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Christmas Happenings at Trinity

Mark your calendars and Invite friends, family, neighbors and colleagues to share in the joy of this sacred season

December 2 - **Childrens's CHRISTmas Party 6:30pm-8:30pm** *see page 2*

December 4, 11, 18 - Advent Worship 10am
& Adult Grow Time 8:45
In-person & online
with a special Advent Offering
for the Religious Coalition

December 7,14,21 - Women's Advent Study
9:30am & 7pm Room 302-304
In-person & online
Kate Bowler's Season of
Waiting (free download at
www.Katebowler.com)

December 4 - **Poinsettia Orders Due**See page 3
Holiday Hope Tree Gifts Due

December 10 - **Cookie Walk 9am-11am**Pre-ordered trays only. Visit

www.trinityfrederick.org to

order now & pick up on
the 10th see page 2

December 11 - Community Living Party

2pm-4pm Volunteer as Trinity
hosts a joy-filled CHRISTmas
party for this community
organization serving develop
mentally disabled adults

December 15 - Hospice Prayer & Praise

Service at Trinity, 6:30pm
8:00pm An evening for those having a difficult holiday season and those wanting to support them

December 17 - Youth CHRISTmas Celebration 6:00pm

December 24 - CHRISTmas Eve Services
In-person & online
3:30 CHRISTmas Eve Communion
6:00pm Live Nativity
8:00pm Live Nativity

December 25 - Cozy CHRISTmas Day Worship
10am In-person & online
Please feel free to wear your
CHRISTmas PJs or best/ugliest
CHRISTmas sweater

O Come Let Us Adore Him, Christ the Lord!







TREE 2022 HOPE TREE THANK YOU

With your generosity, the Missions Team provided tidings of joy through Christmas gifts to clients & residents of Community Living. **Thank you so much** to each of you who provided a Holiday Hope Tree gift! Your support makes this a memorable and merry Christmas for all the Community Living family!



Please note the church office will be closed for Winter Break Monday, December 26 -Friday, December 30,

We will re-open on Monday, January 2.

Have a safe and peaceful holiday break!



MAKE A SPECIAL FAMILY MEMORY...

Be Part of the 6pm or 8pm Live Nativity Services

Simply contact the office at 301.662.2895 or at tumc@trinityfrederick.org to be part of honoring the birth of our Savior this CHRISTmas

2022 COOKIE WALK

THERE IS STILL TIME TO:

- ☐ Volunteer for Friday Evening Prep at 4pm 12/9
- ☐ Volunteer for tray pick up time on Saturday morning 9-11am 12/10
- ☐ Bake cookies Due Friday after 4pm
- ☐ Order Trays... YUM!!!
- ☐ Share the fun and tell others about this Trinity Tradition
- ☐ Call 301.662.2895 to volunteer, order or pay



Give Your CHRISTmas Heart a Head Start...

Volunteer at the Community Living Party, December 11 2pm-4pm email Yardwelk@aol.com to help

Where the spirit of CHRIST lives

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We invite you to order Poinsettias to honor or remember your loved ones. They will be available to take home after our 8pm service on Christmas Eve.

Now you can pay online at www.trinityfrederick.org/altar-guild/. Turn in this insert marked "online" or you can still make checks payable to TUMC and drop in offering basket or at the church office.

Orders must be received by Sunday, December 4.

Given	by:		Red	X \$10.00
I would	d like to	order the following:	White	X \$10.00
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Honor	Memory	Name as you want it to appear in the bulle	un insert	
				Please mark box - payment made by:
				ONLINE
				CHECK
				CASH



TRINITY PASTORAL COUNSELING CENTER

Dear Trinity Family,

At the end of this year, I am leaving the center at the end of this year. It has been such an honor to be a part of Trinity's mission of providing

mental healthcare in the Frederick area.

Pastor Shannon has been in communication with me as she looks to guide the church into what comes next. This is an opportunity for the church to look to the future.

Modernization of the center is an important next step. Fresh leadership is needed to better meet the needs of the community. It is also time to have a more vigorous hybrid model of virtual and in-person services. The need for mental healthcare has only increased since the pandemic.

Many thanks to so many people. A special thank you

goes out to Pam Hewetson who has given so much since the earliest days of the center. Her gentle presence embodies grace.

Also, thank you to Denise Reccardi, our pastoral counseling intern this year, for her terrific work with clients. A wholehearted thank you goes out to the staff, committee members, and volunteers for their work and support of the center. There are also the generous donors who quietly give gifts for the benefit of others' needing counseling.

Trinity's counseling program has been a ministry of love in service. May it continue to be a shining light. My hope is that donations continue to grow the contingency fund so that others may receive the blessing of affordable mental health care.

May God's Grace Continue to Guide and Bless You, Diane Younkins, LCPC, LPC, NCC



Dear Members and Attendees of Trinity Church,

The Christmas season is almost here. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded of our many blessings. We thank God for friends, family, and loved ones who have supported us with kindness and guidance this year.

Our tradition at Trinity Church has been to express our appreciation to our pastors and professional staff with a monetary gift. These gifts are but a small token of our appreciation for all the work, leadership and service our staff and pastoral leadership has done over and above that

which is required. All gifts will be consolidated and shared among the church administrative/office staff.

If you wish to contribute, please put your gift into an envelope clearly marked: "Staff Christmas Gift, ATTN: Staff Parish Relations Ministry Team", and either place the envelope in with one of the upcoming Sunday offerings, or mail it to the church office.

The mailing address is: ATTN: SPRC

Trinity United Methodist Church

703 West Patrick Street Frederick, MD 21701-4029

We ask that all contributions to this year's collective staff gift be received at the church office no later than *Sunday, December 15, 2022*. We also ask that you remember that your gift is in addition to, and not a replacement for, your regular offering to Trinity Church.

Thank you for your contribution and expression of appreciation to those who help lead us at Trinity throughout the year. Peace and blessings to our entire church family!

Don Fine

Dick Gessner

Co-Chairperson - Church Council

Co-Chairperson - Church Council

& Your Staff-Parish Relations Team

A New Trinity Tradition.... Shining Christ's Light on Patrick Street













HUGE THANKS to Bill and Kay Etzler for building our new frame and candles, and to the assembly crew, Bill and Kay, Dick Gessner, Laura Welker, Heather Throckmorton, and Guy, Jon and Enny Berry.

Tell Me More About Charitable Giving...

In addition to the giving of a monetary gift, there are many ways you can support the ministries and missions of Trinity United Methodist Church. There are many opportunities for charitable giving. This list is just some examples for you and your family to consider.

- I. <u>Gift of your time and talents:</u> God has given each of us talents and the church often has a need for those skills. You can help the Church with your skills, such as plumbing, HVAC, electrical, gardening, fixing appliances or lawnmowers, painting, computers, lighting, sewing, etc. Let the Church know how you would like to help by putting a business card or note in the offering plate or calling/e-mailing the church office. Many ministry teams could benefit from your skills and talents.
- 2. <u>Gift of appreciated property</u>: Some of us have appreciated stock, bonds, real estate or collectibles. The property must have been owned at least one year. You get a charitable deduction for the average market value as of the date of the gift and you do not have to pay capital gains because you gifted the property rather than the cash.
- 3. Stock in a privately held company: Does your closely held company wish to buy back some of its stock? Your shares could be donated to the church and the company would buy the stock from the church. The church receives the proceeds of the sale and you avoid recognizing capital gains. You also get a charitable deduction based on the appraised value of the stock.
- 4. <u>Sale of depreciated stock:</u> Do you have a stock that has gone down in value and it doesn't look like it will be going up anytime soon? Consider selling the stock and give the proceeds as a monetary gift. Not only will you get the charitable deduction, you will also be able to claim a loss on your tax return, subject to limitations.
- 5. <u>Life Insurance:</u> An easy and direct form of planned giving is through a new life insurance policy. You make Trinity the beneficiary and owner of the policy. The premiums are tax-deductible and policies can be paid up within a few years. Do you have an existing life insurance policy? If you transfer the ownership of the policy to the church and make the church the beneficiary, you will receive a charitable deduction in the amount of the cash surrender value at the time of transfer. Any additional premiums paid would be tax deductible.
- 6. <u>Charitable Remainder Trust or Charitable Gift Annuity:</u> Do you have investments but you need an income stream from the dividends or interest to pay your bills? You can set up a charitable remainder trust or a charitable gift annuity. The trust or annuity will pay you until your death with the remainder going to the church after death.
- 7. <u>Charitable lead Trusts:</u> Do you have investments and desire to leave your estate to your heirs? There are charitable lead trusts that can be set up where the first 15 20 years the annual payments go to the church, and, afterwards, the remaining funds revert to your heirs.
- 8. <u>Your Will:</u> Do you have investments but you want to make sure you have enough to take care of you through your retirement years? Consider including the church in the provisions of your will.

As Jesus said "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matthew 10:8)

If you want to talk more about these and other charitable giving options, please contact Gail Fitzgerald at 301-305-2481 or to donate to the Endowment-Sustaining Fund contact the Community Foundation of Frederick County at 301-695-7660 or CFO@frederickcountygives.org.

(MT=Ministry Team)	(D TRINITY U	December 2022 TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH)22 ST CHURCH		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:45 am - Grow Time "Open Door" 10:00 am - Worship Service 11:30 am - Youth Grow Time	Door,	SUNDAY MUSIC SCHEDULE 5:00 pm - Youth Choir 5:00 pm - Wesley Choir 5:00 pm - Trinity Brass 6:30 pm - Handbell Choir		1 6:00 pm Missions MT	2 6:30 pm Children's Christmas Party	m
4	5 11:30 am JOY Club Luncheon 7:00 pm Church Council	6 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	7 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	8 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	9 4:00 pm Cookie Walk Drop Off	10 9:00 am Cookie Walk Pickup
2:00 pm Community Living Party 6:30 pm Youth Group	12	13 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	14 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	15 7:00 pm Stewardship & Finance Meeting	16	17 6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party
18 6:30 pm Youth Group	19	20 8:30 am Men's Bible Study	21 6:00 pm Chancel Choir 6:30 pm Praise Team	22 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry	23	24 Christmas Eve 3:30 Service 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm Live Nativity
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve
		8:30 am Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Trustees MT	6:30 pm Praise Team	6:00 pm Prayer Service		

All baptized and confirmed Christians are the ministers of the church.

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor	Shannon Sullivan
Minister of Visitation	John Morrill
Director of Program Ministries	Heather Throckmorton
Director of Youth Ministries	Wendy Huff
Administrative Assistant	Jenna Cintror
Director of Community Engagement	Curtis Osborne
Bookkeeper	Rosemary Bolino
Coordinator of Music & Arts	Denise Berry
Organist	Dominic Bechtel

Director, Chancel Choir	Valerie Wittkamper
Director, Youth Choir	Denise Berry
Director, Trinity Brass	Matt Stegle
Director, Jacob's Ladder Praise Band	Jim Chamblee
Director, Audio/Visual/Media Ministries	Guy Berry
Audio/Visual/Media Ministries technician	ıs Jim Clark
	Trevor Forman
Trinity Pastoral Counseling Center	Diane Younkins
	Pam Hewetson

CHURCH LEADERS & MINISTRY TEAM CHAIRS

Co-Chairpersons, Church CouncilDon Fine, Dick Gessner
Chairperson, Staff-Parish Relations MT*TBD
Lay Members, Annual ConferenceLaura Welker
Chairperson, Stewardship & Finance Team Wanda Osborne
TreasurerBob Kripowicz
Financial Secretary Sandy Wiles
Chairperson, Board of TrusteesGuy Berry
Chairperson, Missions TeamKay Etzler
Chairperson, Women's MTTBD

Co-Chairpersons, Altar Guild	Sue Rowland
	Pamela Lesperance
Chairperson, Member Care & Nurture MT.	Don Hott
Chairperson, Fellowship & Hospitality MT	Dick Gessner
TPCC (Counseling Center) MT	TBD
Chairperson, Children's MT	TBD
Chairperson, Youth MT	TBD
Chairperson, Church & Society MT	.Dorothy Granberry
	* Ministry Team



We are trying to be better stewards of the church's resources and are offering an electronic version of the monthly newsletter for those interested. If you would like to receive an electronic version instead of a paper copy, please e-mail the church office at tumc@trinityfrederick.org.



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please submit your information or article for the monthly Newsletter in one of the following ways:

- mail or deliver to the church office
- email to TUMC@trinityfrederick.org.

Information for the January 2023 newsletter will be due the second Sunday of December – December 11.



The church office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9am-4pm and Friday from 9am-12pm, with the phone being available until 4pm.

Your pastor is here for you: Rev. Shannon Sullivan (off on Fridays):

301-662-2895 (work) 410-937-8835 (cell)

seniorpastor@trinityfrederick.org





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