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ANNUAL MEETING

The Congregation will meet in the Gym on Sunday, December 6, at 10:00 am to adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council. The ten nominees for the five three-year terms are Ralph Born, Randy Brown, Louise Fletcher, Dale Hamann, Deirdre Hixson, Karla Koon, Ashley Macek, Paul Miller, Megan Reed and Margaret Roth. The nominees for the one-year youth term are Bailey Hoffert and Caitlin Littlejohn.

Those who attend the meeting are asked to bring a breakfast finger food for the brunch, which will follow the meeting. Coffee and juice will be provided.

GIFTS OF HOPE: A SEASON OF GIVING

Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift-giving program in the SC Synod (ELCA). This Christmas give gifts to family and friends that give hope to others. The gifts are represented by institutions and Social Ministry Organizations affiliated with the SC Synod and South Carolina companion foreign synods. Every penny of *Gifts of Hope* will be distributed to help the poor, educate students from elementary school to seminary and support the elderly here and throughout the world.

The Outreach Committee will be offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope*. Through December 20, *Gifts of Hope* may be purchased at Trinity each Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Room during Coffee and Conversation. The *Gifts of Hope* catalog will offer 38 gift choices ranging in price from \$10 to \$130. Included are choices such as new shoes or a backpack for impoverished children, transportation for a homeless Veteran, or food for a refugee family. For each gift that is purchased, a gift card and an insert describing the chosen gift will be received. These may be sent to a friend or family member. To review the gifts that may be purchased, please visit www.GiftsOfHopeSC.org. For more information, please contact Karla Koon at 609-6617 or kwkoon11@gmail.com or Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or spiershome@charter.net.

TRINITY TIDINGS

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A voice cries out:

*In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
Isaiah 39:3*

Dear Members of the Trinity Family,

Visiting with my sister has always been an indulgent experience. She lavishes me with special attention, little gifts, and lots of love. I marvel at all the effort she invests in preparing for my visits. She makes sure that the bathroom is stocked with my favorite travel-sized toiletries. There is often a bouquet of flowers in my bedroom, a bag of M&M's on the dresser, and pretty sheets on the bed. Her pantry is stocked with my favorite snacks, there is skim milk in the refrigerator, and a little bunch of greenish yellow bananas on the counter. The thermostat is even set to my optimum temperature! Her preparations make me feel honored, welcomed, and loved.

My hope this advent season is that I can prepare my heart and home, my mind and spirit for the savior's birth with the same amount of love, care, effort, and attention as my sister prepares for my visits. In preparation for Jesus' birth I want to show love and kindness to others. I want to be a peaceful, welcoming presence to those who worship with us on Sunday mornings. I want to be open and accepting to all of God's children. I want the light of Christ to shine brightly in and through me. I am eager to put in the time and effort, to go to some lengths, to do some extra work in order to make Jesus feel welcome in my heart and in my home. My prayer this advent season is for God to make us all strong, loving, and fearless so that we can do everything in our power to prepare the way of the Lord, to make a home in our hearts for the Christ child.

Peace, love, and joy,

Pastor Susan Crowell

COUNCIL NOTES

At the November meeting of the Congregation Council, the council

- participated in a SC Synod presentation entitled *Where is the Spirit Leading?*;
- noted that expenses for October were \$3,766 less than anticipated and that expenses year to date are \$40,364 less than projected;
- approved the Stewardship Committee's proposed budget of \$1,234,526 for the year 2016 and recommended its adoption to the congregation; and
- agreed by consensus that the December Congregation Council meeting will be held on Sunday, December 13 at 3:30 pm.

2016 ENVELOPES

The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Gym at the Congregation Meeting on Sunday, December 6. The envelopes will be on tables in alphabetical order for members to pick up before and after the meeting. The following Sunday, the envelopes will be available in the Multipurpose Room. Envelopes not picked up on that Sunday will be mailed the following week. Please wait until the new year to begin using the new envelopes. Note that those who contribute by bank draft will not receive envelopes, but are welcome to use the envelopes in the pew racks for additional offering.

END OF YEAR GIVING

According to IRS regulations, gifts should be made on or before December 31 to be considered tax-deductible for the year 2015. During the last week of the year, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Tuesday, December 29, Wednesday, December 30, and Thursday, December 31.

Order Your Poinsettias



Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church at the 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Services. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$15.00 for each poinsettia no later than Wednesday, December 9. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, after the 11:15 am service on Sunday, December 27 or on Tuesday, December 29.

2015 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Enclosed/attached is my \$15.00 for each poinsettia given.

in () honor of

1. _____ 2. _____

in () memory of

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Given by: _____

WITHIN THE TRINITY FAMILY . . .

HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Jennings Cook - 824, St. Francis Downtown
 Lettie Diane Stack - ICU, Greenville Memorial
 Sarah Taylor has been discharged

DEATHS

Bob Taylor on November 8

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Kathy Marrelli to Saint Matthew United Methodist Church,
 Greenville, SC

ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22
7:45	18	75	19	19
9:00	252	203	187	140
11:15	<u>164</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>170</u>
TOTAL	434	503	363	329
SUNDAY SCHOOL	203	181	142	121
LCY	58	68	40	

OFFERING SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER (SUMMARY DOES NOT INCLUDE NOVEMBER 29)

	<u>November</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Needed for Budget	100,622	1,106,840
Given to Budget	<u>101,715</u>	<u>940,253</u>
Difference	1,093	- 166,587
Given to World Hunger	1,174	14,539

SHARING TREE

The Outreach Committee will sponsor a Sharing Tree to provide Christmas gifts for needy persons in the community including Mental Health America clients, the teen girls at Pendleton Place, the boys at Generations Group Home, GAIHN families, Trinity's Aids Care Team family, other families through United Ministries, as well as sponsorships for Sole Hope. Trees with ornaments listing gift choices are in the Church Parlor and Multipurpose Room. After taking an ornament and making a purchase, please place the item in a gift bag with the ornament attached and return to the Parlor by Sunday, December 13. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 228-0368.



TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES BENEFITS GAIHN

Through December 6, 10% of Ten Thousand Villages sales will be donated to a gift fund for the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network, so that local GAIHN guests can purchase gifts for their families this holiday season. To participate, mention GAIHN at checkout. Ten Thousand Villages is located at 207 North Main St. in downtown Greenville.



COUNSELING SERVICES

Because Trinity Lutheran Church participates in a Membership Assistance Program with Canterbury Counseling Center, members of the congregation pay a fee of \$25 per session for the first four sessions of counseling. To make an appointment, speak with Pastor Crowell or call the Canterbury Counseling Center at 235-7501.



ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION

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Trinity will collect food and toiletry items during Advent for AID Upstate. AID Upstate is a non-profit organization that provides case management services to HIV-positive clients and HIV testing, counseling, and education to the general public. Bags with needed items are available in the Narthex, Breezeway and the Multipurpose Room. Please bring some of the items on the list to the Narthex during Advent. For more information, contact Bill Renninger at 232-4877 or Betsy League at 271-9556.

PROJECT HOST SOUP KITCHEN

On Sunday, December 13, LCY High Schoolers, along with adult volunteers, will staff the soup kitchen from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Contact Mandi Whitley with questions.



UNITED MINISTRIES

Trinity continues to receive food for the United Ministries Food Pantry on the first and third Sundays of each month.



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

DECEMBER 24, 2015

3:00 pm Holy Communion - Children and Youth Choirs
5:00 pm Holy Communion - Adult Choir
7:00 pm Holy Communion - Adult Choir

(A nursery will be provided at the 3:00 and 5:00 pm Services.)



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

MORNING SESSION: A Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group led by Pastor Crowell will meet on Thursday, December 3 at 9:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy refreshments, study, prayer and fellowship.

EVENING SESSION: A Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group led by Pastor Crowell will meet on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Everyone is invited to bring refreshments to share with the group. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy refreshments, study, prayer and fellowship.

Women's Bible Study



and Fellowship Group

PRAYER GROUP

A prayer group meets at 11:30 am in the Library every Wednesday. The group meets for thirty minutes to share prayer concerns and celebrations and pray for individuals and ministries in the life of Trinity. All are invited to attend. Prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com.

MEN'S GROUP

This month the group will meet on Tuesday, December 8 at noon at the *Trappe Door*. Contact Joe Rice with questions at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com. All men of the congregation and friends are encouraged to attend, and dress for Christmas!

THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE

This group for adults usually gathers bi-weekly on Sunday afternoons to discuss *My Conversations with Martin Luther* by Timothy Lull. The group will meet on December 13 at 4:00 pm on the second floor of the Pence Building. All adults are welcome to participate. Joe Rice facilitates the discussion and questions may be directed to him at 246-8661 or saluda171@yahoo.com.

LYDIA GROUP

The Lydia Group will have a Christmas program of scripture and carols, followed by a light lunch on Tuesday, December 8 at 10:30 am. Participants will gather in the Parlor/Assembly Room area.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

We Hope; We Adore; We See will be on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 pm. Scripture readings interspersed with prayers, carols and beautiful choral and handbell music carry the congregation through the *incarnation cycle* of the church year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany). We read, reflect and sing about Christ promised, Christ with us and Christ revealed to us. Trinity's Adult Choir, Youth Choir and Handbell Choir will be joined by a string quartet to offer a rich worship experience for strengthening our faith and as a reminder of the true meaning, beauty and gift of this sacred season.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 6 from 4:00 to 5:00 pm. The choir will sing for the 10:00 am Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 20 and for the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve service. The Children's Choir will sing John Rutter's beautiful Christmas anthem, *Carol of the Children*, the Cameroon folk song, *He Came Down That We May Have Love*, and many Christmas carols.

TRINITY'S INSTRUMENTALIST COMMUNITY

Trinity's members are invited to play for the Christmas Pageant on December 20, to accompany the Christmas carols being sung throughout the Pageant. Pastor Parham will have instrumental parts for the Christmas carols available for all instruments. If you are interested in playing, please send an e-mail to jcparham@trinitylutheran.ws, or call at 242-5702, ext. 16.

HANDBELL CHOIR

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm, right before Adult Choir (December 2, 9, 16 and 23). There will be no rehearsals on Wednesday, December 30. The Handbell Choir will play at the Advent Lessons and Carols service on December 13, and on Christmas Eve at the 5:00 and 7:00 pm services.

YOUTH CHOIR

Rehearsal will be Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 pm. Youth will sing at the Lessons and Carols service on December 13 at 5:00 pm and on Christmas Eve at the 3:00 pm service. Youth Choir members are invited to attend the rehearsal on December 13 at 3:30 pm.

ADULT CHOIR

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights (December 2, 9, 16 and 23) at 7:00 pm in the Choir Room on the second floor of the Pence Building. There will be no rehearsal on Wednesday, December 30. The rehearsal with the string quartet for the Advent Lessons and Carols service is at 3:30 pm on December 13. The Choir Christmas Party follows the service. The adult choir will not have an anthem on December 20, due to the Christmas pageant.

YOUTH AND ADULT BASKETBALL

Trinity offers basketball teams for children in K-5 through Grade 12, and for adult men. All teams are organized under the direction of the Church Basketball League for Youth. Questions should be directed to Mandi Whitley.

The practice schedules are as follows:

Tuesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm - MITES GIRLS at St. James Episcopal Church
6:30 - 7:30 pm - MITES BOYS at St. Matthew United Methodist Church
7:00 - 8:00 pm - SENIOR GIRLS

Wednesdays: 6:00 - 7:00 pm - MIDGET BOYS AND JUNIOR BOYS
7:00 - 8:00 pm - MIDGET GIRLS
7:30 - 8:30 pm - JUNIOR GIRLS

Thursdays: 7:00 - 8:00 pm - SENIOR BOYS I and SENIOR BOYS II



Just for Kids!

KIDS' STUFF AND CLUB 345

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 are Trinity's fellowship groups for children in K5-Grade 5. The groups gather once a month to learn about God and to have fun with church friends. The dates for this school year are: December 13, January 29-30 (sleepover), February 21, March 26 (Egg Hunt) and April 10. Parent volunteers who are trained in the Child Protection Policy are needed at each event and should speak with Mandi Whitley if willing to help.

On Sunday, December 13, Kids' Stuff and Club 345 will experience Christmas Around the World in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 2:00 pm. Kids will be divided into groups and learn about different Christmas traditions from across the globe through food, crafts, stories and games. Pick up is 4:00 pm. Parents are needed to help at this event.



GREENVILLE AREA INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Trinity Church will host guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network Sunday, December 6 through Sunday, December 13. Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Rachel Balck at rachel@balckfamily.org or 232-6969 or Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net or 288-3190 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinator, Bev Bresette, at bresette@bellouth.net or 627-9211 if you would like to volunteer.

Food items are needed to pack lunches and provide snacks for GAIHN guests during host week. A display containing a list of needed items as well as a sign up sheet is located in the Parlor. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, December 6.

LUTHERAN CHURCH YOUTH

Lutheran Church Youth is Trinity's ministry program for youth in grades 6-12. All youth in these age groups are invited to participate. The group meets from 6:00-8:00 pm in the Youth Center unless otherwise noted.



December 6 – CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECTS Lutheran Church Youth

After dinner, youth will work on a variety of service projects that will help those in need in the Greenville community.

December 13 – TACKY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY AND GIFT EXCHANGE

After dinner, youth will participate in a gift exchange and Christmas games. Youth should bring a \$10.00 gift for the exchange (no gift cards, please) and are encouraged to come dressed in tacky Christmas sweaters. Prizes will be given to the tackiest boy and girl.

December 20 and 27 – NO LCY

LCY'S ANNUAL SKI RETREAT is January 22-24, 2016. Information and registration forms have been emailed. Registration forms and payment are due no later than Sunday, January 3.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Middle School Mission Days. Current Trinity middle school students will participate in service projects in Greenville, plus fun and fellowship on Monday, July 11 - Wednesday, July 13. Save these dates and watch the Tidings for further information next spring.

HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP

High School Small Group meets on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:15 pm in the Youth Center and is for all High School youth. Youth bring their own dinner, then participate in Bible studies, service projects and fellowship activities. Small Group will meet on December 2, 9 and 16, then resume on Wednesday, January 6.



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

Trinity youth in grades 9 through 12 will be going to Atlanta, Georgia for a week-long mission trip Sunday, June 5 - Saturday, June 11. The group will stay at Redeemer Lutheran Church's *The Mission House*, and will participate in a variety of service projects as well as fun outings, wrapping up the week with a Braves game. Registration forms have been emailed and are due with a \$50.00 deposit to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, January 3. Due to space restrictions at The Mission House, the trip is limited to 20 youth. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.



FURMAN LSA

Furman Campus Ministry meetings are on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. Mandi Whitley and Vicar Megan Lineberger are coordinators for this ministry. Volunteers to provide an evening meal for this group of 10-12 are needed for this ministry. Contact Vicar Megan at 242-5702 or melineberger@trinitylutheran.ws to offer help. She will be coordinating the meals for the spring semester in the coming weeks.



BOOK GROUP

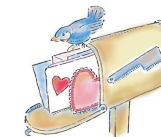
The Trinity Book Group meets in the Parlor at 7:00 pm on the third Thursday of even numbered months. Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books.

On Thursday, December 17 at 7:00 pm, group members will meet at the home of Nancy Jones, 340 Pimlico Road, Greenville, for a holiday get together and book exchange. The book to be discussed is *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin. Those attending are invited to bring a new, wrapped paperback book they think members of the group might like to read. The books will then be exchanged and swapped. Participants are also invited to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



TLC4TLC

Adults are invited to gather once a month for TLC4TLC (Tender Loving Care for Trinity Lutheran Church) to write notes and cards for members who are ill, grieving, or unable to attend worship, as well as for those who are celebrating joys. The group will meet on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm in the Library. For additional information, please contact Mary Valenti at 322-5450 or Tracey Hoffert at 991-8547.



LEISURE/ACTION

The Leisure/Action Group is for retirees or those who would like to be. The group generally meets once a month for outings to places of interest. Adults of any age are always welcome to join the group.

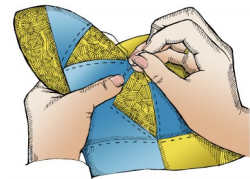
The group will have a Christmas covered dish luncheon on Monday, December 14 at 11:45 am in the Multipurpose Room. Those attending are asked to bring meat, vegetables, side dishes or dessert to share. Call the Church Office at 242-5702 by Friday, December 11, if planning to attend.

Leisure/Action Gameday will not meet in December.

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Adults of all ages will gather at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 11, for a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange at the home of Chris and Lara Wannemacher, 19 Charlbury St. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert to share with the group and a wrapped Christmas tree ornament for the gift exchange. Soft drinks will be provided. Reservations can be made by calling the Church Office by Wednesday, December 9.

Ornament Exchange



QUILTING GROUP

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The Quilting Group meets in the Activities Building at 9:30 am twice a month. The group makes quilts which are distributed by Lutheran World Relief. Participants do not need to know how to sew in order to make quilts. Willing volunteers who can cut fabric, iron, thread a needle or tie knots are welcome. Some group members bring their lunch to the gatherings. Work is usually finished around 2:00 pm, although participants can work as little, or as long as they like. There are also at-home sewing opportunities for those who cannot come to the gatherings. In the month of December, the group will have a holiday gathering on Monday, December 7 at the home of Darlene Kleckley. The group will meet on Monday, January 4 to make quilts for the 2016 shipment. For more information, contact Sarah Weeks at 246-7862 or Amy Brown at 242-5702.

NEW YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

The group will gather on the second Tuesday of the month, December 8 from 6:30-7:45 pm, for fellowship and faith talk. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share as you are able, but come even if you are empty handed. The group will meet in the Library. Please enter through the Red Canopy Door. Please contact Vicar Megan Lineberger for more details at melineberger@trinitylutheran.ws.



LOVING THREADS

Loving Threads is a ministry that knits and crochets handmade prayer shawls, baby blankets and bandages for those in the community and around the world. Most work is done at home, and members gather monthly to enjoy fellowship and to pray for those receiving the shawls. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, is invited to participate. The group will meet to enjoy fellowship, work on projects and bless their work on Sunday, December 13 at 4:00 pm in the Parlor, just prior to the Advent Lessons and Carols service. For more information, contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

On Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 am the congregation is invited to gather in the Gym for a unique Advent and Christmas worship experience that will include an interactive, inter-generational Christmas Pageant entitled *The ABC's of Christmas*. This service will include musical leadership from the Children's Choir and Trinity instrumentalists. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Following worship, a festive brunch of breakfast casserole, mini quiches, sausage biscuits, fresh fruit, muffins, orange juice, coffee and apple cider will be served in the Multipurpose Room. While the 7:45 am service will take place as usual, this 10:00 am service will take the place of the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Please make plans to attend this unique and meaningful experience of worship and fellowship.



CONFIRMATION PLANNING

The 2016 confirmation program will begin with a kick off luncheon for all 7th, 8th and 9th graders and their families on Sunday, January 3 after the 11:15 am service. Saturday classes are on January 9, February 6, February 27 and March 19. Ninth graders who complete the program will be confirmed on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2016.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes are available for all ages, and begin at 10:10 am. Children ages 2 through K5 meet in the classrooms on the first floor of the Pence Education Building. Students in Grades 1 through 5 attend *Grace Place*, Trinity's rotation style Sunday School on the second floor of the Pence Education Building. Youth in middle and high school attend classes in the Youth Center, which is across the parking lot from the Sanctuary. Adults meet in the Multipurpose Room for coffee and conversation, announcements and prayer, before classes begin.

During the Advent and Christmas seasons in December, the adult class schedule varies a little. On December 6 during the Sunday School hour, adults will meet in the Gym for the Congregation Meeting. On December 13, all adults will meet together for an Advent class in the Multipurpose Room. On December 20, brunch will take the place of Sunday School. One adult class will meet in the Multipurpose Room on December 27. New classes will begin in January.

December 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:00 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST JAMES EPISCOPAL 6:30 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE @ ST MATTHEW UMC 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE	11:30 PRAYER GROUP 12:00 ADVENT WORSHIP 6:00 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP 6:00 MIDGET BOYS BB PRACTICE 6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:15 FURMAN LSA 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 MIDGET GIRLS BB PRACTICE 7:30 JR GIRLS BB PRACTICE	9:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP 6:30 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP GROUP 7:00 SR BOYS I & II BB PRACTICE		
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 6	9:00 STAFF MEETING 7	10:30 LYDIA GROUP 8 12:00 MEN'S GROUP 6:00 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST JAMES EPISCOPAL 6:30 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE @ ST MATTHEW UMC 6:30 NEW YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP 7:00 SR GIRLS BB PRACTICE	11:30 PRAYER GROUP 9 12:00 ADVENT WORSHIP 6:00 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP 6:00 MIDGET BOYS BB PRACTICE 6:00 JR BOYS BB PRACTICE 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 MIDGET GIRLS BB PRACTICE 7:30 JR GIRLS BB PRACTICE	10 7:00 SR BOYS I & II BB PRACTICE	11 7:00 CHRISTMAS PARTY AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE	12 9:00 CHRISMON TREE DECORATING
7:45 HOLY COMMUNION 8:30 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 9:00 HOLY COMMUNION 10:00 CONGREGATION MEETING 10:45 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 11:00 GAIHN SETUP 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION 4:00 CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL 5:00 YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL 6:00 LCY	GREENVILLE	AREA	INTERFAITH	HOSPITALITY	NETWORK	
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 13	9:00 STAFF MEETING 14 11:45 LEISURE/ACTION LUNCHEON	15 6:00 MITES GIRLS BB PRACTICE @ ST JAMES EPISCOPAL 6:30 MITES BOYS BB PRACTICE @ ST MATTHEW UMC	16 11:30 PRAYER GROUP 12:00 ADVENT WORSHIP 6:00 HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUP 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL	17 7:00 BOOK GROUP	18	19
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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT EMERGENCY FOOD SUNDAY 20	9:00 STAFF MEETING 21	22	23 11:30 PRAYER GROUP 6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL	24 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS EVE 2:15 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIRS WARMUP 3:00 HOLY COMMUNION 4:15 ADULT CHOIR WARMUP 5:00 HOLY COMMUNION 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION	25 NATIVITY OF OUR LORD CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26
5:00 INTERN COMMITTEE						
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS 27	OFFICE CLOSED 28	9:00 STAFF MEETING 29	30	31		
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RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DECEMBER 2015

		<u>6th</u>	<u>13th</u>	<u>20th</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>	<u>27th</u>
7:45 am	Lector Prayers Cantor	Lani Wise Caroline Massey Russ Wise	Kay Cook Brent Amyette Susan Troutman	Eliza Stockman Caroline Massey Eliza Stockman	<u>3:00 pm service</u>	David Crigler Helen League Russ Wise
9:00 am	Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes Greeters Nursery Nursery Aide	Margaret Roth Tim Keaton Russ Wise Melanie Matters Andrew Rose Cathy Baus, Fred Baus Debbie Varner Mary Margaret Delap, Richard Delap Ellen Spiers	Debbie Varner Mary Ries Amanda Cook Kaitlin Bresette Carson Spiers Cathy Baus, Fred Baus Merry Mulcahy Caroline Massey, Pam Reichard Anna Lee Henry		Lector Prayers Acolytes Ushers Comm Clean Nursery	Angie McCormack Margaret Roth Grace Kirven Carson Spiers Stephen Kirven (Capt) Mark Godfrey Donnie Koon Angie McCormack Steve & Tracy Dean McElhinny Jeff Roth, Margaret Roth
Sunday School	Nursery	Eric Glass	Brenda Bridges	(10:00)	Lector Prayers Acolytes	Joe Rice Ralph Moyer Tate Johnson Turner Johnson
11:15 am	Lector Prayers Cantor Acolytes Greeters Nursery Nursery Aide	Paul Miller Henry Wilcox Melanie Helling Anna Bennett Jack Wilcox Lisa Black, Darwin Cline Susan Cline Karen Craig Reagan Hoffert	Tom DiAntonio Ryan Macek Richard Moose Hunter Balck Jordan Forbes Jeanne Blinkoff, Marilyn Koerber Laura Metz Amy Forde Elizabeth Allen	Darwin Cline Lynne Hunter Rachel Haltiwanger Delaney Wannemacher Mary Frances Martin, WW Martin Robyn Wilcox Melanie Wessinger Caitlyn Littlejohn	Ushers Comm Clean Nursery	David Potts (Capt) Mike Boliek Ralph Moyer Alice Smith Mike and Maggie Boliek Lynne Hunter, Beth Oswald
Communion Fill	Communion Clean-up (9:00) (11:15)	Caroline Massey (Intinction) Al and Mary Valenti Jimmy Reynolds	Sarah Weeks (Intinction) Mike and Patti Parker John and Lynne Hunter	Geraldine Weyermann (Intinction) (10:00) Jeff Rehm, Mary Beth Ridenhour	Lector Prayers Acolytes Ushers Comm Clean	Barbara Corell Paul Miller Ryan Semler Jack Wilcox Wayne Landreth (Capt) Lisa Black Barbara Corell George Corell Lisa Black
Ushers	7:45 9:00 11:15	David Nichols, Karen Nichols Eric Lynch (Captain), Gene Bowman, Mary Todd Bowman, Margaret Wyatt Terry Morgan (Captain), Sam Ligon, WW Martin, Norris Morgan				Betsy League (Intinction) Margaret Wyatt Susan Burton

Offering Tellers
 Team 1 Mark Allen (Captain)
 Andrew Weiner, Joyce Weiner
 Team 2 Brian Craig (Captain)
 Jeff Balck, Tommy Littlejohn

REMINDER FOR WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS
If you are unable to be here on your scheduled week, please find a replacement and notify the Church Office as soon as possible so that the bulletin may be corrected.

Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 13, 5:00 pm

Ushers Susan Burton, John Glymph

Nursery Captains	9:00 SS 11:15	Amanda Mast Brenda Bridges Amy Forde
Audio Ministry		Debbie Farstad
Visiting First Time Worshipers		Debbie Farstad, Betsy League
Sanctuary Preparation		Jo Glymph
United Ministry Food Baskets		David Potts