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# Trinity Tribune December 2025

## *Extending A Warm Welcome*

My wife and I currently live in Surry County. My daughter and grandson also live in the county, and she is a nurse at Northern Hospital. We also have a son and two grandsons that live in Hillsville. The rest of the family is somewhat scattered. I am the oldest. Next is my sister who lives in Virginia and is a nurse. One of my brothers lives in Ohio and the other brother lives in Vermont.

I was in Information Technology for more than fifty years. I have played the piano since junior high school. I studied business management and finance in college along with choral directing and organ at another school.

Throughout my career we have lived in many states including Connecticut (the state where I was born and went to college), Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Virginia, Alaska, Maryland, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Oklahoma, and finally settle here in North Carolina.

When we first came to North Carolina, I was IT Director at Perry Manufacturing. After several years there, I went to work at Inmar in Winston-Salem and subsequently retired from there.

When we first came here, we bought a large house on Chestnut Ridge. After our children left home, we downsized to a smaller home closer to Mount Airy. We have a large music studio with a 4-manual electronic organ, which I built, and a baby grand piano. In the past, I have taught piano and organ.

I have served as organist/choir director at some churches in the local area. I have played a wide range of church music from baroque to contemporary. Church music is what I love and is primarily what I play.

I am pleased to be able to serve Trinity Church, and I welcome any requests and comments. Please feel free to talk with me about music at Trinity and I will do my best to accommodate.

-Howard Ward, Organist



**Pledge Update:** in 2025 we had 62 pledges representing \$216,000. To cover our anticipated expenses in 2026 we need pledges totaling \$232,000. To date we have received 42 pledges representing \$180,000 or 78% of our goal. Please consider returning your pledge card as soon as possible. If you are enclosing a check with your pledge card, please specify if it is to be applied to your 2025 or 2026 pledge.



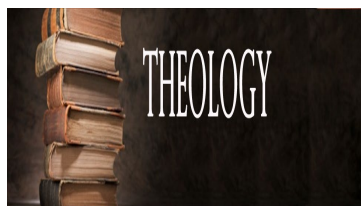
**Staples** is now collecting men's and women's socks to include in their December bags.

The **Caregiver/ Grief Support Group** will meet again on Wednesday, January 7th at 3 PM.



The **Wednesday Book Group** will not meet during the holidays but will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be reading *Theo of Golden*. For more information, contact Kate Appler.

We need volunteers for the Warming Center. Trinity will provide volunteers for Wednesday and Sunday nights that we are open. We need two people to bring a meal for approximately 10 people and 2 people to check guests in. Please let Sarah know if you can help.



**Theology Group**-In our effort to hear God's word and practice it, we struggle to balance the virtues of justice and mercy. One seems to undo the other. Does our Christian faith move us more toward justice or mercy and does it instruct us on how to reconcile the two? *Please join Trinity's Theology Group as we examine the roles of justice and mercy in our faith and daily lives, Thursday, December 18th at 5:30 pm. Supper will be served.*

**Christmas Assistance:** We have been asked to assist a family with help for their three children for Christmas. The following list has been given for sizes:

- Female Youth is a size 3 in jeans and small in leggings and sweatpants, medium shirts, size 8 shoes
- Male Youth is allowed xl in joggers (no cuffed bottoms) and a size 42 pants/jeans, 2x shirts, size 11 shoes
- Male Youth is xl jogging pants and 2x shirts, size 13 shoes



Anyone interested in serving on the **Altar Guild** may contact Margie Martin or Pam Dickenson.

**ALTAR GUILD**



## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> our choir will join First Presbyterian Church of Pilot Mountain to sing **Handel's Messiah** at 2:00 p.m. The event will take place at First Presbyterian Church in their sanctuary. Please come show your support for Trinity's choir and enjoy this beautiful music
- Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> **Blue Christmas Service** at 6:00 p.m. Christmas is not a joyful time for everyone. The shouts of “Merry Christmas” can sound shallow, and even painful when a person has lost a loved one, heard a bad diagnosis, become unemployed, become divorced or any other painful life event. Trying to remember the importance and impact of Jesus’ birth can be hard, very hard. That is not God’s intent. So, we take time to acknowledge God’s involvement in our lives during these hard times. In a simple service we acknowledge the pain and remember the hope.
- Our **Candlelight Christmas Eve services** will be held on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and at 11:00 p.m. Plan to join us and invite a friend! If you would like to volunteer to lector, usher or chalice for either service, please let Tobi know.
- Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> one combined service of Lessons and Carols at 10:30 a.m. We will need six readers for this service. If you would like to read, please let Tobi know.
- Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual **Christmas Pageant** during 10:30 worship. Let us know if you are interested in participating.

December						2025	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2 10 am Medical Loan Closet	3 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist	4 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet	5	6	
7 10:00 am One Combined service with Annual Parish Meeting Potluck Lunch	8	9 10 am Medical Loan Closet	10 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist	11 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet	12	13	
14 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist 2:00 pm Messiah and First Pres Church in Pilot Mtn	15	16 10 am Medical Loan Closet	17 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist	18 8:30 am Staples 1 pm Art Class 3 pm Medical Loan Closet 5:30 pm Theology 6:00 pm Blue Christmas	19	20	
21 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	22	23 10 am Medical Loan Closet	24 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day	26	27	
28 10:30 am Lessons and Carols (one service)	29	30 10 am Medical Loan Closet	31 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist				

#### Immediate Needs:

Gene  
Reva  
Diana Adelizzi  
Teresa Auld  
Bromage Family  
Jane Carper  
Jim Causer  
Heath Church  
Clarence & Rosie Derrick  
Vi Endter  
Carolyn Flippen  
Mila Rain Floyd  
Nancy Follett  
Harman Gilbert  
Greg Goad  
Jennifer Green  
Ray Hanna  
James (Pete) Haynes  
Bowen Horton  
Phyllis Frye James  
Kyle Jones  
Gus Lewis  
Cynthia Light  
Libby Lovill  
Kitty Martin  
Kenneth Matthews  
Cheryl Menezes  
Johnny & Phyllis Meredith  
Robert Morris  
Bill Nichol  
Angie Nolfo  
Steve Phillips  
Diane Prichard  
Gail Reeves  
Sheila Robbins  
Erika Rowe  
Stephanie Serika  
Angela Shur  
Sid Spender, Sr.  
Bruce Springthorpe  
Matthew Stevens  
Jackie Thornhill  
Dave & Kathy Town  
Tucker Family  
Kelli Vincen  
Joe Waddell  
Brent Wall  
Jacqui Weiss  
Henrietta Williams  
Dakota Wood  
Lucy Wood  
Rusty York  
Western NC

#### Long Term Needs:

Linda Carroll  
Ann Cochrane  
John Derrick  
Paul Derrick  
Steve Hines  
Carrie Krahn  
Barbara McGatlin  
Rev. Bill Pendleton  
Lorene Ramsey  
Phyllis Rose  
Candace Sammons  
Mac Sammons  
Kris Saunders  
Denny Shelton  
Jeanette Staples  
Betty Town  
Vicky Town  
John Townsend

## Trinity Prayer Concerns

#### Please pray for our Trinity family in the Armed Services of our country:

Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin  
Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch,  
Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John  
Nichols, Christopher Noble & Robert Poole

If you have placed a name on the prayer  
list and feel it is time to take it off, please  
call Tobi in the church office.

#### A Prayer for Israel & Palestine

*Today we lift up our prayers for justice, mercy, peace and an end to all  
violence.*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit  
may so move every human heart,  
and especially the hearts of the people  
of the lands of Israel and Palestine,  
that barriers which divide them may crumble,  
suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease;  
that their divisions being healed,  
they may live in justice and peace. Amen.

#### A Prayer for Peace

*"God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine, Israel,  
Gaza, and Sudan today. We pray for peace and the laying down of  
weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit  
of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over  
war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their  
decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in  
fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of  
Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen."*

#### How to let us know of your prayer concerns:

Call the church office at 336-786-6067 or email us at [info@trinitymtairy.com](mailto:info@trinitymtairy.com)

# December Volunteer Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Vestry Person</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
<b>December 7</b> <b>APM</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	Steve Delacroix	Brenda Goings	Lucinda & Jesse	Margie & Martha	Pam Harrill	Ann Vaughn	Wyatt Fallin
<b>December 14</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Brenda Goings	Jessica S. Ann V.	Mike W. Brenda & David	Pat S. Gloria & Larry	Pat Sanderson	Pat Gallagher	Mike W. David S.
<b>December 21</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Pam Smith	Pat S. Margie M.	Jessica S. Wendy & Roxann	Benny C. Pat & Morris	Joanne Silvia	Jill Borders & Cindy Blackwell	Jessica S. Roxann M.
<b>December 24</b> <b>4:30 pm</b> <b>11:00 pm</b>	***	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Jane Ciano	Lucinda Fallin	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>
<b>December 28</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Wendy Tatman	<b>Multiple Volunteers Needed</b>	***	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	Steve Delacroix	Brenda Goings Brandon Duke	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

*If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please find a replacement and let the church office know.*

*If you would like to be a lector, chalice bearer, or acolyte or serve as a greeter, please let Sarah or Tobi know.*

## December Trinity Cooks

Mary Fawcett  
Margie Martin  
Pam Dickenson  
Kate Appler  
Pam Harrill  
Roxann Moore

# January Volunteer Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Vestry Person</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
<b>January 4</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Jane Ciancio	Pat Clark Margie Martin	Mike Wilson Karen & David	Pat S. Jim & Wendy	TBA	St. Mary's Guild	Mike W. Karen N.
<b>January 11</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Steve Delacroix	Vicky Town Lucinda Fallin	Jessica S. Jesse & Jackie	Mike W. Gloria & Larry	TBA	St. Mary's Guild	Jessica S. David S.
<b>January 18</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Brenda Goings	Nancy D. B. K. Duke	Mike W. Roxann & Brenda	Ted A. Ann Marie & Ann V.	TBA	St. Mary's Guild	Mike W. Roxann M.
<b>January 25</b> <b>8:30 am</b> <b>10:30 am</b>	Pam Smith	Jessica S. Gloria L.	Vicky T. Lucinda & Wendy	Jessica S. Margie & Martha	TBA	St. Mary's Guild	Vicky T. Wyatt F.

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## January Trinity Cooks

Jill Borders  
Brenda Goings  
Ann Vaughn  
Martha Marcum  
Pat Gallagher  
Lucinda Fallin



## Snapshots of Trinity



**Downtown Halloween Trick or Treat 2025 was a success!**

Many thanks to all of the volunteers that offered to hand out candy and to all of those that donated candy to make sure we didn't run out!

**It was great fun!**



Our Caregiver Support group celebrates birthdays each month. Happy birthday to Roxann Moore!

We hope your birthday celebration was magical.





## December Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthdays

2<sup>nd</sup> Collin Grier  
6<sup>th</sup> Carmen Grier  
12<sup>th</sup> Denny Shelton  
12<sup>th</sup> Joanne Silvia  
14<sup>th</sup> Emma Fallin  
14<sup>th</sup> Sylvie Morrison  
19<sup>th</sup> Bill Noble  
20<sup>th</sup> Wendy Tatman  
22<sup>nd</sup> Angela Lawrence  
22<sup>nd</sup> Luis Aguilar

### Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> David & Joanne Silvia



### Birthday Blessings

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. It is our custom to put one penny (but not necessary) in the birthday bank for each year of your life.

The funds go to support outreach.

New to Trinity? Please share your birthdays and anniversaries with us. We'd love to celebrate with you.

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