



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I'm back from a wonderful 10-day pilgrimage to Northern New Mexico, with folks from the diocese and from an ecumenical ministry in Towson called Well for the Journey. We visited Native American holy places as well as an Episcopal church on the Navajo reservation and two Spanish missions (Roman Catholic).

I was asked to write a prayer for our final evening in NM, and you'll find it elsewhere in this newsletter. Also I hope to include a photo of Shiprock, which is an amazing rock formation rising out of the landscape. That was one of my favorite places, because we were surrounded by vastness – and *silence*.

So now I'm back, and we are ready to move forward with our work in this transitional period. Beginning at 9:15 on October 6, I hope to have a 20 to 30 minute

congregational conversation every Sunday between the two services – there will still be time for you to socialize as you always do, but we will also take some intentional time for our discussion. Each week, we will discuss one small topic, and as time goes on, those discussions will weave into a complex picture of who we are at Holy Trinity, and where God is leading us.

Hoping to see you at the Fall Festival – and in church!

Faithfully,

Mother Annette

Our Desert Litany

Holy Creator,
Thank you.

Thank you for earth and sky, water and silence;
for yellow chamisa and purple asters,
for ponderosa and piñons,
for junipers and oaks and cottonwoods.

Thank you for mesas and canyons and buttes.
Thank you for hawks and ravens,
for stars and moon,
for sand and sun.

Thank you for shared worship, shared stories,
shared laughter and tears.
Thank you for our pilgrim band, who are now
beloved,
and especially for our wise and tireless
leaders.

Thank you for the welcome we have felt, the
people we have encountered here,
and thank you for those to whom we are
about to return.
Send us home in peace, in harmony, and in
beauty,
renewed by your Spirit.

Amen.



Shiprock

(Shiprock is the name the Anglos gave it. The Navajo name translates as "Rock with Wings.")



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH



Dear Friends in Christ,

A recent sermon of mine stirred some interest in the realm of Angels. According to some 66 verses in the Bible, Angels are described as multiple entities with varying division. There are 3 main divisions of Angels, with 3 subsets within each of these main divisions.

The first sphere- these are direct servants of God. This group includes the Seraphim, the Cherubim and the Thrones. **The Seraphim** are the highest rank of Angel in Christianity. (5th highest in Judaism). They are described in Isaiah, "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him: each had six wings, two covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said : "Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" This is the only place the Seraphim is mentioned and they were continually praising and worshipping God.

The Cherubim or Cherubs originally were created to guard the Garden of Eden. They are said to have four faces, a human, a lion, an ox, and an eagle and they have four wings covered with eyes. Somehow the Cherubs became depicted as chubby baby angels, but this is not they are described in the bible. **The thrones** are so named because they carry the Throne of God. According to the NT these high celestial beings are among those Orders at Christ's service. They are said to be great wheels covered in eyes. They chant Gloria's to God and remain forever in His presence.

The second sphere consists of the angels who rule over the Earth. These are the Dominions, the Virtues and the Powers or Authorities.

The Dominions look like attractive humans with feathered wings and their job is to preside over the lesser angels. (They express God's unconditional love. Since God is both completely loving and perfectly Holy, Dominions try their best to balance love and truth.) **The Virtues** are the angels to pray to if you need help as they are the ones who can intervene in the world. They can leave signs for the faithful to follow and perform miracles. **The Powers or Authorities** are warrior angels who can fight demons. They are considered the most loyal of all the angels and manage everything in the universe. They are often portrayed in paintings as soldiers in uniform with weapons ready to fight evil.

The third and final sphere, are also great angels to pray to, as their primary job is helping humans. They are guides, messengers, and protectors. This sphere consists of **the Principalities or Rulers,**

The Archangels and **the Angels.** The Principalities are assigned to protect groups of people, like a country, or a church. They rule over other angels and send them on missions in order to accomplish their protection. The Archangel means "Chief Angel". There is some controversy over how many there are, some say there is only one Michael the Archangel, some say Gabriel was an archangel, Judaism says there are actually seven archangels. Then there are **the plain old angels,** these are the foot soldiers of the angel hierarchy. They send out messages or carry out the tasks assigned to them by other angels. Personal guardian angels are these kind of angels. There is belief in both the East and the West, that guardian angels serve to protect whichever person God assigns them to and to present prayer, to God, on that person's behalf. According to my research, Angels do not anger or judge. Instead, the Angels of the Bible show us what perfect obedience to God looks like. Many people have said that through prayer and meditation they have come to form a relationship with their guardian Angels, even know their names, I have not had that experience, but I sure hope to some day!!!

Yours in Christ,

Cindy+

Church News

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.



FALL BONFIRE!

We will be having our Annual Fall Bonfire on Saturday, October 19, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Hot dogs with rolls and soft drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert item to share (but it's not necessary). Remember to bring a chair to sit around the bonfire! If you have any questions, contact Wayne or Barbara Benson.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Asa Seay is still collecting funds to go toward his Eagle Scout Project. His project is to refurbish the Prayer Path at Holy Trinity. This will include replacing the mulch and wooden borders. He will also be replacing the angel statue; the current angel has a broken wing due to a tree branch falling on it. If you would 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. If you have any questions, please talk with Asa during the 10:00 Coffee Hour. Thank you.



Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, Holy Trinity will host its first Fall Festival! It will take place on the church grounds from 10am-5pm. Fun for the whole family. Food, beverages, games, vendors and crafters. We will be pairing the festival with a celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. A Blessing of the Animals will be included. Leashed pets are welcome-owner clean-up is a must. There will be raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing as well. **All volunteers, crafters and vendors should arrive by 8:00 a.m.** Thank you to all have helped in any way! For further details email: Pamgatchell85@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Kim Hagner – 10/5
Evelyn Preisinger – 10/7
Leah Seay – 10/14
Grace Waddell – 10/21
Mitch Kile – 10/21
Lily Hernandez – 10/22
Jackie Huber – 10/23
Jason Kamrath – 10/24
Deborah Pirog – 10/24



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dave and AnnMarie Sample – 10/9
Nancy and Charles McDougall – 10/23

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)
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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
 Kathy Fields
 Jason Reynolds
 Janice Reynolds
 Donald Krenzer
 Valerie Mehl
 Dottie Robinson
 Rachel Nealis
 Jack Taylor (Leah's cousin)
 Madi Novak (Anne's great niece)
 Gossman family (Anne's friends)
 Kaitlyn Alves
 Kayla Sheridan
 Kenneth Harle
 John Morris
 Linda Duty
 Tony Geiger
 Todd Metz (Bob's son)
 Brenda, Dwayne, Stanley
 Brian Osborne
 Cheryl Deese
 Larry Kinard
 Bill Hightower

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.



A LITTLE CHURCH HUMOR!

Two quick ways to disaster: 1) Take nobody's advice. 2) Take everybody's advice.

--Ralph Cansler, Cohutta, Georgia

Live so that you wouldn't be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.

--Will Rogers

"Did you hear the one about the little old lady from church? She doesn't repeat gossip – so you'd better listen the first time!"

Dogs have so many friends because they wag their tails, not their tongues.

--Anonymous

The Browns invited their pastor for dinner. As he took his seat, he asked the family if he might say a prayer before the meal was served. Before his parents could answer, little Johnny piped up, "No need to pray, Pastor Thomas – Mom's a great cook!"

"Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the serpent, and the serpent didn't have a leg to stand on."

--Author Unknown

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. "Yes, sir," the boy replied. "And, do you always say them in the morning too?" the pastor asked. "No, sir," the boy replied. "I'm not scared in the daytime."

Below are some funny flubs from essays and exams written by Sunday School students:

"The brother of Jacob was called Seesaw."

"Samson pulled down the pillows of the temple."

"The Israelites made a golden calf because they didn't have enough gold to make a cow."

"Joshua led the Hebrews in their victory in the battle of Geritol."

"Solomon had 200 wives and 700 cucumbers."

"The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 opossums."

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.



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 or see her on Sunday's after the 10:00 service.

MAILING LIST UPDATES:

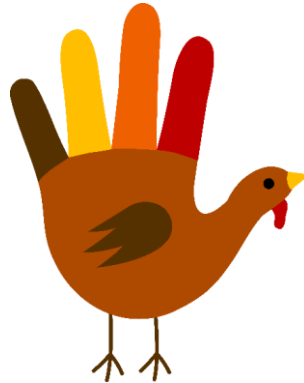
For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 or see Leah Seay or Jeannie Morris after the 10:00 service on Sunday.



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the November Newsletter are due by October 20.

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 23rd**.

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

OCTOBER 2019

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8:00 A.M.				
Chalicer	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	Lily H.	Wesley
Crucifer	Kaitlyn	Asa	Asa	Kaitlyn
Torch				
Torch				
Gospeler	Kane	Daniel	Lily H.	Wesley
Chalicer	Teresa	Chris K.	Janice	Chris K.
Chalicer	Tyler	John M.	Teresa	Jean B.
Intercessor	Mary Anne	Richard G.	Richard G.	Denise
Reader (OT)	Jason	Denise	Susan	Mary L.
Reader (NT)	Michele	Mary Anne	Maggie	Gary L.
Usher	Joe	Jean B.	Chris K.	Wayne
Usher	Millie	Mary D.	Gloria	Barbara
Teller	Jean B.	Don A.	Anne K.	Chris K.
Teller	Millie	Scott	Jackie	Ellen R.

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



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	30 12:00 PM Al-anon	1 7:30 PM AA	2 6:30 PM Al-anon	3	4	5 10:00 AM-5:00 PM Fall Festival with Blessing of the Animals
6 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA	7 12:00 PM Al-anon	8 7:30 PM AA	9 6:30 PM Al-anon	10 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting	11	12
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