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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY December 7 & 8, 2019

Second Sunday in Advent

- Sunday: Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services with Communion
- 9:30am Sunday School – Christmas Program Rehearsal & Adult Bible Classes
- 2-4:30pm FLAME Youth Group
- Monday: Noon P.A.R. at TYM (*Also meets on Wednesday at Noon*)
- 5:30pm Stewardship Meeting
- 6:30pm Evangelism Meeting
- 7:00pm Adult Class
- Tuesday: 9:00am Quilting
- 6:00pm Cradle Roll Guild
- 6:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm Fellowship Board Meeting
- 7:00pm Worship Team 2 practice
- 8:00pm Worship Team 1 practice
- Wednesday: 8:30am Chapel at TLS
- 5:00pm Advent Dinner
- 6:30pm Sunday School Christmas Program
- 7:15pm FIRE Youth Group
- Thursday: 10:30am Bible Study
- 6:00pm PPC Meeting
- Saturday: Noon-2pm: FLICKER Youth Group
- 1:00pm Pickle Ball at TLS
- 5:00pm Worship Service
- Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am Worship Services
- 9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Classes
- 2-7:00pm FIRE Youth Group

2020 Offering Envelopes are ready for pickup down in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Knowing Christ and Making Him Known

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given in praise & glory to God by the Altar Guild and all those who have purchased poinsettias to adorn our altar this Christmas season.

SPECIAL PRAYERS THIS WEEK ARE FOR:

Bill Agnew (Beth Heiliger’s brother), Sharla Arend (Jenn Boll and Janna Arend’s mother), Laurie Bauer (Wayne Bauer’s wife and Dennis Bauer & Arnold Schultz’s sister-in-law), Nicholas Beacon (Tom & Marsha Runge’s grandson), Steve Bracewell (a good friend of Chris Kazarian), JR Bruhn (Deb White’s brother), Ken Hale (Janine Liwosz’s brother), Phil Hartman (Connie Dunning’s brother), Todd Hertz, Peter Janiec (June Kazarian’s son), Karianna Jinguji, Ted & Irene Kinsell (and Sue Fachini who is their care-giver), Darrel Kobelt, Kinsley Murri (Rod & Phyllis Myers’ granddaughter), Jahzarra Scheafer

(daughter of Jennifer & granddaughter of Clayton & Sheryl), Lori Smith (Ray & Bobette Smith’s sister-in-law), Grace Swift, Amy Walter (Doug Miles’ mother), and Kevin Wirth (a friend of Lindsey Carter).

RECEIVING THE BLESSINGS of Holy Baptism on Sunday, December 8th is Karsyn Myron Berube. Karsyn was born on October 10, 2019 to Derek & Kayla Berube. We welcome Karsyn into God's family here at Trinity and pray the Holy Spirit will lead Karsyn and her family into a life of love and service to our Lord Jesus Christ unto life everlasting.

The Wrinkled Righteous Pinochle day on the third Wednesday has been cancelled for December 18th. We instead will be enjoying an Advent Soup Supper at 5 pm and Advent service at 6:30 pm. We would love for you to join us. We will play again in January on the 15th.

FINANCES & FIRST-FRUITS' GIVING

Budgeted Church/School Income (Year to Date)	\$ 847,874
Actual Church/School Income (12/1/19)	\$ 820,866
Actual Church/School Expenses (12/1/19)	\$ 787,822
A difference of :	\$ 33,044
Budgeted Offering Target (Through Nov. 2019)	\$ 384,346
Actual Offering (Through Nov. 2019)	\$ 345,348
A difference of:	\$ -38,998
Weekly Offering Goal - December	\$ 29,338
Actual Offerings in December (1 of 5 weeks)	\$ 17,765
Phase 1 Completion Drive Gifts & Pledges	\$ 150,000
Balance to Pay off Phase 1 Project (\$325K goal)	\$ 175,000

Last Week's Attendance – Nov. 30 & Dec. 1, 2019

Thanksgiving Service	172
Saturday Worship Service	95
Sunday Worship Services	194
Total Attendance Last Weekend	289
Sunday School	34
Adult Bible Class	61

Offering Counters for December 8th:

Carol Corder, Roxy Klundt, and Liz Clark

Offering Counters for December 15th:

Susan Loomans, Cheryl Wagenman, and Myrt White

USHERING HELP FOR SPECIAL SERVICES

AT CHRISTMAS TIME:

For the multiple services on Tuesday December 24, Christmas Eve (2:00, 4:00, & 6:00 pm), the services on Wednesday December 25, Christmas Day (10:00 am), and Tuesday December 31, New Year's Eve (6:30 pm) ushers have not been scheduled yet. We are asking all ushers to please consider signing up to help with one of these special services if possible. **A signup sheet is in the usher alcove in the back of the church.** By signing up, we can assure that we will have ushers at the service and Lay Ministers will not have to be trying to find ushers. Thank you for your help in getting these services covered.

BABY SHOWER: You are invited to a baby shower for Rebecca Harding on January 11th from 1:30-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a book in place of a card. Text the book title to Skyler at (402) 364-3385 to ensure no repeats. Everyone is welcome!

RSVP at:

<https://beccaboo890.wixsite.com/hardingbabyshower>

IF YOU WOULD LIKE to show your appreciation for our church and school staff, you may donate to a fund for that purpose. You can leave your gift at the school or church office - or drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Be sure to mark the envelope plainly "*Staff Gift.*" Please have your gift in by December 18th in order to have it ready to give out before Christmas. Anytime we show our support of our church and school, we encourage and build each other up in Christ. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

~Parish Planning Council & Board of Christian Ed.

HELP US DECORATE THE ALTAR for the Christmas season by ordering your poinsettias now! The cost of each poinsettia is \$10.00 each, and order forms are available in the narthex. Please complete the order form, place in the envelope provided (along with your cash or check **payable to Trinity**) and drop in the box that is also located in the narthex. (Please also note on the envelope if you are purchasing your poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. This will be listed in the bulletin the weekend of December 21 & 22nd.) We will accept orders through December 15th. You may pick up your poinsettias following the Christmas Day worship service.

Thank you for helping us decorate the altar during this special season! ~Trinity's Altar Guild

Stewardship of IRA RMDs

Did you know that you can make a donation of all or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your retirement account to tax-exempt charities, such as Trinity, and your donation will be tax exempt? If you are at least age 70½, you must take a minimum distribution from your IRA, or incur a penalty equal to one-half of the otherwise required minimum distribution amount. You may take more than the minimum at your discretion, and may instruct your IRA account manager to distribute any amount of your choosing to one or more tax exempt charities. Your contribution amount will not be considered taxable income from your retirement account if it is distributed directly from your retirement account to the tax exempt charity of your choice. For more information about Qualified Charitable Distributions, check out the Internal Revenue Service Publication 590-B, "Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)."