

Notes

“Two Advents”

Micah 5:2 & John 14:1-7

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 27, 2022



**CARING, SHARING
AND TEACHING ALL
IN THE NAME OF
CHRIST**

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
ORDER OF WORSHIP
8:45 & 11:00 am**

Prelude	Cheryl Burnside
>Welcome & Announcements	Creg June
*Unison Prayer	#201
<i>“Advent”</i>	
*Song	#211
<i>“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”</i>	
(Verses 1, 5, 6 & 7)	
*Lighting of the Advent Candle	
(8:45 am) Nancy Birkenhauer	
(11:00) Robin Check	
Sharing of Praises & Prayer Requests	
Prayer Chorus	#204
<i>“Emmanuel, Emmanuel”</i>	
Morning Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (#895) in Unison	

TCW Christmas Luncheon

Trinity Christian Women will be hosting a Christmas luncheon on Monday, December 12, 1:00p.m. at the parsonage. We will also be having a \$5 ornament exchange. All ladies are invited. Please sign up in the lobby.

CHRISTMAS CARE BOXES FOR SHUT-INS

We plan to distribute **Christmas Care Boxes** to our members who are shut-ins. If you are able to donate small items to help with this project it would be greatly appreciated. Items such as: small hand lotions, note cards, adult coloring books, colored pencils, book of stamps, word searches, note pads, Christmas candies, bars of soap, Christmas dish towels, men’s/women’s socks, etc. **Please place your donations in the plastic tub in the lobby by December 4th.** If you would like to give money, please note on your check that it is for: Christmas Care Boxes. Call Pam Siivola (810-678-2147) with any questions that you may have regarding this ministry.

Trinity UMC General Budget Giving/ Spending Report

	January - October 2022
General Budget Contributions	\$ 343,642.73
General Budget Spending	\$ 379,211.15
Surplus/(Shortfall)	\$ (35,568.42)

Surplus/(Shortfall) Jan - October 2021	\$ (12,941.21)
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As we prepare to close 2022 and head into the New Year, please know that Trinity's General Fund has experienced a great shortfall so far this year. Trinity has previously had a reserve of funds for situations like this, however these funds have been heavily hit this year. The General Fund pays for utilities, wages, building maintenance, and other fixed costs needed to keep the building open and operating. A combination of a decrease in contributions and an increase in fixed costs has led to this shortfall. Please keep this information in mind as you prayerfully tithe and please pray for the financial health of Trinity Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STAFF LOVE OFFERING

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will be collecting a Love Offering for our Trinity Staff. Any amount is appreciated. Please give by **December 18**. It will be distributed to the staff Christmas week. Please use the white envelopes found in the pews and write "Staff Love Offering" on it or on the memo line of your check. These offerings can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off to the Church Office. Thank you so much. Sarah Shelton, Chair of the SPR Committee.

THE REFUGE

The Refuge will be hosted at Trinity December 11 - 18. This year we would appreciate monetary contributions to help with the middle of the night security and lunches. For questions, or to volunteer, call Kathy Dawley at 810-656-0964.

CHRISTMAS STAR 2022

We are collecting gifts for our Christmas Star Outreach. These gifts will be given through Holiday Depot, located in downtown Lapeer. The gifts will provide a little Merrier Christmas for children of low income families in our county. You can buy any toys/games of your choice. They should be valued at \$50 or less and suitable for ages Newborn to 18. Pajamas are also needed for 6 and up. There is a list of ideas for different items in the Lobby. Please purchase ALL NEW items. There will also be a barrel in the lobby on November 6th in which to place all of the unwrapped items. All donations must be in by **December 4th**. Call Pam Siivola with any questions at 810-678-2147.

EVANGELISM

The Evangelism Committee would like to send a belated thank you to everyone who brought soup for our Thursday "Soup and Bread" dinners before our Bible Study. The soups were all very delicious and the camaraderie was wonderful!

Special Music

Exaltation

"Come, Emmanuel"

Children's Time

Rev. Grant Lobb

(Children 3 years old to 5th grade may now go to Godly Play in Room 207)

Dedication Prayer for this week's Tithes & Offerings

Anthem (8:45)

Chancel Choir

"O Come to My Heart"

*Song (11:00)

#171

"There's Something About That Name"

Scripture Reading

Micah 5:2 & John 14:1-7

Message

Rev. Grant Lobb

"Two Advents"

*Song

#196

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*Benediction & Sending Forth

*Postlude

*The * indicates that the congregation should be standing, if able.*

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

- ◆ A **STAFFED NURSERY** for babies and toddlers is available in Room 203, found on this main floor on the left hand side of the hall past the office area.
- ◆ A **STAFFED GODLY PLAY** time takes place in Room 207 for ages 3 years — 5th grade immediately after the “Children’s Time” portion of worship.
- ◆ An **ELEVATOR** accessing all levels of the building can be found in the lobby.
- ◆ **HEARING ASSISTANCE** is provided through the “Loop” System that connects automatically to personal hearing aids containing a T-Coil.
- ◆ Please take one of the **WELCOME PACKETS** to learn of Trinity’s many activities and ministries. They can be found in a wicker basket on the tables in the lobby.

Advent & Christmas Activities

The Church Season called Advent begins Today! We all are encouraged to read an Advent Devotional Booklet entitled “This Will be a Sign for You,” which is inspired by the writings of Henri Nouwen. The booklets can be picked up on one of the Lobby Tables.

The Worship Schedule for Christmas and New Year’s Day:

Christmas Eve Services will be held at 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm with at time for Christmas Caroling at 8:30 pm outside on the front lawn. ALL ages are invited.

Christmas Day Worship at 10:00 am

New Year’s Day Worship at 10:00 am

LIFE AT TRINITY THIS WEEK

Monday

10:00 am Personal Needs & Food Pantry Packaging - Lower Level
3:30-5:00 pm Food for Families Meal - Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Council on Ministries - North Parlor

Tuesday

6:30 pm Handbell Practice

Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study - Room 202
3:30 pm Kid’s Street - Fellowship Hall, Lower Education Wing
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday

Friday OFFICE CLOSED & PASTOR’S DAY OFF

9:00 am - 3:00 pm “In Stitches” in Room 111
10:00 am Praise Moves - Fellowship Hall

Saturday

FELLOWSHIP TIME

You are invited to come downstairs to the Fellowship Hall after the close of the 8:45 am Worship for donuts, coffee, juice or milk and great conversation. If you usually attend the 11:00 am Worship, come an hour early!