



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

What a year it has been! We have lost dear friends in the congregation and beyond. We have carried a heavy load of worry about the coronavirus and about the fractious politics surrounding the election and about the resurgence of racism in our nation. We have adjusted to wearing masks, and to social distancing, and to worshipping online instead of in our familiar church.

As we approach the new year, maybe you're saying you just want everything to go back to "the way it used to be." Maybe you just want to turn back the clock to some remembered better time. But alas, life doesn't work that way. We can *look* back, but we can't *go* back.

And I think we shouldn't really want to go back. God assures us, "I am doing a new thing," and even if it's hard to throw ourselves wholeheartedly into new things right now, we can at least approach them in a spirit of adventure. Let's find out what new things God is doing. Let's find out how we can be part of the new things God is bringing into being.

The shepherds came to see a new thing, a baby heralded by angels. The magi came to see a new thing, a baby heralded by a star. What new things will we see, if only we keep our eyes open and our hearts open?

God bless you all in the new year!

Faithfully,

Mother Annette





FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Greetings All,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a blessed Christmas, and I pray the year ahead abounds with blessings for us all!

Yours in Christ,

Cindy+

Church News

STAYING CONNECTED, STAYING CHURCH

(from Mother Annette)

COVID restrictions continue. This is not comfortable, but it is a reality we have to live with.

What can you do in the midst of this uncertainty?

1. Read the email updates that keep you in touch with what's happening at Holy Trinity.
2. Worship regularly, whether in person or on line.

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 Mtr. Annette or Dcn. Cindy. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity and for the Vestry. Please especially lift the Vestry in prayer as they engage in discernment around calling a new Rector for Holy Trinity.

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.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Backpack Ministry:

Holy Trinity was again able to provide assistance to 10 families from Sandalwood Elementary during this Christmas season. With Outreach funds, we were able to

purchase 10 Walmart gift cards for those families.

Baltimore County Public Schools continue in virtual learning mode through at least January 2021. We continue to supply food bags for our Sandalwood students.

If you would like to help, please do not bring food to Holy Trinity! We can accept donations (cash or check) to purchase items. Due to COVID restrictions, we are not using the parish hall.

Ongoing Programs:

We hope that you have been collecting aluminum pull tabs at home for the **Ronald McDonald House**. Please keep them at home until we are able to collect them again.

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) is still operating. Please see details below under the “Local Food Pantries” section.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO)

Contact: 410-391-6181 OR 211

Donations: Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:
Eastern Interfaith Outreach
P.O. Box 7878
Essex, MD 21221

Special Monthly Food Distribution:

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Time: 10:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m. (or until the food supplies run out!)

Location: 99 Stemmers Run Road (parking lot)

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



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jean Bowen – 1/1
Gloria Nealis – 1/2
Chris Kinard – 1/9
Cheryl Deese – 1/9
Amiyah Jackson – 1/10
Gary Lessner – 1/11
Teresa Schutte-Regester – 1/12
Joshelyn Dawson – 1/12
Jenny Rorke – 1/13
Michele Alves – 1/14
Mary Acly – 1/15
Jaylen Winston – 1/18
Asa Seay -1/21
Jacob Miller – 1/21
Janice Barber – 1/26
Nicholas Miller – 1/26
Michelle Hagner – 1/30



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

John and Jeannie Morris – 1/16

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.

Mary Bogert
Alice Martin
Ellen Wallace
Joan Anderson
Ruth Anthony
Joanne Piper
Margaret Oduor
Gladys Agandi
Valerie Mehl
John Morris
Jeannie Morris
Judy Harle
Bob Metz
Ratajczak family
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
Bella Wilhide (Lynne Clementoni)
Deb Pirog
Julianne Salamone (Teresa's granddaughter)
Somo Bishop
Jackie Spence
Maranda Powell
Patty and Rich Rubin (Mary Anne's family)
Crosby family (Lynne Clementoni)
Melissa Tubman (Lynne Clementoni's niece)
Tim Morris (John's brother)
Patti Ballwanz

Wally Hossbach
Dina Munford
Sandy and John O'Donnell (Mary Anne's
cousins)
Derek Schavelin (Alice's nephew)
James Rice (Arlene's grandson)
Ginny Floyd
Sharon Goslin
Milan and Linda Sanders (Sam's family)

***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 Nielsen, Cindy Christopher+, Pam
Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-
Hobbs+, Don Alves, Mary Acly, Tamara
Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert, Lisa
Balderson.



REGULAR REMINDERS



COFFEE HOUR

There will be no coffee hour so long as we are in Phase Orange. When we are ready to enter Phase Yellow, there will be specific instructions about coffee hour.

PARISH HALL RENTAL

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



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

The 2021 forms are available from Leah in the church office. There is also a copy of the two-page form at the end of this newsletter. 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 follow the COVID instructions for sanitizing the pews and the restrooms.

MAILING LIST UPDATES

For changes to your home address or phone number, call the parish office at 410-687-5531 on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon.



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.

VESTRY OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Senior Warden - Christine Kinard
Junior Warden - Wes Thatcher III
Treasurer – Ellen Reilley
Registrar - Theresa Ridgeway
Financial Secretary - Jean Bowen

Vestry Members:

Arielle Juberg	John Morris
Christopher Acly	Laura Nielsen
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	Loretta Gischel
Wes Thatcher III	



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the February Newsletter are due by January 15.

Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are using a new computer program to assist us with keeping track of who signs up for each church service. This is necessary because we can only have limited occupancy in the church at any one time.

Please note: We will continue to have weekly sign-up instead of monthly. **Please remember to sign up for each Sunday's service the week prior, preferably before Thursday.** If you do not have Internet access, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

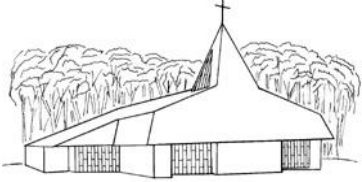
To sign up by computer:

1. Type the following address into your Internet browser:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>
2. Under "Search for a sign up" type the following email address:
HTOfficeSecretary@gmail.com
3. Click the "Search" button
4. Click on the "HT Church Services _____ 2021" item (choose the appropriate date)
5. Choose either the 8:00 or 10:00 service by clicking on the appropriate blue "Sign Up" button.
6. Click the blue "Submit and Sign Up" button at the bottom of the page.
7. Type your name(s) in the "Comment" line and the number of people in your immediate family who will be coming, including yourself.
8. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want.

Please note: The software will not let you sign up if all of the spaces have been taken at that time. If this happens, call the church office on Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon to notify Leah. We want to know if there are any parishioners who have not been able to sign up so we know if we need to consider adding a third service.

If you cannot sign up via the Internet:

Call Leah during church office hours only! The church office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. The church telephone number is 410-687-5531. You must speak to Leah directly. Messages left on the answering machine will not get you signed up for the service. Please do not call Leah at home; she cannot sign you up from her house.



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2
3 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	4	5 10am-12pm Office Staffed	6	7 10am-12pm Office Staffed	8	9
10 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	11	12 10am-12pm Office Staffed 7 pm – Vestry Meeting (Zoom meeting)	13	14 10am-12pm Office Staffed	15	16
17 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	18	19 10am-12pm Office Staffed	20	21 10am-12pm Office Staffed	22	23
24/31 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	25	26 10am-12pm Office Staffed	27	28 10am-12pm Office Staffed	29	30