

# GENESIS



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## The Rector's Pen

By The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.



Dear Friends,

One of my favorite canticles found in the office of Morning Prayer is the 11th, entitled "The Third Song of Isaiah" (BCP page 87). The verses of this canticle are taken from the 60th chapter of the prophet Isaiah. These are words worth committing to memory:

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you. For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you. Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning."

Advent and Christmas are about the fulfillment of that prophecy. The world is a confused, angry, and anxious place at the moment. We seem to be looking for answers in all the familiar places but no answers are to be readily found. We're stuck and we don't know where our help to get unstuck might come from. Could it be that we are looking for the truth about who we are, and what life is really about, in the wrong places? Perhaps the coming five weeks

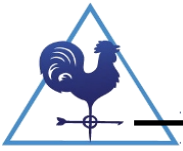
are not first and foremost about brightly wrapped presents and maxed out credit cards, fragrant evergreens standing prominently in our living rooms, or about tinsel strewn and the popping of champagne corks:

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you; you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

Really? In the midst of all the present storms, the calm is to be found in a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger? Is he the savior that we are looking for? According to these heavenly messengers, the answer is an unqualified "YES"!

I came across a quote comparing and contrasting the seasons of Advent and Lent: "Lent is a penitential season cast in the key of expectation, while Advent is a season of expectation cast in the key of penitence." I think that's right. As you and I prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, and as we remember his promise that he will indeed come again to

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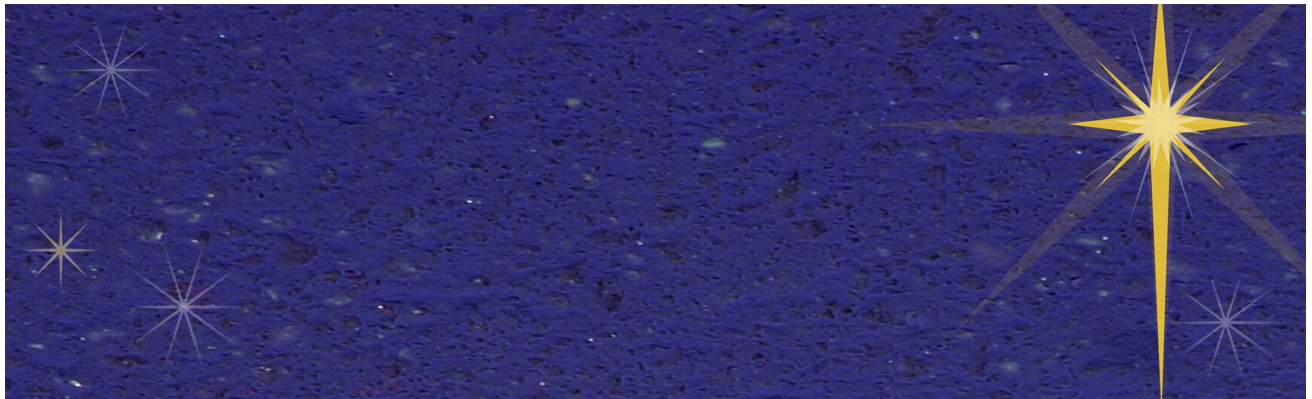
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acknowledge the fact that, too often, we are looking in the wrong places with our heads cast downwards. Instead, we need to be looking up and forward as this holy child leads us into the presence of the living God. Forget about the next “rising star” that the world around us is momentarily excited about. Look instead to the star rising over Bethlehem and the one whose arrival its light announces.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come.” I look forward to waiting expectantly with you as we prepare once again for the celebration of Christ’s birth.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Robert L. Banse, Jr.



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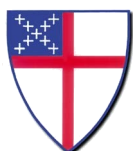
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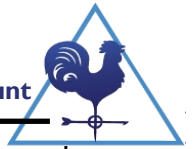
By Gina Hammond



The Altar Guild is looking for individuals (both male and female) to serve on teams that have lost members due to individuals being relocated. We currently have five teams who each serve for five week time periods twice a year. These teams are also assigned for special services during Christmas, Epiphany, Lent and Easter.

Altar Guild members set up and take down for each service, check candles for appropriate fluid and prepare the hymn boards, when needed. A detailed procedure manual with pictures is available. New members will receive training and will be assigned a mentor until they are comfortable with their duties. If you are interested in joining the Altar Guild please let Gina Hammond know at 540-665-5744 or [hammond.gina@gmail.com](mailto:hammond.gina@gmail.com). Thank You!





At the recent November meeting, Vestry continued to discuss how we can best fulfill our church goals of solid administration, meaningful worship, enlightening Christian education, healthy fellowship and evangelism that shares the Gospel in word and deed. To be a healthy church we need to thrive in all these areas.

As usual, the Treasurer provided a financial report . The 2018 budget will present challenges but with good stewardship and a solid finish for 2017 we can be successful. The Christmas auction and year end gifts are vital in the life of our church.

As I reported in November, Trinity has decided to transition the endowment to the financial management of the Trustees of the Funds (TOTF). The Trustees of the Funds is a related organization of the Diocese of Virginia and provides its services to Episcopal churches and entities in all three of the dioceses within Virginia. Overseen by an elected board of trustees, TOTF currently serves nearly 150 churches and organizations with the management of almost \$140 million in assets. The Trustees will manage our endowment in trust for us and Trinity will retain the same legal control over the endowment that it has today. Vestry and appropriate committees will continue to monitor the endowment's performance. This was a significant decision and one that was undertaken after a great deal of due diligence and consideration by both the Endowment Committee and the Finance Committee. The chief executive officer of the Trustees of the Funds, Mike Kerr, will be at Trinity at 9:30 on December 10, 2017 to make a presentation and answer any questions you may have. I urge you to attend. It remains important that we continue to increase the size of our endowment for the long term maintenance of our campus and the fulfillment of our mission.

The Christmas season is always a wonderful time in the life of our congregation. It is also a season that can bring many visitors to Trinity. Vestry has been discussing steps we can take to make visitors feel even more welcome when they arrive on our campus and walk through our doors. Let's all make a special effort to warmly greet the visitors that will be among us as we worship during the Christmas season.

In faith,

Matt Blunt  
Senior Warden

***Christmas Eve Services***

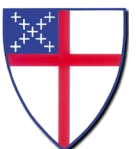
**8:00am Fourth Advent Service**  
Typical Sunday worship service with celebration of the Holy Eucharist

**4:00 pm Family Service**  
Featuring the Children's Christmas Pageant and celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

**8:00 pm Festival Service**  
with the full Trinity Choir, soloists, strings, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

**11:00 pm Candlelight Service**  
a more quiet and contemplative liturgy, a cappella music and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

***Christmas Day Service***  
10:30 am Celebration of the Holy Eucharist



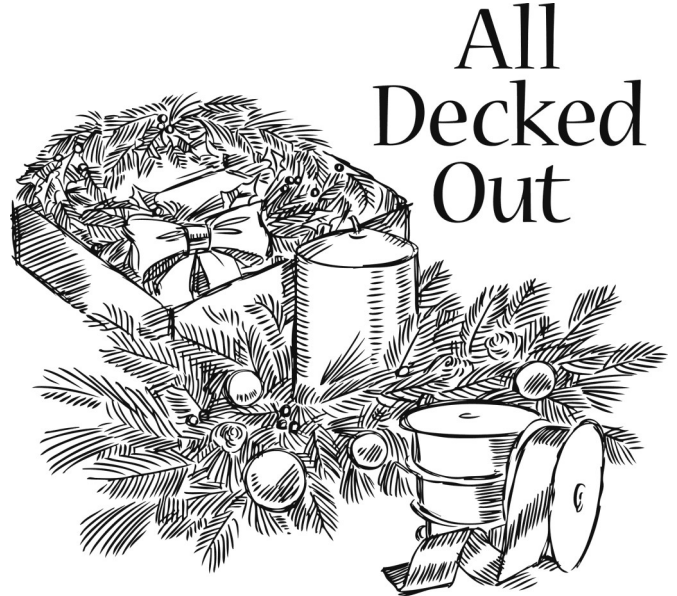




## Flower Guild Decorating

*The Flower Guild will decorate  
for Christmas on Friday,  
December 22, at 10am.*

*Please bring holly and greens for  
arrangements!*



# All Decked Out



## So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.) Report

By Robin Keys



We are pleased to report that over 450 guests were served at our November S.O.M.E., our greatest number in 2017! Many thanks are in order to our cooks: Bob and Joan Eliot, Ellen Hall, Stephanie Knapp, Ann Macleod, Richard Taylor, Deon Bezaquet and Claude Prozinski, and Robin Keys.

Thanks are also in order for our servers (pictured from left to right):

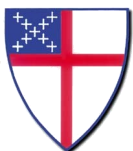
Louisa Barker, Len Shapiro, Ken Knapp, Ann MacLeod, John MacDonnell, Jim Gemmer, David Augenblick, John Barker (not pictured: Maggie New and Robin Keys).



As we enter our 31st year we have seen the ebb and flow of volunteer participation with this program. We respectfully request that you take a look at your 2018 calendar and make a note of the dates that interest you. There will soon be a sign up sheet in Cox Hall to facilitate. Get on board early to secure your place at the table to either cook or travel to DC. It will be an experience you will not forget. Contact Ann MacLeod at 592-3313 or Robin Keys at 592-3310 for more information.

### **2018 S.O.M.E. Dates**

January 18 and 19  
March 15 and 16  
May 17 and 18  
July 19 and 20  
September 20 and 21  
November 15 and 16



## Sunday School Report

By Kevin Fox



Big things are happening at Sunday School and we need your help!

The Christian Education of our children is one of the most important ministries in our church and for those of us who are parents of school age children. We are seeking your support and involvement to make our programs as successful and enjoyable as possible. We are looking for people interested to serve on the Christian Education Committee. We will meet monthly to discuss our programs and events and how best to meet the needs of our community. Please contact Kevin Fox (847) 971-4986, [kfox@myviablevision.com](mailto:kfox@myviablevision.com) or the Church Office if you're interested in learning more.



On December 17th at 9:30 we will be meeting in the Choir room in the basement of Cox Hall to discuss our Youth programs (grades 7-12). We would love to see parents, parishioners, young people in grades 7-12, and any of our recent members home from college to share breakfast and ideas on how to build on the recent success of our youth programs. We want to start 2018 running with activities and opportunities to help our youth grow in their faith and fellowship!

Please consider joining in and rallying others to participate in this important aspect in the life of our church and our families.

## Christmas Auction Report

By Ellen Hall



On behalf of Trinity Episcopal Church and this year's Christmas Auction Committee  
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!

We thank all of you who gave so generously of your time and treasure as well as those of you who chose to do some of your Christmas shopping in our Cox Hall pop-up shop.

Nicky Perry and I, who served as co-chairs, have been trying to find the right words to celebrate the success of this year's auction. So, we turned to the Bible—Luke to be exact, in which we found wordage that we felt hit the nail on the head, in Chapter 12, verse 48:

To whom much is given  
Much is expected

And you exceeded all expectations. The preliminary results indicate that you supported our church in the amount of more than \$56,000! WOW.

*Thank You*





# A Kairos Christmas Greeting

By Cheri Martin

From Kairos Team #32 and the woman at Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center, we send warm Christmas greetings and a sincere thank you to all at Trinity Church who baked your wonderful cookies for our fall weekend.

These cookies are extremely important. They provide the mainstay of our program for the women; they set the stage and comfort zone for our round table discussion groups; they serve in our forgiveness ceremony; and, one dozen is given to everyone of the 1,200 prisoners late Saturday night. We are able (with a guard) to enter the wings of the prison and personally distribute the cookies. It warms one's heart to see grateful faces and to hear their expression of gratitude—most asking God to bless those who have remembered them with these cookies. People who don't even know them.

There is one thing of which I was unaware. Since Fluvanna is a maximum security prison, no home-made food items, from family or friends, are allowed to enter the facility. The Kairos cookies (which are screened) are the *only* homemade foods allowed in the prison. Now we really understand why they are so special to prisoners and staff alike.

As one woman once said to me, "I really came for those cookies but I'm leaving with so much more."

I never cease to be amazed at how the Holy Spirit can move and change hardened hearts in a dark place into those hearts filled with forgiveness, love, peace and joy.

In closing, I would like to share a few comments from the women at their closing exercises on Sunday afternoon. They are given an open mic opportunity to describe their weekend experience:

"I found God's face this weekend, and I'm overwhelmed with joy for what he has done for me and for others."

"It took me seven years to get to Kairos. God knew that this was the right time for me. God is really real. God worked through you [the team] to say exactly what I needed to hear. I've had a problem trusting people; I build walls. I cried my make-up off thirty minutes after arriving here. I thank God for His love—for loving me—when I don't deserve it."

"God has shown He loves me; He's here for me; He's going to help me."

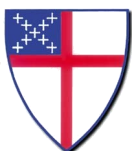
"I've always had a problem with forgiveness and have held on tight to past hurts. I'm a wall-builder. These talks have been an eye-opener, and I'm slowly removing my blinders."

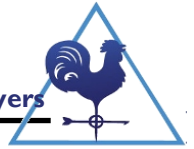
"I was angry with God! Why did he allow me to come here? Now I know that He has a plan for my life and I need to let go and let God take control. It all starts with forgiveness of myself and others..."

"I spent my life running from God. He knew that the way to get me to Kairos was to provide cookies. I love cookies! Better than that, I'm so happy! I gave my life to Christ. Today I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I'm no longer ashamed."

Thank you, friends of Kairos and supporters of our program. As we enter this holy season of Advent, let us thank God for the greatest gift of all—His Son, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully Yours,  
Cheri Martin





How many times did my mother tell me “no dessert until you eat your vegetables,” or “no television until you finish your homework”? This is how it often seems in the church during December. “No Christmas Carols until after Advent.” It’s understandable that it sometimes feels unreasonable. After all, the other kids get to do it. Christmas carols are everywhere starting right after Thanksgiving; on the radio and TV, at the mall and grocery store, in the elevator, and even in many non-liturgical churches. We are swamped with Christmas the very minute we stop buying turkeys. But, just because the other kids are doing it doesn’t mean we have to also.

The Anglican Communion is a liturgical church. This means, in part, that we follow a prescribed liturgy in our daily worship and a yearly lectionary which determines the readings for each service in conjunction with the liturgical seasons. The first of these seasons is Advent. In following the lectionary, we observe Advent for the four Sundays leading up to Christmas and wait until the eve of the blessed day to recognize Christmas in all aspects of our worship. This is the case in all liturgical traditions including the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Lutheran churches.

Like most kids, I didn’t like being told to eat my vegetables, but it was mostly because I didn’t understand. As I got older, I began to appreciate delayed gratification. I saw the truth in the axiom that good things come to those who wait, and that dessert is even sweeter when we have anticipated it for a while. One of the things about Advent is that it makes Christmas all the more special. However, there is much more to it than that. After many years of having them both prescribed, I find that in addition to being good for me, I actually like Advent and vegetables.

Advent is not just a time to wait for Christmas. It is a time to “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”. Advent is the season of John the Baptist, the angel Gabriel visiting Mary, of Gregorian chant and Handel’s “Messiah”. It is a season filled with inspiring imagery and symbols of darkness and light. It is like those magical moments just before dawn. Take time to appreciate the unique beauty of Advent. Jesus will be here soon. Until then, look both ways before you cross the street, brush your teeth before bed, and never run with scissors in your hand.

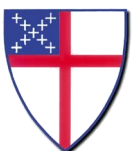
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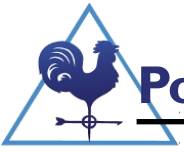
## Advent Music Highlights:

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 10:30 – Excerpts from Handel’s “Messiah” with strings and tenor soloist Michael Forest.


Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4:00 – Service of Lessons and Carols with the Mastersingers of Virginia. Featuring “Ceremony of Carols” by Benjamin Britten.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 – Concerti for Strings by Arcangelo Corelli including Christmas Concerto to benefit hurricane victims through The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund.





# Poinsettia Order Form



## Christmas Flowers

**Christmas Poinsettias Order Form  
(please print clearly)**

Order Christmas poinsettias to be placed in the church in honor of or in memory of a loved one this Christmas.

Please enclose your contribution (in the amount of your choice) with this form (*for checks, be sure to write "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line*).

Complete this form and place it in the offering plate or return it to the church office no later than Friday,

December 18

**Given in memory of:**

**Given in honor/thanksgiving:**

**Your Name(s):**

**Phone:**







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### AN EVENING WITH CORELLI CONCERTI

#### COME HEAR CONCERTI NO. 4, 7, & 8 "CHRISTMAS CONCERTO"

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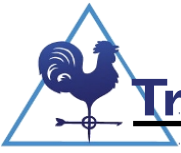
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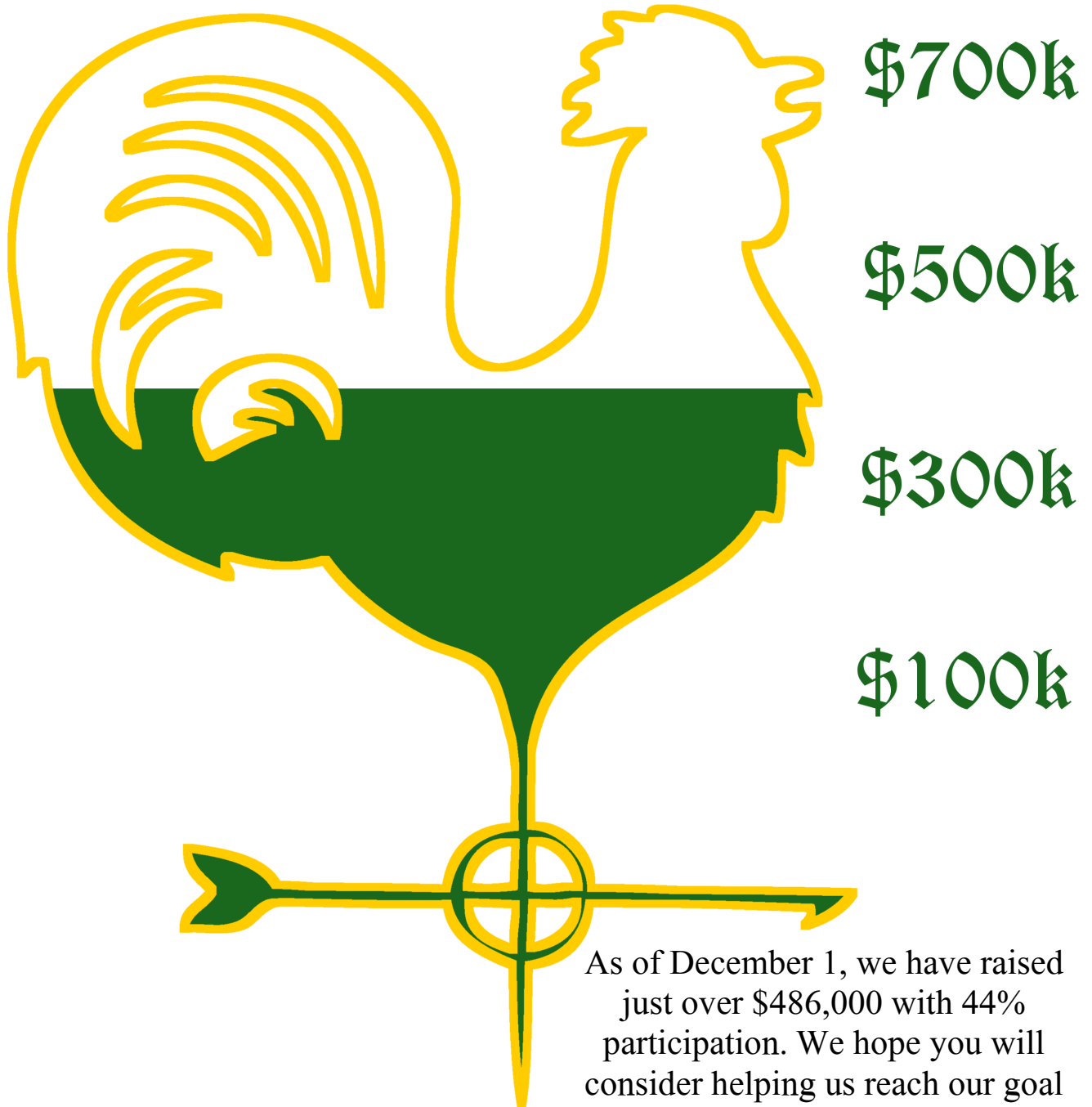
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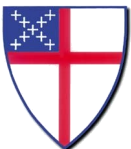


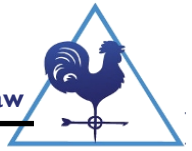


## 2018 Stewardship Progress

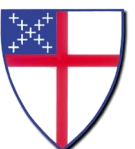


As of December 1, we have raised just over \$486,000 with 44% participation. We hope you will consider helping us reach our goal of \$650,000 to help cover the 2018 budget and continue the good work done here at Trinity!





	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Walta Warren Elizabeth Courts Bunny Shick Shannon Stimson			
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Barbara Sharp Jimmy Hatcher Nancy Phenicie Melissa Neal Ann Coles Peggy Arundel Maria Eldredge Marlene Baldwin	Carolyn Smith Arla Lewis Mary MacDonnell Gretchen Zeltner Alix Coolidge Mark Thompson Linda Newton	Ann Coyner Barbara Augenblick Sally Fletcher Becky Hoecker Cindy Mullett Cathy Boswell	Valerie Dove Beth Gibbens Susan Grayson Kelly Johnson Lynn Wiley Joan Eliot
<b>Memorial Flowers Given By</b>	Elizabeth Courts	Penelope Yungblut & Ray Ewing, Mary Stokes		Foxcroft School
<b>8:00 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 1</b>				
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister</b>	Ellen Hall	Walta Warren	Beth Lamond	Carol Miller
<b>Lector</b>	Walta Warren	Jolly deGive	Carol Miller	Beth Lamond
<b>Ushers</b>	Holly and Chuck Bimba	Sarah and Greg Ellison	Nicky Perry Walta Warren	Debbie Gerbich Jeff Millington
<b>Healing Ministry</b>	Walta Warren	/	/	/
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				
<b>10:30 AM Service: Holy Eucharist Rite 2</b>				
<b>Lay Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Randy Mullett Ken Knapp	Arch Randolph Michael Main	Janie Banse Pamela Wynfield	Sabine Bibb Gina Hammond
<b>Lector</b>	Sheryl Mazzatenta Michael Main	Penelope Yungblut Ray Ewing	Joe Markus John MacDonnell	Arch Randolph Stephanie Reynolds
<b>Ushers</b>	The Benefield Family	Anne Coyner Jim Gemmer Pamela Wynfield	Louise Crane Carey Crane Bunny Shick Jim Hoecker	Brett Bibb Walt Hasser Barbara Augenblick
<b>Healing Ministers</b>	Jerry Easley Stephanie Knapp	Melissa Neal Carole Stadfield	Michael Scholes Samantha Whitesides	Stephanie Knapp Melissa Neal
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Walt Hasser	Marguerite Sweeny	Ed Moore	Brett Bibb
<b>Coffee Hour</b>				





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## Important Upcoming Dates

- **December 8:** "Traditions of Advent" - 6p
- **December 15:** Musica Viva Concert—7p
- **December 16:** Men's Breakfast—8a
- -Mammovan—9:30a
- **December 17:** Lessons and Carols—4p
- **December 18:** Vestry Meeting—6:30p
- -Last day to donate to Toys for Tots (in Cox Hall)
- **December 19:** Advent Evening Prayer—6p
- **December 20:** Correlli Concertino—7:30p
- **December 23:** Pageant Rehearsal—9a
- **December 24:** Services at 8a, 4p, 8p, 11p
- **December 25:** Service at 10:30a
- **January 6:** Dinner—6p, Epiphany Service—7p

**Church Office Closed Dec. 22 (@ noon) - Jan. 1**

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