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Christ, serve the community, and share God's word.*
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DECEMBER



Advent Tea—Dec. 4, 2:00 pm
Supper Club—Dec. 16
*Greening of the Church &
Christmas Covered Dish Dinner—
Dec. 18, 5:00pm*

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Christmas Pageant

It is now time to start thinking about this year's Christmas Pageant. The Christmas Pageant will be December 24 during the 5:00 pm service, so it could include out of town visiting grandchildren or others who might like to participate in dramatizing the story of Christ's birth.



Please let Liz Ramsay know if you are interested in enrolling your child. Also, if you are interested in helping with the Pageant please let Liz or Fr. Josh know.



Padre's Ponderings

The Intimate Experience of Advent
"Wondering and Wandering"

Is this season of Advent one of "wondering" or of "wandering"? The difference is only in one letter, and "o" or an "a". Is its mood found in the "Oh!" of surprise and questioning? Or do we feel the "Ah!" of pleasure, awed by some new understanding? Probably both are included in the intimate experience of Advent. In the midst of life's wanderings, we hear wonderful news that God is coming to us.

A traditional Appalachian carol, adapted or re-written by John Jacob Niles, includes both words:

***I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Savior, did come for to die
For poor ornery people like you and like I.
I wonder as I wander out under the sky.***

Some people live their lives neither wandering nor wondering. They are seldom in doubt, because all of life's choices for them are a matter of black and white, no shading in between. Following custom and tradition, they are seldom on the creative, growing edge of any issue or movement. Are they to be seen as the ideal? Or is there a virtue in wandering and wondering?

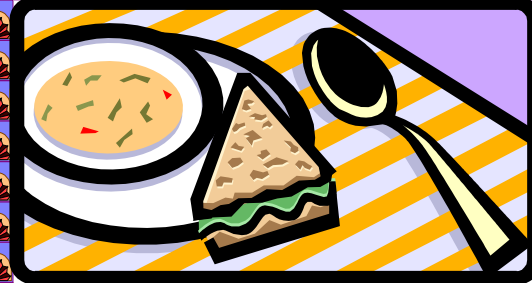
Jesus was in touch with God's eternal plan for humankind, yet we find him experiencing the wonder of hearing God's voice from heaven at the time of his baptism. He wanders in the wilderness in his time of temptation and later walks "the lonesome valley" of the cross. When we wonder and wander in our own life experience, it is good to know that the Christ who comes in Advent also comes to us personally and walks with us, guiding us in our wanderings and reviving our spirits with the wonder of divine love.

May this Advent season be a holy one for you and may you always have Christ as your guide as you wonder and wander through each day of life. May this Advent season of preparation make the celebration of the giving of the best gift you shall ever have, which is Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, be one of great joy and love.

Until I wander this way pondering again...

In Christ's Spirit,

Fr. Larry+



Book Sale Luncheon

Many thanks are sent out to all the people who helped to make the Book Sale Luncheon a success. St. Anne's Guild members manned the kitchen once again and dipped up countless bowls of soup and served many sandwiches, hot dogs, and desserts. Fr. Larry, Chuck Guyer and Roger Sellers also were irreplaceable doing a lot of the heavy work for us. We had many wonderful desserts donated and some of you were faithful customers as well. We received many nice compliments on the food and we are hopeful that the St. Anne's Luncheon helps to make the Trinity Book Sale an enjoyable experience for our customers.

Paula Sellers - Chairman

TELEPHONE SERVICE RESTORED

Thanks to the generosity of St. Anne's Guild, the ECW and Craig Curry, Trinity's phone service has been repaired and improved. When calling the office at 304-422-3362, if you wish to be connected to Susie, rather than listening to the recorded message, you may immediately press "O". Thanks to all!!

Taize Prayer Service

Four Taize services will be held during Advent at varied times and days of the week and at different area churches. Trinity will host the last one on December 23 at 7:00 pm.



COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

Special monthly coffee hours have been held the last three months on a variety of topics: Trinity's financial health, programs and focus, with many suggestions, thoughts and concerns expressed. Due to December's many activities, no Coffee Conversation is scheduled for this month, but the Clergy and Vestry would like to know: would you like these Conversations to continue? If so, what are some suggested topics?



Parish Nurse/Health Ministry
Heart Attacks and Water

A doctor was asked why we urinate so much at night. Answer from this cardiac doctor was gravity holds water in the lower part of your body when you are upright. When you lie down and the lower body (legs and other things) seeks level with the kidneys it is then that the kidneys remove the water because it is easier. You need your minimum water to help flush.

Correct time to drink water

Drinking water at a certain time maximizes its effectiveness on the body:

- 2 glasses of water after waking up - helps activate internal organs**
- 1 glass of water 30 minutes before a meal - helps digestion**
- 1 glass of water before taking a bath - helps lower blood pressure**
- 1 glass of water before going to bed - avoids stroke or heart attack**

Water at bed time will also help prevent night time leg cramps. Your leg muscles are seeking hydration when they cramp and wake you up with a charlie horse.

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COME TO THE TABLE

The holiday season is a time where we can be more aware of God's blessings around us. One of the most recent blessings came in the form of almost 25 young children who attended our first Mini-VBS. During our time together the children accomplished much: they learned how to welcome any guest that might come into our presence, they helped feed almost 100 people, and made and distributed bread rolls for families in need. Most importantly, they learned how important it is to serve others, and in doing so they are in fact serving God. May you be aware of God's presence and His abundant blessings bestowed upon all people as we celebrate with our families over the next few weeks.

Fr. Josh

BOOK SALE

While the final figures are not in, we do know the Book Sale slightly exceeded last year's figures. More importantly, thousands of books went out the back door to be read, enjoyed and to educate once again. Many happy customers thanked us for making it possible for them to buy and own books.

Almost everyone in the congregation helped in both large and small ways .. a faithful crew marked books and moved heavy boxes and tables, signs were brought down from storage, publicity was arranged and calls were made to the many who manned check out tables and kept the books in order and available during the sale. Baked goods and trinkets were sold and who can forget the wonderful smell of homemade soups drifting out of the kitchen!

Those hardy souls who appeared to accomplish the clean-up chores have earned new stars for their crowns. We thank everyone!

Carma & Lynette, Book Sale co-chairs

ADVENT TEA FOR WOMEN OF TRINITY



Calling all ladies...
Please join Fr. Larry
December 4th at 2pm
for an afternoon of tea.
Don't care for tea? Come
and join in for fellowship!

Communication
Fr. Josh continues to
keep Trinitarians up to
date with weekly news
via email. If you are not
receiving his notes,
send your email address
to:

josh@trinity-church.org

Trevor Chapel Shields, Part 2 *by Paul Miller*

Because little is known about the majority of the apostles after Pentecost, many apocryphal stories have sprung up about them. This in turn has led to attributes that vary depending on the stories that were told and on the artists who rendered them. This is true of the two apostles to be discussed this month, who, like Peter and Andrew last month, are brothers.

James the Greater is known by many different names, including Boanerges (a nickname given to James and his brother John meaning "sons of thunder"), James the Major, and James the Elder. He was so named to distinguish him from another apostle: James, the son of Alphaeus.

James, a fisherman by trade, was the first apostle to be martyred, being beheaded in Jerusalem in A.D. 44, and thus he is often depicted by a sword to indicate his martyrdom. But even though the Bible tells us that James was beheaded in Jerusalem, a legend grew that he was buried in Compostela, Spain. Because of the legend, Compostela was at one time the third most visited pilgrimage site, after Jerusalem and Rome. This connection led to St. James (= Santiago = San Diego) being appointed patron saint of Spain. Because Compostela was such a major pilgrimage site, James is often himself depicted as a pilgrim, shown with a wide-brimmed hat, walking staff, coin purse and a scallop shell which was used by pilgrims to scoop water from streams to drink as they traveled. Thus the Trevor shield for James the Greater (the second from the left) shows three scallop shells. (This is also why the French for scallop is *coquille St. Jacques!*) James is the patron of veterinarians, equestrians, and pharmacists and his saint day is 25 July.



Also a fisherman, John was the "beloved" disciple and the one to whom, at the crucifixion, Jesus entrusted his mother Mary. The Church Fathers identify John as the author of the Gospel of John, the three Epistles of John, and Revelation, but this is questioned today. Christian tradition holds that John was the last surviving of the twelve apostles and that he died of natural causes—the only one to do so—but legends relate several attempts that were made on his life. One attempt involved a chalice of poison that John was challenged to drink. Before drinking, John made the sign of the cross over the chalice, miraculously causing a snake to slither out. The Trevor shield (the second from the altar on the right) depicts this story. Another attempt on his life came at the hand of Emperor Domitian, when John was thrown into a cauldron of burning oil. Once again, John remained unharmed. Because of this legend, he often appears with a cauldron of oil, but the main symbol for John is the eagle, often seen on carved lecterns; and as an evangelist, he is shown writing or holding a book or scroll. John is the patron of authors, burns, poisoning, theologians, publishers, booksellers, editors, friendships, and painters and is commemorated on 27 December.



**BEAUTIFUL ALTAR FOR HARVEST SUNDAY
THANK YOU, MICHAEL MCKIBBIN!!**



PARTICIPANTS IN MINI-VBS ENJOY A MEAL TOGETHER

Trinity by the Numbers

October

Monday lunch:

135, 100, 150, 120, 125 (total 630)

Food closet

15 families, for a total of 21 people

Crisis Intervention

Assistance with :

9 electric bills, 3 gas bills ,

1 water bill (all \$30 ea.)

Shoe ministry *18 prs.*

**Greening of the
Church**

Sunday, December 18th

We'll begin with a covered dish dinner at 5pm before we start the task of decorating the church for Christmas festivities. There will also be a special activity for the children in attendance. A sign up sheet will be posted in Trinity Hall for bringing food.

SUPPER CLUB

December's social event for all adults in the congregation will be held Dec. 16 at 6:30 at the home of LaVerne Marshall. These events are great ways to get to know others in the congregation: no program, just conversation. Call LaVerne or the church office for more information.



VESTRY

Highlights from November 21 meeting:
~Office building windows are replaced
~Other property improvements: pine tree removed from side yard, furnace repaired in Ed. Bldg., kick plate installed in Trinity Hall, hot water tank changed, telephone system repaired, in women's restroom-windows repaired, grab bar added
~Heart n Hands will become Pastoral Care Committee
~Budget work session planned
~New Vestry members still needed
~Outreach project decided-Christmas meal
Complete Vestry minutes are always posted on bulletin board in Tr. Hall

PROVIDE A CHRISTMAS MEAL

At the November Vestry meeting it was decided that Trinity would work toward providing Christmas dinner for a few struggling area families. It was thought that Christmas items like toys and games were being covered by other charitable organizations and our efforts would be most appreciated in the area of feeding the entire family. A poster in Trinity Hall will explain the menu items and allow parishioners to see what is still needed. Time table for this effort is:

Sign up by Dec. 14

Items brought in by Dec. 18

Meals delivered by Dec. 20

CHRISTMAS MENU

Ham	White potatoes	Eggs
Brown sugar	Brown 'n' serve rolls	Cole slaw
Pineapple rings	Butter	Green beans
Yams	Milk	Dessert
	Fruit juice	



Want to Be a Pew Angel ?

Want to be a part of the Altar Guild and Ushers without really trying?!? If that appeals to you, let me tell you how. Each time you exit a pew take a minute to put it in its proper order. What, you say, is proper order? All bulletins and scrap papers should be removed from the cushions and the books and taken to the recycle box near the Sacristy. And did you know the hymn books and prayer books have a proper way to be displayed? There should be two hymnals, face forward, in the center of the rack with a prayer book on each side, face forward. In other words from left to right you should find prayer book, hymnal, hymnal, prayer book. They should have the ribbon markers outside of the book flowing to the side. It weakens and eventually damages the spine of the book when papers or ribbons are constantly left inside of the pages. If you see any dog eared edges, turn them up as well. The Bibles go face up on each end of the pew on top of the cushion. You will be surprised how much more tidy and welcoming it looks from the back of the church when each pew rack is uniform to all the rest. In some cases we do not have enough hymnals and prayer books. In that case just be sure there is at least one of each in the rack. The kneelers should be folded up, too. That keeps some unsuspecting visiting Baptist from tripping on it....well, and us, too. So if you feel like it, please feel free to join the tidy-up-brigade. It will make you feel good to be a part of keeping God's house in order.

Ms. Busybody

Evensong Service

Trinity's recent service of Choral Evensong was well-received and well-attended, even with the schedule conflict with the symphony concert. Those in attendance spoke of how meaningful, musically beautiful and personally satisfying the experience was for them, with many expressing the hope for more services to be added to Trinity's schedule in the future.

Linda Tucker, Food Closet Chairman, expressed her appreciation to the congregation after Harvest Sunday. She was impressed with the generosity of Trinitarians and will definitely be able to use the items to help area needy families.



The Trinity Times January issue will likely be delayed due to the Editor's travels to Wyoming. First week of January is included in this month's calendar.

CHRISTMAS AT TRINITY

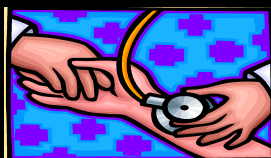
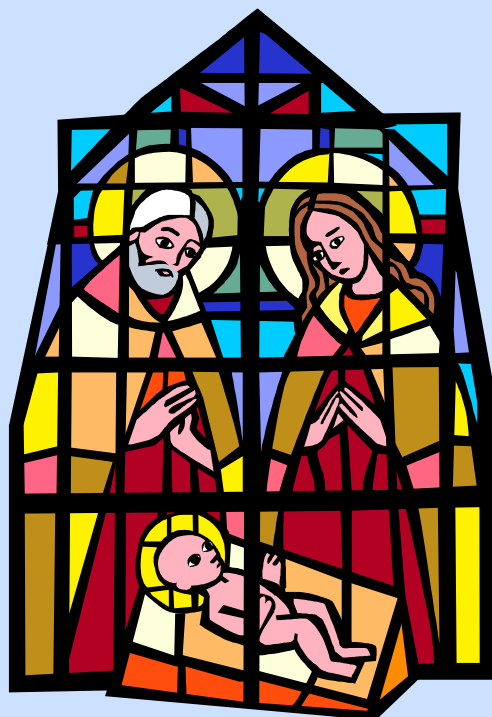
CHRISTMAS EVE:

5:00 PM— FAMILY SERVICE

11:00 PM—CHRISTMAS
LESSONS AND CAROLS
WITH BRASS, FEATURING
“TRAVELIN’ BRASS” (CARRIE
BOOT, DOROTHY BRYANT,
KENT JORGESON, HARRY
RICH, SCOTT TIGNOR)

CHRISTMAS DAY:

10:00 AM—QUIET EUCHARIST



Good Samaritan Clinic 20th Anniversary

After much discussion, it has been decided that our project of providing meals to the workers at the Good Samaritan Clinic has run its course as far as the energy we can devote to this worthwhile project. What a wonderful thing, though, if Trinitarians could continue to support this vital service in honor of its 20th Anniversary by sending \$20 to:

Good Samaritan Clinic
418 Grand Park Drive, Suite 311
Parkersburg, WV 26105-4000

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please turn in your donations for Christmas flowers to the office by Friday, Dec. 16, along with the form listing names or dedications so that we can be prepared for our Christmas services.

ADVENT DINNER AND SURPRISE SHOWER FOR FR. JOSH & CATHERINE



between kisses!!

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December 2011 TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet 5:00pm-Good Sam. Clinic	2	3 8:00pm-AA
4 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist 11:45-Knitters 2:00 pm-Advent Tea	5 11:00am - Feeding Program 7:00pm-Vestry Mutual Ministry Review	6 9:30-Calendar mtg. 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00 pm-Blenn. Stamp Soc.	7 7:30a/12:10p-Eucharist 11:00am-Food Closet Fr. Josh away	8 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	9	10 8:00pm-AA
11 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Euch., Advent Lessons & Carols 12:30—St. Anne's Brunch @ L.Neilson's	12 11:00am - Feeding Program	13 11:00am-Food Closet 12:30-Staff Christmas Luncheon 6:00p-Vestry Budget Mtg.	14 7:30a/12:10p-Eucharist 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00p-Youth Gathering	15 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet 6:00pm-Blenn.Stamp Soc	16 6:30pm-Supper Club @ LaVerne Marshall's	17 8:00pm-AA
18 8:00 am—Eucharist 9:00-Choir Rehearsal 9:15-Adult Ed. 10:15-Sunday School 10:30-Eucharist 5:00 pm Greening of Church, Christmas Dinner <i>Discretionary Sunday, Birthday Sunday</i>	19 11:00am - Feeding Program 6:00pm-Finance 7:00pm-Vestry	20 11:00am-Food Closet <i>"Times" deadline</i>	21 7:30/12:10p-Eucharist 11:00am-Food Closet	22 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	23 Noon-Office closes 7:00pm-Taize Service, led by St. Francis Xavier	24 5:00pm-Family Service 11:00pm-Mass w/ Lessons & Carols 8:00pm-AA
25 10:00 am—Quiet Eucharist	26 11:00am - Feeding Program ← <i>Office closed</i> →	27 11:00am-Food Closet	28 11:00am-Food Closet <i>No midweek service</i>	29 10:00am-Bible Study 11:00am-Food Closet	30	31 8:00pm-AA

A LOOK AHEAD TO JANUARY:

Sun. 1	Mon. 2	Tues. 3	Wed. 4	Thurs. 5	Fri. 6	Sat. 7
10:00 am-Quiet Eucharist	11:00am-Feeding Program <i>Office closed</i>	11:00a-Food Closet 6:00p-Blenn.Stamp Soc. <i>Office closed</i>	7:30a/12:10p-Euch. 11:00-Food Closet	10:00a-Bible Study 11:00-Food Closet	12:00p-HC Adams Chapel	8:00 pm-AA

BIRTHDAYS
2. MICHAEL HENSLEY
3. JAMIE COUCH
LINDA TUCKER
4. SUSIE FITCHER
8. QUENTIN OLIPHANT
10. MAYA GRACE PARRISH
16. DICK BONNET
17. VINT RATHBONE
SUSAN SHOCK
18. NICK CURRY
21. CLINT CURRY
22. CARDY RAMSAY
23. LARRY NUTTER
KALEE SCHMIDT
29. JEFF BOZEMAN
ANNIVERSARIES
9. RAE & KEVIN OLIPHANT
19. ROSEMARY & BILL STUMBO
23. BETTY & VINT RATHBONE
26. LYNN FURY-PRATHER & DENNY PRATHER
27. STEFANIE & DAVID WESTFALL
29. BETSY & CRAIG CURRY