

The Newsletter of
the Trinity Episcopal Church
Martinsburg, West Virginia

TEMPO

WORSHIP WITH US DURING THIS SACRED SEASON



Fourth Advent - December 22nd
7:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Advent Lessons and Carols

Christmas Eve - December 24th
5:30 p.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant and Eucharist
10:30 p.m. - Festival Holy Eucharist for Christmas Eve

Christmas Day - December 25th
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

First Sunday of Christmas - December 29th
7:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Christmas Lessons and Carols

Epiphany - January 5th
7:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist and Twelfth Night Celebration



Trinity—
A welcoming,
Christ-centered community:
Living under grace and
Making a difference
in people's lives

**Advent/Christmas
2013**

A Celebration in Honor of St. Nicholas

December 8th following the
10:30 a.m. Worship Service.

Bring a side dish, salad or dessert
to share.

Fun & Fellowship and a visit by
St. Nicholas!



TRINITY IS WORKING TO:

- Build a legacy for future generations while preserving our rich heritage
- Become a diverse, family-friendly, baptismal community
- Renew wonder and joy in worship
- Create an awareness of and response to the Millennium Development Goals.
- Tell our Story

Rector's Reflection

Advent, meaning "the coming" is a time when we wait expectantly. Christians began to celebrate it as a season during the fourth and fifth centuries. Like Mary, we celebrate the coming of the Christ child, what God has already done. And we wait in expectation of the full coming of God's reign on earth and for the return of Christ, what God will yet do. But this waiting is not a passive waiting. It is an active waiting. As any expectant mother knows, this waiting involves preparation, exercise, nutrition, care, prayer, work; and birth involves pain, blood, tears, joy, release, community. It is called labor for a reason. Likewise, we are in a world pregnant with hope, and we live in the expectation of the coming of God's kingdom on earth. As we wait, we also work, cry, pray, ache; we are midwives of another world.

Advent this year comes with the blessing of celebrating a season of Team Trinity and the Victory of God (Look for details in our January Annual Report) and the promise of a year to remember in 2014.

As you prepare to celebrate the holidays with family and friends, I pray that you will make time to slow down and listen for the still, small voice of God and discover anew the abundant blessings we share.

Your Companion on the Journey
Rev. Julie +

Calling all Angels, Stars, and Sheep



Rehearsal:

Saturday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Performance

Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24th at 5:30 p.m.

Note: All "actors" arrive by 5:00 p.m. for costuming and last minute instructions.

Epiphany Celebration

Sunday, January 6th

10:30 - Family Worship Service

11:30 - Epiphany Fun and Festivities



Important Note: The Family Service for January will be on the first Sunday of the month - January 5th. Services on January 12th will use Holy Eucharist, Rite 2

1st
Wednesdays
Alternative Worship Journey

December 4, 2013 and January 8, 2014

Join us for Soup, Salad & Fellowship - 6:00 p.m.

Worship - 6:45 p.m.

Sharing our Time and Talent



Help brighten a child's Christmas

For the past few months, the food and money collected during the family services has been donated to the Kidz Power Pacs program, which provides meals for needy children on weekends, breaks from school and through the summer in Berkeley and Jefferson counties. On Dec. 8, we're also collecting new toys and gently used clothing that will be distributed during the program's Christmas parties in mid-December. If you will miss church that day or will be attending the 7:30 a.m. service, please bring donations to the church office. If you have any questions, contact Meg Partington at 304-263-7154.

Trinity Mitten Tree



Bring in a hat and/or pair of gloves or mittens to share with children in The Promise Neighborhood area. Hang them on the tree in the parish hall.

Salvation Army Christmas Stockings



Please pick up your stocking in the parish hall and return by Dec. 12th. Needy children in Martinsburg will appreciate all the stockings.



Trinity is collecting non-perishable food items and cash donations for CCAP/Loaves & Fishes to help feed the hungry this Christmas.

CCAP/Loaves & Fishes is also looking for volunteers to work three hours per month as food packers, and receptionists.



**Episcopal
Relief & Development**
Healing a hurting world

Episcopal Relief & Development is one way in which our church is able to respond to disasters throughout the United States and the World. From events like the floods in Colorado and Tornados in Oklahoma and Illinois to the devastation of Typhoon Haiyan in the Phillipines, ERD is part of the immediate response team. Please consider a year end gift to ERD to make a difference.

Christmas Memorial Flowers or Christmas Thank Offering

Orders are now being taken for Christmas memorial flowers. Please complete the information below and return with a check for the memorial payable to Trinity Episcopal Church. Orders must be received by Wednesday, December 19th to be included in the Christmas bulletin.

The proceeds cover the cost of the decorations for Christmas as well as other altar guild needs such as the cost of communion wafers, liquid wax for the candles, linens, vessels, etc.



Your Name and Contact Information:

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In Memory of/In Thanksgiving for:



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Return Service Requested

We wish you Blessings of peace, joy, and love!
Rev. Julie+, the Vestry, and the Staff of Trinity Episcopal Church

Worship Services

Sundays

7:30 am. - Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri

Wednesdays

Noon –Eucharist/Healing

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Thrus.

8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p;m.

