



# The Vine...

*Connecting the Body of Christ one to another*

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## **FROM THE RECTOR**

Dear Friends,

I think our congregational conversations between the services each week are going well. We are exploring, little by little, our memories, feelings, hopes, and dreams for Holy Trinity. These weekly conversations allow us to explore these topics together, as a community, and thus to strengthen the bonds within Holy Trinity.

If you are not able to be present for these conversations, you can still participate: you can email or text me your thoughts on each week's topic, and I'll add your input to an expanded narrative of the discussion.

In addition to these important conversations on Sundays, I would like to offer a Soup and Study on three Thursdays in Advent (Dec. 5, 12, and 19). This would give us an opportunity to focus on our spiritual lives as we approach Christmas. Each session would consist of eating together (a simple meal of soup and bread), followed by 30-45 minutes of study and discussion. You can help me plan for that by answering two questions:

1. Would you attend and participate on those dates if the Soup and Study were offered
  - a. at noon, or
  - b. at 5:30 p.m.
2. Which of the following topics of study would you prefer:
  - a. overview of the Bible
  - b. exploring the Sacraments
  - c. exploring the seasons of the church year

If you are interested in the Advent Soup and Study, please call the office and answer those two questions. You can leave your answers on the voicemail, or call when Leah is in and tell her your preferences.

Advent is a good time to focus our spiritual lives, so I hope you will be able to participate in the Soup and Study. And in the meantime, see you in church!

Faithfully,

*Mother Annette*



### **FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Prayer is one of the most important parts of our relationship with God. It is a way to express our innermost thoughts and desires. It is a time we intentionally set aside to spend with God; to go to our own private place and speak in our own words.

Martin Luther said of prayer:

Guard yourself carefully against those false, deluding ideas which tell you, "Wait a little while. I will pray in an hour; first I must attend to this or that." Such thoughts get you away from prayer into other affairs which so

hold your attention and involve you that nothing comes of prayer for that day. . . .

We must be careful not to break the habit of true prayer and imagine other works to be necessary which, after all, are nothing of the kind.

We all sometimes get lost in the busy lives we lead, which means we need to get our priorities in check; setting aside time for prayer should be top on our list.

Each of us has the ability to spare 15 minutes each day to be in relationship with

God. And as you begin to do this, you will find God talking back to you, maybe in a thought during the day, maybe in the words you say to a friend or the actions you take when helping a stranger. As you become more comfortable in your prayer routine, you will find you actually crave that time—that time alone with God, because when you finish, you will feel a wonderful sense of peace and contentment. We are quickly approaching Advent, the busiest of times, start setting aside your time with God now, so that you may find yourselves grounded during Advent and truly experience the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

I've attached a couple websites that might help you begin:

--[How to Pray: 5 Steps for Beginners](https://thejenweaver.com/how-to-pray-beginners/)  
<https://thejenweaver.com/how-to-pray-beginners/>

--[Teaching Children to pray by Heidi Franz](https://whatsinthebible.com/helpings-kids-learn-prayer/)  
<https://whatsinthebible.com/helpings-kids-learn-prayer/>

Yours in Christ,

Cindy+

# Church News

## Fall Festival Update!

A great time was had by all of those who participated in the Fall Festival. We had total earnings of \$1,175.25! Thank you again to all who volunteered to make this event such a success!

## Thanksgiving Eve Service

We will celebrate the Eucharist at a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27, at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us as we give thanks for the blessings and bounty of this life.

## Sandalwood Backpacks

We will be filling 21 backpacks of food for Sandalwood Elementary School students on a weekly basis throughout the school year. We need individual serving size boxes of milk, chocolate milk, juice boxes, oatmeal, cereal, tuna, instant soups, cookies, granola bars, macaroni and cheese, popcorn, pretzels, chips, etc. to fill those bags. These foods help to provide for students who do not get a free lunch over the weekend. We have received only positive feedback from the school about the impact this food makes on the students. Please consider bringing in some items. If you have any questions about this Outreach Ministry, please contact Denise Thatcher.

## Eagle Scout Project

Thanks to your generosity, Asa Seay has collected \$945.95 from our Holy Trinity parishioners toward his Eagle Scout Project (refurbishing the Prayer Path). Thank you very much! He has also raised some additional funds through the Boy Scouts. Asa still needs an additional \$300 toward the cost of the project. If you would still like to donate toward this project, please use the "I Want to Help!" envelopes found on the table in the Narthex. If you donate cash, write your name on the envelope so you can get credit for the donation. If you write a check, make it payable to "Holy Trinity Episcopal Church" and write "Asa's Eagle Scout Project" on the memo line. Then put the envelopes in the Offertory Plate. Asa and his team of volunteers will be doing the work to refurbish the Prayer Path on Saturday, November 9. If you have any questions, please talk with Asa during the 10:00 Coffee Hour. Thank you.



## November Birthdays

Matthew Florentine – 11/10

Jackie Ross – 11/14

Gary Preston – 11/15

Wally Hossbach – 11/16

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Chris Ngahyoma – 11/21  
Taylor Gerber – 11/22  
Edgar Gutierrez – 11/23  
Michael Florentine – 11/25  
Connor Gatchell – 11/25  
Joe Znovena – 11/26



### November Anniversaries

Dave and Flo Florentine – 11/2  
Sam and Leah Seay – 11/19

**See Leah with any additions or deletions.**



*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  
Melody Magin (Mary Bogert's Daughter)  
Charlotte Nicholson (Janice's Sister)  
Bill & Angie Martin (Janice's son & daughter-in-law)  
Jim Wilson (friend of Wes and Denise)  
Alice Martin  
Carole Giordano (Maggie's grandmother)  
James Florentine (Dave's brother)  
Elizabeth Shifflett (Ron's aunt)  
Jack Acly  
Ellen Wallace  
Danny Mitchell  
Connie Waldron Careel  
Marie-Elena Riggio (Frank's cousin)  
Connie Bitetto (Frank's cousin)  
Wayne Preston (Gary's brother)  
Bill & Di Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)  
Chris Anderson, Sr. (Joan's son)  
Joan Anderson  
Joseph Reichert  
Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)  
Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)  
Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)  
Ruth Anthony  
Cynthia Brown  
Joanne Piper  
Tina Barberia (Teresa's family friend)  
Denise Gregory (Alice Martin's daughter)  
Jennifer Burlock (Sue's daughter)  
James Baker (Millie's brother)  
Margaret Oduor  
Heather Hildebrand (friend of John and Jeannie)  
Tina Goins (niece of John and Jeannie)  
Kathleen Monroe (friend of John and Jeannie)  
Dewald Family  
Jason Reynolds  
Janice Reynolds  
Donald Krenzer  
Valerie Mehl  
Dottie Robinson  
Rachel Nealis  
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Jack Taylor (Leah's cousin)  
 Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)  
 Gossman family (Anne's friends)  
 Kaitlyn Alves  
 Kayla Sheridan  
 Kenneth Harle  
 John Morris  
 Jeannie Morris  
 Linda Duty  
 Tony Geiger  
 Todd Metz (Bob's son)  
 Brenda, Dwayne, Stanley  
 Brian Osborne  
 Larry Kinard  
 Bill Hightower  
 Linda Quinn (Mary Anne's sister-in-law)  
 Jane V. Quinn (Mary Anne's mother)  
 Kely Puig  
 George Burlock  
 Chris Ratajczak (Darlene's son)  
 Phyllis Thomas (Denise's aunt)  
 Nick Heuchan and family  
 Frank Riggio-Preston

**Please advise Leah of any additions or deletions.**



## Coffee Hour

Please sign up on the chart on the wall in the hall to host a Sunday coffee hour. If you want to know what this entails, please see Millie Reichert.

## Parish Hall Rental

The parish hall is rented on a strictly first come, first serve basis. If you would like to rent the hall, you must speak with Leah Seay, Parish Secretary. All events are to end at or before 11:00 pm, and the hall is to be cleaned and ready for use the next morning.



## Flower Memorials/ Thanksgivings

If you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings, please complete a form with your instructions, along with a check for \$30.00, and return them to Teresa Schutte-Regester.

The 2019 forms are on the table in the narthex. Memorials are on a per Sunday basis, not per name. More than one person may donate on any given Sunday.

## Christmas Flowers

Order forms for Christmas poinsettias will be available in the weekly bulletins through the month of November. Please turn in your order forms and payment no later than December 1.





### **A Little Church Humor!**

Dear God,  
Will Judgment Day come before or after my  
math test on Friday?

*Joseph, age 8*

"I'm glad Moses wasn't a weightlifter," said  
little Laurel, "or he might have carried a lot  
more stone tablets with commandments."

Dear Pastor,  
I don't understand why all religions can't  
get along. The priests, rabbis, and ministers  
in Daddy's jokes always seem to have a lot  
of fun together.

*Colby, age 9*

After the service, a young man overheard  
the priest say the morning's collection didn't  
bring in as much as the parish needed. The  
young man nudged the priest: "Have you  
tried serving more wine?"

Our senior pastor was a reservist in the U.S.  
Marines, and he was called up last year to  
serve as a chaplain in Iraq. He left our  
church in the hands of his eldest son, who  
was the youth pastor and a very capable  
young man. Nevertheless, it gave our pastor  
some concern when he received this note  
from a member of the congregation:

*Dear Pastor,*

*We are praying for you and your unit. The  
church misses you. Your son is carrying on  
with the choir. It is really something.*

A church congregation sat enthralled while a  
young, very pregnant woman rose in the  
choir and sang, "O Lord, make haste and  
deliver me."

*-Rev. James A. Simpson*

After a worship service, a preacher  
announced: "The class on prophecy has  
been canceled due to unforeseen  
circumstances."

*-George Goldtrap, Madison, TN*

On an African safari, a missionary asked the  
guide if it were true that a jungle animal will  
not attack you if you are carrying a torch.  
"Well," the guide responded thoughtfully,  
"it depends on how fast you are carrying the  
torch."

### **Housekeeping Notes**

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service  
for the church, please remember to clean up  
any trash or spills during or after Coffee  
Hour. The mop handles are labeled for use  
specifically in Kitchen, Hall or Bathroom to  
avoid cross contamination. If you need to  
use a mop for a bigger spill, please use the  
correct one. If you have questions, please  
ask John Morris, Wes Thatcher, or Asa  
Seay. Thank you.



## Important Reminder!

Please remember to “fall behind” and set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 2!



## Final Word From The Editor

Items for the December Newsletter are due by November 17.



## 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](mailto:anneews@verizon.net) or see her on Sunday's after the 10:00 service.

## Mailing List Updates:

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 or see Leah Seay or Jeannie Morris after the 10:00 service on Sunday.

# Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Project



This fall, the Outreach Committee will be collecting and delivering food & household items to families of students at Sandalwood Elementary. We will also have food for families and friends of Holy Trinity who are in need.

**Please visit the 'turkey' in the Schutte-Regester Hall and pick a 'feather' for the item(s) you'd like to contribute.** This is very similar to what we do at Christmas for the SPCA Angel Tree! Donations can begin October 6, and boxes will be delivered on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

If you are aware of a family who is in need, please give Arielle Juberg the name, phone number, and address of the family so that delivery can be arranged.

There will be sign-up sheets for packing the food boxes and delivering the boxes. Please ask Arielle if you have any questions. Thank you!

## SHOPPING LIST

- Cereal
- Instant oatmeal
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Soups
- Pasta
- Cranberry jelly
- Canned vegetables
- Stuffing
- Tuna
- Instant potatoes
- Bisquick & baking mixes
- Dish soap
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, soap
- Paper towels
- Saran wrap, aluminum foil, kitchen sponges



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# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 2019

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<b>8:00 A.M.</b>				
Chalicerist	D&A Sample	K&R Ross	Chris A. Sylvia	Sylvia J Huber
Lay Reader	AnnMarie	R.Ross	R Ross	Theresa
Intercessor	J.Huber	AnnMarie	Theresa	J Huber

## 10:00 A.M.

Verger				
Thurifer				
Server	Kane	Daniel	Aiden	Wesley
Crucifer	Kaitlyn	Kaitlyn	Kaitlyn	Tyler
Torch				
Torch				
Gospeler	Kane	Daniel	Aiden	Wesley
Chalicerist	Teresa	Chris K.	Jean B.	Chris K.
Chalicerist	Janice	John M.	Teresa	Jean B.
Intercessor	Mary Anne	Richard G.	Richard G.	Denise
Reader (OT)	Jason	Denise	Susan	Michele
Reader (NT)	Teresa	John M.	Mary Anne	Maggie
Usher	Joe	Jean B.	Barbara	Leah
Usher	Millie	Mary D.	Gloria	Asa
Teller	Jean B.	Don A.	Anne K.	Chris K.
Teller	Millie	Scott	Michele	Ellen R.

***IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE ON ANY OF THESE DATES, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND AN AUTHORIZED REPLACEMENT***



# November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	<b>28</b> 12:00 PM Al-anon	<b>29</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>30</b> 6:30 PM Al-anon	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 2:00-6:00 PM Hall Rental
<b>3</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	<b>4</b> 12:00 PM Al-anon	<b>5</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>6</b> 6:30 PM Al-anon	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Asa's Eagle Scout Project-Prayer Path
<b>10</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 12:00-3:00 PM Asa's Eagle Scout Project-Prayer Path (if needed) 7:00 PM AA	<b>11</b> 12:00 PM Al-anon	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>13</b> 6:30 PM Al-anon	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	<b>18</b> 12:00 PM Al-anon	<b>19</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>20</b> 6:30 PM Al-anon	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 6:00-8:00 PM Outreach: Thanksgiving Baskets-packing	<b>23</b> 9:00 AM-2 PM Outreach: Thanksgiving Baskets-distribution 3:00-6:00 PM Potluck Dinner
<b>24</b> 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM Al-anon	<b>26</b> 7:30 PM AA	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Al-anon 7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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