



## Pastor's Corner

Dear Church Family,

It's hard to believe it is Advent already. Time is a vapor in our lives! It is almost a shock that it's time for the prophetic voices to call us home once again and to bring us hope. When I was younger, I always wondered why Advent did not begin with the Christmas story, Joseph and Mary, Angels and Shepherds, Magi and the babe in a manger, but it begins with prophetic voices. We long for and await the things to come. Advent calls us to the reality of the situation of our world - the prophetic call to look closely at the world we inhabit. Are we even close to the kingdom of God, "on earth as it is in heaven"? In the midst of a Pandemic, politics and all the violence that surrounds us, Jesus still reigns as King over all. Yet, we live, like the prophets of old, in an age of wealth and prosperity with so much moral complacency and spiritual bankruptcy. Advent calls us to be honest and look closely at our shortcomings. This is why the prophetic voices call out to us once more, to "repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand." We light the Advent candles as a beacon to call us home rather than as a countdown to Christmas. Christ is our light in the darkness. As a church we are to light the way for others to find their way home again. Home to a place that transforms us and calls us to God's righteousness. Home is Jesus Christ born within us once again, born once again into a dark world.

Hospitality is important. We welcome Jesus who has already come, and we anticipate Christ's coming into this disturbed world once again to bring hope, love, peace and joy. May our arms be open to receive all who walk through our doors, longing for a glimpse of Jesus, longing to be made whole, and longing to know love and fellowship. With these thoughts in mind, may we remember who we are and whose we are? I leave you with an Advent song as we begin our journey home once again:

*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,  
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you, hear us when we call.  
When earth drew on to darkest night, You came, but not in splendor bright,  
Not as a king, but the child of Mary, virgin mother mild.  
At your great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
All things on earth with one accord join those in heav'n to call you Lord.  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Praise, honor, might, and glory be from age to age eternally.  
Amen. (from "Creator of the Stars of Night")*

*Pastor Linda*



<b>Frances Keebler</b>	<b>December 5</b>
<b>Joel Bonnan</b>	<b>December 6</b>
<b>Ann Chumley</b>	<b>December 11</b>
<b>Jennifer Thornton</b>	<b>December 13</b>
<b>Joanie Kirkland</b>	<b>December 16</b>
<b>Tookie Galeria</b>	<b>December 18</b>
<b>Shay Landon</b>	<b>December 20</b>
<b>Gwen Yerger</b>	<b>December 20</b>
<b>Mickey Yerger</b>	<b>December 21</b>
<b>Ab Brookshire</b>	<b>December 22</b>
<b>Wesley Dotson</b>	<b>December 28</b>
<b>June Kinkaid</b>	<b>December 28</b>
<b>Kim Williams</b>	<b>December 29</b>



## Treasurer’s Report – November 30, 2021

### BUDGET GIVING PER MONTH

Through November 30, 2021

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	
<b>January</b>	\$14,800	\$13,483	Actual
<b>February</b>	\$14,123	\$12,404	Actual
<b>March</b>	\$16,047	\$14,126	Actual
<b>April</b>	\$18,226	\$16,006	Actual
<b>May</b>	\$12,403	<b>\$15,397</b>	Actual
<b>June</b>	\$17,090	\$12,090	Actual
<b>July</b>	\$12,707	<b>\$18,937</b>	Actual
<b>August</b>	\$21,429	\$11,542	Actual
<b>September</b>	\$12,103	<b>\$19,316</b>	Actual
<b>October</b>	\$13,859	<b>\$16,680</b>	Actual
<b>November</b>	\$12,263	<b>\$13,656</b>	Actual
<b>December</b>	\$16,344	<i>\$16,204</i>	<i>Projected</i>
 <b>Total</b>	 \$181,394	 \$179,841	

**APPORTIONMENTS: Trinity currently owes the Conference \$5,096**

Trinity’s 2021 income exceeded 2020’s numbers again in November, **BUT** we are still a few thousand dollars short of covering our budget expenses this year – sanitization measures, maintenance, and a few other areas exceeded our 2021 budget estimates.

**Projected** budget income needed for December to cover all expenses for 2021, not including the remaining apportionments, is **\$25,367**.

**Projected** Holston Conference apportionment money needed to meet our 100% tithe at the end of 2021 is **\$6,500**. The more income we receive in December, the higher the apportionments we owe at the end of the year. **THANK YOU for your continuing generosity!**

Please continue to mail your contributions or drop them off at the office if you are not attending worship.

You may also donate via Automatic Bank Transfer (please contact the office at 865-986-2325) or at <https://holston-reg.brtaapp.com/ChurchOffering> via Secure Credit Card.

Please ask the Treasurer **WHENEVER** you have questions. Thanks.

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Dimple and Carolyn have donated mystery books to the Church library for others to enjoy.

*A note of appreciation from Pat Miller:*

*Patricia W. Miller*

*Nov. 8, 2021*

*Dear Trinity Church Family -  
At last I have some good news -  
My cancer is gone, but I still  
have a way to go. That radiation  
really does a job on you -  
Thank you for all of your cards,  
love, support and prayers - I  
couldn't have done it without it.  
Excuse the writing - my hand is not  
doing very well - Pat Miller*

A special thank you to Jane Whitaker for her invaluable assistance given to Trinity Member James H Anderson which resulted in the building of a ramp at the Anderson home in Lenoir City to give him safe access to his home. Jane was able to direct a Habitat for Humanity Critical Repair Grant to James Anderson's home so that he could once again get into and out of his home safely. James Anderson's siblings thank Jane and the entire Trinity UMC congregation for their care and concern toward him at a time of extraordinary need and their willingness to respond to those needs. James Anderson Siblings (Knoxville, Nashville, St Simons Island, GA)



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# December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed 1	Thu 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
Sun 5 9:45 Sunday Sch 11:00 Worship	Mon 6 1:00pm UMW Mtg & Baby Shower For Susannah's House  6:30pm Finance Mtg  7:00pm Admin Mtg	Tue 7 11:00am Advent Bible Study  6:00pm Neighborhood Caroling	Wed 8 11:30 Energizers lunch & Bingo 6:00pm Choir Reh.  Last day to order poinsettias	Thu 9	Fri 10	Sat 11
Sun 12 9:45 Sunday Sch 11:00 Worship, incl. Lessons & Carols  5:30 Special Christmas Service	Mon 13	Tue 14 11:00am Advent Bible Study	Wed 15 6:00pm Choir Reh.	Thu 16	Fri 17	Sat 18
Sun 19 9:45 Sunday Sch 11:00 Worship Lessons & Carols  Last day to order luminarias	Mon 20	Tue 21 11:00am Advent Bible Study	Wed 22 6:00pm Choir Reh.	Thu 23 Gayle Out of Office	Fri 24 OFFICE CLOSED  5:00pm Christmas Eve Service	Sat 25 Merry Christmas 
Sun 26 9:45 Sunday Sch 11:00 Worship	Mon 27 OFFICE CLOSED	Tue 28	Wed 29 6:00pm Choir Reh.	Thu 30	Fri 31	



## United Methodist Women News

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#### UMW

The Trinity UMW will meet Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. We will host a baby shower in honor of the Baby Jesus, collecting all manner of baby goods. Items will be donated to Susannah's House, a shelter in Knoxville for at-risk moms-to-be and new moms. We will serve light refreshments and install our new 2022 officers.

#### Energizers

Santa's bag is full of new bingo prizes! Join the fun as we gather for a light lunch and fellowship, followed by bingo. Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30. The more the merrier, everyone is invited.





Loving Memorial  
Gifts

*Memorial Contributions  
November 2021*

**Ronald Easter, Jr.**

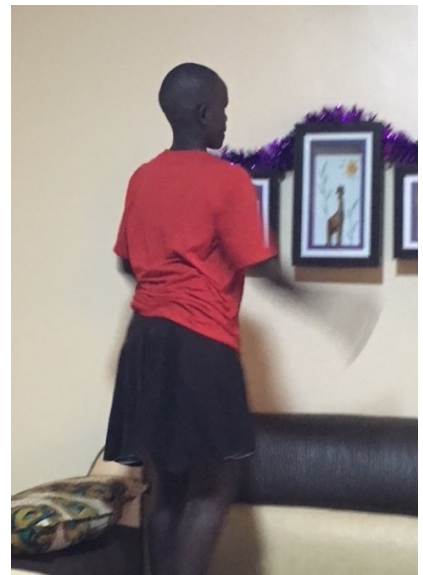
Cheryl Landreth  
Blair Easter  
Jane Luttrell  
Patricia Miller  
Paul & Linda Robertson  
Jim and Brenda Hooper

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



*Merry Christmas from our children of South Sudan.  
Please continue to pray for them*





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### Good Samaritan Thanksgiving Baskets:

On a cold Saturday morning, November 20, Good Samaritan Center volunteers distributed boxes filled with all the makings for Thanksgiving Dinner to more than 300 Loudon County families. Each family received boxes with stuffing mix, cake mix and frosting, brown & serve rolls, and canned goods such as green beans, corn, and candied yams. They also receive a \$15 gift certificate from Food City which can be used for ham, turkey or fresh vegetables to complete their meal. Clients are pre-certified at GSC and given a voucher. They begin lining up by 8 am for the 9 am start time. When they present their voucher, they received the Food City certificate and proceed in their car to the next stations where food boxes are loaded for them. The final stop this year was for a 4-pack of toilet paper, courtesy of a generous donation from Tate & Lyle. St. Thomas Catholic Church generously makes their parking lot available for the event.

Thank you, Trinity, for begin part of this annual community event, ensuring that every family in Loudon County has the opportunity to have a Thanksgiving feast. Thank you, Jo Alison Cortez for organizing our collection to help provide the Thanksgiving baskets. Our church people donated a total of \$550. Good Samaritan staff and volunteers consider this one of the highlights of the year. This year we missed our long-time volunteer, Sol Thomas, who worked in the pantry for many years and was always part of the Thanksgiving basket distribution.



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## Celebrating Sol Thomas' 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



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We welcomed The Dogwood Strings to our service on November 21st. Their Performance was made possible by the Thomas family, in memory of Shirley Thomas.

A buffet luncheon catered by Calhoun's was provided by the Thomas family

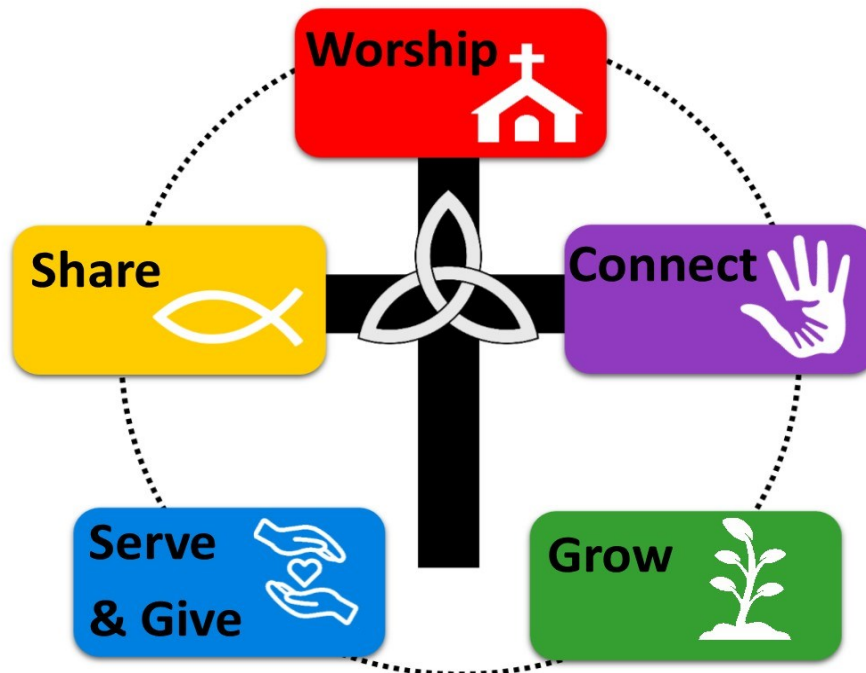




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**Disciples making Disciples  
to share the LOVE of Jesus Christ  
with our community  
and the world.**



**Our Mission:**

Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Discipleship Keys: Worship, Connect, Grow, Serve, Share**