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**Trinity United Methodist Church, On Telfair Square since 1848**  
**A progressive, traditional, and diverse community of faith and service**



### Trinity Gives Back this Holiday Season

In this newsletter you'll find a huge selection of activities and ways to enjoy this festive time of year in the life of Trinity Church. I hope you'll add these dates to your calendar and be a part of the various activities and especially the special worship services. I won't recap those activities and tell you why they're worth committing your time to - you know why already! Instead I want to add just one more important facet to your holiday plans before they fill up: Introducing **Trinity Gives Back 2018!** I want to start a new tradition where we offer you opportunities to give and serve during the holiday season. Mike Slaughter, a now retired Methodist pastor, wrote a book called Christmas Is Not Your Birthday where he makes the simple, yet profound, point that too much of our holiday festivities are about fulfilling our own wish lists. This is the season where we celebrate the gift of the Christ child. It's a celebration of Jesus' birthday! And that means we should make room in our lives to focus on things that are important to Jesus -- like giving and serving with people who are in need.

#### Tiny House Service Project

You have the opportunity to help build a Tiny House! Volunteers are working on Saturday mornings from 10am to 4pm. You must be over 21 years old to participate. In the hustle and bustle of shopping and rushing around, you can carve out a Saturday to spend time giving to someone who will benefit from your labor with a warm place to live. If you'd like to know more and how you can give your time, email Tom Madron (thomas.madron@gmail.com)!

#### 10th Annual Christmas Breakfast With Neighbors in Need

You can give BOTH time AND/OR money to our 10th Annual Christmas Day Breakfast With Neighbors in Need! Volunteers are needed between 8-10am on Christmas morning and this is a great way to involve extended family if you have visitors in town! We are also doing a trial run breakfast on a Sunday morning in December, so you can plan to come and eat and give a donation to help cover the expenses for this year's breakfast. If you'd like to know more about how you can help, email Caroline Jackovich (jackovich.caroline@gmail.com) or Jessica Hensley (Jessica.Hensley@perkinswill.com)!

#### Gadsden Elementary Book Project

This is a project we're doing with Loop It Up where we will do some amazing work for kids this season! Loop It Up has a goal to provide 3rd and 4th graders at Gadsden Elementary with books and a wooden box to store books and other school supplies. Specifically the aim is to collect books featuring minority characters. The total cost of this project is \$3,000 and we have a goal of sponsoring 2 full classes! As you budget to spend on Christmas gifts this season, consider setting aside some money to give on top of your regular offerings to help one of our kids from Gadsden receive the gift of new books freshly organized! If you'd like to know more, you can email Fran Stanley (shamrock15@comcast.net)!

This month we want to give back as a church. God has given us so much and we're so grateful for God's blessings and your generosity. We do need to continue to receive our regular offerings, but we'd like to do more this year and challenge you to give to the church AND BEYOND! Remember, Christmas is Jesus' Birthday and what better way to celebrate that gift than to give of your time and resources to causes near and dear to the heart of Jesus.

- Ben



### Band of Mothers Christmas Party!

All moms are welcome to join on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:30pm  
The Hensley House  
637 E. 60th St.  
Savannah, Ga 31405



Are you looking for a way to give back with your time this holiday season? See the following instructions from Savannah Homeless Authority on how YOU can help build a house in the new Tiny House villages:

**75 Dundee, Savannah**

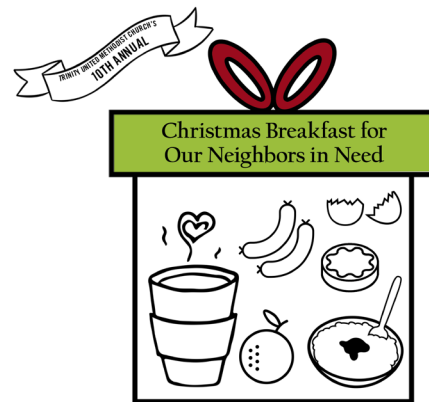
Future Saturdays (8:00 to 4:00) include December 1, December 8, December 15 and TENTATIVE (December 22, 29).

Participants will be required to sign a waiver. If you are interested in volunteering on behalf of Trinity Church, please email Tom Madron.

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### Telfair Square

Join our monthly gathering for lunch! We are ending the year with a Christmas Party at Fiddler's on Thursday, December 6th! This is a great time of fellowship!



**WHEN** Tuesday, December 25th 8:00-10:00 am  
**WHAT** Hot breakfast including eggs, sausage, grits, biscuits, fruit salad, coffee, juice  
**WHERE** 225 W. President Street on Telfair Square  
**EXTRAS** Live music!

### Needed Items

Each guest on Christmas morning will leave with a gift bag! We will be collecting the following items: socks, travel size shampoo and conditioner and body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, and chapstick. We will be assembling 300 bags and welcome your generous contributions by 12/16

### Pizza and Packing

We invite you to join a joyful assembly line as we pack 300 bags for our neighbors immediately after worship! Trinity will provide lunch!

### Volunteer

We are so excited to once again open our doors on Christmas morning from 8:00-10:00am. This great event cannot happen without the hands and feet of volunteers! If you are planning to be in town on Christmas Day, we encourage you to join! Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0444a5a62ea4fe3-christmas2>

### Trinity Sanctuary Choir

Join the Trinity United Methodist Church Music Ministry as they perform a Festival of Lessons and Carols performed in the King's College-Cambridge choral tradition. The service will showcase readings from the nine traditional lessons, hymns accompanied by pipe organ, and special music from featured soloists and the Trinity Sanctuary Choir. Come celebrate Christmas with us! Free admission and **free parking** in Robinson parking garage! All are welcome! **Christmas Eve - 5:00 pm** - Historic Trinity Church.



### Justice Team

Want to join our Justice Team in helping our homeless community and welcoming immigrants/refugees? The opportunities are limitless...the Christmas breakfast, being a pen pal to asylum seekers, building a Habitat House. Contact Connie Boole at 912-210-1583 or [cboole58@gmail.com](mailto:cboole58@gmail.com) for more information on how to get involved.



Who else celebrates their birthday all month?! We will be singing Happy Birthday to Jesus, the most important birthday ALL month! We will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

### TRINITY KIDS CALENDAR

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| DECEMBER | 7  | <b>MOVIE NIGHT</b><br>6:00 - 8:30pm<br>Parents, enjoy a night out while we enjoy a Christmas movie and pizza!   |
| DECEMBER | 16 | <b>MISSION DAY</b><br>12:00pm<br>Help pack bags after church for Christmas Breakfast! There will be Pizza!  |
| DECEMBER | 23 | <b>FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE</b><br>11:00am<br>Enjoy a service for the whole family with the children performing the story Christmas. Deserts and a photo-booth to follow! |

Children's Choir will meet every Sunday in December at 10:00am in the choir room!

### Events

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| Saturday December 1st<br>Hanging of the Greens                            | Thursday December 6th<br>Telfair Square Luncheon | Sunday December 9th<br>Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>UMW Luncheon<br>UMM Gathering | Wednesday December 19th<br>Band of Mother's Christmas Party | Friday December 21st<br>Choir Christmas Party<br>Nicole Brancato Piano Concert | Monday December 24th<br>Christmas Eve Service                    |
| Saturday December 2nd<br>Children's Choir Rehearsal<br>Young Adult Brunch | Friday December 7th<br>Trinity Kid's Movie Night | Sunday December 16th<br>Kid's Mission Project                                      | Thursday December 20th<br>Staff Christmas Party             | Sunday December 23rd<br>Family Christmas Service                               | Tuesday December 25th<br>Merry Christmas!<br>Christmas Breakfast |