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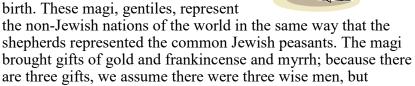
# **EPIPHANY A season of manifestation**

The twelve days of Christmas are all too quickly gone, and decorations stored away for another year. Crèches with Baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, shepherds, animals, angels and magi are typically packed away before the wise men even arrive!

January 6, The Feast of the Epiphany, marks the arrival of the magi, the wise men who followed the star to greet the new born king. This Holy Day was recognized as the Feast of the Incarnation long before the church began to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 25. The Feast of the Epiphany continues to be the principal celebration in Eastern, Greek and Russian Orthodox churches.

While Christmas holds before us the miracle of the Incarnation, God made flesh coming to dwell among us, Epiphany (both the feast and the season it begins) turns our attention to the various ways in which Jesus' divinity was manifested (made apparent) among us.

Epiphany begins with the arrival of the wise men (Matthew 2:1-12). Wise men, sages, magi from the East noted an astral phenomenon that they interpreted as proclaiming an important birth. These magi, gentiles, represent



Matthew is silent on this point.

The first Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany always marks the baptism of Jesus. This year we will hear Luke's version of this event (Luke 3:15-22). As Jesus comes out of the water, the Holy Spirit descends upon him and a voice proclaims You are my Son, the Beloved."

When the Feast of the Epiphany falls on a Sunday of Year C, as it does this year, we hear all three classic Manifestation Stories – the magi, the baptism and the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11). Throughout the remainder of the Epiphany season, we will encounter Jesus in various ways that reveal something about his nature.





# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING January 27, 2019



Our Annual Meeting will begin with a covered dish luncheon following the 10 a.m. service. As

required by our by-laws we will elect 3 vestry members (Joyce Lynagh, Justin Milio and Linsday Rims have agreed to serve) and receive reports. We will continue planning for our 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We will also honor the members of the Celtic Cross Honor Society, those who have named Trinity in their wills or other estate plans.

I am continually asked as to when our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday is, so here's the scoop – We were authorized to form a congregation in the fall of 1819. The church building was consecrated October 12, 1820. So, that means we can celebrate our Bicentennial from October 2019 to October 2020!

Make plans to attend the Annual Meeting on January 27 (snow date – February 3), following the 10 a.m. service.

-Fran Stanford-





# FRANFARE

Dear friends,

We began Year C of the three-year liturgical calendar with Advent 1, December 2, 2018. This is Luke's Year, that is, most of our gospel readings are taken from the Gospel According to Luke. Year A was Matthew's year, and Year B was Mark's.

Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the synoptic gospels (syn-with, optic-eye) because they tell the story of Jesus more-or-less the same way. Yes, each has a particular emphasis and different target audience, but it is relatively easy to set them side by side and see they tell the same story. Mark omits Jesus' birth, but all three tell of Jesus' baptism. The passion accounts differ but they are remarkably similar. Biblical scholars largely agree that Mark was the earliest to be written and that both Matthew and Luke used Mark as a framework, perhaps even having a copy at hand to guide them. John, on the other hand, includes events not recorded in any of the other gospels and clearly references three Passovers while the other three have only one.

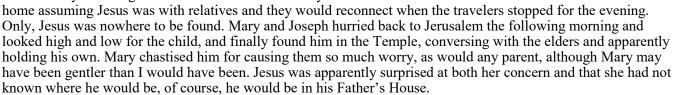
Luke is my favorite of the three synoptics, perhaps because Luke is arguably the best story-teller of the three. Mark is my least favorite because everything is so compressed, his favorite word being "immediately."

Luke originally wrote to a predominantly Gentile audience; he has a passion for the underprivileged and the outcast; and includes more women in his gospel. Among my favorite stories are those included in the infancy narrative.

The Annunciation to Zechariah
The Annunciation to Mary
The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth
The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Jesus encounters the teachers in the Temple as a Child.

Because we rarely get the last of these stories in our gospel readings, and the only story about the boy Jesus that made the Bible, I will end this Franfare with a short reflection on it.

Jesus and his parents had traveled to Jerusalem for Passover, he was twelve years of age. At the end of the festival they set off



In this short story we see both Jesus as a human child, testing his parents' limits and patience, starting to find his own way and own voice as he grew into adolescence. We also have a very strong hint as to where the story will go as it progresses, with Jesus challenging boundaries, going his own way (or rather, the Father's way), and holding his own in debates with the religious scholars of his age.

Growing up is part of every human experience. We make choices our parents don't understand or don't approve, we suffer consequences we had not imagined, and we do what Mary so often does, we ponder these things in our hearts. Our duty as a church is to provide an environment that encourages each one of us to grow in faith, to test our spiritual limits, to find moments of solitude for contemplation, and to provide guidance to others as they follow their own spiritual paths. Whether we teach Sunday School, engage with young folk during coffee hour, help out with Youth Group, or merely get our kids to church on Sunday, we are fulfilling our promise to support the newly baptized in their life in Christ.

Yours in Christ, Fran+



### RECEPTION COMMITTEE



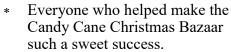
From time to time the Reception Committee helps families of Trinity put together receptions for funerals and memorial

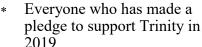
services. These can be done weekdays or weekends. We need volunteers to help purchase paper goods, coffee, tea, creamers, etc., set up the tables, serve food that is catered, and clean up following the reception. Clean up includes taking the tables and chairs down so the Parish Hall is ready for the following day.

Currently we have 3-4 people who help with the receptions. We need to expand our numbers. You would not be expected to help with each service but be available as needed. If you think you would like to help us, please call 410-668-6205.

-Nancy Bainbridge-

## TIP OF THE HAT





- \* Those who donated Christmas gifts to Warren Elementary Families
- \* Ernie Brandt and Susan Wiley for hanging the garland in the church for Christmas.
- \* The Altar Guild for the lovely display of poinsettias at Christmas.
- \* Sunday School teachers and volunteers who coordinated the Christmas Pageant.
- \* Roy Lancraft for replacing the ballast and bulbs in the church sign.

# TRINITY CHURCH DAY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

January 9 & 10, 2019

9:30-11:30
\*Come by anytime or schedule a tour!

Registration for the 2019-20 School Year In-House: January 17, 2019 Community: January 24, 2019



- Programs for 2's, 3's, 4's & K and Enrichment Classes
- Library, Chapel, Music & Creative Movement Classes
- Morning and Afternoon Extended Care starting at 8am and ending at 5:30pm
- Field Trips and Special Programs

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### **HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 1 Carol Knight
- 4 Alexis Carson Giada Gibbons Max Luba
- 8 Sandra Barnes
- 9 Andrew Lowery
- 11 Tina Fiorelli
- 15 Robert Jones
- 20 Anita DiStefano
- 21 Mike Curran
- 23 Dorothy Deford
- 28 Martha Bainbridge
- 29 Susan Embich
- 31 Joan Dawson Elijah Hand

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 1 Justin & Jeannie Milio
- 8 Mike & Sue Berry
- 27 Tony & Stephanie Torlina

# FEBRUARY TRUMPETER DEADLINE

January 25, 2019 Please email your submissions to marthab28@verizon.net

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Should seasonal weather (snow, ice, etc.) strike at the time of scheduled events at Trinity, you should check the church answering machine for cancellation of events. In general, if there is a weather advisory warning people to stay off the roads, services will probably be cancelled. As always, your own judgment should prevail.

- Fran Stanford-





In Memoriam Barbara Anne Demaree

February 25, 1933—December 1, 2018



# **CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

# **CCCB 2018**

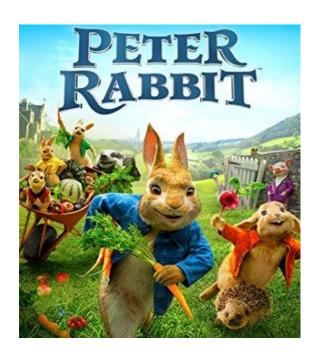
	Pre-Sales	S	aturday Sales	Post Sales	E	xpenses	Total
Greens	\$ 1,453.50	\$	1,025.00	\$ 63.00	\$	1,633.25	\$ 908.25
<b>Greeters Raffle</b>		\$	1,400.00		\$	50.00	\$ 1,350.00
Baskets	\$ 405.00	\$	729.00	\$ 292.00	\$	301.22	\$ 1,124.78
Café		\$	542.00	\$ 16.00	\$	305.82	\$ 252.18
Bake Table		\$	486.40	\$ 160.00			\$ 646.40
Santa Photos		\$	341.00	\$ 10.00			\$ 351.00
Vendors	\$ 300.00						\$ 300.00
Advertising					\$	236.02	\$ (236.02)
Vendor Silent Auction		\$	171.00	\$ 60.00			\$ 231.00
Decorating							\$ -
CC fees			_		\$	15.11	\$ (15.11)
Total	\$ 2,158.50	\$	4,694.40	\$ 601.00	\$	2,541.42	\$ 4,912.48

# January 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Ē	Sat
		1	2 3:00– Paul's Place Lunch	3 8:30– Steps & Traditions	4	5
Family Sunday 8:00- Holy Eucharist 10:00- Holy Eucharist 11:00- Coffee Hour	7	8 11:00-TAT	6	10 8:30- Steps & Traditions	11	12
8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:45– Sunday School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	14	15	16 3:00– Paul's Place Lunch	17 8:30–Steps & Traditions	18 6:30–Movie Night	19
20 8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:45– Sunday School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:00– Coffee Hour	6:30-Vestry	22 11:00- TAT	23	24 8:30– Steps & Traditions	25	26
8:00– Holy Eucharist 9:45– Sunday School 10:00– Holy Eucharist 11:15– Annual Meeting	28	29	30	31 8:30–Steps & Traditions		

# Lets go to the movies!

Friday, Jan 18, 6:30 pm



Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like!

Includes popcorn and drinks. ...and it's still free.

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