



## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School** is on Sunday at 10 am.

**Choir Practice** is canceled for Wednesday the 14th.

**Trinity Book Club** is on Monday at 6 pm. The book discussion is based on the text “Enemies of the Heart” by Andy Stanley. The ISBN is 9781601421456 and you can find the book new for around \$10-15.

**Advent 2022**—Advent is the period of preparation for Christmas, which begins on December 25th. The Sundays leading up to December 24th are the Sundays of Advent with the final day being December 24th.

To help you reflect and celebrate Advent, you should notice a wreath surrounded by four exterior candles and one central candle. The four exterior candles represent the hallmarks of a renewed creation: joy, hope, peace, and love. The central candle represents the presence of Christ. Each Sunday, one more of the exterior candles is lit. Finally, the Christ candle is lit as a reminder of Christ’s ongoing presence.

Each week, we light a new candle in the Advent wreath as well as the candles from the preceding week. The candles represent Hope (purple), Love (purple), Joy (pink), and Peace (purple). The white candle represents Christ and will be lit on Christmas Eve.

**Christmas Cantata**—Thank you to all who participated and attended the Christmas Cantata. Everyone had a wonderful time, and the choir and musicians did an awesome job. May we all be thankful for this Christmas season and enjoy our time with friends, family, and church family.

**Finance Committee Meeting**—After the worship service, there will be a brief meeting in the fellowship hall. The following people listed are members of this committee: Phil Robbins (chair), Ruben Allman, Cathy Galyean, Cecilia Robinette, John Hagan, Kim Parsons (lay leader), Rob Moore (lay leader), Alberta Mitchell (lay to Annual Conference), and Joyce Palmer (treasurer).

**UPS Christmas Box Packing Party**—This afternoon at 2 pm, Phil Robbins will be leading a group of people in packing food and goodie Christmas boxes for the students at Union Primary School. If you want to help or donate monies to this vital and vibrant project, please contact Phil.

**Noah’s 1st Birthday Party**—You are invited to attend Noah’s birthday party this afternoon at 4 pm in the church fellowship hall. Please do not bring any gifts but we ask that you bring your smile, joy, and hungry bellies. We will have chili and cake for all who attend. See you there!

**Christmas in the Gap**—We are happy to announce that Christmas in the Gap is scheduled for Saturday, December 17th at the Big Stone Gap Visitor Center. Dennis Ashley (SON’s Ministry) will be there to serve the people in our community with gifts and food. If you want to donate, participate, or have questions, please contact Dennis.

**Trinity UMC Staff Christmas bonus**—To show our appreciation to the staff members of Trinity, through the month of December you can give a monetary

gift which will be divided between the following staff members: Joyce Palmer (Treasurer), Tiffany Stallard Adams (Part-time secretary), Rick Galyean (Music Director), Calli Shell (Pianist), Steve Guerrant (Custodian), and Christy Smith (Office/Church Asst.)

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**—Our annual Christmas Eve service will be Saturday, December 24th at 6 pm.

**Poinsettias**—This year, we have 10 poinsettias in the sanctuary for your viewing enjoyment. If you desire to purchase one in honor or in memory of someone you love, please fill out and turn in the inserted card that is within your bulletin along with \$35 to the church office. You can also place the card and money in the offering plate. Your memories and honorees will be listed in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18th.

**Administrative Board Meeting**—Our next meeting is Sunday, December 18th after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to continue our conversation about why churches are choosing to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church denomination and determine what is in the best interest of Trinity UMC. All are welcome to attend this vital meeting.

**New Members Sunday**—This morning during the worship service, we will be welcoming new members to our church fellowship. During this service, you will have the opportunity to better get to know those in whom the Lord has sent us.

**Blessing Box**—If you want to bring food or other items for the blessing box, you can place your donated items in the labeled plastic bin located in the church fellowship hall.

**Christmas Float**—Thank you to all who participated in putting out float together, and congratulations for winning 2nd place float in the parade.

**TUMC Youth Fundraiser**—The TUMC Youth will be selling Chocolate Covered Peanut Butter and Chocolate Covered Coconut Trees for a fundraiser. The trees are \$5.00 each and payment is due with the order (see bulletin insert to order). Please see Christy Smith if you have any questions. Trees will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 18 (alternate arrangements can be made as needed).

**Youth and Children’s Spotlight**—

- During a wrestling match, Luke S. took a pin to allow his opponent to experience what it is like to win a match.
- In a recent Scholastic Bowl, Caitlyn S. was recognized for being in the top 10 point earners for the day.
- Help me thank Daniel, Laura, and Maverick for playing the roles as the three wisemen for our Christmas float.

**UPS Back Pack Program**

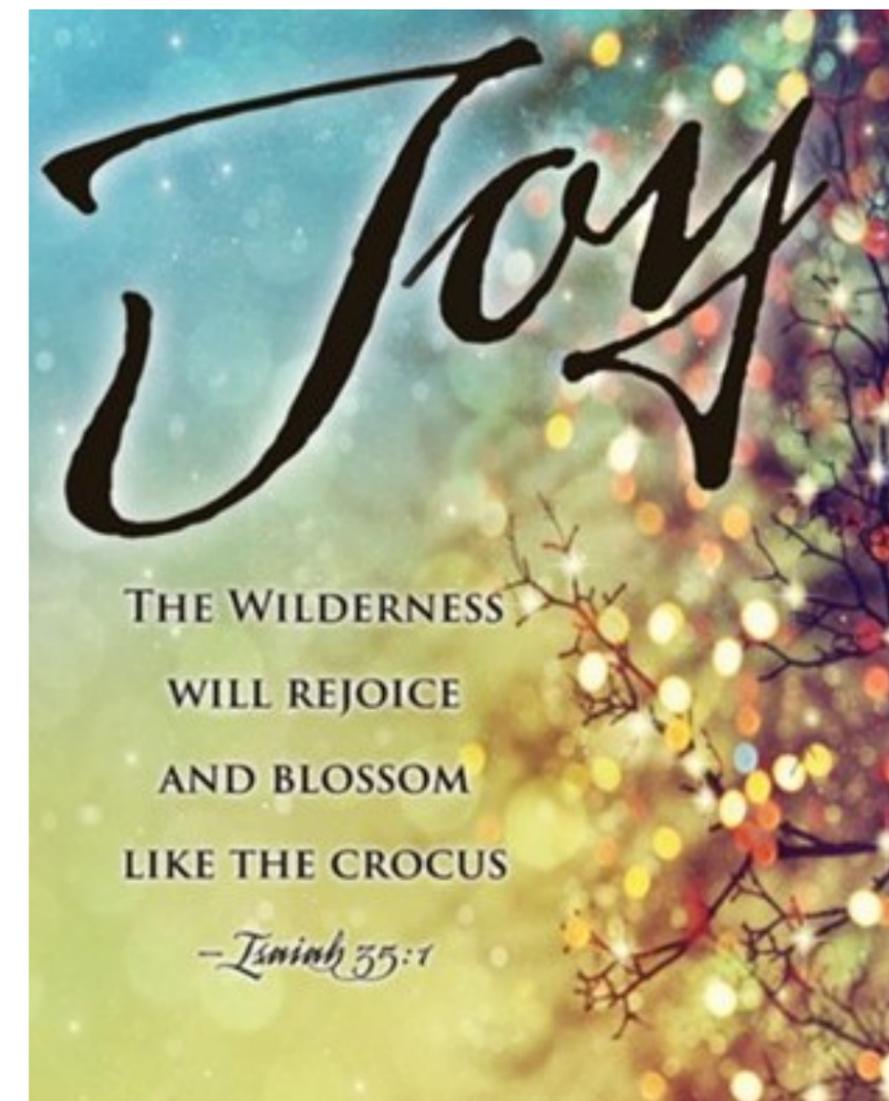
Don’t forget that each month we are going to Restock the Shelves for the Union Primary School. During the month of December, the requested item is Juice Boxes.

The requested flavors are apple or grape.



## The Trinity Companion

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