

## Advent – Sharing Joy and Blessings with Others

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

Thank you to those who support children (and their families) in the Redmond and Bend-La Pine school systems and their families this holiday season. The deadline, December 5, is earlier than other Advent charities we support, to allow Family Access Network advocates to coordinate efforts before the school break.



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

Thanks to all who stopped by the office this past week and picked a tag from our annual Christmas Giving Tree. There are more tags to choose from this weekend. Just come on by and pick one up today!

The deadline for returning unwrapped gifts with the tag is Wednesday, December 15.

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



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

Make a donation to any or all of Trinity's sponsored charities: Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD); Condega Nicaragua Program; K.I.D.S.; and/or Family Kitchen.

To donate you can (1) mail a check made out to Trinity; (2) click the Donate button at [www.trinitybend.org](http://www.trinitybend.org); or (3) contact Joan Wellman @ [contributions@trinitybend.org](mailto:contributions@trinitybend.org) about charging your gift with a credit card. If using a check or donating online, please be sure to include a note about where your donation should go.

If you make a donation to one or more of these charities and would like to obtain a card to send to your loved ones, pick one up at church or contact Marie Suhre @ 541-306-6043 or [suhredts@hotmail.com](mailto:suhredts@hotmail.com).

## Advent – Ways to Reflect on the Season

Lots of activities and offerings for the Advent season at Trinity are described in the December issue of *The Trinity Trumpet*, our monthly newsletter. Here are some activities to consider this year:

- **Advent Calendars.** An Advent Calendar is much more than a way to count down the shopping days 'til Christmas. The "Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!" poster offers suggestions for marking each day of Advent – a simple act to do, perhaps, or an invitation to read from the Bible. It's a gentle and fun way to be reminded of the true meaning of the season. And you can color the squares day-by-day (and maybe return your calendar during the 12 Days of Christmas for us to share online with one another).
- **#AdventWord 2020.** As an alternative to a physical calendar, Virginia Theological Seminary invites you to join them in a daily devotion. Subscribe @ <http://adventword.org> and they'll send you a daily word and meditation appropriate to the season. It's an invitation to reflect more deeply on the true meaning of Advent and the coming season of Christmas.
- **A Global Advent Adventure.** If you want to take things one step further, "AdventWord" invite us to join with others creating a global Advent Calendar. Share a personal interpretation of the daily word, using a phone or tablet to take a photo and then to share that photo via social media. It's a fascinating and innovative way to enlarge our experience of Advent. And this year, we hope a lot of you will participate – and then share your photos to our Facebook group – allowing us all to share the season virtually!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

### **Sunday @ 10 AM (on-line) AND in person**

If you have prayer requests that you'd like included in the prayer at the 10 AM service, send them to [trinitybendprayers@gmail.com](mailto:trinitybendprayers@gmail.com) no later than 3 PM on Friday. Requests can be written in person at both the 8 AM and 10 AM services.

We thank you for continuing to be so generous. You can continue to give by check or online @ <https://trinitybend.org/donations/>. Your financial support is critically important.

### ***In-Person Worship for 10 AM liturgy***

The Church's calendar begins today with the liturgical season of Advent. That makes this Sunday our New Year's Day. Happy New Year!! This new beginning will also oblige us to make some resolutions. We cannot eliminate all risks associated with COVID, but we will resolve to mitigate those risks.

There are several important points to emphasize:

- We will require that those who are eligible for vaccines will be vaccinated before attending.
- We will require those participating to properly wear proper masks when they join us here. Face shields and/or fabric "buffs" are not adequate.
- We will not gather in Brooks Hall between morning services for the weekly Adult Forum or gather indoors for a coffee hour indoors after the later service.

### ***Livestream on YouTube and (at least occasionally on Facebook)***

As always, we'll be streaming on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/MCdjUII615k>. You just need to click on the link at 10 am on Sunday to join us live.

We're also streaming live from our Facebook "group" @ [www.facebook.com/groups/1058566457549205](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1058566457549205). Once we start, you should be able to make it a "watch party" and let all your friends join us, as well.

### ***Weekday gatherings for prayer and fellowship (online and in person)***

There are several opportunities to gather during the week for fellowship and/or prayer and reflection. The details, including Zoom and YouTube links, are repeated in a weekly email sent out to members of the congregation each Monday. If you are not on this email list, please contact Jan Stalker in the parish office.

### ***Christmas Trees and a Wreath Making Party — Saturday @ 9:30 AM***

The Kids Korner leaders are inviting members of the Trinity family — young and not-so-young! — on an expedition. We'll find a tree for use in our Christmas celebrations at church. (Maybe you'll want to cut a tree for your home. More information about permits, including where you can purchase a permit locally, is available @ <https://www.recreation.gov/tree-permits>.)

Meet in the Trinity parking lot at 9:30 or at the trailhead at 10. We'll be on FS 4612 (turn right off Cascade Lakes Hwy about a mile past the paintball parking lot.)

While we're in the forest, we'll also gather greens to decorate a family Advent wreath. Supplies, including candles, are provided along with hot chocolate! Bring lots of holiday cheer and energy.

### ***Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols — NEXT Sunday (in person and online)***

Before we get caught up in the frenetic pace of Christmas, the Church invites us to celebrate this holy season of Advent. It has its own unique character – as well as music and biblical readings. We'll celebrate a distinctively Anglican liturgy of Lessons and Carols next Sunday, December 2 @ 10 AM.

## 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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| 11/28 | <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>  |         |  |   |
|       |                                | 8 AM    | Holy Eucharist at Trinity  |  |
|       |                                | 10 AM   | Holy Eucharist at St. Helens ( <i>and online</i> )   |   |
| 11/30 | Tuesday                        | 4 PM    | Prayers in the Evening ( <i>online</i> )   |   |
| 12/1  | Wednesday                      | 9 AM    | Sermon Reflections ( <i>online</i> )   |  |
|       |                                | 12 PM   | Midweek Eucharist at Trinity ( <i>chapel</i> )   |   |
| 12/4  | Saturday                       | 9:30 AM | Kids Korner (& all) Christmas Trees & Wreath Making<br>... turn right off Cascade Lakes Highway on FS 4612 |   |
| 12/5  | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> |         |  |   |
|       |                                | 8 AM    | Holy Eucharist at Trinity  |   |
|       |                                | 10 AM   | Holy Eucharist at St. Helens ( <i>and online</i> )   |   |