

## ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Thanks to the generous support of many members of this parish, this past week we were able to donate 112 Safeway food gift certificates to the Family Access Network (FAN). FAN advocates staff each school in the Bend-La Pine School District to provide assistance to disadvantaged children and their families. The Safeway food gift certificates are deeply appreciated and address a significant, ongoing need.

### ***Alternative Christmas Continues Today!***

Avoid the traffic, the lines and the postal fees. Feel really good about lending a helping hand. Our Alternative Christmas Table is available after both Sunday morning services today and next Sunday. Make a donation to Trinity's sponsored charities and receive a card to send to your friends or family letting them know you donated in their name.

- **Episcopal Relief and Development** - This year we hope to raise enough to provide goats, pigs and chickens to families and communities. We're half way to our goal of \$575. All gifts are matched!
- **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! We are at \$600, so we have a ways to go.
- **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. Most of the diners have jobs, but need this service to make ends meet.
- **Condega Program** supports children in Condega, Nicaragua by providing upgrades to their facilities, school uniforms, school supplies, and some staff funding.

You can make a donation (check, cash or credit card.) Checks may be made to Trinity with the charity's name in the memo line. What better way to celebrate Christmas! Contact Marie Suhre @ 541-306-6043 if you have questions.

### ***Advent Calendars***

If you are working on your Advent Calendar at home, coloring in the panels day by day, please consider bringing it back to share during the upcoming 12 Days of Christmas. We'll have them out for the Epiphany Potluck on Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. (More information forthcoming soon!)

In the meantime, you might check out the calendars we've been working on here at Trinity – posted on both of our bulletin boards (across from the reception desk in the office area and in Brooks Hall).

Father Jed has also been responding to AdventWord 2017, adding daily photographs on social media. His photo montage is on display on the bulletin board in Brooks Hall.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Rose Sunday — TODAY**

In many places, following a tradition going back at least to medieval times, the Third Sunday of Advent is observed as *Gaudete* Sunday. The Latin name comes from the traditional choral introit for the day, which begins, *Gaudete in Domino semper ...* translated, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” We don’t typically use a choral introit in our worship, but this morning’s epistle echoes the theme.

Rose-colored vestments have traditionally marked the change in emphasis for the day. And so the day is often referred to by the color rather than the Latin title.

### **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.

We’re moving into the end of our five-week series on the Book of Revelation, asking whether this book of the Bible is about the “end of the world” or “heaven on earth.” You’re still welcome to come and join us as we look for ways to find hope in words that others seem to find fearful.

### **Greening of the Church — TODAY @ 11:30 AM**

The “hanging of the greens” is an old English custom of adorning one’s home with evergreens and other festive trappings. We’ll do the same at Trinity TODAY, under the direction of Helen Brisson, supported by members of the Altar Guild.



Adding to the festive occasion, we’ll have Christmas cookies and hot cocoa ... and maybe we’ll enjoy some Christmas music for the season!

### **French Apple Pies for your Christmas dinner table — TODAY**

See Cathy Ann Douglass after services today in Brooks Hall to purchase a frozen, ready to bake French Apple Pie for just \$10!

### **Celebration of Life for John Zachem — Monday @ 1 PM (Unitarian Universalist Church)**

John Zachem, once a member here at Trinity, died on November 29. A celebration of his life will be at the Unitarian Universalist Church on December 18, at 1 pm.

### **SANTA needs helpers — Saturday @ 12 and 2 PM**

Santa will be talking with children in downtown Bend again this Saturday. He needs helpers to greet the kids and pass out candy for **two-hour shifts** on December 23, from 12 noon to 2 pm, and from 2 to 4 pm. If you have elf clothing or a Santa hat you can wear them! And you can bring a friend to help, too. **Contact Marie Suhre on 541-306-6043 or text her at 541-588-2350.**

### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent — NEXT Sunday @ 8 and 10:15 AM**

Please note that we will have the normal routine of morning liturgies next Sunday morning, as we bring our observance of Advent to a close. But it’s not Christmas yet, not in the morning. We’ll hold off on those festivities until the afternoon (and Christmas Day).

## **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services — December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (correct times below)**

Bring all the family to church Christmas Eve! We have three services on Christmas Eve and one service only on Christmas Day.

### **Christmas Eve @ 4 PM**

Our first Christmas service is a “family service,” especially appropriate for families with young children. This service will be held in St Helens this year, and will feature something special for our younger participants.

### **Christmas Eve @ 7 and 9 PM**

The later services are more traditional, with music provided by the Trinity Choir. Caroling begins 30 minutes before the 7 pm service and 15 minutes before “Midnight Mass,” as people arrive.

### **Christmas Day @ 10 AM (one service only)**

The service on Christmas Day is a relatively simple affair, with carols to sing and a story for everyone to enjoy on Christmas morning.

An invitation is included this morning ... a handy reference or to help you invite others to join us.

## **Openings on the 10:15 AM Coffee Host Roster**

If you’ve been enjoying the coffee, treats and conversations during the coffee hour after the 10:15 service, consider partnering with a friend to host a few times next year! Hosting consists of acquiring or making a treat to share and arriving a little early to start brewing coffee and get the table ready. It isn’t difficult and it doesn’t have to cost a penny – reimbursement is available. If you are willing to give it a try or have any questions, please contact Judi Inglis at 541-389-8220 or see her at coffee hour after the 10:15 service.

## **Community Book Conversations — beginning in January**

Once again, during the 2018 Season of Nonviolence, Trinity is hosting a series of conversations exploring race consciousness. The focal book this year is the autobiographical *My (Underground) American Dream: My True Story as an Undocumented Immigrant Who Became a Wall Street Executive*, by Julissa Arce, available online or at Dudley’s Bookshop Café. Sessions run from 10-11:30 AM on Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23 and February 13 and 20.

Please contact Mary Ann Mays @ 541-815-8413 or [cntrygrl1947@gmail.com](mailto:cntrygrl1947@gmail.com) to sign up or with questions. Chuck Johnson is co-facilitating this series.

## **Year End Contributions — due by Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Based on IRS regulations, all contributions intended for 2017 must be received or postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>. If you choose to mail your contribution, either drop it in a blue box before noon December 30<sup>th</sup> (regardless of the last pick-up time stated) or have it hand-cancelled at the Post Office (open regular Saturday hours this year.) If you bring it to the parish office, please do so before noon on Friday, December 29<sup>th</sup>.

Pledge contributions for 2017 either received or postmarked after December 31<sup>st</sup> will be recorded as 2017 pledge contributions but will appear on your 2018 Charitable Contributions Statement. If you have questions about your pledge balance, please contact Joan Wellman, our Contributions Secretary (541) 408-5435 or [contributions@trinitybend.org](mailto:contributions@trinitybend.org).

## 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).

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| 12/17 | <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Gaudete (or “Rose”) Sunday</b> |             |   |
|       |   | 8 AM        | Holy Eucharist: Rite I  |
|       |   | 9:15 AM     | Adult Forum: <i>Book of Revelation (part 4): “Good Dreams”</i>        |
|       |   | 10:15 AM    | Holy Eucharist in the season of Advent                                |
|       |   | 11:30 AM    | <b>Greening the Church</b>  |
|       |   | 11:30 AM    | Labyrinth Walks (St. Helens Hall)                                     |
| 12/20 | Wednesday   | 12 PM       | Noon Eucharist  |
|       |   | 2:30 PM     | Sermon Reflections  |
|       |   | 4 PM        | Centering Prayer  |
|       |   | 6:30 PM     | Choir Rehearsal   |
| 12/21 | Thursday  | 4 PM        | EfM (Education for Ministry)  |
| 12/23 | Saturday  | 9 AM        | Altar Guild   |
| 12/24 | <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>                              |             |   |
|       |   | 8 AM        | Holy Eucharist: Rite II   |
|       |   | 9:15 AM     | Adult Forum: <i>Revelation (part 5): “The Healing of the Nations”</i> |
|       |   | 10:15 AM    | Holy Eucharist in the season of Advent                                |
|       |   | 11:30 AM    | Coffee Hour   |
| 12/24 | <b>Christmas Eve</b>  |             |   |
|       |   | 4 PM        | <b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b> (St. Helens Hall)                 |
|       |   | 7 PM & 9 PM | <b>Traditional Christmas Eve Services</b> (Trinity)                   |
| 12/25 | <b>Christmas Day</b>  | 10 AM       | <b>Christmas Day Service</b>  |

