



Activities and Opportunities

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December 10, 2017

Today's Baptism

George Addy Crawford, son of Trent and Jennifer Crawford

Hospital Patients

Laila McCormack - ICU, Greenville Memorial Clint Whitley - 5514, Greenville Memorial
Paul Youse - 625, St. Francis Downtown

Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to Alice Smith at the death of her father.

Announcements

Lessons and Carols - Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary. *Savior of the Nations, Come: The World Prepares for Christ's Birth* draws on the scripture of Isaiah and Luke, the music of and carols from a variety of countries, cultures and traditions. This service will nourish our Advent hope with powerful words of scripture, rich musical expressions of our faith offered by all our Trinity choirs, and supported by the Pinner Quartet.

Special Worship Opportunity - next Sunday, December 17, 10:00 am, Gym. The congregation is invited to gather for a unique Advent and Christmas worship experience that will include an interactive, inter-generational Christmas Pageant entitled *Come to the Manger*. This service will include musical leadership from the Children's and Youth Choirs and Trinity instrumentalists. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Following worship, a festive brunch of breakfast casserole, mini quiches, fresh fruit, muffins, orange juice, coffee and apple cider will be served in the Multipurpose Room. This 10:00 am service will take the place of both the 9:00 and 11:15 am services. Please make plans to attend this unique and meaningful experience of worship and fellowship. Additional parking will be available on both sides of Townes Street.

Next Sunday, December 17, the Church Office will be open from 9:00 to 9:55 am.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services - Sunday, December 24. The following services of Holy Communion will be celebrated: 10:00 am with Children and Youth Choirs. 5:00 and 7:00 pm with Adult Choir and Brass.

2018 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be available in the Multipurpose Room this morning. The envelopes will be on tables in alphabetical order for members to pick up. Envelopes that are not picked up this morning will be mailed later this week. 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.

Chrismon Tree - Brochures which give a brief history of the tree and description of the Chrismons are available in the Narthex.

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.

Advent devotional booklets are available in the Narthex for adults and for children.

Relational Groups

Leisure/Action Luncheon - Monday, December 11, 11:45 pm. The group will have a Christmas covered dish luncheon in the Multipurpose Room. Those attending are asked to bring meat, vegetables, side dishes or dessert to share. Register through the Church Office this morning, if planning to attend.

Lydia Group - Tuesday, December 12, 11:30 am. The group will meet at the *Haywood Grill*. Vicar Ellen Clough will be attending as a special guest. All women of the congregation are invited to attend.

Men's Group - Tuesday, December 12, noon. The group will meet at *Barley's Taproom* at 25 W. Washington St. Contact Joe Rice with questions at saluda171@yahoo.com or 864-704-4616. All men of the congregation and friends are invited.

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 13, 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.

Family Recovery Group - Thursday, December 14, 6:30 pm, Youth Center. Trinity is pleased to be partnering with FAVOR (Faces and Voices of Recovery) to sponsor a Family Recovery Group for all people who are impacted by a family member struggling with addiction to alcohol or drugs. Meetings will be led by Jerry Wesley, a FAVOR Recovery Coach, and will usually occur on the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Participants may enter via the steps under the red awning. All members and friends are invited to participate in this group. For additional information about FAVOR, please visit their website at <https://favorgreenville.org>.

Children and Youth

Project Host Soup Kitchen - Today. A number Trinity's high school youth are staffing the soup kitchen this morning.

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm. After dinner, youth will participate in a variety of service projects for people in our community.

LCY Ski Retreat. LCY's annual ski retreat will be Friday, January 19 through Sunday, January 21. Registration forms and payment information have been emailed to parents and are due to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, December 31.

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.

This morning during the Sunday School hour, adults and youth will pack single use laundry kits for our neighbors at Towers East. In addition, participants will pack *Grace Bags* for members to take to distribute to those in need. The bags will include items such as water, food, and cards with information about resources available through local agencies.

First Faith Class - Today, 10:10 am. This morning's class is a special Advent/Christmas lesson. Each family will receive a special gift as well.

Music Ministry

Instrumentalists' Rehearsal - Today, 2:00 pm. Calling all Trinity instrumentalists! Come join the Christmas Pageant "band" and bring your friends. The rehearsal for the pageant (December 17 at 10:00 am) is on Sunday, December 10 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in the Choir Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. There are parts for a wide variety of brass, string and woodwind instruments that can be emailed to you. Pastor Parham is also happy to schedule other rehearsal times for anyone interested in playing, but unable to make the December 10 rehearsal.

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. The choir will also rehearse on Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 am in the Gym. Children's Choir sings for Lessons and Carols on December 13, the Christmas Pageant on December 17 and the 10:00 am Christmas Eve Service on December 24.

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. There will be an additional rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 at 9:30 am in the Gym. Youth Choir sings for Lessons and Carols on December 13, the Christmas Pageant on December 17 and the 10:00 am Christmas Eve Service on December 24.

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Today, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary Balcony. The choir will rehearse with the Pinner Quarter for Lessons and Carols.

Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Monday, December 11, 6:00 pm, Rehearsal Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building. This choir is open to youth and adults.

Outreach Opportunities

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, Trinity's Aids Care Team family, as well as other families through United Ministries/GAIHN. All gifts should be placed in the Parlor this morning. Contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 616-1725 with questions.

Loaves and Fishes Project for Towers East - Today, 2:00 pm. Trinity is working with *Loaves and Fishes* to provide fresh, nutritious food to Towers East. The next packing date will be this afternoon at 2:00 pm. Please contact Paige Dillon at pdillon2@bellsouth.net if interest in helping with this project.

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.

Advent Food Collection. Trinity will collect food 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. Beginning on Sunday, December 3, bags with needed items will be available in the Narthex, Breezeway and the Multipurpose Room. For more information, contact Maureen Rose at mrose5@bellsouth.net or 346-4889.

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.

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 Sunday, December 17. 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: _____

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 10 THROUGH DECEMBER 17

TODAY - DECEMBER 10

- 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
- 2:00 pm Instrumentalists Rehearsal
- 2:00 pm Towers East Outreach
- 2:00 pm Junior Boys BB Practice @ 1st Baptist
- 3:30 pm Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00 pm Parish Life Committee
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm LCY
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 11:45 am Leisure/Action Luncheon
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 8:00 pm Sr Boys 2 BB Game @ Trinity
- 8:30 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ John Knox
- 8:30 pm Sr Boys 1 BB Game @ Buncombe St. UMC

TUESDAY

- 11:30 am Lydia Group
- 12:00 noon Men's Group

WEDNESDAY

- 11:30 am Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm Jr Girls BB Practice @ St. George
- 5:30 pm Children/Youth Choirs Warmup
- 5:45 pm Adult Choir Warmup
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Warmup
- 6:30 pm Lessons and Carols

THURSDAY

- 6:30 pm FAVOR Family Recovery Group

SATURDAY

- 8:30 am Minor Girls BB Game @ St. James
- 9:30 am Children's/Youth Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Jr Girls BB Game @ 4th Pres
- 10:00 am Pageant Rehearsal
- 11:30 am Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 12:00 noon Jr Boys BB Game @ Buncombe St. UMC
- 12:30 pm Minor Boys BB Game @ 1st Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 17

- 8:30 am Instrumentalists Warmup
- 9:00 am Adult/Youth Handbell Choirs Warmup
- 9:30 am Children and Youth Choirs Wamup
- 10:00 am Holy Communion and Pageant
with Brunch to follow
- 4:00 pm Theology Roundtable
- 5:00 pm Internship Committee
- 6:00 pm LCY