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First, I want to express my sympathy and solidarity for those who have lost property and for those who have suffered injuries during the tornado, which struck Stevensville. I want to assure everyone involved in this tragedy of the on-going prayers as the Episcopal Diocese of Easton stands with our sisters and brothers. We will commit ourselves to assist in the relief of suffering.

I want to express my gratitude for the staff, standing committee, diocesan council and other leaders. They have held the diocese together and helped us all to continue our mission in love. I am grateful to have so many committed and talented people serving our diocese.

On a personal note: I wish to offer an update on my recent cardiac surgery. I visited my cardiac surgeon yesterday (July 24th) and the report was nothing but positive. He has cleared me to drive and also to return to work, depending upon how my body is responding. He is very pleased with the healing process and is confident of a full recovery.

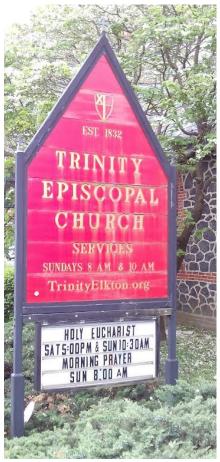
I begin therapy at Easton Memorial Hospital as of Wednesday July 26th. The benefit of this process is to help me regain my strength and stamina. This will also offer me an opportunity to have monitored rehabilitation therapy from well-trained and experienced medical professionals. I am excited about this and I look forward to my continued healing through the rehab program.

It is my plan to return to the office after Labor Day weekend. I will begin by returning on a half-day schedule in the mornings. I plan on using the afternoons for resting and continued rehabilitation therapies.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, their cards of caring and concern and their patience in support of Lynn and myself. And we wish and encourage you to continue praying. We have felt the love, support and concern of our diocesan family throughout all of this experience. We are confident that God is continuing to heal me and, by his power and anointing, I'm confident to continue ministry among the diocese.

I pray for God to continue blessing our diocese and our diocesan family. And may the Good Lord continue to bless you and hold you close.

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If you have news or info for the September newsletter, please provide the information to the office before

August 31.



SENIOR WARDEN REPORT

SUMMER SOUNDS

Summer is a special time of year. To me it is associated with many different sounds. Sitting in the backyard or by an open window, one can hear crickets, tree frogs, children playing outside, thunder rumbling in the distance, rain splashing on the ground. Traveling to the shore, one can hear the sounds of the boardwalk – amusement rides, people laughing and talking, the sounds of the waves lapping against the shore, the roar of the ocean, even your footsteps on the sand. Visiting an outdoor pool, one can hear the sounds of families playing together, the lifeguards' whistles blowing, the water splashing; and while underwater one can hear the muffled sounds of voices and one's own breathing. Some of those sounds help me forget the stress of daily life and they help renew and

refresh me. There is a lot of "noise" in life, and we have to filter what's important, what's meaningful. We get caught up in the day-to-day busyness and sometimes lose track of what should be important. I hope you take time every day to listen and to reflect on God's blessings.

I know we are all very excited that Jane, Dennis, and Hudson have joined our Trinity family, and we are thrilled to be able to get to know each other. I imagine it is quite daunting yet exciting to leave the area and people you have known your whole life and step into a new place with new sounds and sights.

As always, please share your questions, comments, concerns, ideas. We may be a small congregation, but together we do mighty things!

~Heidi

Your Prayers are asked for

Randy

Jacob Asroff

Mary Helen Atwood

Dustin Bartow

Hamid Basil

Bob Boulden

Pam Boulden

Robert Burchett

Goldie Cook

Jesse Cugini

Donna H. Dellinger

Deborah Edwards

Alan Fenson

Shawnda Fenson

Judy Fisher

Mike Fossler

Bill Gilbert

Eve Glantz

Dan Graham

Margaret Graham

Eric Hearn

Life Hearin

Joe Heimberger

Bill Jackson

Kathy Koslak

Elizabeth Lane

Margaret Long

The Rt. Rev. Marray

Victoria Marsh

Kate Miles

George Miller

Susan Orr

Richard Palmer

Lawrence Parker

Rose Perrone

Christopher Porteus

Janice Potts

Linda Rawlings

Jane Sichangi

Geri Simons

Carroll Smith

Betsy Spina

Andy Stansfield

Marlene Thompson

Get in on the ACTS! At the 2017 Diocesan Convention, Bishop San invited everyone in the Diocese of Easton to enter into a study of the Acts of the Apostles before the First Sunday of Advent 2017, saying: "Secondly, I am calling on each parish to begin a year-long study on the Acts of the Apostles so as to get a renewed sense of how the Church began and whose power and authority, grace and inspiration, love and resurrection is leading us forward. It is a way to gain encouragement and live in the joy and trust of him who in the first instance calls and equips us for the work of ministry .

Coffee & Conversation

READING THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TOGETHER Study course prepared by members of the Diocese and recommended for consideration by each Parish in the Diocese of Easton. Trinity will commence a 4-week program beginning on Sunday, September 3 and follow on September 10, September 17 and ending on September 24. Programs for each Sunday will be in the Parish House from 9:15 to 10:15 am. Please contact smithwf43@hotmail.com Bill Smith for additional details.

Safeguarding God's Children

Father Nicholas and I attended a training session Saturday, at St Mary Ann's. Policies and procedures for the protection of children and youth from abuse were covered. These policies and procedures go into effect September 1, 2017.

All clergy, paid personnel, vestry, and volunteers who deal with children and youth are required to take the course. There will be another training session at August 20th, 1-4, St. Peter's Salisbury, August 26th, 9-12, Christ Church Easton, St Mary Ann's on Sept 23 from 9-12 and a training session at Trinity.

There is a Code Of Conduct as follows:

- I will do my best to prevent abuse and neglect among children and youth involved in church/school/Diocesan entities' activities and services.
- I will not physically, sexually, or emotionally abuse or neglect a child or youth.
- I will comply with all the Guidelines as found in the policies for the protection of children.
- Should I observe any inappropriate behaviors of possible policy violation with children or youth, I will immediately report my observations as outlined in this policy.
- I understand that the church will not tolerate abuse of children and youth and I agree to comply in spirit and in action with its policies.

There are several 31 page information and training manuals in the parish office for review and sign out. A copy will be posted on the bulletin board.

The training manual covers various guidelines for programs, personnel, reporting of problems, and violations. You are encouraged to review this information.

~Richard Lemen

Camp Wright

Kennedy, granddaughter of Deb, attended Christmas session at Camp Wright from July 26 to August 1. We can't wait to hear about her experiences.

HAPPY HAPPY HAPPY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8/3 Lewis Collins Jr.

8/8 Carri Birdsall

8/11 Mallory Koenings

8/16 Welenia Powell

8/23 Tom Schick

8/24 Sharon Arbour

8/27 Mike Caffey

8/27 Gayle Mayo

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

8/3 Mary Katharine & Tom Hitchcock

8/14 Flavia & Jesse Cugini

8/29 Welenia & Robert Powell



FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry needs your help. At this time, it is unclear whether we will receive a grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). In the past, we have relied on that grant and your generosity to keep our shelves stocked. Currently, we must rely on you. We are asking you to donate money (which is used to buy bread and other needed pantry items) or specific food items (a list can be found with the brown paper bags at the back of the church).

Volunteers are always welcome to participate in this ministry. If you are interested in donating your time and talent, please contact Ross Lee



Too All...

Please extend your individual warm welcome to all Trinity visitors. Please also invite visitors to the Parish House for coffee, introductions, and fellowship after the service.

It is important for greeters and others to make certain that visitors clearly signs the visitors log complete with address and phone number and/or E mail.

It is equally important to make sure that the blue information card found in the pews and next to the visitors log be filled out and sent to the parish office.

The back of the blue card says it all:

Visitors and Newcomers

"We sincerely welcome you to Trinity Church. We are travelers and seekers together. We hope you will want to become part of our spiritual community; you are welcome to join in our activities and service programs. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome."

Finally, if there are children present and Sunday school is asked about, those asking should be informed that Sunday School is organized to be immediately available.

Please get the inquirers name and contact information and forward to the greeter or Father Nicholas.

~Richard Lemen

Workshops on Planned Giving

For Parish Leaders in the Dioceses of Delaware and Easton, Saturday, September 30, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm at Christ Church of Milford, DE. Parishes with or without an existing Planned Giving ministry and/or an Endowment will benefit. Workshops will review best practices and empower leadership to take the best, next steps for their parish! Please register by September 25, Judith Gregory at judithgregory@dioceseofdelaware.net or 302-256-0374



August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Pizza @ Seasons
6 Morning Prayer 8 am C & C & Adult Ed. 9:15–10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	7	8 Food Pantry NA Meeting 7:30 pm	9 6:30 pm AA Meeting	10	11	Holy Eucharist 5:00 pm Pizza @ Seasons
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27 Morning Prayer 8 am C & C & Adult Ed. 9:15–10:15 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am	28	Food Pantry NA Meeting 7:30 pm	6:30 pm AA Meeting	31		

Saturday, September 9, at 1:00 pm St. Stephen's & Trinity Picnic —details to follow