



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

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

Signs of the change in seasons are everywhere. And no, I do not mean leaves that are starting to change color or that certain nip that is in the early morning air. It is the barrage of Pumpkin Spice promotions and the mountainous displays of Halloween candy and decorations – multiplying everywhere as we speak – that alert my senses to the rapidly approaching demise of summer.

Two events highlight this month's activities. First and foremost is our last visitation with Bishop Sutton, which will take place on Sunday, October 8. There will be one service held at 9:30 a.m. Prior to the service, the Bishop wishes to meet with our vestry and officers at 8:30 a.m. Following the service, the Bishop will meet with the entire congregation in the Parish Hall.

It is my hope that everyone will make an effort to attend that morning. I know that for some that is a more difficult request than for others. There are many wounds – some very deep – that still linger from some very difficult chapters in the life of Holy Trinity and the lives of Ascension and Resurrection. I also know that we are best served by allowing ourselves to be open to wherever the healing process may take us. Showing up is the first, best step to take. We will then trust the next few steps to the Spirit.

The other dog and pony show will be the Blessing of the Animals on Saturday morning, October 7, at 11:00 a.m., on the parish grounds. Know that all pets are welcome to attend as are their humans. I have been the celebrant for a number of these blessings and am proud to report that I have experience with dogs and cats, horses, guinea pigs and ferrets, snakes and lizards, and the occasional bird. Come one and all, but please take the necessary precautions for the safety of your pet and the others that will gather. A good time should be had by all.

Other than that, enjoy the return of sweater weather, and we will see you at Church.

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. Contact Deacon Linda with any questions.

Healing Service

There is a Healing Service every Wednesday at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary. 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. 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. Please bring your own lunch.

Outreach Committee

There will be an Outreach Committee Meeting on Sunday, October 1, at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Contact Lynn F. with any questions.

Blessing of the Animals

There will be a Blessing of the Animals service on Saturday, October 7, at 11:00 a.m. Bring your pets and join us! (Please be sure to keep your pet in a carrier or on a leash at all times.) Contact Ken+ or Chris with any questions.

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 9:30 a.m.** followed by an extended coffee hour. Please sign up to bring a dish on the sign-up sheet on the wall in the Parish Hall.

Fall Bonfire

We will have our annual Fall Bonfire behind the church in the picnic area on Saturday, October 21, at 5:30 p.m. Hot dogs, soda, water, hot chocolate, and s'mores will be provided. Bring a chair for sitting around the fire. Contact Barb with any questions.

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. 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 Lynn French.

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



October Birthdays

Leah – 10/14

Grace – 10/21

Lily – 10/22

Jackie – 10/23

Jason – 10/24



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.



October Anniversaries

Charles and Nancy – 10/23

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 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
Bob
Betty
David (son of Bob and Betty)
Jesse (Tim's son)
Somo and family
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
Rigoberto
Vy (Sheila's sister)
Bill
Rhett (Sam's great nephew)
Lou (Rick's mother)
Denise
Benjamin
Larry
Larry B.
Greg
Lydia
Heather (John and Jeannie)
Russell (Lynne C.)
Colomba (Michelle S's sister)

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 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):

Barbara	2024
Loretta	2024
Sylvia	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 Kinard, 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 November Newsletter are due by October 15.

OCTOBER 2023 SERVICE SCHEDULE

October 1, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

October 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Sam
Lessons: Tim
Prayers: Gladys

October 8, 2023, 9:30 a.m. (Bishop Visitation-one service)

Ushers: Jackie and Sam
Lessons: Chris
Prayers: Gladys

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

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Val
Prayers: Jackie

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

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Nancy
Prayers: Tim

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

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

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

Ushers: Gloria and Loretta
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Tim

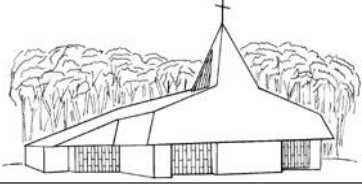
October 29, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie and Bill
Lessons: Sheila
Prayers: Jackie

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

Ushers: Sam S
Lessons: Jason
Prayers: Nancy

** 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!



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 12:30pm-AI-Anon Meeting	3 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7:30pm-AA Meeting	4 10:00am Grief Support Group 12:00 noon Healing Service	5 10am-12noon Office Staffed	6	7 11:00 am – Blessing of the Animals
8 Bishop Visitation 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 7pm-AA Meeting	9 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day 12:30pm-AI-Anon Meeting	10 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7pm-Vestry Meeting 7:30pm-AA Meeting	11 12:00 noon Healing Service	12 10am-12noon Office Staffed	13	14 1:00 pm – Craft Group (bring a craft to work on)
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22 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 7pm-AA Meeting	23 12:30pm-AI-Anon Meeting	24 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7:30pm-AA Meeting	25 12:00 noon Healing Service	26 10am-12noon Office Staffed	27	28 12:00 noon – Monthly Fellowship Lunch (“brown bag”) 1:00 pm – Craft Group (bring a craft to work on)
29 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook) 7pm-AA Meeting	30 12:30pm-AI-Anon Meeting	31 Halloween 10am-12noon Office Staffed 7:30pm-AA Meeting				