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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

Christmas is upon us! We have some exciting services coming up. Advent starts with this week. This Sunday, **November 29th will be a 10am joint service.** We will start Advent together and have communion together.

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The next special service will be on the second Sunday. The **Chancel choir cantata is at 11am on the 6<sup>th</sup>.** The 8:30 service will meet at its normal time with a sermon. The 11am service will celebrate with special music.

Christmas Eve gives us two opportunities to worship. We will gather both at **7pm and at 11pm.**

**Lesson and Carols** are the bill of fare for the last Sunday, the **27th.** This again is a 10am joint service again.

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The Final service of the year will be **New Year's Eve.** New Year's Eve falls on a Thursday night. We will gather at **7pm for a Thursday Nite Light service and then are looking for a place to gather afterwards.**

We have a busy month ahead. Advent is a wonderful time of year. As the Christian calendar begins, we celebrate the peace, hope, joy, and love that God brings into our lives. Hope that you can gather and celebrate with us.

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Friday, December 18 for inclusion in the January newsletter.

You can send items by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or drop off in the "Church Secretary" hallway mailbox.



## OFFICE CLOSURES IN DECEMBER

The church office will be closed Thursday December 24 and Friday December 25. Please plan your office needs accordingly.



Joint Worship Service

December 27

Sunday School – 9 am

Joint Worship Service – 10 am

## UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS MISSIONS

DEBORAH NAPOLITANO

The Lord provides, and we are to share from His bountiful blessings.

The bulletin insert has shown us the many mission opportunities for 2015.

We need \$900 to purchase 18 Christmas stockings for the youth we sponsor at United Methodist Family Services. \$800 has been raised, \$650 of which was collected at the Thanksgiving dinner. We still need \$100.

22 Bellwood Elementary School children were sponsored with a Christmas wish list, and all of them have been spoken for! Please e-mail me @ [seven\\_naps@verizon.net](mailto:seven_naps@verizon.net) if you wish to sponsor a child. I am able to get lists for as many as we need. We are currently collecting new books for children ages 4-11. There is a round straw basket in the Narthex. Please support this!

The Angels and Treble Clefs are collecting throw blankets and men and women's slippers for Envoy Nursing Home. This is a Medicaid facility and the need is great. There are designated boxes in the Narthex.

CARES is a battered women and children's shelter that Trinity has supported for decades. Last year we supported 37 individuals at a cost of \$5500. We will begin collecting monetary donations in earnest this Sunday. We will be shopping and wrapping for this group on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, and all are encouraged and welcomed to help with this endeavor.

The Missions Committee puts out the call, and Trinity in its generosity out of the many blessings we enjoy, answers.

May the Lord bless each and every one of you.



## DECEMBER MUSIC NEWS

PAT MADISON, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

A big thanks to the Odyssey Youth who presented the play for the entertainment at the Thanksgiving dinner. We are grateful for Linda Goodman writing and sending us the script. I appreciate all the hard work and time the youth gave to this project. I look forward to working together as we enter 2016!

The Trinity Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Cantata "Sing We Now of Christmas" by Howard Helvey at 11:00 a.m. on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The program will include scripture and the congregational singing of Christmas carols. We will be accompanied by a small orchestral ensemble. Please plan to attend this celebration of the birth of Christ.

The Christmas play and Santa party will be Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. There will be performances by the Trinity Chime Choir, the Cherub Choir, and the Angel Choir. The children will be presenting the musical, "Wrapping All the Way" by Christy Sensen followed by the arrival of Santa! You don't want to miss this night of fun and fellowship! Children's Ministry is organizing cookies and punch following the program. Come and bring your friends and neighbors!

We are so fortunate to have such talented people in our church. I am so grateful for the costumes made by Pat Shrader and Lucy Shields for the Children's musical. Please come to see the wonderful set designed and created by Wayne Haley and Linda Richardson. Thanks for sharing your talent with us!

I applaud the Trinity Men's Chorus for their performance at the Thanksgiving dinner. Although we were missing some singers due to illness, you rose to the occasion and filled us with the joy of Gospel music. We look forward to hearing from you again, so keep up the good work!

The Trinity Belles will be ringing for the 11:00 service on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We are blessed to have such a dedicated group of ladies who provide us with beautiful music. They work hard every Monday night to learn music to enhance our worship. They will also be travelling to St. Francis Hospital on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to bring Christmas joy to those who are in the hospital. Thank you ladies for your dedication!

I am looking for a theme for the 2016 Talent show. It should be a theme that would include all types of music, dance, and art. Please think about it and send your ideas to [piano4mom@gmail.com](mailto:piano4mom@gmail.com). I would like to include the visual arts again this year and need someone to organize the art work. Contact me if you are interested. This will be on a Friday night in early March.

I wish for all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Blessings, Pat

## MUSIC NOTES, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

### MUSIC NEWS



The Odyssey Choir attended Youth Jam on November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at River Road Baptist Church. It was a wonderful experience to learn and sing music



in a choir of more than 100 voices. These young people come from all over Virginia and North Carolina. Thanks to Cindy Shelton who accompanied our choir (Hannah Donithan, Abby Farrow, Annabelle and

Rodney Rasmussen, and Peyton Roach) and me to this event. We thank Lana Lefferts for providing our snacks. Many thanks for the support of those parents and friends who attended the concert on Saturday.



KRYSTAL COFER

### YOUTH LOCK-IN

OUR FRIDAY FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL LOCK IN WILL BE FRIDAY DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> BEGINNING AT 6:20 PM. WE WILL GO OFF SITE FOR A FUN ACTIVITY, SHOP FOR TWO YOUTH AGE KIDS TO SPONSOR, WRAP OUR GIFTS, DECORATE THE TREE, YOUTH GIFT EXCHANGE, AND PLAY GAMES AND SNACK THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT! PLEASE CONTACT KRYSTAL WITH ANY QUESTIONS

### POLAR PLUNGE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SATURDAY JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> IS OUR ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE AT WINTERGREEN! WE WILL SNOW TUBE FOR 90 MINUTES AND THEN ENJOY ALL THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ACTIVITY CENTER! PRICES AND TIME TBA

### CALENDARS

We still have about 10 additional calendars to sell and 10 to deliver. Please see Krystal.



# Children's Ministry



STEPHANYE FUINA



A sincere **THANK YOU** to everyone for the overwhelming support for the Fall Festival. Over 200 people were in attendance this year, not including the 30+ volunteers and vendors. It was such a joy to see so many children and their families enjoying themselves here on the church grounds. All of the helping hands and generous donations made this year's Fall Festival a huge success and it is greatly appreciated. Without all of you the Fall Festival would not have been possible. A special **THANKS** to the youth group for always stepping up and pitching in!!



**CONGRATS to Mrs. Flo Gray, winner of the Fall Festival Cake Baking Contest!!** Thank you to all of the ladies who baked cakes and participated in the contest. You made the judges work hard and it was tough to choose a winner!! All of the cakes were delicious!! Hugs and many thanks to the ladies that helped slice and serve the cakes. Thank you for all of your hard work!!! Thank you to all of the fine gentlemen who had the tough job of tasting each and every cake!!!



Funds raised at the Fall Festival totaled over \$200 in support of Imagine No Malaria and the TUMC Youth Group. **THANK YOU** to Pastor Teresa for being such a good sport in the **BUCK the Pastor** contest. She bounced gracefully several times in an effort to help raise money!!

# Unto Us A Child

## is Born...



The Children's Ministry will be hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Live Nativity on Friday, December 19 at 6:30pm by the front parking lot. All children, youth and the young at heart are invited to participate in the presentation. Help us recreate and share the story of Christ's birth with our community. All are invited to pet the animals and take pictures after the show!! If you are interested in participating or volunteering, please contact either Amanda Kelly or Stephanye Fuina at [childrensministry@trinity-umc.com](mailto:childrensministry@trinity-umc.com) or sign up during worship!



## YUMMMMMMM! DOUGHNUTS!

During the Live Nativity, warm doughnuts and hot chocolate will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Children's Ministry. Doughnuts can be pre-ordered and paid for using the sign up sheet and envelope during worship. Pre-ordered doughnuts can be picked up before or during the Live Nativity or that Sunday during Sunday School. Doughnuts will be sold for \$8.00 per dozen and hot chocolate will be \$1.00. Thank you for your continued support of the TUMC Children's Ministry.



Cookies with Santa

**Guess who is coming to town? SANTA!** He will arrive at Trinity on Sunday, December 20 following the Children's Christmas Play at 7:00pm. All children of all ages, friends, family and neighbors are invited to sit on Santa's lap and enjoy yummy cookies and sing carols.

The Children's Ministry is looking for donations of cookies, brownies, cupcakes or any other sweets. Please sign up on during worship if you are able to help with baked goods!



## UMW

LANA LEFFERTS, UMW PRESIDENT

Greetings to all ladies of the Church! You are invited to attend our next meeting of the UMW on December 10, 2015 at 7 PM at Trinity. We will be wrapping the gifts already purchased for the Bellwood children. We will have goodies to share and eat.

### RADA KNIVES

Yes, the holidays are upon us—coming around much too fast and too soon! But, the UMW wants to help you with some of your needs for the season.

Utensils from Rada are of a very high quality—please feel free to browse through the catalog and then place your order. We will be taking orders for two weeks (Orders with payment no later than 12/6). Delivery is anticipated for 12/13. The UMW thanks you in advance for your support of both the fudge sales and the Rada knives sale. All proceeds will go towards mission projects.

### TRINITY UMW + TRINITY YOUTH + KROGER = BENEFITS to ALL!

HAVE YOU HEARD? Trinity UMW and Youth have teamed up! There is a community rewards program at Kroger and the UMW has partnered with the Trinity Youth Group to raise funds for missions! The UMW has applied for our group to collect funds from people “just shopping” at Kroger. In order for us to receive these funds, we need you to use your “Kroger” card and “sign up” by using the Kroger website: [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards). The UMW code is 93203. If you do not have access to a computer, please see one of the UMW or Youth members to sign up. Any of us will be willing to assist you with this. Please help us maximize our earnings by asking members of your family and friends to join our “team” as well. Kroger will be opening soon right next door so shopping will be convenient as well as practical. Thank you so much for your support!



### 2016 Flower Calendar

The new Flower Calendar for 2016 will be posted on the bulletin board for sign up of Sunday flower arrangements in memory or honor of someone special in your life. The arrangements are \$35 each and can be taken home after the 11:00 service. Please check the calendar early so you can sign up for your preferred date. If possible we would rather not have more than two arrangements per Sunday. Contact Lucy Shields if you have questions.



## JUST IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING

### Pumpkin Patch

Total sales	\$16,505.17
Total costs	\$11,956.76
Total profit	\$5,742.27
10% Tithe to Church	\$1,650.52
UMW	\$2,329.80
UMM	\$2,045.87

## BUILDING AND GROUNDS

To all our Trinity United Methodist Church Members; I have great news. We now have our own new Lawn Tractor and storage shed for church grounds keeping. We are interested in volunteers to aid us in maintaining our churches Landscape. If you are available please contact Mr. George Kingsley at home [804-743-4544](tel:8047434544) or cell [804-316-2152](tel:8043162152). I will be giving volunteers operational and safety instructions on the use of the new mower prior to using. Age limit will be no one under 15 years old. Any questions please call the listed numbers. Thank you and have a blessed day.

## FALLING LEAVES

Our Fall community events have involved a lot of us for the past two months. Fall always has been a time for change in God's creation. The symbol for Fall is "falling leaves"-right? Trinity has their fair share, too.

The gutters are now overflowing and need some attention. So December 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM will be the initial time to tackle this chore. We'll finish at 11 AM. Most of the effort will be standing on LADDERS so those that have that skill – we really need you. Others will be holding the LADDERS and assisting in their positioning.

Consider wearing rubber gloves for the cleaning task. Your hands will be happy and much cleaner for it.

If we have a big turnout, we'll have time to spread hardwood mulch in some of the beds. So bring wheel barrows, pitch forks and garden rakes as your tools of choice. I'll see you on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Gary Potter – Taskmaster

## STAFF APPRECIATION CHRISTMAS GIFT

As this year winds down and the Advent season progresses, we are encouraged to take time to reflect on and thank the good Lord for the blessings he provides us. Among the blessings we have at TUMC are our dedicated staff who work diligently to serve this community often behind the scenes and without great fanfare. In thanksgiving for our staff and as an expression of appreciation, the SPR is collecting donations for the annual Staff Appreciation Christmas Gift. We will collect donations up to and including both services on December 22 and the gifts will be distributed at the Children's Play that evening. Please consider prayerfully making a contribution to this gift. Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy Holiday season. May God grant our church community his favor and continue to bless us all.

Merry Christmas from the SPR Committee  
Ed Sismour (Chair), Jen Walker, Sarah Bishop, Bill Farris, Barbara Smith, Ann Wright, Aubrey Tarkington, Vickie Beck, Stephanie Fuina, Nick Ruxton, Paul Brown



# Trinity UMC People Page

## BIRTHDAYS

*Help us update our information; if your birthday is this month and you are not listed, please notify the office so we won't miss you again!*

**Dec 2** Bob Cassada  
Kristen Huff  
Kelsey Huff

**Dec 3** Douglas Bailey  
Scott Bradley

**Dec 7** Paul Brown

**Dec 8** Haley Rasmussen  
Ashlyn Sandlin

**Dec 12** Derek Bailey

**Dec 14** Neil Lisagor  
Hailey Donithan  
Jackson Mills

**Dec 15** Jeffrey Burley

**Dec 21** Edward Collins  
David Bailey

**Dec 23** Rachael Stariha

**Dec 24** Michael Arnold  
Herbert Frith

**Dec 26** Erin Madison

**Dec 27** Karen Cash

**Dec 28** Ken Griffith

**Dec 29** Rosie Tarkington

Sue Morris

**Dec 30** Noah Day  
Gwen Sapp

**Sunday Schedule**

8:30 am Contemporary Service • 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11 am Traditional Service • 4 pm Odyssey & Chimes  
 4 pm Disciple IV • 5 pm Treble Clefs • 5 pm Youth Group

# December 2015

If you have items to add to the calendar,  
 please let the office know

by email to [trinity@trinity-umc.com](mailto:trinity@trinity-umc.com) or phone at 748-2439.

**Wednesday Schedule**

5:45 pm Children's Choirs  
 7 pm Men's Chorus • 7:30 pm Choir

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	No December Sherbourne	1 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team 7 pm Worship Committee	2 <i>Regular Schedule</i>	3 7 pm AA 7 pm Thursday Nite Lite Service	4 6 PM YOUTH LOCK-IN	5 8 am UMM
6  <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>	7 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	8 10:30 am Young @ Heart 7 pm Praise Team	9 <i>Regular Schedule</i>	10 7 pm UMW 7 pm AA	11	12
13  <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>  <b>11 AM Service Christmas Cantata</b>	14 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	15 6:30 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	16 <i>Regular Schedule</i>	17 7 pm AA	18 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 5 PM UMFS 7 PM MADISON PIANO RECITAL	19 9-11 AM Children's Play Rehearsal 5-7 pm Live Nativity
20  <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i>  7 pm Children's Play And Santa Party	21 7 pm Boy Scouts 7pm Trinity Belles	22 7 pm Praise Team	23 10:30 Young at Heart 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	24 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 7 pm AA 7 pm & 11 pm Christmas Eve services	25 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b>	26
27 <b>JOINT SERVICE SUNDAY</b> <b>9 am Sunday School</b> <b>10 am Joint Service</b>	28 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	29 7 pm Praise Team	30 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir	31 7 pm AA 7 pm Thursday Nite Lite Service		

