



# TRINITY NEWS

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## Advent in Purcell

*"For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given. And the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)*

Advent is always a special time in the life of the church. Even though we as a culture, and as individuals are in a rush to celebrate Christmas, Advent is a time for us to think about what is actually happening in Scripture, as it leads up to the Birth of Christ. Advent is a time when we think about the coming of the Christ, and what it means to us, and what it has meant to people throughout the ages of history. During Advent, we read the words of the prophets, and we light the Advent candles of hope, peace, joy, and love. We light the Christ Candle on Christmas, knowing that "Joy to the World, the Lord is come". While we of course still celebrate many aspects of Christmas, let's not forget to focus on Jesus, and why He came.

Throughout Scripture, we see God work in wondrous, unexpected ways. This is especially true as we consider the Christmas story. God uses unexpected people and events to bring—and then announce—a very unexpected kind of Savior. Ordinary people are used in a very extra-ordinary way.

Our Advent Sermon series will focus on this idea, and the series is named "God of the Unexpected." This is even more appropriate as we move into a new calendar year, with new dreams, hopes and visions. We hope you join us for these Sundays as you prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ.

Nov. 29: Luke 3: 1-6 "An Unexpected Messenger"  
Dec. 6: Matthew 11: 2-11 "An Unexpected Question"  
Dec 13: Luke 1: 26-38 "An Unexpected Greeting"  
Dec. 20: Matthew 1: 18-24 "An Unexpected Dream"  
Dec. 24: Luke 2: 1-20 "An Unexpected Birth"  
Dec. 27: Matthew 2: 13-23 "An Unexpected Journey"  
Jan. 3: Matthew 2: 1-12 "An Unexpected Light"

Each of these pieces of the Christmas story has implications and guidance for our own lives, and for our church. There is so much to learn from these ancient words. I am optimistic that 2021 will be a year of seeing God work in unexpected ways at Trinity UMC. We just need to be looking for, and expecting the unexpected. I hope that you will join us either in person, using precautions, or online on our facebook page.

Advent Blessings,

*Pastor Susan*

Bishop Jimmy Nunn

District Supt. Rev Dr Victor McCullough

### **Trinity United Methodist Staff Members**

Lana Beerhalter – Music Director  
– Nursery

Mike McElderry - Organist  
Rhonda Ingram-Harper – Administrative Assistant

Rev. Susan Whitley, Pastor



December

- 1 Carrie Mayes
- 3 Charles Sherman
- 4 Perry Nemecek, Michael Perigo, Mike Carpenter
- 5 Tonia Rollins
- 6 Ashton Nemecek, Ryder & Rowan Nemecek
- 8 Kerry Nemecek, Grant Horoho, Phil Horoho, Kadie Anne Scoggins
- 9 Harry Wollenberg, Dannie Perigo
- 10 Matt Honeyman
- 12 Jennifer (Page) Fabian, McCauley Rhoads, Vince Fulks
- 16 Lynn Bayless
- 19 Todd Rollins
- 20 James Maynard
- 24 Jay Tate, Leon Wilson
- 26 Jenny Johnson
- 27 Jim Hurst, Haleigh Wood
- 28 Matthew Mayes
- 29 Shelley Perigo
- 30 Sharon Elliott
- 31 Scarlett Austin, Nicholas Northcutt



At Trinity United Methodist Church, we believe in the power of prayer. We are thankful to have a God who hears our prayers. Just submit a prayer request to our prayer committee at [jmhawks@yahoo.com](mailto:jmhawks@yahoo.com) and [clarica@suddenlink.net](mailto:clarica@suddenlink.net) or drop it in the offering plate at Sunday worship your prayer will be sent to the people within our community committed to praying for you. Let us say a special prayer for Wendy DeMoss, Kevin Little and their family as they deal with the recent loss of their mom Betty Little. We need to continue to pray for all who are dealing with health issues, to include; Marilyn Ellis, Mike & Karen Horoho & Mike's Mom & Family, Glenda Nemecek, Ralph & Clarica Wall, Carolyn McCoy, Ramona Vaughn, Judy Moring, Tom &

Pat Martin, Navoy & Connie Sue Skinner and Jerry & Margaret Maynard. Also remember others who are saddened due to the loss of a loved one, those who are in nursing facilities or receiving care at home and everyone who provides their care.

*Thank you for being a part of our Prayer Ministry.*

## "IT'S A BOY"



"FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN BORN FOR YOU WHO IS MISSIAH AND LORD. (LUK 2:11) GODS GREAT GIFT, HE GAVE US ONE THIRD OF THE TRINITY. (TO US)!!

MERRY CHRISTMAS,  
UNCLE RALPH & AUNT CLARICA

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday School starts at 9:30 AM with Worship service at 10:30 AM on Sundays
- **Children's Church:** Is held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month right after Children's Moment.
- **Christmas Sunday Worship:** 20 Dec (Sun) @ 10:30 AM
- **Come & Go Service of Reflection:** 24 Dec (Thur) from 4:30 – 5:15 PM
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:** 24 Dec (Thur) @ 6:00 PM
- **"The Life of Jesus" Bible Study:** No meeting on 29 Nov; will resume on 3 Dec, meeting on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM and Thursday mornings at 10:00 AM. With our last meeting on 10 Dec.
- **Remember, if you are ill or if you suspect you have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus or any other infectious disease, please avoid attending worship service, and seek the advice of your medical provider.**



### **News from Our Children's Group**

All are invited to Children's Church. "Reader's Theater with Bible Stories" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. Come join the fun!

Your Teacher's,  
Kelly Eck & Pam Hobbs  
& Patricia Hudson

### **News from Sunday School Classes**

God's Helpers Sunday School class is meeting at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. So glad to be meeting in person again!

CrossTalk is reading the Book of Revelation. Meeting in person in the library at 9:15 AM Sunday for coffee and visiting. If you don't feel comfortable visiting please join us at 9:30 AM for class. If you have any questions please contact Carolyn Cummings at 405-834-8980.



### **"The Life of Jesus" Bible Study**

Carolyn Cummings 6-week Bible study; "The Life of Jesus" will have their final meetings the week of the 10<sup>th</sup> of December. They will not be meeting on Sunday 29 Nov. This class is meeting 2 different times (Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM and Thursday mornings & 10:00 AM) in person or via Zoom to accommodate as many people as possible. Contact Carolyn Cummings if you have any questions.



The Chancel Choir practice has been cancelled until further notice.

## **Christmas Eve Service Schedule**

Due to the pandemic currently going on, we are not really sure what to expect for Christmas Eve crowds this year. We understand that Christmas Eve is a popular, usually well-attended service. We also understand that many people are staying home this year out of caution. Additionally, with social distancing in place, our sanctuary seats less people. So, here is the plan. You will have two choices.


- First of all, from 4:30-5:15 p.m. we will have a come and go service of reflection, communion, and candlelight. You may come in between those times, pray, receive communion, and light a candle. You may leave when you are ready. There will be a 45-minute window for that. We think it will be less crowded, but you can still get the atmosphere of Christmas Eve.
- At 6 p.m., we will have a regular Christmas Eve service, with carols, lighting of the Advent Wreath, a message, communion, and candlelight at the end. It will last approximately an hour. We hope that you can participate in some way with us!

### **Bedlam Food Drive News!**

Congratulations to the OU Sooners, both on their Bedlam victory in the football game, and in the Bedlam Food Drive for the Little Dragons Food Pantry. Approximately 246 items were collected by Sooner fans, with 194 items collected by the OSU fans. The big difference came in the cash donations, which pushed OU over the top significantly. Together, our congregation collected 440 items, and \$724.00 in donations. This will be deposited to their account managed by the church. The real winners are the children of Purcell. You all ROCK! What a great local mission to support!

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DECEMBER 2020 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS THE 21<sup>ST</sup> OF EACH MONTH!</u></b> <b>WORSHIP TIME - 10:30 AM</b>		1	2 Rotary Cooks "To-Go Lunches" 12:00 – 12:30 PM	3 "The Life of Jesus" Bible Study @ 10:00AM	4	5
6 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM, Worship Service @ 10:30 AM, "The Life of Jesus" Bible Study @ 6:00 PM	7	8	9 Rotary Cooks "To-Go Lunches" 12:00 – 12:30 PM	10 "The Life of Jesus" Bible Study @ 10:00AM	11	12
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20 Christmas Sunday Worship	21	22	23 NO "To-Go Lunches" this week	24 "Come & Go Service of Reflection" 4:30 – 5:15 PM , "Christmas Eve Candlelight Service" 6:00 PM	25 Christmas	26
27 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM, Worship Service @ 10:30 AM, Children's Church, Charge Conference 2:00 PM	28	29	30 Rotary Cooks "To-Go Lunches" 12:00 – 12:30 PM	31 New Year's Eve	 Day	