



The Vine...

Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

Where and how do you experience hope?

Right now things may seem a bit grim, what with COVID and forest fires, civic unrest and toxic politics. We need to think not only about where we find hope but about how we can cultivate hope.

Some people find hope in family, in children and grandchildren. Some find hope in memories . . . in music . . . in art . . . in history. Some find hope in nature: the glory of a sunset, the majesty of a mountain scene, the tranquility of a quiet lake.

Scripture tells us that God is both the source of our hope and the object of our hope:

- "O Israel, hope in the Lord" (Psalm 130)
- "We have our hope set on the living God" (1 Timothy)
- "And now faith, hope, and love abide" (1 Corinthians)
- "Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts" (Romans)

So this month, as we face all the unknowns of the pandemic and natural disasters and human turmoil, I commend to all of you the beautiful blessing from Romans 15: "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*"

God bless you all!

Faithfully,

Mother Annette



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH

Dear Friends,

Forgiveness is something we hear about so often in the Bible. It's a central tenet of our Faith as we say the Lord's Prayer every Sunday, and hopefully in your private lives as well; and we pray to God to "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." But forgiveness is a very difficult concept. In a recent reading of Matthew, Jesus is asked, should I forgive someone 7 times and Jesus replies "no,

forgive them 77 times”-which means an infinite amount of times! Mark says, “When you stand praying forgive if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father in Heaven will forgive you.” But are there some sins that are just plain unforgiveable? How does someone forgive murder or rape or abuse? And if we cannot forgive, does that create even more guilt for us, because we believe that we are not forgiven by God? I don’t know if there are unforgiveable sins; that’s something I leave to God. I do believe forgiveness is a gift for the person who has been wronged; it’s a way of freeing our hearts from vengeance and bitterness and allowing our hearts to love again. It’s the old saying, forgive others not because they deserve forgiveness but because you deserve peace. It by no means takes away the accountability of the one who sinned against you; that is their cross to bear, so to speak. You don’t have to accept their apologies or excuses; but offer up your hearts to God. Numbers 14:18 “The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but He will by no means clear the guilty.” Those sins we may consider unforgiveable may take years to work through...they may require professional intervention...they are not something that will change in a day. God understands this. He knows us intimately and loves us just as we are. He will help us to understand forgiveness as a means of letting go of that which is eating away at the love in our hearts, so that we may be free to do His will. God’s grace is available to all, we need only ask; to seek Him out in prayer and ask for the power to forgive. Again, it may not happen in a day...it may take months or years...but persistent prayer will help you to find the power and freedom of forgiveness.

Yours In Christ,
Cindy+

Church News

STAYING CHURCH

(from Mother Annette)

Zoom Compline will not take place in October. We had thought that would be a good way to promote fellowship but attendance is so low that we will cancel Chat and Compline and think about other ways to maintain contact with each other.

I have a feeling the up-and-down pattern of worship will continue for several months. This is not comfortable for any of us, 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 online.
3. Keep up your pledge. If you come to in-person worship, drop your pledge envelopes or other offerings in the basket as you come into the church. If you worship online, send your offerings by mail. Our mailbox is locked, so your 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.

If you have been sending in your pledge regularly, *thank you!*

If you're 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS- **REMOTELY**

Because of COVID restrictions, we will do the Blessing of the Animals differently this year.

October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, falls on a Sunday this year. However, we can't physically manage to have animals and their humans on campus for a blessing, so just as we have learned to have remote and virtual church services, so this year we will have remote and virtual blessing of the animals.

Here's how we'll do it:

~ If you are physically present at one of the services in the church, hold up a photograph of your animal(s) as I say the blessing prayer.

~ If you are worshiping from home, you can use either a photograph or actually have your animal(s) with you in front of the screen as I give the blessing.

~ And if you're not able to worship at the usual time, go on our Facebook page or web page any time, with photograph(s) or animal(s) nearby. In this brave new Internet world, the blessing is not time-limited!

Thanks for your cooperation,
Mother Annette

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Fall is usually a very busy season for Outreach. The following information was included in the September newsletter. However, we are including it again this month since the ministries are either ongoing or coming up. Due to Coronavirus concerns, we are only able to accept monetary donations (cash or check). If you have any questions, please contact Denise Thatcher. Thank you.

Backpack Ministry:

Baltimore County Public Schools will be in virtual learning mode through the end of January 2021. We will be dropping off our food bags at the Deep Creek Middle School distribution site. This is what we did from April through June when classes went virtual.

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.

International Seafarers Mission:

Again, due to COVID issues, we will not be using shoe boxes for the Christmas presents. The ISM has asked us to use one-gallon plastic Ziploc bags to hold the travel-size toiletry items, a warm hat or pair of socks, and a small modern edition Bible. Again, we will accept monetary donations to purchase needed items for the Christmas presents. Please do not bring items to Holy Trinity to donate!

Thanksgiving Baskets:

Once again, we are concerned about the problems associated with shopping and storing large numbers of items in the Parish Hall. We decided that this year we will purchase food gift cards to give to families

so they can purchase the food, paper products and cleaning supplies that they need. If you would like to help, we would appreciate cash donations to assist with buying these gift cards.

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) Update

EIO has continued to feed those in need during this COVID-19 situation! The EIO office is closed to inside business; however, the volunteers are still receiving monetary donations as well as food supplies from the Maryland Food Bank, which they then distribute to those in need outside of the building. They have fed over 400 families during this pandemic time! Even though Holy Trinity is open again for church services, we are not able to collect food donations. However, EIO is still in need of monetary donations. As able, please plan to donate to EIO monetarily. **Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:**
Eastern Interfaith Outreach
P.O. Box 7878
Essex, MD 21221

If you or someone you know is in need of food, EIO can be reached by either leaving a message on their answering machine (410-391-6181) OR by calling “211” and following the prompts for Baltimore County

food pantries and choosing the option for EIO.

Thank you.

St. Clare Catholic Church

The food pantry at St. Clare Catholic Church is still available at 714 Myrth Avenue in Essex. They are open on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon for people to drop off donations or to pick up food items if in need. Those receiving aid must bring ID showing that they are residents of either the 21220 or 21221 ZIP code. When arriving at St. Clare’s, enter the parking lot on the fire station side, go past the steps, to the back of the school. The doors are right around the corner on that end of the building. Drop off and pick up of food items will be done outside of those doors.



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
Rev. Annette Chappell – 10/31



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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
Leonard Ratajczak (Darlene's husband)
Richard Chin (friend of Lynn French)
Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
Bella Wilhide (Lynne Clementoni)
Deb Pirog
Julianne Salamone (Teresa's granddaughter)
Somo Bishop
Jackie Spence
Maranda
Patty and Rich Rubin (Mary Anne's family)
Julie Crosby (Lynne Clementoni's daughter)
Tim Morris (John's brother)

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.



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

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. 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.

The 2020 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.

Note: For those who have already paid for flowers on a given Sunday, we will reassign those memorials to an open date when we have in-person church services again.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES

Since we do not have a paid cleaning service for the church, all parishioners are responsible for cleaning. In the church itself, please follow the instructions for sanitizing the pew at the end of the service you attend. In the restrooms, please follow the posted instructions for sanitizing the toilet, sink, light switches, and door handles. If you need to use a mop for a spill, or if the restroom runs out of toilet paper or paper towels, please report the matter to an usher. Note that the parish hall is off limits on Sundays. If you're not sure about any of these instructions, just ask.

COVID CORNER

Temporarily, we have replaced the "Church Humor" section with "COVID Corner". This has been a stressful time for many of us. Please see related items below.

Eastern Interfaith Outreach (EIO) Food Pantry will be having a special drive-thru food distribution for those in need on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Please see the details below:

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2020

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

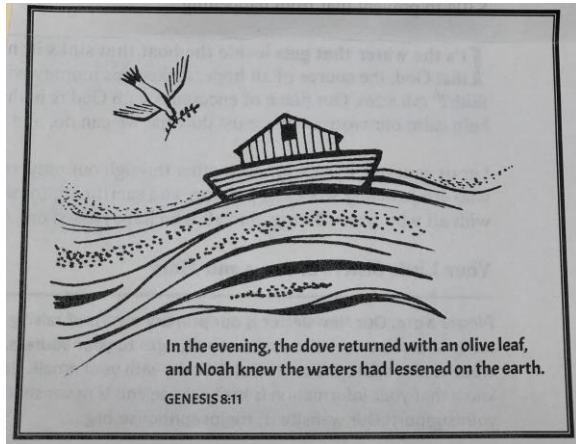
Location: 99 Stemmers Run Road (parking lot)

Details: *This location is near The Fields at Renaissance Park across from Al's Seafood (where there are usually police cars parked).

*Meat as well as dry goods will be available.

If you know of anyone who is in need of assistance, please share this information with them.

Thank you.



Like Noah, we have been floating on rough seas for many months, amid fear and chaos. Keeping the faith and following the Lord, may we one day see a dove with an olive leaf and know that the storm is over.

Pray for Peace.

Submitted by Teresa Schutte-Regester

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
Treasurer - Mary Acly
Registrar - Theresa Ridgeway
Financial Secretary - Jean Bowen

Vestry Members:

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



FINAL WORD FROM THE EDITOR

Items for the November Newsletter are due by October 15.

Thanksgiving Community Outreach Ministry

As you may have read, the Thanksgiving Basket project will happen differently this year. We cannot bring food items to the church or gather to sort and deliver the baskets. I'm disappointed that we can't be together as we were last year when these pictures were taken – it is always a wonderful experience!

Nevertheless, the need for food and household items is greater than ever this year. If you are able to assist, please send a monetary contribution (clearly marked with "Outreach"). The funds will go towards providing gift cards to local grocery stores. This year, it is the safest option, and it allows folks to pick the items they need the most.



Thank you for supporting the Thanksgiving Basket project all these years! I hope we will be able to gather again next year and add more photos to this collection.

-Arielle

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 _____ 2020" 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.

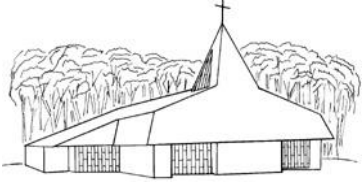
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 2020

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8:00 A.M.	4	11	18	25
Usher	J. Huber	J. Huber	J. Huber	M. Acly
Usher	B. Barton	B. Barton	B. Metz	C. Acly
Usher	X	X	X	X
Lay Reader	R. Ross	Anne M.	R. Ross	Anne M.
Intercessor	J. Huber	J. Huber	Deacon	J. Huber
10:00 A.M.	<i>10:00 service also Livestream on Facebook</i>			
Usher	Sam S.	John M.	Sam S.	John M.
Usher	Leah S.	Gloria G.	Leah S.	Gloria G.
Usher	X	Arielle J.	Asa S.	Arielle J.
Usher	X	X	X	X
Intercessor	John M.	Chris K.	John M.	Chris K.
Reader	Chris K.	Teresa S.	Teresa S.	Teresa S.
Acolyte	Asa S.	X	X	X

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



October 2020

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