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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



TUMC Mission Statement:

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“To ignite such a passion for Jesus Christ and His teachings that it sets our world on fire.”

December 2024

From the Pastor's Pen.



Dear Trinity Church Family,

²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’” Mark 1:2-3 (NRSV)

Advent Season is upon us, seemingly early. Officially the season of Advent begins December 1, coinciding with the first Sunday of the month. Unofficially, cultural Christmas began as early as July with very early sales pointing to the cultural meanings of Christmas. Yes, family and friends, but also glut-tony and material want and desires. Sure, it's easy to get caught up in our contemporary culture's meaning for Christmas, even fun, especially for the kids and the kids at heart. All the gifts, food, parties, special performances- maybe escapism for some who just need a break, that is until reality comes with the bills in January.

But that's the cultural reason for the season. We Christians know better. We know Christmas is first and foremost about the coming of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us. First, Jesus' coming over two thousand years ago, as a gift of love from our God who has never stopped loving us no matter how much cultural coal or worse we deserve. Often overlooked in the season of Advent is that we celebrate a Jesus who has been born in a manger long ago and a Jesus who has promised to return one day. Advent means 'coming', both past, and future. And we also know Jesus is coming with us now every day in the person of the Spirit of God.

The prophecy from Isaiah quoted in Mark above has been interpreted to mean John the Baptist. Yet John the Baptist was not the only herald of the coming of Jesus. Among others, the angel Gabriel. A search of the prophecies in the Old Testament would reveal further prophecies of Jesus coming. In the same way, a search of the New Testament offers several prophecies of Jesus' expected return, often prophesied and recorded by ordinary people identifying as Disciples of Jesus Christ like you and me.

The message remains the same as that revealed through John the Baptist. Prepare the Way of the Lord, make his paths straight. That's our work this Advent season and every day. We are to point to the Lord's coming with our whole lives, lives of repentance and forgiveness, lives publicly lived in anticipation of Jesus' return at any time and in celebration and intentional sharing of the Love of God that came in the form of the infant Jesus.

Share this love of Jesus, his story, our story of Jesus in and through us, as the centerpiece of Advent, here at Trinity and with our family and friends in our community and beyond. Witness your faith through the many mission and service opportunities here at Trinity.

Thank you and have a blessed Advent!

Pastor Walter

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Blessings, Thanks & Prayers

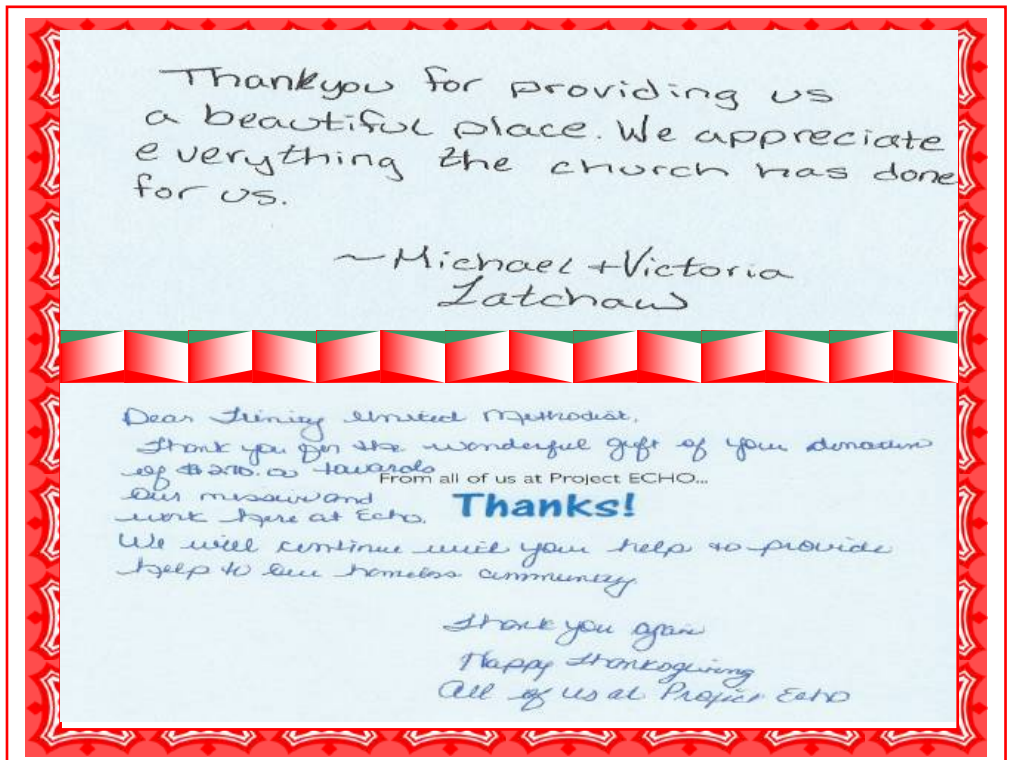
Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently...

Gloria Humphrey
Pastor Eugene
Melvin Matteson
Al Schwencer
Ruth Hansen



Blessings and Welcome to the Trinity UMC Family.....

Lauren Beaudwin who became a New Full Member on August 18, 2024
Kiera Jaycee Worstell who received the Sacrament of Baptism on November 3, 2024
Jacqueline Suzanne Carpenter who became a New Full Member on November 3, 2024
Sandy Daelemans who became a New Full Member on November 3, 2024



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Sunday School News

The children in Sunday School have been having fun learning about the Ten Commandments. Ms. Dottie and Miss Caydee have been enthusiastically planning and preparing for Advent. The children participated in a scavenger hunt to learn about Thanksgiving and the things they are thankful for. The children made Advent Wreaths and will learn what each week means-- HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. They have also been learning to sign and sing Jesus Loves Me, Away in the Manger, and Silent Night in preparation for the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Whichever Christmas Eve Service you may be attending this year, please consider attending this Service as well. It promises to be a fun family time with a few surprises for all. Also, on December 15, they will be focusing on giving. Their first mission project will be to make a dessert for Safe Nights. **Sunday School will begin at 9:00 a.m. that day.**

Also joining the team are Haleigh Eckard and Raneë Haire and we are praying for a few more youth to participate as we begin to grow our Sunday School classes. There is much to do and exciting times ahead. We all remember what fun we had growing up in Sunday School. Our **Sunday School** is available for children from prekindergarten through fifth grade. It is not too late to still spread the word to your families, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who has young children. Signs are posted in the Gathering Room to direct you to the Sunday School area.



The class started learning about Advent. They learned the word "Advent" comes from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival."

Our **New Covenant Sunday School** class for adults meets in the Parlor from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. The class is continuing in their studies of Paul's Letters to the churches. Discussion includes the nature of Paul's ministry, and the problems and challenges that faced the early church and how they relate to the church today. In December, they will be studying Paul's letters to the Church in Corinth. You are welcome to come any time, and we are grateful for your participation.

Trinity Young Adult Happenings

The Trinity Young Adult Sunday School class had a get together on November 10 as they celebrated a Friendsgiving Dinner. Fun was had by all.



The Young Adults are continuing in their Mission Project helping Ms. Shelley with putting together the food for Trinity's Heartfelt backpack program. They are also continuing in their study of the Fruits of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22. Each Sunday, they learn about one of the fruits of the Spirit, as well as learn how to do the ASL sign for each fruit. Please stop by to visit our class any Sunday morning at 9:15! All are welcome!

PLEASE NOTE THAT ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, THE PREK – GRADE 5 AND NEW COVENANT CLASSES WILL MEET AT 9:00 A.M. SO EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE CANTATA AT 10:00 A.M. THE YOUNG ADULT CLASS WILL NOT MEET THAT DAY.

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Worship Team Message



Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:1, 2

Worship Team is pleased to report that we have seen new faces signing up to share the Children's Message, as well as families signing up to light the Advent candles at the various services during Advent. See the sign-up in the Gathering Room. It is a wonderful and easy way to serve the Lord through your participation in Worship. There are still some dates available to sign up for and ask that you be in prayer and consider serving in this way, or in any other way that the Lord leads you. The Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 AM. It will be a unified service and as of this message, we still need a family to light the Advent Candles at this service. This will be an opportunity to gather as one Church family, to have worship, and fellowship as we celebrate the birth of our Savior together. We are excited and looking forward to the Christmas Eve Worship Services. The 5:00 PM service will be a family service, with a presentation of the Christmas story based on a poem, called the Innkeeper's Experience. It will be an interactive service where attendees of all ages are invited to don costumes and become part of the story. It will be a time for the young and the young at heart to have fun, fellowship, and song, as well as reflection on what the birth of Jesus means to each of us and to the world. The 8:00 PM service will be a candlelight service with a mix of traditional and contemporary worship elements as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The 11:00 PM service will be a candlelight service with Communion. It will feature special music from individuals and guest participants. Please invite your family, neighbors, and friends to one or more of these services. We greatly appreciate your witness and participation in Worship. We ask for your prayers that God blesses us with growth, and for success in sharing God's hope and Word, through Trinity's ministries, missions, and outreaches.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever, Amen. 1 Peter 4:10, 11

May each of you be blessed and have a wonderful Christmas,

Your Worship Team

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Trinity UMC Giving Trees 2024



The holidays are an extremely difficult time for many families who live in poverty. Trinity UMC provides a very Merry Christmas for many families through the Giving Tree Ministry. Starting **November 24**, our three Giving Trees will be available in the Gathering Room.

1. The Tree of Angels
2. The Light in the Mountain Tree
3. The Family Giving Tree

The Tree of Angels will be covered with tags that describe the child's age, gender, and a brief description of the gift requests. We ask that you try to purchase everything listed on the tag. If you are unable to purchase everything, maybe you can find another family to work with you. If you are making your purchases online, please allow extra time for shipping.

The Light in the Mountain Giving Tree is for our Brothers and Sisters at Light in the Mountain Church in New Mexico. We are asking for \$25.00 Wal-Mart gift cards.

The Family Giving Tree is for families in our Congregation and the Local Community who are going through difficult times. We are asking for gift cards of any kind, in any amount.

The Light in the Mountain and Family Giving tree gift cards can be purchased early and dropped off in the Church Office. Otherwise, they can be placed in the boxes by the respective tree between Sunday, November 24 and Sunday, December 8. Other methods of participating in these missions include dropping off a financial donation in the Church Office designated for the tree of your choice or by specifying an amount to be contributed to the tree of your choice on your offering envelope.

All of the gifts and gift cards need to be returned to the Gathering Room by **noon, Sunday December 8, 2024**.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Rob Rallo at robrallo@yahoo.com.



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December

BIRTHDAYS

December 1: Robert Rallo
December 2: Dorothy Wojciechowski
December 3: Scottie Holton
December 4: William Everett Green
December 5: Jennifer Curran
December 8: Daniel Wells
December 8: John Headley
December 8: Colbey Willson
December 8: Isaac Stadelman
December 8: Megan Sutphin
December 10: Ryan Walker
December 10: Robert Bailey
December 10: Koby "Hutch" Valentin
December 11: Casey Houchin
December 12: Andrew McCorison, III
December 13: Dana Woodford
December 14: Cassie Adams

December 14: Brooks Payne
December 15: Victoria Latchaw
December 15: Kayla Lynn Beyer
December 16: Patrick Buckler
December 16: Carl Sutton
December 16: Michele Shaw
December 17: Morgan Thomas
December 17: Rachel Carroll
December 18: Kaelyn Cox
December 18: Audrey Harms
December 18: Sheree Harvey
December 19: Todd Lamont Thomas
December 19: Catherine Smith
December 20: Ronald Bowen
December 20: Hagner Reid Mister
December 21: Holly Seawell
December 21: Christopher Donald Hall

December 22: Amber Brown
December 25: Jennifer Matteson
December 25: Briar Tregunna
December 26: Albert Schwencer
December 27: Patty Long-Bradley
December 27: Douglas Wood
December 27: Zachary Shaulis
December 27: Ava Sutphin
December 28: Shelbey Willson
December 28: Bradley Stephens
December 28: Haleigh Rae Eckard
December 28: Kristin Thomas
December 29: James Booros
December 29: Gloria Humphrey
December 29: Darlean Hackworth
December 29: Sandra Daelemans
December 31: Christina Chow



Contact the church office (410-535-1782) to have your birthday added to the list or to let us know of any name changes.



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Sharing the Spirit of Christmas with TUMC's Staff

Beginning Tuesday, November 26, 2024 and running through Sunday, December 15, 2024, you will have a personal opportunity to share the Spirit of Christmas with our Trinity Church Staff. A gift bag, labeled for each staff member, will be set up in the Church Office. You are invited to add a special gift from you and your family for the wonderful staff members who keep our church operating on a daily basis.

Rev. Dr. Walter Beaudwin, Senior Pastor
Rev. Rob Carter, Pastor Emeritus
Sandy Draham, Administrative Assistant
William Jenifer, Sexton
Sharon Godfrey, Financial Secretary
Becki Nelson, Bookkeeper
Jack Perdue, Director of Music Ministries
Sandy Daelemans, Organist/Accompanist
Jarron Nathan, Media Production Coordinator
Mary Stortzum, Nursery
Sandy St. John, Nursery



Gift suggestions include:

A note of encouragement, a small gift of a homemade family tradition, an ornament, a candle, a journal, notepaper, a gift card, a monetary gift, a donation to a mission/charity outreach of your choosing, etc. Your own ideas are also welcome.

We ask that all monetary gifts/gift cards be placed in envelopes with the name of the recipient and be given to Sandy Draham in the office. She will hold them in safe keeping until the time for presenting the gifts. Gifts may be dropped off during regular office hours - Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm.

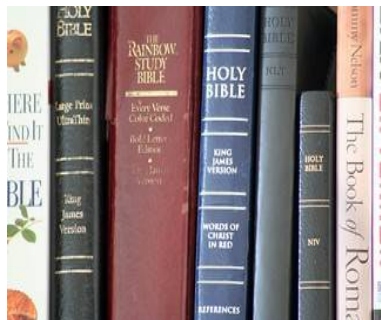
Merry Christmas,
The Staff Parish Relations Committee

TRINITY CHURCH SERVICES ON TELEVISION

CHANNEL UPDATE Calvert County's cable TV system (Comcast) delay broadcasts one of our worship services each week: **Wednesdays at 5 PM.** This can be found on **channels 99 or 1070** of the Calvert County cable TV. Check it out for yourself or spread the word -Trinity UMC is on Channel 1070!

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Open Bible Study
Wednesday's at 10 AM and 6:30 PM In Person and Zoom
Led by John Godfrey and Wes White

Trinity United Methodist Church Staff

- Sandy Daelemans..... Organist/Accompanist**
Sandy DrahamAdministrative Assistant
Sharon Godfrey Financial Secretary
William Jenifer Sexton
Jarron Nathan..... Media Production Coordinator
Becki Nelson Bookkeeper/Treasurer
Jack Perdue..... Director of Music Ministries
Sandy St. JohnChild Care Attendant
Mary StortzumLead Child Care Attendant

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Rev. Rob Carter Pastor Emeritus
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**For Highlighter questions, comments or article submissions,
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<p><i>1</i></p> <p>8:00am Worship Service 9:15am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 11:45am Bell Choir (after the second service) 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>6:00-8:45pm GS Troop 6333 (Room 314,317) 6:30-9:30pm BS Troop 347 (Fellowship Hall, Room 101,102,105) 7:00-8:00pm Calvert Dance Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>10:00 am-1:00pm Piano Tuning 10:00am Women's Bible Study-(Library) 5:30-7:30pm GS Troop 11066 (Room 314) 6:30pm-8:30pm MISSIONS TEAM MEETING (Zoom)</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study- Zoom/Fellowship Hall 11:30am-2:30pm Organ Tuning 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study— Zoom/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>10:00am-3:00pm Vets Library 5:30-8:00pm GS Troop 11076 (Room 317) 6:30-7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30-8:30pm-Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>10:00 am-12:00pm Piano Tuning</p>	<p><i>7</i></p>
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<p><i>15</i></p> <p>Advent Cantata Safe Nights 9:15am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:45am Bell Choir 3:30-5:30pm GS Troop 11050 (Fellowship Hall) 7:00pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>Safe Nights 6:00-8:45pm GS Troop 6333 (Room 314,317) 6:30-9:30pm BS Troop 347 (Fellowship Hall, Room 101,102,105) 7:00-8:00pm Calvert Dance Band Rehearsal (Choir Room)</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>Safe Nights 10:00am Women's Bible Study-(Library) 5:30-7:30pm GS Troop 11066 (Room 314)</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>Safe Nights 10:00am Open Hybrid Bible Study- Zoom/Fellowship Hall 6:30pm Open Hybrid Bible Study— Zoom/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>Safe Nights 10:00am-3:00pm Vets Library 5:30-8:00pm GS Troop 11076 (Room 317) 6:30-7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal (High School/Adult)-Sanctuary 7:30-8:30pm-Choir (Choir Room)</p>	<p><i>20</i></p> <p>Safe Nights</p>	<p><i>21</i></p> <p>Safe Nights</p>
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 Bible Study Tools

31-Day Scripture Writing Challenge

December

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 1 | Lam. 5:19 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 17 | Micah 5:2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 2 | 1 Samuel 12:24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 18 | Isaiah 25:9 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 3 | Hosea 6:3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 19 | Isaiah 49:13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 4 | Job 40:1-2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 20 | Luke 1:30-31 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 5 | 2 Peter 3:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 21 | Luke 1:32-33 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 6 | Rev. 1:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 22 | Luke 1:68 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 10 | John 1:1-3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 26 | Luke 2:13-14 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 13 | Genesis 22:18 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 29 | Ezekiel 34:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 14 | Malachi 3:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 30 | Psalms 119:165 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 15 | Jeremiah 23:5-6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 31 | Romans 8:28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dec. 16 | Isaiah 9:6 | | |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!