

Women (and Men!) on a Mission!

Interested in supporting the fellowship and local fundraising effort of the Women of Holy Trinity?

Parishioners are welcomed and needed to sustain our fellowship and local fundraising events. **Contact the Holy Trinity Office** to learn more about how you can get involved. Volunteers and coordinators are needed for:

❖ Our Annual Christmas Bazaar –

- Bazaar Event Coordinator(s)
- Advertising & Promotion
- Wreath Decorating
- Food Table
- Craft Table
- Elf Shelf (Re-Gifting Table)
- Children's Table
- Baskets for Charity
- Men's Coffee Table
- Checkout Table
- Event Treasurer

❖ Our Annual Plant Sale –

- Plant Sale Event Coordinator(s)
- Set-Up and Take Down volunteers
- Customer Assistance
- Checkout Table
- Event Treasurer

❖ Fellowship Events –

Event Coordinators for:

- Annual Women's Luncheon
- Women's Fellowship Gatherings
- Volunteer Appreciation Events

Fellowship and Fundraising for Local Missions & Charities!



THE WOMEN OF HOLY TRINITY

Organized by the Coordinators of Our Fellowship & Fundraising Events – Carrying on the legacy of the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) since 1903

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Many hands make light work!

A little history...



Did you know?

- ✚ **In May of 1850, General Tench Tilghman**, senior warden of St. Peter’s Parish, (to which Oxford Episcopalians belonged,) presented a unanimous petition to the 62nd Annual Convention of the Church in Maryland for permission to form a separate congregation for a church in Oxford. In **1851**, the Convention petition was approved. **The Tilghman sisters**, daughters of General Tilghman, played prominent roles in the church and are the only members interred within the church grounds.
- ✚ **On April 20, 1853**, the cornerstone was laid by Bishop Whitehouse for the Church of the Holy Trinity of Oxford. Granite walls were raised but, due to the Civil War, the building was not completed until **1899**.
- ✚ **Since Holy Trinity’s inception, women played a significant role in the church**, providing everything from maintenance and fundraising, and even hosting services in their homes. Funds raised were used for everything from organ repairs, paying off church debt, choir robes, the cost of lighting and coal heating, even covering part of the minister’s salary.
- ✚ **Since 1903**, the work of the women of Holy Trinity has been recorded in the minutes, when they first organized as “the Holy Trinity Chapter of the Daughters of the King of Whitemarsh Parish, the Oxford Trinity Guild, then in **1922** as the Woman’s Auxiliary, and in **1958**, as the Episcopal Church Women.

What sustains us Ours has been a journey of evolution, with the role of women in the church evolving to stay relevant and viable. From cleaning the church and preparing oyster suppers and crab cake luncheons to today's Annual Christmas Bazaar, Plant Sale, and Women's Fall Luncheon, we have focused our energies where we can make the most difference and accommodate the busy lives of our members, many of whom travel, maintain second homes, and work.

With input from the women of the church, we continue to explore new ways to enjoy fellowship and sustain our fundraising efforts that greatly benefit the local charities we support.

"For it is in giving that we receive."

St. Francis of Assisi

Making the Most of Our Precious Resource - You, Our Volunteers!

We ALL have busy lives, filled with family commitments, travel, work, and other volunteer responsibilities. That is why we have streamlined our organization to focus resources and leadership where it is most needed - fellowship and fundraising. You can volunteer, knowing that your volunteer hours will be focused on what matters most.

Planning for Succession - Keeping Our Legacy Alive!

With EVERY volunteer position, our success depends upon succession planning so that no one needs to serve more than one year in any given role. "Shadowing" current coordinators and co-chairing event committees is a great way to ensure continuity.

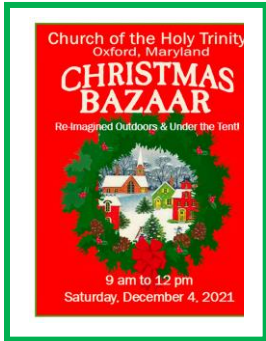
Our Mission



To create opportunities for fellowship - among women and parishioners of the church - and raise funds in support of local charities and mission work in our community

Local Mission & Fellowship Events

Annual Christmas Bazaar



Held on the first Saturday of December in concert with the Town of Oxford's "Christmas on the Creek" activities, this popular event celebrates the Christmas season with wonderful handmade items, delicious food, activities for children, fresh wreaths and holiday greens, and a chance to mingle and enjoy fellowship with other church members and the community.



Annual Plant Sale



Held annually in conjunction with Oxford Day on a Saturday in April, this event takes place on the church grounds and brings a burst of spring color, with a wide array of plants and flowers for sale, and a chance to enjoy friends and meet neighbors!

Women's Annual Luncheon, Women's Fellowship Gatherings, & Volunteer Appreciation Events –



At our Annual Women's Luncheon, we have another chance to mingle, enjoy a meal together, volunteer for upcoming events, and allocate funds raised to the charities we collectively select.

With the addition of our Fellowship Coordinators, other women's events will be planned, creating opportunities for working and weekend residents to participate.



Fellowship volunteers will also be planning Volunteer Appreciation Events, inviting men and women to participate.