

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Christmas - Epiphany - January, 2024

January Highlights

Sunday worship is at 10 a.m. followed by coffee hour at 11. Please be silent after the bell rings before worship begins.

Sunday, January 7 - The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ - Holy Eucharist and Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Sunday, January 14 - Vestry meets following worship. Ministry area reports are due, final review of 2024 budget, and preparation for the Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 17 - Bible Study begins, 2-4, Parish Hall - see Fr. Ben's note, below

Sunday, January 28 - The 182nd Annual Meeting of the members and friends of Trinity, beginning with a potluck brunch after worship.

The Carol Reed Memorial Mitten Tree/Outreach Project - was a smashing success. This year we worked on putting together meals for 30 families, including cake for dessert. Molly Fagnon stepped in to organize and on Sunday, December 17th, a group of intrepid Trinitarians loaded up three cars to deliver it all to the Feed My Sheep food pantry at the Athens United Methodist Church. They sent a note thanking us for our generosity which enables them to feed many in need in our area.

Our Christmas Worship was wonderful this year and was very well attended. Along with our resident musicians, Rachel Cama and her son, Cole, also shared their musical gifts during the musical offerings and carol sing. The church looked beautiful and Fr. Ben's sermon was excellent, as usual. It was joyous!

Bible Study begins January 17 - Fr. Ben will lead a study Wednesdays from 2 to 4 in the Parish Hall. He says, "I'd like to start with the Gospel According to Matthew. Bring your favorite Bible translation, as I've always found it handy to hear a passage of scripture read from differing translations." Everyone welcome!

Trinity's 182nd Annual Meeting will be held following worship on Sunday, January 28th. We'll start with a potluck brunch (always tasty), review the past year, and plan for 2024. Our senior warden, Dan Gerhart, is retiring, having faithfully served since 2011. Along with Dan, two other seats must also be filled. As a parish without a rector or priest in charge, the vestry is responsible for both the buildings and our worship life. Finding someone to serve as Senior Warden is crucial; please prayerfully consider how we might move forward as God's Episcopal people in Athens, and if you feel called to the ministry of vestry member.



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To seek and serve Christ in all people



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Christmas
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Trinity Cycle of Prayer: 1/7 Nelson and Sue Kopatz. 1/14 Steve & Heather Martin Lake; Patricia Martin. 1/21 Fr. Ben and Theo Lentz. 1/28 Anna Markevitch, Helen McNeal.		Bethlehem: 1/7 St. Andrew's, Alden, The Rev. Charles Warwick. Clergy of the Diocese of Bethlehem. 1/14 Church of the Mediator, Allentown, The Rev. Dale Grandfield, Rector. Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations 1/22 Grace Church. Grace Montessori School. 1/28 St. Andrew's, Allentown/Bethlehem. Diocesan Council.		Anglicans Around the World: 1/7 The Scottish Episcopal Church, Bishop Mark Strange. 1/14 The Church of the Province of South East Asia, Bishop Melter Jiki Tais. 1/21 The Church of South India, Bishop Dharmaraj Rasalam. 1/29 The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, Thabo Makgoba.		Kajo Kaji: 1/7 Peace in Sudan and South Sudan. 1/14 Emmanuel Cathedral, Romigi. 1/21 St. Peter Tipere Parish. 1/28 St. John Kim and St. John Kendiri Parishes.
	1 Holy Name AA 7 and 8 pm The 8th Day of Christmas	2 The 9th Day of Christmas	3 AA Intergroup, 5:30 AA 7:30 pm The 10th Day of Christmas	4 <i>Marie Bubniak</i> The 11th Day of Christmas	5 The 12th Day of Christmas	6 The Epiphany 
7 The First Sunday After the Epiphany - Baptism of Christ 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour "Degreening" of the church	8 AA 7 and 8 pm	9	10 AA 7:30 pm	11	12	13
14 Epiphany II 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour **Vestry Meets** Ministry Reports Due	15 AA 7 and 8 pm	16 <i>Janet Gurney</i>	17 Bible Study begins Gospel of St. Matthew 2 - 4 Parish Hall AA 7:30 pm	18 St. Peter	19	20
21 Epiphany III 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour	22 AA 7 and 8 pm	23	24 Bible Study 2 -4 AA 7:30 pm <i>Paul Kelley</i>	25 St. Paul <i>Catherine Page Gurney</i>	26	27
28 Epiphany IV 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Potluck Brunch and Trinity's 182nd Annual Meeting	29 AA 7 and 8 pm	30 <i>Joe Cama</i>	31 Bible Study 2 -4 AA 7:30 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> Join us for the 182nd Annual Meeting of the Members and friends of Trinity on January 28 after worship and a Potluck as we review the past year and plan for the future. </div>		Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 11 