the office 410-398-5350.

**Women of Trinity  
Fun Day Social**

Thursday, January 17

11:30 am– 2:30 pm.

Light lunch \$5.00 per person. Join us for lunch, or stay for a fun day of cards, games and fellowship.



**BOOK DRIVE  
USED AND  
NEW BOOKS  
AGES 1-16**

Bring your book donation to church and drop them in the basket in the back of the church.

**Forgot to pledge!** There's still time! Trinity needs your help to remain a vital faith community. Pledge cards are available at the back of the church or at the parish office.

**Coffee Hour-** Please join our Trinity family after the 10:30 a.m. service for coffee and fellowship. A sign-up sheet for hosts is available in the Parish House. Just keep it simple donuts, danishes, cheese, crackers.

**Flowers on 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 our Parish House .



**Brotherhood**

Saturday, January 5 at 8:00 a.m. breakfast at Jo Jo's restaurant followed by taking down the creche.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- January 3 Pat Smith
- January 4 Mary Francis Foxwell
- January 9 Quinn Embree
- January 11 Dennis Hurley
- January 22 Deborah Edwards
- January 29 Richard Lemen



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Romans | Epiphany 2019

Episcopal organizations supporting the selected reading from Paul's Letter to Romans are now listed in a resource section of The Good Book Club that can be found in the website

[www.goodbookclub.org](http://www.goodbookclub.org) (go to bottom of page with black background and click on - resources). Browsing this section will now allow all members of the Episcopal Church to tailor their reading of the sixteen chapters of Romans to fit their personal schedules. They will also be able to select resources that provide a wide range of interesting comment and will assist those who desire to participate in a group discussion.

Romans is considered an important foundation book of the new Jesus movement that addresses believers in Christ from the Jewish tradition and also believers of non-Jews, referred to as gentiles. It represents one the more challenging pieces of writing that has come to us from around 54 - 58 AD but is often classified as Paul's masterpiece.

The design of this effort will allow you to work at your own pace and use the desired resource materials of your choice so that at the end of Epiphany you will have refreshed your understanding of this important book of the New Testament.

Those parishioners at Trinity Church that would like to participate in an evening discussion group of Romans in the Parish Hall are asked to express their interest by signing up on the announcement sheet posted on the Vestry bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

The first organization meeting for the group will be held on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. The meeting is not expected to be more than one hour in duration.

~Bill Smith

## INVITE\*WELCOME\*CONNECT

As we move into the New Year the IWC team remains focused on the challenge of meeting newcomers to Trinity. Insuring they are greeted promptly and develop the feeling that Trinity is a place where they and/or their families are welcome. This very important aspect of our ministry has been carried out by many and will need to be continued by even more in the days ahead.

In addition to continue with these two important elements of the ministry, i.e. Invite and Welcome, we must also begin to focus more earnestly on the element, Connect.

Connect begins with those who have the gift to generously listen to those coming through the doors of Trinity for the first time. It also continues into their early introduction to Trinity. It shouldn't be surprising that almost every person entering the doors of Trinity has a need to communicate with another individual who has faith in Jesus.

This initial contact continues as new individuals are introduced to other parishioners and offered assistance to determine if there are some groups that might be of particular interest to them. Someone entirely new to the Episcopal tradition might benefit from Christian Formation as expressed in our Church. This would lead to a more in depth discussion with the Rector or possibly an opportunity to participate in a group discussion.

At some point when new persons to the Church feel comfortable with the Parish and sense they are in a secure place they are likely to share their individual faith journey. This is likely an opportunity for a parishioner to reciprocate with their own story. This might possibly include how they found Trinity and why they have elected to continue to worship and serve in this Church. This authentic relationship between individuals becomes the challenge for each of us in the year ahead.

~Bill Smith