



Faith & Fellowship

Trinity United Methodist Church

December 2018

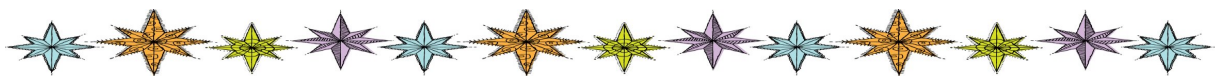
A Note From The Pastor

We are now in the Season of Advent: a four week period of preparing our souls for the coming of Christ. This means not just anticipating the celebration of the Birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, but also the joyous thought of the Coming Again of the Risen Christ to redeem the world. No wonder that this is the Season which begins the Christian Year. All of our life as followers of Jesus begin with the Birth of the Son of God who comes to save us and leads toward the Coming of the Savior in Glory. This is clearly, therefore, a Season of Preparation: "Prepare, Ye, the Way of the Lord".

This preparation is serious soul-work on our part. There is within us stuff which we need to get out of the way to allow room for the Lord's Way to reach us. Prophets proclaim: Get Ready. Get out of the Darkness and into the Light. Seek what is Righteous and Just and forsake the ways of the world. Know what it means to "look to the Lord".

Being at Worship every Sunday of Advent is crucial to this preparation work. There are 100 people who get this newsletter, indicating that there are that many people with a connection to Trinity Church. Yet, even on a good Sunday, there are less than 50 people at Worship. Some live too far to come. Others are homebound for various reasons. But I call on the rest of our congregation to be here on the Sundays of Advent. We will light the Advent Candles, call us to live in Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy. We will read the Advent Scriptures to sink deeply into your hearts all that God has done for us in the sending of His Son. We will sing the hymns and carols that help that truth find its way to the center of our living. Together we will say and mean in a whole new way: Come, Lord Jesus!

Truly, Jesus is Coming. Will we be ready?



WORSHIP IN ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AND INTO 2019

Sunday, December 2 – First Sunday in Advent – Advent Communion

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36

Lighting the Candle of Hope

Sermon: "The Great Escape: It's Our Turn"

Sunday, December 9 – Second Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4 and Luke 3:1-6

Lighting the Candle of Love

Sermon: "What It's Like to Be Purified and Refined by the Lord's Fire"



Sunday, December 16 – Third Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Luke 3:7-18

Lighting the Candle of Peace

Sermon: “Doing the Deeds of Repentance”

4:30-6:30 – “One Starry Night”

Come and visit Bethlehem in our Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, December 23 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a and Luke 1:39-45

Lighting the Candle of Joy

Sermon: “The Joy that Comes with Belief in the God Who Sends Us His Son”

Monday, December 24 – Christmas Eve Services

6:00PM – FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We gather in the Chapel in the presence of many angels to once again celebrate and be a part of the birth of the Son of God – in cattle stall!

10:00PM – TRADITIONAL CANDLELIGHTING SERVICE

With much music and the words of Luke’s Gospel. We will celebrate God’s gift of love to us in Jesus and ask invite him to touch our hearts and renew our souls.

Sunday, December 30 – First Sunday After Christmas

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: “Knowing Where to Look for Jesus”

We gather this Sunday to conclude the year of 2018 together as we celebrate some of the events that highlighted our year and look to the year ahead and sing “Bless Be the Tie that Binds”.

Sunday, January 6 - Epiphany of the Lord

(Jesus is seen and makes visible God’s love in our midst.)

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12 – The Coming of the Magi

Sermon: “The New Year Begins with Renewing Our Covenant with the Lord”

Service of Holy Communion at the Rail of the Altar.



Trinity Church will host **One Starry Night**, a Bible-times Christmas event for families, on **Sunday, December 16, 2018**

Ready to take your family back in time? Come to **One Starry Night** and experience Christmas like never before! You’ll taste, see, and even smell what life was like when Jesus was born. You’ll find stations and activities for all ages—so bring the whole family!

One Starry Night takes place from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Sunday, December 16th.

October Treasurer’s Report

Income

Non-Designated

General Fund	\$ 8,128.15
Parsonage Rent	\$ 1,655.00
Hall Rentals	\$ 250.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 100.00
Thrift Shop	\$ 1,192.00
Total Non-Designated	\$ 11,335.15
Total Designated Income	\$ 796.00
Total All Income	<u>\$12,131.15</u>

Less Expenses **-\$ 9,931.38**

SURPLUS FOR SEPT. **\$ 2,199.77**



2 Peggy Edmonds

9 Cassie Blyth

12 Daniel Curry

18 Phyllis Bonnet

18 Marie Balsamo

The Trinity United Methodist Women will host their Annual Christmas party December 10th at 11:30 am at Bob Evans. Please bring a \$5.00 wrapped gift for exchange. RSVP to Carolyn Jenkins by December 5th

*The Staff of Trinity United Methodist
Church wishes everyone
Merry Christmas and a Blessed New
Year*



James Kilgore



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Thrift Shop Hours: OPENED EVERY SATURDAY 9am - 1pm

(From Jan. 6th to Dec.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Breakfast With Santa 9am - 12pm - FH</i>
2 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Advent Workshop - TBA</i>	3	4	5 <i>Calendar Dates Due</i> <i>Finance Meeting 7pm - Office</i>	6	7	8
9	10 <i>UMW 11:30am</i>	11	12 <i>SPRC Meeting 7:00pm - Office</i>	13	14	15 F&F Articles Due
16 <i>Calendar Distributed</i> <i>One Starry Night 4:30</i>	17	18	19 <i>Council Meeting 7pm - FH</i>	20	21	22
23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Service - 6 pm - C</i> <i>Service 10 pm - S</i>	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	26	27	28	29 <i>Thrift Shop CLOSED</i>
30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>					



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***“To totally immerse ourselves in the
 Word of God and share it with others.”***



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