

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Forum — TODAY @ 9:15 AM

Our weekly adult forum meets weekly 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'll offer a preview of next weekend's Annual Meeting, focusing particularly on our parish finances – both a review of 2017 and a preview of the 2018 budget. The forum reconvenes for a final review next Sunday (starting at 9:30, allowing for extra setup needed in Brooks Hall).

Lessons-Learned (Gifts for the Christ Child Project) — TODAY @ 11:30 AM

Due to the generosity of Trinity parishioners, we were able to provide 112 Safeway food gift cards last month to the Family Access Network for their advocates to distribute to needy families.

Since this was a new project for Trinity, a Lessons-Learned meeting will be held in the Library, at 11:30 am **TODAY** to evaluate the project, and solicit suggestions. Please join us.

Community Book Conversations — Tuesdays @ 10 AM

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. Remaining sessions will meet on January 23 and February 13 and 20.

Please contact Mary Ann Mays @ 541-815-8413 or cnygrl1947@gmail.com to sign up or with questions. Chuck Johnson is co-facilitating this series.

Men's Breakfast — Saturday @ 8 AM

The Men's Breakfast gathering is for friendship, fellowship and connecting among the men of our parish. Beginning this month, the location of our breakfasts will be Brooks Hall. We will still meet on the last Saturday of the month.

Gathering begins at 8 am, with breakfast being served at 8:30. The suggested donation is \$5.00. Les Davis will be our Chef and Kitchen Crew Leader. He welcomes help with setup and breakdown and in the kitchen. All men of the parish, high school aged and beyond, are welcome.

Please RSVP by noon Thursday, January 25th to Brian @ bdouglass2014@centurylink.net

Plastic clamshell recycling event — Saturday @ 10 AM (until 4 PM)

Much of the food sold in grocery stores is packaged in plastic "clamshell" containers and most are not biodegradable and are harmful. Through the dedicated efforts of the Environmental Center of Bend and Whole Foods Market the following can now be recycled: to-go plastic take-out containers, plastic grape, cherry tomato, and strawberry, and lettuce containers. Any plastic with the number 1 (one), including bakery items covered with CLEAR plastic. Not acceptable are colored plastic containers. Clamshells must be rinsed clean and have no food particles on them.

This event takes place between 10 AM and 4 PM Saturday, January 27th at Whole Foods Market, 2610 NE Hwy 20 (next to Costco). It will be repeated April 28, July 28, and Oct 27.

Trinity's Annual Meeting — NEXT SUNDAY

Once each year we gather to look back at the highlights of the previous year even as we look ahead at the year to come. As part of the business at our Annual Meeting, we'll give thanks for those who have served in leadership positions this past year. And we'll also elect three new members to our Vestry to fill these vacancies. An insert in this morning's bulletin provides more information about this year's nominees: Chris Bell, Jennifer MacHaffie and Mark Welch.

Trinity Women's Retreat: Weaving Connection — Opening, Exploring, Nurturing

Registration for our March 2-4 Trinity Women's Retreat is now open! Flyers, with the registration forms, are in Brooks Hall and in the office and more details are in the January *Trumpet*.

If you have any questions, please contact any one of the planning committee members:

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Neighbor-Love Alliance Workshops — Saturday, February 3rd

A meeting at the Unitarian Universalist Church, in Bend, will offer two strategy sessions related to immigration and building strong justice groups. The sessions will be facilitated by the statewide Rural Organizing Project.

The morning session (9 am-noon) will bring different community groups and individuals together to build a unified approach to standing in solidarity with our immigrant sisters and brothers here in the area. The afternoon session (12-3 pm) addresses building strong groups for long-haul organizing. All are welcome. Information for how to [register](#) can be found on the Trinity website. For more info, contact Betsy Lamb @ 541-633-7354 or felamb@yahoo.com.

“Sing Noël ‘til Candlemas” ... or Why does it still look like Christmas?!

Perhaps you've noticed that we haven't yet packed up all our Christmas decorations. Some pack up Christmas before New Year's Eve. The Church generally observes 12 Days of Christmas (starting on Christmas Day). But an alternative celebration calls for a longer season, lasting until the Feast of the Presentation (also called “Candlemas”) on February 2. This holy day commemorates Jesus' presentation in the Temple, 40 days after his birth. And so we'll enjoy Christmas a wee bit longer!

Precautions during the current cold and flu season

While the cold/flu season seems so severe, we are asking everyone to take good precautions for your own wellbeing and to take care for the sake of others.

To that end, for at least the next few weeks here at Trinity, we are discouraging hand-to-hand contact between members of the congregation during the Exchange of the Peace. Instead, you might show reverence in other ways. And we remind you that it's always sufficient to receive only the bread at communion. (Intinction – i.e., dipping the bread into the chalice – is actually more likely to spread contagion than drinking from the chalice.)

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.

1/21	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>Preview of the Annual Meeting (Financial Snapshot)</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Coffee Hour
		11:30 AM	Gifts for the Christ Child Lessons Learned Meeting
1/23	Tuesday	10 AM	Community Book Conversation
		1:30 PM	Pastoral Care Meeting
1/24	Wednesday	9 AM	Sermon Reflections
		12 Noon	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
		12:30 PM	Library Hours
		1 PM	Hospitality Team Meeting
		4 PM	Centering Prayer
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
1/25	Thursday	4 PM	Education for Ministry (EfM)
1/27	Saturday	8 AM	Men's Group Breakfast
		9 AM	Altar Guild
1/28	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
		9:30 AM	Adult Forum
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Annual Meeting

