



# The Messenger

November 2021  
Trinity Presbyterian Church



## Fall at Trinity

Trinity had a fun-filled fall as we masked up inside and enjoyed the outdoors as much as possible. (From top left, clockwise): RILA dinner provided by Trinity; CROP walkers gathered at Trinity; Jim D. remained the top Trinity fundraiser; the CROP walkers enjoyed a new 5 and 10K path around Trinity. The church retreat had 65 people on it, and lots of great photos: the obstacle course was all fun for Caitlin and Miriam; Cathy and Marilyn manned the smores station; the Ridenours stretched for the obstacle course, Brooke and Oliver enjoyed the race; adults gathered at to chat; the littlest gathered for story time with Judith; all ages enjoyed the outdoors. Judith also enjoyed the Blessing of the Pets.



## The Pastor's Pen



### Why are we still doing COVID-19 protocols?

Dear Trinity friends,

I know how tired many of you are of COVID protocols, especially as they pertain to worship and other gatherings at the church. Trust me, the staff is also tired of following these protocols and of all the ways the pandemic has affected church. I want to share with you some of the reasons why we operate differently than businesses, theatres, and even some other faith communities.

1. We are an intergenerational congregation. The number of young families who worship at Trinity is one of our great strengths, but it also means that we have a number of unvaccinated (and now only partially vaccinated) children to consider. We want to conduct our worship services in ways that are safe for everyone to attend. That is why we are still having children's Sunday School outdoors for as long as the weather will allow. That is why we are limiting the number of people who can be in the sanctuary and marking off pews on one side of our sanctuary, to make it easier for families with young children to maintain distance. As more of our children are fully vaccinated, we will be able to consider increasing the number in the sanctuary and other changes.
2. There are other reasons why some congregants might not be vaccinated or might still be at risk if a breakthrough case were to occur. Immunocompromised persons are at risk even if fully vaccinated. There are medical reasons, including dangerous reactions to past vaccines, that render some people unable to receive this vaccination. Again, we do not want to make worship one more place where people feel unsafe if they are medically vulnerable. Just because other venues are fully open does not mean that everyone is comfortable going.
3. Despite the feeling that the pandemic is behind us, Arlington County is still considered an area of high transmission by CDC standards. The recommendation is for masking when indoors at that level of transmission, so that is what our COVID management team has recommended for the church. We are monitoring changes in the county's transmission rate and hope to see us in a more favorable category soon.
4. We are unsure what will happen with cases, hospitalizations, etc. as the winter months bring people back indoors, so we are being cautious for the time being. We do not anticipate a surge like we saw in 2021 because of the high rate of vaccination in our area. We do, however, need to be alert to not only COVID, but also this year's flu strain which is, I understand, a doozy. I suspect that even when the pandemic is over we will see some folks electing to wear masks in public spaces to avoid seasonal illnesses.

### What You May Want To Know

1. We are continuing to use the pre-packaged communion through January (including Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m.). We will also continue to provide gluten-free, dairy-free crackers at the back of worship. You are welcome to bring your own elements if you feel more comfortable. We are hoping to adopt new communion protocols in February.
2. For the time being we plan to continue singing at the end of the service, but hope to be able to spread music throughout the service early in 2022.
3. We hope to transition the 9:00 service to the gym on January 9. Trinity's gym is set up for worship by Spring Cleaning, our janitorial service. Those who were previously trained to do the set-ups no longer work for Spring Cleaning. The company is working to have a new crew in place for us by January 9.
4. The Sunday School and Youth group activities will continue indoors when the weather does not allow us to gather outdoors.
5. We will continue to offer online gatherings like coffee hour and Bible chat, online worship, and other ways for people to connect even if you are not ready to come back into the building, live far away, or are unable to attend on a given Sunday. These avenues for connection will strengthen the community far beyond the pandemic.

For now, please know: I look forward to being able to gather the children at the front of the sanctuary or gym for children's time and for other parts of worship to resume in more ordinary ways. But for now, let's hang on just a little while longer – get our kids vaccinated, get through the seasonal uptick in illnesses, and pray for an early Spring with a much brighter outlook for everyone.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Judith

## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, November 28

*1st Sunday in Advent*

Communion

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship

Rev. Bill Davnie preaching



### Wednesday, December 1st

7:30 p.m. Advent Worship

Ben Stuart leading



### Sunday, December 5

*2nd Sunday in Advent*

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Wednesday, December 8th

7:30 p.m. Advent Worship

Ben Stuart leading



### Sunday, December 12

*3rd Sunday in Advent*

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship

Mini concert following 11:15 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching

### Wednesday, December 15th

7:30 p.m. Advent Worship

Ben Stuart leading



### Sunday, December 19

*4th Sunday in Advent*

9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. worship

Pastor Judith preaching



### Friday, December 24th

*Christmas Eve*

5:30 p.m. Children's Service

7:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols

11:00 p.m. Communion, Lessons and Carols



### Sunday, December 26

*1st Sunday of Christmas*

10:00 a.m. worship

Luke Bultena preaching



### Sunday, January 2

*2nd Sunday of Christmas*

10:00 a.m. worship

Rev. Bill Davnie preaching

## Christmas Eve Worship

We are excited to offer in person worship services this Christmas Eve: 5:30 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; and 11:00 p.m. We are still figuring out details and will make a final decision based on the current pandemic situation as we get closer to Christmas Eve. At this time, we will have limited seating for each service with sign up required. Please note, we do not offer childcare on Christmas Eve. Please check your enews and bulletin for updates

**5:30 p.m. Children's Service** While we all love to see kids on Christmas Eve, this year we ask that the 5:30 p.m. service be limited to families with children. This children's service will present the Christmas story with a tableau of people (not children) for each part of the story. We will not have children dressed in costume or up front this year, so we can help our youngest members stay safe. Seating will be limited to 75 people (not including those in the tableau).

**7:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols Service** featuring Trinity musicians and readers of all ages. This service will include a candle light singing of Silent Night. Seating will be limited to 100, not including musicians. We will have an overflow list and monitor the pandemic situation to assess if we can allow more participants.

**11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols** with communion, handbells, and the choir. This service will include a candle light singing of Silent Night. Seating will be limited to 100, not including the musicians. Our goal is to offer this service livestream. We will have an overflow list and monitor the pandemic situation to assess if we can allow more participants.

## Announcements

### Sunday Worship Changes

Beginning November 28th, we will have two in person services inside the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. As a reminder, we ask everyone to please sign up and wear a mask while inside the building. Half of the sanctuary seating is blocked off for those who prefer to be physically distanced. For those unable to make the in person services, we also have a video and podcast recording of the 11:15 a.m. worship service available by Wednesday of that week. Childcare is available on Sunday mornings with drop off in the Knox Room. Sunday school will remain outdoors as long as possible, please check with your teacher. In January, we plan to continue to offer two services inside, but moving contemporary to Calvin Hall.

### Clothing Drive for Afghan Refugees

Health Point Coat and Shoe Drive will accept new and gently used (cleaned) coats, winter clothing and/or shoes for Afghan refugees. Please support this drive by dropping your new or gently used, clean items in the box in the Narthex through the week. All sizes are needed. These items will be taken to the collection site on Saturdays. Your help is greatly appreciated. The MSM Team

### Ushers Needed

We are going to start passing the collection plate again for 11:15 a.m. indoor worship. Usher "lite" duties are simplified from the regular heavy-lifting duty ushers but they are essential workers. We are asking for two people to pass the offering plate during worship, then put the money in an envelope in the safe in the office. Please sign up on the link where you sign up for worship ([or click here](#)). Thank you.

### Readers and candle lighters needed for Advent

If you would like to take part in the Advent worship and Christmas Eve worship as a reader and candle lighter, please sign up by calling the church office, or clicking the link in your enews, or clicking [here](#).

### Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has pledged their offering for this coming year at Commitment Sunday in November. There is still time to mail in or drop off your pledge card. You are also welcome to [pledge online](#). There are extra pledge cards in the office.

### Youth Group

#### Indoors

Youth Group is a time every Sunday night to hang out, have discussions, play games, and be reminded that there's a community that cares about you. Starting 11/28, Youth Group will resume meeting inside in the Landing Room on Sunday nights from 7-8:30 p.m. Masks will be required the whole time. As we'll be in the other wing of the building, drop off and pick up can be in the office parking lot on Inglewood St. Enter through the office door, head down the hallway behind the sanctuary, and up the stairs on the right side.

#### Retreat

The youth from 6th grade through 12th grade braved the cold winds of Camp Paddy Run in November. They played games, solved a murder mystery, had devotion time and lots of fellowship in nature. A special thanks to Jeff McClelland who offered to chaperone even though he does not have youth aged children.



## Advent



## Advent at Trinity

**Wednesday Advent Worship**

Stop in, breathe deeply, and step away from all the craziness of commercial Christmas with the 7:30 pm worship service the first three Wednesdays during Advent. Worship will be led by Ben in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. December 1st, 8th, and 15th. Hope to see you there.

**Advent Family Workshop**

**Sunday, December 5th 3:30-5pm**

Tabitha Circle is excited to offer an in person family Advent Workshop in gym with crafts for all ages, including the Advent wreath kit. Look for a sign up in the enews and bulletin.

**Christmas Mini concert**

**Sunday, December 12th**

Come enjoy the sounds of the season on December 12th following the 11:15 a.m. worship with a mini concert from Carol Feather Martin in the sanctuary.

**Light up Trinity**

**December 19th-January 1st**

Drive by or walk around the main Trinity grounds, which will be lit up by light displays from various small groups from December 19th through January 1st.

**Caroling and Living Nativity**

**Wednesday, 12/22 7pm**

You are invited to attend the Youth Group's presentation of A Living Nativity followed by a congregational Christmas Carol Sing. In homage to the performances of yore, this event will take place outside on the Trinity front lawn. Grab some hot chocolate, enjoy laughing both with and at the youths' slightly irreverent retelling of the story of Christmas, and finish the evening by joining voices in song of our favorite carols.

**Alternative Gift Market**

Every year Trinity encourages people to give Christmas gifts that benefit the world. You are invited to shop at our online Alternative Gift Market this Christmas season. You can purchase a goat or clean water access via Heifer; help fight injustices for youth, race, and poverty via a donation to Legal Aid Justice Center; help purchase equipment, supplies, and training for a clinic in Honduras with a donation to Serving at the Crossroads; as well as purchasing fair trade items online that benefit artisans around the world at Ten Thousand Villages. [Please click here for the link to the website.](https://childrenofminedc.org/) Olive oil sales will begin soon.

**Angel Stars—out of this world**

Wow! Trinity hit and exceeded our goal for the Angel Stars within the first week. Way to go, Trinity! The Angel Stars is a partnership with Children of Mine (COM). COM is a drop-in center that provides mentorship, nutritional support, tutoring, guidance and other services to neighborhood kids from across Anacostia. <https://childrenofminedc.org/> COM's kids' come from families of very limited means. Thank you, Trinity!

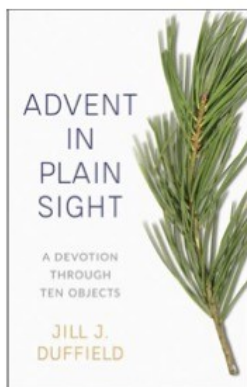


Advent is about preparation, but it has nothing to do with getting our homes ready for the season. It has nothing to do with gift buying or wrapping presents. Advent is about getting ourselves prepared to take a moment and think about our lives and how different they are because of Jesus.

Isaiah told anyone who would listen to make the way clear, to fill in the gaps and take down the barriers because God was coming closer. (Paraphrase of Isaiah 40)

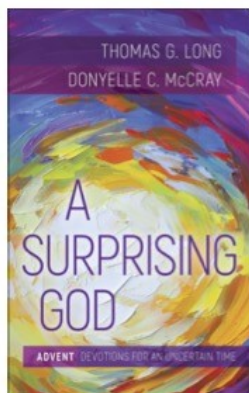
Advent is a good reminder each year to have time to self-assess. To think about those things that feel like they are creating gaps in our lives. To think about the things that are getting in the way of us experiencing the good things of God.

Here are a couple of devotionals to help you take time this Advent to fill in the gaps and take down the barriers....



### Advent in Plain Sight: A Devotion through Ten Objects Jill J. Duffield

By connecting everyday objects with biblical texts, *Advent in Plain Sight* prompts readers to see the near kingdom of heaven on earth and ponder what that divine proximity enables and asks them to do and be. Each daily devotional features a Scripture reading, prayer, and reflection, reminding Christians that God still dwells among us, even in the most ordinary places.



### A surprising God: Advent devotions for an uncertain time Thomas C. Long and Donyelle C. McCray

Mindful of the stresses of life today in a world torn apart by conflict, marked by political division, and in the midst of a global health crisis, these devotions for Advent and Christmas invite readers to honest reflection on the challenges of being people of faith in this moment. Long and McCray explore what it means to wait for our salvation, to be open to the surprising thing that God is about to do, and to find hope in God's choice of the small and the insignificant.



# Active Advent



Maybe sitting and reading isn't how you get yourself ready for Christmas. Here are some suggestions that you can do each week based on the Advent theme for that week. These are suggestions that you can do by yourself, with friends or with your family.

## 1st week of Advent - HOPE

**Hope** in God isn't like a wish.

**Hope** in God isn't demanding that life work out the way you want.

**Hope** in God is a trust that no matter what the situation, God is with you.

**Hope** in God is a comfort, like candlelight on a dark night.



For the first week of Advent you could make an Advent wreath.

For ideas and instructions on making different advent wreaths see the online messenger that you can access through the weekly Trinity Connects for links.



## Prayer for the week.

To the One who gives us Hope,  
Thank you for inviting us to this time of waiting.

Help us to:

open our eyes so we can see your light,  
open our ears so we can hear your  
words of hope,

open our minds so we can understand you, open our hearts so we  
can receive your love. Come, long expected Jesus, we are waiting  
for you!

Amen.

Illustrated ministries prayer

## Photo Album



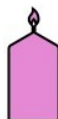
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## 2nd week of Advent - PEACE

Peace isn't just the absence of fighting.  
 Peace is a state of calmness.  
 Peace is a time without fear.  
 Peace is a healed and whole relationship.

We think of peace at Christmas being more about us not hitting or fighting each other but it all began with us being at peace with God. God didn't want us to be afraid, that's why the Angels kept saying it. God wanted us to allow space for the divine to move closer to us. That's why Jesus as a baby, vulnerable and small is the perfect example of God's desire to connect with us in the most non-threatening way.



This week take some time to be at peace with God.  
 You could create prayer stations around your house or Garden.  
 (For ideas about what the prayer stations could be see the next page.)  
 You could go to Trinity and walk the prayer labyrinth.



### Prayer for the week.

Gracious One,  
 Thank you for the promise of peace. Thank you for moments  
 where we feel it deep in our hearts. Teach us to make peace  
 with our words, with our hands,  
 for our own place and all places.  
 Amen.

## Photo Album

### Prayer Station Ideas.

You could set these stations up around your house and use them when you walk past, when you feel you need them. You could also set aside a period of time every day and move from one station to the other.

#### Breathe

Have spot where you can sit comfortably and say/think a breathing prayer. As you pray think about your breathing and as you breathe out, let go of the things that you need to let go off and as you breathe in, breathe something of the Divine.



#### Memories

When was the last time you looked at those old photos. When was the last time you dusted off that old album to see those faces from the past or scrolled way back past those 100,000 photos on your phone.

Some of those memories are happy, some bitter sweet, some maybe still too sensitive to touch. But all those moments brought you to here and in all those moments God was with you.



#### Build

Use wooden blocks or lego. As you build, think about the positive things in your life, the things that come together to create good things. You can say them out loud as you put each brick down.



#### Peace

Find a place to be comfortable and talk to God. About your life, about your relationship, and be at peace.



#### Self-reflection.

There might be many things that you want to change about yourself, maybe there are ways that you don't think you measure up to people around you. Take some time to instead think about what you do like about yourself, its ok it isn't bragging. It can be the simplest movement to most intricate thought.



God made you.

God loves you just as you are.

You could print up Psalm 139:13-18

#### Psalm 139

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works;  
that I know very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.

In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

How vast is the sum of them!

18 I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.



# Active Advent



## 3rd week of Advent - JOY

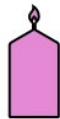
**Joy** is caused by something good.

**Joy** can be unexpected.

**Joy** comes when we are open to it.

**Joy** to the world the Lord has come.

**This week the excitement is probably growing, Christmas is just a few days away and there will be joy. Joy for a whole host of reasons. But maybe this week, you can think about that word Joy.**



### What brings you Joy?

One task you can do is take some time and make decorations for your tree that show the things that you bring you joy. It could be ornaments with pictures of you family. You could print up words. You could draw pictures.

### How do you bring joy to other people.

Drop off cookies with a note to one of your neighbors.  
Make a donation to someone's go-fund me page.  
Write something nice to someone on Social Media.

### Prayer for the week

Joy-Giving One,

Thank you for the ways you accept and celebrate all of who we are.

Thank you for the many, many ways you live among us.

Teach us to recognize you  
and to share our joy.

Amen.

# Active Advent

## 4th week of Advent - LOVE

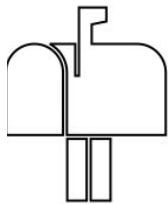
Love is patient.  
 Love is kind.  
 Love never gives up.  
 Love remains.



Perhaps the one word that is most synonymous with Christianity is Love. It is such a big all in-encompassing word and at Christmas we are reminded that, that all in-encompassing love burst onto the scene in the form of a baby. Great love in a small form.

Love brings us together and it keeps us connected. So maybe this Advent you could choose people from the Trinity directory and write them a letter - not an email, not a Facebook post but a letter.

If you don't know them introduce yourself, if you haven't seen them for a while tell them you miss them.



I know that right now, especially at this time of the year one more thing to do is just one more too many. I know that right now on the the scale of how much love this world needs, writing a letter might seem minuscule and insignificant. But as Mother Theresa said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

So maybe do something small this week but with great love!

### Prayer for this week

Generous One,  
 Thank you for all of the ways we are loved.  
 Thank you for all of the ways we can love.  
 Teach us to listen closely to each other,  
 and to our world,  
 for all of the ways and places love is shared.  
 Amen.

## Session Highlights and Financials

### Session Highlights for November 2021

Following are highlights of the session's regular monthly meeting, held remotely on November 9. For more information, touch base with Pastor Judith, Clerk Jim Dykstra or any session member:

- Session welcomed into membership Matt and Tabitha Ritter.
- Rev. Blair Moorhead, a candidate to serve as supply pastor when Rev. Judith Fulp-Eickstaedt is on a three-month sabbatical in 2022, met with session.
- Session approved a motion from the Racial Justice Ministry and Earth Care Team for inclusion of a native land acknowledgment statement for Trinity.
- Elders Cindy Bare and Gillian McClelland and Director of Spiritual Formation Ben Stewart reported on the Membership Inventory Project they are leading.
- Clerk Jim Dykstra gave a brief report on the annual rolls review required by Presbytery.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt reported on the stewardship campaign. Commitment Sunday is on November 14.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt gave a report on the Trinity fall retreat at Massanetta Springs, which drew about 65, including a number of newer visitors and members.
- Lisa Driskill and Nan Morley were elected as elder commissioners to the Presbytery meeting that will be held via Zoom on November 16.
- Troy Schmidt has shifted elder liaison responsibilities from Christian Education to the Mission and Service Ministry.
- Rev. Fulp-Eickstaedt said a new chair is still needed for the Pastoral Care Ministry.
- Clerk Jim Dykstra reported that he filed the annual necrology report, listing elders who have died within the past year, to Presbytery. George Meek's death was the only one to report to Presbytery this year.
- There was discussion of Trinity's response to the surge in COVID Delta Variant cases. The fall schedule, through Sunday, November 21, includes a 9 a.m. service on the Trinity front lawn, weather permitting, and an 11:15 service in the sanctuary, where capacity will be limited to 75 attendees. Children and youth Sunday school take place outdoors, weather permitting, and an adult class meets in the courtyard, with other offerings via Zoom and in members' homes. In cases of inclement weather, the 9 a.m. service and outdoor Sunday school classes will move indoors, with appropriate safety precautions in place. Masking and social distancing for those who are not vaccinated will continue. Preparations are already underway for Christmas services. Three Christmas eve services are planned, with the second anticipated to be livestreamed. There will again be Wednesday night Advent services. On Wednesday, December 22, there will be a Living Nativity and Christmas caroling on the front lawn.

Trinity Operating Fund					
Income and Expenses for Current Fiscal Year as of September 30, 2021					
	Actual Results: July 1- Sept 30	Annual FY22 Budget	Difference	Actual as a % of Budget	
<b>Revenue</b>					
Weekly Offerings	\$ 129,600	\$ 719,600	\$ 590,000		18%
Building Use & Other	28,200	148,300	120,100		19%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 157,800</b>	<b>\$ 867,900</b>	<b>\$ 710,100</b>		<b>18%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	175,000	943,700	768,700		19%
<b>Net Income/(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (17,200)</b>	<b>\$ (75,800)</b>			

## Announcements

### CROP Walk



The Trinity CROP walk team Trinity Trekkers were the #8 fundraising team in the country with a total \$14, 587! Jim Dykstra remains our top fundraiser, followed by Donna Parry. Thank you to all who walked and donated. Thank you to Dan Campbell for leading this event and Todd S. for creating a great walk around the Trinity neighborhoods.

### Earth Care Team

By Sue Bodner

What moves us to care about the world around us? What is your story of where the passion came from to reach out and hope to be a vehicle of change? Most answers to this question include a personal connection to the person, place or situation that is tugging at your heart. As people of faith, we commonly believe that the seeds of passion & change are planted by God. If the work we want to do is supported by others at our church, we gather together to figure out what we can do and begin to assign tasks. This is all very good! Sometimes we lose sight of that original connection, or maybe we never had it. Maybe the spark arose from our own life experiences. Maybe we are drawn into a group by the vibrant personalities of group members. This is all very good! If we want a deeper connection to God, that knowledge and feeling that the Spirit is always with us, we need to feed that relationship. Going beyond finding verses in the Bible to support our cause, we need to listen; to the Scriptures, to the still small voice most often heard when we are silent and we are intent on hearing it. God made the earth and loves it. We can be a part of that if we show up to deepen our connection with all living things, our beautiful Earth.



### Trinity Provides Dinner to RILA clients

By Romana Campos

On October 5, 2021 Trinity provided dinner to approximately 30 clients, volunteers, and staff at Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, a nonprofit providing free legal assistance to refugees and immigrants applying for asylum. As a volunteer interpreter for RILA, I have heard many horror stories while conducting interviews. Many clients have suffered some type of trauma both from the gang violence in their home country and in the long journey to the United States. Robbery, rape, intimidation, and physical assaults are common threads in these stories. Some minors have not seen their parents in years because they were separated from them at the border. I was proud to represent Trinity in serving this meal and with the help of my family and Joe Wilson, we were able to serve this dinner and have time to also sit with some of the clients and interact with them. Thank you to those wonderful people who gave money so that we could purchase the groceries for this endeavor. We made 80 burritos (chicken and black bean) and served them up with homemade salsa and Mexican Rice. Thank you to Jocelyn Hunn for providing all the delicious cookies for the dinner and to the Kleins and Paulraj for the drinks. A shout out to the onion brigade consisting of Jenny Rizzo, Dru Hufford and Diane Allard (wearing onion goggles) for flashing their knives and chopping dozens of onions and garlic for making



ing refried beans and shredded chicken. Thank you to the burrito assembly team, Jodie Willa, and Kit for learning to roll out a perfect burrito (much better than Chipotle) with record breaking

speed and no sogginess! I was surprised when no one signed up to help deliver the food and serve the meal, and then the night before the event, Joe Wilson signed up. He showed up and brought over the drinks, helped me serve, and struck around to clean up. Thank you Joe and to all the other volunteers!

## Joys and Concerns

### *Our Thoughts and Prayers Please pray for the following friends and family of Trinity*

#### **Joys:**

- + **Christopher Stocks** married Abby MacCauley (now Stocks) on October 23 at an outdoor wedding in North Carolina.
- + **Daniel Benn** married Shelby Whitwell (now Benn) on November 5th in Harrisonburg.

#### **Concerns:**

- + **Jim**, uncle of **Matt Edwards**, is now in hospice care with cancer and end stage kidney failure; prayers for him and his wife and family.
- + **Tim Hart and family** on the passing of his mother, **Marta Hart**, on October 30th.
- + **Marilyn Pliska**, friend of **Sandy and Grace Montgomery**, at home with extended recovery for health issues.
- + **Chee Chee Turner**, **Carole Turner's** mother-in-law, in hospice for terminal cancer.
- + **Rosanna Crist**, **Shakti Shukla's** friend's cousin, with 2 children under age three and fighting spreading triple negative breast cancer even after radiation and chemo treatments.
- + **Joan Grey**, a friend of **Donna Parry**, for recent bile-duct cancer diagnosis.
- + **Marilyn Rash**, **Pastor Judith's aunt**, recovering from back surgery and has blood clots in her lungs.
- + **Bill Stephens**, in late stages of cancer.
- + **Fatima, Uzra, and Ateya**, friends of **Wes Scholl**, who are trying to get out of Afghanistan.
- + **The Afghan refugees** fleeing their country.
- + **Mary Alice Eickstaedt**, **Pastor Judith's mother-in-law**, diagnosed with stage four lung cancer.
- + **Tracy McLoone** recovering from surgery and preparing for additional treatment for early-stage breast cancer.
- + **Andrea Karamitsos**, **Robert Karamitsos's sister**, undergoing chemo for stage 3 colorectal cancer.
- + **Terry Peel**, **Jim Dykstra's** colleague, recovering at home after being hospitalized for 11 months with COVID.
- + **Case Dykstra**, at home, after being hospitalized with congestive heart failure.
- + **Dianna Presson**, **Dave Presson's** mother, in assisted living for advanced dementia.
- + **Sylvia Sanchez**, recovering from knee surgery.
- + The many victims and families across our nation of deadly gun violence.
- + **Suzanne Rice**, a friend of **Carolyn and Bill Offutt**, who had a traumatic brain injury from a fall.
- + **Mary Warchot**, **Jim and Susan Dykstra's friend and neighbor**, battling advanced lung cancer.
- + Those who are mourning the loss of loved ones to COVID-19.
- + **Josephine Paulraj**, **Chris Paulraj's mother**, for treatment and healing with stage 3 breast cancer.
- + **Brian Tuskey**, brother-in-law of **Jennie Gwin**, in Chemo for a rare skin cancer that has entered his blood.
- + **Nancy MacGarvey**, **Chris Greco**, **Jennifer Fearon**, **Jane Dawkins**, **Bill Dowling (working with WHO on COVID19)**, **Andrea Darnie Hill**, **Dietmar Szymankowski**, **Stacy Vigue-Adair**, **Julia Rauhen**, **Michelle Edwards**, and others who are on the front lines providing health care.
- + **Whitney Kourthauer**, cousin of **Merrit Gillard**, for thyroid cancer.
- + **Gregor Moodly**, friend of **Kathleen and Doug Hardt**, for continuing cancer treatment.
- + **Ruth Dove**, **Rosemary Karua-Dove's mother-in-law**, recovering from surgery.

Trinity Presbyterian Church helps sponsor the missionary work of those listed below who serve in the international field. We also support them with our prayers:

**Lynn and Sharon Kandel**, South Sudan; **Mark Adams** and **Miriam Maldonado** (husband and wife) on the US/Mexico border; **Larry and Inge Sthreshley**, Republic of Congo; **Elmarie and Scott Parker**, Lebanon and Syria; **Elaine Menezes** in Guatemala, and **Doug Dicks** for Israel/Palestine.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:30pm Advent Wor- ship Fellowship Min. Mtg	2 10am Companions in Christ 6:30pm Handbells 8pm Choir	3	4
5 9am Contemporary Worship 10:10 am Education Hour 11:15am Traditional Wor- ship 12:30pm Worship & Music Min 2pm Bible Study (Zoom)	6	7 7pm Session	8 7:30pm Advent Wor- ship 7p.m. Racial Justice Group	9 10am Companions in Christ 6:30pm Handbells 8pm Choir	10	11
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19Light Up Trinity Begins 9am Contemporary 10:10 am Education 11:15 Traditional Worship 4pm Sermon Chat 7pm Youth small groups	20	21	22 7:00pm Living Nativi- ty and Carol Sing Along	23	24 Christmas Eve 5:30pm Children's Service 7:30pm Lessons and Carols Service 11:00pm Communion, Lessons&Carols Ser-	25 Merry Christmas!
26 10:00 am Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

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