

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum — TODAY @ 9:15 AM

Our weekly adult forum meets in Brooks Hall between our morning services, offering a time of fellowship, as well as a chance to exchange information or engage in deeper reflection.

This morning, we begin a special five-part series on the Book of Revelation, using a video series from that *other* Trinity Church on Wall Street (the one in New York City). Michael Battle (priest, theologian, and seminary professor) invites us to re-imagine what the Book of Revelation means for us today. Here's some information from the people behind this series:

What if Revelation is not about end times, but rather a guide to how we create heaven on earth, right now?

... see Revelation like you've never seen it before: as a source of hope and inspiration. Over the course of five videos, Dr. Battle will guide participants through the Book of Revelation and illuminate how it reveals God's dream for humanity.

Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols — NEXT Sunday @ 10:15 AM

Before we get caught up in the frenetic pace of Christmas, the Church invites us to celebrate this holy season of Advent. It has its own unique character – as well as music and biblical readings. To help us here at Trinity, we'll celebrate a special service of Lessons and Carols for our 10:15 service on Sunday, December 3rd. There will be a sermon at the early service (as usual), but not for Lessons and Carols.

Then, after the morning service, we'll enjoy a special time of fellowship in Brooks Hall – an English Tea we're referring to as a “low-key high tea”!

You may want to invite someone to come and join us. (A handy flyer is included with your bulletin this week for you to take home or share!)

St. Nicholas Dinner — Wednesday, December 6th

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Nicholas in early December, recalling the 4th century bishop who is remembered across the world for his care for children and for his acts of generosity.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the St. Nicholas Dinner on his feast day, December 6th. We'll have a social hour, starting at 4:30 PM, followed by the dinner at 5:30 PM. Enjoy fellowship, a delicious meal, singing ... and a visit from St. Nicholas himself!

Please sign up this morning to attend. (Your reservation should be made by December 3rd.)

Altar Flowers Chart for 2018

Flowers in the sanctuary add beauty to our services and provide a visual means of marking celebrations and commemorations. The 2018 flower chart is in Brooks Hall. You'll be contacted a week or so before your Sunday to ensure the dedication is correct in the bulletin.

ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INVITATIONS

Christmas Giving Tree with Christmas Wishes

Beginning this Sunday, we'll set up our Christmas Giving Tree. The tree is decorated with tags (and wish list items on each of the tags). These suggestions come from the Salvation Army. After you have purchased your gifts they should be returned to the tree (or the parish office) unwrapped, by Monday, December 18th. Questions: call Julie Lear, (541) 389-2490.

Alternative Christmas Begins Today!

The Alternative Christmas Table is available after both Sunday morning services beginning today and running through Advent. Trinity's Alternative Christmas will benefit four of our sponsored charities:

- Episcopal Relief and Development provides relief and aid to victims of poverty and catastrophe in the US and internationally. This year our goal is to raise enough to provide farm animals to families and communities. And all gifts are matched!
- Condega Program supports children in Condega, Nicaragua by providing upgrades to their facilities, school uniforms, school supplies, and some staff funding.
- Cove/COPY Program provides summer camp scholarships for at risk children, especially those impacted by having an incarcerated parent or caregiver. Last year we sent 44 campers to Cove! Generous donors from our Trinity family will match up to \$2,000!
- Family Kitchen serves over 4,500 free meals to our homeless and less fortunate brothers and sisters each month right here in St. Helens Hall.

You can make a donation (check, cash or credit card) and receive a card to send to your friends and loved ones letting them know that you have donated in their name. What better way to celebrate Christmas! Questions: contact Marie Suhre, 541-306-

6043.

Gifts for the Christ Child

We are partnering with the Family Access Network this year to provide Safeway gift cards for distribution to families in our community. The cards will allow them to buy the food they need and can use, especially if homeless, living in vehicles, etc. ... or when they may not have refrigerators or a way to cook food. This option will meet critical needs, while preserving dignity and offering families a choice of possibilities to meet their needs.

If you want to support this concern, please make your check out to Trinity and specify “Gifts for the Christ Child” in the memo line.

Advent — Ways to Reflect on the Season

Lots of activities and offerings for the Advent season at Trinity are described in the December issue of *The Trumpet*, our monthly newsletter. *The Trumpet* will be mailed this coming week and posted to the church website. Here are some activities to place on your calendar:

- **Advent Calendars.** An Advent Calendar is much more than a way to count down the shopping days ‘til Christmas. Our church publishers offer this year’s “Slow Down. Quiet. It’s Advent!” poster as a gentle and fun way to be reminded of the true meaning of the season.

The Advent poster offers suggestions for marking each day of Advent, a simple act to do, an invitation to read from the Bible, or reflect on a poem. And you can color the squares day-by-day (and maybe return your calendar for others to enjoy during the 12 Days of Christmas). The calendar posters are available at church starting today ... or from the office.

- **#AdventWord 2017.** As an alternative to a physical calendar, an order of Episcopal monks invites you to join them in a daily devotion. Subscribe @ <http://adventword.org> and they’ll send you a daily word appropriate to the season. It’s an invitation to reflect more deeply on the true meaning of Advent and the coming season of Christmas.
- **A Global Advent Adventure.** If you want to take things one step further, “AdventWord” invite us to join with others creating a global Advent Calendar. Share a personal interpretation of the daily word, using a phone or tablet to take a photo and then to share that photo via social media. It’s a fascinating and innovative way to enlarge our experience of Advent.

CALENDAR

This following list of events is not comprehensive. To add your meeting or event to our

calendar, please contact the parish office by phone - 541-382-5542, or email - ministry@trinitybend.org.

11/26	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Book of Revelation (part 1): "Are We There Yet?"</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
11/28	Tuesday	1:30 PM	Pastoral Care Team
11/29	Wednesday	12 PM	Noon Eucharist
		2:30 PM	Sermon Reflections
		4 PM	Centering Prayer
11/30	Thursday	4 PM	EfM (Education for Ministry Class)
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
12/2	Saturday	9 AM	Altar Guild
12/3	Sunday		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
		8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Book of Revelation (part 2): "Revelation's Nightmares"</i>
		10:15 AM	An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols with
	Holy Eucharist		
		11:30 AM	Low-Key High Tea