



Activities and Opportunities

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Baptisms

Breonah Noelle and Tyler Joseph Small, children of Tom and Lori Small

Deaths

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Patti Parker and her family at the death of her mother.

Announcements

Amy Brown is away today.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - Today. The first session will be held immediately after each service this morning. The proposed budget for 2017 will be introduced and nominations for Congregation Council will be finalized. The meeting will then be recessed until 10:00 am next Sunday, December 4. 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 in the Gym. Coffee and juice will be provided.

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

2017 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Multipurpose Room next Sunday. 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.

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.

The November 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.

Education

Sunday School - Today, 10:10 am. Sunday School classes are available for all ages this morning. 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. Young adults who have graduated from high school are invited to attend adult classes. 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. Two adult Sunday School classes continue this morning. Adult learners can choose from classes on *Islam: History, Elements and Issues*; and *Half Truths: Things the Bible Doesn't Say*.

Relational Groups

College Student Brunch - Today, 10:00 am, Assembly Room. Trinity's college and graduate students are invited to gather for a light brunch. The group will enjoy a devotion and have plenty of time to catch up with their church friends.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, November 30, 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.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Groups - Thursday, December 1, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Rooms 12 & 13, Activities Building. These groups are led by Pastor Crowell. All women of the congregation are invited to enjoy refreshments, study, prayer and fellowship. Muffins and coffee are provided at the morning session. At the evening gathering, participants are invited to bring refreshments to share with the group.

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. Call the Church Office at 242-5702 by Tuesday, December 6, 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.

Music Ministry

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Monday, November 30, 7:00 pm, Choir room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Children and Youth

Middle School Girls' Small Group - Wednesday, November 30, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Youth Center. Trinity's girls in grades 6, 7 and 8 are invited to attend three events planned just for them. Dinner will be provided and those who plan to attend are asked to sign up with Mandi Whitley the Sunday before the event.

Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - Sunday, December 4, 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 immediately. Club 345 will gather in Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building 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 will resume on Sunday, December 4.

LCY Parent Event - Sunday, December 4, 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 planning to attend are asked to sign up through the Church Office this morning.

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.

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, December 4 through Sunday, December 11. 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 4.

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. 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 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 NOVEMBER 27 THROUGH DECEMBER 4

TODAY - NOVEMBER 27

OPENING SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

- 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
- 10:10 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 11:15 am Holy Communion

MONDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ 4th Pres
- 6:00 pm Sr Boys BB Game @ Trinity

TUESDAY

- 6:00 pm I-Mites BB Practice
- 7:00 pm Sr Girls BB Practice

WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 am Roman's Bible Study
- 11:30 am Prayer Group
- 6:00 pm Minor Girls BB Practice
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Middle School Girls' Small Group
- 6:15 pm Furman LSA
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Junior Girls BB Practice

THURSDAY

- 9:30 am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship Group

THURSDAY (CONT'D)

- 4:00 pm Minor Boys BB Practice @ 2nd Pres
- 5:30 pm Mites Girls BB Practice @ St. George
- 6:00 pm Junior Boys BB Practice
- 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study & Fellowship Group
- 7:00 pm Senior Boys BB Practice
- 7:00 pm Men's BB Game @ 1st Baptist

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am Mites Girls BB Game @ First Baptist
- 8:30 am Jr Girls A BB Game @ OLR
- 8:30 am Jr Boys A BB Game @ St. Matthew
- 10:30 am Jr Boys B BB Game @ St. George
- 11:30 am Jr Girls B BB Game @ OLR
- 12:00 noon Minor Boys BB Game @ Westmin Pres
- 12:15 pm I-Mites BB Game @ Christ Church
- 12:30 pm Minor Girls BB Game @ First Baptist
- 12:40 pm Mites Boys BB Game @ First Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY - 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
- 3:30 pm Children's Choir
- 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm LCY
- 6:00 pm LCY Parent Event

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: _____