

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 12/11/16

Church Schedule this week:

- TODAY!:** Virginia Choral Society—*Sound the Trumpet* concert; 4:00 p.m., Trinity sanctuary
Tues., Dec. 13 Church Council meeting: 7:00 p.m., church library
Tues., Dec. 13: Bible Study: 10:30 a.m., church parlor; text study: Matthew 1:18-25
Wed., Dec. 14: School Chapel: 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m., sanctuary, Creature Christmas performance by K-3 TLS students
Wed., Dec. 14: Chancel Choir Practice: 7:00 p.m., choir room
Sat., Dec. 17: Virginia Choral Society Concert: 7:30 p.m., church sanctuary
Sun., Dec. 18: Trinity Troupers performance: 9:15 a.m., social hall; Confirmation classes resume in January.

WELCOME PASTOR MELUSKY: Trinity would like to heartily welcome Pastor Tina Melusky to the pulpit and the “helm” as our 21st pastor. She was voted in as our new pastor last Sunday at a congregation meeting following our worship service. Another hearty welcome goes to her husband, Ben Melusky. Pastor Tina’s cell phone number is (734) 239-4013 and her address is 633 Clinton Drive, Newport News, VA, 23605. Pastor Tina, we look forward to working with you, beside you and for you as a congregation. Last Sunday, we said good-bye to Pastor Cobb and wished him well on his retirement. Pastor Cobb, Trinity will miss you!

GUEST CANTOR: Please welcome, once again, our guest cantor, Stephanie Marx, who will be sharing her vocal talent with us today. Our deepest appreciation and thanks, Stephanie!

GREENING/DEGREENING OF THE CHURCH: Next Sunday, December 18, after the late service, we will be decorating the church for the holidays. Many hands make light work. If you can stay for a little while, please do so as we work to make our sanctuary beautiful for the season. Also, mark your calendars for the take down decorations on Saturday, January 7th at 9:00 a.m. Thank you!

DECORATING AND CAROLING: Trinity youth will help in the decorating of the church and then go caroling to our homebound members, delivering the gifts that we made for them in Sunday School. Youth group members will meet in the church library immediately following the 10:45 worship service. We will decorate the church, play a few of our favorite youth group games, and head out to carol. The evening will end with a pizza party at the Rummel household and will include a favorite Christmas movie. Parents can pick up their youth at 8 PM at the Rummels – (**remember, we moved!**). **Things to bring:** A packed lunch (we will eat quickly at the church), \$5 for pizza for dinner, your beautiful singing voice, and a Christmas goody to share at dinner (cookies, side dish, whatever you want to make). Sign up on the youth group bulletin board. Happy Holidays!!!

TREASURER’S NEWS: The Bequest funds the congregation borrowed to supplement donations for the Social Hall floor have been *completely repaid*. Thank you to the congregation for your generosity! If you would like to continue with that extra donation, the general fund sure could use it!

LASER TAG/LOCK-IN: On January 6, the Trinity Youth will meet at Lazer Rush in Kiln Creek at 6 PM. We plan to play two games of Laser Tag and then head to the church for an evening of fun and games. **Things to Bring:** \$20 for Laser Tag, a snack to share at the church, a sleeping bag, pillow, PJs, change of clothes, tennis shoes, and a flashlight! **EAT DINNER BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT LASER TAG PLEASE!** Parents ... please pick up your youth at 8 AM on January 7. Sign up on the youth group bulletin board.

INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Our newly elected council members and trustee will be installed at both worship services on Sunday, January 8. Congratulations to all!

TROUPERS PERFORM ON OUR WAY TO BETHLEHEM: Our Trinity Troupers will be performing a musical next Sunday that depicts the significance of the journey to the manger as it relates to today. The performance begins after the first service, in the social hall. It will be videotaped. Donations will be accepted to offset costs of the production and/or for a copy of the DVD. All are invited to join us on this musical journey to Bethlehem.

SKI TRIP: This event is for all members of Trinity! The annual Seven Springs Ski Trip will be held February 2-5, 2017. We leave the Newport News area around 3 PM on Thursday, February 2 and return home around noon on Sunday, February 5. We will spend Friday and Saturday at the Seven Springs Resort near Somerset, PA. Families and youth can participate as much or as little as they would like, i.e. skiing, snowboarding, etc. We will be housed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Somerset at night. The cost of the trip depends on the number of activities you choose. Breakfasts are cereal and Pop Tarts at the church before we leave for the day. Lunches can be packed picnic style or bought at the ski lodge, and dinner is usually Ruby Tuesdays and Pizza. This is a fun event loved by folks of all ages. If you are interested in going, grab a packet of information off of the youth group bulletin board and put your name on the sign up sheet there.

2017 CALENDAR SALES: Trinity 2017 calendars by JoAnne Rawls are now available! There is a *very* limited number of calendars available, so if you wish to purchase one, please contact JoAnne *immediately!* She will have the calendars during second service and at choir practice, but don't wait to make your purchase! JoAnne may be able to provide one shipment of reorders, by request, **one time only**. In that case, a reorder deadline for the final shipment will be announced and all ordered at once. Delivery on this shipment may take place in January.

CHANCEL FLOWERS NEEDED: Thank you to all of the quick responders for filling in the December flower chart. A new chart for 2017 will be posted soon.

VIRGINIA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT: Today, at 4 p.m. and on Saturday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m., the Virginia Choral Society will be presenting *Sound the Trumpet*, a variety of seasonal favorites accompanied by a local high school at each concert, here at Trinity. Purchase your tickets online now at the following website: www.virginiachoralsociety.org/tickets.

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR: Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: Andrea & Mike Cobb, USCG; James Fielding, Marine Corps; Elijah Harter, Army, Georgia; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Maputo, Mozambique; Eric Lindfors, Navy, Santa Rita, Guam; Chip Nassau, Navy; Tyler Obara, Air Force Reserves, LAFB. **Our Missionary:** Robin Strickler, serving in the ELCA Mission: The Rwanda School Project. **Our Mutual Ministry Committee:** Suzanne Beckstoffer, Connie Hoover, Mark Madler, Kelly Rummel, John Savage, and Bill Solomon. **Church and school weekly prayer families:** The Recupero family and Earl Dunn, TLS Head Custodian.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: Remembering in our prayers: Millie Christensen (The Gardens at Warwick Forest, Rm 334), Alberta Fricke (Northampton Conv. Ctr., Rm 25-B) & Cliff Fricke (home); Slim Hawkins (The Hidenwood, Rm 411), Ethel Long (home), Bob McWithey (Riverside Rehab-Chesapeake Ave., Rm 210); Roy Mazingo (home-hospice); Ernie and Doris Moeser (home), and Charley Smith (Riverside Rehab, Hampton, Rm. 42-A); **Retirement Home:** Gloria Driver (Williamsburg), Betty Hasel (Riverside Hospital) and Marge Zender (The Mennowood-Assisted Living, **Rm. 205**); Wilma Johnson (Envoy), Charles and Viola Kessler (The Chesapeake-Assisted Living Rms. 206 & 208).

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: **The Ahlen Family**, requested by Kathy Stevens; **Bill Nuckols (father), Cynthia Ladlee, Katey Loy**, requested by Patricia Fielding; **Peggy & Hardy Cash; Christina McManama and Charlotte Rogers**, requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **Nancy Orrison**, requested by Dick and Laura Davis; **Joan Johnston; Stephanie Beauvais and Gary Brooks**, requested by Jarvis and Janet Edwards; **Joe and Anna Dunker**, requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb; **Jennifer Henderson**, requested by Kristen Turnage; **Ruth Davis (Jenny's grandmother), Bill Oglesby, Stephen Edward Ripplé and Patricia Davis**, requested by Jenny Davis; **Jay and Ron Vodenichar and Linda Rahn**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Leda Hogle**, requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Kimberly Winget**, requested by Kristen Young; **Don and Billie Jo Harvey and Robert Lee**, requested by Anne Obara; **Todd Recupero and Nancy Lindfors**, requested by Carter Recupero; **Laurie Lynn** (Erik's stepsister), requested by the Rummel family; **Charlotte Paschall (knee surgery on 12/12) and Tillie Schultz (stint surgery on 12/15)**.

THIS WEEK'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND . . . in honor of the birthday of my mother, Hazel Wiseman, and in memory of our parents, by Rick and Patty Johnson.