

Tidings

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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December



The King Is Here!!

I have developed an interest in looking at the past of Trinity Church. Some times looking at the past is not the best thing to do, because it may remind us of disappointments. But the past also awakens glorious moments that may be celebrated today.

From its inception, the church has faced challenges. For a brief period in the 1800's services had to be temporarily discontinued for financial reasons. After resurgence, a few years later it was badly damaged by fire, but the congregation valiantly refurbished the church. Florence Arbour in her article; "History of Trinity Episcopal Church: 1832-1974", reminds us that, "Sometimes it takes a crisis to bring out the real strength of a congregation."

Not only did our congregation overcome adversity in those early days, it persevered with God's help to build the faith community and ministries we have today. Through those difficult early days many ministries have emerged. Two I will highlight. The ladies of the parish emerged in the 1800's and galvanized the building of the rectory. Today they continue to be the heart of the parish with new missions. The Brotherhood of St. Andrews also reach out to the community with their Christmas in April ministry as well as continually supporting the church.

We begin a new church year with the season of Advent. As we look back at our challenges, let us also look forward with great anticipation and hope to the opportunities the new church year provides. As a congregation or as an individual, we begin this spiritual journey together.

Let this journey be a journey of reflection and discernment. Therefore, as we reflect on our experiences and challenges, let us look forward with great hope to the possibilities that Christ brings into our lives.

The advent wreath symbolizes the new church year. During this advent season we will explore the symbolic colors and what they mean in our lives. I invite all to share this spiritual journey by drawing closer to God and your neighbor. Together with open hearts, let's experience the joy that Christ the King brings into our hearts.

~The Rev. Dr. Nicholas N. Sichangi

Interim rector

Your Prayers are asked for

Jacob Asroff
Dustin Bartow
Jackie Bollinger
Bill Bulford
Lorris Clay
Donald Cole
Ben Cook
Helen Cornacchia
Jesse Cugini
Marie Dawson
Samantha Elwell
Rusann Foster
Ruth Gilbert
Margaret Graham
Madison Hoehn
Russell Holland
Eugene Irwin
Walter Jermyn
Libby Keefer
Holli Krebs
Louis Marion
George Miller & Family
Richard Palmer
Lisa Parave
Rose Perrone
Chris Porteus
Vaughn Potts
Linda Rawlings
David Russ
Robert Schick
Moses Sichangi
Bishop Shand
Carroll Smith
Karen Smith
Russell Stobaugh
Lisa Wiegand



Upcoming Brotherhood Events

Dec. 1 - Pancake breakfast-Work day to assemble crèche 8:00 a.m. Parish House

January 19- Brotherhood Breakfast Meeting 8:00 am in the Parish House.



CHILDRENS HOME FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS

Hopefully everyone has received a letter from me concerning our campaign for the Children's Home Foundation scholarships. This is a Diocese of Easton sponsored charity. You may recall that shortly after the Civil War and until the 1950s we sponsored an orphanage. When Federal aid came to be and orphanages were no longer needed, our home was sold and the monies were put in trust to help less advantaged young people seek career or technical education after high school. Our statistical report is astounding, indicating this school



THE Children's Home
FOUNDATION

year, 2012, we had a total amount of scholarship grants of \$172,900.00. This amount covers 102 students of which 16 are from Cecil County. Most of our students are in the nursing program, however, we have 4 in the automotive and diesel tech, culinary arts and others career interests. Campership grants are also available to our Camp Wright and other local camps. Seventy-five young people were sponsored totaling \$22,582.00. Your support is 100 per cent tax deductible.

The administrative work is done by volunteers from our Episcopal churches in the Diocese.

Thank you for your past generosity and again, your prayerful consideration will be appreciated.

IF you did not receive a letter, they are available in the back of the church or contact me!

~Diane Hair

Christmas Eve Services

7:00 P.M. *Family Eucharist

11:00 P.M. Choral Candlelight Eucharist

Special Music at 10:40 p.m.

* Nursery provided



Ministry Schedule December 2012

8:00 a.m. service

Date	CBR	P of P	Usher
12/2	Gordon Tozer	Mary Helen Atwood	Paul Arbour Jr., Gayle Mayo
12/9	Mary Helen Atwood	Mitzi Snyder	Frank D. Brown Jr., Sam Smith
12/16	Gordon Tozer	Gordon Tozer	Mitzi Snyder, Frank D. Brown Jr.
12/23	Mary Helen Atwood	Gordon Tozer	Paul Arbour Jr., Sam Smith
12/30	Gordon Tozer	Mitzi Snyder	Gayle Mayo, Mary Helen Atwood

10:00 a.m. service

Date	Acolytes	Lector	CBR	Ushers	P of P	Greeter
12/2	J.P. Fossler Jack Fossler	Ross Lee	Heidi White Margaret Russ	Wendy Gilbert Richard Gilbert	Debbie McKeown	Sherri & Dave Calladine
12/9	Hunter Taylor T.J.Taylor	Matthew Cugini	Allen Clay Kathy Davidson	Charlie Davidson MK Hitchcock	Janice Potts	Jane Ayers
12/16	Carri Birdsall Marina White	Mary Morrison	Debbie McKeown Orville Potts	Eugene Caffey Ross Lee	Judy Caffey	Kathy Davidson
12/23	Aaron Derby T.J.Taylor	Bill Gorak	Ross Lee Mary Morrison	Diane & Dwight Hair	Orville Potts	Libby Keefer
12/30	Hunter Taylor J.P. Fossler	Ross Lee	Margaret Russ Heidi White	Sherri & Dave Calladine	Janice Potts	Kathy Davidson

Christmas Eve. 7:00 pm : Acolytes- Hunter & TJ Taylor, Aaron Derby, Marina White
 Lector- Matthew Cugini, CBR-Gordon Tozer, Orville Potts, P of P- Debbie McKeown,
 Usher-Rick Burkholder, Eugene Caffey Greeter- Jane Ayers
 Christmas Eve. 11:00 pm : Acolytes-J.P. & Jack Fossler, Carri Birdsall, Lector- Hans Nafzinger
 CBR-Kathy Davidson, Ross Lee P of P- Mary Katharine Hitchcock
 Usher- Frank Brown, Charlie Davidson Greeters- Diane & Dwight Hair

Online "Advent Calendar of Hope"

You can find a daily message of hope in the forward-thinking season of Advent. Just go to www.trinitywallstreet.org/advent

Each day of Advent and click on the Advent calendar link and find inspiration and strength for your day.



Shelter

Trinity is hosting an evening at the Rotating Shelter December 22nd.

Volunteers to provide and serve dinner, do intake, visit with the guests, provide breakfast on December 23rd. Two overnight volunteers are needed (preferably 1 male and 1 female). If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents please contact Mary Katharine at 443-350-2439.

Trinity Women's Group

will meet at the parish house. at 11:30 am on Friday, December 28th Bring a bag lunch, drinks/desserts will be provided

DON'T FORGET TO RETURN YOUR STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CARDS & TIME & TALENT CARDS THANK YOU!!

MEALS MINISTRY OF TRINITY



is a program to provide meals to those in our church family who need help in providing food for themselves and/or their families for a limited period of time. This includes after surgery or hospitalization, during times of crisis, etc. Please call if you or someone you know has a need. If you would like to be part of this new and wonderful ministry please contact us to put your name on the list of providers. This is a win-win ministry- Join us! 410-398-5350 or email- trinityelkton@verizon.net



WOMEN OF TRINITY

FIRST FRIDAY FARE

January 4, 2013

5:00p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House.

Soup and desserts \$5.00 per person, kids under 12 free.

Trinity will be having a first Friday fare every month- If you would like to sponsor a Friday, please see or call Tricia Smith @ 610-932-5303

CHRISTMAS "GIVING TREE"

located in the Parish House

You will find tags/cards with needed items for donation. Items will be useful to the homeless or needy such as gloves, hats, socks, sleeping bags, small toiletry kits, fast food gift cards, etc. Please feel free to use your imagination if you have a great idea for an item. Instead of toys, this year the items we collect will be raffled at the Elkton Community Kitchen Christmas luncheon on December 21st. Please return unwrapped to the large gift box in the back of the church by Sunday, December 16th. Any question please contact Robanne Palmer or Susan Weed. *We hope to be able to provide an item to each person attending the luncheon. Thank you for your generosity.*



GOOD OLD TIMES!!



St. Andrew's Dinner September 25, 1969 1:00-6:00 pm
Can you remember any of them?



Ladies of the Trinity Parish

In talking with you over the past few months, I have learned that there are a lot of really great things happening in each of the five Episcopal parishes in Cecil County and there are some wonderful ideas that deserve to be shared.

The first of these is *The Advent Conspiracy*, a movement that was started in 2006 as a way to help people remember the true meaning of Christmas and avoid some of the consumerism that has gripped our time of preparation. The *Advent Conspiracy* does this by encouraging us to Worship Fully, Spend Less, Give More and Love All. For more information about The Advent Conspiracy go to www.adventconspiracy.org. Watch the 2 minute video, read the info and see if you too want to become an Advent conspirator.

Many of us remember fondly the Advent Calendar we had as children. This year The Episcopal Church has partnered with the Brothers of the Society of St. John the Evangelist to create an online Advent Calendar. Beginning December 2, the site will provide a new image and a meditation each day. The calendar is posted at <http://pinterest.com/iamepiscopalian/advent-calendar/>.

Some parishes in this diocese are joining others in taking the Bible Challenge, committing to read the entire Bible in a year. A good time to start is on the First Sunday of Advent (December 2nd this year) or on January 1. If you are interested in participating as an individual or as a group go to <http://thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org/read-the-bible-in-a-year/> for more information and a downloadable chart that outlines what to read each day. Instead of starting with Genesis and continuing through to the end of Revelation, this outline suggests a plan that encourages reading a few chapters from the Old Testament, a Psalm and a chapter from the New Testament each day.

The last thing to be shared this month is a list of the special events happening in our parishes during December. It is my hope that as we spend time together, we will find more ways to share our ideas, our ministries, and grow in Christian fellowship.

Wishing you a holy and blessed Advent and a Christmas of great joy and peace,

~Darcy

WHAT'S HAPPENING in the EPISCOPAL CHURCHES of Cecil County?

All are welcome to any and all of these events:

Dec 1: Christmas Bazaar, St. Mark's Perryville, 9 AM – 3 PM

Dec 1- Sunday Dec 2: Northern Convocation Youth Lock-in, Emmanuel Chestertown

Dec 2: Advent Vespers at St. Mary Anne's, North East, 5:30 PM

Dec 6: Northern Convocation meeting at Trinity Elkton, 7 PM

Dec 8: Christmas Pageant followed by a covered dish supper, St. Stephen's Earleville, 4:30 PM. This is a joint production put on by the children of St. Stephen's and the children of Augustine Parish Chesapeake City with musical accompaniment by the choirs.

Dec 8: Candlelight Tours of Chesapeake City including a tour of Good Shepherd.

Dec 9: Advent Vespers at St. Mary Anne's, North East, 5:30 PM

Dec 14: Perryville Chorale concert at St. Mark's Perryville, 7 PM

Dec 15: Advent Vespers at St. Mary Anne's, North East, 5:30 PM

Dec 23: Advent Vespers at St. Mary Anne's, North East, 5:30 PM

Northern Convocation Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m.** at Trinity.

All Delegates and Alternates are asked to attend. Anyone else who would like to attend is welcome.

Altar guild would like to welcome Rachel Griffin as our newest member.

We will be decorating the church and setting up for Christmas Eve services immediately after the 10:00 AM service on December 23.

All members are encouraged to attend.



*DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS
FLOWERS*

*If you would like to make a donation to
the decoration of the Altar and Church nave
for the Christmas Eve Services, please complete this form and
bring or mail it to the Church by December 17th.*

Find enclosed a

check/cash for \$ _____

for flowers in memory of

or as a Thank offering for

Signed _____

Phone # _____

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Friday: 9 - 2pm
Thursday: 9 - 2 pm
Wednesday: 9 - 2 pm
Monday: 9 - 2 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Senior Warden
Charlie Davidson
Music Director
Jeff Anderson
Secretary
Carol Cummings
Interim Priest
Nicholas Sichangil

PASTOR



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