

Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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Advent - Christmas, December, 2024

December 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, December 1 - Advent begins. We begin a new liturgical year and move to Lectionary year C. The lessons for each week are available at the Episcopal Church Website. episcopalchurch.org/lectionary. Our service music will change; all settings are in the front of the Hymnal 1982.

Sunday, December 8 - Stewardship Sunday. We'll make our pledges of time, talent and treasure for the coming year. There will be extra forms available.

Sunday, December 15 - Vestry Meets

Sunday, December 22 - The Greening of the Church. We'll gather after coffee hour to polish brass and decorate for:

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve - Carol sing and musical offerings at 7; worship begins at 7:30

Bible study meets every Wednesday, 1 to 2:30 in the Parish Hall.

In her recent stewardship letter to the parish, Senior Warden Laura Cama wrote: "At a diocesan teaching day last spring, a presenter who was priest of a small

parish challenged us with the question: *'If your parish disappeared tomorrow, who would notice? Except parishioners, that is.'*"

We aren't here only for our own need to worship and grow spiritually; we are here to follow our Lord's teachings - to care for others. We bundle that all under the heading of **Outreach**. That rather sterile word doesn't translate the richness of its meaning. We have a long history at Trinity of making Outreach central to who we are - clothing giveaways, toy giveaways, donating to food banks, opening our doors for meetings to name just a few. Close to 20 years ago we began putting up an Advent tree to cover with hats and mittens; the next year, it was the Mitten Tree. The late Carol Reed was a driving force behind the effort, always topping the tree with the most outrageous hat. After her death in 2014, we began calling it The Carol Reed Memorial Mitten Tree. Last year we filled it with food for 30 families for their Christmas dinners.

That little tree represents a part of our Outreach and who might miss us if we disappeared. This year we continue the tradition with special items of food for Christmas dinners to be given to our local food pantries. So, fill it up, now through the 22nd, when we will decorate for Christmas.



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December at Trinity Advent and Christmas



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All God's children are welcome in the Episcopal Church

To seek and serve Christ in all people



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Trinity Cycle of Prayer</i> 12/1 Tom & Shannon Bubniak, Rick Bubniak. 12/8 Joe & Laura Cama; Rachel Cama, Cole and Dennis Cama-Nemer; Tim, Jennifer and Lily Cama. 12/15 Barbara Caum & Nate Schwartzberg, Alan Caum. 12/22 Marcelle & Walt Chaykosky. 12/29 Kim, Chuck, and Logan Cornell.</p>				<p><i>The Diocese of Bethlehem</i> - 12/1 St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, The Rev. Tim Alleman. 12/8 Calvary, Tamaqua; St. Barnabas Center, Kutztown. 12/15 Christ Church, Towanda, The Rev. Betsy Sentigar. 12/22 St. Anne's, Trexlertown, The Don Schaible. Deacon Bernice Reichard. Education For Ministry. 12/29 St. Paul's, Troy, The Rev. Hazel Hunt.</p>		<p>Again This year we'll pile groceries under the Carol Reed Memorial Mitten tree for Christmas dinners December 1 - 15.</p>
<p>1 Advent I 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour</p> 	<p>2 AA 7 and 8 pm</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA Intergroup, 5:30 AA 7:30 pm</p> <p><i>Marny Gerhart</i></p>	<p>5 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">STEWARDSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Time * Talent * Treasure</p>		<p>7</p>
<p>8 Advent II 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour Stewardship Sunday</p> 	<p>9 AA 7 and 8 pm</p> <p><i>Heather Hunsinger</i> <i>Mthr. Hazel Hunt</i> <i>Fr. Ben Lentz</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Nate Schwartzberg</i></p>
<p>15 Advent III 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour **Vestry meets**</p> 	<p>16 AA 7 and 8 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>David Bubniak</i></p>	<p>18 Bible Study 1 - 2:30 AA 7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 St. Thomas the Apostle</p>
<p>22 Advent IV 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour The Greening of the Church</p> 	<p>23 AA 7 and 8 pm</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 7 pm - Carol Sing and Musical Offerings 7:30 - Festal Holy Eucharist</p> <p><i>Kay Horton Bennett</i></p>	<p>25 Christmas Day AA 7:30 pm</p> 	<p>26 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr AA 7 and 8 pm</p> <p>The 2nd Day of Christmas</p>	<p>27 St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</p> <p>The 3rd Day of Christmas</p>	<p>28 The Holy Innocents</p> <p>The 4th Day of Christmas</p>
<p>29 Christmas I 10 - Holy Eucharist II 11 - Coffee Hour</p> <p>The 5th Day of Christmas</p>	<p>30</p> <p>The 6th Day of Christmas</p>	<p>31</p> <p>The 7th Day of Christmas</p>	<p><i>Anglicans around the world:</i> 12/1 Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, Archbishop Justin Badi Arama. 12/8 Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo. 12/15 The Anglican Church of Tanzania, Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa. 12/22 The Church of the Province of Uganda, Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba. 12/29 The Episcopal Church, Presiding Bishop Sean T. Rowe.</p>		<p><i>The Diocese of Kajo Keji:</i> 12/1 St. Paul Rodo Parish. 12/8 Emmanuel Kansuk Parish. 12/15 St. Philip Dibe Parish. 12/22 Emmanuel Parish Sokare. 12/29 Mangalotor Parish and Sodogo-Trinity Easton Primary School.</p>	