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### Prayer List

“Our prayers are with all those who are ill, all who are caring for them and all who are striving to hear the voice of God in these challenging times. May God bless you and keep you, now and always.

Mary Helen Atwood, Tim Bennett, Cori Campbell, Susie Campbell, Betsy Clark, Lorris Clay, Marc DiLonardo, Alan Fenson, Shawnda Fenson, Diane Hair, Dwight Hair, Tom Hitchcock, Brian Hubis, Jenn, Libby Keefer, Dorthy Kirk, Carol Lee, Louise McLean, David Parker, Larry Parker, Susan Parlier, Robert Powell, Welenia Powell, Liz Rossi Prak, Hunter Smith, Tom Stansfield and Kyle Watson.

Those who have passed: Bruce Mayo. Bless O Lord your servant, Bruce, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest eternally with the Saints of God.



## Services at Trinity

25th Sunday after Pentecost, November 10, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 17, 2024

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

Last Sunday after Pentecost, November 24, 2024

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

5:00 pm GEMA Community Thanksgiving service at Five Rivers Church

1st Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 8, 2024

8:00 am Morning Prayer

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

3rd Sunday of Advent, December 15, 2024

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

4th Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2024

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, December 24, 2024

10:00 pm Holy Eucharist & Special Music

1st Sunday after Christmas, December 29, 2024

10:30 am Holy Eucharist & Music






# Advent

ADVENT is a gift of time. It is a season of anticipation, transformation, and simply waiting. If we embrace and dive into that time to slow down and be still, our presence to God deepens. Open yourself up to develop your faith in this time of preparation through spiritual practices, reading the Bible, a book study, or gathering your family around an Advent Wreath. Through the stillness, listen to what's coming and where God is calling you.

HOPE Advent gives us the courage to hope – to hope for salvation and redemption. A spirituality of hope allows us to look at the future with joyful expectation and to recognize that God has something important in store for each and every one of us.

LOVE God sent his only Son in flesh and blood to give us the greatest example of how to love one another. Advent invites us to open our hearts to receive this love and not back away. Love keeps us leaning in with gracious and open hearts to each other. During this season, allow love to connect each of us to one another by breaking bread, and celebrating together.



For each new morning with its light,  
For rest and shelter of the night,  
For health and food, far love and friends,  
For everything Thy goodness sends.

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Thanksgiving Blessings

# Acts of Kindness

Some parishioners have asked me to restart our focus on Acts of Kindness. I couldn't think of a better time, or issue of Tidings to do this, than this one – right after our election!!

What we have always seen in the past about our Acts of Kindness is that they are acts of reaching out to others with kindness and love. They can be very small, such as just providing a smile as you pass a stranger or hold a door for someone, or they can be more involved, such as physically providing services that the person themselves are unable to provide. These have usually taken the form of providing transportation, or bringing food or groceries, or helping with or doing repairs for someone. Some recent examples include:

- Visiting a friend and finding that a smoke detector alarm was going off, but because of a hearing problem the person thought it was a chirping – finding and replacing the battery, that required a ladder, was greeted with an enthusiastic note the next day for helping to stop the nagging chirping noise!!
- Visiting a friend in the hospital after a heart attack to just spend time with him listening and catching up and giving him encouragement in his healing progress.
- One from the Reader's Digest - that always mentions heroic acts by others - included a woman who jumped into a fight between several young boys where one was on the ground and being beaten by several others – she just covered him with her own body and the rest of the boys were so surprised - they just ran away. When asked why she did this, and no other bystander did, she just said – he was a young boy and he needed someone to help him.



Of course none of us need to break up a fight this way. But all of these have that one main element in common – reaching out to help someone with love and care. And it is God's love and care that is working through us!

If all of us can start looking for ways we can provide just one act of kindness each day – no matter how small – by the time advent starts on December 1 – we will be in a wonderful frame of mind for our Christmas season and ready to continue them right through Advent!!


Please share a few examples with me over the next few weeks for the next Tidings (no names will be in the article). We can all then be inspired by the wonderful love and care that God has worked through us!!

~ Ross Lee

## Happy Birthday!!

Mary Helen Atwood is celebrating a milestone birthday November 13th. She has reached the young age of 80! She is not only my mother, my travel partner, but my best friend. She is a dedicated member of Trinity with over 30 years as a Vestry Member, Treasurer, Chalice Woman, Reader, Choir Member, and so many other hats she has worn throughout the years. She continues to amaze me every day with her dedication to her church, friends, and family.

Please join me in screaming a happy birthday to my loving mother.

Love you, Mary Katharine 

## Around the community

**Ray of Hope**- On Nov 4th, Mary Katharine delivered 20 winter coats, (14 new/6 used) for their winter coat distribution program. Unfortunately, this year the coat program distribution event was canceled due to lack of support from the community, however Ray of Hope is working with the local school district and their school counselors to identify students who are in need of the jackets that were donated. They were extremely thankful for our donation and our continued support of their mission. Thank you to everyone who donated coats as well as winter apparel.

**Turkeys for Thanksgiving** - Trinity has partnered with Immaculate Conception Church's food pantry. We will be providing Thanksgiving meals to 15 families in need. We have been collecting turkeys and will continue to collect them **until this Sunday**.

**Tea Parties** - Nov 23rd and Dec 14th are the final tea parties of the year. There are 2 sessions each day (11 AM and 2 PM), if we have enough support. The cost is \$25 a person and you will have a choice of a scone, cream of potato soup, tea sandwiches and desserts along with a wide array of teas. Please consider joining us as we receive a financial donation after every tea event enabling us to continue with our small but mighty outreach program. Please contact Mary Katharine at 443-350-2439 if you would like to attend.

**Cecil County Pregnancy Center**- Trinity is adopting a family for Christmas. Below is the wish list for 2 kiddos and their Mom. Tags will be hung on the tree in the back of the church. Take a take or two or three to help make their Christmas wishes come true.

Child 1 - 9 yr old boy, wears size 10-12. Loves football, superheroes and anything artistic.

Child 2 - 5 yr old girl, wears sizes 5-6, loves unicorns, baby dolls and anything artistic.

Mom - gift certificates to grocery stores, movie tickets, gift certificate for clothes or restaurants.

All gifts must be in by Dec 15th for delivery that week. We will also be giving them a Christmas dinner basket.



# *Flower Donation*



*If you would like to make a donation to the decoration of the Altar and Church nave for the Christmas Eve Service. Please complete this form and drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church office before Sunday, December 8th.*

*Enclosed a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_for flowers in*

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