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Trinity Times



A Different Age

When I was growing up it was a different age, and sometimes our memories have a way of blocking out the bad times and replacing them with the nostalgia of all that was good.

My Childhood Christmas was a good time for me and the season holds many special memories.

It was a time when the Christmas tree was real as was the real meaning of Christmas. It was a time of special sights, sounds and smells that interwove with the feeling that all was right in the world.

Jesus was really the reason for the season, and an air of love and giving filled that wonderful time. It was a time when wishing someone a Merry Christmas was not politically incorrect, and many of the gifts I received were made by loving hands just for me.

It was a time when manger scenes were found in every location and Christmas carols were sung door to door to the delight of the of those who lived in the neighborhood.

We traveled to nursing homes with gifts and good cheer, and the celebration of the Christ child was more important than the things that we received under the Christmas tree.

I remember being told, get a toy, give a toy to another child in need and somehow doing so brought a special joy of giving to my life.

It was a magic time where stories of Jesus filled our TV’s and Christmas plays could be seen in our schools, as well as our churches.

But most importantly it was a time when the whole world felt like family, and family time revolved around the birth of the Christ child. It was an age when Christmas felt real, and Jesus was not just a passing thought. This time we call Christmas, is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, we can make it what it was, or we can take it like it is. I choose to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and leave happy holidays for another time.

In Christ,

Pastor Doug



**Carrie and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are so happy to be a part of the Trinity UMC Family. We hope this Christmas season is filled with love, peace, family, and happiness.**



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AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN!

Peggy Bogart, Church Secretary

Head Usher: Harry Longshore

Choir Director:

Organist: Eddie Welborn

Substitute Organist: Phyllis Sanders

Video Board: Josh Pitts, Foster Senn, Bryan Waldrop

Acolytes/Cross Bearers Coordinator:

Newsletter Editor: Harriet Stevenson

Sunday Worship:

Adult Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

We are a nurturing and open church to all who enter our Sanctuary. We base our ministry on the Word of God and a caring spirit. Jesus invites us to share our ministry to all that come into our church.



**Pastor Doug and Carrie**

**Invite you to a**

**Christmas Drop-In**

**Church Parsonage**

**Dec. 11, 2022**

**3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Light Refreshments**



We are a caring and loving church and we want to share your concerns. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to share a prayer request with us. We will be happy to pray for you. Contact Harriet Stevenson , Peggy Bogart, Church Secretary, or Pastor Doug to add or remove names from the Prayer List.

***Recent Hospitalization/Surgery:*** *Jeannette Poag*

***Nursing Home:*** *Wade Pitts (Laurens County Hospice (Clinton)*

***Continued Prayers:*** *Shirley Berry, Boyd Hendrix,**Robert Pollard, Faye Senn, Wade & Frances Pitts, Jeannette Poag, Frieda Kesler, Bridget Bouknight, Jim Waldrop, Alice Longshore, Pastor Doug & Carrie*

***Family and Friends of Trinity:*** *Kinsley Bouknight, Woody and Connie Kreuzinger (Carrie’s parents), Ann Coker, Rick Coker, Freddie Bundrick, Doris Mohler, Harriet Connelly, Charles Melvin “Doc” Pitts, Faith Benton (Pastor’s niece), Keith Rankin & family, Kathy Buchanan (White Oak), Cade Roberts, Jim Rainey, Sloan Mayer & Family, Phyllis McKay, Randy Black*





Thank you to all who helped fill the church with beautiful poinsettias. Thank you to **Sharon Baughman**  for coordinating this effort again this year

and for keeping the poinsettias watered. A special thanks also to **Wilson Senn** for typing up the In Honor Of/In Memory Of List. You may pick up your poinsettia after the service on Dec. 25.

If you would like to place flowers in the church, please sign the flower chart located on the bulletin board opposite the pastor’s study. Record your name on the Sunday you wish to place flowers in the church. You will need to fill out an Altar Flower Sheet located on the bulletin board next to the Flower Chart **at least a week prior to your date to have the flowers.** Please complete and **return the form to the desk of Peggy Bogart, Church Secretary.**



Dec. 4 – Watkins Martin

Dec. 11 – Clarissa Hendrix

Dec. 18– Linda Lominack

Dec. 25 – John Pollard



Dec. 4 Kelly Morris

Dec. 11 Dixie Waldrop

Dec. 18 Lynn Mohler

Dec. 25 Harriet Stevenson

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| 11-Becky Poag 24-DavidHendrix  |
| 15-Charleigh Armstrong  |
| 18-Kim Hendrix 27-Dalton Morris |
| 19-Betsy Black 28-Gene Thomas |
| 20-Keith Hendrix  |



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| ***Sunday*** | ***Monday*** | ***Tuesday*** | ***Wednesday*** | ***Thursday*** | ***Friday*** | ***Saturday*** |
|  ***Nov. 27***  |  ***Nov. 28***  | ***Nov. 29***  |  ***Nov. 30***  |  ***1***  |  ***2***  |  ***3*** |
| *1st Sunday in Advent* | *.* |  | *.* |  |  |  |
|  ***4***  |  ***5*** |  ***6*** |  ***7***  |  ***8*** |  ***9***  |  ***10*** |
| *2nd Sunday in Advent****MYF Movie Night at the Church******5:00 – 7:00 p.m.*** |  |  | *.* | *. Men’s Club* *Family Night at**Big Boys**In Clinton**6:30 p.m.**Dutch Treat* |  |  |
| ***11***  |  ***12*** | ***13*** |  ***14***  |  ***15*** |  ***16***  |  ***17*** |
| *3rd Sunday in Advent**Christmas Drop-in at the Parsonage**Light Refreshments**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.* |  |  | *Silver and Gold’s* *Christmas**Flannel & Favorites**11:30 a.m.**Fellowship Hall* | *.* |  | *.* |
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*Christmas Eve**Communion**5:30 – 6:00 p.m.**Come as you are.**Receive Communion and Take Time to Pray* |

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| ***25****Pick up Poinsettias**After Church Service*C:\Documents and Settings\Harriet\Local Settings\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Y5ZOUQGN\MC900436275[1].png*Jesus’s Birthday* |  ***26*** |  ***27*** |  ***28***  |  ***29***  | ***30*** | ***31*** |

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**Organizations and Opportunities to Serve:**

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| **Trinity****Women’s Club****(Circle)****1st Monday** | 2022 Leaders – Harriet Stevenson; Dixie Waldrop, Susan Longshore **Trinity Women’s Club December Mission Project – Provided food, clothes and toys for a needy family.** **Next Meeting: January 2 - 5:00 p.m. Devotions: Barbara Rogers****Be prepared to elect leadership for 2023.** |

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| **Silver****And****Gold****2nd****Wednesday****\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****Men’s Club****1st Wednesday** | 2022 Officers: Harriet Stevenson, Chairperson; Joan Morris, Secretary/Treasurer; Phyllis Sanders, Devotional Leader.Silver and Gold will meet on December 14 for their ***FLANNEL & FAVORITES CHRISTMAS* *PARTY***. All are asked to wear flannel and purchase two (of the same) of your favorite things as gifts ($7.00 or less). You will leave with two of someone else’s favorite things. Ronnie’s Restaurant will provide dinner. After eating and swapping our favorite thing gifts, we will make Christingles for the church. All materials will be provided.**Next Fellowship Meeting: Wednesday, Jan. 11**. Place to be announced. Dues for 2023 will be $12.00 per person and will be due by March 15, 2023. Please give your dues to Joan Morris. Officers: President- Johnnie Pitts; Vice President-Ashley Wilson; Sec/Treas-Wilson Senn; Program Coordinator-Foster Senn. The Men’s Club will meet at Big Boys BBQ in Clinton for their holiday FAMILY NIGHT on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m.. All Men’s Club members as well as all the men of the church are invited and may bring their families. This Family Night will be Dutch Treat. Please notify Wilson Senn of the number of people in your family who will be attending.You do not have to be a member of Trinity to participate in the Men’s Club. We would love to have you join us on the 1st Wednesday of each month. For more info, see Johnnie Pitts.**Next Meeting: Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m.** **in the Fellowship Hall. A meal will be provided.**  |

**DECEMBER 4 – BEN EFIT CONCERT FOR GAAP (God’s Abundance for All People) – 3:00 p.m.**

**O’Neal Street United Methodist Church, 501 O’Neal Street. Money raised will benefit the food pantry. Monetary and nonperishable donations accepted and appreciated. Reception to follow.**

**Featuring *JANET HOPKINS* of the New York Metropolitan Opera, *ARMEN SHAOMIAN*, pianist and a showcase of local talent.**

**Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) – Erin Pitts, Leader.**

* The MYF helped decorate the church for the Christmas Season by putting up the Chrismon tree..
* The MYF will meet on December 4th from 5 – 7 :30 p.m. for a Holiday Movie Night.
* The MYF will go Christmas Caroling from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on December 18th.

Our goal in 2023 is to get more youth involved in MYF. If your child is interested in joining the MYF, please let Erin Pitts know. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your support in 2022..



**EVENTS**

**December 4,**

**11,18 & 25 Lighting of the Candles on the Advent Wreath during 11:00 a.m. service**

**December 4 MYF Holiday Movie Night at the church from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

**December 8 Men’s Club Family Dinner at Big Boys BBQ – 6:30 p.m.**

**December 11 Drop-In at the Parsonage from 3 :00 – 5:00 p.m. hosted by Pastor Doug and Carrie. Light refreshments will be served.**

**December 14 The Silver and Gold Flannel and Favorites Christmas Party– 11:30 a.m. – Fellowship Hall**

**December 24 Christmas Eve Communion – 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. Come as you are. All are welcome! You may come by anytime between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. and receive communion from Pastor Doug. Afterwards, you may kneel at the altar or sit in a pew for quiet reflection and prayer.**

**December 25 Christmas Day Service at 11:00 a.m. You may pick up your poinsettia(s) after the church service. The last candle on the Advent wreath (The Christ Candle) will be lit.**

**January 1, 2023 An order for the Consecration and Installation of our Church Leaders for 2023 during 11:00 a.m. service.**



**Invite a friend to come to church with you! All are welcome at Trinity! With YOUR help, we can increase our membership at Trinity!**



In celebration of the true meaning of Christmas, why not celebrate by performing Random Acts of Christmas Kindness (RACK) beginning on Dec. 1 and continuing every day for 25 days. Here are some suggestions but you can make up your own. Copy the “You’ve been Rack’d” card or make your own and hand out/attach with your act of kindness.

* **Give a compliment to a friend.**
* **Tape change to a vending machine**
* **Tape a candy cane to the ATM**
* **Send a card to or visit a shut in**
* **Pick up litter**
* **Take cookies to the fire station or police station**
* **Give someone a hug**
* **Candy cane bomb a parking lot (tape a candy cane to the You’ve Been Rack’d card and put on every car in a particular parking lot)**
* **Pay for a stranger’s coffee**
* **Take supplies to an animal shelter**
* **Smile at everyone you see today**
* **Donate food to your local food pantry**
* **Do a chore for someone in your family**
* **Call a faraway relative to say hello**
* **Leave quarters at a laundry mat**
* **Find a dirty car and leave a car wash certificate on it.**
* **Pay for someone’s tab in line behind you**
* **Donate a toy to Toys for Tots**
* **Tape a lottery ticket to a gas pump**
* **Donate diapers and wipes to a daycare**
* **Let someone in line get in front of you**
* **Give a treat to the mailman**
* **Leave a bag of microwave popcorn on a DVD rental machine**
* **Feed the birds**
* **Help someone with their groceries and return the buggy for them**

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