



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Essex, 1131 Mace Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21221

(410) 687-5531

www.holytrinityessex.org

September 2023



FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings from the Kingdom of God (already in progress somewhere very, very close to you)!

We are celebrating an anniversary of sorts. This is the first anniversary of the very first newsletter article that I submitted as your soon-to-be part-time priest-in-charge. (And, apparently, I have spent the past year developing a fascination with hyphenated words).

But I ask you, who could have predicted where we would now find ourselves one year later as on so many fronts we are moving into uncharted territory? We have witnessed the hottest month on record. Twitter is now 'X'. And the Orioles are in first place in the American League East – at least I hope they are still there while you are reading this offering.

As we have discovered and discussed during our Sunday morning sermon time, the

Church is also entering new territory. As denominations fade, more and more I realize – and it is *this* gentle and open and compassionate community that has helped to open my heart and mind – that the next generation of *church* will be a local enterprise, integrated with the surrounding community in ways that we cannot imagine, or perhaps I should more accurately say, in ways we might have not thought possible, and – risking a terribly run on sentence here that even the Apostle Paul would envy – ways that were so obvious that we might not have thought about them before.

Which makes this a time for us to dream dreams and have visions.

As noted, the vestry has begun the process of applying to the County for a change in our zoning, one that would allow us – if we decided we wished to do so – provide housing and other services on our campus – a village springing up with our sacred space at its core. From conversations that we have had with potential partners in the neighborhood – and we are just scratching the surface - what if we could refit our campus and building(s) so as to become a safe space for afterschool play? Or for much needed daycare? What if we could become a feeding center for an area suffering from food insecurity? What if we could house families here, or offer medical care or other counseling? The possibilities are endless and we will consider many and all things as we

re-imagine Holy Trinity as not just a Sunday morning enterprise, but a vital hub serving the needs of our community – physical, emotional, and spiritual. Again, we are just scratching the surface.

And note too, I do tend to get excited, especially when I think about the future and the ministries that we might undertake and enable. Which is to say that I cannot wait to see what I am writing about when the next anniversary newsletter article goes to press.

Peace and much love,
Ken+

Church News

Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. It will meet on Wednesday, September 6 and 20 this month. Contact Deacon Linda with any questions.

Healing Service

There is a Healing Service on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. The service will be on Wednesday, September 6 and 20 this month. Contact Ken+ with any questions.

Monthly Craft Group

Our Monthly Craft Group meets on the second and last Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. It will be held this month on Saturday, September 9 and 30. Bring a craft to work on, and enjoy some conversation! Contact Barbara with any questions.

Monthly Fellowship Lunch

Our Monthly Fellowship Lunch is held on the last Saturday of each month at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. It will be held this month on Saturday, September 30. Please bring your own lunch.

Bishop Visitation

Save the date! Bishop Sutton will be making his final visitation to Holy Trinity on **Sunday, October 8, 2023**. We will have **one combined service at 9:00 a.m.** followed by an extended coffee hour. Watch for more details as the date gets closer.

Outreach Ministries

from Lynn F., Chairperson



Operation Backpack:

The backpack ministry to Sandalwood Elementary School has started again for this new school year. 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. In addition to food items, there is a need for new socks and new underwear for elementary age children. These items can also be placed in the same bin.

The bags are packed between the 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services. **We will start packing again for this school year on September 17.** 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 Kinard or myself.

School Supplies:

Our parishioners were once again generous in their donations of school supplies for this school year. The donated supplies were delivered to Sandalwood Elementary School at the end of August for the children to use. Thank you to all of those who contributed!



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 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, 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.



September Birthdays

Anne – 9/3

Beverly – 9/11

Sylvia – 9/14

Jeannie – 9/19

Kaitlyn – 9/24

Sherry – 9/26

Ron R. – 9/30



September Anniversaries

Joe and Val – 9/6
Wayne and Barbara – 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.

Alice
Elliott (Alice’s great grandson)
Ellen
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
Bob
Betty
David (son of Bob and Betty)
Jesse (Tim’s son)
Somo
Crosby family (Lynne C.)
Wally
Arlene
Lorraine
Ryan (Helen’s grandson)
Elizabeth (Millie’s sister)
Donna (Millie’s niece)
Mary L.
Sylvia
Anne
Jerome
Mary Anne
Nancy
Kathy (Leah’s cousin)
Mike (Leah’s cousin)
Eleanor (Leah’s aunt)
Butch and Wanda (friends of Mary Anne)
Dan and Janice
Eric
Wyatt
Vy (Sheila’s sister)
Bill
Rhett (Sam’s great nephew)
Lou (Rick’s mother)
Denise
Benjamin
Larry C.
Larry B.
Greg
Lydia

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: Don, Jody, and 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
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):

Barbara	2024
Loretta	2024
Vacancy	2024
Sam	2025
Tyler	2025
Lynn F.	2025
Lynne C.	2026
Nancy	2026
Sheila	2026

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, Priest-in-Charge
410-790-1631

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. Light refreshments are available. Please see the sign-up sheet on the wall in the Parish Hall if you would like to bring something to share.

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. The cost is \$350 per rental.



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.



Final Word from the Editor

Items for the October Newsletter are due by September 15.

SEPTEMBER 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 3, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

September 3, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Tim

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

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Jackie

September 10, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Nancy

September 17, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

September 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria and Sam
Lessons: Nancy
Prayers: Gladys

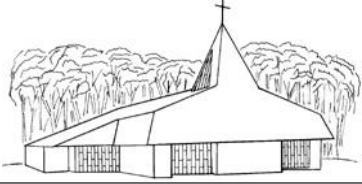
September 24, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

September 24, 2023, 10:00 a.m. (Baptism)

Ushers: Sam and Loretta
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

**** 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 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5 10am-12noon Office Staffed	6 10:00am Grief Support Group 12:00 noon Healing Service	7 10am-12noon Office Staffed	8	9 1:00 pm – Monthly Craft Group (bring a craft to work on)
10 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	11 <i>Patriot Day</i>	12 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7pm-Vestry Meeting	13	14 10am-12noon Office Staffed	15	16
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	18	19 10am-12noon Office Staffed	20 10:00am Grief Support Group 12:00 noon Healing Service	21 10am-12noon Office Staffed	22 <i>First Day of Autumn</i>	23
24 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	25	26 10am-12noon Office Staffed	27	28 10am-12noon Office Staffed	29	30 12:00 noon – Monthly Fellowship Lunch (“brown bag”) 1:00 pm – Monthly Craft Group (bring a craft to work on)