

## Children and Youth

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm, Youth Center. After dinner, youth will work on a variety of service projects that will help those in need in the Greenville community.

High School Small Group - Wednesday, December 9, 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.

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - next 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.

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6 THROUGH DECEMBER 13

#### TODAY - DECEMBER 6

7:45 am Holy Communion  
 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup  
 9:00 am Holy Communion  
 10:00 am Congregation Meeting  
 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup  
 11:00 am GAIHN Setup  
 11:15 am Holy Communion  
 4:00 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal  
 5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal  
 6:00 pm LCY

**MONDAY**

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
 7:00 pm Sr Boys II BB Game @ 2nd Pres  
 8:00 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ Trinity  
 9:00 pm Sr Boys I BB Game @ Christ Church

#### TUESDAY

10:30 am Lydia Group  
 12:00 noon Men's Group  
 6:00 pm Mites Girls BB Practice @ St. James Episcopal  
 6:30 pm Mites Boys BB Practice @ St. Matthew UMC  
 6:30 pm New Young Adult Small Group  
 7:00 pm Sr Girls BB Practice

#### WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group  
 12:00 noon Advent Worship  
 6:00 pm High School Small Group  
 6:00 pm Midget Boys BB Practice  
 6:00 pm Jr Boys BB Practice  
 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 7:00 pm Midget Girls BB Practice  
 7:30 pm Jr Girls BB Practice

#### THURSDAY

7:00 pm Sr Boys I & II BB Practice

#### FRIDAY

7:00 pm Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

#### SATURDAY

8:30 am Midget Girls BB Game @ ARP  
 9:00 am Chrismon Tree Decorating  
 9:30 am Mites Girls BB Game @ St. James  
 9:30 am Jr Girls BB Game @ 4th Pres  
 10:30 am Midget Boys BB Game @ 2nd Pres  
 11:00 am Mites Boys BB Game @ Westm Pres  
 11:30 am Jr Boys BB Game @ St. George

#### NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 13

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown  
 7:45 am Holy Communion  
 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup  
 9:00 am Holy Communion  
 9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen  
 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation  
 10:10 am Sunday School  
 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup  
 11:15 am Holy Communion  
 2:00 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345  
 3:30 pm Congregation Council  
 3:30 pm Adult and Youth Choirs Warmup  
 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable - 2nd Floor Pence Building  
 4:00 pm Loving Threads - Parlor  
 4:00 pm TLC4TLC - Library  
 5:00 pm Lessons and Carols  
 6:00 pm LCY



## Activities and Opportunities

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### December 6, 2015

#### Today's Baptism

William Thomas Russell, son of Kyle and Elizabeth Russell

#### Hospital Patients

Clarence Koerber - discharged Diane Stack - ICU, Greenville Memorial

#### Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Juliana Weeks and her family at the death of her brother.

#### Announcements

**Second Session of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Today, 10:00 am in the Gym.** The Congregation will meet 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. A movie will be shown in the Multipurpose Room during the meeting for children through Grade 5.

**2016 Envelopes.** The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Gym this morning. 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.

**The Church Office will be open this morning from 8:30 to 10:00 am.**

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

**Preserving Our Heritage** - While the capital campaign to raise funds for deferred maintenance will kick off in the new year, gifts to the campaign are currently being received.

**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.

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

#### Education

There will be no Sunday School classes this morning due to the congregational meeting.

## Relational Groups

**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](mailto:melineberger@trinitylutheran.ws).

**Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 9, 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](mailto:marmulcahy@icloud.com). All are invited to attend.

**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.

**Loving Threads - next Sunday, December 13, 4:00 pm, Parlor.** 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. Anyone who can knit or crochet, or would like to learn, is invited to participate. For more information, contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

## Music Ministry

**Children's Choir - Today, 4:00 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.

**Youth Choir - Today, 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.

**Handbell Choir - Wednesday, December 9, 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 9, 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 - next 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.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Outreach Opportunities

Trinity is hosting guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network today through December 13. Food items to pack lunches and provide snacks for GAIHN guests during host week should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am this morning.

**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.com](http://www.GiftsOfHopeSC.com). For more information, please call Karla Koon at 609-6617 or [kwkoon11@gmail.com](mailto:kwkoon11@gmail.com) or Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or [spiershome@charter.net](mailto: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 next 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.