



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings from the kingdom of God, the reign of love and the culture of peace
(already in progress somewhere very, very close to you!)
And Happy New Year.

As Advent reminded us, a future is opening before us. Now, I should describe the year ahead as a critical year for Holy Trinity. Our moment in time seems to require such a bold statement. But then, every day is of critical importance in the building of trust and in the restoration of hope, two ‘critical’ elements without which no community can thrive.

But in our case, I believe that we will progress along two distinct trajectories – a short and a long game if you will – that will progress independently of each other but will also be deeply informed by the other.

The short game will be comprised of the work we do to heal the wounds that fester beneath our collective surface; some that we attempt to hide, some that leave visible traces, all of which cause pain or regret or even anger. The parish has formed a grief

group to assist members that have experienced the loss of a loved one. Perhaps we need to establish one so that we can talk about the Holy Trinity that we have lost. In any event, we need to take this short game seriously if we are to trust each other in the work that God is calling us to do.

That work is the stuff of the long game, and what it will entail is anyone’s guess, but it will require us to move beyond our comfort zones and challenge our most foundational conceptions about the meaning and purpose of the Church. We have already taken a few exploratory steps, reaching out to neighbors working on issues of educational and environmental justice – we hope to host a listening session for parents, teachers and students sometime in February or March - and opening a dialog with the Diocese about developing our property as a mission center in Eastern Baltimore County, something vital and essential to members of the wider community and a place where the faithful will also break bread and sip wine while remembering why it is we do these things and dream these dreams and whose loving example we always strive to follow.

But even all of that is only scratching the surface – that’s why it’s the long game. So, again, happy new year. I look forward to next January when we will pause to recount all of the many meaning-filled things that occurred during 2023 and marvel at how far we have come.

Peace,
Ken+

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.

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>

Outreach Ministries

from Lynn French, Chairperson



Operation Backpack:

The backpack ministry to Sandalwood Elementary School continues as it has been. You are always welcome to contribute by bringing needed food items such as: single serve oatmeal packets, applesauce cups, fruit cups, raisins, packs of peanuts, crackers, ramen noodles, instant chicken noodle soup, juice boxes, or white or chocolate milk or Yoohoo. We also accept small cans of tuna and boxes of macaroni and cheese. You can place any donated food items in the bin marked "Operation Backpack" in the Parish Hall. You can also make a monetary donation at any time.

The bags are packed between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. All are welcome to join in the effort. Also, each week there is a rotation of folks who deliver the bags to Sandalwood Elementary School. We can always use additional volunteers to deliver the backpacks! If you have any questions, please contact Chris or myself.

Animal Shelter Donations:

Our Angel Tree donations were to benefit the Baltimore County Animal Services shelter. The donated items were delivered at the end of December.



Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO):

EIO is situated in the new location and are once again open to serve those in need. They are operating on an appointment basis, so please call in advance. The new address is listed later in this newsletter under “Food Pantry”.

We are still collecting shelf stable food items such as canned soup, pork and beans, tuna, chicken for EIO. If you are able to buy a few items on your next grocery shopping trip, please do so. Please make sure the expiration date is at least several months out. There is a bin in the Parish Hall labeled “EIO Donations” where you can place the donated canned food items to help those in

need in our community. (More detailed information regarding EIO is also provided below under the Food Pantry section.)



Ronald McDonald House Baltimore:

Please continue to collect the pull tabs from any aluminum can products. I collect the tabs, and once or twice per year I take them to RMH. The tabs are then recycled with the profit used to fuel the shuttle bus to take family members of the children to the local hospitals. The collection box is located on the lower shelf of the main table in the Narthex.

If anyone has any questions or would like to be a part of the planning for any or all the Outreach ministries we do, please let me know. All are welcome.

I pray many blessing for our ministry at Holy Trinity and for each of us as we provide to those in need.

In His Holy name.

Lynn



Local Food Pantries

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 410-406-2288 OR 211

New Physical Address:

Maranatha Chapel
3 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

Special Monthly Food Distribution:

These food distributions are until the food supplies run out on that day. For the month of January, please call for an appointment: 443-838-2126.

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:

mealsonwheelssmd.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.



January Birthdays

Jean B. – 1/1
Gloria N. – 1/2
Christine K. – 1/9
Cheryl D. – 1/9
Amiyah J. – 1/10
Gary L. – 1/11
Joshalynd D. – 1/12
Michele A. – 1/14
Jaylen W. – 1/18
Asa S. – 1/21
Michelle H. – 1/30



January Anniversaries

John and Jeannie M. – 1/16

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
- Alice
- Athena
- Peter
- Ellen
- Grace
- Millie
- Joan
- Bill and Diane
- Bunky and Pam
- Chris and Patty

- Margaret
- Gladys
- John
- Jeannie
- Judy
- Bob
- Betty
- David
- Jesse
- Somo
- Robert Sr.
- Robert Jr.
- Wally
- Lorraine
- Ryan
- Debbie
- Elizabeth
- Donna
- Kelly
- Mary
- Sylvia
- Anne
- Jerome
- Deb
- Mary Anne
- Nancy
- Kathy
- Mike
- Butch and Wanda
- Dan and Janice
- Eric
- Wyatt
- Andrew
- Viki
- Vy
- Jay

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, Pam, Josh+, Don, Jody, Joey.

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 K.

Junior Warden – John M.

Treasurer – Ellen R.

Financial Secretary – Jean B.

Registrar – Valerie M.

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 M.	2022
Laura N.	2022
Vacancy	2022
Scott R-H.	2023
Barbara B.	2023
Loretta G.	2023
Sam S.	2024
Tyler S.	2024
Vacancy	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 is generally staffed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Call the church telephone number (410-687-5531) and leave a message on the answering machine OR send an email at HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com.



REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Join us for socializing between or after services. Store-bought food and beverages are allowed. Please see the sign-up sheet on the wall in the Parish Hall.

Parish Hall Rental

If you would like information about renting the Parish Hall for an event, please send an email to HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com or leave a message at the church office 410-687-5531.



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 Barbara 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 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 reac



Final Word from the Editor

Items for the February Newsletter are due by January 15.

JANUARY 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

January 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m. ONLY

Ushers: Gloria G and Loretta G
Lessons: assigned separately
Prayers: assigned separately

**** 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!

January 8, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

January 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Nancy

January 15, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

January 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Leah
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

January 22, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

January 29, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

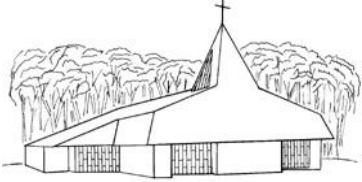
Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

January 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Laura

January 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Gladys



January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>New Year's Day</i> 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	9	10 7pm-Vestry Meeting	11	12	13	14 Hall Rental-Morris
15 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	16 <i>MLK Jr. Day</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	30	31				