



The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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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, therefore 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.**

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 30 to date for a total of \$117,615. 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 2020 pledge.

Stewardship goal for a balanced budget is \$159,000

-the Vestry-



FRANFARE

Dear friends,

It seems we spend a large part of our lives waiting.

- Waiting to hear about the lab test
- Waiting to hear if you have cancer, or if the treatment is working
- Waiting for you beloved to say “Yes” when you propose
- Waiting for that college acceptance letter, or the call telling you that you got the job
- Waiting at the supermarket checkout line
- Waiting for the light to turn green, or the car in front of you to move once it does
- Waiting for the new baby to be born, to come home, to smile
- Waiting for the movie to start or the game to begin

Waiting for Christmas may seem to be the hardest waiting of all. The stores don’t even try to wait till after Halloween, much less Thanksgiving to put up holiday displays. Lights go up, as do yard displays, before Thanksgiving. Christmas tree lots are swamped the day after Thanksgiving. The day after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday because merchants have discovered they sell the most merchandise on that day.

While I don’t blame business folk from their eagerness to make a profit, or even that they have made Christmas such a big commercial thing, it DOES make waiting for Christmas all the more difficult. Everyone who wants to make it to and through the holidays needs a Waiting Strategy. Thanks be to God, the church has one to offer – Advent. Advent is all about waiting – waiting for the birth of the Son of God in Bethlehem, waiting for the birth of God in our hearts, waiting for the Second Coming of Christ at the end of the age. Advent helps us wait.

We mark the season of Advent with a color change of altar hangings in the church, and with an Advent wreath. Each Sunday before Christmas we light another candle until all four are lit. When Christmas **finally** arrives, we light the central Christ Candle. By lighting one more candle each week, we drive away the darkness of the longest nights of the year and so make our waiting just a bit easier.

A Waiting Strategy need not be limited to the Advent wreath, we can devise our own Waiting Strategies to use in addition to the wreath. In fact, we **should** use any means we can to help us wait. The traditional Advent calendar, with a door or pocket to open each day, helps us count down the days. Perhaps you wait until a set day, perhaps the 15th, so put up your tree and decorate your home for Christmas. When I was growing up, we would not purchase our tree until a few days before Christmas. Now I find this adds to the stress of the season, so I plan to put my tree up the weekend after Thanksgiving. That way I can enjoy the lights after driving home in the dark.

Your Waiting Strategy should include something for the soul. A daily devotional or a spiritual book to read during Advent can feed your soul and help make the wait a bit easier. You can subscribe to a daily email version, which I do. For a word a day, use this link on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AdventWordOrg/>. Another Facebook offering is **Wandering Wisemen**; follow the wisemen and their camel as they travel seeking the Christ Child (search for Wandering Wisemen on Facebook).

Whatever your Waiting Strategy, I wish you a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Waiting for Jesus
Fran+



BICENTENNIAL UPDATE



We have begun the work of repair, restoration and preservation of our church building in preparation for our Bicentennial Celebration on May 3, 2020. At its September meeting, the vestry voted to proceed with three projects: reroofing, cleaning and painting the exterior, and protection of our stained-glass windows. Much of the cleaning and painting has been completed. The reroofing took place during the week of November 18-22. Replacement of the gutters will be done soon. Work on the stained-glass windows will take place next year, with some preliminary work near the end of January and the bulk done late March to be completed around Easter.

It seems we got the roofing work done just in time. Ten sheets of plywood had to be replaced due to water damage. Work on the tower roof was more extensive than expected. Sixty photos were taken by the roofer documenting the damage and the work as it was being done. There is good reason to hope that this will solve the problem of peeling plaster in the narthex and on the chimney wall in the nave of the church.

Funding for the project will come from Memorial Gifts and designated Stained-glass Fund (about \$23,500), the Capital Improvement Fund (about \$25,796), (this includes special gifts made since the project was first announced) with the balance raised early next year or coming from our Investments. The estimated cost of all work will be approximately \$70,000. An updated report of costs and funds at hand, as well as plans to raise the balance will be presented at the Annual meeting.

Consider making an end-of-year donation to this project as a way to decrease your tax liability (you may designate either the Capital Improvement Fund or the Stained Glass Window Fund if you wish).



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 15th**.



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 -

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,

Joyce Lynagh
Senior Warden




Tuesday at Trinity

On Sunday, November 10th, 12 quilts were blessed and will be taken to Paul's Place for the comfort of many in SW Baltimore. Hopefully they will help keep twelve people warm this winter. In January we will resume working on more quilts.

-Nancy Bainbridge-



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

 The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **January 26** (snow date February 2) 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.



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 to help in the Photos with Santa room
- ♣ 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

25th Anniversary Christmas Concert
The Canterbury Ringers
Carols Fill the Air



Fairview United Methodist Church
13916 Jarrettsville Pike
Phoenix, Maryland 22131

Sunday, December 29, 2019
3:00 p.m.

Free-Will Offering

**FOOD FOR
THOUGHT**

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Baltimore County Public School's "Food for Thought" program. Your help packing the weekend food backpacks and making monetary donations for purchasing the food is much appreciated! The next packing date is Sunday, December 15th.



*Hey! Let's go to
the movies!!*

*Friday, Dec. 13,
6:30 pm*



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

Trinity Long Green Parish Hall

For more information please call the church office.

Trinity Long Green 12400 Manor Rd. Glen Arm, MD 21057 (410) 592-6224

**HAPPY DECEMBER
BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 1 Chris Lipira
- 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 Gary Jennings
Bill Kincaide
Reese Owens
Tony Torlina
- 20 Roger Lee
- 21 Sherry Rast
- 25 Katherine Calvert
- 27 Dena Eberman



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 2020.
- ◆ All the elves who worked at the Candy Cane Bazaar, before, during and afterwards
- ◆ For all those supporting Food for Thought
- ◆ Asher Collins, Justin Milio, Andrew Lowery and others for continued work on buildings and grounds maintenance chores

BAPTISM

November 24, 2019



Grace Palma Mouldsdaie
daughter of
Paige and Bill Mouldsdaie

Elle Myers Wirth
daughter of
Alan and Danielle Wirth
granddaughters of
Daniel and Kippi Sutphen

*Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as
Christ's own forever.*

HAPPY ANNIVESARY TO:

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



CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In continuance of our community outreach efforts, we're supporting families of children from Warren Elementary school for Christmas this year. Informational index cards have been posted on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Each card includes a single gift suggestion along with the clothing/shoe size, age and gender of the individual. Please take an index card and return wrapped gifts with attached index cards by December 15th. Monetary donations or gift cards to Walmart or Target are also welcome. Thanks in advance for your generosity and helping make the season a little brighter for families in need. If you have any questions please contact Kate MacDougall or Sue Berry.



**IN MEMORIAM
Gordon M. F. Stick**

May 28, 1931 – July 29, 2019



Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord.






JANAURY TRUMPETER DEADLINE

December 27, 2019

Please email your submissions to
marthab28@verizon.net

December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:00- Holy Eucharist 10:00- Holy Eucharist 11:00- Coffee Hour 		3	4 Paul's Place Lunch	5 8:30- Steps & Traditions	6	7 9:00-2:00 Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar 
8 8:00- Holy Eucharist 10:00- Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 11:00- Coffee Hour		10	11	12 8:30- Steps & Traditions	13 6:30 pm Movie Night 	14 Garden Club 9:00-12:00
15 8:00- Holy Eucharist 10:00- Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 11:00- Coffee Hour	16 6:30- Vestry	17 11:00- TAT luncheon	18 Paul's Place Lunch	19 8:30- Steps & Traditions	20	21
22 8:00- Holy Eucharist 10:00- Holy Eucharist and Sunday School 11:00- Coffee Hour		24 Christmas Eve 5:00- Family Service 9:00- Festive Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 10:00- Holy Eucharist 	26 8:30- Steps & Traditions	27	28 
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Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar



December 7, 2019 9 am to 2 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church
12400 Manor Road
Glen Arm, MD 21057

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

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