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





CHEERS and AP- PRECIATION

- **Thank you to MVPs Sandy and Ron Kaufman** for running a creative and successful Stewardship campaign. We expect to meet our goal once all pledges have been received.
- **Much gratitude to those who have submitted their 2023 pledges.** You enable us to carry on God's good works.
- **Great appreciation to Monte Maxwell and the Naval Academy Orchestra.** Your performance was an event to remember. We admire your talent and dedication to this country. As you say "Beat Army!"
- **Thanks to all who helped with the Naval Academy Concert.** We could not have held this event without all of your help. The Midship men and women are eager to come back .
- **Thank you to Cora** for her coordination of this concert. You are a blessing to this community.
- **Thank you to Barbara Cross, Kathy Becker, Pucky Lippincott, and Linda Wilson** for getting our Sunday School up and running and for your creativity. **Thank you to Liz Cross** for drawing an amazing 9ft Goliath for our lesson on David. (See Goliath elsewhere in the issue or in real life in the parish hall.)
- **Thank you to our Altar Guild, Flower Guild, Ushers, Readers and Acolytes** for all of your contributions to our worship.
- **Tremendous thanks to Connie Greenhawk, our parish administrator,** for successfully juggl- **Blessings. Fr. Kevin**

Milestones

Passed On

James Handlon

Sarah Hughes

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Church of the Holy Trinity was held on Sunday November 6th after our 9:30 service. This well attended meeting reflected on the progress toward a return to normal services and activities after 2 years of Covid. The church grew by 19 members in 2022. The Mission of activity of the church, Sunday School and Music programs were all highlighted at this meeting. This church very generously contributed \$97,000 to local, nation, and international aid and relief programs, most significantly over \$40,000 which was donated to Save the Children for their Ukraine Relief work. A preliminary budget was approved for 2023. It was reported that the stewardship campaign is doing well. It is currently at 75% of our goal. Newly elected to the Vestry are Margot McConnell, Lee Phillips, and Ginny Wagner.


"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."— **Martin Luther King Jr.**

"Do what you feel in your heart to be right – for you'll be criticized anyway."— **Eleanor Roosevelt**

"Isn't it nice to think that tomorrow is a new day with no mistakes in it yet?"— **L.M. Montgomery**

"I am not sure exactly what heaven will be like, but I know that when we die and it comes time for God to judge us, He will not ask, 'How many good things have you done in your life?' rather He will ask, 'How much love did you put into what you did?'— **Mother Teresa**

"Clouds come floating into my life, no longer to carry rain or usher storm, but to add color to my sunset sky."— **Rabindranath Tagore**

"Sometimes our light goes out, but is blown again into instant flame by an encounter with another human being."— **Albert Schweitzer**

"Written by Connie Greenhawk

Thanksgiving, a time of reflection of our soul
A time to thank God as it is He who makes us
whole

A time for us to remember each and every day
To thank Him for our blessings that are sent our
way

We share the bounty of our table of food
To our family and our neighborhood brood
We rejoice with voices and songs to sing
Celebrating the joy in our heart that it would bring
Let us not forget the ones needing a helping hand
Reach out, be that shoulder to lean on as much as
you can

God loves us to be all that we can be
So let that love carry you and set you free.

If you would like to submit a favorite saying or thought,
email to Connie at office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org

The Emotional Well Being of the Community

In WWII the British produced a poster with a motto of resilience, “**Keep Calm and Carry On.**” I am sure you have seen many of the contemporary adaptations of this saying. Is “Keep Calm and Carry On” enough for these times? For some it may be but without the support found in a community of faith many of us find it extraordinarily difficult to carry on. The truth is that we are all in this together and equally true, together we can and shall overcome. Thus the integrity of the community is critical to maintain and strengthen.

Of late, a sentiment of discouragement and feelings of isolation increasingly reflect what I have been hearing from many of in our community. We are all experiencing the ongoing impact of isolation and the breakdown of social structures brought on by the pandemic. Added to this adverse environment is the negativity that runs through our daily news. The war, the ugly political divide, the violence in our streets, and inflation are among the factors that have taken a toll on our individual and communal psyche. These days, one needs to be very focused and intentional in seeking out an optimistic take on life.

There is no doubt that we can ascribe much of the current malaise to the pandemic. It has played a large role in the decline of well-being around the world. However, it is also true that the pandemic is not the sole driving force behind the unhappiness of today as noted in the GSS survey. However, the disruption of our social structures that resulted from the pandemic have had a major adverse impact on our resilience.

NY Times columnist and part-time eastern shore resident, David Brooks recently wrote an article titled “*The Rising Tide of Global Sadness.*” He wrote that in surveys conducted throughout the world “*Experiences of negative emotions related to stress, sadness, anger, worry, and physical pain – hit a record high last year.*” The mood of our own country is a prime example of this disconnect.

Surely this is not the first time that the world has faced such adversity. Our Scripture is full of examples of people living through similar hard times. The strength and necessity of community is a core message of our Scripture. In the Hebrew Bible we read “*Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.*” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 And in the New Testament, “*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*” Hebrews 10:24-25

The problems that beset the world today are bigger than any one of us can solve. However, we can get through these times, as people have for ages, if we maintain our connections to each other. A committed community of faith can lift all of us up. It can give us the strength to approach each day with a sense of purpose and optimism that together we can make positive strides in defeating the pessimism of the day. Experience has taught us that goodness does prevail in the end. Our God has assured us of this certainty. In the words of a hymn that came to my attention this year “*Goodness is stronger than evil; Love is stronger than hate; Light is stronger than darkness; Life is stronger than death; Victory is ours through Him who loves us.*” Desmond Tutu

Holy Trinity is committed to building a strong, inclusive community. All our activities have this goal at the core of their mission. I invite you to take your place in this community of love and faith.

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

GO GO GO JOSEPH!

The Garfield Center celebrates all of the colors of Joseph's Dreamcoat starting December 2nd! Tickets can be purchased anytime online at www.garfieldcenter.org or by calling the Garfield Center at 410-810-2060 during regular box office hours Wednesdays through Fridays from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Performing featured roles are Herb Ziegler as Jacob, Bradley Chaires as both Potipher and Pharaoh, **Lisa Webb as Potipher's wife**, John Mann as the Butler, Patrick Pearce as the Baker, Regan King as the Snake, and Dominic Delcoco as the Camel.

MISSION SECTION

Church of the Holy Trinity Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, December 3rd, 9AM to 12 Noon - Under a tent on the front lawn

This is an opportunity for all of us to work together to raise funds for our local charitable organizations. Items available for purchase include:

- Fresh hand-made Christmas Wreaths.
- Homemade frozen food (soups, lasagna, pot pies).
- Desserts and cakes.
- Handmade crafts.
- The Elf's shelf for Re-gifted Treasures.
- An opportunity to donate to 3 large baskets ... proceeds going to 3 charities.
- A fabulous decorated Christmas Tree for auction from the Festival of Trees. (Free local delivery).
- Children's' project table including a mailbox for letters to Santa.
- A variety of handmade Fascinators.

Free coffee and sweets at the Men's hospitality table (and S'mores!!)

All proceeds from the Bazaar will be donated to Holy Trinity's Mission projects and local Charities. See you all there to celebrate this Festive Season!! For more information and to volunteer, contact: Sally Fronk 410-226-1044 (sfronk@breezeline.net) or Sara Wangsness 410-226-5017 (swangsness100@yahoo.com)

Note: If you have items to contribute to the "Elf Shelf for Re-gifted Treasures", bring them to the River Room. They will add joy to others this Christmas.

Christmas Bazaar

There will be a children's table at the Christmas Bazaar again this year. Children will enjoy completing and mailing letters to Santa as well as making a take home holiday craft. We're looking forward to seeing your kids, grands, and great grands for a morning of holiday fun!

Christmas Bazaar

We will be decorating wreaths on November 30th in the Parish Hall. Time will be 9 till 12:00. Please call Linda Wilson 410-236-1340 if you are able to join. We look forward to seeing you there. If you can save dried flowers, pine cones, seeds or pods please bring them that day.

Church Presentation-Food for the Christmas Bazaar

Volunteers are needed to make and bake for the food table at the Christmas Bazaar! Food items include:

- **frozen entrees such as soups, stews, and chili**
 - **appetizers**
 - **baked goods such as quick breads and cookies. (No pies or cakes, as smaller items sell better.)**
 - Please festively wrap items for direct sale.
 - Food drop-off is from 3:00 to 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall on Friday, December 3rd.
 - Sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.
 - Larry Paz's famous chicken pot pies will be sold at the Christmas Bazaar. No pre-orders this year.
- Questions: Contact Nancy Roberts at Nancy_Roberts@verizon.net or (609) 647-2622

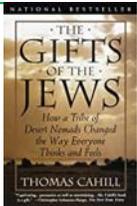
Educational Section

Upcoming: The Prayer Course

how to pray
a simple guide
for normal
people
pete greig

Starting in December we will offer **The Prayer Course**, an 8-week prayer program teaching prayer through the example of the Lord's Prayer. This is one of the best programs I have come across for prayer. It uses video, a book, discussion, and practicing the act of prayer to make prayer an accessible resource for everyone. This course was developed by 24-7 Prayer, an international, interdenominational prayer movement, with a vision to revive the church and rewire the culture through non-stop night and day prayer. They started in England in 1999, when a simple student-led prayer vigil went viral and groups all over the world joined in to pray. Now, over two decades later, thousands of communities have taken part in 24-7 Prayer in churches, communities, and cities in over half the countries on earth. Details on the schedule will be forthcoming. This is sponsored by our Daughters of the King chapter.

Inquiring Believers



The Men's Bible Study group, also known as the Inquiring Believers, meets every Monday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm at the Parish House enjoying fellowship and snacks while discussing the latest assignment. Our goal is to learn more about the Bible and Biblical times through reading, reflecting, and asking questions. Scholars we are not.

The current study is of the book **The Gift of the Jews** by Thomas Cahill. We welcome all new members. No prior experience or knowledge necessary, just an interest in learning more about the Bible.

WOMAN ON A JOURNEY



Women on a Journey is a group that meets bimonthly to enjoy fellowship and to enrich their spiritual life journey with lively discussions centered around faith based contemporary literature and studies. It meets the First and third Wednesday of each month.

The group is currently discussing Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, and Presence by Diana Butler Bass.

This group meets in person and via Zoom. For more information contact Beverly Rohman at 410-829-9561 or beverlyrohman@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study



Women's Bible Study provides an opportunity for women of the church and the community to strengthen their Christian experience through regular Bible Study, prayer, and mutual support. We are excited to announce that after a hiatus during the pandemic, WBS will resume in September. Deacon Dr. Lisa Webb leads this wonderful group. The group is currently studying women in the bible. The book for this study is Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. This group currently meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in participating in this group, please call or email the parish office with your interest at 410-226-5134 or office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org. * Please note that due to the Thanksgiving holiday the second meeting in November will be held on Tuesday November 29th.

Educational Section

A Giant of a Time at Sunday School: David and Goliath; Jonah and Big Fish; Advent; and the Christmas Pageant!

Our theme this year is God is with us! When we read the story of David and Goliath we learned that young David, a shepherd boy, knew he was strong and clever enough to beat Goliath because he knew that God was with him. Liz Cross drew a nine foot tall Goliath so the children could see how daunting facing a nine foot giant would be! After the children colored in Goliath, when Father Kevin went to mount him on the wall, we discovered that there was only one place in the Parish Hall where it was tall enough! Have you found him?

We rescheduled the story of Jonah and the big fish to November 13. Linda Wilson has a fun activity planned.

On November 27 Advent begins. We will be telling the Christmas story through the nativities. The one on the stage includes scenes from a busy town outside of where Jesus was born. Take a look and see if you can find the person selling geese.

In December, we will be practicing for the Christmas pageant which will be held on Christmas Eve at 3 PM. The dates for Sunday school in December are a little different than usual. Instead of having Sunday school the second and fourth Sundays, in December Sunday school will be on December 11 and 18th at the usual time of 10 o'clock. Please make sure to let me know if you would like your children/grandchildren participate in the Christmas pageant. We love to have a multitude of angels!

Barbara Cross



Fascinator Fun!

Get ready for the Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd! There you will be able to purchase these fantastic fascinators made by some of the fascinating women shown here. Many thanks to Marybeth Guerrieri for providing the wonderful assortment of materials to make fun and elegant fascinators!



MISSION SECTION



Thanksgiving Potluck – Oxford VFD

At Thanksgiving we like to gather with friends and family to give thanks and enjoy a shared meal. However, sometimes life circumstances do not permit us to gather. If that is your circumstance this year, you do not need to be alone. To ensure all in our community have a place to celebrate Thanksgiving, the Oxford Volunteer Fire Department will host a Thanksgiving Potluck Meal at 2 pm. They will provide the turkey and ham. Attendees are asked to bring sides or desserts. If you would like to join this community meal, please call Karen Livingston at (302) 233-8450.

Dust Off Your Angel Wings

Each year our church has participated in the Salvation Army program known as Christmas Angels. We are glad to announce that we will once again participate in the program to bring some joy to hearts of children in need. Those wishing to participate can select a Christmas Angel from the angel tree in the River Room. This tree will be displayed later this month. The angel ticket will have an identifying number and description of a local child in need of Christmas presents. Information such as age, gender, size and a wish list will be provided. Your part is to shop for one of these children. Once the gift is purchased it should be tagged with the ticket and returned to the Parish Hall (ideally not until after the Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd). In early December we will deliver to the gifts to the Salvation Army in Cambridge where they will be distributed to the children.

This year we have been asked to provide gifts for 25 children. 2022 has been a difficult year for many local families and children. Let's bring them some Christmas joy.

Thank you so much,
Tot O'Mara

**Look on back of Calendar for
ECW Meeting Minutes**

MUSIC



Navy Blue and Gold

Sunday, October 16th, The Church of the Holy Trinity sponsored a concert by the United States Naval Academy Orchestra. Fifty-four midshipmen arrived early afternoon to tables full of snacks and enjoyed spending free time at the water's edge. When assembly time came, the Sanctuary was full of instrument cases, instruments, duffle bags, covers, and Midshipmen everywhere! The Orchestra President, Music Assistant, and Conductor figured out how to fit 45 orchestra members, two double basses, two cellos, strings, brass, woodwinds, and a percussion section in the upper part of the Sanctuary!

What an incredible time of music making. Under the masterful baton of conductor, Monte Maxwell, the orchestra played a delightful and inspiring repertoire of Tchaikovsky, Bizet, Bernstein, a medley from Les Misérables, music from a Western movie, a string quartet playing Spanish dance music, a woodwind ensemble sharing a lovely arrangement of *Londonderry Air*, and a few rousing Mariachi numbers. A new USNA ensemble, The Mariachi Band, joined the Orchestra for our concert. They brought authentic instruments, played and sang exciting folk music, making everyone feel like we should get up and dance.

Thank you to everyone who attended. A special "Thank You" to those who moved furniture and other items in and out of the church. The "house was full" and just under 100 devices tuned in to our broadcast. The day ended at The Tred Avon Yacht Club, where the Midshipmen were treated to wonderful hospitality and a delicious dinner provided by the TAYC staff. In appreciation, the Midshipmen sang *Navy Blue and Gold* ending with a rousing "Beat Army!"

November Service Musicians

November 20th 8 am Denise Nathanson, Cello
10 am Denise Nathanson, Cello &

Ashley Watkins, Flute

November 27th 8 10 am George Wadelton, Recorder, Linda Sattler, Piano/Organ Duets

A Time to Celebrate!



For a number of years, Ashley has graced our services and concerts with her exceptional musicianship. Earlier this fall Ashley applied, auditioned and was accepted as a Fellow with the O Academy. There are only 80 fellow positions world-wide and Ashley secured a position representing the United States! The O Academy is a global music conservatory offering exceptionally talented young musicians an elite performance training. Each fellow is selected based on their performance excellence, professional career development., and potential to be a rising concert artist. Ashley will spend an intensive six months (January - June 2023) studying and mentoring with a leading concert flutist, studying repertoire with world renown conductors, collaborating on musical projects, and creating professional resources and portfolios for a concert career. At the end of her studies, Ashley will receive an Artist Diploma. Holy Trinity is excited for Ashley to have this career opportunity. We celebrate you, Ashley Watkins!

"A Redd Christmas"

With Chuck and Robert Redd
(Vibes and Piano)



The Washington Post...
"Melodic sparkle"

JazzTimes...
"Exquisite!"



Chuck Redd made his international debut when he joined the Charlie Byrd Trio in 1980 at the age of 21. That year, he also began performing extensively with the Great Guitars. With Byrd, Redd traveled around the world and throughout the United States. Robert Redd was born and raised in the Washington, DC, area, where he continues to base his musical career. He co-leads a group with his brother, Chuck Redd, and appears often as a free-lance musician at Blues Alley with local and national artists and is a current member of the Duke Ellington orchestra. A free will offering will be accepted.

Sunday, December 18, 2022

3:00 p. m.

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Oxford, Maryland

For more information please call 410-226-5134.



December Service Musicians

December 4th 9:30 am Holy Trinity Choir

December 11th 10 am Denise Nathanson, Cello

December 18th 8 am Melissa Wise, Soprano
10 am Holy Trinity Choir





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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.

Service Schedule is as follows:

Sunday Holy Eucharist Services are held 8:00 am and 10:00 am with the first Sunday of every month a combined service at 9:30 am. All services are in-person and broadcast

Sunday School is held the second and fourth Sundays at 10:00 am