

ANNOUNCEMENTS for 01/01/17

Church Schedule this week:

- TODAY!:** Installation of Church Council members: both services; Confirmation classes resume
"Blessing of Homes" kits in baskets around the church - please take one
- Tues., Jan. 10:** Bible Study: 10:30 a.m., church parlor; Text: John 1:1-9
- Tues., Jan. 10:** Worship and Music meeting: 7:00 p.m., church library
- Wed., Jan. 11:** Chancel Choir practice: 7:00 p.m., choir room
- Wed., Jan. 11:** Exec. Church Council meeting: 6 p.m., church library

PASTOR MELUSKY: Pastor Tina's cell phone number is (734) 239-4013 and her address is 633 Clinton Drive, Newport News, VA, 23605. To leave a message for Pastor Tina at her Trinity office after hours, please call the church number and at the prompt, push the #2 button. To reach Pastor Tina by email, please use tina.melusky@gmail.com.

OFFICE TELEPHONES: We are still having issues with our church office telephones. Please be patient as we work to get the problem solved.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: Today, the following newly elected council members and trustee are being **installed** at both worship services: Michelle Carpenter, Laura Davis, Dee Klapperich (Trustee), Jessica Moye, Sounthone Mynoymany, Todd Recupero, David Roselius and Philip Shook. We would like to take this time to thank them for their time and talents and ask that you continue to **keep them in your prayers as they continue to share their gifts with the congregation.**

CHRISTMAS DECORATING THANKS: A heartfelt thanks to all of our Trinity members who helped decorate and undecorated the church sanctuary, the narthex and the outside doors with greenery and wreaths; erected the Christmas trees, decorated the trees with Chrismons, took down glass chandelier globes; put away pew cushions, set out candles and poinsettias, placed the items in the nativity, and many other little things - all to commemorate the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. The Worship and Music Committee appreciates each and every one of you who gave their time and energy.

CHILDREN/YOUTH INVITED TO SERVE AS USHERS/LECTORS: Speak to someone in the office or sign up with the persons who coordinate these ministries: Ushers: Dick Davis, 595-7474; Lectors: Mary Dell, 753-4861; Nursery Caregivers: Charlotte Duff, 342-9251. Thanks to all who serve.

COUNCIL MEETING AND RETREAT: The January council meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual council retreat to be held on January 21st at Trinity. If a member wants to present something, please contact Jessica Moye, council president, for the meeting time.

REMINDER FROM THE TREASURER: As we begin planning our donations for the new calendar year, we should remember that *only donations to the general fund* can be used to pay the expenses that allow us to do God's work! A donation designated to a *specific* fund, such as World Hunger, property, third grade Bibles, etc., can *only be used for that fund!* Please keep this in mind as you plan your giving, and be sure that donations to a specific fund are given *in addition* to your regular, planned giving to the general fund.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: As part of our effort to reduce costs, the church reduced the number of offering envelope boxes from 400 to 300. When you pick up your **2017 offering envelopes**, if your envelope had been #301 – #400, please be aware that you will have a new envelope for 2017! Envelopes are in the **church library**. Please help save on the cost of mailing by picking yours up today. Thank you!

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS: Our new accounts at BayPort Credit Union are now open. If you wish your bank to make **automatic donations** to the church, please **call the treasurer** at 245-7861 for our routing and account numbers. Thank you!

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TLS ALUMNI HOUR: Ready for some fun? On Tuesday, January 17, at 5 p.m., the TLS Alumni and anyone else who wishes to come enjoy a nice fellowship evening which will be held at Tradition's Brewery, City Center, Newport News.

HILTON AREA BLOOD DRIVE: On Monday, January 16, there will be a Hilton Area Churches Blood Drive at St. Andrews Episcopal Church on Main Street, Newport News, inside their Fellowship Hall from 1:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor Code: HiltonAC

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.

A MESSAGE FROM LINK RE: PORT: We are currently in need of work boots of all sizes please, especially large sizes. Thanks so very much! - Lynn Finding (via email from Sister David Ann Niski)

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. **Our Confirmands:** Stephen McWithey, Samuel Molina, Alex Murphy, Carson Turnage. **Church and school weekly prayer families:** The Rummel family: Erik, Kelly, Nathan and Andrew and Kevin Goetz, TLS Head of School.

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY: Remembering in our prayers: Alberta and Clifford Fricke (both now in Northampton Conv. Ctr., Rm 13); Betty Hasel (The Newport-Rehab unit Rm 20-B); Bob McWithey (The Gardens - Warwick Forest); Tillie Schultz (home) and Charley Smith (home); **Retirement Home:** Gloria Driver (Williamsburg), Slim Hawkins (The Hidenwood, Rm. 411); Ernie and Doris Moeser (home); Charlotte Paschal (The Chesapeake) 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; **Matt Adamo, Bill Nuckols (father), Katey Loy, Jim Powers and Dimitri Hvorostovsky** requested by Patricia Fielding; **Peggy & Hardy Cash; Christina McManama and Charlotte Rogers**, requested by Richard and Sandra Anderson; **the family of Nancy Orrison**, requested by Dick and Laura Davis; **Joan Johnston; Joe and Anna Dunker**, requested by Jerry and Sandy Cobb; **Ron and Jay Vodenichar, and Linda Rahn**, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; **Leda Hogle**, requested by Nancy Lindfors; **Don and Billie Jo Harvey** requested by Anne Obara; **Nancy Lindfors**, requested by Carter Recupero; **Laurie Lynn** (Erik's stepsister), requested by the Rummel family; **Kenzie O'Connell**, requested by Pat and Pearl O'Connell; **Kelly Paul**, requested by Janet; **Mike Zock**, requested by Rock Moeslein; **Linda Dellinger**, requested by Laura Davis and **Carroll Siceloff (brother)**, requested by Virginia Hamby.

NEW FLOWER CHART: The new **2017 flower chart is now posted**. Please feel free to sign up for flowers by printing your name and phone number beside the month and day you wish to donate. The price of a vase of flowers is still \$18. If you write a check for your flowers, please write the word "flowers" on the check. You may place your check in the offering plate or mail it in. Someone will contact you to find out the wording you wish for our bulletin announcements and whether you wish to keep or donate your flowers to a shut-in.