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Please Give to Our Staff Appreciation Christmas Fund

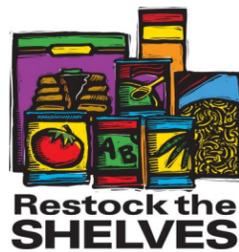
The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee would like to invite you to make a gift to the Staff Appreciation Fund. **This is the last Sunday to make a donation to this fund.** Each year we take a special offering to be divided among the non-clergy staff of our church: Ashley

Turner, Rick Galyean, Joyce Palmer, Steve Guerrant, Calli Shell, David Barker and Jan Tate.

Our goal is to collect these gifts by Sunday December 10th, so that an extra check can be included in the December 15th payroll. Please make checks out to CASH and note in the memo

field that the check is for Staff Appreciation or Staff Christmas Gift. You may also enclose cash in an envelope marked with either of these designation. Due to IRS regulations, you will not be able to receive a deduction for the gift you make for this special offering.

Don't forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School Backpack Program with a specific kind of food. For the month of December, the food item is **individual servings of breakfast cereal.** You can purchase them as individual cups or in the 6-8 pack of small boxes that will then be taken apart and placed in the backpacks.



Sharing the Reason for the Season

The United Methodist District Office's Mission Trailer will be set up on Friday December 22 from 10 am to 3 pm to give away donated items to families in need during the Christmas Season. If you have items you would like to donate or if you would like to join them to help, please contact Dennis Ashley or the church office. The Missions Trailer currently has lots of clothing and some toys. We would also like to offer hot food during this event. If you would like to bring a crockpot of soup, or cookies, or anything else, please let Dennis or the church office know as soon as possible. This is sure to be a wonderful event and will touch many people's lives during this holiday season. We look forward to seeing many familiar faces to help.

Upcoming Events and Dates

- Sunday December 10—12 pm—Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sunday December 10—5 pm—UMYF
- Sunday December 10—7 pm—Administrative Board Meeting
- Monday December 11—6:30 pm—Methodist Men Meeting
- Saturday December 16—11 am—UMYF working Concessions
- Sunday December 17—5 pm—UMYF
- Sunday December 17—5 pm—Asbury Circle
- Monday December 18—6 pm—Garden Club
- Sunday December 24—**NO UMYF**
- Sunday December 24—7 pm Candlelight Communion Service
- Monday December 25—Office Closed for Christmas

I invite you to journey with me this Advent as I talk about "Coming Home." I will be using a framework for worship and preaching developed by Discipleship Ministries. You are invited to travel with me on a journey as I talk about coming home to Christ and his kingdom. Each week, I hope to unwrap a new present that that will lead us towards "...making our hearts, our lives, our families, our communities, and our world more like the home Christ's ultimate homecoming will make it to be."



Sermon Scriptures and Titles:

- Dec 10th—Psalm 85:1-2,8-13: "Home is Where We Meet"
- Dec 17th — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24: "Joy is Our True Home"
- Dec 24th — Sunday morning: Luke 1:46-55: "God Makes this World a Home" part 1
- Dec 24th — Christmas Eve: Luke 2:1-7: "God Makes this World a Home" part 2

You can sponsor a bulletin. For \$15, we can put color on one side and for \$25 we can put color on both sides. Contact the office to see if the Sunday you want is available.

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The Trinity Companion Sunday December 10, 2017



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Trinity United Methodist Church

203 E 1st St, South
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Worship begins at 11:00 am

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Sunday December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent

Greeters: Patty Robbins and Nancy Allman

Announcements: Bill Cole

Call to Worship: -Bill Cole

L: It is good.

P: It is good.

L: To be in the house of the Lord.

P: To be in the house of the Lord.

L: One more time.

P: One more time.

Musical Prelude:

Lighting the Advent Wreath—

Advent Liturgists: The Turners

Hymn: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," stanza 5 No. 211

O Come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. The captives from their prison free, and conquer death's deep misery.

Liturgist: God of Love, you created the universe and all that is in it. You created all things and called them good.

Liturgist: God of Love, you wove into life a beautiful diversity from your infinite palette of creativity. All the creatures that walk or swim, crawl or fly sing praises to you.

All: We, God's people, affirm the creation of all things in love, saying with the psalmist: "God's salvation is very close to those who honor [God] so that [God's] glory can live in our land. Faithful love and truth have met; righteousness and peace have kissed." (Psalm 85:9-10)

Liturgist: On this second Sunday of Advent, we light this candle to remind us that the God of Creation calls us home to love all that we meet.

Light two Candles

All (sung): "Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel."

***Opening Hymn:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

A Time for Prayer...

Intercession...We offer prayer, e'en as we meet in this provided space, for all who know a void within and long to sense your grace.

A Sharing of Our Joys, Concerns, and Thanksgivings

(Please raise your hand and an usher will come by with a microphone so that everyone will be able to hear your joy, concern or thanksgiving.)

Let us pray... (Sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)

**For those whose homes will vacant be,
this sacred holiday,
Who long for warming of the soul,
God be their rest and stay.**

**For those who've made the earth their home,
who dwell outside today—
On streets, beneath the overpass,
God be their rest and stay.**

**For those who've faced deep tragedy
And seasons of dismay.
Who've loved and worked and made and lost,
God, be their rest and stay.**

**God, help us know your children's needs
With open hearts and minds,
That we may form a stronger bond,
Held fast by Love Divine.**

**The Lord's Prayer
Gloria Patri**

(as found at No. 895)
No. 70

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ushers: Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, Jack Williams, Ruben Allman
Offertory: "Pastorale Symphony" - from "The Messiah" - George Frederich Handel, AD 1685-1759

***The Doxology:** No. 95

The Presentation of God's Word

Scripture: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 Chris Higgins

Leader: The Word of the Lord for the People of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon: "Home is Where We Meet"

Christmas Cantata

"The Promise of a King"

1. "The King Shall Come"
2. "Celebrate the Promise"
3. "Sleep, Little Baby"—Paula Barton, Soloist
4. "Let Every Nation"
5. "This Holy Christmas Night"
6. "Christmas Bells are Gladly Ringing"
7. "Fit for a King"
8. "The Birthday of a King"

Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Postlude

*** Indicates that you may stand, as you are able**

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