



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!*)

I remember as a kid how I would count down the days until summer vacation began. As much as I liked school, there was that point when you were ready to escape and allow that seemingly endless string of days to unfold with absolutely nothing to do but play baseball. Of course, when I reached high school, there were exams to hurdle before one was completely free, which made the countdown a bit more anxious, but also made the arrival of summer vacation that much sweeter.

I feel a little like now as I face the task of writing one last newsletter greeting before we break for the summer. Not that this article produces anything close to the level of anxiety brought on by the Calculus exam that stood between me and my last summer before college, but there is a familiar feeling

of ending and beginning, of finishing one chapter and moving on to the next.

We have shared six months together. How time flies. It has been a real pleasure for me to get to know you and to be part of this community. As our deacon reminds us, this place has a large heart, and the love that binds us together is undeniable. And while there are hurts yet to be addressed and perhaps some lingering anger to be processed, as I think about the future of this parish I cannot wait to discover what it is I shall be writing about this time next year, God willing.

So, until September, continue to be generous in spirit. Pray for each other at every opportunity. And, let's go O's.

Peace,
Ken+



Church News

Vacation

Ken+ will be on vacation May 5-15. We will still have church services. If you have an urgent pastoral need during his absence, please contact Deacon Linda or Chris. For non-urgent issues, please call the office or send Leah an email.

Adult Formation/Bible Study

This group will take a break during the summer and will re-form in the fall. Stay tuned.

Flower Garden-road sign

On Saturday, May 6 and 13, Lynn F. and others will be working on the garden area by the sign near the road beginning around 8:00 a.m. This is being done in honor and memory of Lynn's son, Don.

Flower Garden-front door

If you are interested in doing any amount of work on the main flower garden near the front door of the church, please call or email the church office. The work would mostly be weeding and keeping the area neat.

Monthly Craft Group

Our Monthly Craft Group meets on the second Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Bring a craft to work on, and enjoy some conversation! Contact Barbara if you have any questions.

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Contact Deacon Linda+ if you have any questions.

Healing Service

We will be starting a Healing Service on Wednesday, May 3, at 12:00 noon. This service will be held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Contact Ken+ if you have any questions.

Flags to be Retired

If you have any faded, torn, or stained flags that need to be retired, please bring them to church no later than June 4, and put them in the box in the Narthex.

Monthly Fellowship Lunch

Our Monthly Fellowship Lunch is held on the last Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon. Please bring your own lunch. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Linda+. *Please note: Since we are having our church picnic on the last Saturday of June, the picnic will take the place of the luncheon.*

Church Picnic

Holy Trinity will have a church picnic on June 24, 12:00-4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars! Hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Also, bring a comfortable chair if you wish, and meet us in the picnic area. If you have any questions, contact Barbara.

Staying Connected, Staying Church

What can you do in the midst of any 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.

Outreach Ministries

from Lynn F., 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 Yoo-hoo. 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.

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO):

EIO is 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".

There is still a great need for food donations at this time!

We are still collecting shelf stable food items such as canned soup, pork and beans, tuna, and chicken for EIO. If you are able to buy a few items on your next grocery shopping trip or if you have any extra items in your pantry at home, please bring them in. 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 F.



Local Food Pantries

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 410-406-2288 OR 211

Physical Address:

Maranatha Chapel
3 Bowleys Quarters Road
Middle River, MD 21220

410-406-2288

By Appointment Only! Call first!

Donations: Bring in shelf-stable items and place them in the bin in the Parish Hall marked “EIO” or 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. Please call for distribution site information: 443-838-2126.

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.



May-August Birthdays

John – 5/1
Bob – 5/10
Linda + - 5/15
Beverly – 5/30

David – 6/1
Trinity – 6/1
Helen – 6/3
Wesley – 6/13
June – 6/16
Pat – 6/17
Wayne – 6/21
Lynne – 6/22
Michael – 6/29

Frank – 7/3
Tyler – 7/9
Tim – 7/10
Lorraine – 7/10
Ken + - 7/11
Don – 7/17
Alice – 7/24
Millie – 7/28
Bill – 7/31

Judy – 8/2
Ron – 8/5
Pam – 8/5
Kaitlyn – 8/9
Scott – 8/12
Brett – 8/16
Carlos – 8/26
Nancy – 8/30



May-August Anniversaries

Carlos and Maggie – 5/2
Jason and Brett – 5/11
Don and Michele – 5/22

Frank and Beverly – 6/9
Josh and Scott – 6/28

Ron and Jackie – 7/24

John and Anne – 8/9
Don and Sylvia – 8/13
David and Kim – 8/14

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.

Alice
Ellen W.
Grace
Millie
Joan
Bill and Diane (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Bunky and Pam (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Chris and Patty (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
Margaret
Gladys
John
Jeannie
Powell family
Judy
Ratajczak family
Bob
Betty
David (son of Bob and Betty)
Jesse (Tim's son)
Somo and family
Crosby family (Lynne C.)
Robert Sr. (friend of Lynne C.)
Robert Jr. (friend of Lynne C.)
Wally
Lorraine
Ryan (Helen's grandson)
Elizabeth (Millie's sister)
Donna (Millie's niece)
Mary
Sylvia
Anne
Jerome
Mary Anne
Nancy
Kathy (Leah's cousin)
Mike (Leah's cousin)
Butch and Wanda (friends of Mary Anne)
Dan and Janice
Eric
Wyatt
Vy (Sheila's sister)
Rhett (Sam's great nephew)
Lou (Rick's mother)

Al (Lynn B's. brother-in-law)
Owen
Gloria
Shakira
Joe (Leah's cousin)

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
Junior Warden – John
Treasurer – Ellen R.
Financial Secretary – Jean B.
Registrar – Valerie

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	2023
Laura	2023
Vacancy	2023
Scott	2023
Barbara	2023
Loretta	2023
Sam	2024
Tyler	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.

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:

The Rev. Ken Phelps, Rector
410-790-1631
(Note: Ken+ is on vacation May 5-15.)

If Ken is not available, call:

The Rev. Linda K. Boyd, Deacon
410-967-7404
OR
Christine, Sr. Warden
410-382-6928



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 Benson in person or mail them to the church address listed on the form.

The 2023 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 keep areas clean and sanitized.

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. Contact Anne.



Final Word from the Editor

Please note that this is the last newsletter until September. Items for the September Newsletter are due by August 15. Please watch your email for any additional items over the summer!

MAY 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

May 7, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

May 7, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Nancy

May 14, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

May 14, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Gladys

May 21, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

May 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

May 28, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

May 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

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JUNE 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

June 4, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

June 4, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Nancy

June 11, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

June 11, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Gladys

June 18, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

June 18, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

June 25, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

June 25, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

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JULY 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

July 2, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

July 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Nancy

July 9, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

July 9, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Nancy

July 16, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

July 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

July 23, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

July 23, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Gladys

July 30, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

July 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

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AUGUST 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

August 6, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

August 6, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Laura
Prayers: Nancy

August 13, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

August 13, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Gladys

August 20, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

August 20, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam and Laura
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

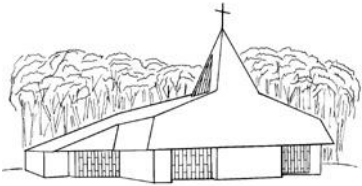
August 27, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

August 27, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

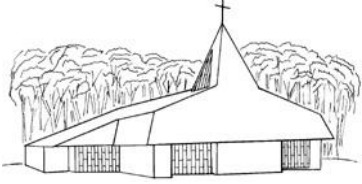
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Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

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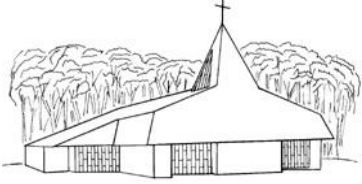
May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10am-12noon Office Staffed	3 10:30 am – Grief Support Group 12:00 noon-Healing Service	4 10am-12noon Office Staffed	5 <i>Ken+ on vacation</i>	6 →
7 →	8	9 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7pm-Vestry Meeting	10	11 10am-12noon Office Staffed	12	13 →
14 <i>Mother's Day</i>	15	16 10am-12noon Office Staffed	17 10:30 am – Grief Support Group 12:00 noon-Healing Service	18 <i>Ascension Day</i> 10am-12noon Office Staffed	19	20
21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	22	23 10am-12noon Office Staffed	24	25 10am-12noon Office Staffed	26	27 12:00 noon – Monthly Fellowship Lunch (“brown bag”)
28 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30 10am-12noon Office Staffed	31			



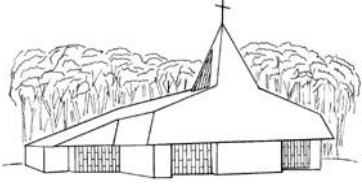
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11 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	12	13 10am-12noon Office Staffed	14 <i>Flag Day</i>	15 10am-12noon Office Staffed	16 <i>Juneteenth</i>	17
18 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	19	20 10am-12noon Office Staffed	21 10:30 am – Grief Support Group 12:00 noon-Healing Service	22 10am-12noon Office Staffed	23	24 12:00 noon-4 pm- Church Picnic
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July 2023

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August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:30 am – Grief Support Group 12:00 noon-Healing Service	3	4	5
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