

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Adult Forum — Sundays @ 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.

Last week, we began a five-week series on the Book of Revelation, asking the provocative question as to whether this book of the Bible is about the “end of the world” or “heaven on earth.” Come and join us as we look for ways to find hope in words that others seem to find fearful.

### **Trinity Peace and Social Justice Team -- TODAY after the 10:15 service is over**

Please join our Peace and Social Justice Team today in the parish library. We're planning and preparing for upcoming work to stand in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers. Don't miss it! All welcome.

### **St. Nicholas Dinner — Wednesday @ 5:30 PM (Social Hour starts @ 4:30 PM)**

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Nicholas annually in early December, preserving the memory of the 4<sup>th</sup> century bishop of Myra, who is remembered across the world for his care for children and acts of generosity.



At Trinity, our annual St. Nicholas Dinner is this coming Wednesday, at 5:30 pm (preceded by a social hour downstairs). We'll enjoy fellowship, good food, singing (Christmas carols!) ... and a visit from St. Nicholas himself!

Please sign up this morning to attend and to choose your entrée.

If you'd like a ride, please call Connie McCracken at 541-788-1215 or Cathy Ann Douglass at 503-757-3908.

### **Central Oregon Mastersingers (Tower Theatre) — Saturday @ 7:30 PM and NEXT Sunday @ 2 PM**

A concert of holiday music for choir and chamber orchestra featuring one of choral music's most beloved works - Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria* in D Major. Of course, what holiday program would be complete without traditional carols and an audience sing-along! Purchase tickets online at <http://www.towertheatre.org>,

### **Labyrinth — Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

Our labyrinth will be available in St. Helens Hall as a means to touch our sorrows and joys ... a prayerful opportunity to quiet the mind and body as you follow the circular path into the center and out again.

### **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services**

Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, but it's still Advent in the morning. Here at Trinity, we'll hold off on celebrating Christmas until after our Advent services in the morning are over. An invitation is included with your bulletin today. It's for you or you can use it to invite others to join us.

So bring all the family to church on Christmas Eve! Our first Christmas service is at 4 pm. This year's “family service” will be in St. Helens Hall, a more relaxed space for



families of all ages. The more traditional services are in the evening, both back in Trinity. Choir and candlelight singing of “Silent Night” will be highlights.

We have one service on Christmas morning, at 10 am. It’s a relatively simple affair – but, oh, so wonderful. A few Christmas carols. And a story for Christmas Day.

### **Vestry Nominations**

We will elect three new members to the Vestry at our Annual Meeting in January. If you – or someone you know – is interested in serving (or would like more information), please speak with Father Jed, either of our Wardens, and/or a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: John Lawson, Bill Silliman, and Bill Swarts.

## **ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES AND INVITATIONS**

### **Christmas Giving Tree with Christmas Wishes**

The Giving Tree is Available Today! Our tree is filled with requests from local families to brighten their Christmas. You can select a tag, then return it with the gifts unwrapped. The deadline for returning the gifts is Monday, December 18, to allow the Salvation Army time to deliver the gifts. Questions: contact Julie Lear at 541-389-2490.

### **Alternative Christmas — Today and each Sunday in Advent**

The Alternative Christmas Table is available after both Sunday morning services today through Sunday, December 24th. 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. *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 with an incarcerated parent or caregiver. *Generous donors from our Trinity family will match up to \$2,000!*
- **Family Kitchen** serves over 4,500 free meals each month 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 friends and loved ones letting them know that you have donated in their name. Questions: contact Marie Suhre at 541-306-6043.

### **Gifts for the Christ Child**

We are partnering with the Family Access Network advocates to provide Safeway food gift cards for their client families in need. This will allow a family to buy food they need and can use.

Please consider making a cash/check offering no later than December 10, allowing us to purchase the gift cards before Christmas breaks. (Checks to Trinity should say “**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 this month’s issue of *The Trumpet*, mailed last week. 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. If you didn't get one last week, it's not too late to get started. Get yours today.

This year's "Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!" is a gentle and fun way to savor the season, offering ideas for marking each day of Advent ... and you can color the squares day-by-day!

- **Advent Words.** As an alternative to a physical calendar, an order of Episcopal monks invites you to join them in a daily devotion. Subscribe @ <http://www.adventword.org> and they'll send you a word – along with a very brief reflection on that word – to ponder each day.

If you want to take things one step further, join with others from around the world in creating a global Advent Calendar, sharing your pictorial interpretation of the daily word on social media.

**Christmas Flowers — Due back to office by Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

For those who want to support our seasonal greens and flowers, we have special envelopes in the pew racks this morning for you to use. Please **print** VERY legibly your thanksgiving or memorial intentions.

**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](mailto:ministry@trinitybend.org).

12/3	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Book of Revelation (part 2): "Revelation's Nightmares"</i>
		10:15 AM	Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols
		11:30 AM	English Tea – in a lower key
		11:30 AM	Peace and Social Justice Team (library)
12/5	Tuesday	1:30 PM	Spiritual Direction
		3:30 PM	Liturgy Team
12/6	Wednesday	10 AM	Building and Grounds
		12 PM	Noon Eucharist
		2:30 PM	Sermon Reflections
			<b>St. Nicholas Celebration:</b>
		4:30 PM	Social Hour (Downstairs Classroom)
		5:30 PM	Dinner (Brooks Hall)
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
12/7	Thursday	4 PM	EfM (Education for Ministry)
		7 PM	Taize Service
12/9	Saturday	9 AM	Altar Guild
12/10	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Book of Revelation (part 3): "Staying Awake"</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist in the season of Advent
		11:30 AM	Coffee Hour

