

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ***Thanks, one and all***

A big thank you to everyone who helped with this year's celebrations of Christmas: musicians, lay ministers, Altar Guild, our church staff, as well as all who gave for the flowers and other greens.

We've enjoyed some guest musicians along the way, including Bill Carrington who plays the organ for us again this morning!!

You may enjoy revisiting some of the sights of this year's Christmas at Trinity – by way of a few photos posted on the bulletin board in Brooks Hall.

### ***Adult Forum — NOT 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 week, however, the Forum is on holiday break, so join us next Sunday! Father Jed will offer another in his occasional “JEDTalk” series.

### ***Year End Contribution Deadline — Tomorrow, DECEMBER 31, 2018***

Based on IRS regulations, all contributions intended for 2018 must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note that the parish offices will close at noon tomorrow and plan accordingly. Any gifts delivered to the office (or postmarked after December 31) will be credited as charitable gifts for 2019.

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 — NEXT Sunday @ 11:30 AM***

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 the feast day (January 6) falls on a Sunday this year, we'll have the party right after church this time around.

There is a signup sheet this morning, looking for 4 more 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!

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).

**NOTE:** A reminder that those who colored/decorated Advent Calendars these past weeks are encouraged to bring them back to share with others! (A sample calendar is already posted, along with the final iteration of AdventWord photos, in Brooks Hall.)

## **Alternative Christmas Giving Brings Joy!**

Thanks to all who helped make this year's Alternative Christmas the best year ever. As of Christmas Day, you donated:

- **Episcopal Relief and Development: \$1,065 which will be matched for a total of \$2,130.** ERD provides relief and aid to victims of poverty and catastrophe in the US and internationally.
- **Condega Program: \$1,147** which will provide upgrades to school facilities, school uniforms, school supplies and some staff funding.
- **Cove/COPY Program: \$7,389 which will provide 13 scholarships to summer camp** for at-risk children, especially those impacted by having an incarcerated parent or caregiver. This includes matching gifts from Trinity members.
- **Family Kitchen: \$2,294 which will provide 625 meals.** About 5,100 free meals are served each month to our homeless and less fortunate brothers and sisters, right here in St. Helens Hall.

Of course, the need continues year-round - help anytime by making a check out to Trinity Episcopal Church with one of these charities on the memo line. Drop it in the offering plate or mail/take it to the church office. Questions: contact Marie Suhre @ 541-306-6043 or [suhredts@hotmail.com](mailto:suhredts@hotmail.com).

## **Nominations for the Vestry**

In accordance with our parish bylaws, this year's Nominating Committee (Jeannette Beeger, Chris Bell, Julie Lear, and Karen Hauswald) have submitted the names of four persons to fill the anticipated vacancies on our Vestry. (Details regarding nominees, along with other information about this year's Annual Meeting on January 27, will be included in the January parish newsletter.)

Our parish bylaws do allow for additional nominations from the parish, but the deadline for those nominations (in writing) is four weeks prior to the meeting – i.e., today. There are some “member in good standing” requirements that pertain, as well as a willingness to participate in an annual orientation day/retreat.

## **Community Book Conversations — beginning January 16<sup>th</sup>**

Season of Nonviolence Community Book Conversations, sponsored by COCC and Trinity's Peace and Social Justice Team, Wednesday afternoons at Trinity, January 16 - February 20.

Along with other community groups, we will be reading *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo. *White Fragility* helps us understand key barriers to inter-racial communication and what we can do to engage more fully. Books are available at a discount, for \$12.80, at Dudley's on Minnesota. There is no other cost for participating.

If you are interested, please contact [betsy@betsywarriner.com](mailto:betsy@betsywarriner.com) as soon as possible, as space is limited.

## **Save the Date: Women's Group Salad Potluck — January 24<sup>th</sup>**

Gather in Brooks Hall at 5 pm, with dinner to follow. Join us as we look ahead to 2019 and plan for fun and interesting events! More information will be found in the January 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).

12/30	Sunday	8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		9:15 AM	NO Adult Forum (on holiday)
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II ... <i>and more Christmas Carols!!</i>
		11:30 AM	Coffee and Conversation

12/31	Monday		Offices close at noon for the New Year Holiday
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1/1/2019	Tuesday		Offices closed
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1/2	Wednesday	9 AM	Sermon Reflections
		10 AM	Buildings and Grounds
		Noon	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
		6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal

1/5	Saturday	9 AM	Altar Guild
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1/6	Sunday		<b>The Feast of the Epiphany</b>
		8 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
		9:15 AM	Adult Forum: <i>TBD</i>
		10:15 AM	Holy Eucharist: Rite II
		11:30 AM	Epiphany Party

