



## Activities and Opportunities

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### December 9, 2018

#### Hospital Patients

Jeff Balck - discharged  
Pam Reichard - 735, St. Francis Downtown  
Brad Wood - ICU, Greenville Memorial

#### Death

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

#### Announcements

**Congregational Christmas Pageant - next Sunday, December 16, 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 *The ABC's of Christmas*. 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, sausage biscuits, 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.

**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.

**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.

**Advent Lessons and Carols - Wednesday, December 12, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary.** Trinity's annual service of Lessons and Carols will be on Wednesday, December 12 at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This service is based on the Great *O Antiphons* as they come to us in the hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*. We will read scripture, as well as sing other carols, hymns and motets related to the images and mission of Christ proclaimed in these ancient antiphons. *O Magnum Mysterium* by Tomás L de Victoria tells of the wonder of the sight of the newborn Christ child. Trinity's choirs will be supported by the Pinner Quartet.

**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.

**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.

## Relational Groups

**Prayer Group - Wednesday, December 12, 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](mailto:marmulcahy@icloud.com) or Terry Morgan at [tfmorgan101@gmail.com](mailto:tfmorgan101@gmail.com). All are invited to attend.

**Compassionate Friends - Thursday, December 13, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, Parlor.** Trinity is pleased to be partnering with Compassionate Friends to host a monthly grief support group for families who have experienced the death of a child, sibling, or grandchild. For more information, please contact Heidi Goodwin at [tcfgreenville@gmail.com](mailto:tcfgreenville@gmail.com) or [heidi.goodwin5@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.goodwin5@gmail.com) or 803-389-0851.

**Book Group - Thursday, December 13, 7:00 pm.** Adults of all ages are invited to come and discuss a variety of books. Group members will meet at the home of Zerle Hubbard, 9 Belgrave Close, Taylors, for a holiday gathering and book exchange. The book to be discussed is *The Alice Network* by Kate Quinn. 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.

**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 on 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

**Kids' Stuff and Club 345 - Today, 1:30 pm.** Kids' Stuff is Trinity's fellowship group for children in K5, 1st and 2nd graders, while Club 345 is Trinity's fellowship group for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. The group will gather on Sunday, December 9 for an Advent and Christmas event. While the groups meet at the same time, children are typically divided into groups by grade. Early elementary students who participate in Children's Choir will be walked to the Choir Room in time for their 3:00 pm rehearsal.

**LCY - Today, 6:00 pm.** After dinner, youth will work on service projects for a wide variety of local organizations as well as participate in some fun Christmas games.

## 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. Children under the age of four may attend the *First Faith* class with their parents, for fellowship and Bible stories. A nursery is also available. Children's Sunday School for those who will be 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 who have completed grades 6 through 12 will meet in the Youth Center to enjoy food and fellowship, faith sharing and hands on service projects. Adult Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:50 am in the Multipurpose Room for coffee, conversation, announcements and prayer. Adults will meet in the Multipurpose Room for the final session of *Home for Christmas*.

## Music Ministry

**Early Elementary Children's Choir - Today, 3:00 to 3:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.** On Wednesday, December 12, the choir will warm up at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. On Saturday, December 15, the choir will rehearse at 9:30 am, with warmup the next morning at 9:30 in the Gym.

**Upper Elementary Children's Choir - Today, 3:30 to 4:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.** On Wednesday, December 12, the choir will warm up at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. On Saturday, December 15, the choir will rehearse at 9:30 am, with warmup the next morning at 9:30 in the Gym.

**Youth Choir - Today, 5:00 to 5:30 pm, Choir Room on the 2nd Floor of the Pence Building.** On Wednesday, December 12, the choir will warm up at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary. On Saturday, December 15, the choir will rehearse at 9:30 am, with warmup the next morning at 9:30 in the Gym.

**Adult Choir Rehearsal - Today, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary Balcony.** Also, on Wednesday, December 12, the choir will warmup at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

**Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Monday, December 10, 6:00 pm, Handbell Room on the 2nd floor of the Pence Building.** On Wednesday, December 12, the choir will warm up at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. And on Sunday, December 16, warmup will be at 9:15 am in the Gym.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:betteonthego@gmail.com) or Paige Dillon at [pdillon2@bellsouth.net](mailto:pdillon2@bellsouth.net) with any questions.

**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, Sole Hope, GAIHN/United Ministries families, and Serenity Place. All gifts should be placed in the Parlor this morning. Contact Brenda Bridges at 292-3640 or Melanie Wessinger at 616-1725 with questions.

**Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network - Sunday, December 16 through Sunday, December 23.** Volunteers are needed in all areas including setup, breakfast and dinner preparation, evening and overnight hosts, day center, and takedown. Contact Cathy Westbrook at [cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net](mailto:cwestbrook8114@bellsouth.net) or 370-8114 or Louise Fletcher at [lfletcher@c3cp.com](mailto:lfletcher@c3cp.com) or 420-5494 for additional information. Contact volunteer coordinators, Amanda Cook at [amanda.cook@fluor.com](mailto:amanda.cook@fluor.com) or 905-7940, or Lara Wannemacher at [wannemacherc@bellsouth.net](mailto: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 are 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 16.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 9 THROUGH DECEMBER 16**

**TODAY - DECEMBER 9**

- 8:30 am Adult Choir Warmup
- 9:00 am Holy Communion
- 9:50 am Coffee and Conversation
- 10:10 am Sunday School
- 11:15 am Holy Communion
- 1:30 pm Congregation Council
- 1:30 pm Kids' Stuff and Club 345
- 3:00 pm Early Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 3:30 pm Upper Elementary Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir
- 6:00 pm LCY
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**MONDAY**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 pm Sr Boys II BB Game @ St George

**TUESDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY**

- 11:30 am Prayer Group
- 5:30 pm Children/Youth Choirs Warmup
- 5:45 pm Adult Choir Warmup
- 6:00 pm Handbell Choir Warmup
- 6:30 pm Advent Lessons and Carols

**THURSDAY**

- 7:00 pm Compassionate Friends
- 7:00 pm Sr Boys Basketball Practice
- 7:00 pm Book Group
- 8:30 pm Men's Basketball Game @ 1st Baptist

**SATURDAY**

- 9:30 am Children's/Youth Choirs Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Pageant Rehearsal

**NEXT SUNDAY - 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
- 1:00 pm GAIHN Setup
- 4:00 pm Internship Committee
- 6:00 pm LCY

**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 no later than Wednesday, December 12. 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

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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_