

DECEMBER ECW MEETING

The December ECW Meeting will be next Saturday, at noon in the parish hall. It will be a pot luck lunch and we are asking everyone to bring a bag of pet food which will be taken up to LAM. Every woman of the church is considered a member, so please come and join the fun.

CHURCH WEBSITES

Have you taken a look at our Trinity Website? Laurie Alsobrook is our webmaster and is doing a wonderful job. Colossians and the Servers Schedule are always posted there and you will also find announcements of our special events and pictures of some.

The Diocesan website is also full of information not only of diocesan events, but also of happenings at Camp Weed, information about the other churches in our diocese, and some of the classes and seminars that the Bishop's Institute is sponsoring.

It isn't difficult to find the websites, just put in the name and state and the website should come right up for you.

PRAYER SHAWLS

The prayer shawls in the church have been knit by members of our Sisters' Circle and are there for you to take if you need one for yourself or someone in need of comfort. They're always appreciated in chilly hospital rooms, or sometimes just to cuddle with for someone who needs a hug. You don't have to ask to take one; they are there to be taken. The shawls carry with them the prayers and music of our services, and each has been blessed by Father Tony.

SERVICE SERVERS

Would you like to serve on the altar during the services, or help greet newcomers and our members each Sunday? Or maybe you would like to help with passing out our bulletins and bringing the elements up to the altar.

If you would be interested in helping with our Sunday services as Eucharistic minister, an usher, greeter or reader please contact the office. There will be training on how to help with each area, and it's always an extra blessing to serve the church in one of these special ways. If you are interested, please contact the office for any additional information.

Colossians 3:23

Trinity's Take Home Paper

Calendar - Announcements - Reports - Schedules

First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 9, 2018

The Rev. Tony Powell, Rector

The vision of Trinity Church is to be relevant to the Lake Region Community serving and drawing others to the gospel of Jesus Christ as a growing Episcopal Church.

YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We are pleased that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day morning, and it is our prayer that you will receive God's blessing throughout the service. Trinity is an active and caring Episcopal Church. If you are a baptized Christian, you are welcome to come to the altar rail to receive the Sacrament of the Bread and Wine, the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. God loves you. No Exceptions!

COOKIES, CAROLS and COCOA

Next Sunday, Dec. 16th at 4:00pm, there will be Cookies, Carols and Cocoa in the Parish Hall. Everyone is asked to bring some of their favorite cookies and a recipe, and there will be joyful guitars playing all of your favorite Christmas Carols and lots of happy fellowship, come and enjoy the afternoon.

ADVENT BOOKLETS

There are booklets with Advent Readings and meditations for everyone and if you haven't picked yours up yet, you can take one as you leave. These are wonderful little booklets to help guide your hearts and minds into the true meaning of the season.

PASTORAL CARE

If you, someone in your family, or one of our parishioners is in the hospital, or becomes homebound, please call the office and let us know as soon as possible so that Father Tony is able to call or visit. Our pastoral care team is also available to bring meals to the home, do small chores, and help with any other needs that we are able to meet.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH

Sunday 12/9

Holy Eucharist
Service 8:30 and 11:00am
9:30am Discussion of the Lessons
JC and the Gospel
Refreshments Follow both Services

Monday 12/10

9:00am Morning Prayer

Tuesday 12/11

10:00 Sister's Circle
12:00 pm Betty's and the Bible
5:30pm AA in Wicker Room
7:00pm Al Anon in Wicker Room

Wednesday 12/12

9:00am Morning Prayer
6:00pm Evening Service

Thursday 12/13

Thrift Shop 10:00am to 4:00pm

Friday 12/14

Thrift Shop 2:00-5:00pm

Saturday 12/15

Thrift Shop Closed
Merry Melrose Parade and
Nativity Walk

Sunday 12/16

Holy Eucharist
Service 8:30 and 11:00am
9:30am Discussion of the Lessons
JC and the Gospel
Refreshments Follow both Services
4:00pm Cookies. Carols & Cocoa

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FUTURE EVENTS

DECEMBER

- Dec. 11 PH in use pm
- Dec. 15 ECW Meeting 12:00pm
Potluck Lunch
- Dec. 16 Cookies Carols and Cocoa
4:00pm Parish Hall
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services**
5:30 Family Service
10:00 Choral Service
- Dec. 25—Jan 1 Office Closed**

JANUARY

- Jan. 6 First Sunday**
1st Sunday one service
- Jan. 8 ECW meeting 10:00am
- Jan. 21 MLK Holiday
- Jan 26 Diocesan Convention

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 2 First Service**
One Service at 10:00am
Annual Meeting



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God.

If you would like to give flowers in memory of, gratitude for, or to celebrate a person or event, please call the office.

Dear Trinity Family

“O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see the lie, above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight” The tiny town of Bethlehem plays an important part in God’s salvation story.

Bethlehem is first mentioned in Genesis, in the thirty-fifth chapter, when God commands Jacob, “Go up to Bethel and settle there, and build an altar there to God.” So Jacob said to his household and to all who were with him, “Get rid of the foreign gods you have with you, and purify yourselves and change your clothes. Then come, let us go up to Bethel, where I will build an altar to God, who answered me in the day of my distress and who has been with me wherever I have gone.” So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods they had and the rings in their ears, and Jacob buried them under the oak at Shechem.

What a wonderful image for the journey of Advent, a time to get rid of our foreign gods, purify ourselves, and put on new clothes – the clothes of Christ, the clothes of salvation. Exactly what John demands of us today as he proclaims the baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, washing away the old and putting on the new.

It is here at Bethlehem God changed Jacob’s name to Israel: “After Jacob returned from Paddan Aram, God appeared to him again and blessed him. God said to him, ‘Your name is Jacob, but you will no longer be called Jacob; your name will be Israel.’ So he named him Israel.”

In the words of a popular worship song, God says to us, “I will change your name. You shall no longer be called wounded, outcast, lonely or afraid. I will change your name. Your new name shall be confidence, joyfulness, overcoming one. Faithfulness, friend of God, one who seeks My face.” That’s the relationship God wants for each of us, and the very reason for the Incarnation, the blessed birth of His Son.

This Advent we look forward to the birth of our Savior, our Redeemer. Amen.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

If you are going to give to Trinity and would like it to be applied to your 2018 giving, it needs to be given by Sunday the 30th so it can be deposited on Mon. the 31st.

If it’s given later it will be applied to 2019 giving because of bank dating and regulations.

So, if you have something you’d like to have applied to your end of the year statement for tax purposes, please get it in before the end of the year.

Thanks!