

Announcements

Adult Sunday School is on Sunday at 10 am.

No Book Study for the rest of the year. Our next gathering will be Monday, January 3rd at 6 pm.

No Bible Study for the month of December and for the month of January.

No Apprentice Study for the month of December. Our next gathering is Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30 pm.

We congratulate and are proud of our very own **Andrew Holyfield** for being selected to the All-District Chorus. Due to this accomplishment, Andrew will participate in a choral event in February and compete for a spot with the All-Virginia State Choir.

Please take the opportunity to view Trinity UMC's display for the "Greenbelt in Lights." The display is adjacent to the parking lot for the town soccer field (Proctor St. S.) and is visible from your vehicle for those who may be unable to walk up to it.

Holiday Cookies and Sweets Fellowship was awesome!! Help me thank our **Kitchen Coordinator Kathleen Gillespie** for organizing this event. The cookies were good and the Fellowship was even better.

Daniel Fast—The New Year is quickly approaching us and with that comes excitement, hope, and resolutions. For many, it is a time for them to approach a new look or start a new daily routine such as exercise and strive to have better sleep patterns. Such things are done to help kick start their year and to be more resourceful than last year. To kick start the new year and to continue with the momentum from 2021, I am calling all to participate in the **21-Day Daniel Fast from Monday, January 3rd to Monday, January 24th**. In Daniel 1:12, Daniel fasted from meat, fine foods, and wine. Instead, he had vegetables to eat and water to drink. Today, people fast to put away their fleshly desires and struggles, to get in—sync with God, and to see direction from God. To help us better understand the purposes behind the Daniel Fast, our friend **Martha Spurlock** will be teaching about it on Sunday, January 2nd during our 11 am worship service. It is my hope and prayer that during the 21-Day Daniel Fast our church will be empowered and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Administrative Board Meeting will be held after the worship service on January 9th.

Resurrection 2022 is January 21-23 at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge, TN. This year's theme is "Together Again." The scripture of focus is Hebrews 10:23-25 which states, "Let's hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near." (CEB) Please keep our Youth Director Christy Smith and the youth who plan to attend in prayer that they will have a blessed time in the Lord.

The Trinity Companion Sunday December 26, 2021



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Worship begins at 11:00 am
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Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church. God loves you and so do we! Due to the increased number of cases of the COVID-19 Delta variant, we ask that both vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees wear a mask during worship services. If you do not have a mask, we have masks available for you in the narthex. The Church Council is monitoring this situation closely and will inform you of any changes in the future. We appreciate your willingness to provide a safe worship environment for all during this challenging season that we are living in.

Prelude: Do You Hear What I Hear?, arranged by Craig Curry

Lighting of the Candles

Greeting:

Christ is born; give him glory!

Christ has come down from heaven, receive him!

Christ is now on earth; exalt him!

O you earth, sing to the Lord!

O you nations, praise him in joy, for he has been glorified!

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Prayer:

O almighty God, by the birth of your holy child Jesus
you gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness.
Grant that in his light we may see light.
Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all
people,
so that the likeness of your Son may be formed in us, and
that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting
life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Special Music: Little Drummer Boy by Calli and Rick

Christmas Hymn Service: (People within the congregation will be allowed to pick their favorite Christmas hymns to be sung and heard.)

Offertory: Luke 6:38 (NRSV): Co-Ed Team will be passing the plates.
“...give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Offertory Music/Musical Interlude: God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, arranged by Jan Welch

Doxology:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above the Heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

New Testament Reading: Luke 2:1-20

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Response to the Word: The Apostles Creed

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Benediction

Postlude: Joy to the World, arranged by Michael Scott



Trinity Staff appreciates the generosity of the Trinity Family for the Christmas gift this year. It was a blessing for each of us.

—Calli, Rick, Joyce, Tiffany, & Steve