



The Call

The printed voice of Trinity Episcopal Church
Weaving God's Unfinished Tapestry

Miffy's Message

It's the season of hope and joy! When I was a child, December was my favorite time of year. Was it because I was excited about having a big birthday party with decorations, friends and a birthday cake? Nope. I knew that wouldn't happen. However, Main Street of small town Idaho was decorated with brilliant lights, tinsel, greens, and red bells. Christmas music played loudly as we crossed from one side of the street to the other, climbing over huge piles of snow. People were all excited and bustling around preparing for a much bigger celebration than the birthday of one little girl. It was magical!

Why all the hustle and bustle? Jesus is coming! It is the season of Advent and is the first season of the church year. It begins the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on midnight the day before Christmas. In Latin the word "adventus" means "coming" or "arrival". We must get ready! We make wreaths, set out our nativity sets, light special candles each Sunday, and try to be extra good Christians. Not because Santa is coming but because Jesus is coming. He came as a baby and he is coming again. Advent is a time of Hope. Merry Christmas and love to all my friends at Trinity.

Miffy Lane

Trinity Reads

Trinity's book this month is *A Season of Little Sacraments*, by ISU's own Susan H. Swetnam. Grounded in the writer's own experience of Advent, it invites us to think about how we use the season to prepare our hearts for Christmas and it explores new and creative ways of doing so. Join us to discuss it—and maybe your own Advent choices?—at 7pm on Tuesday, December 10, in the parish hall.

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Christmas at Trinity

Christmas Worship

Tuesday, December 24

8:30 pm Vocal and Instrumental Prelude

9:00 Candlelight Eucharist: *Jesus is Born*

No Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 29

10:00 am Lessons and Carols

*For God alone my soul in silence waits;
from him comes my salvation.*

Psalm 62

Baroque Music Concert

At **5pm on Sunday, December 15**, in the sanctuary of Trinity Church, all are invited to welcome in the Christmas season with Baroque Music for Advent performed by the Portneuf Chamber Singers, the Trinity Alleluia Choir, and the newly formed Pocatello Collegium Musicum under the direction of Elissa Jones and Geoffrey Friedley.

The concert will include solo and chamber works by G. P. Telemann and J. S. Bach and will conclude with Bach's Cantata 62, "Savior of the Nations, Come." Featured soloists include feature soprano Diana Livingston Friedley, violinists Nell Flanders and Grace Solomon, cellist Karen Bechtel, organist Daniel Kerr, tenor Geoffrey Friedley, and bass Joseph Marley.

Free admission is made possible by the generosity of local sponsors and Musicians West. Good will donations will be accepted at the door.

Advent Wreaths

Make your first Advent wreath or refresh your older one on **Sunday, Dec. 1, at coffee hour**. You'll find winter greens, brass rings, Advent candles, and any help you need for our traditional start to the Advent season! There's no charge for materials—just enjoy putting a wreath together!

Advent Tea

All Trinity family and friends are invited to an Advent Tea, **Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2-4 pm**. Slow down for a couple of hours! Enjoy each other's company, a cup of tea or mulled wine, some German holiday treats, Diane Bilyeu's reading of Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory," and communal holiday song singing accompanied by Geoff Friedley. Please RSVP to Marky by December 6.

The bishop... of Myra... is coming! We're looking forward to a visit from the **original** St. Nicholas on Sunday, December 8, during our regular church service. Who better to usher in a season of generosity and caring?

Greening the Church

On Sunday, December 8, we'll put up the church's Christmas greens right after the 10:00 service. Plan on grabbing something at coffee hour and heading back into the sanctuary to help out! It can take a while to get our lights and greens up, so we're grateful for all the help we can get. And we're grateful to Tom and Monica Eckert for making it all happen!

Trinity Holiday Fair

Our Holiday Fair will happen on **December 15th and 22nd** this year. All our crafts, baked goodies, and small holiday gifts will be available for sale during coffee hour. Bring cash or your checkbook and help ECW raise money for various projects. What better time to pick up a goodie plate for someone—or for yourself?

Christmas at Trinity

Think Goats!

Each Advent, Trinity congregants come together to buy goats for those in need. Purchased through Heifer International, these animals provide a source of income to families in the USA and internationally. Each goat costs \$120, and a share costs \$10. This gift of goats is one way for us to be the “hands and heart of Jesus” in our world. To donate a goat or a share, you’ll make your donation to Trinity and mark it “Goats.” The Goat Drive will end at New Year’s, and we’ll send all the donations in together. Right now, Heifer has a “limited time” 3x donation match going on—maybe we’ll make it in time?

Blanket Drive

The annual Portneuf Valley Interfaith Blanket Drive has been extended through December 15th! Bring your new or gently used blankets to church on Sunday or to Central Christian Church during their office hours. The blankets will be distributed to programs serving people in need through the Pocatello-Chubbuck area. If you’d rather send a check to buy blankets through Church World Services—a good deal!—you can make it out to Trinity and we’ll forward the amount to PVIF.

The Refuge... and 5th Sunday

When a month has five Sundays, it’s Trinity’s practice to donate any non-pledge offerings on the last one to an organization that needs our support. On **December 29**, therefore, we’ll be passing those offerings on to **The Refuge**, Pocatello’s only low/no-barrier shelter for the homeless.

The Refuge is located in the basement of the Congregational Church, just a block west of us. As the weather grows colder, it’s struggling to provide warm space and warm meals for the men and women who need it most. Several members of our congregation have stepped up to help with the “meals” part, signing up to provide one or more nights’ dinner for the 20-40 guests the Refuge expects on any given date. A link to the Refuge’s online sign-up sheet is now on our website.

Of equal need, however, is financial support for building expenses and heat. So we hope you’ll remember our homeless neighbors when the plate comes to you on the 29th!

PWCC Update

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the Weavers of Trinity (formerly ECW) for their generous donation of \$250 for incentives for the Edify Program at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center (PWCC). I recently received information about the program and would like to share it with you.

Equality Defined by Integrity for a Future You (EDIFY)

- Our MISSION is every definition is for you!
- Our VISION is that we are all a work in progress who want to redefine the culture of our community and ourselves to become our best version.
- EDIFY is a peer to peer program where residents are held to a high standard of proactivity making the culture in the facility better. The residents apply to be part of the program and need to be incident free and engaged in classes. There are three levels of participation based on merit and participation: volunteer, teacher, mentor. Activities include beginning with setting up and taking down for events to helping residents around them adjust to the new surroundings.

I've talked with several of the residents who are part of the program and they are very enthusiastic about it and also enjoy the incentives.

The PWCC Ministry thanks you for your continued support and prayers.

God's Peace,

Rev. Diane

Looking ahead...

In the first week of January, we'll share an Epiphany Eucharist here at Trinity with the First United Methodist, First Presbyterian, and Good Shepherd Lutheran churches. This will be the third year we've participated in this joint service, and it's a great opportunity to connect with other local faith communities!

On **January 26**, we'll hold our Annual Meeting after the 10am service. Put it on your calendars now!

DECEMBER

Birthdays

- 3 Sam Barker-Elston
- 9 Sue Frasure
- 11 Bunky Perez
- 14 Robert Guyon
- 15 Joe Crupper
Caitlyn Nelson
- 19 Camille Venemon
- 21 Amy Christensen
Billie Johnson
- 22 Abygail McKenna
- 24 Miffy Lane

Anniversaries

- 21 John & Kay Specht

2024 Vestry

Miffy Lane

Senior Warden

Monica Eckert

Junior Warden

Susan Goslee

Clerk

Diane Bilyeu

Ruta Casabianca

Timothy Cole

Susanne Forrest

Diane Nelson

Angela Young

Members



Episcopal Church Weavers

ECW met on November 16th at 11:00 in the parish hall to prepare for the events coming up in December. We would like to thank everyone who helped in November with hospitality bags and registration for Convention. Rev. Diane reported that PWCC has need for items requested by the prison. We gave her \$250 to shop for the items needed like elastic hair bands, small notebooks, and blank CDs.

We filled 60 Christmas gift bags for MBT. Thank you to everyone who brought hats, gloves, socks, razors, and toiletries for the bags. Now we need Christmas candy, so we can make 60 treat bags to go with gift bags.

Trinity Holiday Fair with crafts and cookie plates will be held December 15 & 22 during coffee hour. We are in need of craft items to sell and cookie bakers. Crafts and cookies may be brought to the church during office hours December 12 or 13 and also on Saturday, December 14 before our 11:00 meeting.

ECW will meet at 11:00 in the parish hall on December 14th to assemble cookie plates, set up the craft/Christmas item area, and fill Christmas treat bags for MBT. A simple luncheon will be served. All are welcome.

2025 Pledge Drive

My fellow Trinity pilgrims,

It gives me great joy to share the good news with you that at the end of our official pledge 2025 pilgrimage on November 24, Christ the King Sunday, we have drawn substantially closer to our Pledge 2025 goal of \$ 103, 000. We are currently at Mile Marker \$ 82, 220, so nearly there. Good going faithful, loving servants! If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please do so as soon as possible, so your Vestry can get busy drawing up the budget for next year for the annual meeting on January 26. Happy Thanksgiving to all of you who serve, fund, and attend Trinity in person, in spirit, and online.

Susanne Forrest

From Rev. Haydie

It's been quite a month! Trinity had a glorious start to its November with two All Saints' celebrations. The Alleluia choir joined us for Eucharist in the morning, and a fully Choral Evensong service led by Trent Clegg closed out the evening. That evening service was quickly followed by another, as we ended Election Day with a lovely sung Compline service introduced to us by Joe Crupper.

Just days later, we welcomed the Episcopal Diocese of Idaho to Pocatello. Many thanks to all the helping hands who sorted folders, checked delegates in, and helped set up communion.

In the weeks that followed, participants in Trinity's reading group discussed Atul Gawande's *Being Mortal*, and participants in the "Loving the Questions" group explored ways of responding to the challenging images of God often associated with the Hebrew Scriptures. At least, that's where the conversation started...

Trinity congregants also attended—and helped organize—two interfaith services in November: the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance observation and the Portneuf Valley Interfaith Fellowship's Thanksgiving service. PVIF's Thanksgiving service was built around a theme of "Gratitude for Community," and that's a value to hold close in the months ahead.

I am endlessly grateful for this congregation's commitment to our own church community and to the larger community in which we live. I'll admit I hesitated to bring The Refuge's needs to Trinity, knowing how many other ways Trinity's congregants were already helping others. I hesitated—but others didn't. Before I said anything at all, other parishioners had jumped in to do what they could: they'd signed up for meals, written checks, started posting The Refuge's needs on Facebook, in the bulletin, and in the Weave. And of everything this congregation did in November, that readiness to help those in need may be what I'm most grateful for.

Advent blessings to you all!

Haydie+

Stewardship Update

As part of our 2024 budget year, by November 28

Trinity had received

- \$83,125.60 (83%) of its 2024 pledge income.
- \$15,028.47 (over 100%!) of its anticipated 2024 open plate income.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> 10:00 Morning Prayer 1:30 My Brothers' Table	2 2:00 OGP 5:15 Alleluia Choir 5:15 Girl Scouts 8:00 AA	3 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	4 3:00 OGP	5 3:00 OGP 7:00 Choir Practice	6 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	7 2:00 Advent Tea
 8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing 1:30 My Brothers' Table	9 2:00 OGP 5:00 Alleluia Choir 5:15 Girl Scouts 8:00 AA	10 3:00 OGP 7:00 Trinity Reads 8:00 AA	11 3:00 OGP	12 3:00 OGP 7:00 Choir Practice	13 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	14 11:00 ECW 5:00 Astronomy Club
 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> 10:00 Holy Eucharist 1:30 My Brothers' Table 5:00 Baroque Concert	16 2:00 OGP 5:15 Girl Scouts 8:00 AA	17 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	18 3:00 OGP 7:00 Vestry	19 3:00 OGP 5:00 Zonta 7:00 Choir Practice	20 3:00 OGP 8:00 AA	 21
 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> 10:00 Holy Eucharist 1:30 My Brothers' Table	23 8:00 AA	 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 8:00 AA 9:00 Christmas Eve Service	 25 <i>Christmas Day</i> Office Closed	26 8:00 AA	27	28
 29 <i>LESSONS AND CAROLS</i> 10:00 Lessons & CAROLS 1:30 My Brothers' Table	30 8:00 AA	31 8:00 AA	Church Office Hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 10:00 am to 2:00pm Remote Office Hours: Wednesday 9:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.			

Trinity Episcopal Church
Participant Schedule
December 2024 - 10 a.m. Service

	December 1 The 1 st Sunday of Advent Morning Prayer	December 8 The 2 nd Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	December 15 The 3 rd Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	December 22 The 4 th Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist	December 24 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist 9:00 p.m.	December 29 The 1 st Sunday after Christmas Lessons & Carols
Officiant	Joe Crupper	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Don Paulson	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg
Homilist	Joe Crupper	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Don Paulson	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Trent Clegg
Eucharistic Minister	--	Geoffrey Friedley Angela Young	Angela Young Miffy Lane	Geoffrey Friedley Angela Young	Joe Crupper Geoffrey Friedley	--
Lector 1	Trent Clegg	Miffy Lane	Arthur Dolsen	Anne LoPiccalo	Miffy Lane	Ruta Casabianca Miffy Lane
Lector 2	Ruta Casabianca	Joe Marley	Tom Eckert	Catherine Buttrick	Arthur Dolsen	Tom Eckert Arthur Dolsen
Lector 3 (Gospel)	Anne LoPiccalo	--	--	--	--	Anne LoPiccalo Catherine Buttrick
Prayers of the People	--	Catherine Buttrick	Ruta Casabianca	Miffy Lane	Anne LoPiccalo	--
Ushers	Jeffre Miller Brad Steed	Sue Frasure Jeffre Miller	Jeffre Miller Susanne Forrest	Brad Steed Jeffre Miller	Jeffre Miller Angela Young	Rita Haggardt Jeffre Miller
Altar Guild	Angela Young	Angela Young	Angela Young	Angela Young	Angela Young	Angela Young
Bread	--	Diane Nelson	Diane Nelson	Diane Nelson	Diane Nelson	--
Audiovisual Team	Kevin Scott	Geoffrey Friedley	Joe Crupper	Geoffrey Friedley	Joe Crupper	Kevin Scott
Coffee Hour	Rita Haggardt	TBD	TBD	TBD	--	TBD
Vestry On Duty	Susan Goslee	Miffy Lane	Diane Nelson	Angela Young	--	Diane Bilyeu
My Brothers' Table	Catherine Buttrick	Pocatello Stake	Kathleen Kangas	Nikki & Family	--	Highland Stake

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday (virtual), Thursday, and Friday 10:00am-2:00 pm

CHURCH STAFF

Bishop:	The Rt. Rev. Jos Tharakan	Parish Secretary:	Marky Essinger
Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Haydie LeCorbeiller	Music Director:	Trent Clegg
Priests:	The Rev. Donald Paulson	Alleluia Choir Director:	Geoffrey Friedley
	The Rev. Diane Paulson	Keyboardist:	