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We await the coming of the King.

It can be hard to remember that we have dual citizenship. But we do. We are both citizens of the United States of American and we are citizen of the Kingdom of God. One of these we are just citizens of while in this physical form. But the Kingdom of God we are citizens of for eternity.

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**December Calendar**

What type of citizens are we? How do we serve our country? Are we willing to lay down our lives for our country?

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## **FOOD FOCUS**

The Food Focus for December is cereal and oatmeal. This food will go to Meadowbrook high school students.



## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Please have all news, pictures and articles to the office no later than Sunday, December 17th 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.



**The church office will be closed for Christmas. All regular church activities will be canceled until the New Year.**

## **(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)**

What makes for a 'good' citizen? In Christianity, we see that main attributes in the 4 candles of Advent: joy, peace, hope, and love.

What joy do you find in serving God?

What fills you with excitement? What lifts your spirit?

Do you have peace in your soul?

Do you find that loving others brings you peace?

Are you able to forgive those who spitefully abuse you?

Are you able to live in the 'not yet?' We live in this time but are also living into the future. So we live in the sin and brokenness and live into the love and wholeness and peace of the time to come. So we live in the hope...

The key to all of this is loving God. We may not love what other people do. We may not 'love' other people. But because Jesus died for them and because HE had declared them worthy, we have to as well. His love for our enemies and those who frighten us transforms us. Like with hope, we live into love...for his sake...because he loves us....

Joy    Peace    Hope    Love

These are the traits of a good citizen in the everlasting kingdom.

May you find them in you. May you find them growing in you.

"If a person loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him."



## **Trinity Volleyball Team**

All games are held at  
**Manchester Middle School**  
 7401 Hull Street Rd,  
 Richmond, VA 23235

December Games:

1st at 6:15 pm

8th at 7:00 pm

15th at 7:00 & 7:45 pm

No games on 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>



## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** **Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>**

This year we will have two services on  
**December 24<sup>th</sup>.**

The first will be a joint 10am service.

A later service will be at 4:30 pm that  
 afternoon. As it gets dark early, this will be a  
 candlelight service.



## **2018 Flower Calendar**

The 2018 calendar will be  
 available soon.

The last Sunday of the year is  
 December 31<sup>st</sup>. On this Sunday we  
 We again have a joint 10am service.  
 While January 6<sup>th</sup> is the traditional  
 Day that we celebrate Epiphany,  
 We will celebrate the coming of the  
 wise men on the 31<sup>st</sup>. As ya'll know, the wise men or magi,  
 did not find Jesus in the manger. By the time the magi  
 arrived, Mary and Joseph had moved into a house.  
 The magi were astrologers...they watched the stars. The  
 star they saw was for a king so they travelled to the palace in  
 Jerusalem. There they were told to go to Bethlehem, the City  
 of King David. And so they did. So on the 24<sup>th</sup>, we will  
 celebrate the Messiah's birth. On the 31<sup>st</sup>, we will celebrate  
 the arrival of the magi. Both services will be at 10am.  
 See you there.



## MUSIC NEWS – DECEMBER

December is almost here and we are busy preparing for the Advent and Christmas season. I hope that you will all attend the worship service of music on December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 11:00 p.m. service. The Trinity Chancel Choir and small orchestral ensemble will be presenting a service of music and narration by Lloyd Larson entitled “Sing Joy to All the World”. The message of Christmas is one of deep and abiding joy! Jesus requires us who are the recipients of this joy to share it in word and song. Please come and share the joy with us on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 p.m.

The Children’s Play and Santa Party will be December 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Please join us as we go to “Jingle Bell Beach” for a rousing sing-off by the Snowflakes, the Starfish, and the Electrons! The program will include our Trinity Chimes, Cherub Choir, and Angel Choir and of course a visit from Santa Claus!! You don’t want to miss this night of fun! Bring your friends and neighbors!

The Trinity Belles will be ringing for the 11:00 service on December 17<sup>th</sup>. We will also be ringing Christmas music at St. Francis on December 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. and at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond on December 28<sup>th</sup> at the noon hour. If you are in the area, come and listen as we bring Christmas cheer to all! We would love to see some friendly faces!

A special thanks to our Trinity Men’s Chorus for their uplifting music these weeks! Thanks for the extra time you give on Wednesday nights!

Just a reminder- all Angels need to attend all play practices this month as stated in the letter you received!

If you have an idea for a theme for our 2018 talent show, please contact me at [piano4mom@gmail.com](mailto:piano4mom@gmail.com) or text 804-586-0342. Let’s make this the best yet!

Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas!  
Blessings,  
Pat





## Children's Ministry T-shirt Fundraiser to Benefit Rise Up Against Hunger

The Children's Ministry is hosting a T-Shirt Fundraiser to raise money for water filtration buckets. These buckets help provide clean water to those who are recipients of the Rise Up Against Hunger meals.

Filtration buckets are \$75.00 each and our goal is to purchase 10 buckets.

Presently, the T-shirts on hand are \$16.00 each and available in sizes Small to 2XL. Color choices are white with blue graphics, navy blue with orange graphics or burgundy with orange graphics. Additional sizes and styles can be special ordered. If you are interested in one of the t-shirts pictured below please contact Stephanye Fuina by email at [childrensministry@trinity-umc.com](mailto:childrensministry@trinity-umc.com) or by phone at 804-651-4470. Shirts will also be available for purchase Sundays in between first and second service. Payments can be made by cash or check and checks should be made payable to TUMC and please notate T-SHIRT FUNDRAISER in the memo line.





## The Rice Goes Last

Do you remember why the rice goes last? As we get ready to enter the busy holiday season full of family, friends and food let us not forget those who go to bed each night hungry. Why does the rice go last? To learn the answer please sign up to be a volunteer for TUMC's Second Annual Rise Up Against Hunger meal packaging event.

This church wide mission helps package dried goods to be shipped around the world to those in need of a nutritious meal. Last year TUMC raised approximately \$3400 and packaged 12,000 meals. This year our goal is to raise \$10,000 and package 35,000 meals. **THAT'S THREE TIMES MORE THAN WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR!!!** Together we can make it happen. As a church wide mission there is a job for everyone. The smallest helping hands to the young at heart are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Be on the lookout for the Volunteer Signup Sheet during worship services.

This year's packaging event is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:30pm. 100 Volunteers are needed. The community is invited to participate in the packaging event so gather your Scouts and sports teams because it is all hands on deck! Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and missions to benefit those who desperately need our help. **Rise Up Against Hunger!!!**

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**Onloaders/Offloaders** – will unload the supplies from the truck and help load the packaged meals on the truck, needs to be people w/o injuries that can lift.

**Sanctuary Prep** – Will set up tables/packaging stations and supplies to be prepared to package

**General Volunteer** – will fill any of that packaging jobs needed ie scooping dried goods in to bag measuring rice, sealing bags, packing boxes, refilling supplies at packing station, building boxes, give bathroom breaks to other volunteers (most people who worked last year will understand this)

**Volunteer Coordinators/Registrars** – have volunteers complete waiver to be turned in before event, ensure volunteers sanitize hands, have hairnets on etc



#### Update on little libraries

The Senior Girl Scouts have been working hard on the little libraries project. We have collected many books and have secured three confirmed locations for the libraries. Our next step is to create the actual libraries and find three more locations. We can use the following items if anyone has these items laying around taking up space and no longer needed

- Felt Paper (end of a roll)
- Shingles (broken bundle)
- Hinges ( approx 2-3 inches) total needed 12
- 8 ft 4x4 treated lumber (total 6)
- Tubes of caulking
- Knobs for the doors (6)
- Cabinet magnets (6)
- Exterior plywood (treated- no smaller than 2ftX4ft)
- ¼ inch sheet of plastic for a window in the door.

If you have any of these items or would like to help with this project you can contact Sue Makins at 313-516-7249.

thankyou

Don and I would like to thank everyone for the prayers that were lifted up for us during our recent surgeries. We would also want to thank the ones that brought food, sent cards, made phone calls and the visits. Thanks for doing this.

Judy Seely



## Youth Group News!!

The Youth Group is getting ready for the Lock in on December 1st.

At the lock in, we will be giving the kids the following interview questions. We will be using these for upcoming newsletters to help us get to know our kids better! We hope that as we publish these interviews, you will see and learn more about the Youth which will encourage you to engage with them!

1. What is your name?
2. Who is your hero and why?
3. What do you do for fun?
4. What makes you laugh?
5. If you could go back in time, what year would you go to?
6. What are your favorite traditions?
7. What are you proud of yourself for?
8. What do you wish you knew how to do that you can't do right now?
9. What qualities do you admire in others?
10. What is your favorite food?
11. What is your birthday?

\*We will need 1-2 additional adults for the weekend retreat to Wakefield (formally Blackstone) that is 2/9-2/11\*



Thank you

Thank you so very much for all the lovely cards, phone calls, delicious dinners and the very welcome home visits after my recent surgery. Trinity is such a caring church and you prove it over and over! I feel so blessed to have you all part of my church family.  
May God bless you all.

Sue Morris





## **MISSION COMMITTEE**

This month's newsletter will focus on Trinity's special Thanksgiving and Christmas mission projects. The Jefferson Davis Highway projects are still ongoing and will be the focus of the next newsletter.

### **CCHASM**

Thanks for all who supported our efforts to provide a Thanksgiving meal to needy families in Chesterfield and Colonial Heights. We provided 48 food bags and \$3,125 for this project.

#### **Bellwood Elementary School (Deborah Napolitano)**

It's fun doing Christmas shopping for children...so many clothes, books and toys to buy! If you are shopping for one of the Bellwood Elementary School children, remember you must turn your gifts in NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>. Deborah must turn the gifts in to Bellwood by the 12<sup>th</sup>. Do not wrap the gifts...just put them into a large bag with the child's number on the outside. If you have any last minute questions, please contact Deborah at 386-8555 or [allmynaps@gmail.com](mailto:allmynaps@gmail.com).

#### **Envoy Nursing Home (Deborah Napolitano)**

The slippers, throw blankets and new or gently used sweaters for the residents of Envoy Nursing Home are arriving at the table in the Narthex already. Please place your gift there NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>. These gifts do not need to be wrapped. If you have any last minute questions, please contact Deborah at 386-8555 or [allmynaps@gmail.com](mailto:allmynaps@gmail.com).

#### **CARES SHELTER (Bill and Karen Poole)**

The CARES operates a shelter in Petersburg for battered or homeless women and children. Since 2002, Trinity has spent over \$61,000 providing Christmas gifts for over 330 women and children. We also give CARES workers a \$25 gift card. If there is any additional money, we give the shelter director \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards that she can give to women and children that move into the shelter with little or no personal items.

As of Thanksgiving, there were 6 women and 17 children in the shelter. As of 11/26, we have collected \$1100 to fund this project. Last year, we spent a little over \$6000 for CARES Christmas.

This mission is funded by donations from current and former members of Trinity. We need your help for this ministry. Please place your check in the offering plate no later than December 10<sup>th</sup> with "CARES" in the memo line.

We will meet at Trinity at 9 AM on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for shopping and at 4 PM for wrapping gifts.

# 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

**Dec 3** Douglas Bailey

**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

**Dec 27** Karen Cash

**Dec 28** Ken Griffith

**Dec 29** Rosie Tarkington  
Sue Morris

**Dec 30** Noah Day  
Gwen Sapp

## DECEMBER SERVANTS OF WORSHIP

### MONEY COUNTERS:

#### December 4

Dana Potter & Brenda Shepherd

#### December 11 & 18

Dana Potter & Aubrey Tarkington

#### DECEMBER 27

Dana Potter & Sarah Bishop

### USHERS:

#### December 3, 17, 31

Tom Reis, Mary Palmer, Kim Pratt

#### December 10, 24

Kim Pratt, Ann Wright, Mike S

**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL SERVERS:

Mary Palmer, Emilee Bailey

**Sunday Schedule**

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

# December 2017

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
<b>31</b> 10 am Joint Worship					<b>1</b> 6:15 pm Volleyball 6:15 pm Youth Lock-in	<b>2</b> 8:30 am UMM
<b>3</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 3:00 pm SPR	<b>4</b> 7 pm Trinity Belles 7 pm Boy & cub scouts	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>6</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i>  9:45 am Young at Heart trip to Yorktown (van use)	<b>7</b> 7 pm UMW 7 pm TNL 7 pm AA	<b>8</b> 7 pm Volleyball	<b>9</b>  Women's Group (van)
<b>10</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 11 am Christmas Cantata	<b>11</b> 6 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>12</b> 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>13</b> <i>Regular Wed. Schedule</i> 9:45 am Young at Heart trip to Williamsburg	<b>14</b> 7 pm AA	<b>15</b> 7 pm Volleyball 7 pm Pat's Piano Recital	<b>16</b> 9 am Shop CARES gifts 9:30 am Children's Play Full Dress Rehearsal 4 pm Wrap CARES presents (sanctuary)
<b>17</b> <i>Regular Sunday Schedule</i> 3:00 pm SPR 7 pm Children's Play and Santa Party <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm Trinity Belles	<b>19</b> 6:30 pm Girl Scouts 7 pm Praise Team	<b>20</b> 6:30 pm BSA District Mtg 7 pm Men's Chorus 7:30 pm Choir NO Children's music	<b>21</b> 7 pm AA	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10 am Joint Worship 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b> <b>Office closed</b> <b>Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Office closed</b> 10:45 am Young at Heart lunch at O'Charley's (van) <b>NO Wed night activities</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Office closed</b> 7 pm AA	<b>29</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>30</b>

## YOUNG at HEART

We are a vibrant group for folks 55 and over who are looking for some Christian fellowship.

Our schedule through the end of the year is:

Wednesday, December 6th to Riverside in Fredericksburg to see "A Christmas Spectacular". Advance tickets required.

Wednesday, December 13th to Williamsburg. Leave Trinity in the church van at 9:30. Itinerary TBD.

Sunday, December 17th to see Mary Poppins @ Virginia Rep Theatre. Advance tickets required.

Wednesday, December 27th lunch at O'Charley's. Leave Trinity in the church van @ 10:40 or meet at restaurant at 11:00.

Any questions, contact Deborah by email: [allmynaps@gmail.com](mailto:allmynaps@gmail.com).

## **THURSDAY NIGHT LITE**

This Thursday at 7pm we gather for Thursday Night Lite. Come share your memories of Christmas past and your hopes for Christmases to come.





## **DECEMBER**

**7<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday Nite Lite

**10<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Cantata at 11:00 am worship service

**16<sup>th</sup>** – Children's play dress rehearsal at 9:30 am

**17<sup>th</sup>** – Children's play and Santa Party at 7 pm

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Joint Service at 10 am; Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm.

**25<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>** – Office Closed

**31<sup>st</sup>** - Joint Service at 10 am

## **JANUARY**

**4<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday Nite Lite

**19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** Pinewood Derby for Scouts (Sanctuary)

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Rise against Hunger