



Church of the Holy Trinity, An Episcopal Church

A Message from Our Rector, Fr. Kevin M. Cross



As you know, I end each of our services with a message about the gift of life and the purpose for which God has given us this gift. I would like to share a reflection on the relevance of this message as recently seen in our community.

"Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us."

- Henri-Frédéric Amie

The poignancy of these words has struck each of us many times in the past year. For me it was perhaps no more so than at the time of Tom Hazen's recent passing. One day Tom was at our Vestry meeting engaging in lively discussions. The next day he fell ill, and another day later he passed on. Life is short. Yes, I think it is true. This reality is experienced in relation to our individual perspectives and, for most of us, no matter how long one lives, it does not seem long enough. Also, as we learned with Tom's death, that life is unpredictable. One day we are here, and the next, we can be gone.

"So be quick to love and make haste to be kind." This is a profoundly Christian message. It is at the core of what Christ calls us to each day. Yet, it can be easy in the business of life, in the troubles and trials of the day, in petty disagreements and the friction that arises in community life to forget what wonderful gifts we have to offer and enjoy where we are in the company of our fellow travelers on this path of life.

As a community, out of your wisdom and grace, you elected Tom to serve on the Vestry of this church a year and a half ago. It was at a time when Tom's health was

in a precarious state and his ability to enjoy a normal life was hard to come by. Yet, you good people came forward to offer him an opportunity to actively participate in the life of this community. I know, and Tom's family will tell you, that the message of love and value



Tom received through being able to participate on the Vestry was a tremendous gift to him. You are all to be admired for your foresight, encouragement and love.

There is an extraordinary message from this experience that we can all take to heart: Simple gifts of recognizing one

another's value; seeing potential where others may see limitations; and, sharing the heart with each other always, always, leads to a multiplication of blessings—the kind of blessings Jesus offered to his followers, to the lame, the meek and the disenfranchised. Looking at life through Jesus's eyes can cause walls to fall down, limitations to be erased and love and community to prevail.

So, I urge you good people not to lose heart but to take heart. The gift of life is not to be squandered but to be treasured. Let us all resolve to strive to be kinder; to be more open to possibilities rather than limitations; and, to love until we love our lives away. Go forth and know that Jesus loves you.

Blessings,

Fr. Kevin

CHEERS AND APPRECIATION



- **The anonymous donors** of the Keurig coffee machines in the kitchen.
- **Daughters of the King** who meet regularly and pray daily for those in need
- **Marty Read and Kate Thompson** for taking an inventory of the kitchen table linens - a big job!
- **Simon Arnstein, Jim Bredar, Kathy Gilson, and Ray Stevens** who have agreed to serve on the traffic safety implementation committee
- **Tot O'Mara** for volunteering to head up the Mission Committee
- **Geoff Holmes** for his presentation of Prescription Drug Costs for the Health Speaker Series
- **Lunch Bunch team:** all of those who prepare the meals and those who joyfully take this blessing to the home bound in our community. -- Thanks for their dedication to this important community ministry
- **Our wonderful Sunday School team:** Barbara Cross, Ritze Miller, Cathy Schmidt and Pucky Lippincott, for another blessed season of bringing faith to the young ones in our community.

With gratitude and appreciation ----

Beverly H. Polina

Senior Warden



In response to the untimely passing of Tom Hazen, the Vestry has elected Margaret Munsch to fulfill his term.

WELCOME MARGARET!

WE NEED YOU

We have told you all about the lights on the driveway, new fan for the stove, grounds looking clean and groomed, meals delivered, masterful music, cookies for the military, missions, religious studies, reaching out, running the office, services, fellowship...and on and on. We have told you about the many people who lead these efforts and ministries in the Cheers & Appreciations. But, have we told you how much **We Need YOU?**

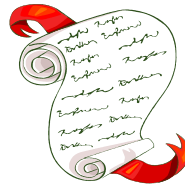
With all these wonderful programs – and more exciting things to come – it is people who make it all happen. If you have a little time or a lot of time to give; if you can participate in a small way or be in the lead – We Need You! Help with events, work in our gardens, sing in the choir, or join a committee. All skills and talents and amounts of time are appreciated.

Together we can do great things for each other, the community and the church.

Faith – Fellowship – Family – Fun...Fabulous gifts to share!

Come join us on this journey! it is such rewarding work!
We Need YOU!

WISH LIST



- Regular and Decaf coffee --- large containers
- New white tablecloths for the Parish Hall. A resource to make them or contributions ---- our supplies are disappearing
- Someone or more who would do some regular weeding or light gardening on the church grounds and Columbarium

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SPRING '14 UPDATE FROM BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Since the beginning of 2014, much has been happening in the area of buildings and grounds at Holy Trinity. Below are two updates and a request:

The Buildings & Grounds (B&G) Committee: Members of this year's committee and the functional areas in which they work are as follows:

- George Curlin (Events logistics)
- Kathy Gilson (Landscaping and grounds)
- Bob Kelly (Current Junior Warden)
- Ray Munsch (Lighting)
- Tot O'Mara (Immediate prior Junior Warden)
- Beverly Rohman (Senior Warden and kitchen management)
- Peter Rohman (Contractors and proposal review)

The Committee has been hard at work both in their respective functional areas and in developing a system for prioritizing long-term capital improvement projects and recurrent maintenance projects. The goal of our prioritizing work is to assist the Finance Committee in long and short-term budgeting, and to assist the Vestry and the Rector in making building and grounds decisions. Many thanks to the B&G crew!

New Exhaust Fan for the Kitchen: We are an active parish and we do a lot of cooking! Last fall the exhaust fan over our institutional stove-oven gave up the ghost! Recently, it was replaced with a heavy duty commercial grade-exhaust fan and all duct work was cleaned and serviced. Let's keep on cooking!

Help Wanted! Parish Handy Woman and/or Handyman: As you might imagine, with three not-so-young buildings, occasional small-scale repair jobs pop-up. For example, a window blind may need to be hung, a small section of wood-work may need repainting, a shelf may need to be installed in the office, a small hole in a wall needs to be patched, etc. It would be wonderful if one or two parishioners would take on these small projects either by themselves or with some recruited help. The Junior Warden would be your contact and materials person for these projects. The timelines for the projects would be flexible and friendly! If you have an interest in taking on this important service to the parish, please contact me.

Bob Kelly
Junior Warden
kellyrf@lemoyne.edu

CONGRATULATIONS CHAPLAIN JOAN

Congratulations to our own Joan Bennett, who was

recently recognized at a tea held by The General Perry Benson Chapter of the DAR at the Bay Ridge Swim Club in Annapolis. Joan is the

current chaplain of the Maryland State DAR Society.



Military Care Packages for Maryland Deployed Service Personnel

Church of the Holy Trinity,
working with the
Delmarva Chapter of
Blue Star Mothers,
will be sorting and packing
incidentals for deployed
military personnel from
Maryland



Donations are being collected
in the Parish Hall

Saturday, June 21
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Jerky	Books	Snacks
Tuna Packs	Soaps	Soups
Breakfast/Energy Bars	DVDs	Games
Greeting Cards	Deodorant	Socks
Powdered Drinks	Sports Magazines	

BLUE STAR MOTHERS

On May 1st, the Benevolent Organization Summit was held at Walter Reed National Medical Center (WRNMMC) in the new USO family building. There are significant changes to the current system of gifts, donations, transportation and wounded on the base.



Currently, there is a steady decrease of wounded staying at the center. The wounded are about 40% occupancy at the facility.

Furthermore, there will no longer be transportation to events by government vehicles. If events are within 50 miles and a minimum of 10 are attending an event, the transportation has to be arranged by the holders of the event and approved by WRNMMC—which means we can do no events here without spending thousands for a bus.

Most of the wounded currently on disability duty are going to be discharged and their health care will be overseen by the Veterans Administration system.

It has been very difficult to work with this base. These changes and many others unfolding at WRNMMC will make it increasingly more difficult to support them. It is with a very heavy heart we made the decision that we will no longer be going to WRNMMC and that MAY 21st will be the last cookie day.

However, we have the ability to support veterans on the shore. CAMP ROYAL OAK is a new facility near Vienna on the shore that provides help to homeless veterans who are honorably discharged and in need of support on many levels.

Thank you so very much for all the support to our wounded. IT DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

- Lisa Strang

SUNDAY SCHOOL THANKS

Many thanks for your generous donations to the Sunday School children's "Change for Change" Lenten fundraiser project. We raised \$369.20! The children thoughtfully decided to use the money to purchase a male and female goat and three little pigs through Food for the Poor; two shares of a chicken flock, 50 trees for a forest, and one fruit tree through Episcopal Relief Development; a donation to Aguayuda for clean water; and a donation to Easton Homeless shelter for medicine.

While we are not meeting for Sunday School during the summer, children are encouraged to attend the 10:30 Family Service during which Father Kevin will have a special homily for the children and their participation in the service will be welcomed! There will also be a few special events during the summer. Stay tuned!

CONGRATULATIONS ADRIAN!



On May 1st, our own Adrian Scales was recognized at the Saints Peter & Paul High School Academic & Service Awards Banquet upon the completion of 10th grade.

Adrian's list of activities and accomplishments include JV Basketball, Habitat for Humanity church ministry team, Building African American Minds (BAAM) volunteer after-school tutor and Acolyte at The Church of the Holy Trinity.

FLOWER GUILD

A special thank you to all in our Flower Guild who make the beautiful flower arrangements that grace our altar. Our system is easy: members of the parish ask to Sponsor flowers on a given Sunday. The cost is \$60. Then, members of the Flower Guild make those arrangements, many times donating the flowers they purchase. Or, if the arranger wants to be reimbursed for the flowers, they should come to the office and fill out a "little yellow card" requesting reimbursement. If any of you have items needing reimbursement, please turn them in on a timely basis. A few dates are open for sponsoring flowers in memory of a loved one. Contact me (410.226.5188) or Ann Bellinger (410.226.8127) if you are interested. Many thanks.

Ellen Anderson

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

After a May hiatus, a 10-part study 'The Twelve Disciples' will begin Monday, June 2 at 9:30 am and continue on successive Mondays in June. The study will resume on Monday, September 15 to complete the last 5 lessons on the disciples. Study booklets are available from Mary Ann Hensinger (410.463.0405) for \$5.00.



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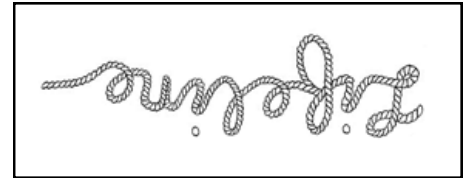
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 HAT SUNDAY & YOUTH SUNDAY 9:30 am—Combined Eucharist 10:30 am—Youth Art Show 5:00 pm—Old-Fashioned BBQ	2 9:30 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	3 1:00 pm—Canasta	4 8:30 am—Morning Prayer 9:00 am—Lunch Bunch 2:00 pm—Free & Eazy Band	5 2:00 pm—"The Story" Bible Study	6 OFFICE CLOSED	7 8:30 am—11:30 am—Quiet Morning Retreat, Tunis Mills 9:00 am—Altar & Flower Guilds
8 PENTECOST 8:00 am—Holy Eucharist 10:30 am—Family Eucharist 	9 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	10 4:00 pm—Daughters of the King	11 8:30 am—Morning Prayer 9:00 am—Lunch Bunch 2:00 pm—Free & Eazy Band	12 9:30 am—Canasta 2:00 pm—"The Story" Bible Study	13 OFFICE CLOSED 2:30 pm—Finance 3:30 pm—Vestry	14 9:00 am—Altar & Flower Guilds 9:00 am—12:00 pm—Habitat Build
15 FATHER'S DAY 8:00 am—Holy Eucharist 10:30 am—Family Eucharist	16 9:30 am Women's Bible Study LIFELINE DEADLINE	17 1:00 pm—Canasta	18 8:30 am—Morning Prayer 9:00 am—Lunch Bunch 2:00 pm—Free & Eazy Band	19	20 OFFICE CLOSED	21 9:00 am—Altar & Flower Guilds 2:00 pm—Military Care Packages 
22 8:00 am—Holy Eucharist 10:30 am—Family Eucharist 4:00 pm—Organ Concert—Monte Maxwell, organist	23 9:30 am Women's Bible Study	24	25 8:30 am—Morning Prayer 9:00 am—Lunch Bunch 2:00 pm—Free & Eazy Band	26 9:30 am—Canasta	27 OFFICE CLOSED	28 9:00 am—Altar & Flower Guilds
29 8:00 am—Healing Eucharist 10:30 am—Family Healing Eucharist	30 9:30 am Women's Bible Study			Father Kevin ----> Recovery Ministries Conference		

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ORGAN RE-DEDICATION CONCERT JUNE 22—4:00 PM



MISSION

The Church of The Holy Trinity, an Episcopal Parish in Oxford, Maryland: a caring Christian community dedicated to growing in God's love through worship, study, service and fellowship.

Who We Are

We are a small parish with a big heart comprised of committed people willingly sharing their talents to help those in need. We are all seekers on a spiritual journey—encouraging of others also on the journey and non-judgmental of where one might be on that journey.

To celebrate the recently completed restoration of our organ, Holy Trinity will host a re-dedication concert on June 22 at 4 pm.

When our organ was first dedicated, the organist of the Naval Academy played at the service. We are very pleased to announce that Mr. Monte Maxwell, Director of Chapel Music and Chapel Organist at the U.S. Naval Academy will play for us at this re-dedication.



ALL ARE WELCOME