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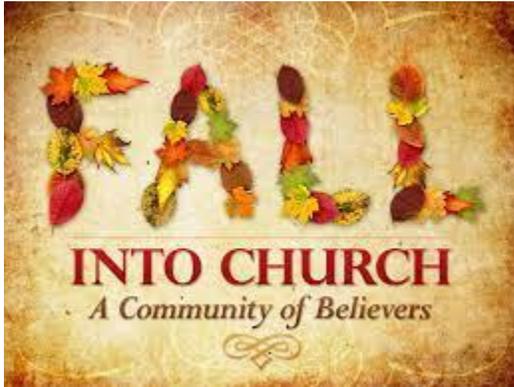
Connecting the Body of Christ one to another

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FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is one of my favorite seasons in Creation. Each season has its particular characteristics, yes – Spring with new leaves, beautiful flowers, and warming weather; Summer with lush green grass, bright sun, and hopefully not too hot; even Winter with its brisk air and sleek snow.

But for me, there is something special about Fall. That first chill in the air, fluttering autumn leaves, and time to reflect on the year's activities before we say “goodbye” to what is past and “hello” to a new year before us. It is also a particular time to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives.

Thanksgiving has always been a time in my family where we give thanks for the blessing of one another in our lives as well as the blessing of church family and friends. This year, I have the joy of giving thanks for this Christian community of Holy Trinity, Essex – for how you have welcomed me even in a pandemic, been willing to try gathering

together and worshipping together a little differently due to the pandemic, and how you have reminded me that striving to live into Jesus' teaching to love God, love our neighbors, and love ourselves is the most important work/ministry any person or Christian community can ever do. For these things, I am grateful for Holy Trinity's presence in my life.

This is also why we will have several persons share why and how they are thankful for Holy Trinity's presence in their lives. I am grateful that Chris Kinard reminded us on Sunday that we are her chosen family and have shown her the true depths of God's love in welcoming everyone into a relationship with God and us here at Holy Trinity, especially LGBTQ+ persons. Sometimes we never know the impact that we have on one another, and this is a way to share a bit of our thankfulness with one another. And, if you feel comfortable doing so, share your gratitude with us on our Facebook page using #HTEthankful.

One final reminder: set your clocks **back** one hour on Saturday, November 6th. This way, you can enjoy an extra hour of sleep and awake refreshed on Sunday, November 7th, for our commemoration of All Saints.

God be with us all, and take care.

Yours in Christ,

Mother Lisa

Church News

Order your Christmas Poinsettias!

It's time to place your order for Christmas poinsettias! The cost per plant is \$9.50 (including aluminum pot cover).

See the last page of this newsletter for an order form and directions for ordering. Orders must be received in the church office by November 28, 2021.

Staying Connected, Staying Church

(from Mother Lisa)

COVID restrictions continue. This is how we are continuing to love our neighbors and ourselves.

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 Mother Lisa. Keep each other in prayer.
5. Pray for Holy Trinity, for the Vestry, and for Mother Lisa.

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 for ministry at Holy Trinity.

COVID-19 Remembrance

Our Diocesan Christian Formation Council is coordinating a COVID-19 Remembrance Installation at our Cathedral of the Incarnation with prayer ribbons as symbols of all who have died from COVID-19 in Maryland (over 8,800 people). See Mother Lisa if you are interested in assisting with the memorial.

COVID Vaccine Information

The Maryland Department of Health has launched a phone line where seniors can call for COVID-19 vaccine appointments. It is designed for people without Internet access. The telephone number for this new COVID-19 Vaccination Support Center is 1-855-MDGOVAX (1-855-634-6829).

If you do have Internet access, you can go to the following website for more information as well:

<https://health.maryland.gov/newsroom/Pages/Maryland-Departments-of-Health-and-Aging-collaborate-on-vaccine-outreach-for-vulnerable-populations.aspx>

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccinations

The Baltimore County Department of Health offers low-cost animal rabies vaccinations clinic for dogs, cats and ferrets. Rabies

vaccinations are held at the Baldwin center by appointment only. Vaccination is **\$9 per pet** and includes **free** microchipping and initial pet license. Payments are made at the time of appointment. We prefer cash (exact change is requested) but will also accept credit cards (processing fee may apply).

For more information, please go to the following website:

<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/animalservices/rabies-clinics.html>

If you do not have Internet access, you can call 410-887-PAWS (7297).

Also, if anyone would like to utilize this service but does not have transportation, Mary Anne Quinn may be able to assist you. Please call her directly.

Bible Study

Our Thursday Bible Study continues on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Diocese of Maryland Youth

Events

Join diocesan Youth Missioner, Kate Riley, for the Sunday Brunch Bunch, Sundays from 12:30 - 2:30 PM. This time of fun, fellowship and formation is open to all students and youth workers with guest speakers, special prayer practices, and games to play.

Sign up for a weekly reminder here: <https://www.remind.com/join/cd96b2>

Use this link to join:

<http://bit.ly/sundaybrunchmd>

Use the following link for the Calendar of Diocesan events:

<https://episcopalmaryland.org/events/>

Outreach Ministries

Operation Backpack:

Thank you to all who have brought in food donations, stuffed the bags, or delivered them to Sandalwood. If you would like to help, please bring in 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 Yoo-hoo. We also accept small cans of tuna and boxes of macaroni and cheese.

The guidance counselor has let us know how important these bags are to the children and their families.

Seafarer's Christmas Presents:

Thank you to all who contributed personal toiletries, razors, Chapstick, small Bibles, gloves, playing cards, and oral hygiene items to provide these gifts to the International Seafarer's Mission. We will be scheduling a time for delivery of the items to the port sometime in mid-November. These items will be of great use to these workers from around the world.

Ronald McDonald House:

Please continue to bring in your aluminum can tabs. They are used to help families staying at the RMH.

Thanksgiving Baskets:

Due to the COVID pandemic, we are not able to collect items again this year. We plan to purchase grocery store gift cards so the recipients can purchase items they need for the holiday.

EIO:

We recently learned that the Piney Grove United Methodist Church is being sold, and EIO will be moving again. At this time, we do not know where they will go. We continue to support this food pantry through monthly donations from our Outreach budget.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you. We appreciate your generosity and support that allow Holy Trinity to help so many in the community. We ask your prayers for our work and for all those in the community that we serve.

In Gratitude,
Denise Thatcher, Outreach Chair
410-780-4150

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: 410-406-2288 OR 211

Physical Address:

Piney Grove United Methodist Church
201 Bowleys Quarters Road
Middle River, MD 21220
410-406-2288

By Appointment Only! Call first!

Donations: Make your check payable to “Eastern Interfaith Outreach” and mail it to:
Eastern Interfaith Outreach
P.O. Box 18122
Middle River, MD 21220

Please note: EIO expects to have to move to another location toward the end of 2021. If you know of a location that may be suitable, please contact EIO at the telephone number

listed above or call the Holy Trinity church office.

Special Monthly Food Distribution:

Dates: Thursday, November 11 and 18, 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

Meal 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.

Back-to-School Resources at Your Baltimore County Public Library

Baltimore County Public Library features several in-person and online tools, e-sources and engaging programs for students and their families to support them through this school year and beyond.

While all Baltimore County residents are able to obtain library cards online, BCPS student identification numbers already serve as library cards. With a library card, materials and myriad e-sources are available instantly.

Free Meals:

Ten BCPL branches provide two days of meals (cold supper and a snack) to those 18 years of age and under on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Branches distributing meals include: Arbutus, **Essex**, Lansdowne, Loch Raven, Randallstown, Reisterstown, Rosedale, Sollers Point, White Marsh and Woodlawn.

Resources

BCPL also offers resources like programs (virtual and in-person), digital library and databases, homework help and more. Visit www.bcpl.info for more details.



November Birthdays

Matthew Florentine – 11/10
Jackie Ross – 11/14
Wally Hossbach – 11/16
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

ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS, SEE LEAH



PRAYER LIST

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
 Roseanna Sheridan (Alice's daughter)
 Shanan Gelver (Alice's family)
 Athena Gelver (Alice's family)
 Ellen Wallace
 Joan Anderson
 Bill and Diane Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
 Bunky and Pam Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
 Chris and Patty Anderson (Joan's son and daughter-in-law)
 Ruth Anthony
 Joanne Piper
 Margaret Oduor
 Gladys Agandi
 Valerie Mehl
 John Morris
 Jeannie Morris
 Judy Harle
 Bob Metz
 David Metz (Bob's son)
 Ratajczak family
 Jesse Fields (Tim's son)
 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)
 Collin Crosby (Lynne Clementoni's grandson)
 Wally Hossbach
 Dina Munford
 John O'Donnell (Mary Anne's cousin)
 Derek Schavelin (Alice's nephew)
 James Rice (Arlene's grandson)
 Sharon Goslin
 Linda Sanders (Sam's sister)
 Larry Eastman
 Ryan Perry (Helen's grandson)
 Debbie McCall (Helen's daughter)
 Lorraine Pick
 Elizabeth Patterson (Millie's sister)
 Donna Wrightson (Millie's niece)
 Kelly Auber (friend of the Seay family)
 Carol Carrola (friend of Mary Anne's family)
 Jason Borkowicz (friend of Jaylen)
 Mary Lessner
 Glen Scanlon (Mary Anne's friend)
 Sylvia Gray
 Grace Waddell
 Kaiden Adelung (Millie's family)
 Kenny Pomraning
 Frank Riggio-Preston
 Gary Riggio-Preston
 Glenn Scanlon
 Jason Kamrath
 Douglas Campbell (Ron's cousin)
 Peter Taylor (friend of Alice Martin)

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, Pam Gatchell, Denise Thatcher, Josh Rodriguez-Hobbs+, Don Alves, Tamara Dishon, Jody Leonard, Joey Reichert.

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 Kinard
Junior Warden – Wes Thatcher
Treasurer – Ellen Reilley
Financial Secretary – Jean Bowen
Registrar – Valerie Mehl
Ombudsman – Ron Mardaga

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):

John Morris	2022
Laura Nielsen	2022
Ruth Anthony	2022
Scott Rodriguez-Hobbs	2023
Barbara Benson	2023
Loretta Gischel	2023
Sam Seay	2024
Tyler Schultz	2024
Mary Anne Quinn	2024

The parish clergy are also ex officio members of the vestry and the rector is the presiding officer.

How do I contact Mother Lisa?

Please see below for contact information for Mother Lisa:

Cell phone number: 443-605-6398
(available by call or text 8am-8pm, and for pastoral emergencies 24hrs a day). If no answer, please leave a message for a return call.

E-mail address: htessex.lector@gmail.com

Please note that Mondays are Mother Lisa's sabbath rest/day off. Please no calls on Mondays unless for pastoral emergencies - thank you for your consideration!

Our regular church office hours will still be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am-12pm. Mother Lisa encourages you to call the church phone - 410-687-5531 - during those hours.

Sign Up Genius Instructions

We are still using a computer program to assist us with keeping track of who signs up for each church service. This is necessary because we can only have a limited occupancy in the church at any one time. **Currently, this sign-up is for Sundays when we have services indoors.** No sign up is required for outdoor services.

Please note that, going forward, sign-ups will be weekly. **Please plan to sign up each week no later than Wednesday for the upcoming Sunday.**

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 correct 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. Follow all of the remaining prompts until you are notified that you have successfully signed up for the service time that you want (**be sure to include full names and telephone numbers for those attending a church service**).

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.

REGULAR REMINDERS



Coffee Hour

Our “Fellowship Time” is currently paused until our case rate drop below 10. Thank you for your understanding.

Parish Hall Rental

NO HALL RENTALS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Flower Memorials/ Thanksgivings

We have plenty of Sundays still available in 2021 if you would like to offer flower memorials or thanksgivings! If you are interested, 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. 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 required areas.

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 annesews@verizon.net.



Final Word from the Editor

Items for the December Newsletter are due by November 15.

NOVEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

November 7, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Val Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

November 7, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Richard Glendenning

November 14, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

November 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Denise Thatcher
Lessons: Teresa Schutte-Regester
Prayers: Lynn French

November 21, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Valerie Mehl
Prayers: Jackie Huber

November 21, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: Gloria Greason and Arielle Juberg
Lessons: Denise Thatcher
Prayers: Mary Anne Quinn

November 28, 2021, 8:00 a.m.

Ushers: Jackie Huber and Bill Barton
Lessons: Bob Metz
Prayers: Jackie Huber

November 28, 2021, 10:00 a.m.

Ushers: John Morris and Lynn French
Lessons: Richard Glendenning
Prayers: Denise Thatcher

**** 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!



November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	3	4 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	5	6
7 All Saints Sunday 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	8 <i>Mother Lisa away</i>	9 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	10	11 Veteran's Day <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	12	13
14 <i>Mother Lisa away</i>	15	16 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 7pm Vestry meeting</i>	17	18 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed 11am-Bible Study</i>	19	20
21 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	22	23 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>	24 <i>7pm-Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist</i>	25 Thanksgiving Day <i>Office Closed No Bible Study</i>	26 Mother Lisa off	27
28 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (also Livestream on Facebook)	29	30 <i>10am-12pm Office Staffed</i>				

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Christmas Poinsettias

Order by 11/28/21

It's time to place your order for Christmas poinsettias! The cost per plant is \$9.50 (including aluminum pot cover). Make checks payable to "Holy Trinity Episcopal Church" and write "Poinsettias" on memo line. Place check and order form in an envelope and place in Offertory Plate or mail to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 1131 Mace Ave., Essex, MD 21221 (forms and payment must be received by November 28, 2021).

Poinsettias may be taken home on Sunday, January 2.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Your Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

Number of plants _____ X \$9.50 = \$ _____