



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Church Family,

It might not be visible but I want you to know your vestry is working closely with the Diocesan Congregational Vitality Committee and their Conflict Resolution Team. They will help us see our weaknesses and identify what needs to change. They will help us see ourselves and our problems. Some of this work requires confidentiality, so we may not be able to share as much as we might like.

This process is a little like the Search process. You may remember we talked about the difference between secrecy and confidentiality during the Search process. Nothing we are doing is secret but it is necessarily confidential. I am asking you to please trust us and to let us do our work. I will answer your questions as best I can.

Pledges (or the lack thereof) continue to be an issue. We are still not able to hire even a

part-time interim. I have engaged supply clergy for the four Sundays in February. I will also see if I can engage a priest for one Ash Wednesday service and then go to work on March.

I leave you with this prayer written by James Richards in 1993:

GOD, YOU ARE ALWAYS IN OUR FUTURE, BECKONING US TOWARD A HORIZON WE ARE NOT SURE WE WANT TO REACH.

WE THINK OF THINGS THAT ARE PAST AND WISH YOU WOULD GIVE US, AGAIN, THAT WITH WHICH WE WERE COMFORTABLE. BUT YOU LEAD US FROM THE FUTURE.

THANK YOU FOR THE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL NOT BE WITHOUT YOU THEN, AS WE ARE NOT WITHOUT YOU NOW, AND GIVE US THE COURAGE TO FOLLOW YOUR LEAD.

Sincerely,

Chris Kinard

Church News

Staying Connected, Staying Church

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 updates provided monthly in *The Vine* newsletter to keep you in touch with what's happening at Holy Trinity. If something comes up that cannot wait until the next newsletter, an email update will be sent out.
2. Worship regularly, whether in person or online.
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 our Senior Warden, Chris Kinard. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity and for the Vestry.

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.



Episcopal
Relief & Development
Working Together for Lasting Change

Help For Tornado Victims

On Friday and Saturday, December 10 and 11, a line of severe weather spread across the central United States, spawning over 50 tornadoes. Many lives were lost in these storms, and homes and businesses were severely damaged or destroyed. Episcopal Relief & Development is in contact with the affected dioceses as they assess the needs in their communities and stands ready to assist in the coming days and weeks. Please pray for the people impacted by the deadly tornadoes. Donations to the [US Disaster Fund](#) will support Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners as they respond.

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>

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

Thanks to everyone who helped to write notes to newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. This includes:

Ruth Anthony
Barbara Benson
Lynn French
Rich Glendenning
Gloria Greason
Arielle Juberg
Mary Ann Quinn
Frank Riggio
Joe Znovena
Denise Thatcher

It is amazing how much can be accomplished when we come together to help those in the community who are suffering. In a short time we were able to collectively write 40 cards to send to **Girls Love Mail**.

We invite all of you to join us for our next Outreach Meeting to be held on February 13 at 11:00 a.m.

This will be a planning meeting for 2022, so please join us. We would love to hear your ideas about new ministries.

God Bless You All,

Denise Thatcher
Outreach Committee, Chairperson
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

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 soon. 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, February 3, 10, and 24, 2022 (weather permitting)

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

Meals 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.



February Birthdays

- Gloria Greason – 2/4
- Arlene Hossbach – 2/4
- Roberta Krenzer – 2/12
- Valerie Mehl – 2/19
- Scotty Gerber – 2/20
- Florence Hrolenok – 2/22
- Mary Anne Quinn – 2/23
- Mary Lessner – 2/25



February Anniversaries

- Wes and Denise Thatcher – 2/22

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



PRAYER LIST

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)
 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)
 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
 Frank Riggio-Preston
 Gary Riggio-Preston
 Connie Bitteto (Frank's cousin)
 Robert Riggio (Frank's son)
 Katelyn Riggio (Frank's granddaughter)
 Glenn Scanlon
 Douglas Campbell (Ron's cousin)
 Peter Taylor (friend of Alice Martin)
 Randy Robledo (friend of Clementoni family)
 Roger and Kathy Keene (friends of Mary Anne)
 Patty Rubin (Mary Anne's sister)
 Richard Glendenning
 Poling family (Leah's cousins)

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.

Who do I contact?

The office will no longer be staffed on a regular basis. Leah will still take care of the office work but not necessarily at the same times.

If you have a non-urgent question, call the church telephone number (410-687-5531) and leave a message on the answering machine OR send Leah an email at HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com.

For urgent pastoral needs, call:

Christine Kinard, Sr. Warden
410-382-6928
OR
Ron Mardaga
410-687-0973

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 _____ 2022” item (choose correct date)
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. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want (**be sure to include full names and telephone numbers for those attending a church service**).

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 and leave a message.

If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call the church telephone number (410-687-5531) and leave a message. We will sign up based on the date/time of the message.

REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Due to Omicron and the rising case rates, we have decided to discontinue socializing in the Parish Hall after or between services. No food or drink is allowed in the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Rental

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Flower Memorials/ 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-Regester in person or mail them to the church address listed on the form.

The 2022 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 and leave a message OR send an email to HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com.



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 March Newsletter are due by February 15.

FEBRUARY 2022 SERVICE SCHEDULE

February 6, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Chris Kinard
Prayers: Jackie Huber

**** 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!**

February 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

February 13, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

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

February 13, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Lynn French
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Denise Thatcher

February 20, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

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

February 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

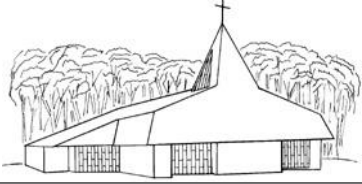
Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Denise Thatcher
Prayers: Mary Anne Quinn

February 27, 2022, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Chris Kinard
Prayers: Jackie Huber

February 27, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Lynn French
Lessons: Mary Anne Quinn
Prayers: Richard Glendenning



February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 <i>Groundhog Day</i>	3	4	5
6 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	7	8 7pm-Vestry Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 11:00 AM Outreach Committee Mtg.	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18	19
20 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	21 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	28					