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One of my most prized possessions is a letter that one of my daughters wrote to Santa Claus. She was 7 or 8 years old. The beauty of it lies in its faith and innocence. An excerpt: "I hope you have a good trip tonight. Here are some snacks for you and the reindeer." It does this grown-up hopeful cynic's heart good to read the letter every year. I have framed it so that it won't get misplaced in a box somewhere.

Every year I choose to look for the joy and wonder of this season. I choose not to be overly literal or historical about the journeys of Jesus' family. Was it really the dead of winter? Are we sure that all of those beloved characters arrived at the same time? They left the animals in the barn while the baby was being born? None of this overshadows the most important realities: Jesus was special and he was born to human parents during the course of a Roman tax collection scheme. His birth was Good News... then and now. He was born into all of the challenges of that historical period; economic, social, religious and political.

Over this next month, we will be offering a variety of programs, events and worship opportunities designed to encourage us all to engage fully in the Advent season. We will offer a wide variety for varying needs and stages. There will be a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and a "Longest Night" Service. In all of our activities we will be seeking HOPE!

By "hope," we often mean an anticipation or aspiration for the future. However, the translation of "hope" from the Hebrew language provides us with an important visual. According to Walter Brueggemann, the Bible's oldest word for hope is tikvah, which means cord or thread. A cord, rope, or thread cannot only be seen with our eyes, but it is something we can grab hold of with our hands. In other words, hope is not something out of our reach, it is something we can put into practice today.

It was once standard practice for farmers to secure a cord between farmhouse and barn during the winter months. When used, that rope could literally be a life-line, providing guidance and a safe route, as long as the person held on.

Advent hope, like that fixed line, provides direction and assurance, even through the darkest of nights and the worst of storms.

Join us during Advent, and hold on to Hope!

MARK

note from the associate pastor...

One of my most enjoyable duties here at Trinity is receiving your contributions to our annual Daily Devotional Guide for Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. This year's edition, *Share in the* Wonder, is now available in print at the church and serialized daily on Trinity's Facebook page, facebook.com/trinitypresnc.

I'm always awed by your creativity, the depth of your reflections, and the seriousness with which you take the writing of these devotional pieces. And more often than not, I'm also surprised on multiple occasions by some new insight that had never before crossed my mind! I hope that those of you who wrote for this year's guide have been both challenged and rewarded by the experience. Now the rest of us have the joy of following your lead as we move, worshipfully, through these holy seasons.

Again, thank you.
With you on the journey to the stable,

share in the Wonder

- DWIGHT

ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, & EPIPHANY
AT TRINITY 2019-2020

Opportunities & Happenings...

SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER

Advent and Christmas Worship 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY DEC 4

Christmas Decorating Day 1:00-4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE Dinner 5:30 / Programs 6:30 p.m.

DEC 4 Movie Night: The Best Christmas Pageant Ever
DEC 11 Old-Fashioned Carol Sing, featuring Tom Bridges

THURSDAY DEC 12

Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea 2:00-4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY DEC 15

Christmas Caroling 3:30 p.m. (Meet at Trinity to carpool)

WEDNESDAY DEC 18

Longest Night Service 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY DEC 22

Children's Christmas Pageant 11:00 Service

TUESDAY DEC 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00 p.m.

session notes:

The Session held its regular meeting on Nov, 12 2019. Rev. Mark Stanley opened the meeting with prayer.

We noted with sorrow that Gene Carman passed away October 13, 2019, Paddy Deich passed away October 14, 2019, Gladys Hilley passed away October 25, 2019, and Russell Hubbard passed away October 31, 2019.

We welcomed with joy our new members Margaret Kennedy, Harry Petersen, Charlie Sneed, Thommy Sneed, and Dan Green.

A number of building use requests were approved by Session, including The Center for Cultural Preservation for the Appalachian Storytelling Festival, the Joy of Jazz Festival, the Swing Band rehearsal and performance, the Atlanta Gay Mens Chorus, the Dom Flemons Concert, the Buddy Kaye concert, the Music Academy, and Cornerstone Financial presents the Hendersonville String Band.

Rev. Mark Stanley noted that this past Presbytery meeting involved being introduced to a number of new pastors and retired pastors joining the Presbytery. Dwight was elected as commissioner to General Assembly. It was our General Presbyter Bobbi White's last Presbytery meeting.

Ed Spencer presented the report from the More Light/ Covenant Network committee. He reported that the committee discussed the questions and feelings of the congregation. The group has recommended having at least one more educational and listening session, which will be followed by a recommendation from the committee to Session.

Jim Smelker provided an update on the Stewardship campaign for 2020, and Tom Karvonen presented a summary of the 2020 budget review. He noted that next month Budget and Finance will be making a recommendation to Session on the budget for 2020.

Session approved the display of shawls by the Prayer Shawl Ministry under the glass of the table in the narthex that is currently being used to display an out of date Book of Memorials.

The Administration/Personnel Ministry requested, and Session approved, updating the Personnel Leave Policy by adding "up to three days bereavement leave for staff who have lost a loved one."

The Fellowship Ministry proposed conducting a survey of the congregation asking what people value about fellowship opportunities, and adjusting Sunday morning fellowship opportunities based on the results of that survey. Session approved this motion.

Dan Donovan presented a report from Global Mission. A scholarship covenant between Trinity and Fuente de Vida for the children of Fuende de Vida shall be renewed for a five year period of January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2024. There is a second covenant involved, Church to Church Partnership, which will be renewed at the same time.

Ron Howard noted that the Nominating Ministry had completed its report, and that the Elders, Deacons, and Nominating Ministry members nominated have all been elected by the congregation.

Peace be with you,



Clerk of Session





FOR ADULTS

 <u>Issues & Concerns</u> - Room 207 Led by various class members

A discussion-oriented class that tackles contemporary, political, and philosophical issues of interest to people of faith. Previous topics have included human trafficking, climate change, death with dignity, and mental health, among others. (May not meet during Ohmann Lecture Series or other special events.)

<u>Lectionary Class</u> - Trinity Room
 <u>Led by Jim Kisner and Jack Presseau</u>

Bible study of the Scripture passages used in Sunday worship services. (May not meet during Ohmann Lecture Series or other special events.)

Hashing It Out - Lounge

A more freeform discussion group of friends in faith who offer support, wisdom, and humor to one another.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children are invited to a sanctuary Gathering at 9:45, led by the Trinity Youth. At 10:00, we dismiss to the following classes:

- <u>Preschool</u>—Room 203 (adjacent to the Nursery) (meets 10:15–10:45)
- <u>Elementary (Grades 1–5)</u>—Room 103 (lower level)
- <u>Tweens and Youth (Grades 6 and up)</u>— Room 101 (lower level)

Special Note

Kids' and youth classes will *not* meet on Sunday, December 22. Instead, we'll gather in the sanctuary to prepare for the Christmas Pageant, which will be presented at that morning's 11:00 worship service.

JOIN US FOR THE LEARNING HOUR BEFORE WORSHIP - MAKE IT TWO HOURS ON SUNDAYS AT TRINITY!

MORE LIGHT Conversation Opportunity

9:45, Sunday, December 8th (During the Learning Hour)

You are invited to attend a discussion and conversation opportunity. You will have the chance to engage in "table talk" around the topic of Trinity's possible inclusion in the More Light Network. This will be a continuation of the work of the committee formed by the Session to make a recommendation regarding participation in an LGBTQIA- friendly association.

Trinity has a long history with these issues, and other human rights concerns. Please come and be an active part in these important considerations.

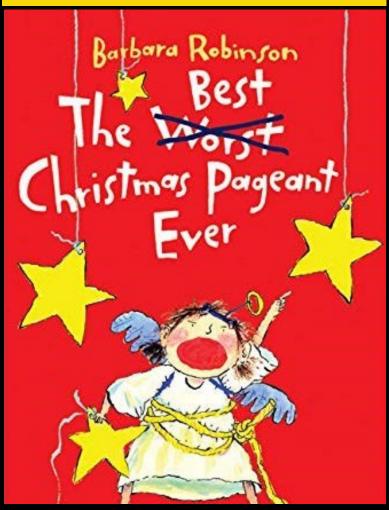


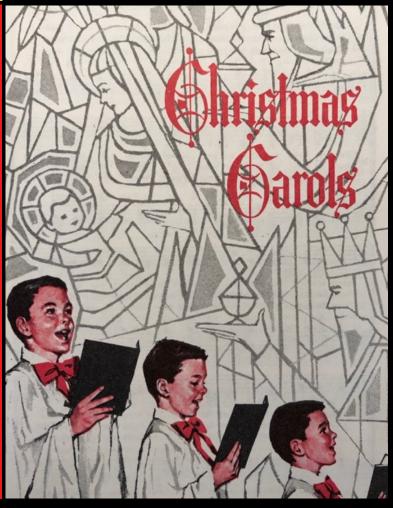


WEDNESDAY NIGHT

All are invited to join us for the 2019 season of Wednesday Night Live! Dinners are served at 5:30, followed by a program at 6:30. We have a great and varied lineup of musicians and guest speakers; here's a look at what's happening this month (please note that dinner menus are subject to change):

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MOVIE NIGHT!

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"
December 4th

A teacher puts on a *Christmas pageant* and puts the worst children in school as the stars...

MENU: PIZZA PARTY!

- Pizza
- Popcorn
- Salad Bar
- Brownie Sundae Bar

OLD FASHIONED CAROL SING

led by Tom Bridges

December 11th

Come sing your Christmas hearts out with all of your favorite songs, hymns, carols, tunes, ditties, etc.

MENU:

- Coq Au Vin
- Salad Bar
- Rolls
- Cheesecake & Fruit

- LIN CARLSON

& ERIKA MCGILLEY

Local Missions

FEED THE KIDS

Feed the Kids has been an important part of Trinity's local mission outreach since the program began ten years ago. As they prepare for 2020, including growth in their program, they are seeking new board members who will help lead this dynamic program into its 11th year.

If you have a desire to help alleviate child hunger, have compassion and organization skills and the ability to interact with volunteers and the community, this may be the opportunity you have been looking for. The time commitment is 2-4 hour per month. Interested? Contact Jim Howard at feedthekids@mindspring.com or (828) 696 -7896.





December 2019 Food & Clothing Needs

'The hands that distribute what the heart of the community provides'

Please help struggling families this month by donating

Food Needs
Hams and Turkeys
Cranberry Sauce
Pie Crusts/Pie Filling
Regular Coffee & Tea
Toilet Tissue

Clothing Needs
Winter Coats - All Sizes
Bed Pillows & Blankets - All Sizes
New & Gently Used Socks

thank you

- GLEN WALKER



THE MITTEN TREE

Each Advent Season, Trinity puts up **The Mitten Tree** and invites the community to decorate it with warm clothing for children in need. This Christmas tree welcomes gifts of mittens and gloves, wool hats and stocking caps, and socks and other small clothing items to help children keep warm in the winter cold. The gifts on this special sharing tree will be taken to IAM and given to children in the community who need and will appreciate them so much. The Mitten Tree is up at Trinity. Thanks for sharing the wonder of the season and the warmth of your heart by decorating **The Mitten Tree** with your gifts for children this Advent Season!

IAM HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Last year, IAM gave over 1,400 in-need Henderson County residents a holiday meal they were able to make in their own home. This drive is a separate project from the normal pantry in Trinity's Narthex. Items requested include:

- 6-10 lb Hams
- 8-15 lb Turkeys
- Turkey Breasts
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Sweet Potatoes
- Pie Crusts
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Green Beans
- Potatos/Instant Potatoes
- Cake Mix & Icing
- Canned Pumpkin

Please deliver to 310 Freeman St (next to Blue Ridge Mall and behind KFC) Donations accepted Mon - Fri from 9am to 4pm and Sat from 9am to 1pm. (Until Dec 20th)

Preschool News

Happy Holidays! The preschoolers are as busy as Santa's elves! We are singing carols, making Christmas crafts, and learning about the true meaning of Christmas. We would like to say "thank you" to Cub Scout Troop 620 who cleaned the leaves off our playground! We are also thankful for the support from the church and our preschool board members. We are looking forward a busy and exciting new year!

- BETH ERBER

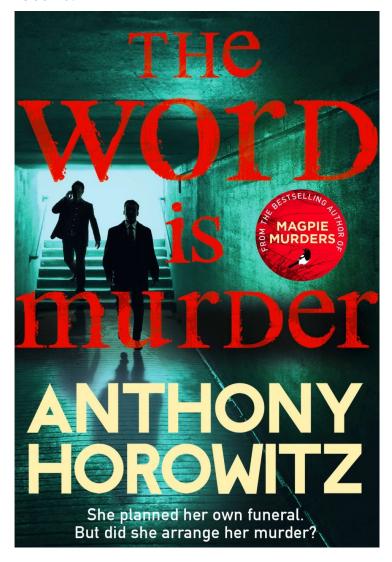
Preschool Director

Trinity Book Group

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019, AT 1:30

Come join the Trinity Book Group for enjoyable reading and lively discussion among friends. Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 5, 2019, at 1:30 in the Trinity Room. We will discuss The Word is Murder by Anthony Horowitz. Cindy Stanfield will lead the group. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

January 23, 2020, we will discuss Becoming by Michelle Obama.











ABOVE: CUB SCOUT TROUP 620 CAMPS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND HELPS WITH A SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE PRESCHOOL - CLEANING UP THE PLAYGROUND!

presbyterian women trinity





Presbyterian Women's Christmas Tea

Free - No Charge! Thursday, December 12, 2019 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

> Program: "Getting to Know You" Christmas Hymn Sing

Bring your favorite Christmas treat plated and ready to serve

Bring travel-sized toiletries for homeless kids of Hendersonville Public Schools



Christmas Tea is Free

The Coordinating Team of Trinity Presbyterian Women believe that all our gatherings should be open and affordable to all of Trinity's women. So, our Christmas Tea this year will be free of charge. It will be on December 12. 2:00-4:00 PM.

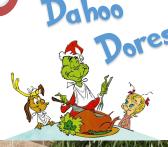
We ask that you bring your favorite Christmas treat, sweet or savory to share. No need to cook; something from your favorite supermarket deli or bakery will be great*. We just want everyone to come and have fun. Trinity is fortunate to have quite a few new women members, and we hope they will join us at the Tea. Our program will include some "Getting to Know You" games and Christmas hymns.

By tradition, we collect travel-size toiletries at the Christmas Tea for the 350 homeless kids in the Hendersonville Public Schools. So, as you head out for late fall travels, empty the stock from your hotel rooms and bring it to us! Alternatively, Wal-Mart and grocery stores have travelsize offerings in their health and beauty sections.

So—Save the date, and join us for the PW Christmas Tea. *To help our kitchen crew, please have your Christmas treat plated and ready to put on the serving table. Don't worry about how it looks... A paper plate will work just fine.

> - BEV LUZADDER PW Moderator









New Members!

A very warm welcome to our newest Trinity members.

Pictured, from far left: Thommy & Charlie Snead, Dan Green, David & Margaret Kennedy, and Harry Petersen. So happy to get to know you better!









The Longest Night

SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, 4:00

The Christmas season is a time of relentless good cheer (and sales pitches). But the trees, the lights, the carols, the cookies, the parties, the gaudy packages--these can all be too much for some; someone who has recently lost a loved one, or who lost a loved one at Christmas in a previous year; someone facing a tough health struggle; someone dealing with a marital or family or financial crisis; or someone who simply doesn't appreciate the materialistic merriment of the season.

The community is invited to Trinity Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, the longest night of the year, for a worship service that seeks hope and comfort while acknowledging the reality of grief, loss, and hard times in the midst of "the most wonderful time of the year." All are welcomed.

Preaching Schedule: DECEMBER 2019

- DEC 1st DWIGHT CHRISTENBURY
- DEC 8TH MARK STANLEY
- DEC 15TH DWIGHT CHRISTENBURY
- DEC 18TH SHARED
- DEC 22ND MARK STANLEY
- Dec 24th Dwight Christenbury
- DEC 29TH MARK STANLEY

New Library Resources...

The Trinity Library has purchased the following titles:

 An Absolutely Remarkable Thing: A Novel (33/GRE) by Hank Green

"Sparkling with mystery, humor and the uncanny. On the nature of celebrity social media and the cultural response to the unknown."

- Almost Everything: Notes on Hope (9/LAM) by Anne Lamott
- "An explanation of hope and the place it holds in our lives."
- The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism (25/TIS) by Jemar Tisby
- Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine: A Novel (33/ HON) by Gail Honeyman

This is the "story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes the only way to survive is to open your heart."

- Full Darkness: Original Sin, Moral Injury, and Wartime Violence (25/POW) by Brian S. Powers
- "A theological treatment of war, trauma, and the fundamental character of human existence."
- The Greatest Gift: Unwrapping the Full Love Story of Christmas 35/VOS) by Ann Voskamp
- "Celebrate the lineage & majesty of God's greatest gift to us – his son Jesus, beginning with the timeless Advent of the Jesse tree." Includes 25 devotionals.
- I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness (25/CHA) by Austin Channing Brown
 This memoir is "an example of how one woman changes the world about her with unflinching relentless courage."
 A 40-day devotional.

- Living the Way of Love (9/SUL) by Mary Bea Sullivan "Compelling stories and questions to guide you through the day."
- Making Room for Neighbors: Strengthen Relationships, Cultivate Community (9?LUC) by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee

Five sessions for small groups to come together, discover, explore Bible passages, and share together.

 Threshold of Discovery: A Field Guide to Spirituality in Midlife (9/OWE) by L. Roger Owen

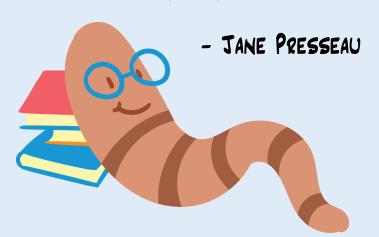
The author marks his 40th birthday by taking walks in a nearby nature reserve and exploring the inevitability of death, the reality of his changing faith, and his changing sense of self." "It is an invitation to a thoughtful Christian journey."

Nancy Gilbert donated the following books:

- Jesus Calling (10/YOU) by Sarah Young
- Prayers for Life (10/PRA) ed. by Nancy P. Brummett and June Eaton

Other gift books include the following titles:

• A Different Kind of Christmas (335/HAL) by Alex Haley The Second Christmas (35/UNT) by Louis Untermeyer



merry birthday, december babies!

- 2 Jim Luzadder
- 5 Alice McCullough
- 7 Leah EppsBob Luebke
- Bob BakerCarol GillespieCynthia Moser

- 11 Jan Prichard
- 12 Linda Walker
- 19 Scott Garrison
 Jan Furr
- 20 Merritt Roach
 Jake Herson
- 21 Judy Groff

 Duane Johnson
 - Alex Zarnowski
- 26 Mark Stanley28 Bob Moser
- 29 Fitzhugh Sthreshley, IV
- 30 Juliette Blakely



weekly prayer people

DECEMBER 1

- Katherine Diorio
- Bonnie Godsev
- Donald Hauck
- Ron & Gayle Hoverson

DECEMBER 8

- Sandra Dwork
- Bill, Debby, Zoey
 & Kayla Hirsbrunner
- Barbara Garrison
- Marion Lowry
- Jim & Bev Luzadder

DECEMBER 15

- Barbara Docherty
- Andy & Penny Honker
- Bob & Sandra Luebke

DECEMBER 22

- Mary, Sierrah, Brandon,
 & Kaydee Haskins
- Claire & Bob Lux
- Susan Mangrum

DECEMBER 29

- Neena Haskins
- Frank & Barbara Maston
- Mike McGill
- Jerry & Bea Miller



revised common lectionary...december 2019

Dec 1

1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1–5 Psalm 122 Romans 13:11–14 Matthew 24:36–44

Dec 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1–10 Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 Romans 15:4–13 Matthew 3:1–12

Dec 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1–10 Psalm 146:5–10 or Luke 1:46–55 James 5:7–10 Matthew 11:2–11

Dec 22

4th Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10–16 Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 Romans 1:1–7 Matthew 1:18–25

Dec 24

Nativity of the Lord / Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2–7 Psalm 96 Titus 2:11–14 Luke 2:1–14 [15–20]

Dec 25 - Nativity of the Lord/Christmas Day

Christmas Dawn Isaiah 62:6–12 Psalm 97 Titus 3:4–7 Luke 2:[1–7] 8–20 Continued... Christmas Day Isaiah 52:7–10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1–4 [5–12] John 1:1–14

Dec 29

1st Sunday of Christmas

Isaiah 63:7–9 Psalm 148 Hebrews 2:10–18 Matthew 2:13–23



Solar Energy for Trinity

This picture of a delighted Hazel finding her Grandpa Charles in the collage of solar supporters is one of many pictures in "The Story of Solar Energy for Trinity," a 67+ page reference book available n the church library. Access can also be found on the Trinity website at www.trinitypresnc.org where it may serve as a resource to others interested in pursuing solar energy as one way to reduce global warming and care for God's beautiful Earth.

What started in May 2018 as an investigation of the economic and environmental aspects of using solar energy to reduce our carbon footprint and dependence on fossil fuel has resulted in an amazing outcome of shared blessings and joy!

Thank you for being part of the story, for your prayers, for listening and learning and funding the project, for becoming solar energy believers and supporters, for all YOU have done to help bring God's beautiful sunshine into our church.

Sharing the Warmth...meet our ministries!

Building and Grounds Ministry

It takes a lot to keep our lovely church facility humming along smoothly! After several months of Goldilocks-style adjustments in our Sanctuary (It's too hot, it's too cold), we have finally replaced one of the 3 HVAC units that keeps our worship services comfortable and warm. After over 25 years in service, we felt it was time to grant it a nice retirement, so we're sending it to a lovely farm upstate where it can frolic and play. Welcome to our brand new HVAC unit! (And many thanks to the Building and Grounds Ministry for introducing us!)

Prayer Shawl Ministry

However...if you still tend to run toward the chilly side, the knarly knitters of Trinity's Prayer Shawl Ministry invite your to wrap yourself in one of their patiently hand-made prayer shawls. Shawls are available to the left of the main Sanctuary door for shoulders or hearts in need of warmth during worship services. Please remember to return after worship so that others may enjoy their embrace!





Sharing the Warmth...continues!

Local Missions Ministry

Yes, we already met them on page 6 of this issue, but they do such good work that we can't stop talking about them!

Black Mountain Home for Children - This Christmas season, we were so grateful to our members and friends for supporting the Black Mountain Home for Children and their present drive for kids in need this season. The Present Tree requests were all claimed so quickly that people protested and asked for MORE kids to support...so we got two MORE young people to share with this Christmas. Dwight's office continues to fill up with gift deliveries, so THANK YOU all for your warm and giving Christmas spirits. We are filled up.

That said, the **Mitten Tree** is still accepting donations throughout the season. See Bob Baker adding snuggly cheer to the Mitten Tree. So, be like Bob. Bring on the warmth! Please remember that we need warm items for children of all ages, genders, and sizes, so while tiny princess socks are adorable, we also love huge Batman gloves and everything in between.

More news to warm your hearts - **Civitan International** presented their annual concert on November 9th, featuring the Hendersonville Swing Band, under the direction of Jerry Zink. Civitan is one of many wonderful non-profits that Trinity members support and love because of their wonderful work with special needs children. So we were so grateful to be a part of their special fundraiser concert. Keep up the good work, all you Civitanians!

Stewardship/Finance Ministry

Warmth comes from our hearts, our hands, and from sharing our gifts. And those gifts are what makes the rest of our missions possible. Those gifts keep the heat on, keep the building in good repair, keep the teachers teaching, the preachers preaching, and the missionaries out-reaching.

Thanks to the astute minds of the Finance Ministry, we had a 2019 budget plan of \$436,000; our 2020 plan through 11/24: \$415,000. If you're planning to pledge for 2020, but you haven't already done so, please return your 2020 Stewardship cards to the office or Jim Smelker's folder so Finance/Stewardship and Session can plan accordingly for next year.

Thank you for ALL your gifts - your time, talents, treasures, and especially the warmth of your hearts during this giving and sharing season of Christmas! Much love...

- KATIE CILLUFFO





ABOVE: BOB BAKER BRINGS THE WARMTH
BELOW, FROM LEFT: THE SWINGBAND PRACTICES "MEDITATION"
WHILE TRINITY PRESCHOOLERS DISPLAY ALL THE POSSIBLE REACTIONS YOU CAN HAVE TO YOUR FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH JAZZ:-)



Global Missions

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Are you interested in forming relationships with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala? If so, join us for our 2020 Youth Delegation trip! We will spend time with youth from both Suchi and Sur Presbytery Delegations while there. GOALS OF THE TRIP: Broaden our understanding of our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and bring us closer to each other; Experience the Spirit at work in Guatemala and giving witness to the Spirit at work in WNC; Provide opportunity for the Guatemalan youth and youth from WNC to share stories. Demonstrate the strength of our ongoing partnerships with churches and presbyteries in Guatemala focusing on the young people; Foster communication between partner congregations through the young people of each congregation so that the youth can lead the way for future relationships.

GUATEMALA MICROLOAN PROJECT

"A joint project of Presbyterian Women from the Presbytery of Western North Carolina and Suchitepequez and Sur Occidente Presbyteries in Guatemala."

FORMATION WORKSHOP ON GARDENING

This fall, three Guatemalan university students presented home garden workshops to all microloan groups. The objectives of the workshops were to:

- Inform about home gardens and their benefits
- Create family and ecological gardens
- Promote family life through the care of gardens
- Implement a nutrition plan

The students carried out the preparatory work required, such as the measurement of the available area and the preparation of soil, and they provided plants and seeds free of charge.

GRADUATION OF FOUR ORIGINAL GROUPS

Fourteen women will travel to Guatemala January 27 to February 3rd 2020 to visit the microloan project groups celebrating the completion of 5 years (10 cycles). Nine travelers are from western NC and the others are from west coast churches which also support the microlan project. Please keep this group in prayer as they travel and bring our greetings and congratulations to those who have learned and accomplished so much. As the original groups end, we plan to begin groups in new communities.

OPPORTUNITY At the PW Fall Gathering in Brevard, Rev. Ellen Dozier led a workshop on the process of Formation, an important aspect of the microloan project. Guatemalan women attend monthly meetings on topics such as health, parenting, self-esteem, and overcoming negativity. Ellen is willing to share her hour long workshop with churches or groups that would like to host her for a day-time presentation.









SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 - ADVENT 1ST SUN. & COMMUNION 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 10:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30 Fellowship 12:30 Out to Lunch Bunch	2 1:00 PW Coordinating 2:30 PW Bible Study Leaders Meeting 4:00 Tai Chi	3 9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Coffee/Issues 10:00 New Members Sub. 11:00 Preschool Chapel 4:00 Global Missions	4 10:30 Friends in Christ 3:00 Finance/ Stewardship Meeting 5:30 WNL Dinner 6:30 WNL Program 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30 WNC Quilters 9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Isaiah Bible Study 11:00 New Member Ministry Meeting 1:30 Book Group 4:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Cub Scouts Pack 620	6 9:00 American Assoc. of University Women	7 2:00 Deacons' Christmas Party
8 - ADVENT 2ND SUN. 8:30 Worship 9:45 Learning Hour 9:45 More Light Conversation 10:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity 30 Fellowship 12:30 Out to Lunch Bunch	9 12:00 Civitan Christmas Party 1:00 Rebekah Circle 4:00 Worship Ministry 4:00 Tai Chi	9:00 Staff Meeting 10:00 Coffee/Issues 10:00 New Members Sub. 10:00 Preschool Board 2:00 New Deacons' Mtg. 3:30 Deacons Meeting 5:30 Local Missions Mtg. 6:30 Session Meeting	9:45 Esther Circle 10:30 Friends in Christ 3:00 Christian Nurture 5:30 WNL Dinner 6:30 WNL Program 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	9:30 Spanish Class 10:00 Isaiah Bible Study 2:00 PW Christmas Party 4:00 Tai Chi 6:15 Cub Scouts Pack 620	13	14 11:00 Music Academy Student Recital 1:00 Music Academy Faculty Piano Recital 4:00 Irene Robertson Memorial
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"I heard a bird sing in the dark of december".

