

The Messenger
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Don't Forget TIS

As the holidays approach (I know, I can't believe it either!), let's not forget the opportunities we have to be of service through the Talbot Interfaith Shelter. St. Paul's has supported our homeless neighbors over the years, even before TIS existed. Many of you remember when we housed people in our own Fellowship room as well as fixing meals and breaking bread together. But the need has grown exponentially and TIS has responded. Currently two homes (Easton's Promise for multiple families and Evelyn's Place for singles) as well as the 16 apartments assist with the transition to self-sufficiency!

Let's take a moment to focus on two age levels that are most vulnerable. During this back-to-school season, it's natural to focus on the children. Julie Lowe, Executive Director of TIS, tells us that homelessness hits kids the hardest - disrupting the safety, school routines and sense of normalcy that every child needs to grow. Homelessness for senior citizens is also a growing concern. Currently, TIS is housing six seniors (as of July) but the need is MUCH greater. These two age levels require unique and long-term help.

This naturally brings us to the question of how can we help? Our Savior, Jesus Christ, calls each of us to serve the poor. The challenge is HOW! And the answer will come to us through prayerful reflection. If and when your prayers call you to act, there are multiple ways that you can consider or perhaps you will come up with your own way! Here are some ideas:

- **Housesitting:** On the first of every month, St. Paul's has pledged to provide "sitters" throughout the day at Easton's Promise (except weekends and holidays) and there is also a need to help when vacancies occur on other days. Housesitters are needed in both homes on Goldsborough Street. Responsibilities include answering the door and phones, as well as greeting and conversing with the residents.



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- Evening meals: As a congregation, we have also pledged to provide one evening meal on the first of the month for the residents at Easton's Promise. Typically, this is a meal for no more than 15 adults and children. Meals can be homemade or purchased by a local restaurant.
- Supply Donations: Throughout the year, different supplies are needed. Currently TIS is requesting paper products and hygiene items.
- Monetary Donations: There are multiple ways that monetary donations can be made to TIS. One-time donations are always welcome in any amount. You can donate online using credit card, bank account or PayPal. Checks are also welcome! If you would like to make a one-time donation, write a check to TIS and mail it to PO Box 2004, Easton MD 21601.

Another option is to become a TIS Promise Keeper by making a monthly recurring gift **of any size** to help year-round! These monthly donations provide TIS with a guaranteed income that supports necessary expenses. Bobbie can get you more information on how to set this up if you are interested.

We give thanks to the many members of St. Paul's that have supported TIS over the years and hope that we can continue and grow in our service!

If you have any questions about TIS or how you could help, please contact Bobbie Leaverton.

HOMELESSNESS

LOOKS DIFFERENT ON MARYLAND'S MID-SHORE.

Our unhoused neighbors - *local families, single adults, and seniors* - are less likely to live on the streets and more likely to seek shelter...



IN A VEHICLE...



ON A BOAT...



IN THE WOODS...



...IN STRUCTURES UNFIT FOR LIVING

Partner with Talbot Interfaith Shelter to fight homelessness on the Mid-Shore by providing *Shelter, Stability, Support, and a path to Success!*

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October 1 Meredith Lewis
 October 2 Donnie Davis
 October 4 James Bambarly IV
 Nicole Barth
 Bill Cep
 Angela Webster
 October 6 Lisa Fisher
 October 9 Barbara Saathoff
 October 14 Michael Prete
 October 16 Beth Shortall
 October 18 Mallory Short
 October 19 Lorraine Prete
 October 24 Debbie Dudrow
 Rhett Sump
 October 27 Else Ross
 Morgan Sauca
 October 29 Jaxon Bambarly



Just sending a little note
 to say thank you for your
 generous donations to
 EHS's care closet. We
 greatly appreciate you
 thinking of us and
 collecting items to support
 our students. Thanks
 again!
 Amy Harris

God's Work, Our Hands 2026



ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

GROWING IN
FAITH, SERVING
WITH LOVE



SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

September – December

SEPT 6 **GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**
10:00 AM at Ag Center
Blessing of the Backpacks and teachers
Ephesians 2:10

SEPT 13 What's so special about Sundays?
10:00 AM Exodus 20:8

SEPT 20 What's a pastor?
10:00 AM Jeremiah 3:15

SEPT 27 What's a church?
10:00 AM Matthew 16:18

OCT 4 Who is Jesus?
10:00 AM John 1:1

OCT 11 How do we talk to God?
10:00 AM Philippians 4:6

OCT 18 What is Grace?
10:00 AM Ephesians 2:8

OCT 25 Who are the saints?
10:00 AM Hebrews 12:1

NOV 1 **TRUNK OR TREAT**
10:00 AM

NOV 8 What is the Bible?
10:00 AM 2 Timothy 3:16

NOV 15 What's the Cross?
10:00 AM 1 Corinthians 1:18

NOV 22 What is Thanksgiving?
10:00 AM 1 Thessalonians 5:18

NOV 29 What is Advent?
10:00 AM Isaiah 9:6

DEC 6 Christmas Rehearsal
10:00 AM

DEC 13 Christmas Rehearsal
10:00 AM

DEC 20 Christmas Pageant
10:00 AM *Followed by a party and family meal*

DEC 27 *No Sunday School*
10:00 AM

JAN 3 *No Sunday School*
10:00 AM



God has been generous to us in many ways. We believe that sharing these gifts in His name is a tangible way of expressing one's faith. As active Christians, we are called to give generously to assist our neighbors through our time, talents and treasures. If you cannot attend services in-person, but still want to send offerings to the church; this can be done by mailing offerings to the church or by using Tithe.ly.

The direct link to our Tithe.ly account is <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1747825>

Special Dates for October 2026

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 4, 2026*
- Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Sunday, *October 11, 2026*
 - Columbus Day, *October 12, 2026*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 12, 2026*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 25, 2026*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2026*

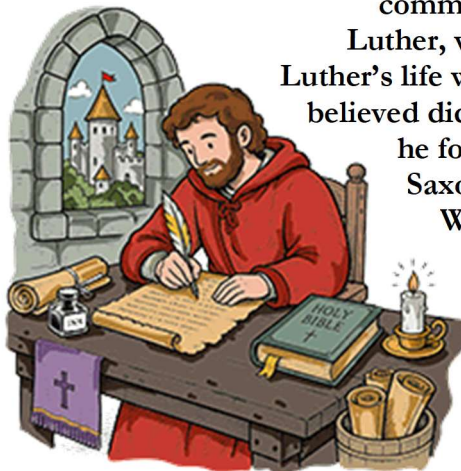


Reformation Day is celebrated by many Protestant churches on October 31. It

commemorates the Reformation and honors leaders such as Martin

Luther, whose courage and conviction helped shape church history.

Luther's life was threatened because he spoke out against practices he believed did not reflect the true mission of the Church. Forced into hiding, he found refuge at Wartburg Castle as the guest of the ruler of Saxony.



While there, Luther took on an enormous task: translating the Bible from the original languages into German. This was no simple project. At the time, Germany was made up of many regional dialects, making communication difficult from one area to another.

Luther wanted ordinary people to clearly understand God's Word. To make sure his translation used everyday language, he is said to have listened carefully to common speech, even

consulting the castle's butcher for familiar expressions and wording.

Luther's translation became a tremendous gift to the German people. Not only did it place Scripture into the hands of everyday readers, but the language he used also helped unify the many German dialects. In that sense, Martin Luther is often considered one of the fathers of the modern German language.

Give Thanks with Music



Music is one way to give thanks to God. Make these simple instruments to accompany your singing!

What you need:

- 3 small coffee cans with lids
- 1/2 cup dry pinto beans
- 1/2 cup unpopped popcorn
- 1/2 cup uncooked rice
- Heavy-duty tape
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons for decorating



What you do:

1. Put the beans in one can, the popcorn in another, and the rice in the third.
2. Secure the lids and tape around the rims.
3. Cover the cans with construction paper and glue it in place.
4. Decorate the cans with markers or crayons.
5. Shake the cans to hear the different sounds, then use them to make joyful music for the Lord!

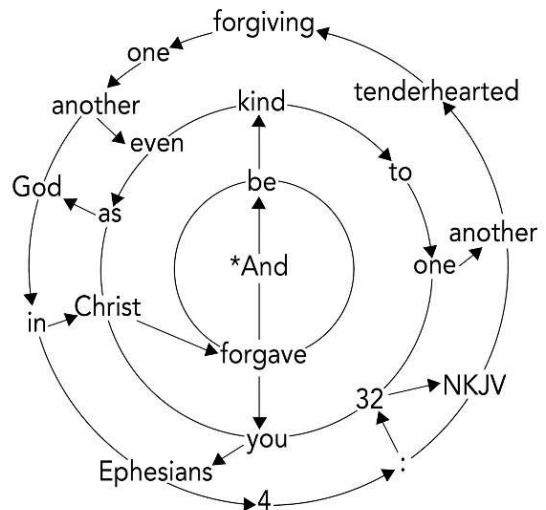


Puzzle!

This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.



Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



"And _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ ,
 _____ ."
 _____ ,

Answer: "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32, NKJV



October 4	Joshua Lewis
October 11	Joseph Comer
October 18	Beth Roesel
October 25	Declan Corley



October 4	Donnie Davis and Keith Davis
October 11	Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
October 18	Dottie and Lee Moore
October 25	Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth



Tellers

October 4	Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth
October 11	Kathy Barletta and Susan Behrens
October 18	Dottie and Lee Moore
October 25	Henry and Lyn Hollingsworth



October
Carol Meers and
Beth Shortall



**Communion
Assistants**

October 4	Joshua Lewis
October 11	Couper Barletta
October 18	Tom Roesel
October 25	Declan Corley

OCTOBER



Acolytes

October 4	Ella Barletta
October 11	Couper Barletta
October 18	Henry Callahan
October 25	Declan Corley

Crucifers

Joshua Lewis



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