



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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Love. Grow. Serve.

FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Siblings in Christ,

An excerpt from Psalm 37:

1 Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,

2 for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.

3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

4 Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

5 Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

6 He will make your vindication shine like the light,

and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

7 Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in

their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

8a Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil.

Do not fret, refrain from anger, forsake wrath ~ be not afraid. We hear these words over and over, and over again in the Bible from God and from God’s messengers. We as human beings throughout time have had many occasions of worry and of being afraid. In my three and a half decades on this earth, I can think of very few times that have caused me more fret and worry than the COVID pandemic and the concerns of our nation and the world these past weeks. And yet, we hear over and over, and over again: **do not fret ... be not afraid.**

This is not a dismissal of anxieties and worries. It is a reminder that God is present in, through, and beyond the worries and anxieties we have. And, even more comforting, God recognizes and acknowledges these fears - otherwise, God would not say, “Do not fret ... be not afraid”.

There are seasons in the Holy Lands unlike the seasons that we have here. Lush grass, in it’s summery prime or it’s wintry rest, is not always present. The grass will grow and flourish in one season, fade, and be totally gone in the next season - seemingly never to return. Then, it would flourish again. The psalmist is proclaiming our worries to be the same. They will grow and fade, grow and fade. And yes, some will last longer than others, are of varying degree of severity, and some will constantly come back to us.

And yet, God's promises to be with us - to comfort us, guide us, and support us - remains the same: *Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security* (37:3). Living in the land - the promise of God - remains the same. The security that we enjoy as God's children through our baptism in Jesus is that God's presence through the Holy Spirit is with us always. There is no greater security in this world than that.

God continues to be with you, your loved ones, and us all. Do not fret ~ be not afraid.

Yours in Christ,
Mother Lisa



Church News

New Registrar

Congratulations to Valerie Mehl! Val has been elected by the Vestry to serve as our next Registrar.

Staying Connected, Staying Church

(from Mother Lisa)

COVID restrictions continue. This is how we are continuing to love our neighbors and ourselves.

What can you do in the midst of this uncertainty?

1. Read the email updates that keep you in touch with what's happening at Holy Trinity.
2. Worship regularly, whether in person or on line.
3. Keep up your pledge. Our mailbox is locked, so your mail-in contributions are safe.
4. Stay in touch. Call or email each other. Call or email Mother Lisa. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity, for the Vestry, and for Mother Lisa.

If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!*

When sending contributions, please be sure to distinguish between your pledge and any other donations, such as for outreach. Use separate checks. If you send only one check, it will be recorded as pledge.

Again thank you to all who continue to support Holy Trinity. Your pledges and other contributions are essential for ministry at Holy Trinity.

COVID-19 Remembrance

Our Diocesan Christian Formation Council is coordinating a COVID-19 Remembrance Installation at our Cathedral of the Incarnation with prayer ribbons as symbols of all who have died from COVID-19 in Maryland (over 8,800 people). See Mother Lisa if you are interested in assisting with the memorial.

COVID Vaccine Information

The Maryland Department of Health has launched a phone line where seniors can call for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. It is designed for people without Internet access. The telephone number for this new COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center is 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

If you do have Internet access, you can go to the following website for more information as well:

<https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Departments-of-Health-and-Aging-collaborate-on-vaccine-outreach-for-vulnerable-populations.aspx>

Funeral Cost Aid from FEMA

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has begun accepting applications for its program to assist families with the financial expenses of funerals for COVID-19 related deaths.

FEMA's COVID-19 Funeral Assistance program will reimburse individuals and households for COVID-19 related funeral

expenses incurred between Jan. 20, 2020 and December 2020 to help ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the pandemic.

The program is funded with \$2 billion from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. FEMA says assistance is limited to a maximum of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

More information can be found in [this article](#) and [this document](#) from FEMA.

If you do not have Internet access and would like additional information, please call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday morning between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccinations

The Baltimore County Department of Health offers low-cost animal rabies vaccinations clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets. Rabies vaccinations are held at the Baldwin center by appointment only. Vaccination is **\$9 per pet** and includes **free** microchipping and initial pet license. Payments are made at the time of appointment. We prefer cash (exact change is requested) but will also accept credit cards (processing fee may apply).

For more information, please go to the following website:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/animalservices/rabies-clinics.html>

If you do not have Internet access, you can call 410-887-PAWS (7297).

Also, if anyone would like to utilize this service but does not have transportation, Mary Anne Quinn may be able to assist you. Please call her directly.

Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study will resume on Thursday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m.

Diocese of Maryland Youth Events

Join diocesan Youth Missioner, Kate Riley, for the Sunday Brunch Bunch, Sundays from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. This time of fun, fellowship and formation is open to all students and youth workers with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play.

Sign up for a weekly reminder here: <https://www.remind.com/join/cd96b2>

Use this link to join:

<http://bit.ly/sundaybrunchmd>

Use the following link for the Calendar of Diocesan events:

<https://episcopalmaryland.org/events/>

Outreach Ministries

“Operation Backpack”

We are now accepting food donations for the current school year in support of the students at Sandalwood Elementary. We pack for 21 students each week.

In particular, we need: individual-sized shelf stable white and chocolate milk, individual-sized juice boxes, oatmeal packets, cream of wheat packets, applesauce cups, fruit cups, boxes of Macaroni and Cheese, small boxes of raisins, small packets of peanuts, cheese and peanut butter crackers, Ramen noodles, chicken noodle soup.

Seafarer’s Shoebox Christmas Presents

We are accepting personal size toiletries, razors, toothbrushes, ChapStick, small

Bibles, and warm hats or socks to fill our gift packages in the fall.

The Baltimore International Seafarer’s Ministry is in need of magazines (Sports Illustrated, Time, National Geographic) for the ships. If you have any gently used magazines, please bring them in to share with the center.

Ronald McDonald House

Please bring in your aluminum can pull tabs that help to provide support to families using this facility.

Donation bins for all of these items can be found in the Narthex. If you need assistance, ask an Usher.

Items for all of these outreach ministries can be brought with you to church on Sunday. However, if you are not attending church services yet, you can drop off donations at the church during church office hours (Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon).

Please consider helping us to help the children of Essex, the men who bring supplies from around the world to our port, and the families of the ill children at Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you kindly for your consideration and your generosity. If you have any questions about any of these Outreach projects, please contact Denise Thatcher at: wesden@verizon.net or 410-780-4150.

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) is still operating. Please see details below under the “Local Food Pantries” section.



Local Food Pantries

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 410-406-2288 OR 211

New Physical Address:
Piney Grove United Methodist Church
201 Bowleys Quarters Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-406-2288

By Appointment Only! Call first!

Donations: Make your check payable to
“Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:
Eastern Interfaith Outreach
P.O. Box 18122
Middle River, MD 21220

Please note: EIO expects to have to move to
another location toward the end of 2021. If
you know of a location that may be suitable,
please contact EIO at the telephone number
listed above or call the Holy Trinity church
office.

Special Monthly Food Distribution:

Dates: Thursday, September 9 and 16,
2021

Time: 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. (or until the
food supplies run out!)

Location: 99 Stemmers Run Road (parking
lot)

St. Clare Catholic Church Food Pantry

Location: 714 Myrth Avenue in Essex
Hours: Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 12 noon



Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland offers nutritious, fresh, prepared meals delivered to your home. Eat better with Meals on Wheels!

For those unable to cook or grocery shop for themselves – due to age, disability or illness - look to Meals on Wheels for dependable, friendly service.

To learn more, call 410-558-0923 or apply online at:
mealsonwheelsmd.org/client-application

Meal on Wheels also needs volunteers to help deliver these meals. If you have any time to donate to this worthy cause, please call the telephone number listed above.



September Birthdays

Anne Knott – 9/3
Wes Thatcher – 9/7
Randi Dawson – 9/9
Steven Krenzer – 9/10
Beverly McCormick – 8/11
Sylvia Gray – 9/14
Lisa Krenzer – 9/18
Jeannie Morris – 9/19
Richard Glendenning – 9/20
Kaitlyn Ross – 9/24

Sherry Pomraning – 9/26
Lillian Grace Pirog-DeTTY – 9/29
Ron Ross – 9/30
Flo Florentine – 9/30



September Anniversaries

Don and Teresa Register – 9/17
Wayne and Barbara Benson – 9/20

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your command you drive away from our bodies all sickness and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your servants, that their weaknesses may be banished and their strength restored; and that, their health being renewed, they may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mary Bogert
Alice Martin
Roseanna Sheridan (Alice's daughter)
Shanan Gelver (Alice's family)

Athena Gelver (Alice's family)
Ellen Wallace
Joan Anderson
Bill and Diane Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Bunky and Pam Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Chris and Patty Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Ruth Anthony
Joanne Piper
Margaret Oduor
Gladys Agandi
Valerie Mehl
John Morris
Jeannie Morris
Judy Harle
Bob Metz
David Metz (Bob's son)
Ratajczak family
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
Deb Pirog
Julianne Salamone (Teresa's granddaughter)
Somo Bishop
Jackie Spence
Maranda Powell
Patty and Rich Rubin (Mary Anne's family)
Crosby family (Lynne Clementoni)
Collin Crosby (Lynne Clementoni's grandson)
Wally Hossbach
Dina Munford
John O'Donnell (Mary Anne's cousin)
Derek Schavelin (Alice's nephew)
James Rice (Arlene's grandson)
Sharon Goslin
Linda Sanders (Sam's sister)
Larry Eastman
Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
Lorraine Pick
Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)
Donna Wrightson (Millie's niece)
Kelly Auber (friend of the Seay family)
Carol Carrolla (friend of Mary Anne's family)

Jason Borkowicz (friend of Jaylen)
 Mary Lessner
 Glen Scanlon (Mary Anne's friend)
 Sylvia Gray
 Grace Waddell
 Kaiden Adelung (Millie's family)
 Kenny Pomraning
 Linda Shorter
 Glen
 Frank Riggio-Preston
 Gary Riggio-Preston

PLEASE ADVISE LEAH OF ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

Pray for our Healthcare Workers

Please pray for members of our congregation who work in health care settings:
 Laura Nielsen, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert.

Vestry Officers and Members

Officers (elected by the vestry for one-year terms; can be re-elected; do not have to be an elected vestry member to be elected as an officer):

Senior Warden – Chris Kinard
 Junior Warden – Wes Thatcher
 Treasurer – Ellen Reilley
 Financial Secretary – Jean Bowen
 Registrar – Valerie Mehl
 Ombudsman – Ron Mardaga

Elected vestry members and date their terms end (initially elected by the congregation; if

a position becomes vacant, the vestry elects a replacement to fill the rest of the term):

John Morris	2022
Laura Nielsen	2022
Ruth Anthony	2022
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	2023
Barbara Benson	2023
Loretta Gischel	2023
Sam Seay	2024
Tyler Schultz	2024
Mary Anne Quinn	2024

The parish clergy are also ex officio members of the vestry and the rector is the presiding officer.

How do I contact Mother Lisa?

Please see below for contact information for Mother Lisa:

Cell phone number: 443-605-6398
 (available by call or text 8am-8pm, and for pastoral emergencies 24hrs a day). If no answer, please leave a message for a return call.

E-mail address: htessex.rector@gmail.com

Please note that Mondays are Mother Lisa's sabbath rest/day off. Please no calls on Mondays unless for pastoral emergencies - thank you for your consideration!

Our regular church office hours will still be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. Mother Lisa encourages you to call the church phone - 410-687-5531 - during those hours.

Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are still using a computer program to assist us with keeping track of who signs up for each church service. This is necessary because we can only have a limited occupancy in the church at any one time. **Currently, this sign-up is for Sundays when we have services indoors.** No sign up is required for outdoor services.

Please note that, going forward, sign-ups will be weekly. **Please plan to sign up each week no later than Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday.**

To sign up by computer:

1. Type the following address into your Internet browser:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
2. Under “Search for a sign up” type the following email address:
HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com
3. Click the “Search” button
4. Click on the “HT Church Services _____ 2021” item (choose correct month)
5. Choose either the 8:00 or 10:00 service by clicking on the appropriate blue “Sign Up” button.
6. Click the blue “Submit and Sign Up” button at the bottom of the page.
7. Type your name(s) in the “Comment” line and the number of people in your immediate family who will be coming, including yourself.
8. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want.

Please note: The software will not let you sign up if all of the spaces have been taken at that time. If this happens, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to notify Leah. We want to know if there are any parishioners who have not been able to sign up so we know if we need to consider adding a third service.

If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call Leah during church office hours only! The church office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The church telephone number is 410-687-5531. You must speak to Leah directly. Messages left on the answering machine will not get you signed up for the service. Please do not call Leah at home; she cannot sign you up from her house.

REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Our “Fellowship Time” is currently paused until our case rate drop below 10. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Hall Rental

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Flower Memorials/ Thanksgivings

We have plenty of Sundays still available in 2021 if you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings! If you are interested, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Register in person or mail them to the church address listed on the form.

The 2021 forms are available from Leah in the church office. Memorials are on a per

Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

Housekeeping Notes

Please continue to follow the COVID instructions for sanitizing required areas.

Mailing List Updates

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



Messages

Anne Knott maintains the primary list of e-mail information. However, if you change your email address and you don't give the change to Anne, it is not possible for her to notify you of situations impacting the parish. Anne can be reached at anneews@verizon.net.



Final Word from the Editor

Items for the October Newsletter are due by September 15.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 5, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

September 5, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: John Morris

September 12, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

September 12, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Tyler Schultz
Lessons: Richard Glendenning
Prayers: Denise Thatcher

September 19, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Valerie Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

September 19, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Denise Thatcher
Prayers: Lynn French

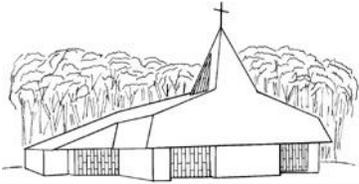
September 26, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Valerie Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

September 26, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam Seay and Tyler Schultz
Lessons: Mary Anne Quinn
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

**** Please note:** Until further notice, those scheduled to read the Lessons will read the First Lesson, lead the Psalm, and then read the Second Lesson. Thank you!



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	3	4
5 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	6 Labor Day	7 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	8	9 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	10 Mother Lisa off for Labor Day	11
12 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	13	14 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> 7pm Vestry meeting	15	16 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> 11am-Bible Study	17	18
19 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	20 Mother Lisa on Vacation	21 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	22	23 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> 11am-Bible Study	24	25 →
26 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	27	28 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	29	30 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i> 11am-Bible Study		