

*Tidings*  
*Trinity Episcopal Church*  
*January 2023*



*May the new year bring US.....*

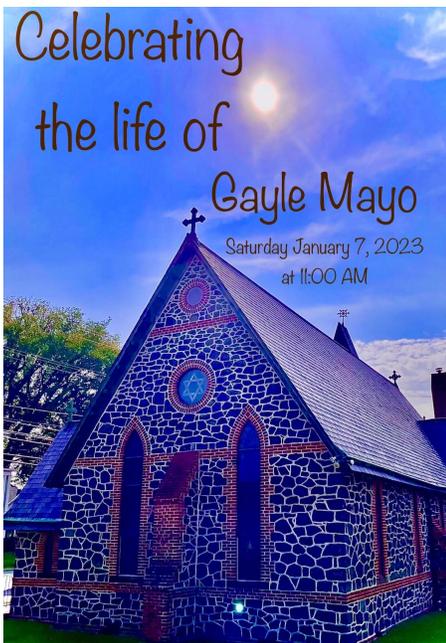
*Enough happiness to keep us sweet; Enough trials to keep us strong; Enough hope to keep us lively;*

*Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God; Enough failure to keep us humble;*

*Enough success to keep us eager; Enough friends to give us comfort; Enough wealth to meet our needs;*

*Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward; Enough faith to overcome despair;*

*And....Enough determination to make everyday better than yesterday. ~ Harold B. Lee*



*Celebrating  
the life of  
Gayle Mayo  
Saturday January 7, 2023  
at 11:00 AM*

***Prayer List*** *“Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them, all those who have passed and who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.*

*Amber, David, Emma, Faye, Kristina, Lynn, Michael, Peter, Savannah, Stephanie, Mary Helen Atwood, Tim Bennett, Bob Boulden, Pam Boulden, Terry Brookline, Marion Conner, Carol Costello, Donna Hurst Dellinger, Sharon Elliott, Alan Fenson, Shawnda Fenson, Mary Foxwell, Tom Hitchcock, Brian Hubis, Bill Jackson, Fred Layaou III, Louise McLean, Alex Morris, Jean Mulford, Larry Parker, Janice Potts, Robert Powell, Jane Sichangi, Hunter Smith.*

## *Invite, Welcome, Connect*

Presentation to Members of the Diocese of Easton

Mary Parmer, principal originator and spokeswoman for Invite, Welcome, Connect was introduced by Bishop San in a special gathering of interested members of the Diocese on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at Christ Church, Oxford, MD.

Mary offered numerous stories on how this ministry developed, why every Parish has something to gain from an examination of each one of the three categories in the title, Invite, Welcome, Connect and how to benefit from active participation in this ministry. A key learning has been that group participation is necessary for both large and small Parishes and creativity must be implemented to obtain the full benefits of this ministry.

Bishop San a strong supporter of Mary's efforts was eager to see the ministry take hold in the Diocese of Easton. To aid in achieving this end he has assigned clergy and other members of the Diocese to initiate training. He has further asked each Parish to report on their progress in an enjoyable event at Camp Wright to capture some of their interesting and successful activities in a tailgate-like party in early fall 2023.

Trinity Episcopal Church, Elkton, MD has been no stranger to this ministry. Beginning in 2019 the Vestry saw the importance of the ministry and an IWC committee was formed. However, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, efforts were put aside due various restrictions.

It would now appear that the time is right to resume work on this ministry. The first step is to once again assemble a group of parishioners to explore Mary's articles, publications, and suggestions to determine what might fit our smaller size Parish. This will likely take the form of suggestions that can be implemented and reviewed by others such as the Rector and Vestry.

Your help and support will be needed here! If you see a role for yourself in this ministry, which encourages a strong emphasis on hospitality, then please place your name on the IWC sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

~William F. Smith

## *The Good Book Club* Ruth And Esther I Epiphany 2023

This Epiphany Season fellow Episcopalians have the opportunity to gain more insight and understanding about two books of scripture that deal specifically with women who portray considerable courage in very difficult situations, Bible books Ruth and Esther.

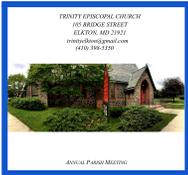
Option 1 - allows you to receive reading material via email that can be read and reviewed in the comfort of your home and worked on at your leisure.

Option 2 - permits you to engage in live online Wednesday sessions from 8-9 PM from Jan. 11 - Feb. 15. Moderator for each session will be Bible Scholar, Lindsay Hardin Freeman author of *Women in Scripture: Their Words and Why they Matter*. More more specific information on each option that includes how to register can be obtained by clicking on - <http://www.goodbookclub.org>

~William F. Smith



*Taking down the Creche'* The members of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will dismantle the Creche and put materials in storage on **Friday, January 6th at 10:00 AM.** Any members of the Parish who are able and available to spend about 1 hour to assist with this task are welcome to join the effort.



*Our Annual meeting will be held* January 29 after the 10:00 AM worship service. We will have only **one service** that day and have moved the service time to **10:00 am**, so that all of our members will be able to attend our annual meeting. We will be serving a light luncheon in the parish house. For those who need to send in their reports, please email them in

before January 18th.



*If you would like to be a host to* set up coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet in the Parish House. We supply the coffee, cream and sugar after the 10:30 a.m. service. Coffee hour is a great time for fellowship of our regular members but also for the meeting and greeting of newcomers.



*By using your redner's card* each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's, your receipt will be designated as a Save-A-Tape. Trinity will then receive 1% of the total. Please continue bringing in your tapes and place them in the envelope on the bulletin board in the Parish house or in the back of the

church.



*Flowers on the altar* Sign up sheet for flowers on the altar is in the back of the church. Each week the flowers on the altar may be given in honor of or in memory of someone you love. An announcement will appear in the bulletin that lists the name of the person who is being honored or memorialized, and who gave the flowers. It is a lovely way to honor that special someone. You may order your flowers from the florist or you can bring fresh flowers in and arrange them in the vases that are located in the sacristy.



*Happy Birthday* 3 Pat Smith, 4 Mary Foxwell, 11 Dennis Hurley,

22 Deborah Edwards



*28 Acts of Kindness Decorated our 2022 Advent Tree.* Congratulations to all!! We were successful in achieving 28 Acts of Kindness, one for each day of Advent in 2022. Each is recorded on a “KIND” booklet ornament designed by Cheryl Lee and each is hung on our “2022 AoK 28 Acts of Kindness Advent Tree” in the Parish House and shown below. The list of the 28 are below. They ranged from helping strangers, to helping neighbors to helping the Church and family members. God bless you all for these wonderful Acts of Kindness that refresh and enrich all of us with these examples of God’s love working through all of us as we prepared for Christmas.

1. Took a friend to the doctor
2. Gave \$20 to clerk to help next person who had trouble paying
3. Helped out of town family member with trip to hospital and work that needed doing at her home
4. PJs for infants
5. For an elderly, ill lady, I shopped for her groceries and help put them away for her.
6. I purchased baby p.j.s for a mother and child for the local Pregnancy Center Christmas Project
7. Gift for giving tree at YMCA
8. Visited widowed friend with planned help for tasks he can't do alone
9. Donated baby PJ's - Girls Pregnancy Center
10. Helped invalid neighbor install filters in her home
11. Drove in ice storm to bring greens to decorate Church
12. Helped woman with walker enter store
13. Father Nicholas brought all the candlestick holders to the Church and placed them in the pews
14. Helped and prayed with my neighbor whose father died unexpectedly
15. Increased pledge to Trinity
16. Took neighbor to Philadelphia Airport from Townsend
17. Helped student with grade change to enable his degree completion
18. Blinked lights to let others into lane of traffic
19. Donated to friend’s foundation in memory of daughter lost to leukemias
20. Cooked meal for ill neighbor
21. Replaced sump pump in parish house
22. Blessed and thanked person who let me in front of her when I had 2 items
23. Waved and smiled to the man on the bridge
24. Caring for elderly family members with Love
25. Gave food to my friend.
26. Invited neighbor, a widow, to join us for a Classic Italian dinner at a nearby restaurant.
27. Donated clothes and miscellaneous unused items to Goodwill
28. Donated to Elkton Community Kitchen (Friday Hot Lunches)

