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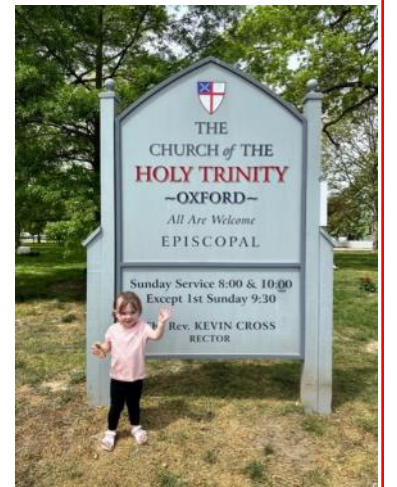
May 2023

The Church of the Holy Trinity

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





CHEERS and APPRECIATION

- **Thank to Mary and Van Holston** who voluntarily polished all of the kitchen silverware. It sparkles and shines and looking fit for a grand banquet.
- **Your Jr. Wardens, Bill Ritchie, Michelle Mactavish and building and grounds member Steven Wiesenberger,** have been very busy weeding, mulching and watering the flower beds around the church for Easter, clearing out the River Room closet (see it now before it fills up again!), and taking care of general maintenance in our various buildings. Thank You!
- **Tremendous gratitude to our Sunday School teachers Barbara Cross, Pucky Lippincott, Kathy Becker, and Linda Wilson** for another wonderful season. Thank you too for the **Sunday School children, parents, and grandparents.** You brighten up our lives.
- **Thank you to Sunday School alumni Sophie Bredar, Josh and Will Schmidt** for setting up our Easter Egg hunt. Over 200 eggs were hidden and found. Great fun!
- **Much appreciation for our Altar and Flower Guilds** for taking care of our sanctuary during Holy Week and Easter and making our church a place of beauty and tranquility.
- **Thank you to our Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers, and Greeters** for their service. You enhance our worship and make Holy Trinity a welcoming church to all.
- **Thank you to Cora and all of our guest musicians** for the wonderful service music throughout Lent, Holy Week and the Easter season. Your talents add inspiration and beauty to our worship.
- **Thank you to our Banner Master Bob Kelly** for his work to display our Easter and Plant Sale banners. **Also thanks to Charlie Huddleston of Tuckahoe Sail and Canvas** for repairing our old and torn banners in memory of his dad. You keep us looking good Charlie!
- **Much appreciation for our recent Fellowship Hour hosts: Margo McConnel, Tot O'Mara, Bill and Susan Grauel, Nancy and Dennis Roberts and our Sunday School children.** Yuummy!
- **Congratulations to Lisa Strang** who just won first prize for the Decorative Decoy category at the World Carving Championships!

Blessings. Fr. Kevin

Connie's Corner



"Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten."—Neil Gaiman

"Smart people learn from everything and everyone, average people from their experiences, stupid people already have all the answers." — Socrates

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

"People who wonder if the glass is half empty or full miss the point. The glass is refillable." — Unknown

"Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle." —Abraham Lincoln

"Written by Connie Greenhawk"

Do you feel the love deep in your soul
 Does your faith in God make you feel whole
 Do you think about why am I here
 Do you think often about what you fear
 Is your heart always full of love
 As it is a gift from God above
 When strife hits, how do you react
 Trust God, He will help, that is a fact
 For we never walk alone
 Listen to God's melodious tone
 His path will show you the way
 To live your life each and every day.

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

Milestones

Passed On

Ellen Anderson, 12/18/22
 Berry Passano, 1/5/23
 Jean Hemphill, 1/23/23
 Stacey Wrightson, 4/14/23
 Sigrid Treat, 4/24/23

Sabbatical Note:

I will be taking a one-month Sabbatical from May 9 – early June. While the norm is to take 3 – 6 months, I could not imagine taking such a long leave. I enjoy too much of my time with you and working together to further Christ's mission to transform this world into a place reflecting God's beauty and peace. So, I have decided to take a couple of shorter periods away instead of one longer period. My goal is to become refreshed but also learn something(s) that have the potential to enhance our community going forward. This time away in May, I will be serving as the visiting priest at the Anglican Church of St. Bartholomew on the island of St. Barts and wrapping up this trip with a few days visiting Puerto Rico. I spent many days of my youth in Puerto Rico and plan to revisit familiar places as well as the rain forest and kayaking on one of its bioluminescent bays. I will be taking another short leave later this year.

An additional rationale for the church's encouragement of a clergy Sabbatical is to create an opportunity for the community to further develop its leadership and community building capabilities. During this period, the community can discover the gifts with which God has endowed its members. To quote Paul, "*Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*" 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

During this time, you will have the wise, capable leadership of your Vestry, Deacon Lisa, Cora, Connie, and the support of several of the retired clergy of this diocese. I am confident that you will charm them with your generous Oxford southern hospitality. I look forward to being with you again on June 4th with our annual Hat Day celebration. We can then begin to share what we all have learned about ourselves and the capabilities and joys of this blessed community.

Blessings. Fr. Kevin



SPECIAL EVENT FOR WOMEN MEET THE AUTHOR Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, May 17th, from 10AM to 1PM! Women on a Journey will be hosting a "Meet the Author" event featuring **Stephanie Verni**, an adjunct professor at Stevensville University and a delightful writer and speaker.

Stephanie will be discussing her latest book, **The Letters in the Books**. The novel asks the question; "*Can a handwritten letter found in a book change the course of your life?*" She has written a number of novels exploring morals, relationships, values, love, and friendships. Her novel **Inn Significant**, is about the Sandaway B&B in Oxford, and **Baseball Girl** is about a baseball team similar to the Orioles. Stephanie also combines the teachings of Brene Brown in her books and classroom.

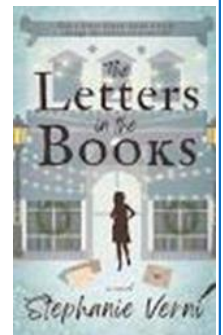
Following the presentation and discussion, a light lunch will be served in the Parish Hall.

Books will be available at the event. If you would like to purchase one beforehand, they can be purchased at "Mystery Loves Company" or on Amazon. You do not want to miss this exciting event. Please sign up by May 12th by contacting:

Sara Wangsness at 410-226-5017, email, swangsness100@yahoo.com or

Connie in the church office at 410-226-5134, email office@holytrinityoxfordmd.org

Hope to see you there.





Care Packs of Talbot County

This month we return our service activity to the children throughout Talbot County who experience food insecurity. We can help ensure no child goes hungry through collecting donations of food items for **Care Packs of Talbot County**. Each Friday, this program with our support, distributes care packs filled with food to hungry to help them get through the weekends.

See below for the list of desired items. We will collect these items from May 1 – May 31. You may drop off your donations at our services or at the Parish Hall any weekday. A “grocery” cart will be placed outside the parish hall doors to receive the items. If you have any questions, please call the office, 410-226-5134.

<u>Most needed items</u>	<u>Single serve packages of:</u>
Oatmeal packets	Goldfish
Fruit Cups	Trail mix
Applesauce cups	Fruit snacks
Filled crackers	Cereal
Toaster pastries	Peanuts
Granola bars	Mac and cheese
Breakfast bars	Pretzels
Canned tuna	
Canned pasta	
Soups	

Food Pantry

We have resumed our weekly collection for our community Food Pantries. We ask you to remember there are many in our community who are food deprived. Please join our effort when you are shopping for your groceries. If we all buy an extra can or box of food, we can have a tremendous impact on the needs of our community. There is a shopping cart and baskets in our Parish House set up for collection of food items. Heather Pusey has volunteered to take the food items to the pantries in Easton on a regular basis. The items most needed are:

Cereal	Diapers	Jelly
Powdered milk	Tuna	Cough drops
Toilet paper	Crackers	Pedialyte
Spaghetti and sauce	Peanut Butter	Breakfast bars
Little packs of pop tarts, cookies, cheese crackers & peanut butter crackers, chips		
Health & personal-shampoo, toothpaste, women’s hygiene supplies, lotion, bath washing gel, aspirin, cough syrup, band aids		

As we know, “it is more blessed to given that to receive.” Thank you for your generosity



Daughters of the King Meeting—All invited!

Tuesday, May 9th at 10:30 am

Parish Hall River Room

(also available via Zoom)



OXFORD DAY PLANT SALE SUCCESS

A bounty of beautiful plants graced the front lawn and attracted lots of visitors on Oxford Day! Robin's Nest provided us with an amazing selection of plants and baskets. The weather cooperated and we had such a great day. A heartfelt and sincere thank you to a wonderful team of volunteers who carried, sorted, arranged, sold and purchased plants. Your hard work, caring, and cooperative spirit make our events effective, efficient, and so worthwhile. Oxford Day is always a fun day ...when we enjoy the camaraderie and community building as much as the opportunity to raise money for missions. With wholesale costs higher than ever before, our profits were less, but we still managed to earn \$2,250.

Thank you all ...so very much!! Beverly Rohman

Calling All Oyster Lovers and Beachcombers



The women of Holy Trinity are already planning ahead for this year's Christmas Bazaar, and YOU can help!

Please begin saving sea shells, oyster shells, and even sea glass to help us make miniature nativity scenes similar to the one featured, which is a beloved part of Barbara Cross's nativity collection. With ample materials on hand, we will be able to design and make one-of-a-kind nativity ornaments to sell at the Bazaar.

So the next time you walk the beach or enjoy oysters on the half shell, please wash and save those shells and beautiful sea glass! We will announce drop off locations this Fall.

Thank you!

Christmas Bazaar Co-Chairs, Sara Wangsness & Sally Fronk

Educational Section

Sunday School News

The last Sunday School class for this school year was held on April 23rd. The children decided how to spend the \$1823 that they had raised during their Lenten Change for Change program. Please see the separate article by Sunday School Student Joseph Callahan. Once again, the children were very thoughtful in their deliberations. Thank you for your support. We couldn't have done it without you! This is the most money we have raised since we started this Lenten project over five years ago.

The children also distributed the heart hug prayer cards. If you did not receive one, and would like one of the cards the children made with the heart prayer hug inside, please let the office know.

Many thanks to our wonderful caring and creative students, their parents and grandparents who get them here and support us, and our wonderful fun teachers - Pucky Lippincott, Kathy Becker, Linda Wilson, and Barbara Cross.

Have a great summer!
Barbara Cross



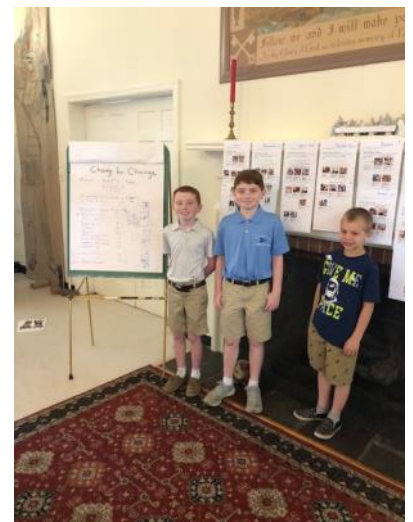
Women's Bible Study

Calling all women. Come join us as the Women's Bible Study starts up again. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 5pm on zoom. Next meeting is May 9th. We are studying women of the Bible. Each session stands alone, so join whenever you can. Contact Deacon Lisa with any questions: lisa.pagano15@gmail.com; 410-810-4024

Sunday School Change for Change

Before we reveal what we bought and how much money we've raised we just wanted to thank you for all your very generous donations. ***Thank you so much!*** This year the Church of the Holy Trinity raised **one thousand nine hundred and two dollars**. The Sunday School class decided to donate the money to:

- We gave locally to St. Vincent de Paul
- Neighborhood Service Center
- Breeding pair of goats
- Water filters
- Fishing supplies
- School supplies
- Eyeglasses
- Bike
- 24 Mosquito nettings
- Adopt an elephant
- 25 chicks
- Restocking health supplies
- 2 breeding pigs
- Flock of ducks
- Fruit trees and vegetable seeds



-Joseph Callahan

Music

Music Notes



Summer Choir begins May 5th! 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Bring a friend and come sing with a fun, enthusiastic group of singers. We sing once or twice a month at the 10 a.m. service. May through July. Service Musicians:

All are Welcome!



May 14th 8 & 10 a.m. Melissa Wise, Soprano
May 21st 10 a.m. Delmarva Trio
May 28th 8 & 10 a.m. Melissa Wise, Soprano

INQUIRING BELIEVERS

The Men's Bible Study group will be concluding its spring semester in mid-May and will then take a summer break. We will start up again in mid-September and have exciting plans for the fall.

During the past two years we have grown in number with new faces and new energy. If you are interested in joining us, please stop by one of our meetings or contact the rector or Ray Munsch in the church directory. We meet Monday evenings at 5:00 PM for one hour.



Some people see a weed. Some people see God's creation.

What do you see?

HAT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - 9:30 am

Be sure to find that favorite fascinator or hat to wear on Sunday June 4th. Several years ago, a few parishioners wanted to show our cousins across the pond that we could be as stylishly dressed as they were for Kate and William's marriage. Thus, a festive summer tradition was born. The coronation of King Charles gives us another incentive to have some fun and show off we can be stylish as them





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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. On the first Sunday of every month a combined service at 9:30 am. All services are in-person and broadcast