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Activities:

What a wonderful Thanksgiving Feast we hosted for the Preschool families! (Pictures below!)



Christmas is Coming! We'll be celebrating Christmas with singing and parties!

Christmas Program: Our Christmas Program will be on **Thursday evening, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.** The children will be coming back to the church that night dressed in their Christmas best! Everyone is invited to come and join us in the Sanctuary for some special songs by our special children. Refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to donate some cookies for this event!

Gift Exchange:

On **Friday, December 18th**, during school, the children will have a gift exchange and class parties to celebrate the season.

Happy Holidays!

The Preschool will be closed Monday, December 21st through Friday, January 1st in observance of the winter holidays. We will return to class on Monday, January 4th.

Merry Christmas to Everyone!



Preschool Thanksgiving Feast - November 2015

education



December is going to be an AWESOME time for us on Wednesday nights. All children K - 5th Grade are invited to join us from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m, upstairs in Room 208. We are going to be learning about Mary and her incredible journey in becoming the mother of Jesus. This will be mixed with a lot of Christmas fun all month long so don't miss out on any of the excitement.

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fuse

We wrap up our Redemption series with Vader being saved by his son. Much like we have all been saved by The Son; Jesus Christ. We invite all students 6th-12th grade to join us on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 p.m. There will be plenty of Christmas cheer all month long as well. Bring a friend and don't miss out on the fun.

No SPARK or FUSE on December 23rd or 30th!

The Force Lock-In: Friday December 18th - 19th - 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m.

A black poster with yellow and white text. At the top, it says "Youth Lock-In" in large yellow letters, followed by "December 18-19" and "7:00pm-7:00am" in smaller yellow letters. In the center, the "STAR WARS" logo is displayed in white, with "THE FORCE AWAKENS" in smaller white letters above it. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of yellow text: "We will see the new movie together and then come back to the church for an amazing Lock In Experience! There will be food, drinks, games, craziness, shenanigans, and plenty more. Students 6-12th grade Sign up with Jeff Davis Cost for this EVENT is \$20 per student: Covers Movie/Food".

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December 18-19 7:00pm-7:00am

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Students 6th-12th grade joining us for this unique lock-in experience will be seeing *Star Wars 7: The Force Awakens* together at the Cobb Theater on opening night. We'll come back to Trinity for an amazing lock-in experience to kick off the Christmas break. **You don't want to miss this!!** We are charging \$20 which will cover the movie and lock-in supplies. If you bring a friend who has never been to Fuse . . . **They . Are . Free!** You must sign up with Jeff Davis at jeff@trinityclearwater.com or [727-446-6120](tel:727-446-6120), so we know you're planning to attend.

Reflections



Reflections from Andy

The Adventure of Advent and Christmas

Sometimes simply exploring the origins of words opens them to new meaning for us. So why not do just that as we celebrate the seasons of

Advent and Christmas?

- ★ According to the *Online Entomology Library*, “Advent” is an Old English word meaning “important arrival.”
- ★ “Adventure” means “perilous undertaking, a thing about to happen, or taking a risk.”
- ★ At the root of both words is an Old French word “venue” which means “to come.”
- ★ “Christmas” is the combination of “Christ” and “Mass.” “Christ,” meaning “messiah” or “presence of God” and “mass,” meaning “a crowd or large amount.” Christmas is a Christ Gathering.

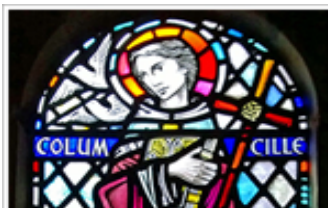
Putting all of this together brings us to the **Adventure of Advent**, a time and place of risk and vulnerability, when we prepare for an important arrival – the presence of Christ in our lives that draws us together to experience Christ “en masse.”

Sounds like an adventure to me!

(PS: Please note the link for daily Advent Meditations below.)

Andy

Online Advent Meditations



A reflection for each day of Advent.

<http://iona.org.uk/advent-calendar-2015/#>

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Members' page

Birthdays in December

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women share their gifts and talents at the Gathering Tuesday, December 15th. We begin at 9:30 a.m. in FSH by sharing our gifts of yummy brunch foods. Beverly has devotions and the program will include sharing our talent for line dancing (our first recital!), receiving the gifts from the manger, singing some carols, lighting some candles and celebrating! Join us!

Line Dancing

It's a really fun light aerobic workout! Check out the toned thighs walking around Trinity! It is also a way to refresh your spiritual journey through rhythm, movement, and friends. Stop by FSH Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. and learn a step or two. Everyone is welcome. Watch the bulletin for the holiday schedule and add Line Dancing to your New Year's resolutions!



Line Dancing

1 st	Beverly Easterling
	Robert Ricker
2 nd	Elsie Arrington
4 th	Harley Reed
	J. B. Johnson
	Italia Nesbitt
5 th	Catherine Payne
6 th	Steve Abernathy
7 th	Ginger McQuigg
12 th	Thelma Wilson
	Kathi Trautwein
13 th	Zoey Grace DeAngelo
	Aryana Nesbitt
16 th	Marian Justice
	Hunter Martin
19 th	Edie Banks
	Jack Rickert
22 nd	Angela Baker
24 th	Betty Cline
28 th	Margaret Fielder
29 th	Linda Aronoff
31 st	Nicole Nugent

Trinity Trippers Trek to Weedon Island



We'll visit the **Cultural and Natural History Center** on **Friday, December 4th**, and reconnect with the archaeological history of the

preserve to learn how the environment and people support and shape each other. Moderate walking is involved as we explore local flora, fauna, and ancient culture. Bring money for a donation to the museum and lunch at Miller's (food for every taste). The bus leaves at 9:00 am. Sign up on the office bulletin board.

Who Are the Searchers?

Over 50 years ago this group was one of six fellowship groups started on the basis of age in order to provide support, socialization and encouragement to others in the same stage of life. Over the years the membership changed and we no longer have monthly socials. However, there is still a core group that meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Chapel to pray, share concerns and serve Trinity in various ways.

We continue to donate to the Preschool, cold night shelter, golf tournament and others in need as they are brought to our attention. Last winter we organized and sponsored the first annual "Slipper Breakfast."

We invite additional members regardless of age to come check us out on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.



Fellowship



January 24, 2016

Charitable giving can provide you with great personal satisfaction. Come for a light lunch and learn about this from **Robert Hay, Jr.** of the **Presbyterian Foundation**.

Around Trinity

Weekly in December

Sunday

Sunday School	9:00 am
Wired Word, Rm. 212	
The Lectionary, The Chapel	
SongChimers Practice (Not 12/20, 27)	9:30 am
Searchers Fellowship, the Parlor	10:00 am
Worship (Communion Dec. 6)	10:30 am
Lessons and Carols (Dec. 13)	10:30 am
Fellowship in the Garden	11:30 am
Young Adult/Family Group	12:00 pm
SongChimers Play (Dec. 13)	10:30 am
Inquirers Gathering (Dec. 13)	11:45 am
3 rd Sunday Meal (Dec. 20)	11:45 am
Marcia P. Hoffman Concert (Dec. 6)	3:00 pm
Many Moods of Christmas (Dec. 6)	7:00 pm
JANUARY TIDINGS DEADLINE (DEC. 20)	

Monday

Lunch Bunch, Rm. 114 (Not 12/28)	12:00 pm
Bible Study Fellowship (Not 12/21, 28)	7:00 pm
Finance Team (Dec. 14)	5:30 pm

Tuesday

Preschool Chapel	11:30 am
Sewing Hope (Not 12/22, 12/29)	1:00 pm
Staff Meeting	3:30 pm
Tampa Bay Symphony	6:00 pm
PW Study Leaders (Dec. 1)	9:30 am
Property Team (Dec. 1)	6:00 pm
Education, Outreach/Fellowship, Worship Ministry Mtgs. (Dec. 1)	7:00 pm
Ruth Circle (Dec. 8)	10:00 am
Mission Ministry (Dec. 8)	6:00 pm
Diaconate-Cookie Mtg. (Dec. 8)	7:00 pm
Naomi Circle (Dec. 8-Mbrs' Homes)	10:00 am
Esther Circle (Dec. 8)	1:00 pm
PW Gathering (Dec. 15)	9:30 am

Wednesday

Spark Children's Midweek (Not 12/30)	5:30 pm
Fuse Student Midweek (Not 12/30)	7:00 pm
Preschool Ministry (Dec. 9)	4:00 pm
Lydia Circle (Dec. 16)	5:30 pm
Joint Elder-Deacon Mtg. (Dec. 16)	6:00 pm

Thursday

Men's Group	8:00 am
Sewing Hope (Not 12/24, 31)	1:00 pm
Line Dancing (Not 12/24, 31)	4:00 pm
Trinity Ringers (Not 12/24, 31)	6:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal (Not 12/24, 31)	7:00 pm
Skycrest Winter Concert (Dec. 10)	6:30 pm

OFFICE CLOSED - DECEMBER 24

Friday

CHS Swim Team Banquet (Dec. 4)	6:30 pm
Spiritual Direction Mtg. (Dec. 11)	10:00 am
Fuse Lock-in Starts (Dec. 18)	7:00 p.m.

OFFICE CLOSED - DECEMBER 25

Saturday

Fuse Lock-in Ends (Dec. 19)	7:00 am
BSF Leaders Meeting (Not 12/19, 26)	6:00 am
Many Moods of Christmas (Dec. 5)	3:00 pm
Trinity Friends of Hope (Dec. 12)	6:00 am

Adult Education

Classes - 9:00 a.m. You are invited to drop in anytime for:

⇒ The **Wired Word** is a current events-based Adult Sunday School class that links the Bible with timely topics. Everyone is welcome to attend, join the discussion and keep abreast of contemporary Christian concerns. Talk to Dick Powell to be added to the weekly email list that is sent before class each week.

Leaders: Various Class Members.

Location: Room 212.

⇒ **Feasting on the Word**

This series of classes in the Chapel will focus on the lectionary readings for each week. If you don't know what the lectionary readings are, the class will help you understand this concept.

Each week the two lectionary texts that are NOT used in worship will receive a more in-depth study in this class. Class members will be encouraged to allow God's spirit to work as we worship and hear the message on the other two lectionary texts.

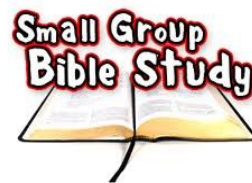
Leader: Sue Moore

Location: The Chapel

Sunday Small Group

The Young Adult and Families Small Group is continuing to meet at Noon on Sundays after church. They gather at the Brown Boxer for lunch and children are always welcome and **eat free**.

Leader: Jeff Davis



Wednesday Adult Study



Join Pastor Andy on Wednesday, **December 2nd and 9th** for a study, "**The Word Became Flesh.**" Come hear more about

the phrases Andy uses in worship after the scripture readings: "The Word in Creation," "The Word in Scripture" and "The Word Within Us."

Holidays Are Here!

A HOLIDAY CONCERT!



THE **MANY MOODS** OF
CHRISTMAS

A FREE HOLIDAY CONCERT PRESENTED BY
THE COMBINED CHOIRS OF

PASADENA COMMUNITY CHURCH & FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

featuring
MEMBERS OF THE
FLORIDA ORCHESTRA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH @ 3PM
PASADENA COMMUNITY CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH @ 7PM
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PASADENA COMMUNITY CHURCH
227 70TH ST S

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1900 GANDY BLVD

The holiday season for Trinity keeps your choir and bells quite busy. Please make plans to attend our **Christmas Performance** at Pasadena Community Church on **December 5th at 3:00 p.m.** or First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg on **December 6th at 7 p.m.** This is an amazing opportunity to hear the *Many Moods of Christmas* suites performed by a mass choir and over 30 musicians from the Florida Orchestra. The *Many Moods of Christmas* is grouped into four suites of Christmas Carols arranged by the famed Broadway orchestrator Robert Russell Bennett (see poster). This concert will be a beautiful way to begin your Christmas holiday celebrations!

Holiday Music at Trinity



Sunday December 13th Service of Lessons and Carols

On December 13th our service will include a selection of lessons and carols. This choir will perform selections from the *Many Moods of Christmas* program they are presenting December 5th and 6th with the Pasadena Community Church and First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg choirs. We will also have additional music including the children and the Trinity Ringers. Don't miss this service as we prepare for the arrival of the Christmas Gift!

Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve at Trinity has always included special music and this year will be no different. Come out with your family and friends and celebrate Christmas Eve with special music from the Trinity Chancel Choir and a special solo of *O Holy Night*. The service will conclude with a traditional candlelight ceremony and singing of *Silent Night*.

Stewardship Thoughts for December:



*If I cannot give
bountifully, yet
will I give freely.*
~ Arthur
Warwick

*The best
investment with
the least risk and
the greatest
dividend is
giving.* ~ Sir
John Templeton,
Investor and
Philanthropist

*What we have done for ourselves alone dies with
us. What we have done for others and the good
of the world remains and is immortal.* ~ Albert
Pike, Presbyterian Minister

Advent Worship

Sundays - 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 29th Fill Us All with Hope

Dec. 6th Fill Us All with Peace

Dec. 13th Fill Us All with Love

A SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Dec. 20th Fill Us All with Joy

Dec. 24th - 7:00 p.m.

Fill Us All With Christ

Fellowship in the Garden

Enjoy Fellowship in the Garden
Each Sunday* after worship
(weather permitting)

Light refreshments
will be served

**Except 3rd Sunday*

Prayer Concerns

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Ruth Baker ~ Betty Cline

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

John Burton ~ Nancy Phillips Coleman

Kit Harra ~ John Hoopes ~ Bill Justice

Al Priebe ~ Jim Starr

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Julie Bowyer

Jonathan Cary

Chuck and Marley Cassels

Steven Cortes

Dan DeAngelo

Scott and Jessica Hives

William Krompart

Joshua Pillar

Mike Sawall

Tom Whissel



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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: PERSONNEL

At this very busy season of the year, the Personnel Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for the gifts of their time and talents to further the Kingdom of God at Trinity and beyond!

Led by our faithful Pastor, **Andy Walton**, we are moving into a new time of growth in faith. On our team, which averages 4 1/2 years of service at Trinity, we are blessed to have some "Super Glue" – **Kathi Trautwein**, a "Super Hero" – **Jeff Davis**, a "Fix-it Guru" – **Truman Cox** and an "Angelic Voice" (though in the somewhat lower musical register!) – **Mike Vetter**, more than ably accompanied by our talented organist/pianist, **Betty Dethmers**.

Carol White produces beautiful newsletters, e-blasts and bulletins and greets members and visitors alike with a warm smile. Our facility is sparkling clean, thanks to the faithful efforts of **Violeta** and **Shygyri (aka Shy)**

Muco. David Pope makes sure we can hear the music and message each week in worship, and **Chelsea MacNeill** gives parents reassurance that their children are nurtured in our nursery. Each weekday, **Jaime Kotter** and the **teachers** in our Preschool lovingly care for the children entrusted to their teaching.

We also see, every day, many acts of excellent, dependable and thoroughly capable and helpful service to the members and visitors in our church. All of this benefits Trinity and leads us toward our goals. Aren't we fortunate to have this very special staff, serving us every day??

Our Staff
Rocks!