

Dear Friends,

Happy December! This month is a great chance to get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I hope that this month you can find time to celebrate a little early with Christmas music and traditions. Christmas last year was different then we would have loved but we were still able to celebrate together. It is exciting to be back together in the sanctuary this Advent and on Christmas Eve so that we can celebrate together.

I hope that the promise of time to celebrate and new life is especially near to your hearts this year and that you get to celebrate with abundance and joy. This season of Advent we will also be working on our Stewardship campaign. We will hear from some of the groups in the church how they were faithful in this unsettled season, and we will talk about how excited we are to see how God is calling us forward. We encourage you to turn in your pledge card promptly and to give generously to help support the ministry and mission of Trinity.

I am so excited to celebrate with so many of you on Christmas Eve and to see how God is calling us forward.

Blessings

Pastor Jen



GOOD NEWS OF TRINITY

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December 2021

WOMEN OF TRINITY SANDY PEOPLES, MODERATOR

The Women of Trinity Notes December 2021

Thank you to Barbara Rinker for hosting our November meeting and providing a delicious lunch. The meeting was opened with prayer.

We offered prayers for Barbara Rogers' family (daughters - Linda Baines and Mari Johnson and their husbands, children and grandchild).

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry will provide scarves for the senior center members at Christmas time.

Greeting Card Ministry – Betsy Fairchild has been busy sending out Thanksgiving and Christmas cards as well as get well and sympathy cards. Thank you to Betsy for her dedication to this outreach program all year long.

Thank you to Nancy Williams for the great job she did for the Veteran's service. The picture board was beautifully done and the reading of the veterans' names meant a lot to all of us.

Our Annual Fundraiser – the Bakeless Bake Sale will take place in November and December. All proceeds will be donated to the general fund/operating account of the church. To date we have received - \$350.00.

Thank Offering of Presbyterian Women – to date we have received \$180.00 which will be sent in late November.

The women will be hosting the second Sunday reception on December 12. The theme will be "Coming home for Christmas." A committee of eight was formed to take care of set-up, decorations, food and beverages.

Our December luncheon meeting will be at Allyson Lord's "Christmas House" on Wednesday, December 8th at noon. Thank you, Allyson, for hosting us again this year to get us in the spirit of the season. We look forward to seeing her vintage decorations. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway.

We will resume our regular monthly meeting schedule in March 2022.

As always, we extend our thoughts and prayers for our members, their families, our country and our world.



"Come Home For Christmas" - the Women of Trinity would like to invite everyone to a special holiday reception after the worship service on December 12. Please join us in the Miracle Building to mingle with old and new friends, enjoy some delicious holiday goodies and Christmas punch, and have the opportunity to share in the spirit of the season.

December B-day

12/03 Lewis Baines
12/06 Sharon Davis

12/16 Kolbie Burkhardt

12/19 Jim Snyder

12/20 Erin Yurko



December Anniversaries

12/14 Allan & Carol Hobbs

12/28 Wayne & Marianne Williams

12/30 Larry Rittenhouse & Michele Steele

January B-Day

1/04 Eleanor Yurko

1/10 Marianne Williams

1/11 Thomas Pickett

1/13 Linda Burkhardt

1/13 Michele Steele

1/15 Philip Walter

1/15 Brian Burkhardt

1/18 Kimberly Perzia

1/23 Karen Perzia

1/29 Jeffrey Burkhardt

1/31 Henry Yurko

1/31 Rev. Jennifer Baer

<u>Trinity Men's Club</u> Since out last meeting, we grilled Hotdogs for both the Trinity Learning Center Trunk or Treat and the same event for the Cub Scouts. Lots of smiles and Halloween fun! We enjoyed fellowship over breakfast on Nov 13, where Chaplain Ken



continued his review of the minor prophets in the Old Testament. We also agreed on donations to go to the Trinity general fund, the Back Mountain Food Pantry and St Vincent DePaul Kitchen. We will also deliver a gift basket to a long-time member who is presently unable to attend breakfast meetings. Our next meeting will be for breakfast at 8:30 at Lum's in Dallas on December 4.



Meals on Wheels ~ If you would like to volunteer for Meals on Wheels on any open dates, please call Meryl Davis @ (570) 310-1556.

December 2, 2021	Meryl & Beth Davis
December 16, 2021	Meryl & Beth Davis
December 30, 2021 Wayne & Marianne Williams	

Trinity honors and remembers our veterans



At our Sunday morning worship service on November 14, our veterans were recognized and honored for their military service to our country. First row, from left: Art Peoples, Air Force; Clarence Givens, Navy; Windsor Davis, Air Force; Wayne Williams, Navy. Second row: Pastor Jen Baer, Ron Pavlick, Army; Allan Hobbs, Air Force.



Nancy Williams gathered information on all 17 veterans on the picture board and read their short biographies during the service such as which branch of the service they were with, where they served and what their jobs were. We are most grateful for her efforts to bring a piece of history to our congregation and give us an opportunity to say thank you to all of them. Thank you to Kathy Stevens for her assistance.

"Honoring our Veterans" - Thank you to Nancy Williams for gathering these photos and creating this wonderful framed memory board. Some of the veterans are members of our church. Some are relatives of members of our church. Many of them are still with us today. Some of them have entered life eternal. All of them deserve our gratitude and praise for a job well done.

HONORING OUR VETERANS































MICHAEL E. DESCHAK





HARRY D. SWEPSTON, JR.





DEACONS NEWS



Board of Deacons: Cindy Williams, President

Linda Baines
Tracey Chappell
Sandy Peoples
Michelle Rittenhouse
Nancy Thomas

Al Brown
Fred Hunt
Barb Rinker
Karen Sassaman
Nancy Williams

Want to warm the heart (and feet) of a Veteran? Please help the Deacons by donating socks from 11/28 through 12/12. These will be donated to Veterans in need just in time for Christmas! Thank you!

LITURGISTS - The Session wishes to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve as Liturgists.

If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist, please check the poster on the bulletin board in the hallway and select a date. Rev. Baer is available to talk to anyone who has never been a liturgist but wants to give it a try.

Nicole Fleschut, Administrative Assistant, will send you your material prior to the date you are scheduled to be the Liturgist.

Thank you, Art Peoples, Clerk of Session

December 5, 2021	Meryl Davis	
December 12, 2021	Wayne Williams	
December 19, 2021	Ken Jones	
December 24, 2021	Barbara Rinker	
December 26, 2021	Lessons & Carols	
January 2, 2022	Meryl Davis	
January 9, 2022		
January 16, 2022		
January 23, 2022		
January 30, 2022		

<u>Flower Chart</u> There is a flower chart sign-up sheet in hallway for anyone wishing to honor a loved one. The cost is \$35 per week so please plan accordingly.



December 5, 2021	Ken Jones	January 2, 2022	
December 12, 2021	Clarence Givens	January 9, 2022	
December 19, 2021	Nancy Williams	January 16, 2022	
December 26, 2021	Ken Jones	January 23, 2022	The Rinkers



Come decorate cookies with us on Sunday, December 19th immediately following worship! Cookies and icing and sprinkles are provided. All that is needed is your imagination. To help you pass up a "cookie lunch" there will be soups and bread to enjoy! Please sign up on the paper in the hall if you are able to provide:

- Undecorated cookies store bought or homemade
- A crock pot of soup

Please join in on the fun and decorate a plate of cookies for your family and enjoy a yummy lunch!



Let your light so shine before man that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Session wishes you a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
You are indeed a reflection of God's love, and the Session
wants you to know how very much we appreciate
your dedication to Trinity.

The Session of Trinity