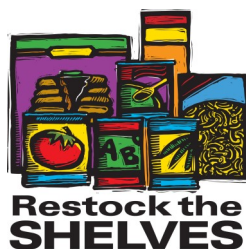


UPS Back Pack Program

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.



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.

Giveaway at the Visitor Center

Dennis Ashley and the SON Trailer Mission will be having a toy and clothing giveaway Saturday the 21st from 10 am until 2 pm. There will be a light lunch available. If you are able to offer your time to help out at the event or able to provide help with a soup or dessert, please reach out to Dennis.

Staff Appreciation

Trinity has a tradition of gift giving our Staff at Christmas. Please mark your checks or cash envelopes "Staff Christmas Gift." You may place your gift in the morning offering.

Celebration of Life

Please join us this Thursday at 6 pm to celebrate the life of Mrs. Marion Kocher. A meal will be provided in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Here is the New Union Primary School Food List :

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)

December 2019						
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Important dates to keep on your calendar

- December 17 11:00 am Ugly Mug
- December 18 6:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Choir Practice (canceled)
- December 19 11:00 am I Love Growing Older Group
6:00 pm Celebration of Life
- December 21 10:00 am Visitor Center Giveaway
- December 24 7:00 pm Communion Service

*****ALL STUDY GROUPS CANCELED WEEK OF 23RD-28TH*****

	Last Week	Last Month (November)	Year to Date
Worship Attendance	63	57 (AVG)	61 (AVG)
Offering to Budget	\$2081.14	\$10650.31	\$140786.51

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The Trinity Companion
Sunday December 15, 2019



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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: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, Arranged by Carol Tornquist

Lighting of the Candles: Natalie & Caitlyn Shell

***Opening Hymn:** It Came upon the Midnight Clear No. 218

Lighting the Advent Candle: Skip Skinner and Jan Zentmeyer

Third Sunday in Advent: Joy

God's Promise

God took Abram outside and said, "Look toward the heavens and count the Stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Genesis 15: 5-6

Christ Our Hope

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed His star at its rising, and we come to pay him homage."

From what was one Land of Ur, the Magi saw the Star God promised Abram. The Star announced the fulfillment of God's Promise. With no need to wait, they journeyed by faith as the Light of Hope illumined their way. (Light the Hope Candle)

Christ Our Peace

The Magi were Persian, King-Makers. Hope gave them faith to bear Gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Gold is like a mirror. Gold is a fitting gift for the King who reflects the image of God. In Jesus, we see humankind and God at Peace. (Light the Peace Candle)

Christ our Joy

Frankincense is like prayer. Frankincense is a fitting gift for the King who connects earth below to heaven above. In the same way, prayer connects the human soul to God but only as fanned by the Fire of the Holy Spirit.

Myrrh is like Grace. Myrrh is a fitting gift for the King who heals sin with Grace. Like Myrrh, Grace makes Holy whomever and whatever it touches.

The Magi were led by the Light of Hope and Faith. They didn't find the King of Kings in the Palace. The religious leaders knew Jesus would be born in Bethlehem, but the Light of Hope and Faith had not dawned on their belief. King Herod seemed helpful enough but being warned in a dream they went home another way.

The Way of Hope, Peace, and Joy leads to Love. Many search for it but few find it. Has the Light of Faith and Hope dawned on your belief? (Light

the pink Joy Candle)

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 believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the forgiveness of sins. We believe we are saved by Grace through faith in Christ, alone. Yet, we often boast about our beliefs. WE even divide ourselves from one another based on superior beliefs.

Come Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Come Father, come speak to us that we may let the Light of Faith dawn on our Belief.

Come Son of God, touch us with Your Grace. Meet us face to face that we may die to sinful arrogance. Come raise us up in Your arms of Grace to make us Holy as You are Holy.

Come Holy Spirit, come bless us with your Spirit of Joy. By Your Spirit guide us to experience the Joy of being unconditionally received into the presence of Our Father, and His Son, Christ our Lord.

Come Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Come and come again until at last we are one with each other and find our Home in You. 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: In the Bleak Midwinter, Arranged by Greg Howlett

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

Children's Message: Nancy Toney

***Scripture Reading:** Matthew 2: 1-12 Rick Galyean

Anthem: 10,000 Joys Duet: Callie Shell and Bob Horne

Message: Do We Hear Who The Magi Heard

***Hymn of Thanksgiving:** Once in Royal David's City No. 250

Invitation to Discipleship

Benediction

Postlude: I Wonder As I Wander, Arranged by Jacki Alexander

*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



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. Bootsie Duncan

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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