

## 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.

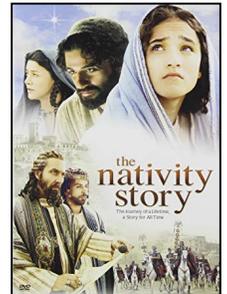
Today we will celebrate some of the authors in our midst. At least four members of Trinity have published books in 2018 -- Judy Montgomery, Jeff Bullock, Milree Latimer, and Bob Ullman. The authors are unique individuals and their books reflect the same, representing four distinct genres of writing. Come and listen to the authors talk about their books and the writing of them.

Next Sunday, the topic will be “Money Smarts for Older Adults.” We will talk about such topics as why older adults often are the target of financial exploitation, scams and identity theft, and ways you can help your parents and yourself. We only will explore the tip of the iceberg on this topic. We will start promptly at 9:15 am and end at 10.

### **Second Sunday Cinema presents: The Nativity Story — TONIGHT @ 6 PM**

This evening, we’re featuring a film based on the gospels. *The Nativity Story*, made in 2006, is the first film ever to hold its premier in the Vatican.

The film had mixed reviews. Directed by Catherine Hardwicke, it's a cinematically beautiful story of an interesting family in a time of great stress. The film stars Maori/Australian actress Keisha Castle-Hughes as Mary and Guatemalan-born American actor Oscar Isaac as Joseph. Does it tell the Gospel story the way you would? Come, see, and share your opinion afterwards.



Second Sunday Cinema presentations are introduced by retired film professor Kake Huck, and followed by discussion. We meet in St. Helens Hall at 6 pm. Please join us. Maybe bring a friend.

### **Candle-Lighting for parents who have lost a child — TONIGHT @ 7 PM (in Brooks Hall)**

The Compassionate Friends, Central Oregon chapter, will participate in the annual World Wide Candle-Lighting for parents who have had a child die, of any age and of any cause.

You are invited to bring family, bring pictures/mementoes of the person who died. This is not a religious event. Registration is not required. There will be candle lighting events in every time zone, worldwide, at the 7 pm hour. For questions, call Carol Palmer @ 541-480-0667.

### **Greening of the Church — NEXT Sunday @ 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 next Sunday, 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!



## **Christmas Flowers — Due back to office by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

We have special envelopes in the pew racks this morning for you to use to support our seasonal greens and flowers. Please **print** -- VERY legibly -- your thanksgiving or memorial intentions.



## **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services — December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

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 for yourself or an opportunity to help you invite others to join us.

**Please note:** If you’re going to be here for Christmas, please let the office know if you’re available to help with any our special services. Most of the assignments have been made, but we’ll be looking for a few greeters (and possibly some singers) for the Christmas Eve Family Service.

### **Thanks to Musicians**

We had a lovely service of Lessons and Carols last Sunday. Thanks to all those who came, along with those who invited friends and neighbors to join us. Thanks to readers who helped. And a very special thanks, of course, to Susan Evans, our Director of Music, and the Trinity Choir!! (They’re not done yet, though, so a word of thanks in advance for the Christmas music we’ll enjoy.)

### **Thanks for the Low-Key High Tea**

Many thanks, as well, for the efforts of our Hospitality Team (and others) for the lovely “Low-Key High Tea” that followed the Lessons and Carols service last Sunday. What a grand party we had, so festive and tasty ... and the perfect complement to Lessons and Carols.

### **AND ... Thanks to the Elves of St. Nicholas**

We celebrated our annual St. Nicholas Dinner this past Thursday. Thanks to the “elves” who organized the evening, who did the work of decorating and setting up (and taking down afterwards), and our great cooks who prepared the meal we all enjoyed. Plus there was singing!

A few photos of the fun are posted on the Brooks Hall bulletin board.

## **Save the Date – Women’s Group Salad Potluck on January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 5 PM**

Please save the date for the next Women’s Group Salad Potluck which will be held in Brooks Hall. We’ll gather at 5 PM with dinner to follow. Join us as we look ahead to 2019 and plan for fun and interesting events! More information next month.

## **ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Trinity’s Christmas giving opportunities continue with the following options:**

- **Christmas Giving Tree – gifts for children**

New gift suggestion tags have been added! Pick up a tag from the decorated tree in Brooks Hall, with wish list items for children. Remember to return unwrapped gifts with the tag by Tuesday, December 18.

Please contact Julie Lear with your questions @ 541-389-2490.



- **Alternative Christmas – support for established charities**

Make a donation to any of Trinity’s sponsored charities: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD), Condega Nicaragua Program, Cove/COPY, and/or Family Kitchen. Donations will be matched by ERD, Cove/COPY up to \$3600, and Family Kitchen up to \$500.

Please contact Marie Suhre with your questions @ 541-306-6043.

- **Gifts for the Christ Child – food for families**

Your donation provides Safeway food gift cards for distribution by the Family Access Network to families in the Redmond and Bend-La Pine School Districts. Deadline for donations is today, December 9.

Please contact Judy Warren with your questions @ 541-639-4111.



There are holiday cards to send to your friends and loved ones, letting them know that you have donated in their name. Cards are available at the Alternative Christmas table in Brooks Hall.

Donation forms can be found at the back of the church and at the Alternative Giving table in Brooks Hall. Complete the form and fold it in thirds, enclosing your cash or check made payable to Trinity. Place your form and donation in the basket at the chancel steps in Trinity or turn it in at the Alternative Giving table. To use a credit card, please contact Joan Wellman @ 541-408-5435.

## **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 Trinity Trumpet*, our monthly newsletter. *The Trumpet* has been mailed and is posted to the church website. Here are some activities to consider this year:

- **Slow Down. Quiet. It’s Advent!**

An Advent Calendar is much more than a way to count down the shopping days ‘til Christmas. Ours 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! If you didn’t get one last week, it’s not too late to get started. Get yours today ... while supplies last.

- **Advent Words**

As an alternative to a physical calendar, take part in a global online devotional. 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. Then, join with others from around the world in creating a global Advent Calendar with pictorial interpretations of the daily word.