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APRIL 2024 Lent Acts of Kindness

Here's an update from a few of our parishioners who found a way to think, say and do some acts of kindness over our 2024 Lenten season. I'm sure many more have not been reported and I'm sure many were as simple as just thinking kind thoughts that no doubt led to stopping

negative or hurtful comments and instead providing a smile or some words of positive encouragement or support throughout the day. As we continue through 2024, let's all continue to think, say and do acts of kindness. As a bracelet given me by one of our parishioners says,

KINDNESS MATTERS!

*Cleared snow from paths and driveways of two elderly neighbors.

*Assisted woman who was having trouble depositing a book in vehicle dropbox at Library.

Retrieved stuck book and deposited it at indoor dropbox.

- *Made cursory observations of vehicle and home of elderly neighbor away for extended period. Request made by family member.
- *Gave a woman \$10 who said she and her son were living out of their car.
- *Picked up a shift at work to help out a person who needed the day off.
- *Gave \$20 to supermarket check out person to pass on to someone in need of money that day to pay their bill.
- *Decided to call friends we hadn't seen in years. Had a wonderful conversation and made plans to see each other. Received a call from the husband 2 weeks later that wife died suddenly from a heart attack. Was so blessed to have called that day and have plans to see him and provide support.
- *Helped out of town family member get a rehab after a hospital stay and move from rehab back home with home health aide and therapist visits.

Ross Lee

On the 19th of November of last year I lost Beverly, the love of my life. Bev started life desperate for love, something withheld from her by her parents. She sought love, found it in God and Jesus, and returned it as best she could. She gave boundless love to me, to her family, to her friends, and even to strangers.



When people became aware that Bev was seriously ill they responded with a torrent of cards and expressions of love: our family; her friends; my high school reunion class that saw her almost monthly and who adored her.

Most significantly, my Trinity family wrapped its arms around Beverly. The Daughters of the King lovingly saw to it that I didn't have to be concerned about meals. The congregation flooded Bev with cards of love and prayer.

I read to Beverly each card as it came. I could see her take every word into her heart. For months Bev rarely opened her eyes. Whenever I would ask in a whisper if she knew how much she was loved, she would smile warmly. Beverly held that knowledge closely as her life faded away. That is of great comfort to me.

I love you all,

Gordon Tozer

Prayer Líst

"Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times.

May God bless you and keep you, now and always.

Lynn Anstatt, Mary Helen Atwood, Tím Bennett, Corí Campbell, Susie Campbell, Betsy Clark, Lorris Clay, Donald Comer, Marc DiLonardo, Alan Fenson, Shawnda Fenson, Díane Hair, Dwight Hair, Brían Hubís, Jenn, Libby Keefer, Dorthy Kírk, Carol Lee, París Mason, Bruce Mayo, Louise McLean, David Parker, Larry Parker, Robert Powell, Hunter Smith, Tom Stansfield and Kyle Watson.

Happy Birthday April Babies

20 Hudson Sítuma 27 Susan Burkholder

28 Leslie Gorak

Happy Wedding Anniversary

16 Father Nicholas & Jane Sichangi

17 Larry & Joan Marie Parker

ALTAR FLOWERS ARE WELCOMED each Sunday. Flowers are placed on the high altar area, with the exception of Lent. Flowers are offered "to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving or in memory of a person or event." Parishioners offer altar flowers as a visible sign of acknowledgement of God's presence in their lives. Sign-up sheet is located in the Parish House. Please contact Fair Hill Florist @ 410-398-9088.

Redners save a tape will only accept receipts from 2021 and on. Any receipts older than 3 years with a date from 2020 are not acceptable. Many many thanks to all who have been sending in your receipts. It is GREATLY APPRECIATED

> COFFEE HOUR If you would like to host coffee hour there is a sign up sheet located in the Parish House.



Help make this yard sale

a Huge success! Volunteers needed

- Help Set-up day before
- Bake goods for bake sale. (Cookies, cupcakes, brownies, sweet breads)
- Help sell baked goods and yard sale table that day.
- Help clean up

If you are able to help with any of these tasks, please call the office 410-398-5350 or email us at <u>trinityelkton@gmail.com</u>

Yard Sale, Saturday, June 15th

8:00 am to 1:00 pm Spaces \$10.00

(You must provide your own tables)

Name:_____

Address:_____

Phone:____

Make checks payable to Trinity Episcopal Church, 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!! RSVP before June 2nd. Proceeds will go to our Building Fund.



