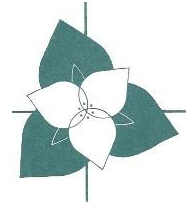


# TRINITY

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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December 15–21, 2019

Trinity church office phone: 715-344-2869

## Welcome to Trinity – A Stephen Ministry Congregation

### Today's Readings

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

### Today at Trinity

- Worship, Middle Hour, Sunday School
- Turn-Out, Greening of the Church

### For Your Convenience

- Large Print service books are available from the ushers.
- Center of sanctuary seating for special needs.
- Activity Bags for small children are available on the hall tree near the sanctuary door.
- A staffed nursery for infants and children is provided during worship in our learning center area, just pass the restrooms in the north hallway.
- Please ask the ushers for assistance if you have a need or a question. Contact them if you need communion brought to you in the pew.
- Hearing Loop available.

### Service Opportunities

- Caring Casseroles
- Grocery– Interfaith Food Pantry
- Stephen Ministers
- Eyeglass donation
- Spare A Dime– JusticeWorks
- Habitat for Humanity
- Worship Volunteers

### In Our Prayers

*Today we pray especially for* Dave Bryer, Lois Hill, Jan Krebs, Ed Martinsen, Sue Ann McAbee, Susan Sparapani, Otto, John, Courtney, and Kyle.

*Bring comfort to* Barb Bublitz, Rachel Favor Rhonda Hansen, Susan Kohnen, Donna Kuhls, Shari Willer, Mary, Bill, Tyler, and Logan.

*Restore the health of* Ozz Hagen, Beverley Laycock, Rick Stevens, Therese, Norbert, Karen, Marlene, Vicki, Keith, Chris, Ethan, and Sophie.

- *Prayer Chain: Share a joy, a sorrow, a concern or need for yourself of someone else. Call the church at 715 344-2869.*

### Last Week's Attendance

- Sunday Worship..... 185
- Wednesday Worship ..... 9

## Prayer Requests

Do you have a prayer request? Place your request or your prayer of thanksgiving on the “Prayer Tree” in the narthex, we will include your prayer in the prayers of the church today. Each week you can add a prayer for that Sunday.

## Thank You!

Christmas at Portage County Health Care Center is so much nicer with Trinity visits. Our appreciation!

## Serving Us Today

Organist: ..... Katie Wroblewski  
Senior Choir Director: .....Matt Buchman  
Acolytes: (8:15) .....Parker Filipiak  
(10:45).....Braylon Smola

Assist. Minister: (8:15) ..... Rick Rothman  
(10:45)..... Tom Russell

**Ushers:(8:15) .....Cindy Kluck and Jeff Martin**  
**(10:45) .....Eric & Doris Way**  
**Ushers-Communion:(8:15).....Debbi Martin**

Greeters: (8:15)..... Matthew Taulbut and  
Richard & Judi Plisch

Altar Guild:(8:15) ..... Doris Charlesworth and  
Betty Ryan  
(10:45) .....Shari Willer  
Sound Booth: ..... Jim Wiegand

Nursery: ..... Melanie Carretero  
Coffee: ..... Rick & Sharon Rothman  
Communion Bread:.....Judy Pesanka

## Farrago Book Group

**Consider the Women: a provocative guide to three matriarchs of the Bible** by Debbie Blue.

This book points out the importance of the stories of Hagar, Esther, and Mary. Discussion schedule: Sunday, December 15: chapters 10, during Middle Hour, Room 201. *All are welcome!*

## 2019 Year End Giving

To receive credit in 2019, year-end giving should be received in the church office no later than 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Offerings received after that time will be credited to your 2020 giving.

## Poinsettia Delivery

Volunteers are needed for December 26<sup>th</sup> to help deliver poinsettias to our shut-in church members. If you can help, come to the church on the 26<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Call Ed Clussman at 715-344-8826 for more information.

## Scholarship Checks

Spring semester scholarship checks are ready for you to pick up at the church office.

## Loose Change—Spare a Dime

Every day, JusticeWorks promotes forms of justice that strengthen our community and supports individuals and families who are confronting issues with the legal system. So far this year hundreds of individuals have turned to the services at our Family Law Information Center to prepare for family court proceedings, and our trained staff has provided hundreds of hours of professional mentoring to high-risk offenders who are preparing to rejoin our community in the Community Residential Program. Our Shifting Gears program not only gives opportunities for job skill training and required community service hours, but helps individuals purchase a reliable and affordable means of transportation. They work with groups and individuals including participants of the Boys and Girls Club and the Portage County Literacy Council.

## 2020 Altar Flowers

You may sign up for 2020 Altar Flowers on the chart in the narthex. Bev’s Floral designs the beautiful floral arrangements each Sunday. The rate is \$40.00 per week.

## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you all who helped with donating supplies or packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. 231 boxes were sent from Trinity this year. Please keep a lookout year around for any items for donation for shoeboxes, and place them in the bin in the cupboard in the usher's station.

## Grocery Donations

Our grocery donations for December will go to Interfaith Food Pantry. Food is distributed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 5 to 8 pm at their facility in Plover with about 220 families participating each night. During the holiday season more food is typically donated. So Interfaith Food Pantry could really use nonfood items such as toothpaste, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, dish soap, laundry detergent and other cleaners, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, and toilet tissue. Gifts of cash will be used to purchase items that the pantry is short on.

## Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at noon Lunch Bunch will meet at Two Harps Pub. Please call the church office before 10:00 a.m. that day to say you'll join us.

## Good Gifts

Looking for just the right gift for a friend or relative? Why not give them a "gift" from the ELCA Good Gifts catalog? The photos and descriptions are examples of project currently supported through different churchwide ministries in 77 countries. To learn more pick up a copy of the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog on the Information Desk or go to [ELCA.org/good\\_gifts](http://ELCA.org/good_gifts).

## This Week At Trinity

### Monday, December 16

#### POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE

- 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984
- 6:00 Church Council
- 6:45 Scout Troop 293

### Tuesday, December 17

#### TOWER DEADLINE

- 9:30 Nursing Home Services
- 12:00 Lunch Bunch at Two Harps Pub
- 1:00 Service Broadcast 95/984
- 1:30 Library Committee
- 6:30 Cub Scout Pack 293

### Wednesday, December 18

- 5:00 Potluck
- 5:45 Worship
- 6:30 Confirmation
- 6:30 Trinity Choir
- 8:00 Service Broadcast 95/984

### Thursday, December 19

- 6:45 Men's Bible Study
- 10:30 Northcrest Service
- 1:00 Brookdale Service

### Saturday, December 21

- 9:00 AA Meeting

### Sunday, December 22

- 8:15 Worship
- 9:30 Middle Hour
- 9:30 Turn-Out
- 10:45 Worship



Join us Wednesday, December 18, at 5:00 p.m. for our monthly Potluck Supper at Trinity. Bring your favorite dish to pass and friends. There is always lots of great food and fellowship.

## Christmas Worship Schedule

*Tuesday, December 24*

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Worship

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship

*Wednesday, December 25*

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship

*Sunday, December 29*

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

## Christmas Poinsettias

The Worship Committee is planning the Christmas decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for their use, please return this form to the church office by Monday, December 16.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Poinsettia(s) at \$21.00 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia following the 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Service.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please deliver the plant to a shut-in.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help deliver plants to shut

### INSPIRING WORSHIP ALL WEEK

K E Y	The gospel concerning his Son who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord through whom we have received grace and apostleship... <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Romans 1:3-5</b></p>
R E A D I N G S	<b>Preparing for Sunday, December 22</b>  <b>Day 1 - Isaiah 7:10-16</b> <b>Day 2 - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19</b> <b>Day 3 - Romans 1:1-7</b> <b>Day 4 - Matthew 1:18-25</b> Day 5 - Acts 5:12-16 Day 6 - Isaiah 33:17-22  <p style="text-align: right;"><b>*Sunday readings in bold.</b></p>
A P P L Y	Throughout this week's readings people and nations are looking and praying to God for deliverance from their enemies. These people show us what strong faith in God is all about. God promises good things to those who trust in him. How many times in our lives have the cares of the world, the burdens we are bearing seemed overwhelming? How much better it would be for us if we could put our faith in God unequivocally, and trust him with our troubles and concerns. This can be difficult, but God tells us the reward is worth the effort.
P R A Y E R	Dear Lord, help me to trust in you. Give me faith to know you will take care of me. Take away my doubt and lead me to depend on you always. Amen.

Devotions written by Trinity members