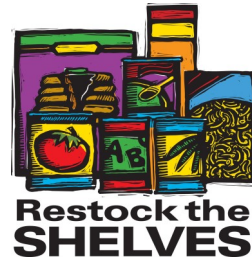


### UPS Back Pack Program

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 **Canned Meat**.



### Holston Home for Children

Jason's dad has been in and out of prison his whole life. During his time at Holston Home for Children, Jason struggled with the decision to give his life to Christ. After spending several days feeling the love and support of his peers and other leaders, Jason finally decided to follow Jesus. He was quickly celebrated and welcomed in to a family that would promise to build him up. As part of Jason's new family, please consider giving to Holston Home and the many other children that will meet Jesus because of your generosity.

### Board of Trustees

Immediately following the worship service this morning, the Trustees will be meeting. There will be a discussion concerning the new lighting and to make a decision concerning new projects.

### United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Trinity's UMYF will not meet again until after the new year. The first meeting after the new year will be the evening of January 6th. There will be a parent meeting in January to discuss Resurrection 2019 plans. If you have any questions or concerns before that meeting, please reach out to Christy Smith.

### Candlelight Communion Service

A special Christmas Eve Communion Service will be held Monday evening at 7 pm. Everyone is asked to come take part and to invite someone to rejoice in the birth of Jesus Christ.



*O Come*  
Let Us  
Adore Him

#### Here is the Union Primary School Food List for 2018:

<b>Jan</b> —Pop Tarts	<b>Feb</b> —Nabs/Chips	<b>Mar</b> —Microwave Popcorn
<b>Apr</b> --Ramen Noodles	<b>May</b> -Chef Boyardee	<b>Jun</b> —Granola Bars/Raisins
<b>Jul</b> —Single Serve Fruit	<b>Aug</b> -Breakfast Cereal	<b>Sep</b> —Macaroni and Cheese
<b>Oct</b> —Canned Soup	<b>Nov</b> —Juice Boxes	<b>Dec</b> —Canned Meat
<b>Peanut Butter — May &amp; November</b>		

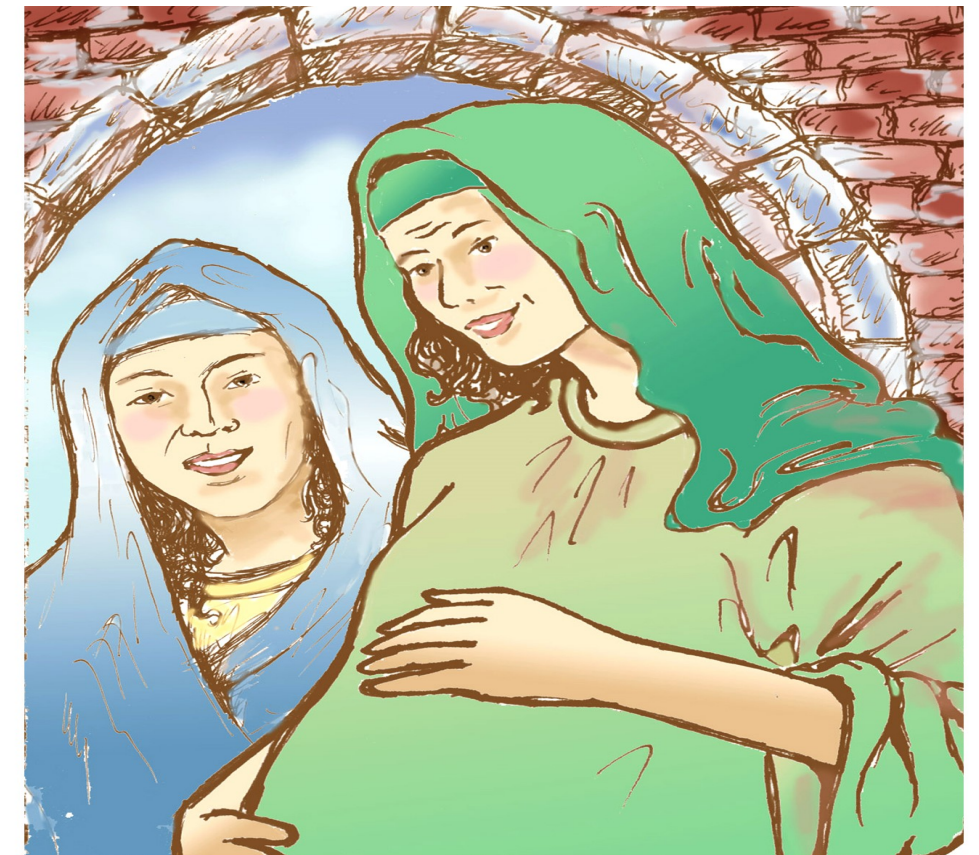
Please keep this list in a handy place and buy these items for the months they are listed. If an item is coming up soon and its on sale, that is a good time to buy some. Then just hang on to them and bring them to the church during the correct month.

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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Rejoice and lift up His name!

## The Trinity Companion Sunday December 23, 2018



When Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb.

Luke 1:41, ESV

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**Greeters**—Kathleen Gillespie and Patty Robbins  
**Announcements**—Christy Smith

**Prelude:** Joy to the World, Arranged by Michael Scott  
**Lighting of the Altar Candles:** Caitlyn and Natalie Shell

**Lighting of the Advent Candle: The Fourth Candle of Advent—Peace**  
The Shell Family

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Hope burns with God's Love. The fruit of God's Love is Joy. Joy is in the Lord. Look how far we have come. Let us keep our heads lifted up. Let us set out hearts and minds on Hope, Love, and Joy. Let us live in the world with faith that brings the fruit of salvation from heaven to earth. Like the heavenly host proclaimed: I bring you good news of great JOY for all people. Joy is being at Peace with the Lord. Let us be like Mary. Hope, Love, and Joy magnified her Soul. Mary discovered Peace on Earth. Peace with God. Peace with self. Peace with her neighbors. Let there be Peace on Earth, and let it begin with me!

(Light two purple candles and the pink candle.)

And Mary said:

"My soul magnifies the Lord

**On the day of my salvation my soul magnified the Lord. The Lord said to me, "My Peace I give you."**

And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**My poor spirit rejoices in God my Savior. When my conscience burdens me with shame, guilt, or blame my Lord send His Holy Spirit to lead me into Mercy's comfort.**

For he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant .

**I was terrified by my knowledge of the Law, Sin, and eternal death. I cried, "What must I do to be saved? The Lord said, "Do not be afraid. I will deliver you from the burden of the Law. I will free you from the penalty of death. I will give you a heart, soul, and mind filled with Peace. I am the Lord, who saves!"**

For now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name.

**My Lord leads me not into temptation by delivers me from evil.**

His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation

**The Lord's mercy has taught me to say, "Let it be with me according to Your word," not my neighbors.**

He has performed mighty deeds with his arms; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble.

**When I remember His out-stretched arms nailed to the Cross, my spirit cries mercy. When I remember His death, my spirit cries Grace. When I remember His resurrection, my spirit cries Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty.**

(Light the 4th candle, the sign of Peace.)

He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever, just as he promised our ancestors."

**Medley of Carols:** O Come, All Ye Faithful (vs. 1 & 4) No. 234  
Angels We Have Heard on High (vs. 1 & 4) No. 238  
While Shepherds Watched Their Flock (vs. 1 & 6) No. 236

**Pastoral Prayer** (Please either write your prayer request on the white board at the chancel or complete a prayer request card. The Kneeler is open; come and pray to the Lord.)

**Lord's Prayer**

**The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offering**  
**Prayer of Blessing**

**Ushers:** John Hagan, Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, and Jack Williams

**Offertory Music:** (English Carol Medley: I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing in, Lullaby from Cornwall, and Sussex Carol)

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

**Children's Message:** Andrew Holyfield

**Choral Anthem:** For Unto Us A Child is Born

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1: 39-55 Bill Cole

**Sermon Message:** The Fruit of Expectation

**\*Closing Hymn:** Hallelujah Chorus (Bulletin insert)

**Postlude:** Ukrainian Coral, Arranged by Michael Scott

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

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Peace

### December



SERVANTS OF GOD

#### Van Drivers and Riders

2—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
9—Christy Smith & Diane Botts  
16—Christy Smith & Donna Mahan  
23—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
30—Christy Smith & Cathy Galyean

#### Money Counters

2—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons  
9—Kenny & Martha Spurlock  
16—Christy Smith, Diane Botts  
23—Bill Cole, Ashley Turner  
30—Pat Bowden, Kim Parsons

#### Children's Message

2—Communion Sunday  
9—Nancy Toney  
16—Mary Beth Allen  
23—Andrew Holyfield  
30—Diane Botts

#### Scripture Readers

2—Dennis Ashley  
9—Kenny Spurlock  
16—Martha Spurlock  
23—Bill Cole  
30—Andrew Holyfield

#### Greeters

Kathleen Gillespie  
Patty Robbins

#### Announcements

Christy Smith

#### Ushers

John Hagan, Phil Robbins, Spencer Quesenberry, Jack Williams

#### Fellowship Dinner Hosts

Tiffany Adams

#### For Those with Cancer:

Robin (Rita Nash's Daughter); Denise Qualls;  
David Burke (Bubba Burke's Dad); Karrie Compton  
(Randy & Phyllis Compton's daughter); Zack  
Carter; Steve Clark; Robert Holbrook; Kamyryn  
(Patsy Mutter's great granddaughter's sister);  
Wilma Mills; Lois Smith

#### Facing/Recovering from Surgery/Hospital Stay

Larry Spears; Jeff Wright; Jack Williams; Ben  
Allen; Jan Tate

#### Non-Specific Prayers for:

Jim Cooper; Toney family; Marion Kocher; Matt  
Carroll; Bob Horne; Beth & John Hagan; Ida  
McCall; Judy Cole; Jordan Barnette; Martha Patsy  
Lay; Jon Seay; Andrew David Hartman

- 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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