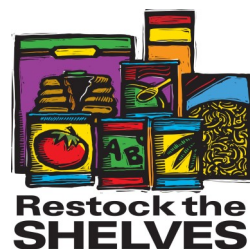


**UPS Back Pack Program**

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Back Pack Program with a specific kind of food. The food item for December is Apple or Grape Juice Boxes.



**Christmas Cantata**

Trinity's Choir will share The First Noel Born is the King tonight at 7 pm. Invite a friend or neighbor and bring the family back out for an evening of musical fellowship.

**Administrative Board**

The Administrative Board will not be meeting on December 8 so that everyone can enjoy the Christmas Cantata. Pastor Robert will be reaching out to members about rescheduling a meeting before the end of the year.

**United Methodist Men**

United Methodist Men will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30.

**Poinsettias for Christmas**

You may place a poinsettia plant in the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one by filling out an order form along with your form of payment in the collection plate. Ms. Betty Cline can be contacted for more information.

**Study Groups**

Study groups will not be meeting the week of December 22 through December 28.

**Christmas Eve Service**

A candlelight and Holy Communion service will be held on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 7 pm.

December 2019						
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*Important dates to keep on your calendar*

- December 8 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata  
7:00 pm Board Meeting (canceled)
- December 9 6:30 pm UMM Meeting
- December 10 11:00 am Ugly Mug
- December 11 6:00 pm Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- December 12 11:00 am I Love Growing Older Group
- December 17 11:00 am Ugly Mug
- December 18 6:00 pm Bible Study  
7:00 pm Choir Practice
- December 19 11:00 am I Love Growing Older Group
- \*\*\*\*ALL STUDY GROUPS CANCELED WEEK OF 23RD-28TH\*\*\*\*
- December 24 7:00 pm Communion Service

	Last Week	Last Month (November)	Year to Date
Worship Attendance	58	57 (AVG)	58 (AVG)
Offering to Budget	\$3792.02	\$10650.31	\$134258.57

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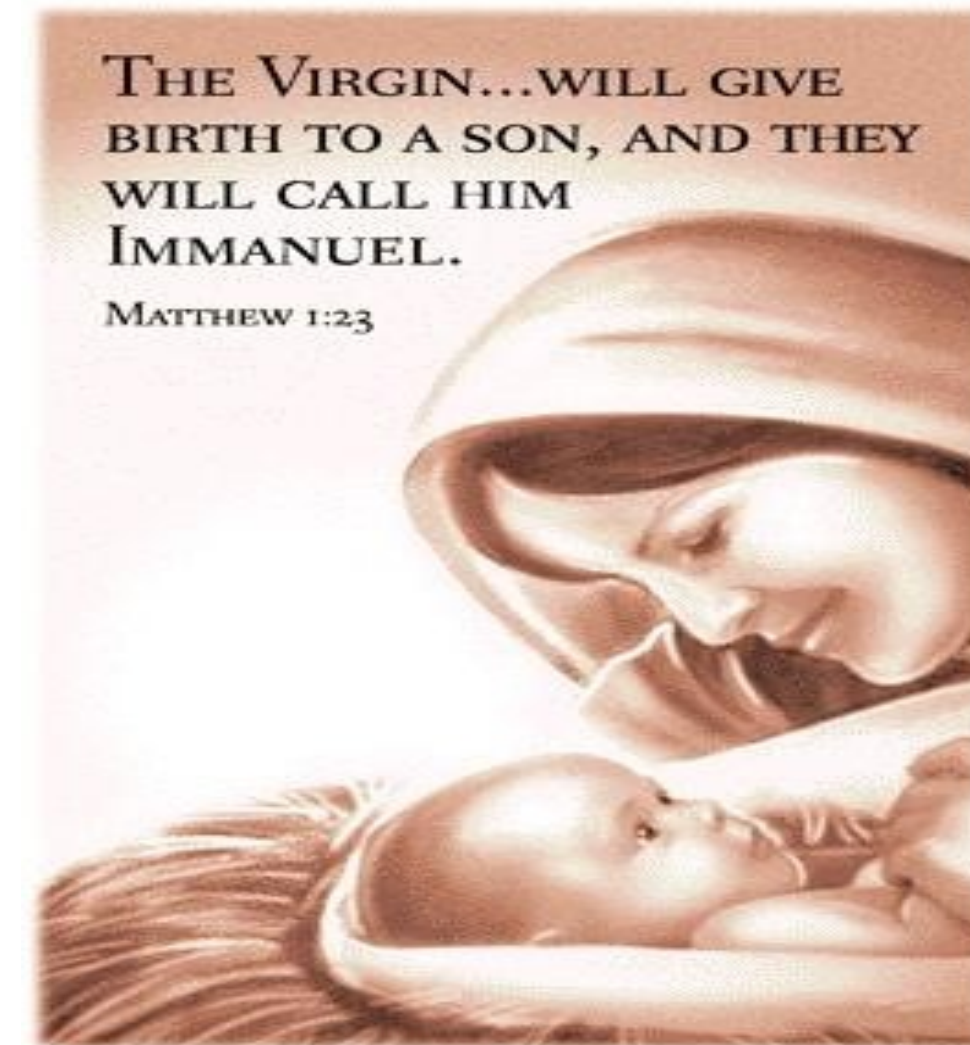
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**Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :**

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|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Jan—Breakfast Cereal | Feb—Single Serve Fruit | Mar—Mac n Cheese   |
| Apr—Juice Boxes      | May—Juice Boxes        | June—Cash Donation |
| July—Cash Donation   | August—Soup            | Sept—Chef Boyardee |
| Oct—Ramen Noodles    | Nov—Breakfast Bars     | Dec—Juice Boxes    |

**Food Notes:** \*Soup (Chicken Noodle or Tomato) \*Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or Ravioli) \*Ramen Noodles (Chicken or Beef) \*Breakfast Bars (Apple/Cinnamon or Strawberry) \*Cereal (Small bulk bag 7-9 servings) \*Single Serve Fruit (Pears, Peaches, or Fruit Cocktail) \*Mac n Cheese (Individual servings) \*Juice Boxes (Apple or Grape)

**The Trinity Companion  
Sunday December 8, 2019**



**Trinity United Methodist Church**

203 E 1st St, South  
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Worship begins at 11:00 am  
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**Greeters:** Patty Robbins and Nancy Allman

**Announcements:** Diane Botts

**Prelude:** Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, Arranged by Greg Howlett

**Lighting of the Candles:** Natalie & Caitlyn Shell

**\*Opening Hymn:** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming No. 216

**Lighting the Advent Candle:** Donna Mahan & Maverick Webb

**Second Sunday in Advent: Peace**

**God's Promise**

The very nature of a promise demands that we wait on the one who made it.

God promised to make of Abraham a Great Nation. God promised King David a Son who would sit on his throne eternally. The Great Nation promised to Abraham is The Kingdom of Heaven. The King promised to David is Jesus Christ. God *promised* that this Great Nation would be a blessing to all the families of the earth. How shall we Be God's Blessing to one another and all the families of the earth?

**Christ Our Hope**

At Jesus' birth, God's promise became our Living-Hope! (*Light the Hope Candle.*) For what do you Hope? How about Peace?

Hope makes Peace with sin!  
Hope makes Peace with self!  
Hope makes Peace with neighbor!

Jesus makes Peace through Faith in God, alone. Above all, we who have Faith pray.

**Living by Faith**

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus made Peace with Sin. He prayed, "not my will, but your will be done."

Before Jesus died He made peace with self. He who cried, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" also prayed, "Into your hands, I commit my spirit."

On the Cross, Jesus made Peace with his neighbor! He prayed, "Father, forgive them. They do now know what they are doing."

*(Light the Peace Candle)*

Joseph was a righteous man. The Law of Moses taught him that adultery and killing are sins against God. How will he make peace with sin?

Joseph experienced a battle within himself. He looked for a way to keep the Law of Moses, but was unwilling to expose Mary to public disgrace.

How will he make peace with himself?

Joseph's closest neighbor is Mary. When Joseph decided to dismiss her quietly a messenger from God appeared to him in a dream. How will Joseph make peace with Mary?

**Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed** No. 881

**The Passing of the Peace of Christ:** (Please return to your sets as we sing the Gloria Patri)

**Gloria Patri** No. 70

**Our Morning Prayer**

Father, we tend to know our neighbor by their actions. Joseph knew Mary was great with child. He accused her of adultery but could not bring himself to stone her to death. We too experience times when we cannot reconcile the Law of Moses.

Surely, Joseph woke from his dream saying, "God is with us." Open our eyes to see God with Joseph and Mary. Open our ears to hear Your Holy Messenger teach Joseph how not to be afraid of Mary.

Thank you for giving us Peace through Jesus Christ. Teach our hearts to make peace with what our neighbors say about us. Teach our minds to make peace with what our neighbors think of us. Teach us to make Peace in ourselves so we may experience You with us, in us, and living through us. Amen

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Ushers:** John Hagan, Joe Toney, Ruben Allman, and Dana Barlow

**Offertory Music:** Glory to God in the Highest...Giovanni Pergolesi, Italian composer, AD 1710—1736

**\*Doxology** As found at No. 95

**Children's Message:** Andrew Holyfield

**\*Scripture Reading:** Matthew 1: 18-25 Phil Robbins

**Anthem:** 'Tis a Wonderful Thing

**Message:** Do We Hear Who Joseph Heard

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving:** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates No. 213

**Invitation to Discipleship**

**Benediction**

**Postlude:** Walking in the Light of God, Traditional Zulu

\*Indicates that you may stand, as you are able.  
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**Van Drivers and Riders**

1—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
8—Christy Smith & Diane Botts  
15—Christy Smith & Donna Mahan  
22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
29—Christy Smith & Cathy Galyean

**Money Counters**

1—Bill Cole, Tiffany Adams  
8—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons  
15—Christy Smith, Diane Botts  
22—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
29—Bill Cole, Tiffany Adams

**Children's Message**

1—Communion Sunday  
8—Andrew Holyfield  
15—Nancy Toney  
22—Diane Botts  
29—Cindy Ashley

**Scripture Readers**

1—Alberta Mitchell  
8—Phil Robbins  
15—Rick Galyean  
22—Kim Parsons  
29—Martha Spurlock

**Greeters**

Patty Robbins and Nancy Allman

**Announcements**

Diane Botts

**Ushers**

John Hagan, Joe Toney, Ruben Allman, and Dana Barlow

**Communion Ushers**

Pat Bowden, Andrea Burlingham, Kathleen Gillespie, & Sandra Marshall

**Fellowship Dinner Hosts**

Skip Skinner & Jan Zentmeyer



"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."  
EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

**For Those with Cancer:**

Denise Qualls; Karrie Compton (Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zac Carter; Steve Clark; Kamyryn (Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister); Wilma Mills

**Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay**

Sandy Wright, Jan Tate, Patty Cooper, Beth Hagan, Jean Hendricks

**Non-Specific Prayers for:**

Marion Kocher; Matt Carroll; Bob Horne; Ida McCall; Judy Cole; Maurice & Patsy Lay; Andrew David Hartman; Jack Williams; Bill & Jean Hendrick, Larry Spears; Ann Nickles

- Pray for our Pastor and the Leaders of our church.
- Pray for the Leaders of the United Methodist Church.
- Pray for those in the Church in need.

If you know that someone on the prayer list has passed away, please contact the church office.

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