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December 2007

Trinity Tribune

Sundays

8:30 am Worship
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:30 am Worship

Wednesdays

5:30 pm Holy Communion
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

8:30 am Staples
 6:30 pm Conversational
 Spanish

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One tool psychologists use to assess a person's mental state is word association. I say 'black' you say 'white.' I say 'old' you say 'young.' I say 'hamburger' you say 'french fries.' My intuition tells me that when most folks hear the word "Christmas" they associate it with a tree, Santa Claus, or presents.

More times than I care to admit, when I hear the word Christmas I associate it with the giving and receiving of gifts, not the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ. It gives me great joy to be able to give my children many of the gifts they want. Any gift related to animated videos and DVD's is manna from heaven for my son Christopher. Any gift related to horses or "American Girl Dolls" cheers the heart of my daughter, Carson.

We all appreciate those gifts we receive that indicate the giver took time and energy to choose something that is especially meaningful to us. Maybe it is a book they know we will like, or a piece of jewelry, a CD, a photograph, a plant, a game ticket, a stamp or coin for an ongoing collection, home made food, a piece of art, or a Cuban cigar.

The incarnation of Jesus is a gift intended to bring us abundant life, forgiveness of sin, and the abiding strength and presence of the holy whoever we are and wherever we are. The astonishing story of the birth of Christ is the setting for the beginning of our relationship with Immanuel (God with us).

In Jesus, God reveals himself by becoming intimately involved in our lives. God becomes like one of us. He laughs and cries, struggles and hopes, works and plays, worships and prays and lives and dies as one of us. Jesus is our companion on the way. In him we experience the fullness of life. This gift doesn't remain under the tree, nor is it consigned to the toy box, instead it transforms us to forgive and be forgiven. It transforms us to show mercy and pity. It transforms us to work for justice and peace. It helps us realize what love God has for his creation.

Come celebrate the incarnation of God on December 24th at either 4:30 p.m. or 10:30 p.m. Sing the familiar carols, listen to God's holy word, and receive the gift of the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Merry Christmas!

Peace,

Ray Hanna
 Rector

Trinity Church Prayer Concerns

Please PRAY for those we name before God:

Parishioners:

Hettie Campbell, Bruce Carr, Mildred Carr, Ann Cochrane, Sharyn Conrad, Mary Ann Cook, Guenther Davis, Jim Gilbert, Tom Harrill, Anne Lacy, Fred Lambert, Bruce Malmo, Candace Sammons, Sid Spencer, Jr. and Odell Wilkinson.

Friends and Loved ones:

Jay Barker, Sara W. Barr, Shorty Bell, Andrew Noah Block, Vonda Blue, Randy Brock, Adrienne Callahan, Kelly Callahan, Missy Callahan, Patricia Callahan, Carol Denny, Ronald Dickens, Lou Divan, Lee Dowling, Linda Flynn, John Foltz, Vince Gialloredo, Kent Gibson, Molly Greneker, Shannon Hall, Earl Harbin, Clarence Hines, Kim Holcomb, Dan Howard, J.C. Hunter, Allen Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Betty Jones, Christina Kelly, Hester Lacy, Mary Lambert, James Lamm, Marion Liddle, Rob Lineweaver, Christy McCauley, Mildred and Richard Marshall, Alice Mikeal, Mary Moser, Helen Newman, Norman Pearson, Ben Pendleton, Carolyn Quesinberry, Jake

Rabon, Margaret Raley, Jane Robbins, Betty Smith, Charlie Smith, Stan Smith, Jo Thomas, Nancy Tuggle, Tom Vaughn, Lou Wray, Ellie & Wes Ziglar and Sharon Zucco.

Please pray for our Trinity family in the Armed Services of our Country:

Calvin Bernard, Jessie Bernard, David Blackburn, Jack Campbell, Brock Harrill, Kevin Hill, Anthony Jessup, Charles and Meredith Noll, Terry Stone and Jeff Sutton.

Healing Rites Offered

On the first Sunday of each month, anointing and laying on of hands is offered before the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

To participate in this powerful time of prayer, simply remain at the Altar rail after receiving Holy Communion.

The Rector is happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

.Congratulations to Dick & Lindsey Stiefel on the birth of their new granddaughter, Liza Corrine Stiefel, born November 3, 2007.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Grethchen Jaglowicz (sister of Lindsey Stiefel) who has died.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Susan Willis (daughter of Jim Bell) who has died.
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Reminder:

New articles are due by the 19th of December

Please feel free to e-mail an article to the church office—
trinitych@surry.net

Weekly Activities

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m. Holy Communion
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

8:30-9:30 a.m. Staples Distribution

TRINITY HAPPENINGS

STAPLES

The Staples program is in current need of soap, toothpaste, personal hygiene items and baby items especially diapers. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.

Pat Gallagher

VESPERS

You are invited to the monthly Vespers service with Trinity and Holy Angels parishioners on **Sunday, December 9th at 4:30 p.m. at Holy Angels Catholic Church.**

Don't miss this unique time of worship.

PARISH ANNUAL MEETING December 9th, 2007 following the 10:30 service.

Please join us for a pot-luck lunch and business meeting. We will review the successes and challenges of our mission and ministry in 2007 and elect 3 new vestry members to serve in positions of our retiring members, Ross Borders, Steve Woronoff and Brenda Goings.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 23rd, the fourth Sunday of Advent there will be a **combined service at 10:00 a.m.** Decorating of the tree and church for Christmas following.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Christmas Eve Candlelight services and Holy Communion are offered at 4:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. (10:30 p.m. music by our choir and 11:00 p.m. Holy Communion.)



December 2007

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



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8:30 am Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Communion

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Holy Communion
5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm

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Staples Program
8:30 am

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8:30 am Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Communion
4:30 pm Vespers

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Holy Communion
5:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm

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Staples Program
8:30 am

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8:30 am Communion
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Communion

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Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm

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Staples Program
8:30 am

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10:00 am Communion
11:00 am Greening of the
Church

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4:30 p.m. &
10:30 p.m.
Candlelight
Services
(Music by the
choir 10:30-
11:00 p.m.)

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NO Choir
Rehearsal

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Staples Program
8:30 am

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8:30 am Communion
10:30 am Communion

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Ministers of The Liturgy

DATE	COFFEE HOUR	USHER	LECTOR	CHALICE BEARER	ACOLYTE	FLOWERS	ALTAR GUILD
December 2 8:30 am	Paula Johnson	Jim Bell	Guenther Davis	Brenda Goings	Abby Bowman	Advent Greenery	Linda Michaels
10:30 am			Jim Kemp	Grady Lacy			
December 9 8:30 am	Parish Annual Meeting	Ross Borders	Dave Conrad	Brenda Goings	Janet Herman	Advent Greenery	Polly Gross
10:30 am			Grady Lacy	Janet Herman			
December 16 8:30 am	Janet Herman	Brenda Goings	Ann Cochrane	Brenda Goings	Grady Lacy	Advent Greenery	Debbie Powell
10:30 am			Gloria Lawrence	Steve Woronoff			
December 23 10:00 am	Paula Johnson	Grady Lacy	Cama Merritt	Jim Gilbert	Guenther Davis	Advent Greenery	Mary Fawcett
December 24 4:30 pm			Guenther Davis	Brenda Goings	Janet Herman	Dave & Sharyn Conrad	Linda Michaels
10:30 pm			Ann Vaughn	Janet Herman			
December 30 8:30 am	Louise Freer	Dick Stiefel	Dave Conrad	Brenda Goings	Grady Lacy	Ross & Jill Borders	Linda Michaels
10:30 am			Marie Whittaker	Cama Merritt			

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Time to Celebrate!



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December Birthdays

2nd Guenther Davis
3rd Dave & Sharyn Conrad
3rd Doug Wagner
4th Odell Wilkenson
5th Ralph Forbes
10th Laura Brintle
12th Denny Shelton
18th William Gallagher
19th Tim Callaway
20th Hilda Harbin
22nd Angela Lawrence
22nd Linda Hicks
23rd Betty Woltz

December Anniversaries

24th Jim & Charlotte Wuenscher
29th Robert & Cama Merritt
30th Richard & Susan Olchak
31st John & Berta Glenn Springthorpe

You may come forward for a birthday blessing during any of our services. You may put one penny in the birthday bank for each year of your life. The pennies go to the Church Periodical Club which buys books for children.