



Trinity Tidings

December 31, 2021

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Sundays at Trinity

- Eucharist (7:30am, 9am, 11:15am, 7pm)
 - Children's Chapel (9am & 11:15am)
 - Sunday School for children and adults ~ August - June
 - Nursery 9am-12:30pm
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Ongoing Events

Thrift Shop: Monday 10am-Noon, Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-1pm

Wednesday 11am: Bible Study is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). On break until January 12th.

Wednesday 6pm: Trinity Wednesday [5pm Zoom](#) and 6pm in person

Wednesday 7pm: 11:15am Choir Rehearsal

Thursday 7:30pm: 9am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday 10:30am: Sunday School for Adults in person and on Zoom. Click [here](#) for Zoom.

Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).



Music This Sunday

Brett is on vacation this Sunday, so we'll again have the pleasure of welcoming guest organist Randy Wurschmidt and his friend Cathryn Cummings, a professional French horn player from Houston, Texas, and an acquaintance of Brett's from the Hartt School.

Trinity Trekkers

Trinity Trekkers will be walking on Friday, January 7th. We'll be walking around historic Folsom; it's mostly flat with a few places to get your heart rate up, and a great way for those of you who have made New Year's resolutions to walk more to get started! Park at the church and meet in front of the Thrift Shop at 9am. We'll walk about an hour at a comfortable pace, about 2 miles; dogs on leashes, strollers, the young, and the young at heart all welcome.

Feast of the Epiphany & House Blessing

The Feast of the Epiphany is Thursday, January 6th, and we'll observe it with a Eucharist in the church at noon. During that Eucharist, we will bless chalk to be used for the traditional Epiphany house blessings. We chalk a formula using the year and the traditional initials of the Three Wise Men Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar, which are also the initials for the Latin phrase "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" – "May Christ bless this house." It looks like this: 20+C+M+B+22. You can pick up your blessed chalk, along with instructions for the house blessing, after the Epiphany service or on the following Sunday – or call or e-mail the church office to arrange a time to pick it up. The clergy will also be available to chalk the blessing on your house if you desire; e-mail [Fr. Todd](mailto:fr.todd@parish.org) by Wednesday the 5th to be added to the list.

Annual Meeting ~ January 23rd

Our parish's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 23rd, at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. We'll review the year past and look ahead to what we'll be doing in 2022, and we'll elect three members of the vestry, and delegates to diocesan convention. If you're interested in serving as a delegate to diocesan convention, please e-mail [Fr. Todd](mailto:fr.todd@parish.org) before the Annual Meeting.

Grief Group Forming

In January, if there is enough interest, Mtr. Anne will start a grief support group for parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one. Preregistration will be required. If you would like to join, have questions, or would like more information, e-mail [Mtr. Anne](mailto:Anne@trinityfolsom.org) or call her (mobile: 209.487.2153)

Sunday School

Sunday School is on holiday break until January 9th! We will, however, have Children's Chapel at 9am and 11:15am on January 2nd.

For the recording of the previous class, click [here](#).

Winter Shelter Volunteers Needed

Trinity Folsom is this year's check-in location for the HART (Homeless Assistance Resource Team) of Folsom Winter Shelter. Homeless folks will register here at Trinity Folsom and then be shuttled to that week's Winter Shelter Location. The HART pod will be taking up a few parking spots in the alley for the next few months, but there's still plenty of parking and it is for a very good cause!

We'll be staffing the Winter Shelter the week of January 16th-22nd. The program serves up to 20 homeless folks each day, giving them food and a warm place to stay in the colder months. We'll need folks to make and serve dinner, drop off breakfast, do laundry, help with shower facilities, and two people to stay overnight in the shelter. Sign up to volunteer [here](#). E-mail [Mtr. Anne](mailto:Anne@trinityfolsom.org) or call the office for more info.

If you'd like to be even more involved with HART's Winter Shelter program, you can volunteer to fill positions during the twelve weeks the shelter is open. Most take about an hour and a half for a shift, and some positions are actually at Trinity! Go to www.hartoffolsom.org and click the "Recurring Volunteer Roles" button to go to the sign-up page. Use the tabs (Storage, Drivers, Welcome Team, Morning Team, Shower Clean, or Substitutes) at the top of the sign-up to see available openings. For questions or more info, e-mail [Bev Seiss](mailto:Bev@trinityfolsom.org) or call her at 530-306-6484.

Outreach Grants for 2022

Every year, the Outreach Committee proposes grants to be made by the vestry from the outreach line item in the parish budget to organizations providing direct assistance to people in need. These grants are disbursed in regular monthly payments throughout the

year, and they help to provide a significant and reliable source of income for these organizations; as we know from our own system of pledging, a reliable income makes a huge difference in our ability to not only operate, but also to plan ahead and to accomplish more and to do it more efficiently and effectively. We provide additional funds to these organizations throughout the year, and we also donate to other organizations, but these are our guaranteed annual grants.

At the December vestry meeting, on the recommendation of the parish Outreach Committee, the vestry approved the following grants for 2022: \$9600 to the Twin Lakes Food Bank, \$9600 to Powerhouse Ministries, \$2400 to HART of Folsom, and \$1200 to the Orangevale Food Bank. These organizations do amazing work helping our neighbors in need in our community, and we're so pleased to be able to support them. If you would like more info on how you can volunteer and support these organizations, e-mail [Mtr. Anne](#).

Notes from the Vestry

I'm happy to report continued good news from last week's vestry meeting. After welcoming Kim Hewitt to the vestry (you may have heard that Kim will serve the remainder of Graham Breck's term - thank you Graham for your service, and welcome Kim!), we approved a few standard resolutions and policies to ensure we stay in compliance with diocesan and national church policies. We also were happy to hear from Fr. Todd that our ASA (Average Sunday Attendance) is starting to resemble pre-2020, an encouraging sign!

We approved recommendations from the Outreach committee to make final 2021 grants to local food banks and other organizations in need of aid and approved the first disbursements of 2022 (see above). With 2021 winding down, we also had the privilege of allocating Trinity's year-end surplus. After a tithe to Outreach, most of the remainder will go into the Capital Improvement Fund, and we'll also take care of some small projects around the campus for which we were waiting until year-end to ensure that it would be financially prudent to proceed. We put final touches on the 2022 budget, and I'm pleased to report that through your pledges, we will be able to proceed with next year's budget without any reductions; in addition, we will make a larger contribution to Capital Improvement, thus increasing our confidence that within a year or two, we will have completed our Capital Campaign with zero long-term debt. We are incredibly grateful for your faithful support, without which none of this is possible.

Finally, I thank you all for a wonderful Christmas at Trinity. What a massive team effort to hold a whirlwind of six (!) services on Christmas Eve and Day, ensuring that we could accommodate all who wished to attend in-person while allowing for some reasonable spacing. Each service was well-attended and while each was unique, all presented a beautifully presented church, wonderful music, and a personal and poignant sermon.

Every ministry was needed to coordinate and achieve such a feat, and we are grateful for all who contributed and attended.

Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year! ~ Tovi Abello, Sr. Warden

Music Notes ~ The Marriage of Simplicity and Beauty

This week's sequence hymn is Hymn #84, "Love came down at Christmas." The text was written by Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830-1894) for a set of poems dedicated to her mother in 1885. Some slight modifications have been made to the text to make it more suitable for worship. In fact, it wasn't until 1908 that the text was included in a hymnal for public worship. The tune GARTAN is from a collection of Irish tunes edited by Charles V. Stanford, an Irishman and founding member of the Royal College of Music. The marriage between the text and tune was made by Welsh composer David Evans, who paired a simple text with a beautiful melody in The Revised Church Hymnary (1927). ~ Dr. Brett Judson, Director of Music

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [Holy Name](#). January first is the eighth day of Christmas; eight days after birth, Jewish boys are circumcised, and Luke's Gospel confirms that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day and given the name Jesus, which is why this day is now called the Feast of the Holy Name.

Online Offerings

We broadcast the 9am and 11:15am Sunday morning services [here](#).

You can find the 9am Sunday bulletin [here](#).

You can find the 11:15am Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

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