

## 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'll enjoy some music for the holidays. The age of the internet provides some creative and different ways to celebrate Christmas. Some of what's out there is weird and wacky. Occasionally something comes along that is lovely, even profound. Come and join us this morning.

### **Last Day for Alternative Christmas Giving**

Are you a last minute shopper? You are not alone! Fortunately, you can still donate to Trinity's four sponsored charities and give a holiday card to your friends and family letting them know you have donated in their honor. Cards are available in Brooks Hall. Our charities include:

- **Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) matches all gifts.** ERD works in the US and internationally. Most recently ERD has been working with dioceses in California to provide disaster relief including food, gasoline, masks, emergency housing and storage for belongings.
- **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. **Gifts will be matched up to \$3,600.**
- **Family Kitchen** serves over 5,100 free meals to our homeless and less fortunate brothers and sisters each month right here in St. Helens Hall. **Gifts will be matched up to \$500.**

Questions? Contact Marie Suhre @ [suhredts@hotmail.com](mailto:suhredts@hotmail.com) or 541-306-6043.

### **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.

## **Epiphany Dime Project**

Trinity birthday cups are for sale after both services today. These are great stocking stuffers! Cups are \$8 each, 2 for \$15 or 3 for \$20. Proceeds benefit outreach.



## **Trinity Men's Breakfast — Saturday @ 8:30 AM**

All men of the parish are invited to Brooks Hall for friendship, fellowship, fun and connection. The coffee is ready at 8:30 am, and breakfast is at 9. RSVP by Thursday, December 27<sup>th</sup> to Brian Douglass @ [bdouglass2014@centurylink.net](mailto:bdouglass2014@centurylink.net).

## **Year-end Contributions — due by Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> @ noon**

Based on IRS regulations, we ask that all contributions intended for 2018 be received by noon on Monday, December 31. If you have questions about your pledge balance, please contact Joan Wellman, our Contributions Secretary, @ [contributions@trinitybend.org](mailto:contributions@trinitybend.org) or 541-408-5435.

And if you are 70½ or older, you can make a contribution directly from your Traditional IRA. Your financial advisor can tell you how to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), counting it toward your minimal distribution requirements for 2018 and not having to report it as income.

## **Epiphany Potluck Gathering — Sunday, January 6**

Everyone is invited to our annual celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany. This is an annual event for us here at Trinity, a fun gathering in Brooks Hall! Because Epiphany falls on a Sunday this year, we'll have the party right after church this time around.

There will be a signup sheet this morning, looking for 10 pots of soup to be provided. Everyone else is encouraged to bring a side dish – just salads or bread, as dessert, in the form of the traditional King Cake, is provided as part of the festivities.

In the course of things, we'll distribute stars – with your word for 2019! And there's bound to be something more to mark the occasion! Also, those who colored/decorated Advent Calendars these past weeks are encouraged to bring them back to share with others!

Come and celebrate the season when we expect God to show up in our midst! Want to help? Contact Julie Lear at [julieann.lear40@gmail.com](mailto:julieann.lear40@gmail.com).

## **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 Jan Schweizer at 360-901-8248 or see her at coffee hour after the 10:15 service.

## **Save the Date: Season of Nonviolence Community Book Conversations begin January 16<sup>th</sup>**

This winter, groups all over our community will be reading *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo. Sponsored by COCC, Trinity's Peace and Social Justice Team, and other community groups, our group at Trinity, facilitated by Betsy Warriner, we will meet Wednesday afternoons, 2:30-4 pm, for six weeks, starting on January 16. (More information will be in the January 2019 newsletter.)

## 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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| 12/23        | Sunday                           | 8 AM         | Holy Eucharist: Rite I  |
|              |                                  | 9:15 AM      | Adult Forum: <i>Music for the Season</i>  |
|              |                                  | 10:15 AM     | Holy Eucharist in the season of Advent  |
|              |                                  | 11:30 AM     | Coffee Hour   |
| <b>12/24</b> | <b>Christmas Eve</b>             |              |   |
|              |                                  | 4 PM         | <b>Christmas Eve Family Service</b> (St. Helens Hall)                                   |
|              |                                  | 7 PM         | <b>Traditional Christmas Eve</b> (Trinity)<br>... <i>carol sing begins at 6:30 pm</i>   |
|              |                                  | 9 PM         | <b>Traditional "Midnight Mass"</b> (Trinity)<br>... <i>carol sing begins at 8:45 pm</i> |
| <b>12/25</b> | <b>Christmas Day</b>             | <b>10 AM</b> | <b>Christmas Day Service</b>  |
| 12/26        | Wednesday                        |              | Parish Offices Closed   |
| 12/29        | Saturday                         | 9 AM         | Altar Guild   |
|              |                                  | 9 AM         | Men's Breakfast   |
| 12/30        | <b>First Sunday in Christmas</b> |              | (the 6 <sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas)  |
|              |                                  | 8 AM         | Holy Eucharist: Rite II   |
|              |                                  | 9:15 AM      | No Adult Forum: <i>on holiday</i>   |
|              |                                  | 10:15 AM     | Holy Eucharist  |
|              |                                  | 11:30 AM     | Coffee Hour   |