

THE BEACON

December 1, 2021

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesdays,
December 1, 8, 15, and 22

12:10 p.m.
Service of Holy Communion

Advent Vespers
will be released on YouTube at 5:30 p.m.



2022 COMMITMENTS DUE

**ENDLESS
POSSIBILITIES!**

*Caring actively in the name
of Jesus Christ*

Thanks for the positive response from those who have returned their 2022 time, talent, and financial pledges to date. Our gifts are tangible ways of thanking God for our many blessings. They support the Church's mission of carrying on Christ's work in the world as we seek "to care actively in the name of Jesus Christ." We are reminded that our 2022 Time and Talent forms and financial pledges are due. **Every pledge is extremely important!** May we give prayerful consideration to our response for God's many blessings and make our 2022 commitments this week. Anyone who has not received a 2022 packet is asked to contact the church office. Thanks to all who make our mission and ministry possible through their generosity and sacrificial giving.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Our participation is extremely important as we elect five members of Church Council, adopt a Spending Plan for 2022, and vote on the organ completion project.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be conducted using the pandemic procedures we followed last year. 1) The Church Council nominees are introduced on page four in this issue of *The Beacon*. 2) Packets containing the proposed spending plan, estimated income, and ballots are being mailed to all confirmed members. 3) An Annual Meeting video with motions and reports will be available on YouTube. 4) Opportunities for questions will be offered in-person Tuesday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, and via Zoom Tuesday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. Please contact the church office by 5:00 p.m. December 7 to receive the Zoom link. 5) Completed ballots are due at the church by **Noon on Sunday, December 12**. Counting teams will tally the ballots that afternoon and the election results will be published in the December 15 issue of *The Beacon*.

All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Please make every effort to participate.

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins its exploration of *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven* by Amy-Jill Levine, on December 5, at 9:30 a.m., in the Parlor. Levine, who is Jewish and a professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences, invites us to hear the Jewishness of Jesus of Nazareth's words, understand them in light of the world to which he spoke them, and better comprehend how these words speak to us today. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.00.

GERMAN LANGUAGE ADVENT SERVICE

The Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for lessons, hymns, and special music.
Pastor Roberts will lead the service.
A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.



SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our December outreach project supports the **YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center**. Needed are personal hygiene items including soap, shampoo, deodorant, and lotions for Center residents. The Center provides a safe haven for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. Counseling, education, and support services are also provided for the entire family. Please place hygiene items in the outreach basket in the narthex.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 5, 2021

The Lessons: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalmody - Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

The liturgical color for the Advent season is blue.

Altar Guild: Carol Barclay & Norma Jean Glass; Usher Team 4

Beacon Assistants (December 8): Sally Schneider, Jeff Schneider, Patty Kauppi, Conrad Kauppi

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL (adults only)

**ADULT EDUCATION
BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP**
(Parlor)

The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven

Introduction / The Beatitudes

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

5:00 P.M. - YOUTH GROUP (meet at Target)

6:00 P.M. - GERMAN ADVENT SERVICE

THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 - 11

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH & BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	2:00 P.M. - IN-PERSON ANNUAL MEETING QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION
	7:30 P.M. - ANNUAL MEETING QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION (via Zoom)
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M. - ADVENT VESPERS (via YouTube)
	7:00 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE AVAILABLE (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:15 A.M. - STRENGTH & BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:50 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Centra Specialty Hospital is **Jürgen Pest**. Hospitalized at UVA Medical Center is **Linda Woody**, one of our sextons. . . . Our sympathy to **Susan** and **Peter Manion** on the death of Susan's sister. . . . Released from Appomattox Health and Rehabilitation Center to home is **Vivian Lazo**.

ADVENT OFFERINGS

Our special Advent offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. Hundreds of young people, including our own from Holy Trinity, gather at Eagle Eyrie each year for synodical youth events. During these weekends, the youth experience an intentional Christian community and celebrate Christ in their midst. Our Advent offerings help make these events possible. We are asked to use the special Advent offering envelopes included in our envelope packets or to give through the online portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

ORGAN COMPLETION PROJECT



Our Taylor & Boody organ in the rear gallery has led our congregational song and provided musical enjoyment to us and the wider community through scores of recitals since its installation in 1990. We are forever indebted to those whose vision and generosity made such a high quality, mechanical action instrument a reality for Holy Trinity.

As many of you know, a couple of ranks of pipes specified in the original organ design were not included in our instrument in 1990 because of the cost. These ranks are low foundational sounds that provide support to the overall sound, further undergirding congregational singing and making the instrument more versatile for recitals.

We give thanks and are very excited that through the generosity of those who have quietly supported the Organ Fund over the years, and through a legacy gift from the estate of Ted Engelder that his family has designated for completing the organ, the Church Council has approved a motion seeking congregational approval for the sixteen-foot Unterbass and Posaune ranks – for a total of sixty (large) pipes which will be

located behind the main case of the organ. The price of the two ranks – including design, materials, labor, construction, delivery, installation, and finishing – will be \$140,000, with a projected completion date within thirty months from when the contract is signed with Taylor & Boody. There will be a motion to approve this project at our Annual Congregational Meeting in December. Those with questions about the project are asked to contact Organist-Choirmaster Bill Greene or Pastor Roberts.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks. Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 - 11

Sunday, December 5 5:00 p.m. - Holy Trinity Youth



"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year" Mission Project
We will be Christmas shopping for children in need.
Drop off (5:00 p.m.) and pick up (7:30 p.m.) at Target (inside near Starbucks)
Bring money for dinner if you have some (but come even without).

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Barb and Ted Garman, Susan and Peter Manion, and Maria Roberts** who prepared food for our recent Friday Breakfast Series. Our appreciation to **ALL** who assisted with clean-up afterwards.
- Thanks to **Carol Barclay, Joanne Greene, Marjorie Huiner, Edie Leamon, Susan Manion, Ellen Peterson, Anna-Liisa Rosner, and Jeff Rosner** for assisting in the Food Pantry.
- Thanks to **ALL** who participated (in-person and virtually) in the Thanksgiving Day Service of Unity and Reflection held at Centenary United Methodist Church. The offering received for the Freedom School totaled \$844.

LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR ADVENT

Sunday, December 19
10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 a.m. service will include special music
by the **ADULT CHOIR**.



YOUTH CAROLING

Our Holy Trinity Youth will be caroling Sunday, December 19, from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. They will be visiting some of our homebound members and friends. Singers of all ages are invited to join the group as they make their rounds.

2022 ALTAR FLOWERS and CANDLE DEDICATIONS

The **2022 Altar Flower Calendar** is available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. The cost of altar flowers is increasing in 2022 to \$90 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact **Susan Barney** (907-1244 or skwbarney@gmail.com) with any altar flower questions you may have.



The **2022 Candle Calendar** is also available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. The cost is \$20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

TRIBUTE FUND

Those who would like to make a holiday contribution in lieu of Christmas cards, presents, etc., are reminded of our TRIBUTE FUND. Those honored are sent a card announcing that a gift has been given in their name and proceeds support our social ministry outreach. Please contact the church office for additional information.

HOLY TRINITY ITEMS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE

- Organist-Choirmaster J. William Greene has two compact discs available for purchase: *Christmas Ayres & Dances*—recorded on the Klop continuo organ and Fisk harpsichord; and, *Buxtehude at Lynchburg*. The CDs are \$15 each.
- Holy Trinity history books are \$10 each.
- Holy Trinity note cards, featuring the original Solly Blank artwork that graces our Holy Trinity cookbook, are \$10 for a package of twelve cards and envelopes.
- Holy Trinity cookbooks are \$10 each.

CAN HOUSE REQUEST

Those depositing loose aluminum cans in the Can House are asked to drop them into one of the collection bins inside the house and not on the floor. Ideally, it is helpful to put the cans in a plastic bag before putting them in the collection bins. Thanks for your assistance in keeping things tidy.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



We will again decorate our chancel and sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas. Poinsettias may be given in memory or honor of individuals. The cost is \$16.00 per plant. Poinsettias may be picked up following the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.

Please return no later than **Sunday, December 12.**

Given by _____ Number of plants _____

In Honor/Memory of _____
(please circle)

Payment of _____ is enclosed. (\$16.00 per plant)

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

The following have been nominated for Church Council by the Nominating Committee. The election will take place as a part of the Annual Congregational Meeting that is being held by mail this year. **We are asked to vote for five persons.** Those elected will be serving with the following Church Council members: Class of 2022: **Edith Beck, Cindy Kauppi, Eric Kenny, Mike Rooney, and Mary Taylor**; and, Class of 2023: **Susan Barney, Joe Fedeler, Barbara Garman, Bruce Gerlich, and Susan Royer.**

The ballot order of the nominees was determined by a random drawing.



NANCY HALL has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1986. She is a member of the Adult Choir, the Women's Sewing Group, and serves as an assisting minister, communion assistant, lector, newsletter folder, and assists with special mailings. She has also served on Church Council, as chair of the Madrigal Dinner, worked on the Church Constitution Task Group, and represented Holy Trinity at the Virginia Synod Assembly several times. Nancy is retired and married to Kim.



ROBERT HOWELL has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1996. He serves as an usher and lector and assists with The Gateway Inn outreach. He has assisted with youth ministry activities, Brunswick Stew and food preparation, fellowship events, and Habitat for Humanity. He has also served as a Sunday Church School teacher and assisted with youth education activities and the Kids' Haven outreach ministry. Bob is an engineer at BWX Technologies, married to Tama, and they are the parents of two adult children.



TERESA WEINMEISTER has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1994. She is a Sunday Church School teacher, Altar Guild member, Handbell Choir, bulletin folder, communion assistant, lector, participates in our adult Christian education program, and assists with fellowship activities. She has assisted with youth ministry activities and Habitat for Humanity. She has served on Church Council and is also a past president of the congregation. Teresa is Senior Marketing Specialist, Instrumentation & Controls Business, at Framatome, and is the parent of one adult child.



DEB SERIO has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1999. Deb assists with coffee hour, receptions, recreational activities, serves as a greeter and usher, and participates in our adult Christian education program. In the past, she has served on Church Council, as a member of the Youth Committee, assisted with youth ministry activities, and has chaperoned youth mission trips. She has also represented Holy Trinity at the Virginia Synod Assembly, and assisted with Holy Trinity Choristers and the Fellowship Committee. She is an Instructional Coach/School Consultative Team Coordinator at Liberty Middle School in Bedford. Deb and her husband John are the parents of two adult children.



JIM WILEY has been a member of Holy Trinity since 2010 and is a member of Church Council eligible for re-election. He is an usher team captain, serves on the Finance Committee, and assists with The Gateway Inn outreach ministry, church property upkeep and maintenance, and Program Development Fund events. In the past, he has served on the Campus Ministry Committee, Altar Guild, Stewardship Committee, and as a Sunday Church School teacher. Jim is a Material Damage Specialist for National General Insurance Company and married to Shelby.



PAUL ULMER has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1991 and is a member of Church Council eligible for re-election. He serves as a communion assistant and usher, and assists with coffee hours. In the past, he has been a lector and assisting minister; assisted with Program Development Fund events (*Café Dennis*), Easter Breakfast food preparation, youth ministry activities, and helped with Habitat for Humanity building projects. Paul is Principal Project Manager at Framatome. He and his wife Tonda are parents of two adult children.



JEFF FLECK has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1993. He serves as an usher team co-captain, and lector, and assists with The Gateway Inn outreach ministry. He also assists with the Red Cross Bloodmobile, Oktoberfest, Brunswick Stew preparation, and church property upkeep. In the past, he has assisted with our Wednesday Youth Education and Confirmation Program, Habitat for Humanity projects, young adult events, adult Christian education classes, youth ministry events, served on Church Council, and is a past president of the congregation. Jeff is a Project Engineering Manager at Framatome. He and his wife Sherri are parents of three adult children.

YEAR-END GIFTS

We are encouraged to meet in full our planned offerings for this year and make additional contributions according to our many blessings as we strive to meet our challenge level of giving (an extra dollar per week or fifty-two dollars per year). Our church financial records remain open through Sunday, January 16, 2022, for contributions toward 2021 pledges. Please keep in mind that contributions must be received or postmarked by December 31 for 2021 tax purposes. We continue to meet new opportunities for mission and ministry and each person's gifts are very important.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

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