



Activities and Opportunities

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Members Receiving Communion at Home Today

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Announcements

Pastor Crowell is away today.

Amy Brown is away today.

Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship - Today, 6:00 pm. The congregation will gather in the Multipurpose Room for dinner, followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. There is no charge for the meal, but an offering will be received to provide food for people in need in the community. Speak with Karen Craig in the Church Office before 11:00 am this morning if not already signed up for the meal. No nursery will be provided as all are welcome to attend worship.

The Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to noon on Wednesday, November 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday.

Devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for adults and for children.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation - next Sunday, November 26. The first session will be held immediately after each service this day. The proposed budget for 2018 will be introduced and nominations for Congregation Council will be finalized. The meeting will then be recessed until 10:00 am on Sunday, December 3. On that day, the Congregation will adopt a budget and elect members of the Congregation Council.

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 September/October issue of the *SC Lutheran* are available in the Narthex, the Pence Building hallway, and the Multipurpose Room.

Music Ministry

Children's Choir - Today, 3:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for children in K5 through grade 5.

Youth Choir - Today, 5:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is for youth in grades 6 through 12.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Monday, November 20, 6:00 pm, Rehearsal Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is open to youth and adults.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Monday, November 20, 7:00 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. Youth are also welcome.

Relational Groups

College Brunch - next Sunday, November 26, 10:00 am. Trinity's college and graduate students are invited to gather for brunch in the Assembly Room next Sunday during the Sunday School hour. This is a great time to catch up with church friends while home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Out to Lunch Bunch - next Sunday, November 26, 12:45 pm. The Out to Lunch Bunch is a group that enjoys Sunday lunch together each month after the 11:15 am worship service. The group is open to all Trinity adults who want to join in the fellowship. This month, the group will meet at *City Range* on Haywood Road. Speak with Amy Brown if you would like to attend.

Book Group - Sunday, December 3, 7:00 pm. Adults of all ages who love to read are invited to come and discuss a variety of books. In December, the group will meet at the home of Nancy Jones, 217 Lexington Place Way, Greenville, 29615, for a holiday get together and book exchange. The book to be discussed is *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. 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.

Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Groups - Thursday, December 7, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm, Rooms 12 & 13 of the Activities Building. These groups, led by Pastor Crowell, gather on the first Thursday of the month. *Another Look at Spiritual Practices* is the theme for the year. At the December meetings, the groups will be putting together *Period Packs*. Participants are invited to bring tampons, pads, and liners for the project. Muffins and coffee are provided at the morning session. At the evening gathering, participants are invited to bring refreshments to share with the group.

Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange - Friday, December 8, 6:30 pm. Trinity adults are invited to gather for the annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange at the home of Frank and Maria Ives, 142 Hialeah Drive. 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 6. The ornament exchange will begin at 7:00 pm.

Education

Sunday School - Today, 10:10 am. Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday between the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Preschoolers (infants through children under the age of four) may attend the *First Faith* class with their parents. A nursery is also available. Sunday School for those who were four or five on September 1 meets on the first floor of the Education Building, across from the elevator. Children in grades 1 through 5 meet in *Grace Place*, upstairs in the Education Building. Youth Sunday School for middle and high school students meets in the Youth Center. Youth gather for "pick up" breakfast items, games, fellowship and devotions in a new format for this school year.

Adult Sunday School always begins with Coffee and Conversation in the Multipurpose Room beginning at 9:50 am. There are three adult classes being offered. *Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World?* is a class to help prepare for advent and Christmas BEFORE December. A second class is called *Way of Life*. Based on the book *The Great Spiritual Migration* by Brian D. McLauren, this class will delve into ways the church can reevaluate beliefs, and turn again to the gospel of love as manifested by Jesus Christ. The final class is called *Unusual Questions: Studies in the Book of John* and will study four *unusual* questions that are asked in the gospel of John.

Children and Youth

LCY will resume on Sunday, December 3.

Project Host Soup Kitchen - Sunday, December 10, 9:00 am. Youth in grades 9 through 12 will staff the Soup Kitchen. Youth need to be dropped off by 9:00 am and pick up at 12:45 pm. Spots are limited and are on a first come, first served basis. Youth must sign up through the Church Office no later than Sunday, December 3. Trinity adults will be at the Soup Kitchen to provide supervision.

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.

Blood Drive - Today, 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a blood drive in the Gym. For every pint of blood collected, up to 3 lives can be saved. Speak with Bob Whitley this morning to sign up. Donors should remember to bring a driver's license or donor card.

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 10. If you have questions, please contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 616-1725.

Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, December 3 - Sunday, December 10. 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 915-6039 or Cathy Westbrook at cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net or 370-8114 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at amanda.cook@fluor.com or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at wannemacherc@bellsouth.net or 630-5325 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 3.

Gifts of Hope - through December 17. *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 is offering an opportunity to participate in *Gifts of Hope* through December 17. Catalogs are available in the Narthex. Displays and ordering information are available in the Multipurpose Room. 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. Contact Bette Anderson at betteonthego@gmail.com or Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net with any questions.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH NOVEMBER 26

TODAY - NOVEMBER 19

- 8:30 am Adult/Children's Choir Warmup
- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
- 10:10 am Sunday School
- 10:30 to 3:30 Blood Drive
- 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 11:15 am Holy Communion
- 2:00 pm Junior Boys BB Practice @ 1st Baptist
- 3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm Outreach Committee
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
- 7:00 pm Worship

MONDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Sr Boys 2 BB Game @ Trinity
- 7:30 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ John Knox
- 7:30 pm Sr Boys 1 BB Game @ 4th Pres

WEDNESDAY

Church Office Closes at Noon

THURSDAY

Church Office Closed

FRIDAY

Church Office Closed

NEXT SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 26

- 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
- 10:00 am College Brunch
- 10:10 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 11:15 am Holy Communion
- 12:45 pm Out to Lunch Bunch
- 2:00 pm Junior Boys BB Practice @ 1st Baptist
- 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable

2017 Poinsettia Order Form

Poinsettias will be used to decorate the Church at the 10:00 am, 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 \$16.00 for each poinsettia no later than Wednesday, December 13. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 7:00 pm Service on Sunday, December 24 or on Wednesday, December 27.

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____