



Activities and Opportunities

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December 16, 2018

Hospital Patients

Jeff Balck - discharged
Rick Horsfall - Greenville Memorial
Pam Reichard - discharged
Brad Wood - 3405, Greenville Memorial

Death

Our Christian sympathy is expressed to David Nichols and his family at the death of his brother.

Members Receiving Communion at Home Today

Jennings Cook, Bob Coon, DeLoris Fellers, Debbie Jo Forbes, Arthur Jordan, Jack Massey, and Raymond Poore

Announcements

The Church Office is open until 9:55 am this morning.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Services - Monday, 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.

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 2018. During the last week of the year, the Church Office will be open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on Thursday, December 27, Friday, December 28, and Monday, December 31, as well as Sunday, December 30 from 8:30 to 11:00 am.

2019 Envelopes. The offering envelopes for next year will be mailed 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.

Christmas Lessons and Carols - next Sunday, December 23 10:00 am, Sanctuary. One service will be held next Sunday morning. In addition to Holy Communion, the congregation will participate in singing hymns and carols, as well as hearing scripture readings.

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.

Grace Bags. Bags containing canned food and snacks, as well as a list of agencies in the community who can help individuals move beyond poverty, are available in the Narthex for worship guests in need of a meal. In lieu of giving money, worshippers are encouraged to give Grace Bags to guests in need.

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

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

Relational Groups

Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 19, 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 or Terry Morgan at tfmorgan101@gmail.com. All are invited to attend.

Coffee for College Students - Thursday, December 20, 10:00 am. Trinity's college and graduate students are invited to meet at the Augusta Road *Starbucks* for coffee and conversation. This is a great time to catch up with your Trinity family while home for Christmas.

New G.I.F.T. Group Forming. A new G.I.F.T. Group will be forming for those who missed the fall registration deadline. G.I.F.T. (Growing in Faith Together) groups are adult small groups that meet monthly for food, fellowship, Bible study and spiritual growth opportunities. Adults who would like to participate in a week-night meeting at the Church should contact Amy Brown through the Church Office.

LGBTQIA Fellowship Group - Thursday, January 17, 6:00 pm, Assembly Room. Trinity invites members and friends who identify as LGBTQIA+ to a fellowship group. Participants will share dinner and conversation. Please contact Bob Whitley at 610-620-5921 or Vicar Mary Dickman Parris at 242-5702 with any questions. The meal will be provided.

Children and Youth

LCY - Today, 6:00 pm. After dinner, youth will participate in a gift exchange, Youth and advisors should bring a \$10.00 gift for the exchange (no gift cards, please). All attending are encouraged to wear a tacky Christmas sweater. Prizes will be given.

LCY Ski Retreat. LCY's annual ski retreat will be Friday, January 25 through Sunday, January 27. Registration forms and payment information have been emailed to parents and are due to Mandi Whitley no later than Sunday, December 23.

High School Mission Trip. The 2019 High School Mission Trip will be Sunday, June 23 through Saturday, June 29 in Clarkesville, Georgia. Registration information has been emailed. A registration form and a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit are due to Mandi Whitley by Monday, December 31.

Education

Sunday School classes for all ages will resume on Sunday, December 30. On that day there will be one adult Sunday School class. Pastor Parham will lead a study of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*.

Confirmation Event - Sunday, January 6, 12:30 to 3:30 pm. A *We Are Lutheran Event* for 8th or 9th graders and at least one parent. Lunch will be served. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, December 30.

Music Ministry

Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary. The choir will warmup on Monday, December 24 at 4:15 pm.

Outreach Opportunities

Advent Collection. Trinity is collecting 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. Bags with needed items are available in the Narthex, Breezeway and the Multipurpose Room. For more information, contact Bette Anderson at 864-286-9442 or betteonthego@gmail.com.

Gifts of Hope - through December 16. *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 16. Catalogs are available in the Narthex. Display and ordering information will be 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.

Trinity is hosting guests from Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network today through next Sunday, December 23. Food items to pack lunches and provide snacks for GAIHN guests should be returned to the Kitchen in the Activities Building no later than 11:00 am this morning.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 16 THROUGH DECEMBER 23

TODAY - DECEMBER 16

8:30 am Instrumentalists' Rehearsal
9:15 am Handbell Choir Warmup
9:30 am Children's and Youth Choirs Warmup
10:00 am Holy Communion and Pageant
with Brunch to follow
12:30 pm Congregation Council - Assembly Room
1:00 pm GAIHN Setup
2:30 pm Internship Committee
6:00 pm LCY

MONDAY

9:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Sr Boys II BB Game @ St George
7:30 pm Sr Girls BB Game @ John Knox
7:30 pm Sr Boys I BB Game @ St. Matthew

TUESDAY

6:00 pm Minor Boys Basketball Practice
7:00 pm Senior Girls Basketball Practice

WEDNESDAY

11:30 am Prayer Group
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10:00 am Coffee for College Students
7:00 pm Sr Boys Basketball Practice
7:30 pm Men's BB Game @ 1st Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY - DECEMBER 23

7:00 am GAIHN Takedown
10:00 am Christmas Lessons and Carols

2018 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 this morning. Poinsettias may be picked up immediately following the 7:00 pm Service on Monday, December 24 or on Thursday, December 27.

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

Total Amount Enclosed: \$____

In () honor of, In () memory of

Given by: _____