

# The Herald

October 2011

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## COME AND CELEBRATE ON NOVEMBER 6

On Sunday at 10:30 a.m., we will celebrate the gift of Holy Communion. Worship will be led by Alex Vishio, Bill Ingram, and Peggy Cook. Bill will be the celebrant for Holy Communion and Peggy will be delivering the homily.

That afternoon at 3 p.m., Terry Fitzgerald will be officially installed as the pastor of our church. Though she has served among us for six months already, this service will mark the end of our time of pastoral transition and the beginning of a new phase of fruitful work together.

We will be hosting visitors from around the Association and Conference in this Special Service of Worship. Immediately following the service, the Search Committee invites our guests to join our congregation in a reception. We ask that members of the congregation bring either an appetizer or a dessert to share. The search committee will provide beverages and paper products.

Please plan to join us for this joyous occasion!

*Emily Perl*  
for the Search Committee

Consistory Person for October: Bill Ingram

## A Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Worshipping, singing (adults and children), dancing, teaching, preparing budgets, paying bills, supervising building repairs, reading, discussing, celebrating, preparing supper for the hungry, helping to build houses for those seeking homes, providing food for those in need, advocating in Annapolis for marriage equality – coming together in community and reaching out to the world! Wonderful ministries!! You are active, vibrant, and deeply caring as the Body of Christ!

In the midst of your busy lives, you most certainly demonstrate your dedication to this congregation and your faithfulness in living out the gospel message of Jesus Christ. Your commitments of time and talent and financial offerings are all vital for the ongoing life and work of this welcoming faith community. In this season of stewardship and upcoming celebrations, we are mindful of the need to renew our commitments of time and talent and financial offerings so that we can continue to be a source of comfort and support for one another, and a source of generous and justice-seeking outreach to our wider community. In the next newsletter, I'll say a little more about how we are stewards, caretakers, of the abundant gifts God has given us in service to God, and how we can offer them back in service to God.

For now – thank you for all the time you offer, for the talents you're so willing to share, and for the money you give to ensure that we continue to experience Christ's presence in our worship and through one another, and continue to be the presence of Christ in the world.


*Terry*



**Baskets  
for ACTC  
for families  
in need.**

The list of items for 2011 ACTC  
Thanksgiving Baskets with instructions  
for each basket is available on the table  
in the Gathering Room.

The baskets are needed by  
**Wednesday, November 18.**  
If you wish to contribute a basket,  
please use the sign-up sheet provided.  
Thank you for your support!

|  <b>Happy Birthday</b> |               |
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| Nov. 2   | Mary Smith    |
| Nov. 3   | Katherina Cox |
| Nov. 27  | David Brinker |

Bill Ingram will be preaching on Oct. 30.  
Peggy Cook will be preaching on Nov. 6.