



Trinity Tidings

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A Gift from God

Our walk-through Advent this season was focused on the things that we can't wait for. We were reminded that we can't wait for God's promised day, repentance, delight, and courage. Christmas is the reminder that a light shines in the darkness. It is that light, a star in the sky, that led the wise men to Bethlehem.

This year, I encourage everyone to attend worship on January 5, which is the day before Epiphany. The wise men received the gift of the newborn child Jesus before they presented their own gifts. I invite you to come to the first worship of the new year to receive your gift. Before sharing our offerings with God, you will receive the gift of a Star word. This star gift is simply a piece of paper with a star on it and a word printed on it. Every person who comes to church will receive a star gift and I ask you to reflect on this word over the coming year. How will this star gift guide you in the new year? How will this gift shape your relationship with God and others? We will reflect on these words all year long to be reminded of the Spirit at work in our lives. I look forward to starting this wonderful tradition with you this next year.

On January 12 and 19, Trinity will be welcoming supply pastors. I will be traveling to Israel and look forward to sharing my trip to the Holy Land with you when I return. Pastor Lauren Kirsh-Carr, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational & Synod Life, will proclaim the good news and preside over communion on January 12. Pastor Rol Troike, Conference Dean, will proclaim the good news and preside over communion on January 19.

I look forward to what 2020 will bring for Trinity as we wrap up the Tune-In process as we continue to listen how the Spirit leads us in ministering to our community. My prayers for the congregation in this process have been on-going and I ask for your prayers as I travel this next month.

*Peace,
Pastor Alex*

Communal Coffee continues...



Have you ever stopped in on a Monday when Pastor Alex is at Tim Horton's? If not, this is a great way to get to know him better and you can share ideas and thoughts you have. Pastor Alex will be at Tim Horton's on January 6th and 27th from 10:00am until Noon.



- To all that helped at the Breakfast with the Christmas Angels and especially Marilyn and Melissa for organizing it.
- Everyone that helped decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. It looks beautiful! Also, thanks to all that helped take the decorations down.
- Our regular helpers at MediLodge: Shawn Graham, Sharon Macumber, Sue Fields, Ruth Brown, and Judy Phillips. It is a blessing for us to share a little bit of God with the residents once a month.
- The Church Council Members that will conclude their time on council at the end of 2019: Tracy Walsh, Becky Kulman, and Rhonda Hutchins.
- Becky Kulman, Jordan Stuart, and Tracy Walsh for leading Celebrate and putting together the Children's Christmas Program.
- Everyone that has lent their gifts and talents to the Advent and Christmas Season during worship.
- Everyone that helped support our outreach ministry's this Christmas for the Detroit Rescue Mission, Backpack Blessings, and S.N.A.P.



January Altar Flowers and Fellowship Hour Schedule

Flowers

January 5 – No flowers – florist on vacation
January 12 – Open
January 19 – Open
January 26 – Open

Fellowship Hour

January 5 – Open
January 12 – Open
January 19 – Open
January 26 – Tina Steward



Annual Congregational Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 26 following worship. At this meeting, we will approve the 2020 Budget and reports will be available from the various groups and committees of the congregation.

Beyond Sunday Bible Study

Will return Wednesday, January 29. In the four weeks before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent we will take an in depth look into the Spirituality of Jesus. Join us at 7:00 pm.

Dinner Out

The next dinner out will be Thursday, January 30th at Hamlin Pub. We will meet in their banquet room at 6:30pm



Spiritual Companionship

One thing that Trinity desired when you called a pastor over four years ago was a pastor to guide you in your spiritual life. Pastor Alex has always continued to stretch himself and learn new ways of sharing the Holy Spirit. He will finish up his two-year program in Spiritual Direction Training this coming May. As part of that, he would love to sit down and listen to where God may be in your life and companion you in your journey with God as you listen for the Holy Spirit to guide you. All this requires is 1 hour a month to just sit down and share and be opened to the Spirit. Talk to Pastor Alex if this sound intriguing.



From December 3rd, 2019

1. Mark went over financial reports. He also went over final budget for 2020.
2. Discussed new flower arrangement policy. Confirmed increased to \$35 per week but with the option to cancel order. Looking into other options.
3. Don updated us on snow plowing for this year, \$75 per plow. Don and his sons will continue to do the sidewalks.
4. Discussed Tracy Walsh, Becky Kulman and Rhonda Hutchins going off council and replacements.
5. Discussed possible members for 2019 Audit committee
6. Discussed looking into Superior Heating and Cooling contract regrading a specific breakdown of what it entails.
7. Discussed getting quotes for new custodian



A huge Thank You to all of those that helped make our Breakfast with the Christmas Angels a success. We had around 15 children that attended. We would also like to thank Sue Olson for giving us the idea from her Florida church. We look forward to another successful year next year.

~ Marilyn Frank & Melissa Daugherty

Lent Wednesday Evening Worship

Last year we did not include a soup supper with our Wednesday evening worship. This year we will be putting up a sign-up sheet for soup and bread to see if there is an interest to do it this year. We will definitely have worship, but it will decide if there is enough interest to have a light meal with it. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall near the Gathering and Flower sign up.

The spirit of
Christmas is
the spirit of
generosity.



Christmas Outreach Generosity

Our 23 bags filled with jackets, PJs, socks, clothes and toys were all delivered to the Roseville-based Detroit Rescue Mission on Wednesday, December 11th. The staff was so grateful for the bags and immediately began calling the families. The bags were for children from Sterling Heights, Roseville and Fraser. Thank you to everyone who so generously filled a bag.

Our "caring & sharing" tree was filled with 42 stars, each with a request for underwear or socks for Richmond school children whose families are part of the Richmond Schools Backpack Blessing Program. All of the stars were taken and the items returned. The families were surprised when the children each got a pack of underwear and socks when their Christmas food delivery was made.

We had a December request for help from a family in Lenox Township asking for items for their 8 year old and 13 year old daughters. Because of a few donations, we were able to buy the girls two outfits each, blankets for their beds, socks, underwear, doll and make-up. Sometimes God leads people to a place where they can be helped...this was the case when the family contacted Trinity.

Lesson learned this season...The people with the greatest needs ask for the least.

Outreach Ministry





January Scripture Readings

January 5Second Sunday of Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

January 12Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 19Second Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

January 26Third Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23



January 1 – Pastor Alex Steward

January 2 – Chris Schroudt

January 9 – Kiefer Steward

January 12 – Kyle Bartels

January 12 – Becky Stuart

January 12 – Judith Wieber

January 14 – Sue Fields

January 15 – Kelsey Hollenbeck

January 17 – Ava Hill

January 20 – Lester Dobberowsky

January 22 – Lark Schutt

January 23 – Mary Fistler

January 23 – Judy Tonkovich

January 26 – Judy Pitcel

January 28 – Jennifer Hill

January 29 – Matthew Wernet

January 30 – Ella Hill

Trinity Endowment Fund

reaches \$20,989 – Short-term goal is \$25,000

- The Endowment Fund was created four years ago in hopes of establishing a method of ensuring the mission of Trinity to continue for generations to come.
- Areas of support are Mission & Outreach, Education, Youth Ministries, and Capital Improvements.
- Our celebration board, located in the fellowship hall, is gaining leaves each year. With any donation of \$100 or more, a leaf can be placed on the tree to celebrate or commemorate a person or event.
- If you would like to donate to the Endowment Fund, take a form from next to the tree, fill it out and turn it in. We have many special people and events to honor.

The leaves that are currently on the tree are:

1. In memory of Jason Frank
2. In celebration of Alan James Daugherty
3. In celebration of Drew Jason Daugherty
4. In celebration of Joseph Daniel Daugherty
5. In memory of Adaline/Norbert Singer
6. Celebration of baptism of Trey Caleb Stuart
7. To honor ministry of Pastor Alex Steward
8. In memory of Robert Bertossi
9. In memory of Bernice Bertossi
10. In appreciation of Carrie Buckland
11. God's creation
12. 500 year reformation
13. 50 years of marriage
14. Todd, Jennifer, Kaitlyn & Zachary Schafer
15. Krista, Sean & Abby Ewbank
16. Thanksgiving for faith
17. In memory of Earl & Jean Hinckfoot
18. Celebration of family and friends
19. In memory of Vonda Baumstark
20. Celebration of baptism – Londyn Rose Stuart
21. In memory of Marilyn Sumner
22. In loving memory of Sheryl Buckland
23. In loving memory of Sheryl Dobberowsky
24. In memory of Robert Kulman
25. In memory of Beverly Kulman
26. In Thanksgiving for the People of Trinity
27. In memory of Janet L. Allen
28. In memory of Dorothy and Donald Kohlhagen
29. In memory of Lena and Albert Hinckfoot