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Just breathe

Just breathe. As we begin the rush of this season, we, Christians, are blessed with the season of Advent to remind us to breathe. In the midst of the wonderful craziness of shopping, decorating, and parties, we are reminded to stop, breathe, and remember to watch for the coming of Christ. Yes, we look for the Christ child, but we also look for the second coming of our Savior who brings in the Kingdom.

This is a time to rejoice in the light that shines a light in the darkness. Advent is a reminder for us to be Christ's light in the darkness. A time to shine a light on the lonely with a call or a visit. A time to shine Christ's light on the hungry by volunteering with our Staples Food Pantry or inviting someone to join you for Christmas dinner or to come and share communion on Christmas Eve. It is also a time to shine a light on the homeless.

This year First Presbyterian Church has begun a program for the homeless in our area for the months of January and February.

Homelessness in our area is a much bigger problem than we are aware. Northern Hospital and the Police Department are helping to coordinate this effort. Cots are set up in First Presbyterian's parish hall. The churches in our area have been asked to help with meals, overnight hosting, and getting to know the

guests. What a blessing for us to be offered an opportunity to show hospitality to those in need!

So as we take time during this season of waiting and watching for the Christ, take a moment and breathe. Offer a prayer of gratitude for all that we have and for those that we love. Remember to look for the Christ who we always find with those in need and encouraging us to do the same.

-The Rev. Sarah Carper Morris





Parish Annual meeting

Our Parish Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, December 15th. Please plan to join us following the 10:30 service for a potluck lunch with the church providing fried chicken. There will

be a time to reflect on the past year and we will look ahead to the upcoming year. We will vote on new Vestry members and thank our outgoing members for their service. A big thank you to those who are willing to run for Vestry this year: Kate Appler, Linda Light, Martha Marcum, Jesse Slate, and Ann Vaughn

Christmas Eve candlelight Services

Our Christmas Eve candlelight services will be held at 4:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 24th. Make plans to attend and invite a friend!



The Bishop is Coming

Are you interested in being confirmed, reaffirming your confirmation, or being received into the Episcopal Church? We will be offering a class for any who wish to make a public affirmation of their faith by either by being confirmed or being received into the

Episcopal Church and for those who wish to reaffirm their faith. Bishop Sam Rodman will be here on January 19th for this meaningful and holy sacrament. Please see Sarah if you are interested.



Godly Play

Let's think about children. As parents, most of us think more in terms of grandchildren than our own children. But what about neighbor children, children we mentor in schools, children of our ministry clients. Why not be a foundation steward and help some of these children join us for Godly Play each Sunday morning at 9:30? All are welcomed.



Hosts Needed

Hosts for *Cookies & Coffee* and *Coffee Hour* are needed. We provide the coffee if you'll provide a light snack. Sign-up sheets are located in the Parish Hall.



Be a "Nudger"

What is a nudger? A person who comments or shares a Trinity Facebook post. When we add posts and advertisements on our Facebook page, we are hoping that they will be seen, not only by our members, but to others in our community. In this digital age, we have to be more creative in sharing the Gospel and inviting people to worship with us at Trinity. Using our Website and Facebook are just two methods of doing just that.

Recently, Facebook has changed its algorithms for a post to show up on people's Facebook feeds. In order for people to see a post, you not only need to "like" the post, you all need to make a comment, respond to someone else's comment, or share it to your own page. The comment can be just a couple of words like "This is great!" or "I agree." This makes it a more "popular" post and therefore more people see information from our church. So please be a "nudger" and comment or share Trinity's Facebook posts.

Book Group



We are continuing to read and discuss *The Book of Joy*, written by the Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and the Dalai Lama. We will continue, and finish this same book on Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th. We will reconvene in the

new year, but we have not yet chosen the next book. If you have any questions, please call Wendy Tatman at 336-374-6828.

Knit One, Pray Too Expands

Meets December 19 at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall



You have seen our Blessing Basket in Church, and you have helped us by offering a prayer for these shawls, and we are grateful. Now Knit One, Pray, Too, is expanding its ministry. We are making hats and scarves for the clients of both Staples Food Pantry and Lyn's Medical Loan Closet. The warm garments are there if anyone needs them. We are also busy making pocket prayer squares for the clients of Staples.

This brings a marvelous opportunity for you. You can help by knitting or crocheting any of these yarn prayer offerings. You can also be a Prayer Shawl Angel by delivering a prayer shawl to those on our prayer list. Contact Denny Jennings (drdjennings5952@gmail.com) or the church office for more information.

December Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cookies Coffee Hour</i>	<i>Usher/ Greeters</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	<i>Flowers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Godly Play</i>	<i>Vestry Reps/ Counter</i>
Dec 1 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Cookies Desserts	Bruce S. Martha & Margie	Vicky T. Ann V.	Vicky T. Janet Sos.	No Flowers- Advent	Martha & Margie	No Godly Play	Brenda G.
Dec 8 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Bruce S. Suzanne & Charlotte	Ted Ashby Lucinda & Wyatt	Ann C. Gloria L.	Mike W. Wendy T.	No Flowers- Advent	Martha & Margie	Wendy	Lucinda
Dec 15 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Theresa G. PA Meeting	Marilyn Bill & Pam	Theresa G. James D.	Mike W. Jesse Slate	No Flowers- Advent	Vicky Town	Brenda	Bruce S.
Dec 22 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Vol Needed Vol Needed	Mary F. Ross & Jill	Ann C. Bill P.	Mike W. Janet Sos.	No Flowers- Advent	Linda M.	Linda L.	Jill B.
Dec 24 4:30 p.m. 11:00 p.m.	****	Ted Ashby Tom & Mary	Vol. Needed Linda L.	Janet Sos. Mike W.	Nancy Taylor	Martha & Mary	***	***
Dec 29 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mary Couture Vol Needed	Theresa Gloria & Ann	Vicky T. Wendy T.	Vicky T. Jesse S.	Theresa Gray	Vicky Town	No Godly Play	Mac S.



Are you putting up your Creche any time soon? You'll be interested to know that the very first Nativity scene was created in 1223 and that St. Francis of Assisi was responsible for the idea. He asked Pope Honorius III for permission to arrange a manger scene in a cave in the Italian village of Greccio. A living ox and an ass stood in attendance and he invited the townsfolk to the cave to hear him preach about the "Babe of Bethlehem." St. Francis, the Poor Man of Assisi, has inspired Christians for hundreds of years through his devotion to Jesus and his example of simple living. Did you know that you can follow his example by becoming a lay Franciscan in the Episcopal Church? To learn more, go to tssf.org (Third Order Society of St. Francis).

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	2	3 9 am Medical Loan Closet	4 10:30 am Book Group 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 8:30 am Staples	6	7
8 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	9	10 9 am Medical Loan Closet 6 pm Vestry Meeting	11 10:30 am Book Group 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	12 8:30 am Staples	13	14
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Parish Annual Meeting						
22 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	23	24 9 am Medical Loan Closet 4:30 pm Candlelight Service 11:00 pm Candlelight Service	25  Christmas Day	26 8:30 am Staples	27	28
29 8:30 am Holy Eucharist 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist	30	31 9 am Medical Loan Closet				

Trinity Prayer Concerns

Immediate Needs:

*Anonymous
 David Banfield
 Wayne Burton
 Gary Cook
 Kat Cook
 Jim Couture
 Anne Smith Cox
 Richard Croom
 Anthony Dalessio
 David Dalessio
 Dalessio Family
 Gerry Dickenson
 Mildred Edwards
 Marcus Ford
 Lorien Gilliland
 Ben Green
 Kim Halden
 Lorene Hales
 Whitney Hall
 David Hardy
 Raydan Hawks
 Leroy Johnson
 Larry Keesler
 Kale King
 Carrie Krahn
 John Lang, Jr.
 Kristin Leathers
 Steve Light
 Light Family
 Susannah Lewis Marais
 Ned Michaels
 Renee Morgan
 Abbie Mummert
 Mary Jo New
 Bobby Payne
 Becky Pendleton
 Bill Pendleton
 Darryl Quesenberry
 David S.
 Bobby Scales
 BJ Shelton
 John Smith
 Sid Spencer, Jr.
 Vera Spivey
 Christi Stevens
 Bill Stinson
 Annie Tayloe
 Vicky Town

John Townsend
 Jerry Varn
 Marge Wilmoth
 Mike Wilson
 Betty Wright

Long Term Needs:

Melissa Belcher
 Shayne Bell
 Kristi Calton
 Theresa Caravello
 Mazie Chilton
 Annie Chittum
 Ron Doerschug
 Linda Doerschug
 Donna Fargo
 John Foltz
 Gainseof Family
 Chandra Harmon
 James Hayes
 Adam Hewko
 Linda Hicks
 John Hidley
 Betty Hooven
 Melva Houston
 Kelly Jarvis
 Allen Johnson
 James Kemp
 David Kroupa
 Butch Lancaster
 Angelia Lawrence
 Will Merritt
 Wade Nichols
 Dick Olchak
 Susan Olchak
 Rocks-Anne Paul
 Theresa Rizzo
 Candace Sammons
 Haley Selby
 Gary Sheldon
 Stan Smith
 Richard Snyder
 Barbara Summerlin
 Marie Taylor
 Malik Torrence
 Betty Town
 Tom Wilmoth
 Jack Woltz
 Hope Zimmerman

Healing Rites Offered

Laying on of hands and anointing will be offered at the altar at each service. To participate please remain at the altar rail after receiving Holy Communion.

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

Kyle Crump, Amanda Eads, Wesley Frye, Corbin Humphrey, Matt Kroupa, Glenn Lynch, Gordon Lynch, Haley Muething, John Nichols, Robert Poole, Terry Stone

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.



How to let us know of your prayer concerns:

Call the church office at 336-786-6067 or email us at info@trinitymtairy.com

MISSION TRIP REPEATED

Back to Belize

Last February I was blessed to be able to join the St. Luke's, Durham, group who sponsor an annual mission trip to San Pedro, Belize, in Central America. They are returning at the end of January and the first week in February and I am delighted to say not only that I will again be with them, but also that Janet Herman will be joining us this year. Our primary goal is to help at the **Holy Cross Anglican School** which opened there in 2006 under the inspiration and direction of Frances and Vernon Wright, two missionaries from Virginia.

(This is a separate trip from the July trip, also to Belize, but to St. Paul's by the Sea school and church.)

Would you like to help?

Please pray for our team as we travel and work with this community. Please pray for the students and teachers and their families as they struggle to learn and live in this very needy area.

Janet and I are sponsoring ourselves-- paying for the flight, the hotel, the food, and all personal expenses. We would like to take donations to the school in the form of an extra suitcase full of school supplies, (as listed on their school website) and or cash donations. Anyone who would like to contribute is invited to bring needed school supplies to church by Sunday Jan. 20th. If you would like to donate money, you can put it in the offering plate marked for the Rector's discretionary fund/Belize Mission/Feb.

Our plan is to focus on tutoring students in reading, and also to help in the library.

Thank you for all your support!

Wendy Tatman & Janet Herman



If you are interested in learning more—feel free to call Wendy at 336-374-6828, or visit the school's website to see pictures and to read about what they are doing. <http://holycrossbelize.org>

Some items from their wish list include:

construction paper	pens	white school glue	rulers	staplers
AA batteries/wall clocks	shoes	printer supplies	crayons	books



Some Simple Things to Pray For During Advent

Pray for attentiveness to what truly matters, without being distracted by trivial things.

Pray for opportunities to learn something new regularly.

Pray for discernment of how God would like you to set your priorities and the ability to focus on them consistently to fulfill His purposes in your life.

Pray for the grace to be able to rest, become aware of God's presence, and enjoy it.

Pray for strong relationships with other people in the bond of loving community.

Pray for peace in all situations, no matter what the circumstances.

Pray for an enlivened imagination that helps you contribute to the world in creative ways.

Pray for freedom from all that burdens you - past mistakes, fears, destructive habits, hurts other people have inflicted, and more.

Pray for joy and a sense of humor.

Pray for confidence in God's love for you and trust in His power to work things out for the best in your life.

Pray for a clear mind and the ability to clearly communicate what you value to others.

Pray for purity so you can grow as a person and encounter God more fully.

Pray for openness to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Pray for a genuine awareness of God's grace in your life and the humility to extend grace to others.

Pray for a passion to pursue justice.

~ Edited from Whitney Hople's "Pray for Simplicity this Advent"

Special Happenings at Trinity

Dec. 8 – Guest Preacher – Jody Harrison from Austin, Texas preaching “Hoping for Heroes”

Dec. 8 – Special Adult Sunday School – Jody will teach a class on Baptism

Dec. 15 – Annual Parish Meeting and Pot Luck Lunch

Dec. 22 – Our own Mark Donnell will perform Abba Ding: A Visit with the Shepherd at the Sermon time at both services.

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services: 4:30 and 11:00 PM

Dec. 29 – Sarah will be on vacation, but not to worry The Rev. Barbara Cook will be with us to preach and celebrate Holy Communion.

Jan. 1 – No Wednesday Evening service, but have a Happy New Year!

Jan. 5 - Christmas Lessons and Carols on this 12th day of Christmas!!

Jan. 12- Altar Guild Meeting/Party

Jan. 19- Bishop Rodman's Visit



Snapshots



(pictured: Lucy King, Brenda Goings, Tobi York and Hunter York)



(pictured: Lucy, Sarah, Brenda & Tobi)

We had so much fun handing out hot chocolate and cookies during the downtown parade!



Many thanks to Mark & Kate Appler for donating an emergency defibrillator to Trinity Church.

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2nd Colin Grier
6th Carmen Grier
10th Laura Brintle
12th Denny Shelton
14th Emma Fallin
17th Bud Yokley
19th Bill Noble
20th Wendy Tatman
22nd Linda Hicks
22nd Angela Lawrence
22nd Luis Aguilar
25th Linda Light

Anniversaries

24th Jim & Charlotte Wuenscher
30th Richard & Susan Olchak



Birthday Blessings

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. It is our custom to put one penny (-or dollar!) in the birthday bank for each year of your life.

The funds go to support our Staples Food Ministry.

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