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

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From the Pastor's Pen. 🦸



Dear Trinity Church Family,

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5 (NRSV)

In the beginning of each New Year, many of us make well intentioned New Year resolutionsto become better with finances, diet, health, dropping bad habits, new job or hobby, so many choices. Often, within weeks, our best-intentioned resolutions go away with the last bite of holiday left over desserts... a dim memory or even a sense of guilt for not being able to fulfill our resolutions. We are often less than perfect, even when we mean well.

In Revelation, we are reminded that it is only God in God's own power that makes all things truly new. When Christ returns and the end times as recorded in Revelation occur, it will be the power of God that makes all things new. This will not be a do over, but it will be a cleaned slate, a new age, a time when all things created will be made as they were in the beginning at Creation, pristine and perfect. We will be forgiven and reconciled to one another, all of creation, and also to God.

Meanwhile, we live in a broken and imperfect world. We are God's creation in this world. Though saved by faith, we remain imperfect. Yet, we are called by our Wesleyan faith to enjoy Sanctifying Grace, a continual perfecting journey individually and corporately towards perfect love made possible in Jesus Christ.

Perhaps our resolution as individuals and as the church as the body of Christ Jesus together ought to be to strive for that perfect love in our lives reflecting the perfect love God has for each of us. Join me in a resolution to love more deeply, to intentionally seek to love even those we struggle with. Let us make 1 John 3:23-23 be our mantra towards God's perfect love that we will be known as Christians, members and families of Trinity United Methodist Christ by our love. I offer this scripture for your meditation for yours and my New Year's resolution to be better lovers of one another and all God's children:

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. 24All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. 1 John 3:23-24 (NRSV)

Happy New Year and may God bless you one and all. Amen.

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Blessings & Prayers

Prayers for Those Who Have Been Hospitalized Recently...

Al Schwencer Landon Nelson Chris Lange Larry Bowen Ruth Hansen Carly Scrivener



Our Sincerest Sympathies to...

- † To the family of Claudia Martin who died in November 2024. Claudia was the late Glenn Connor's companion for many years. Please pray for her daughter Jeanette and others close to Claudia as they grieve her loss.
- Mike Mason and family whose mother Dolores Mason died in Naples, FL. Please pray for Mike, Michelle, Michael and Andrew as they grieve her loss.
- † To the family of Ritchie McGuffin who died December 12, 2024. Please keep his wife Bonnie, son John, daughter Joy McCarthy and four grandchildren in your prayers as they grieve his loss.
- To Carl Sutton and family whose sister-in-law Arta Sutton died suddenly on Thursday morning, December 19, 2024.
- Hagner Reid Mister passed away on Thursday, December 26, 2024. Please pray for Helen, family and all others who grieve his loss.



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Sunday School News

Our Sunday School class has grown from three to six children! Throughout December, they learned about HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE each week. Miss Dottie and Miss Caydee are thrilled to share that the children are eagerly anticipating the upcoming Family Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 p.m. They have been diligently practicing the songs they will sing and sign that evening.

We warmly invite you to join us for this special service, which promises to be a joyful family event with a few surprises for everyone. The children also had a fantastic time baking cookies for their first mission project, which were shared with the guests at Safe Nights.















Sunday School News

Additionally, on December 15, our Sunday School class welcomed a special guest, Miss Marti Booros. She led a wonderful craft activity and shared the Nativity Story with the children .









Miss Dottie and Miss Caydee would also like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Haleigh and Ranee for their invaluable help in the classroom.

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.

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 studied Paul's letters to the Church in

Trinity Young Adult Happenings

The Young Adults are continuing their mission project, assisting Ms. Shelley with assembling food for Trinity's Heartfelt backpack program. They also learned about Advent and the signs for HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE. Please feel free to visit our class any Sunday morning at 9:15! All are welcome!

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Worship Team Message



Happy New Year and as we begin this New Year take encouragement from Jeremiah 29:11:

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

We had a wonderful Advent Season. I want to thank the many of you that helped with setting up and decorating the Gathering Room Christmas tree and decorating the Sanctuary for the season. It is such a blessing when we get together and share laughter and fellowship as we serve the Lord. We saw several new faces participating with the Children's Messages, Advent lighting, Communion Stewards. Other opportunities to serve in worship, include Hosting, Liturgists, Acolytes, Tech team and the music team is always looking for those gifted by God with voice and/or instrument. We are grateful for all those in the Praise Team and Choir that make each service a blessing, as well as the Cantata this year. It was a wonderful experience as we gathered and made a joyful noise in praise to the Lord.

Each Christmas Eve Service had its own character as we celebrated the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. At the 5:00 p.m. Family Service, the young and young at heart reenacted Luke's Christmas story, from the perspective of the Innkeeper. They did a great job of playing the characters in the story and it was fun for all. Thanks to everyone who refurbished and/or made costumes for the participants to wear. We have so many gifted people in our fellowship.

The 8:00 p.m. service had elements of contemporary and traditional service in celebration and the 11:00 p.m. service had special musical offerings, and Holy Communion. In each case, we hope you were blessed as we worshiped together. This season we were also blessed with a Worship series by Pastor Walter that supplemented the Advent Bible study, "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton -- where we looked at the stories of Mary, and Joseph and their journey to deliver the Savior of the world. It was an encouraging study of how God uses regular people, just like you and me to fulfill his plan, when we are listening for him and are obedient to his call. It also was eye opening that being blessed by God with a mission may not be easy and may be wrought with challenges. In our spiritual journey, we must not shy away from what God is nudging us to do and in this new year may we all work together to do God's will as we share the peace and hope we have through Jesus Christ by working in the ministries and missions of Trinity. It has been probably 20+ years that Pastor Kim Hall challenged me to get up out of our second-row pew and get moving for the Lord. I am sad to say that it took about five years and another life crisis for me to surrender to the Lord and begin trying to fulfill his will for me. It was a lot of wasted time not experiencing the joy of sharing God's good news in service to him and others. If I could have been like Mary when she was told by the angel that she would carry the Savior of the World, with all her questions and fears, she simply answered in faith:

"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said." Then the angel left her. Luke 1:30

In 2025 may each of us be willing to listen for the call to serve and be blessed in doing so.

Respectfully submitted for your Worship Team,

Wes White

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Trinity UMC Giving Trees 2024



Thank you for supporting the Giving Trees

Thank you to everyone that bought gifts, gift cards, volunteered, or helped with the Giving Trees. Between the Light in the Mountain Tree, Family Giving Tree, and Tree of Angels, Trinity helped to make Christmas a little nicer for many families in need both here and on the Navajo Reservation.

Calvert County Tree of Angels helped over 525 children from approximately 270 families. Trinity alone supported 29 children from 13 families. The gifts were distributed on Saturday December 14th at the Calvert County Fairgrounds.



The Walmart gift cards have been sent to Light in the Mountain. And the family gift cards are being distributed here locally.

Thank you to everyone who helped with this mission.



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Project ECHO

Project ECHO is Calvert County's emergency homeless shelter, and can accommodate up to 40 people. In 2024 Project ECHO had over 13,516 bed nights serving 124 individuals (54 men, 48 women, and 22 children), and served over 24,000 meals. Trinity helped to provide some of those meals, as Trinity is responsible for providing dinner the second Tuesday of every month. If you would like to help Trinity provide a dinner please sign up on the sheet in the gathering room. Meals can be dropped off at 6pm and you do not need to serve the meal. Meals can be delivered cold and they can reheat (if reheating is required, please drop off early so they have adequate time to reheat the meal). Please feel free to team up with other families to provide side dishes, etc. For questions, please contact Kim Rallo Kimmy rallo@yahoo.com

Thank you for helping with Safe Nights

Thank you to everyone that bought supplies, brought a meal, volunteered, or helped with Safe Nights. For the first time in years, it was staffed completely for Trinity people (or people associated with Trinity). And this might have been our best week ever. The guests were really great, but the help from all of you was absolutely wonderful. Many hands truly makes light work, and Safe Nights week was a great example of that. Without all of you this mission is not possible, it truly takes the entire church. So to all of you that helped to make Safe Nights week possible our sincerest thanks and gratitude.

Rob & Kim Rallo



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January 1: Charlie Dinardo

January 1: Kelly Shannon

January 1: Kelsey Dixon

January 1: Jennifer Varnell

January 2: Vicki Chow

January 2: Katherine Kimmel

January 3: Robert Monnett

January 3: Kempton Zahn

January 4: Alea Weaver

January 6: Hayden Fowler

January 6: Robert Hamilton

January 8: Ralph Hutchins

January 9: Jennifer Green

January 9: Kara Wood

January 10: Allen Williams

January 11: Phillip (Haden) Brown

January 12: Derrick Redden

January 12: Michael Redden

January 12: Paula Bailey

January 12: Dwight Williams

January 12: Brittany Payne

January 14: Shawna Horty

January 14: Ana Reinhardt

January 15: Nathaniel Shaulis

January 15: Debra Whelan

January 16: James Edward Wood

January 16: Alan McCrory

January 16: Michele Greene

January 17: Angelina Chow

January 17: William Murphy January 17: Jessica Willis

January 18: Collin Robert Short

January 18: Susan Evans

January 18: Patrick Cathro

January 19: Rachel MacMillan

January 20: Victoria Valentin

January 20: Sandra Woodford

January 20: Dawn Higgs

January 22: Robert Seawell

January 22: Sherry Haller Mansfield

January 22: Amye Scrivener

January 23: Mary Stortzum

January 23: Linda Burns

January 24: Carol Bush

January 25: Keith McClanahan

January 25: Christopher Ellis Daniel

January 26: Evelyn Bowen

January 26: Nathan Woodford

January 26: Christine Lee

January 26: Audrey Whelan

January 26: Marcia Meredith

January 27: Ava Jabara

January 27: Dereda Ricker

January 28: Bayleigh Cox

January 28: Kelli Short

January 29: Emma Caroline Johnson

January 30: Arian Thomas

January 31: Karleigh Lister

January 31: Kayleigh Lister

January 31: Eric Reinhardt

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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Open Bible Study Wednesday's at 10 AM and 6:30 PM In Person and Zoom Fellowship Hall

For Highlighter questions, comments or article submissions, contact Debbie Dinardo at ddinardo59@gmail.com.

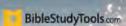
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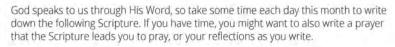
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31-Day Scripture **Writing Challenge**



- Revelation 21:5 ☐ Jan. 1
- ☐ Jan. 17 Psalm 46:1-3

- ☐ Jan. 2
- Isaiah 65:17
- ☐ Jan. 18
- Isaiah 26:3

- Psalm 33:3
- ☐ Jan. 19 Habakkuk 3:19

- ☐ Jan. 4
- Colossians 3:9-10
- ☐ Jan. 20
- ☐ Jan. 21
- Psalm 119:114 Proverbs 18:10

Psalm 29:11

Philippians 4:13

Ephesians 3:16

☐ Jan. 6

☐ Jan. 5

☐ Jan. 3

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Lam. 3:22-23

☐ Jan. 22

- ☐ Jan. 7
- Ezekiel 11:19
- ☐ Jan. 23
- ☐ Jan. 24
- Isaiah 40:29

- ☐ Jan. 8 ☐ Jan. 9
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:6-7

- Isaiah 42:9
- ☐ Jan. 25
- ☐ Jan. 26

- ☐ Jan. 10 ☐ Jan. 11
- Ephesians 4:22-24
- - Joshua 10:25

- ☐ Jan. 12
- ☐ Jan. 27

Psalm 34:8

- Psalm 40:3
- ☐ Jan. 28
 - Philippians 3:10-11

Exodus 15:2

- ☐ Jan. 13
 - Isaiah 43:19
- ☐ Jan. 29
 - Zechariah 4:6

- ☐ Jan. 14
 - Deut. 31:6
- ☐ Jan. 30
- Romans 8:31

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

☐ Jan. 15

☐ Jan. 16

- Jeremiah 29:11 Isaiah 41:10
- ☐ Jan. 31



