

Faith & Fellowship

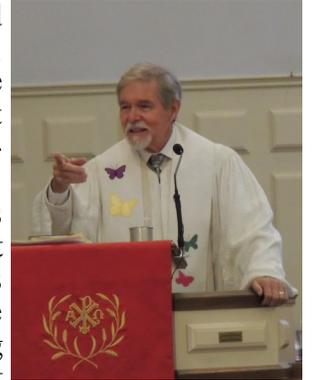
A Note From The Pastor

Advent: four weeks in December to recognize our need to the One who comes to save and redeem us. It is all too easy to accept as normal a low level of living without the Hope, Joy, Love and Peace which Christ brings to our world. Without them, we begin to think that life without the One who is our life and truth and way is all that life has to offer. What Advent offers us is a fresh anticipation of a full dose of Hope, Joy, Love and Peace not as decoration on our trees but as the light that leads to everlasting life.

Hope – not just to get through the day, or our life, but hope for the light of God’s Kingdom to shine in our midst to show us the true life of righteousness. Joy – not a laugh at a good joke but the rejoicing that comes to those who “with joy draw water from the wells of salvation” (Isaiah 12:3) and find our guilt, gripes, and hostilities removed from us. Love – that is not self-absorbed but is reaching out to others to served them in life-transforming ways and changing us into apostles of Christ’s love for us. Peace – the kind of “peace that passes all understanding” that enables us to “not repay evil for evil, but to always seek to do good to one another and to all., and be at peace among yourselves”.(1Thessalonians 5:13,15)

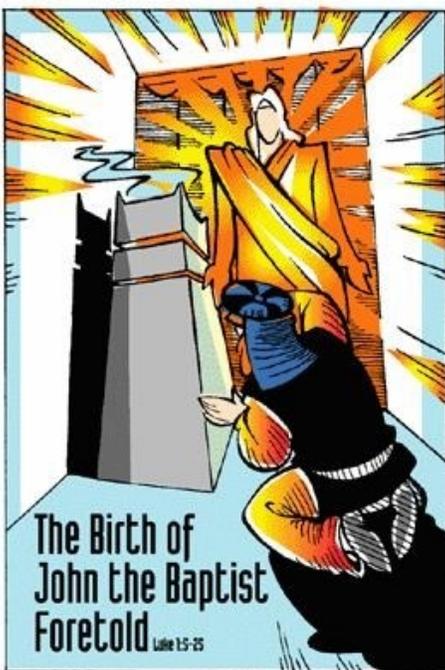
May it be that we find the eyes of our hearts opened by the fresh realities of Advent that when the story of Christmas reaches the point of saying “unto you is born this day a Savior who is Chait the Lord (Luke 2:11), we will respond by saying, “Be born in me today!” May we find this Advent Season lead us into a Christmas where new Hope and Joy and Love and Peace fills our lives and radiates through us to all the world.

Pastor David Carter-Rimbach



Scripture of the Month

Luke 1:1-7



1 Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, **2** just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, **3** I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, **4** so that you may know the truth concerning the things about which you have been instructed.

The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold

5 In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. **6** Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. **7** But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Leadership's Corner

From the Pastor

ARE YOU READY FOR OUR NEW SUNDAY MORNING?



New Worship Time

As you know, we will begin our new Sunday Morning Schedule on Sunday, December 3 when Worship will begin at 10:15 am and Sunday School at 9:00 am -9:15 am. Are you ready for these new times? Re-set your Sunday morning timing to fit this new arrangement. Hopefully it works out well for you, and starting on December 3 we will all be able to be here together at Trinity to join in Worship and in Sunday School.

Let's make it a truly "New Day" at Trinity! You will see new banners welcoming people to come and Worship with us. Join in the Body of Christ! Each of us is invited to lift the banner high. If there are some people you have been wanting to invite to come to church with you, this is the ideal time to extend that invitation. In fact you will find at church on Sundays flyers of invitation which you can hand to those whom you welcome. Hopefully, December 3 will not only open a new season of Worship, but will also be the opening of our doors to many around us to join us in Worship. Wouldn't it be great if on that day there were 12 new people in Church! Whom can you invite? Begin asking them now and we will welcome them on December 3.

DOOR HANGER HANGERS NEEDED



As a Church we seek to spread the love of God in Jesus Christ to all the world. It is who we are and how we follow the direction of Jesus to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 25:19). It is our purpose, therefore, to do all we can to invite our community to come and Worship with us at Trinity – especially in the Christmas Season. We have been gifted with 250 door hangers with our name and Christmas Eve Worship times on them to distribute throughout the neighborhood in the first week of December. We will set a time to do this, perhaps on the first Saturday of December or after Worship on Sunday. What we will need is 8-10 volunteers who could give an hour of time to walk door to door, placing our door hanger invitations on doors of our neighbors' houses. If you can be a part of this door hanging crew, please let Pastor David know. It is as joy to go out together and let the community know that the doors of our church are open to all. And we do not do it alone. Jesus said "I am with you always" even as we go out in his name to share his love.

COME CHRISTMAS CAROLING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17 – 4:30PM

"A Celebration of Christmas"



Going Caroling

We truly celebrate Christmas in many ways, but it is clear that in the Church it is always to be a very open to the world sharing of the story of the Good News of the Birth of Christ. Get the Shepherds from the fields, the Wise Men from their studies, the football fans from their dens, the gamers from their devices, and let us all proclaim together the "Joy to the World."

And so, our invitation to one and all to gather at the Nativity on our front lawn on Sunday, December 17 at 4:30PM and sing Carols and Songs to brighten the evening air and let all around hear the Good News. There will be booklets with the words for us to sing (bring a flashlight to see them better) and a bonfire to keep us warm. Invite your friends and neighbors and relatives to come and join the chorus and roast a few marshmallows, too. And when we have sung the all Carols outside, we will gather around the piano in our Social Hall and sing the wonderful songs of the Season and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or two.

It will take bunch of voices to fill the air with song. Come, and make your voice to be one of them, and we will discover the joy of Psalm 96:

Sing to the Lord a new song: Sing to the Lord, all to the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of God's salvation day to day. Declare the Lord's glory among the nations. (Psalm 96:1-3)

A CELEBRATION OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT OUR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 WORSHIP SERVICE

It is a wonderful thing to be a member of the Church. We know that Christ constitutes the church as his body by the power of the Holy Spirit (1Corinthians 12:13) from paragraph 216 of the United Methodist Book of Discipline. To become a member of the Church, therefore, is not to simply sign on and pay your dues. Instead, "when persons unite as professing members with a local United Methodist congregation, they profess their faith in God, ...in Jesus Christ his only Son, and in the Holy Spirit. They covenant together with God and with the members of the local church to keep the vows which include "to faithfully participate in (the church's) ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness. (paragraph 217). Persons become members of the local church either by their profession of faith or by the transfer of their membership from another congregation. Although most are members in full membership, it is also possible to be an Affiliate Member if you are a member of another United Methodist Church and want to connect with a church where you are temporarily dwelling. The other category is Associate Member if your home membership is in

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another than United Methodist congregation.

At some time, all who are members of Trinity UMC has made that covenant and professed their faith in dedication to life and ministry in the church. From there, we understand that membership is for personal growth in the faith and service to God, the church, and the world. The church is called to care for its members, providing opportunities for worship, growth, and service as well as to maintain accurate records in its membership rolls. Unfortunately, at Trinity, we find that there are considerable gaps in these records, and we have been making earnest efforts to complete our information and to perfect the roll of our members. We have been able to do much of this by interviews and personal contacts. In addition, each person/family in the congregation will receive a form from the church asking for updates in basic information. This will also affirm each person's place as well as to give anyone who may wish to discontinue their connection with Trinity.

Most importantly, however, will be our "Membership Celebration Sunday, on January 7, 2018. During that Service, we will use the Covenant Renewal Liturgy designed by our founder, John Wesley, and the words of our membership vows to allow us to all together profess our faith and affirm our membership in the church. No one will be singled out or asked to stand alone, but all of us, standing in our pews, will present ourselves as members of Trinity Church. It is hoped that all will be present for this Service and for the cake and coffee Reception to follow, completing our celebration. We will offer a similar although simpler opportunity on the first Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018.

Then, with our membership clarified and records complete, we move ahead together to be the church in 2018 and in the years ahead. As one in the Lord, we will support each other so that we might "grow up in every way into him who is the head (of the church), into Christ, ... as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair Update

By Michele Elder, Christmas Bazaar Chair

The U.M.W. of Trinity Church sponsored a Christmas Bazaar and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 18, 2017. There were 15 craft vendors selling many types of homemade crafts including jewelry, scarves and hats, decorative items and other lovely handmade gifts. The U.M.W. ladies had a table of items that they hand crafted. Also, there was a table containing many previously loved Christmas items for sale. A "Golden Opportunity" Quilt, handmade by me, named "My Blue Heaven" was raffled off. The winning ticket was drawn by Pastor Dave and the quilt was won by Nancy Dravis, one of the crafters. I personally thank those who purchased tickets. The women set up a refreshment table with goodies and beverages. A donation basket was placed near for anyone desiring to make a con-

tribution. All in all this event was a success with many shoppers in attendance. The women raised much needed funds for the various programs they give to annually. The programs include: The Veteran's Rehabilitation Hospital at Loch Raven, The Maryland Bible Society, The Pregnancy Crisis Center West, The Board of Childcare, The Susannah Wesley House, Helping Up Mission, the "Upper Room" daily devotional magazine and U.M.C.O.R. The women thank all who helped to make this event a success, from advertising, registering crafters, donations of Christmas items, setup and clean up, and shoppers.

Twice a year the women take items to the Veteran's Rehabilitation Hospital in Loch Raven. The representative from the hospital specifically requests the items most needed by the men and women who are patients of the facility. The women accept donations from the congregation and some items are purchased, such as the towels that the patients in the Hospice care unit need. It was suggested that these items are brought to the hospital other than Holidays when majority of the donations are received. Sometime in February or March the women plan another trip. We will post a list of the items that are requested so that the congregation can contribute if they so desire.

Treasurer's Report

October Treasurer's Report

Income	\$9,654
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$6,993</u>
Deficit	\$2,661

Cartoon Corner



DVD Ministry



Our Sunday Worship Services are now online and can be watched from any computer or mobile phone. If you would like to watch the video online please go to the Trinity United Methodist Church webpage and select Videos page on menu. Or you can go to our "YouTube Channel" and view all of our services.

If you would like a copy of our services on DVD please contact Jon & Michele Elder

Trinity UMC Website:
<http://www.trinitycatonsville.com/>

Trinity UMC YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgJW2AjYJyaww0k2uLCbSGA>

(We will have an easier to remember YouTube address once we get 100 subscribers)



- 2 Peggy Edmonds
- 9 Cassie Blyth
- 12 Daniel Curry
- 18 Phyllis Bonnet
- 18 Marie Balsamo
- 19 Shirley Carr



None for this month

Note From The Editor



All articles in this newsletter have been copied directly from the articles' author the way it was submitted. Please direct any questions, comments or concerns to the appropriate author. If you have an article you would like published in the next news letter, please submit them to Michelle Bien at mbien1@comcast.net by the 21st of each month.

Thrift Shop News



Thrift Shop

Since I took over the Thrift Shop I'm always reminded of the remarkable generosity of our members and those that live in our community. I'm thankful for the success we have had and the opportunity to help those in need. The Thrift Shop wouldn't have been a success without all of the caring and helpful volunteers keeping it going. I appreciate every single person who has helped and volunteered their time to make the Thrift Shop what it is today.

On October 5th I held the drawing for the quarter. I compiled a list and entered it into a random name picker I found online from the ABCya.com website. It's with great pleasure that I announce that **SHIRLEY CASE** has won. Thank you Shirley for your dedication and continued volunteerism in the Thrift Shop . I will be in touch about your \$20 gift certificate.

Requests:

The Thrift Shop would appreciate donations of L.A. Awesome (found at the Dollar Store), Mr. Clean Erasers, plastic storage totes with lids (18 gallons or more), and zip-lock bags.

Michelle Bien, Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop Coverage

December

- 2 - Breakfast With Santa (9am-12pm) - Michele Elder & Mary Kolleck
- 9 - Michelle Bien & Mike Ayers
- 16 - Susan Shifflet & Michele Elder
- 23 - CLOSED
- 30 - CLOSED

January

- 6 - _____ & _____
- 13 - _____ & _____
- 20 - _____ & _____
- 27 - _____ & _____

February

- 3 - _____ & _____
- 10 - _____ & _____
- 17 - _____ & _____
- 24 - _____ & _____

If you would like to volunteer please contact Michelle Bien at mbien1@comcast.net



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December 2017



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

(From Jan. 7th to Dec. 16th)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<p>1 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours</p> <p>8:00 pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>2 <i>Breakfast With Santa 9am - 12pm - FH</i></p> <p>9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours</p> <p>7:00 pm - NA Meeting</p>
<p>3 <i>First Sunday of Advent Advent Workshop - FH</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:15 am - Fellowship Time</p>	<p>4 Office CLOSED 7:00 pm - Tai Chi</p>	<p>5 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours</p>	<p>6 Office CLOSED <i>Calendar Dates Due</i> <i>Council Meeting 7pm - FH</i></p>	<p>7 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>8 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 8:00 pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>9 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours 7:00 pm - NA Meeting</p>
<p>10 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:15 am - Fellowship Time</p>	<p>11 <i>UMW 11:30am</i> Office CLOSED 7:00 pm - Tai Chi</p>	<p>12 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours <i>SPRC Meeting 7:00pm - Office</i></p>	<p>13 Office CLOSED</p>	<p>14 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>15 F&F Articles Due to Michelle Bien 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 8:00 pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>16 9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Thrift Shop Hours 7:00 pm - NA Meeting</p>
<p>17 <i>Calendar Distributed</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:15 am - Fellowship Time</p>	<p>18 Office CLOSED 7:00 pm - Tai Chi</p>	<p>19 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours</p>	<p>20 Office CLOSED</p>	<p>21 F&F Articles Due to Michelle Bien (Last Day Will Be Accepted) 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>22 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 8:00 pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>23 <i>Thrift Shop CLOSED</i> 7:00 pm - NA Meeting</p>
<p>24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:15 am - Fellowship Time <i>Service - 6:30 pm - C</i> <i>Service 10 pm - S</i></p>	<p>25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Office CLOSED</p>	<p>26 Office CLOSED</p>	<p>27 Office CLOSED</p>	<p>28 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 6:30pm Choir</p>	<p>29 9:00am - 12:00pm - Office Hours 8:00 pm - AA Meeting</p>	<p>30 <i>Thrift Shop CLOSED</i> 7:00 pm - NA Meeting</p>
<p>31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:15am - Worship Service 11:15 am - Fellowship Time</p>						



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



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