



Activities and Opportunities

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Baptism

Mary Helen Bowers, daughter of Mike and Mallory Bowers

Hospital Patients

Betsy League - discharged

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 Terry Batts, John Beckford, Mike Boliek, Ralph Born, Frank Green, Cathie Landreth, Amanda Mast, Jimmy Reynolds, Margaret Roth and Bob Whitley. The nominees for the one-year youth term are Andrew Rose and Jack Wilcox. A nursery will be provided for children through age 4, in the regular space. Children K5 through fifth grade are encouraged to attend the meeting with their parents.

The Church Office will be open this morning from 8:45 to 10:00 am.

The cross in the Breezeway is available for anyone wishing to make a special request for prayers for relationships. Paper is available on the stand beside the cross. In a few weeks, those requests will be given to Trinity's prayer team to be included in their prayers.

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

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

2017 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Gym this morning. The envelopes will be 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.

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 2016. During the last week of the year, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Wednesday, December 28, Thursday, December 29, and Friday, December 30.

Lessons and Carols - next Sunday, December 11, 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, Children, Youth, and Handbell Choirs 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.

Prayer Requests. If anyone has a special request to share with Trinity's Prayer Ministry Team, please write your request on a Prayer Card located in the pew racks and place it in the wooden Prayer Box located on the table close to the Pulpit.

Relational Groups

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 7, 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 placed in the Prayer Box or emailed to Merry Mulcahy at marmulcahy@icloud.com. All are invited to attend.

Leisure/Action Christmas Luncheon - Thursday, December 8, 11:45 am, 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. Make a reservation through the Church Office or speak with Amy Brown this morning, if planning to attend.

Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange - Friday, December 9, 6:30 pm. Adults of all ages will gather for a Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange at the home of Michael and Cheryl Spiers, 94 Woodvale Ave. 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 7. Those who wish to participate in the ornament exchange must be there at 7:30 pm, which is the start of the exchange.

Book Group - Thursday, December 15, 7:00 pm. Group members will meet at the home of Janna Kelley, 40 Wood Pointe Dr., Apt 36. Greenville, for a holiday get together and book exchange. The book to be discussed is *The Signature of All Things*, by Elizabeth Gilbert. 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.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Today, 3:30-4:30 pm, Choir Room, 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for children in K5 through Grade 5. The Choir will sing at the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 11 at 5:00 pm, at the Christmas Pageant on December 18 at 10:00 am, and for the 3:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

Youth Choir - Today, 5:00 pm, Choir Room. Youth Choir, for those in grades 6 through 12, will rehearse today and December 18. Youth Choir sings for the Service of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 pm on December 11 and for Christmas Eve at 3:00 pm.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 7, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Monday, December 7, 7:00 pm, Choir room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Children and Youth

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - Today, 1:30 pm. Kids' Stuff will meet at the Red Canopy Door to travel by bus to the Children's Museum of the Upstate. The group will return to the Church at 3:30 pm in time for Children's Choir or pick up at the Red Canopy Door. The cost is \$8.00 per child. Those interested in attending should speak with Mandi Whitley this morning. Club 345 will gather in the Assembly Room from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. The group will work on a service project, play games, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm. After dinner, youth will work on a variety of service projects that will go to various service agencies in the community such as Safe Harbor, Mental Health America and Pendleton Place.

LCY Parent Event - Today, 6:00 pm, Assembly Room. Parents of Trinity's 6th through 12th graders are invited to a dinner and discussion. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm followed by a speaker from Mental Health America. The group will learn about and discuss the signs of depression and anxiety, as well as suicide awareness. Those who have not yet RSVP'ed should speak to Mandi Whitley this morning.

Education

There will be no Sunday School classes this morning due to the congregational meeting. A nursery will be provided for children through age 4, in the regular space. Children K5 through fifth grade are encouraged to attend the meeting with their parents. Children K5 through fifth grade are encouraged to attend the meeting with their parents.

Outreach Opportunities

United Ministries. Trinity continues to receive food for the United Ministries Food Pantry on the first and third Sundays of each month. There is a particular need for beef stew, green beans, canned fruit and ramen noodles. Other items are appreciated as well.

Trinity is hosting guests from the Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network today through December 11. 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.

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, Trinity's Aids Care Team family, as well as other families through United Ministries/GAIHN. Those who have taken an ornament are reminded to place the item in a gift bag with the ornament attached and return to the Parlor by next Sunday, December 11. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 228-0368.

Advent Food Collection. Trinity is collecting 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 will be 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 Cheryl Spiers at spiershome@charter.net or 233-1500 or Maureen Rose at mrose5@bellsouth.net or 346-4889.

Gifts of Hope - through Sunday, December 18. *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 18. 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, 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, contact Cheryl Spiers at 233-1500 or spiershome@charter.net.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4 THROUGH DECEMBER 11

TODAY - DECEMBER 4

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
1:30 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345
2:00 pm Foundation Committee - Library
3:30 pm Children's Choir
4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
5:00 pm Youth Choir
6:00 pm LCY and LCY Parent Event

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ 4th Pres
9:00 pm Sr Boys BB Game @ St. George

TUESDAY

12:00 noon Lydia Group
6:00 pm I-Mites BB Practice
7:00 pm Sr Girls BB Practice

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group
6:00 pm Minor Girls BB Practice
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:15 pm Furman LSA
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm Junior Girls BB Practice

THURSDAY

11:45 am Leisure/Action Luncheon
4:00 pm Minor Boys BB Practice @ 2nd Pres
5:30 pm Mites Girls BB Practice @ St. George

THURSDAY (CONT'D)

6:00 pm Junior Boys BB Practice
7:00 pm Senior Boys BB Practice
9:00 pm Men's BB Game @ St. Matthew

FRIDAY

6:30 pm Christmas Party & Ornament Exchange

SATURDAY

8:30 am I-Mites BB Game @ 2nd Pres
8:30 am Minor Girls BB Game @ 1st Baptist
8:30 am Jr Girls A BB Game @ 4th Pres
9:30 am Jr Boys B BB Game @ St. George
10:30 am Jr Boys A BB Game @ St. Matthew
11:00 am Minor Boys BB Game @ Westmin Pres
11:30 am Mites Boys BB Game @ 1st Baptist
11:30 am Jr Girls B BB Game @ 4th Pres
1:00 pm Mites Girls BB Game @ 2nd Pres

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 11

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown
8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
9:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Project Host Soup Kitchen
9:50 am Coffee & Conversation
10:10 am Sunday School
10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
11:15 am Holy Communion
1:30 pm Congregation Council
3:30 pm Children's Choir Warmup - Sanctuary
3:45 pm Youth Choir Warmup - Sanctuary
4:00 pm Handbell Choir Warmup - Sanctuary
4:15 pm Adult Choir Warmup - Choir Room
5:00 pm Lessons and Carols
6:00 pm LCY

2016 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church at the 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Services, as well as the 10:00 am Christmas Day Service. If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below and return it with \$16.00 for each poinsettia no later than Wednesday, December 14. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 10:00 am Service on Sunday, December 25 or on Wednesday, December 30.

Enclosed/attached is my \$16.00 for each poinsettia given.

Total Amount Enclosed: \$____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____