



# TRINITY TRUMPET

Trinity United  
Methodist Church

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## From the Desk of the Pastor

Can you feel the excitement in the air? We are quickly approaching what is often called the “Most Wonderful Time of the Year!” Are you eager with anticipation?

I know that children often find the most joy at Christmas time, so as we are all children of God, this is the time for joy! Joy to realize that God truly cares for us and sent his own son as our Savior. I know we often focus on Jesus as the Savior for the world, but let us not miss that he is our personal savior. It was for you (insert name) that He came to earth. So that you and I could have a relationship with Him. That is reason for joy, to know that God loves us enough to give us his best so that we can know Him. What a gift.

As we celebrate the great gift of God for us, we do realize that it is not only a gift for us, but so that all the world will get the chance to know God. God desires all people in every nation to know Him, each one created uniquely in God’s image. As we celebrate Christmas, we have an opportunity to help facilitate this work. We have a chance to help others know about the gift of Christmas as we share the love that God has given to us with others.

There are many ways that we at Trinity do this. We have been packing stockings with gifts for children, working with Santa’s Angels, singing Christmas Carols, offering great worship opportunities, giving gifts for The Choices Academy, etc... Trinity certainly has a heart for people. One of the special opportunities we have to share God’s love this year is through our partnership with Lifewater. We have set a goal to raise \$6000 to support the cause of bringing life giving water in the name of Jesus to a village that does not currently have access. The money we give allows Lifewater to not only put in a well and water system, but to spend time teaching the basics of hygiene, empowering women, growing their community all the while teaching them about Jesus who is the compelling force for this work. It is an opportunity to give a village the Christmas present of Jesus! That is the best thing we can give, as it exactly what God gave to us on Christmas.

During the month of December, there will be special offering envelopes for you to contribute to this cause and we ask that after you prayerfully discern, you bring them and put them into the Christmas Eve offering, as a sign of your contribution of Jesus to the world. This way, we can share the love of Jesus, and the joy of life through contributing to the mission of giving water.

I pray that your Christmas is full of joy, that the love of Jesus overflows in you, that you experience the peace of God, and you continue to look forward to the work of Trinity with hope. As we enter a new year, may God have great things in store for us, as we serve and worship Him together.

Loving Jesus in the spirit of unity,  
Pastor Hayden

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# THANK YOU NOTES

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! The members of T-CAP are so grateful for the many donations provided for the Holiday Bazaar at Choices Academy. The students will have so many items from which to select and each item will be wrapped in Christmas paper/gift bags also donated by members of the congregation. We appreciate your generous support!

### BAPTISMS

#### **Rosalee Joan Elms**

Daughter of Thomas Porter and Emma Lynn Elms  
Maternal Grandparents: William and Wendy Lynn, Bradley Vieau  
Paternal Grandparents: Barbara Porter and Jerry Green  
Maternal Great-grandmother: Jane Lynn  
Paternal Great-grandmother: Louise Hartman  
Godparents: McKean Milford and Ellena Sempeles  
Sponsor: Nancy Turner

### DEATHS

#### **November 17**

Barbara L. Sherman

#### **November 17**

Warren Tyndall Boyce

#### **November 20**

William J. Ahtes

#### **November 26**

Michael Getzey

I would like to thank the Trinity family for all the prayers and cards they sent to me during my recent illness. I am doing very well now and I do not think I have any more parts that the doctors can test.

Peter Whaley

## **2022 CHARITABLE DONATIONS**

**By Tracy Shannahan, Accountant**

For your donations to be recorded as 2022 giving, the church must either receive your donation in the church office or offering plate by December 31, 2022, or it can be mailed, but must be **postmarked by December 31, 2022**.

If you want to give cash to the church, please use your giving envelopes or otherwise identify the cash so that your donations can be recorded and reported to you on a statement from the church. Since 2007, in order to claim any charitable deduction on your taxes, you must be able to show a bank record of the donation, such as a canceled check or a written communication from the charity that includes the charity's name, date of the donation and the amount. Contribution statements are emailed quarterly. If you would like to receive a printed copy, please contact the church office.

We have a generous church, and we want to make sure you get tax credit for giving.

Our church is truly blessed to have so many members who generously support our mission and ministry to those in need. If you're looking for an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of worthy, disadvantaged souls, we would welcome your participation.

# **Christmas Worship at Trinity United Methodist Church**

## **Saturday, December 24**

**5:00 PM Service - Family Life Center**  
*A Traditional Christmas Eve Service*

Bring your family for hot chocolate and cookies as we share a traditional Christmas Eve Service with carols, communion and candle lighting.

**9:00 PM Service – Downtown**  
*A Service of Abbreviated Lessons and Carols*

The Sanctuary Choir will present anthems and join the congregation in singing familiar Christmas Carols. Pastor Hayden's Christmas message will be followed by the traditional candle lighting during "O Holy Night" (sung by Katie Oldham) and the congregational singing of "Silent Night."

**11:00 PM Service – Downtown**  
*A Service of Communion and Candlelight*

Pastor Hayden will offer his Christmas message and administer Holy Communion. Along with the singing of traditional carols, special music will be offered by Zoë Sheller, Dr. John Wright, and Katie Oldham. The service will include the candle lighting and congregational singing of "Silent Night."

## **Sunday, December 25**

9:00 AM Service- Downtown  
10:30 AM Service - Family Life Center



# 2022 Annual Missions Report

Maureen Williams  
Missions Chairperson

Two teams of dedicated volunteers continue to prepare and serve 100+ dinners at the **HALO Café** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and two Thursdays a month. The **Joseph House Café** hot lunch program has finally reopened and Trinity has been providing hot meals each Wednesday to be distributed from their location on Boundary Street. Since January, more than 400 lunches have been provided by Trinity.

Trinity accepts food donations each week at all services for the **Lazarus Food Pantry**. Several Trinity volunteers help sort and distribute the items to those in need.

**HOPE** is still seeing clients weekly at Wicomico Presbyterian Church. They focus on assisting clients, many who are homeless, with medical and dental issues. We have supported HOPE both financially and with volunteers from our church.

**ASP** Teams Leaders David Phippin, Bryan Ashby and Mary Lynn Selzer reported that the ASP mission team of 23 persons that traveled to West Virginia in June had a successful trip. An interest meeting for 2023 was held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Salisbury Urban Ministries** has held their own financially through grants and donations and has made adjustments to their God's Kitchen Feeding Program and Kids Café in accordance with COVID guidelines. Trinity supports SUM by hosting God's Kitchen twice a year, staffing the Men's Welcome Center, donating several thousand items to the Lazarus Food Pantry annually, supporting their Kid's Café and uniform program and providing financial support.

Trinity's **TCAP** committee has continued to do what we can to support staff and students. The committee will be assisting the school with their annual holiday fair. Gift Cards have also been provided as incentives for students at Choices. The committee provided a welcome back luncheon for staff as well as school t-shirts for all new staff. T-CAP members will continue to provide prayer for staff around the flagpole twice per month. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, several TCAP committee members met with selected students for a No Sew Blanket making activity.

Trinity had approximately 28 volunteers who helped to make Christmas brighter for 161 families in 2021 through the **Santa's Angels** program. Volunteers shopped, wrapped gifts and delivered gifts to local schools to be picked up by the families. Santa's Angels utilized Trinity's Family Life Center in 2021 and will do so again this season as the central location for the drop off, distribution and delivery of gifts.

Trinity's **Active Believers Christian (ABC) Study Group** has been shopping for and delivering needed items to HALO each month. The items purchased will be needs that HALO lists on their website.

Trinity continues to support those in recovery through their partnership with the **Resource Recovery Center**. Pastor Hayden gave the invocation at their annual fundraising breakfast held on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Trinity members are also providing 30 lunches for the **Beyond Your Walls** program the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month to homeless persons waiting to use the mobile shower. Ten families have signed up so each family will be contacted twice a year to prepare and drop off 15 bagged lunches and drinks.

Trinity volunteers continue to support homeless men in our community through the **Hands and Hearts Ending Homelessness Project** that was November through March of 2022. Church members have the opportunity to interact with guests, prepare,

deliver and serve meals. 20 Trinity members volunteered in 2022 by providing bagged meals, preparing and serving dinner, staying overnight and doing evening check-in.

In 2022, we will support **Lifewater International** through a free-will offering fund drive to be held during the season of Advent. Lifewater is a Christian organization that provides clean drinking water and sanitary living conditions to those in rural villages all over the world.

Our Missions' goals for 2023 are to continue to provide support both locally and regionally for the most vulnerable in our community and bring on new mission opportunities where a need is found or a mission interest is expressed by a Trinity member. Some of the challenges we have faced this past year in our mission work is the recruitment of new volunteers for our various programs. Many of our members are volunteering in multiple programs and at times we rely on the same persons when help is needed. We make every effort to utilize the volunteer lists generated by the Stewardship Response Cards but we still find ourselves calling on the same group of people for assistance with programs. This makes it challenging to start a new ministry. Missions funding has been reduced by more than 30% during the past two years which means we rely on donations from members more than in the past. Regardless of these challenges, our congregation continually provides support to those in need using their time, talents and treasures.

## Salisbury Urban Ministries or SUM

By Carroll Thamert

Can you believe it's that time of year again? Thanksgiving just celebrated with Christmas and the New Year right around the corner to be exact. It is the time of year when we as the Trinity Family can show our gratitude for the many blessings that have been bestowed on us in the past and look forward to new beginnings. While we all have probably faced hardships, grief, and disappointment as well as the happy moments in the past year, we should be thankful for God being with us every step of the way! It is the time of the year when our minds are on the Greatest Gift of God, the birth of His Son, for the salvation of each of us. It is also the time of year where we can show our gratitude by giving of our gifts or services to others especially those in need. It is the time of year where a "New Beginning" can be made in the New Year to make a better future for ourselves as well as for others in need.

The Trinity Family through our covenant with Salisbury Urban Ministries (SUM), has the opportunity to show our gratitude for what we have by spreading the love of God through our service and ministry to the less fortunate of the community. As Proverbs 19:17 says on SUM's website, "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for the deed".

The various programs of SUM give each of us the opportunity to help the needy in the area, whether it be through food donations, monetary donations, volunteer hours, or prayer. Each Sunday food donations can be made to the Lazarus Food Pantry by placing your donations after each service in the well-marked containers located in the Downtown Sanctuary in the back or at the entrance and in the lobby of the Family Life Center. Also donations of snacks for the Kid's Café and gloves/clothing for the Men' Welcome Center can be placed in the containers. The donations of non-perishable food are used along with Government/Maryland Food Bank items and are bagged and given out to those in need each Tuesday and Thursday of the year from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donations can also be dropped off at the church office or at SUM located at 326 Barclay Street, Salisbury, MD 21802.

Volunteers are always needed and welcomed by SUM. We already have various Trinity members doing this as well as serving on committees. People are always needed at the Lazarus Food Pantry to bag and distribute the food to clients. The Kid's Café is always in need of volunteers to mentor, to tutor, and to be role models for their students 4 days a week in their after school and summer programs. This program helps students from low income families to be successful academically, socially, and civically. Some of you might want to one volunteer one Saturday at God's Kitchen to address the needs and health services of the homeless by providing them with a meal. The Men's Welcome Center also needs volunteers at SUM one Saturday a month for supervision of the homeless as they get showers, do laundry, and receive snacks/clothing. Information can be gathered by calling SUM or contacting Carroll Thamert or Sylvia Robertson at Trinity.

There are always fundraisers that we at Trinity can support SUM and it's programs. A few are:

Spare Change - Change a life fundraiser for the month of December (see the attached flyer)

Annual Souper Bowl for a Cause on February 13, 2023

The Care for a Cause Concert on February 26, 2023 at 3:00pm at Christ UMC.

Your prayers, donations, and service are always appreciated at SUM as we show our gratitude for all God's blessings and gifts by helping to give new beginnings to others through the love of Christ.

## **Spare Change – Change a Life**

**Help change a life with your spare change:** During December, please consider donating your spare change to Salisbury Urban Ministries. You will find large change jars in the downtown and FLC locations.

Your spare change can: provide hot meals for children in the Kid's Café; provide warm coats and snack bags for homeless men; assist individuals to meet their prescription co-pays and better manage their chronic conditions; provide food bags of staples, dairy products, fish and meats to those in need in our community. A little spare change from each of us can go a long way!



Salisbury Urban Ministries will pick up the

Spare Change jars the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January

## **Faith in Action: Our Partnership with Lifewater**

Since 1977, Lifewater International has been serving families in the most rural and vulnerable areas of the world, providing safe water, sanitation and hygiene education, and the love of Christ. Through their global projects they have helped over 2 million people, transforming communities for generations to come.

Their projects are currently serving over 151,000 people in Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Cambodia, and the life-saving outcomes happen through partners who share the Lifewater vision of *Safe Water for Every Child, a Healthy Home for Every Family, and the Love of Christ for All!*

Each year millions of people are affected by waterborne diseases, but they are preventable and Lifewater remains steadfast in their mission to end the crisis.

Trinity UM Church has supported Lifewater projects in years past and through our partnership we have helped to bring safe water and the gospel to almost 300 people!

Lifewater's east coast director Karen Sheehan will be visiting us December 11th to share project updates and stories of hope – how children are healthier and families are stronger with Lifewater.

### **SPECIAL DECEMBER OFFERING FOR LIFEWATER**

During this season of giving, please consider making a contribution to help bring clean drinking water to families living in extreme poverty. Look for the Lifewater donation envelopes in the pews or contact the church office.



## ACTIVE BELIEVERS CHRISTIAN BIBLE STUDY GROUP AND MISSION

Active Believers Christian Bible Study Group meets twice a month to study the Bible using books with study guides and videos. We meet the first and third Thursday of the month at 2:30 – 3:30 pm at the church's Sunday school building on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

In addition to the study group, we have a mission to supply food to Halo Ministries which is our local homeless shelter. For the year of 2022, we donated over \$3100.00 in food. We get the food at Sam's Club after Halo informs us of their needs. We donated meat, cheese, milk, eggs, sugar and other items that the Shelter needs. Our December donation included ground meat, pork loins, cheese, biscuits mixes, drink mixes and breakfast items. The smiles and the thanks for the food – bring joy and nutrition to our homeless population.

If you would like to join our group, please email Jenny Roser at [Jroser20@comcast.net](mailto:Jroser20@comcast.net). If you would like to make a donation to support Halo food donations, please send a check to the church with ABC Bible group in the memo line. We send out a signed receipt of the food to ensure that 100% of donations go directly for food for Halo. Thank you in advance for your support of our group and our mission.



### LETTER FROM CELESTE SAVAGE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HALO shelter for the homeless

Dear Active Believers Christian Bible Group

How in this world do we say THANK YOU and get the message of our sincere thanks and gratitude.

So many times, we have run low on food items, meats and staple foods, this and that- then the phone comes in – “Teresa, its ABC Bible Group, what do you need?”

So Faithful, So Consistent, So on Time!

Looking back over the past months, Your servant heart has had a HUGH impact on our guests' lives. You know its so much easier to talk to someone about Jesus when their belly is full.

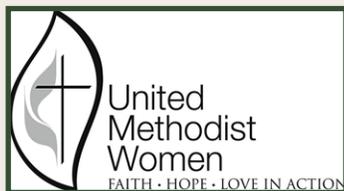
The realization of the impact of what you do will be brought to light when we get to Heaven.

I'm reminded of a scripture in the Proverbs22:9. “The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.”

Count your blessings my friends – You have given “unto the least of these” you have unto the Lord.

Thank you for EVERYTHING – you do for Halo.

Celeste Savage  
Executive Director  
HALO



# *Trinity United Methodist Women*

BY GINNY RIFFLE, PRESIDENT

The United Methodist Women had a productive year. We were very successful in our Pampered Chef fundraising and hope we are as successful with our Christmas Cookies/Jewelry fundraiser we will be having at the JMB, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. Hope you will all please consider going and supporting the United Methodist Women. All our proceeds go to our community projects. I would like to thank Barb Morris for being our fundraising coordinator.

We held our Christmas Luncheon on December 6 at Green Hall Country Club. We always have a nice attendance and it is fun for all the circles members to meet together for fellowship and a meal. Along with the congregation, we are filling Salvation Army stockings.

I'm so proud of all the three circles and their interest in finding community service projects to support the community. All three circles have come up with projects and I thank each of you for giving your time to help those less fortunate.

We still have some Trinity Tumblers for sale. We will have them available at the church office, downtown worship service and the Family Life Center before and after worship.

It has been my pleasure to be the president of this wonderful organization for the past four years. I will be stepping down and Jennifer Doyle has accepted the new position as president starting January 2023.

Excited to announce the officers for 2023-2024:

Jennifer Doyle, President  
Ginny Riffle, Past President  
Fran Reed, Vice President  
Janet Wright, Treasurer  
Lynn Gaul, Recording Secretary

Barb Morris, Fundraising  
Ruth Ann Savage, Spiritual Growth  
Marlene Waller, Membership  
Jill McCabe, Social Action/Corresponding Secretary  
Sandy Robinson, Education and Interpretation  
Sonnie Lucas, Sylvia Robertson, Ginny Riffle, Committee on Nomination

Anita Vroman, Deborah Circle Leader  
Sandy Robinson, Janet Wright, Esther Circle Leaders  
Fran Reed, Ruth Circle Leader

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and healthy New Year.

*Trinity United Methodist Church  
Christmas Door Wreaths*

*The wreaths were donated as follows:*

- ◇ In memory of Jim and Elizabeth (Lib) Betts by their granddaughter, Tracy Shanahan and family.
- ◇ In memory of Bill and Estelle Phoebus by their children, Howard Phoebus and Ellen Phoebus DiCintio and their families.
- ◇ In memory of Nelson and Tom Berry, Jr. by their parents, Tom and Betty and their granddaughter, Alyssa.
- ◇ In memory of George J. Mengason by his family.
- ◇ In memory of their parents, Evelyn and James Parks, and Spyros and Matina Sarbanes by Tony and Billye Sarbanes and family.
- ◇ In loving memory of Alex and Wilma Azar by their family.
- ◇ In memory of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Stevens, by Jim and Kaye Thomas and family.
- ◇ In memory of Harry Palmer by his wife, Mildred.
- ◇ In loving memory of Ashley Marie Gilkerson by her family.
- ◇ In honor of our grandchildren by Dick and Margy Meeks.



Christmas Recipe

*Brown Butter Cookies*

3 cups all-purpose flour, sifted  
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 1/2 cups unsalted butter (3 sticks)  
1 1/4 cups brown sugar, packed (light or dark)  
2 large eggs  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
1/4 cup granulated sugar

**Directions:**

Place the butter in a small sauce pot over medium heat. Watch the butter as it melts and simmers, stirring occasionally. Once the butter particles in the bottom of the pot have turned a dark teddy bear brown, and the butter is light brown, turn off the heat. It should smell nutty, not burnt. Place the butter in the refrigerator until it has solidified again.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Line several baking sheets with parchment paper or a silicone mat. Scrape the firm brown butter into the bowl of a stand mixer. Make sure to scrape in all the dark particles. They add a lot of flavor! Add the brown sugar and beat the mixture on high until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. It's okay if there are a few brown sugar chunks left.

Scrape the bowl and set the mixer to low. Beat in the eggs, vanilla extract, baking powder, and salt. Once well combined, slowly add in the flour. Turn the mixer off when the mixture looks smooth.

Place the granulated sugar in a small bowl. Use a 1 1/2-tablespoon cookie scoop to portion out the cookie dough. Roll the scoops into balls, then roll each ball in the granulated sugar to coat.

Place the cookies two inches apart on the baking sheets. Use the bottom of a drinking glass to press to dough balls into flat 1/2-inch disks.

Bake for 8-10 minutes. The cookies should look golden around the edges, but a little under-baked in the center. Cool on the baking sheets.

This Brown Butter Sugar Cookie Recipe is utterly divine.

This has been considered the most popular Christmas cookie for the last several years.

# DECEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<p>1 3pm ABC Study Group</p> <p>4:30pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>5pm Grief Share</p> <p>7pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	2	3
<p>4 Communion</p> <p>9am Sanctuary Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am FLC Worship Service</p> <p>11am Newtown Holiday Tour</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT</p>	<p>5 3:30pm Hebrew Class</p> <p>4:30pm Pastor's Methodism Class</p>	<p>6 12pm UMW Christmas Luncheon</p> <p>6:30pm Compassionate Friends Service</p>	<p>7 6pm FLC Praise Team</p>	<p>8 4:30pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>5pm Grief Share</p> <p>7pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	9	<p>10 9am UMW Jewelry/Cookie Sale</p>
<p>11 9am Sanctuary Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am FLC Worship Service</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT</p>	<p>12 3:30pm Hebrew Class</p> <p>4:30pm Pastor's Methodism Class</p>	13	<p>14 6pm FLC Praise Team</p>	<p>15 3pm ABC Study Group</p> <p>4:30pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>5pm Grief Share</p> <p>7pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	16	17
<p>18 9am Sanctuary Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am FLC Worship Service</p> <p>4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY ADVENT</p>	<p>19 3:30pm Hebrew Class</p> <p>4:30pm Pastor's Methodism Class</p> <p>6:30pm Caroling</p>	20	<p>21 6pm FLC Praise Team</p>	<p>22 4:30pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>5pm Grief Share</p> <p>7pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	23	<p>24 Worship Services 5pm - FLC 9pm &amp; 11pm - Downtown</p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE</p>
<p>25 9am Sanctuary Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am FLC Worship Service</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> 	<p>26 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	27	<p>28 6pm FLC Praise Team</p>	<p>29 4:30pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>5pm Grief Share</p> <p>7pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	30	31

# DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|---|---|
| 1 - Judy Beck<br>Adriana Dunsten<br>James Gaul<br>Jessica Kostelac<br>Gail Parker-Layfield<br>Larbet Tull   | Andrea Martin<br>David Mellone<br>Sarah Renshaw<br>Joleen Roe<br>Ryan Townsend  | 16 - Katelyn Barnes<br>Cali Fletcher<br>Ellis Hudson<br>Tres Pelot<br>Mike Purkey   | 25 - Chris Ashcraft<br>Ginger Culver<br>Sandy Robinson<br>Amy Shetler<br>Kim Washington<br>Heather Yesko  |
| 2 - Theresa Culver<br>Lyndsay Mooney<br>Larry Saywell<br>Beverly Tull<br>Marley Webster   | 9 -<br>David Phippin<br>Frances Pitsenbarger<br>Julia Taylor<br>MargeryVioletta-Ropko   | 17 - Susan Banks<br>Liz MacFarlane<br>Mark Thomas<br>Sharon Zockoll   | 26 - Robert Rickards<br>Wayne Smith   |
| 3 - Hayley Howard<br>Barbara Kohler<br>Juliette Kostelac<br>Theresa Titus   | 10 - Andrew Chandler<br>Grayson Ennis<br>Hunter Hammond<br>Chris Menzel<br>Barbara Phillips<br>Leah Wilson                                  | 18 - Matthew Doyle<br>Max Guy<br>Kyle Kohler  | 27 - Donald Bailey<br>Dianne Dykes<br>Becky Gregory<br>John Herweh<br>Robert Merritt II<br>Richard Snyder |
| 4 - Baylor Barnes<br>Matthew Laws<br>Rosemarie Leonard<br>Omar Lowman<br>Hanna Pusey<br>Sara Ryman<br>Kendal Snyder                               | 11 - Regina Ahtes<br>Bruce Ennis<br>Joey Kitzrow<br>Laurel LaVorgna<br>Katherine Vorhis   | 19 - Jeanne Dwiggins<br>Charles Kriegisch<br>Herb McCoun  | 28 - Lindsay Jones<br>Lauren Ross   |
| 5 - Howard Culver<br>Barbara Dix<br>Michael Dunne<br>Katelyn Menzel<br>Lindsey Menzel<br>Hannah Richardson<br>Helene Richardson<br>William Wigton | 12 - Hailee Arrington<br>Rosemary Gallis<br>Tom Holder<br>Elle Hudson<br>Phyllis Oldham<br>Megan Walter<br>Bob Wheatley                     | 20 - Chiara Alfano<br>Heath Collins<br>Erica Howard<br>Cheryl Parker<br>Caleb Ritchey   | 29 - Kathleen Bryson<br>Daelyn Gregory  |
| 6 - Jessica Agnew<br>Quintin Gordy<br>Steven Hearne<br>Katherine Irvine<br>Anne Peacock   | 13 - Kelly Chandler<br>Leona Collins<br>Joanne Esham<br>Addison Laws<br>Samantha Rozaieski<br>Robert Snyder<br>Barbara Webster<br>Evan Weeg | 21 - Awbree Caton<br>David Douse<br>Callie Jones<br>Jeff Merritt<br>Catherine Stevens<br>Bo Su<br>Grace Thorpe<br>Phyllis Vinyard | 30 - Kathleen Abercrombie<br>Jenny Davis<br>Jessie Schramko<br>Julie Winslow<br>William Young             |
| 7 - Stacie Dees   | 14 - Alaina Kiser<br>Lauren Mann<br>Adam Meeks<br>Kaitlin Sande   | 22 - Taya Pusey<br>Stephen Wheatley   | 31 - Andrea Dunsten<br>Pamela Ward  |
| 8 - Vicki Corbett<br>Richard Culver<br>Terrance Dunn<br>Louise Hartman<br>Will Hedger<br>Robert Kantzes<br>Chuck Lankford                         | 15 - Cynthia Ashcraft<br>Roger Follebout III<br>Shelby Holland  | 23 - Tony Gilkerson<br>Joseph Hannemann<br>Holly Hawkins<br>Rhett Jones<br>Tom Wieland  |   |
|   |   | 24 - Dale Dwiggins<br>Paige Mitchell<br>Andrew Morris   |   |

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your name does not appear on this list it does not mean that we do not have you as a Trinity member. It only means that we do not have your birth date. Please give the church office a call with any additions to, or corrections of this list.



# JANUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>9:00am</b> Worship Sanctuary</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> FLC Worship Service</p> <p><b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Church Office Closed</b></p> <p><b>1:30pm</b> UMW "Deborah"</p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> Hebrew Class</p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> Pastor's Methodism Class</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>12 pm</b> UMW "Esther"</p> <p><b>5:15pm</b> SPRC Meeting</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Handbell choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>6pm</b> FLC Praise team</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>10am</b> UMW "Ruth"</p> <p><b>2:30 pm</b> ABC Study Group</p> <p><b>4pm</b> Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>5pm</b> Grief Share</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>God's Kitchen</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>9:00 an</b> Worship Sanctuary</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> FLC Worship Service</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> Hebrew Class</p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> Pastor's Methodism Class</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> HALO Café Feeding</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10am</b> UMW Executive Meeting</p> <p><b>5:15pm</b> Board of Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Handbell choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>6pm</b> FLC Praise team</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>4 pm</b> Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Worship Sanctuary</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> FLC Worship Service</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>OFFICE CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> Hebrew Class</p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> Pastor's Methodism Class</p> <p><b>MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>5:15pm</b> Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Handbell choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>6pm</b> FLC Praise team</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>2:30pm</b> ABC Study Group</p> <p><b>4pm</b> Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>5:30pm</b> Trinity serves at Halo Café</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Worship Sanctuary</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> FLC Worship Service</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> Hebrew Class</p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> Pastor's Methodism Class</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>1pm</b> Handbell choir rehearsal</p> <p><b>6pm</b> FLC Praise team</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p><b>4pm</b> Handbell Choir</p> <p><b>7pm</b> Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>SUM's Welcome Center</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Worship Sanctuary</p> <p><b>10:30am</b> FLC Worship Service</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>3:30pm</b> Hebrew Class</p> <p><b>4:30pm</b> Pastor's Methodism Class</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**PLEASE NOTE:** If your name does not appear on this list it does not mean that we do not have you as a Trinity member. It only means that we do not have your birth date. Please give the church office a call with any additions to, or corrections of this list.

- 1 - Lenny Kutchen  
Dave Rossi  
Richard Webb
- 2 - Phil Eberspeaker  
Robyn White
- 3 - Brenda Hearn  
Laura Hill  
Sean Howard  
Tammy Kantzes  
Gabrielle LaVorgna  
Joan Manzini  
Lori McCoun  
John Psota
- 4 - Steven Groves  
Olivia Kitzrow  
Kory Lowe  
Trevor Pusey
- 5 - Ethan Richardson  
Dylan Warwick  
Heather Wieland
- 6 - James Ford, Jr.  
Joe Pitsenbarger
- 7 - Patricia Bragg  
Kenna Fleming  
Amanda Moore  
Brendan Payne  
Kristyn Snyder
- 8 - Susan Bailey  
Annette Huddleston
- 9 - Carol Carey  
Olivia Hamilton  
Jill Hussey  
Brian Parsons
- 10 - Jeremy Knopf  
Elliana Long  
Brittany Mauzy  
Bill Mengason, Jr.  
Sadie Robertson
- 11 - Richard Dunn  
Susan Dunsten  
Dylan Kenney  
Sadie Nelson  
Billye Sarbanes
- 12 - Brooke Benedict Day  
John DeMott  
Jennifer Heinicke  
Rachael Meeks
- 13 - Sylvia Chiofolo  
Patrick Dix  
Greg Holland  
Terri Hussey  
Viola Moore
- 14 - Christjon Huddleston  
Jakob Mahon  
Karen Quillen  
Allen Riggins
- 15 - Caroline Chandler  
Drew Chandler  
Steven Chandler  
Gabriel Davenport  
Kim Nechay  
Guinn Paxton  
Hazel Price  
Hailey Ritchey  
Robert Todd  
Izabella Wieland  
Tristan Wieland  
Zenden Wieland
- 16 - Alan Hogg  
Valerie Stevenson
- 17 - Larry Collins  
Timothy Emge II  
Carly Layfield  
Evan Psota
- 18 - John Nelson III
- 19 - Aaron Jones  
Brady Jones
- 20 - Rebecca Barnard  
Kelly Shannahan  
Jessica Terrell  
Samantha Titus  
Nancy Turner
- 21 - John Ericson, Jr.  
Leslie Follabout  
Allison Hickman  
Steven McGrillies  
Carolyn Smith
- 22 - Carter Day  
Walker Day  
Lindsay Edler  
Patrick McGrillies  
Melanie Meeks
- 23 - Sophia Elburn  
Paul Ennis  
Ted Graef  
Jackie Kutchen  
Cody Moore  
Olin Shockley
- 24 - Philip Desjardins  
Isabella Hooper  
Paul Jones  
Fran Reed  
Kelsey Reichenberg  
Graysen Wright
- 25 - Sue Andrews  
Michael Charlton  
Edmund Yesko, Jr.
- 26 - Christina Dickerson  
Corey Haldeman  
Aiden Nelson  
Jennifer Rayne  
Joe Seagraves
- 27 - Linda Downes  
Marcus Henderson  
Joyce Hickman  
Parker Savage  
Luke Smith
- 28 - Bryan Phillips
- 29 - Deborah Ball  
Heather Charlton  
Margaret Harkins  
Jared Terrell
- 30 - Kern Briele  
Joyce Dunn  
Reese Fletcher  
Peggy Layton  
Noah Thomas
- 31 - Ryan Kenney  
Gene Malone  
Tenley Pelot  
Elizabeth Soper



## Christmas Symbols of Beauty, Peace, Joy, Hope, & Light

Health Outreach Ministry  
Dr. Dot Baker



**CHRISTMAS** – Christmas Day on December 25<sup>th</sup> celebrates the birth of Baby Jesus. The word "Christmas" means "Christ's Mass" - derived from the English term "Christes masse."

We have marvelous Christmas symbols of beauty, peace, joy, hope, and light. The Christmas story is wonderfully portrayed in Luke 2. The ultimate news is that "For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given." As with the angels and others, we should praise and give glory to God for His greatest gift and peace on earth, goodwill toward men. What joy and hope that our Good News messages offer!

**MANGER** – The word "manger" is derived from the Greek word "phante" that denotes "the ledge or projections on which hay or other food was placed for travelers' animals in their crib or stall." "Mary brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). Baby Jesus was born, clothed, and placed in a most humble bed where animals ate. The angels' sign was that visitors would find Baby Jesus and his parents in the humble stable setting.

**ANGELS** - The word "angel" is derived from the Latin word "angelus" meaning "one going or one sent." Angels are seen as intermediary spiritual beings between God and man. They are instruments who convey God's messages to mankind. At Christmas, angels were glorious messengers who proclaimed the greatest news story ever. To the shepherds, "...fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). Their message rings clear over the centuries.

**POINSETTIA** - A charming story is told of Pepita, a poor Mexican girl who had no gift to present the Christ Child at Christmas Eve Services. As Pepita walked slowly to the chapel with her cousin Pedro, her heart was filled with sadness rather than joy. "I am sure, Pepita, that even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes," said Pedro consolingly. Not knowing what else to do, Pepita knelt by the roadside and gathered a handful of common weeds, fashioning them into a small bouquet. Looking at the scraggly bunch of weeds, she felt more saddened and embarrassed than ever by the humbleness of her offering. She fought back a tear as she entered the small village chapel. As she approached the altar, she remembered Pedro's kind words: "Even the most humble gift, if given in love, will be acceptable in His eyes." She felt her spirit lift as she knelt to lay the bouquet at the foot of the nativity scene. Suddenly, the bouquet of weeds burst into blooms of brilliant red, and all who saw them were certain that they had witnessed a Christmas miracle right before their eyes. From that day on, the bright red flowers were known as the *Flores de Noche Buena*, or Flowers of the Holy Night, for they bloomed each year during the Christmas season (Paul Ranch).

**CAROLS, CANDLES, BELLS, and EVERGREENS** – all of these symbols proclaim God's eternal and everlasting gift to us. Music, words, lights, musical sounds, and continuous green foliage remind us that Jesus, God, & the Holy Spirit are and always will be present and will reign forever and ever. Those thoughts certainly warm us and light our lives at Christmas and throughout the year.

**CELEBRATE** your Christmas season and New Year's visions with these symbols of beauty, peace, joy, hope, and light. God uses all of them to announce and confirm His most precious message of all: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

*Christmas and New Year blessings to everyone from your Health Outreach Ministry*



By Carolyn Lewis, RN



I have wondered over the years what and how we started having an Advent wreath in church during the days leading up to Christ birth. I found this article in the Encyclopedia Britannica when I was researching the origin and thought perhaps it would be interesting to our church members.

### **Origin and development**

The early Christian community distinguished between the identification of the date of Jesus' birth and the liturgical celebration of that event. The actual observance of the day of Jesus' birth was long in coming. In particular, during the first two centuries of Christianity, there was strong opposition to recognizing birthdays of martyrs or, for that matter, of Jesus. Numerous Church Fathers offered sarcastic comments about the pagan custom of celebrating birthdays.

The Advent wreath—made of fir branches, with four candles denoting the four Sundays of the Advent season—is of even more recent origin, especially in North America. The custom, which began in the 19th century but had roots in the 16th, originally involved a fir wreath with 24 candles (the 24 days before Christmas, starting December 1), but the awkwardness of having so many candles on the wreath reduced the number to four. An analogous custom is the Advent calendar, which provides 24 openings, one to be opened each day beginning December 1. According to tradition, the calendar was created in the 19th century by a Munich housewife who tired of having to answer endlessly when Christmas would come. The first commercial calendars were printed in Germany in 1851. The intense preparation for Christmas that is part of the commercialization of the holiday has blurred the traditional liturgical distinction between Advent and the Christmas season, as can be seen by the placement of Christmas trees in sanctuaries well before December 25.

As the days of Christmas approach, I pray that each of you will think about the real meaning of the holiday and not just the giving of gifts. We celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior and what the gift of his birth has meant to the Christian faith.

*I wish each of you a blessed and safe holiday and may God's glory surround you  
and bring you Peace on Earth.*

### **Congregational Care**

We continue to reach out to our shut-ins and nursing home residents and sent each of them Christmas Cards and wished them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We had one funeral reception in the JMB during December and that was for a long – time member Warren Boyce. The family was very appreciative of all the caring thoughts sent to them by our church family.



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*Merry Christmas*  
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR



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