

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 THROUGH DECEMBER 6			
TODAY - NOVEMBER 29		WEDNESDAY (CONT'D)	
7:45 am	Holy Communion	6:15 pm	Furman LSA
8:30 am	Adult Choir Warmup	7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am	Holy Communion	7:00 pm	Midget Girls BB Practice
9:50 am	Coffee & Conversation	7:30 pm	Jr Girls BB Practice
10:10 am	Sunday School	THURSDAY	
10:45 am	Adult Choir Warmup	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group
11:15 am	Holy Communion	6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group
12:45 pm	Out to Lunch Bunch	7:00 pm	Sr Boys I & II BB Practice
4:00 pm	Theology Roundtable	7:00 pm	Men's BB Game @ Westm Pres
MONDAY		SATURDAY	
9:00 am	Staff Meeting	8:30 am	Midget Girls BB Game @ ARP
6:00 pm	Sr Girls BB Game @ Trinity	9:30 am	Midget Boys BB Game @ 2nd Pres
7:00 pm	Sr Boys II BB Game @ ARP	9:30 am	Jr Boys BB Game @ Christ Church
8:00 pm	Sr Boys I BB Game @ St. Matthew	11:00 am	Mites Boys BB Game @ Westm Pres
TUESDAY		11:30 am	Mites Girls BB Game @ St. James
6:00 pm	Mites Girls BB Practice @ St. James Episcopal	1:30 pm	Jr Girls BB Game @ St. Matthew
6:30 pm	Mites Boys BB Practice @ St. Matthew UMC	NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 6	
7:00 pm	Sr Girls BB Practice	7:45 am	Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY		8:30 am	Adult Choir Warmup
11:30 am	Prayer Group	9:00 am	Holy Communion
12:00 noon	Advent Worship	10:00 am	Congregation Meeting
6:00 pm	High School Small Group	10:45 am	Adult Choir Warmup
6:00 pm	Midget Boys BB Practice	11:00 am	GAIHN Setup
6:00 pm	Jr Boys BB Practice	11:15 am	Holy Communion
6:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
		5:00 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal
		6:00 pm	LCY

2015 Poinsettia Order Form

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.

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____



Activities and Opportunities

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Today's Baptism

Brady Michael Spitzer, son of Todd and Kerry Spitzer

Hospital Patients

Jennings Cook - 824, St. Francis Downtown
Lettie Diane Stack - ICU, Greenville Memorial

Announcements

Pastor Parham and Mandi Whitley are away today.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Today. The first session will be held immediately after each service this morning. The proposed budget for 2016 will be introduced and nominations for Congregation Council will be finalized. The meeting will then be recessed until 10:00 am next Sunday, December 6. On that day, the Congregation will adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council. Those attending are asked to bring a breakfast finger food for the brunch, which will follow the meeting. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Mid-Day Wednesday Advent Worship. During the Advent season worship will be held at 12:00 noon in the Sanctuary on December 2, 9 and 16. These thirty-minute services will include a meditation and Holy Communion.

2016 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Multipurpose Room this next Sunday. The envelopes are on tables in alphabetical order for members to pick up. 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. Please wait until the new year to begin using the new envelopes.

Advent Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex and the Multipurpose Room for adults and families with children.

The December issue of *The Lutheran* magazine, and the November/December issue of the *South Carolina Lutheran* magazine are available in the Narthex, the Pence Building hallway, and the Multipurpose Room.

Education

Sunday School Classes are provided each week for children two years old on or before September 1 through those in Grade 12, as well as adults. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers who miss the September 1 deadline. At 9:50 am adults of all ages are invited for coffee, conversation, parish announcements and prayer in the Multipurpose Room of the Activities Building. There are two adult classes being offered. The course *Blessed Earth: Hope for Humanity* will meet in the Multipurpose Room to explore how we can live a spiritually sustainable lifestyle. The Bible study *Unusual Names* will meet in Rooms 12 and 13, and will study four of the *I am* names of Jesus that are found in the gospel of John.

Relational Groups

Out to Lunch Bunch - Today, 12:45 pm. The Out to Lunch Bunch is open to all Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. The group enjoys lunch together on the fourth Sunday of each month. The group will meet at *Ruby Tuesday* at Cherrydale at 12:45 pm. Speak with Amy Brown before the 11:15 am service if you would like to attend.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 2, 11:30 am, Library. A prayer group meets 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. Prayer requests may be emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Groups - Thursday, December 3, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Multipurpose Room. These groups are led by Pastor Crowell. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy refreshments, study, prayer and fellowship. Refreshments are provided at the morning session. At the evening gathering, participants are invited to bring refreshments to share with the group.

New Young Adult Small Group - Tuesday, December 8, 6:30-7:45 pm, Library. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. Participants will come together 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, so please enter through the Red Canopy Door. For more details, contact Vicar Megan Lineberger at melineberger@trinitylutheran.ws.

Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange - Friday, December 11, 7:00 pm. Adults of all ages will gather 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.

Leisure/Action Christmas Luncheon - Monday, December 14, 11:45 pm, Multipurpose Room. The group will have a Christmas covered dish luncheon. 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.

Music Ministry

Handbell Choir - Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 pm. Rehearsals are usually Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm, right before Adult Choir. Adults and youth are invited to join in this fun and interesting musical collaboration. The next performances are in December, and there is one more bell station open. Now is a great time to join the preparations for Christmas music!

Adult Choir - Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 pm. The adult choir (youth are also welcome) usually rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. New choir members are invited to join.

Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 13, 5:00 pm. - *We Hope; We Adore; We See* will include scripture readings interspersed with prayers, carols and beautiful choral and handbell music. 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 and Youth

High School Small Group - Wednesday, December 2, 6:00-7:15 pm, Youth Center. High School Small Group meets on Wednesday nights and is for all High School youth. Participants bring their own dinner, then engage in Bible studies, service projects and fellowship activities.

LCY will resume on Sunday, December 6.

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - Sunday, December 13, 2:00 pm, Multipurpose Room. Kids' Stuff and Club 345 will experience *Christmas Around the World*. 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.

Outreach Opportunities

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - next Sunday, December 6 - 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 Multipurpose Room. The items should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am on Sunday, December 6.

Gifts of Hope - through Sunday, December 20. *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. A display will be set up each Sunday morning in the Multipurpose Room during Coffee and Conversation. The *Gifts of Hope* catalog will offer 38 gift choices offers 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 call Karla Koon at 609-6617 or kwkoon11@gmail.com or Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or spiershome@charter.net.

Sharing Tree - The Outreach Committee is sponsoring 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.

Advent Food Collection. 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.