



The Trumpeter

December 2018

The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

www.trinitychurchlonggreen.org

WELCOME ADVENT

The church year begins four Sundays before Christmas. This time of preparation is called “Advent” from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Advent is a time to prepare with joy for Christ’s coming – as a baby in Bethlehem, and as King at the end of time.

Advent was once considered a time of penitence, purple candles were used in Advent wreaths, sometimes substituting the third candle with pink when the required fast was lifted. Now that Advent is no longer considered a penitential season, many churches use blue for altar hangings and Advent candles (as Trinity does). Royal blue signals the coming of a king; bright blue refers either to Mary or to the waters of creation. We light first one and then an additional candle each week, not only as a way to count down to Christmas, but as indicative of the light that Christ brings against the darkness of sin. In the Northern Hemisphere; that symbolic meaning is strengthened by the shortening days as we move towards the shortest day of the year, Dec. 21. The addition of the Christ Candle at the center of the wreath on Christmas Day coincides with the visible increase of daylight a few days after the winter solstice.

Each Sunday of Advent has its own emphasis. Each highlights a particular aspect of the Lord who enters into time and space. The First Sunday of Advent highlights the Lord’s return as judge of the whole created order. The Second and Third Sundays of Advent focus on John the Baptist, the final prophet of Israel and the forerunner of Christ. John prepares the way of the Lord. Finally, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we shift our focus towards Christmas by turning our attention towards Mary, the mother of Jesus.



A booklet *Celebrating Advent at home* is available in the narthex and the church office.

**Our King and Savior now draws near.
Come. Let us adore him.**

- Fran Stanford -



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24

5:00pm- Pageant and Holy Eucharist
9:00pm- Festival Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day, December 25

10:00am- Holy Eucharist



STEWARDSHIP

‘Journey to Generosity’



Of the 90 pledge cards sent out we have received 32 to date for a total of \$102,245. If you have misplaced your pledge card, pick one up in the church office. The holidays are a busy time for us all, so please return your pledge card or give the office a call with your 2019 pledge.

Stewardship goal for a balanced budget is \$188,000.

-the vestry-



FRANFARE

Dear friends,

Once again, we end a church year with a vision of Christ the King and begin a new church year with scriptures warning of judgment and destruction at the end of the age. Sometimes I wonder what they (whoever chose the readings for the church year) had in mind. What were they thinking?

Perhaps the intention is to re-boot the system. While I know the church seasons predate computers and the concept of rebooting, that is what we need to do to begin a new church year. We need to start over, and for that to happen, someone or something must catch our attention and force us to STOP!



To begin Advent, we focus our attention on our need for a savior; hence the readings of judgment and the end of the world. Look around you, read the paper, listen to the news. If the world is not literally coming to an end, there is no question that there are crises all around us. While some say that a particular disaster is God's judgment on this group of people or that behavior, there can be little doubt that many are our own fault. We need to wake up and see how we contribute to the pollution of water sources; how encouraging people to fear others leads to violence against others; how desire for stuff leads to greed which again leads us to violence. We have tried to deal with these and other issues without success; we need God's help.

After acknowledging the world's problems, we must also acknowledge that we have let evil have a foot hold into our own lives, our own souls. We have hardened our hearts to violence and suffering, brushing it aside as "the new normal." We encourage and elect politicians who spout racist and divisive screeds, while failing to elect those who preach collaboration and the common good. We need a personal savior as much as the world does.



Once we have recognized and acknowledged our need for a savior, once we have rebooted our spiritual system, we can begin to anticipate the coming of that savior.

This yearly rebooting, this repetitive acknowledgement of how far we fall short of God's ideal, is necessary for all of us. Yes, we were all saved by Jesus' sacrifice 2000+ years ago, and through the waters of baptism we have appropriated that salvation for ourselves, but we have a long way to go. We must determine our growing edges, our inability to fix ourselves, and so our need for a savior. Advent does that for us on a yearly schedule even as the general confession each Sunday does so on a weekly one.

During the craziest, busiest, nosiest time of the year, stop long enough to allow God to reset your spirit.

Happy Advent,

Fran+

STAFF APPRECIATION GIFTS

It's a long-standing tradition here at Trinity to show our appreciation to the folks that make our worship possible. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to ensure we are able to joyfully celebrate Christ's love each week. Much of this work takes place behind the scenes. Please, consider showing your support and gratitude by making a monetary donation towards the Staff Appreciation Gifts. Checks may be written to Trinity Church with "Staff Gifts" written in the memo line.

Thank you,

Randal Hand
Senior Warden



THANK YOU



Thank you for all of the kind thoughts and well wishes over the past few weeks.

-Jonathan and Liz Deford-

VETERANS DAY

William Wiley, retired Navy jet pilot shared stories, experiences with Westminster Elementary. For the entire article by Emily Chappell of the Carroll County Times, go to <https://www.carrollcountytimes.com/news/education/cc-westminster-elementary-fighter-pilot-20181105-story.html>



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING



The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **January 27** (snow date February 3) following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will share a covered dish lunch, and then begin the meeting around noon. A list of eligible voters will be posted in the parish hall. If your name is not on the list, please notify the church office as we want to correct our mistake. During the meeting, we will elect new vestry members. As always, we will review reports from various committees and groups, and receive an update on our financial situation. This year we will also discuss our plans for **Trinity 200**, the celebration of our bicentennial.

TUESDAY AT TRINITY



On Sunday, November 18th, 12 quilts were blessed and will be taken to Paul's Place for the comfort of many in SW Baltimore. Hopefully they will be able to keep twelve people warm this winter.

In January we will resume working on more quilts as well as other projects. Don't forget to visit our table on the upper floor of the Parish Hall during the Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar.

-Nancy Bainbridge-



Looking for an easy way to help Trinity?



Amazon offers to make a gift to your designated charity for many items ordered on its Smile Amazon site. Follow the link below and designate Trinity Episcopal Church, Glen Arm MD as your charity of choice. Then all you have to do is remember to log into the Smile Amazon site (instead of the regular Amazon portal) and the rest will be done for you. I now make all my Amazon orders this way.

-Fran Stanford-

<https://smile.amazon.com/>



BAZAAR ELVES



Calling all elves

Trinity needs you for the CCCB!

- ♣ To help set up (on Friday at 3pm till?) and clean up on Saturday after 2 pm.
- ♣ Elves (no costume required) are needed to help with the children's workshop for an hour or two throughout the day making Christmas decorations or coloring with the kids
- ♣ Workers for the Frosty Café
- ♣ Elves to take out trash
- ♣ Helpers on Friday evening and Saturday morning to help vendors unload their cars and bring their boxes into the day school!
- ♣ With a full crew of elves, we will have a fun-filled and successful Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar!



Thanks in advance—The Vestry



FAMILY SUNDAYS



The first Sunday of the month from October thru May is designated Family Sunday. The intention is to allow families to worship together, to teach the children about the liturgy, to allow the Sunday School teachers to

be in church for the entire service, and for the adults to receive the ministry of children. To that end, we need to hear from parents as to how to make the service more interesting to their children. One idea we will put into place beginning the First Sunday of Advent, Dec. 2, will be a shorter service. We will omit one or more of the readings and try to use hymns more accessible to children. Dr. Fran will continue her practice of a Children's Homily, and we will involve children in as many roles in the liturgy as possible. For Family Sundays to work, everyone will need to commit themselves to the project.

-Fran Stanford-

WAIT

Waiting, living with questions, may be how God is keeping you attentive just now. From my experience, God is more generous in giving us questions than answers. The gift of waiting: quite counter-cultural.

-Br. Curtis Almquist

[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Each year, lovely Christmas decorations are provided through gifts from the congregation in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, loved ones. If you wish to make a donation, please send your check, payable to Trinity Church marked "Christmas Flowers", and the names **printed clearly** of those to be remembered, to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 16th**.



Given by:

In memory of:

In thanksgiving for:

Amount \$ _____

ALTERNATIVE GIVING

What do you give the person who has everything? How can you help someone in need during the holiday season?

Instead of buying one more tie for your dad or another bottle of perfume for your mom, make a donation in their honor to the charity of your choice. Many charities offer special packages during the holiday season. The Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D) provides one of the best as more of your gift will actually reach the people who need it the most because the administrative costs are carried by The Episcopal Church. Other alternatives include Heifer Project, Compassion Child, SERRV, and Paul's Place.

To make alternative giving easier, here are the web addresses for those named above.

- Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D)
<http://www.er-d.org>
- Heifer Project <http://www.heifer.org>
- SERRV <http://www.serrv.org>
- Paul's Place
<http://www.paulsplaceoutreach.org>



REMINDER

Flowers can be given throughout the year in honor of special dates and in memory of loved ones. Sign the Flower Chart in the parish hall or contact the church office. The requested donation is \$40 a Sunday.

SNOW POLICY

As a general rule, if there is a snow emergency, Sunday services will be cancelled as we do not want to encourage people to be on the roads when it is dangerous to drive. As soon as a decision is made, we will change the church answering machine to reflect the cancellation. If possible, we will also contact everyone on the email list with that information. The decision will be made no later than 6 a.m. on Sunday morning. For other events, contact the chairperson or check with the church office.

- Fran Stanford -

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

- 3 Ella Jane Dengler
- 6 Jody Tagg Dengler
Lindsey Rast
Robert Fitzgerald
- 7 Carrie Anderson
- 8 Christine Cook
- 10 Elizabeth Lee
- 14 Lindsay Cromwell Rims
Andrew MacDougal
- 16 Nicholas Fiorelli
Gail Landers
- 17 Rose Luba
- 18 Eleanor Tucker
- 19 Roger Lee
Gary Jennings
Bill Kincaide
Reese Owens
Tony Torlina
- 21 Sherry Rast
- 25 Katherine Calvert
- 27 Dena Eberman
- 29 Caroline Karceski



TIP OF THE HAT



- ◆ TAT for creating the 12 quilts that taken to Paul's Place.
- ◆ The Garden Club for keeping the grounds clean.
- ◆ Everyone the made a pledge for 2019.
- ◆ All the elves who worked to make the Candy Cane Bazaar a success
- ◆ Joyce Lynagh and Randal Hand for coordinating Angel Tree Christmas gifts for our Food for Thought families

HAPPY ANNIVESARY TO:

- 4 Donald & Lynlee Brock
- 10 William & Jeanine Bausman
- 27 Bill & Susan Wiley
- 30 Gary & Joyce Jennings

JANAURY TRUMPETER DEADLINE

December 21, 2018

Please email your submissions to marthab28@verizon.net

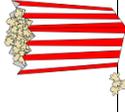
*Friday,
Dec. 14,
6:30 pm*



Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like! Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's still free.

December 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 2 Family Sunday 8:00– Holy Eucharist 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour		4	5 Paul's Place Lunch	6 8:30– Steps & Traditions		1 9:00–2:00 Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar 
9 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:40– Children's worship & Sun. School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	10	11 11:00– TAT luncheon	12	13 8:30– Steps & Traditions	14 6:30 pm Movie Night 	15
16 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:40– Children's worship & Sun. School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	17 6:30– Vestry	18	19 Paul's Place Lunch	20 8:30– Steps & Traditions	21	22
23 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:40– Children's worship & Sun. School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	24 Christmas Eve 5:00– Family Service 9:00– Festive Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 10:00– Holy Eucharist 	26	27 8:30– Steps & Traditions	28	29
30 8:00– Holy Eucharist 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	31					



Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar

December 1, 2018 9 am to 2 pm

Trinity Episcopal Church

12400 Manor Road Glen Arm, MD 21057

www.TrinityChurchLongGreen.org

410-592-6224

Holiday Photos with Santa
St. John's Bell Choir Unique Crafts
Gift Baskets Fresh Greens
Variety of Vendors
Wonderful Homemade Baked Goods
Serving lunch at the Frosty Café

Activity Room for children

Trinity Episcopal Church
12400 Manor Rd.
P.O. Box 4001
Glen Arm, MD 21057

Non-Profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Timonium, MD
Permit No. 215