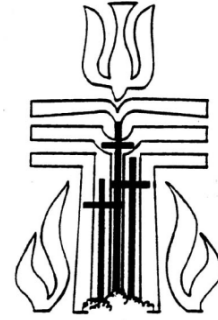




**Trinity Presbyterian Church**

# Tidings



## *Christmas Joy Offering*

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What is the Christmas Joy Offering? For more than 70 years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). Today, this offering is shared equally by the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides critical assistance to Presbyterian church workers and their families, and Presbyterian-affiliated racial ethnic schools and colleges, which enable students to develop their gifts and find their calling.

Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, this offering provides a timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we also hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: *"From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded"* (Luke 12:48).

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received and dedicated on Sunday, December 23. Please give generously to this special offering.

*Mike Cook* plans to retire from cooking meals for Wonderful Wednesday beginning in January 2013.

Let us thank Mike for all the many, many meals he has prepared for us!

## **Call for Carolers** December 9

Share the Christmas spirit this year by joining Trinity's Traveling Christmas Carolers. We will sing for some of our members (and others) at Carolina Village, The Bridge at Lakepointe, and Life Care. Meet in our church parking lot to carpool at 5:30pm on Sunday, December 9 - with bells on!

## *Pastor's Corner*

Advent. The season of "Peace." But, what kind of peace? As I write this, Israel and Gaza are locked in conflict. Syria continues to be a war zone. Iran's nuclear belligerence is as provocative as ever. It is hard to recall a more unstable period in the land of Jesus' birth - and that's saying something.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of "The Prince of Peace," I want to offer the following:

The theologian and author, Frederick Buechner, in his book, *Listening to Your Life* (Harper, San Francisco, 1992), speaks these words to our souls: "It may not be the answer that we want - the kind of stopgap peace, the kind of easy security, the kind of end to loneliness that we are apt to pray for. Christ never promises peace in the sense of no more struggle and suffering. Instead, he helps us to struggle and suffer as he did, in love, for one another. Christ does not give us security in the sense of something in this world, some cause, some principle, some value, which is forever. Instead, he tells us that there is nothing in this world that is forever, all flesh is grass. He does not promise us unlonely lives. His own life speaks loud of how, in a world where there is little love, love is always lonely. Instead of all these, the answer that he gives, I think, is himself. If we go to him for anything else, he may send us away empty or he may not. But if we go to him for himself, I believe that we go away always with this deepest of all our hungers filled."

Shalom,

Mark



### ***Note from the Associate Pastor***

*Dwight's Nonpartisan and (Hopefully) Reformed Guide to Election Year 2012*  
*Part 12. Now the Real Work Begins*

Well, it's all over but the hard part.

Over the past eleven months, I've tried to make the case for informed involvement in the political process, arguing that it's part of our calling as Christians and of our heritage as Reformed, Presbyterian Christians to do so. Now, with 2012 election settled, we get down to our true business as informed, faithful citizens: no longer just supporting candidates or being involved in elections, but paying attention to policy decisions, advocating for policies that are consistent with our understanding of God's justice, and making our voices heard when elected leaders fail to live up to their callings.

In Romans 13, Paul writes, "*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities; for there is no authority except from God, and those authorities that exist have been instituted by God.*" In our *Presbyterian Book of Confessions*, we read, "Magistracy of every kind is instituted by God himself for the peace and tranquility of the human race, and thus it should have the chief place in the world" (Second Helvetic Confession). We can argue about the specific claims in these statements, but the general principle is clear: Governments, and what they do, matter to God—so they ought to matter to us, too.

And may God bless you as you travel through this holy season,

*Dwight*



Trinity Elders met November 13, 2012 and enjoyed a joint pot luck dinner me

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of October 9, 2012 were approved.

*Dick Bobb* came to Session from the Finance Ministry to distribute a 2013 budget worksheet to each Ministry. The completed 2013 budget worksheets should be returned to the Treasurer by November 26, 2013.

**Finance Report:** Total income for October was \$41.3K versus Budget of \$58.7K, and Pledge Income was under budget by \$18.6K. This represents the largest monthly shortfall recorded this year and brings YTD Pledge Income to 98.1% of Budget. YTD Total Income is \$460.8K versus Budget of \$461.6K or 99.8% of budget. Total Expenses YTD continue to run below budget, \$442.9K versus \$462.4K. Favorable expense variances continue in Building and Grounds, Personnel, Wonderful Wednesday program and Witness and Evangelism. Thanks to better than budgeted Yard Sale results and strong scholarship support, Trinity Preschool is now slightly under budgeted support level YTD.

Motion from Finance Ministry was made and approved that the Elevator Dedicated Fund be closed and the balance of \$2,000 be transferred to the Long Range Maintenance Account.

The Revised Finance Charter was approved.

Session approved the Finance Ministry's motion that both Global Ministry and Local Mission Ministry be authorized to overrun their 2012 budget by \$1,000. A donation of \$2,000 has been given to Trinity with the direction that it is to be in excess of the currently budgeted expenditures.

### Associate Pastor Report: (*Dwight Christenbury*)

What I've Been Up To:

- Preaching (and Worship Planning): October 21, November 4 (at Montreat Presbyterian Church)

- Christian Education: "The Problem of Evil," (Adult Lecture Class – October 14, 21, 28) "What Presbyterians Believe" November 1

- Youth and Family Ministry: Youth and Parents Dinner, October 14, Trunk or Treat, October 24.

- Ministry/Committee Support: Christian Nurture Ministry, Fellowship Ministry, Local Missions Ministry, Trinity Preschool Advisory Board, Visioning Task Force/Bible and Theology Subgroup, Advent Committee.

- Other: PW Bible study planning session, November 5; Co-led (with *Carol Steele*) a retreat for participants in the Presbyterian Student Association of Clemson University, October 26—27 at Montreat.

Session approval was given to allow Trinity members who choose to participate to provide Christmas gifts to several of the Black Mountain Home for Children and Youth.

### Unfinished Business:

Consecration Sunday Update: On Consecration Sunday 116 giving units were received of which 69 increased financial commitment. Stewardship expects to receive additional Estimates of Giving (have already received 25 more cards since Consecration Sunday). The best estimate is that Trinity will receive \$457,000 (only received \$409,000 in 2012 – an increase of \$48,000.)

Session approved an overrun of \$300 for Stewardship Ministry for 2012. (there was no budget for this ministry in 2012). Most of the Stewardship expenses including the brunch and the luncheon were donated.

### December Birthdays

- 2 Jim Luzadder
- 3 Ryleigh Bennett
- 5 Alice McCullough
- 6 Nancy Drechsler
- 7 Jordy Lewis
- Dot Lovick
- Leah Epps
- Ethel Savage
- 8 Bob Baker
- 11 Jan Prichard
- 12 Linda Walker
- 13 Betty McMillan
- 14 Jeanne Greer
- 15 Lois Grossen
- Mary Robinson
- 19 Carl Christiansen
- Scott Garrison
- Dana Hatch
- 21 Alex Zarnowski
- Duane Johnson
- 25 JESUS
- 26 Mark Stanley
- 30 Ruth Enloe
- Juliette Blakely



## Preaching Schedule for December

**December 2 .....** Mark Stanley

**December 9 .....** 8:30 a.m. Dwight Christenbury;  
11:00 a.m. Annual Christmas Pageant and Music  
from Trinity Preschool

**December 16 ....** Mark Stanley

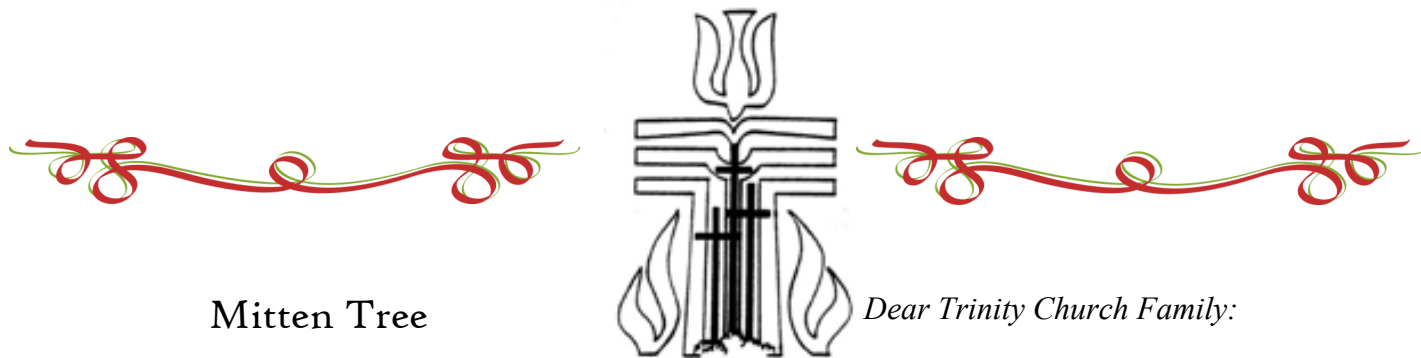
**December 23 ....** Dwight Christenbury

**December 30 ....** Mark Stanley

## PFLAG Meeting

*December 3, 2012*

PFLAG would like to invite folks to our next PFLAG meeting on December 3, 2012. In honor of World AIDS day we are having a special speaker from Western Carolina AIDS Program (WNCAP). Our speaker will bring us up to date on this continuing crisis. We welcome all who support what we do in PFLAG. We meet at 7:30 p.m. in the education building of Providence Baptist Church on Oakland St. behind Walgreens on 25 N. It's the building with the long ramp just beyond the sanctuary.



### Mitten Tree

Trinity will again have a Mitten Tree during the Advent season.

It will be in the Atrium near the office door by the first Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2012.

You are invited to decorate it thru December 18. Your gifts will be taken to IAM for distribution to the needy.

The Mitten Tree will be awaiting your gifts of **children's**



**Mittens  
Hats  
Socks  
Underwear**

**Cold weather  
clothing that  
comes in small  
packages to  
hang on the tree.**

They are all really appreciated!

*Dear Trinity Church Family:*

*Thank you for the scholarship to Camp Grier. I had lots of fun and learned a great deal. The Bible teacher taught us about some things I already knew and some things that I did not, like the story of the two spies. I didn't know there were spies in the Bible. So when we talked about Rahab and the two spies in Sunday School, I was aware of the story.*

*I went swimming in the pool and kayaking in the lake; I accidentally swam in the lake, too! We went on a hike up to Fire Mountain.*

*I thank you again for helping me go to Camp Grier. It was great! I hope to go back next year.*

*Your little sister in Christ,*

*Ryleigh Bennett*

## “This Will Be a Sign”

(Luke 2:12)

### Advent and Christmas 2012 at Trinity Presbyterian Church

#### CALENDAR OF WORSHIP & EVENTS

##### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 2

Worship Services—8:30 and 11:00 A.M. (Jeremiah 33.14–16; Luke 21.25–36)

##### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, December 5

Dinner—5:30 P.M. (Please sign up in the Narthex)

Flat Rock YouTheatre Traveling Christmas Show—6:30 P.M.

##### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 9

Worship Services—8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Annual Christmas Pageant and Music from Trinity Preschool—11:00 A.M.

(Malachi 3.1–4; Luke 3.1–6)

##### CHRISTMAS CAROLING, Sun., December 9, 5:30 P.M.

Meet at Trinity to Carol at Carolina Village, Lake Pointe Landing, and the Life Care Center

##### WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY, December 12

Dinner—5:30 P.M. (Please sign up in the Narthex)

Christmas Carols and Advent Hymns (Hosted by Mel Bringle and Robin Tolleson)—6:30 P.M.

##### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 16

Worship Services—8:30 and 11:00 A.M. (Zephaniah 3.14–20; Luke 3.7–18)

##### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, December 23

Worship Services—8:30 and 11:00 A.M. (Micah 5.2–5a; Luke 1.39–55)

##### CHRISTMAS EVE, December 24, 7:00 P.M.

A Candlelight Service—7:00 P.M. (Isaiah 9:2–7; Luke 2:1–20; John 1:1–14)

##### PRAYER SERVICE FOR PEACE, December 31, 6:30 P.M.

*Visions of Transformation and Healing for the World*

(Sponsored by Interfaith Ministerial Association and United Religions Initiative)

## Trinity Presbyterian Women's Circles



### **Rebekah Circle**

2nd Monday – 12:30 p.m.  
Barbara Johnson, 891-9082  
(Moderator)

### **Naomi Circle**

3rd Tuesday – 10:00 a.m.  
Pat Norris, 685-1076  
Sarah Thibodeau 698-8679 (Co-Moderators)

### **Esther Circle**

2nd Wednesday – 9:45 a.m.  
Mary Louise Forsythe, 684-0643  
Cynthia Moser 891-5479  
(Co-Moderators)

### **Lois Circle**

2nd Tuesday – 12:30 p.m.  
Jay Barr, 696-2286  
(Moderator)

## “Christmas by Candlelight” Tea

A very special and joyful event is coming up for all for the ladies of the church. Mark the date on your calendars now – Tuesday, December 4 at 4 P.M.

Presbyterian Women are sponsoring this Christmas gathering which will highlight candle lit tables, decorated with favorite Christmas decorations.

We now have enough hostesses to serve 13 tables for 107 reservations. These will fill the Fellowship Hall allowing an area for our program and meeting.

Coffee, tea, punch and appetizers will be served and a Christmas musical program will be presented for your entertainment - “An Early American Christmas” featuring Judi Johnson accompanied by Stephen Klein. A short business meeting will follow the program.

The “Christmas By Candlelight” Tea is a very festive and joyful event as we join together to celebrate the coming of our Savior's birth.



If you have any questions, please call *Pat Norris* at 685-1076.

## Opportunities for Giving & Participation

**Advent Meditation Books.** Remember to pick up your copy of *This Will Be a Sign*, Trinity's Advent meditation book written by Trinity members and staff. (Please call the church office, 692-6114, if you need a copy mailed to you.)

**I.A.M. Pantry.** This year-round project, which supports Interfaith Assistance Ministry (I.A.M.), is especially important at Christmastime. Please give the following "holiday" foods: hams, turkey breasts, canned yams, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, pie fillings, pie crusts, and cake mixes. Of course, regular food items are still needed as well, especially kid-friendly foods for December when children are out of school: canned pasta, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly, crackers, soup, spaghetti and sauce, macaroni and cheese, cereal, and healthy snacks. The Local Mission Ministry will deliver food donations to I.A.M.

**Christmas Card Tree.** Instead of mailing out hundreds of cards this year, place a single card on the Christmas Card Tree to express your Christmas wishes to the whole Trinity family. Then give the money you save on cards and postage to IAM using special envelopes you'll find near the tree.

**Poinsettias.** Honor a loved one and contribute to Trinity's Christmas decorations by purchasing a poinsettia for just \$6.00. Order forms are in the *Tidings* and in Sunday worship bulletins.

**Mitten Tree.** Trinity again has a Mitten Tree; it's in the Atrium, and you are invited to "decorate" it through December 18 with children's mittens, socks, hats, underwear, and cold-weather clothing that comes in small packages—all are truly appreciated. (Thanks to Dick and Bernice Wheeler for organizing the Mitten Tree!)

**Play St. Nick for the Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth & Families.** You have the opportunity again this year to make Christmas wishes come true for residents of the Black Mountain Home. We've "adopted" six children and youth, whose wishes can be found on the small tree between the Atrium and the Sanctuary. Choose a wish, shop for it, and return your gift (not wrapped, please) to the church office by Sunday, December 16.

**Chase Brock's "The Nutcracker".** Come out to see Trinity's own *Hannah McCullough* on Flat Rock Playhouse's Mainstage for this new interpretation of the holiday all-dance classic, which is choreographed by Playhouse YouTheatre alum Chase Brock, choreographer of the Broadway hit *Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark*. A love letter to his hometown in North Carolina, Brock's adaptation of *The Nutcracker* is nestled in mountains like the Blue Ridge Mountains, set in a town like Hendersonville, on a tiny-but-bustling street like Main Street. While this production runs from November 28 to December 22, Hannah will be in the cast only through Sunday, December 9. For tickets and information call (866) 732-8008 or go to [www.flatrockplayhouse.org](http://www.flatrockplayhouse.org).



## *Trinity Preschool News*

We are so pleased that we are growing. We enrolled two sets of twins in one week which has added extra "activity" in the preschool! Just last week I had several children read to me. It is very exciting to see progress being made, and hearing parent's being so enthusiastic about what their children are learning. Your scholarship support has allowed nine children to attend TPS and receive the excellent early education that is available to them. Our teachers are exceptional and we are so fortunate to have these experienced ladies! Here is a comment from a parent of a child who is receiving scholarship to attend Trinity Preschool.

"This is my son's third year at TPS. He loves his school, friends, and teachers. He has learned so much already this year. All of the staff are like family to us, so loving and sincere. TPS is a very important place in our child's life. Our family has been blessed to have found such a great preschool. Our son speaks daily of his school and friends, and is always eager to share what he has done each day." As always, we thank you for your continued support. These children have the opportunity to learn in our wonderful preschool. Please don't forget to come visit anytime! We welcome visitors and we always look forward to sharing all the good things that are happening "downstairs".

For the Children,

*Peggy*

## *Trinity Memorial Garden*

In the mid-1980's, Session appointed a committee to explore the possibility of establishing a Memorial Garden at Trinity. A plan was submitted that would place the garden in the wooded area on the north side of the church opposite the education wing. The plan was approved and in 1986 the garden was built. It includes a six foot diameter Sacred Circle, where ashes of members who had passed away could be interred. On the north side of the circle, a flower garden was built, that holds a plaque containing the names of those interred in the Circle.

In 2007, the original flower garden was replaced by a granite garden and two additional plaques. A new interment area was built in the new garden. Since 1986, the ashes of 75 church members have been interred in the Sacred Circle and the new interment area. The cost for interment in these areas is \$300.00.

In 1997, a study was approved by Session on the feasibility of building a Columbarium Wall in the Memorial Garden. The study showed that there was indeed an interest in building a wall by commitment of 22 church members. In 1998, Session approved building the Columbarium Wall in the Memorial Garden. The site chosen was on the south side of the Sacred Circle. The Columbarium consists of 68 niches, 28 in the center section and 20 niches in each of the side sections.

The niches will hold two burial urns or cremains. A niche for two cremains sells for \$900. A niche as a single, sells for \$600. As of October 31, 2012, 63 of the niches have been sold. 61 church members have been interred in the Columbarium. The name or names of those interred in a niche are engraved in the granite cover plate of that niche.

Since we have only 5 niches left to be sold, bids have been solicited to build two additional walls of 21 niches each to be added to the original Columbarium.

Anyone interested in more details on interment in the garden, or a visitation to the garden, they should contact *Jack Case* at 696-9645.



## **Session Notes**

### *Continued from Page 3*

#### **New Business:**

- Session approved a motion that *Russ Russell, Jim Norris, Ron Dalrymple, Bob Baker, Marian Lowry* and *Mark Stanley* meet to develop policies to supplement the Building Use Coordinator for Trinity Presbyterian Church and recommend who will be the Liaison to the Session for the Building Use Coordinator. An amendment added that it is understood that this person does not need to be a member of the Session.

- Session endorsed *Leah Epps* for her application to Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA.

- Elder *Harriet Bechtel* is on a three month leave of absence due to health problems.

- Interfaith Ministerial Association and United Religions Initiative received permission to use the sanctuary on December 31, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. for a program – “Visions of Transformation and Healing for the World”.

#### **Ministry Reports:**

- Local Missions presented the Mission Statement for LEEP which was approved.

#### *LEEP*

*(Learning Enrichment Enhancement Program)*

*Mission (11/7/12)*

*I. Trinity's Mission: “to minister to those in need, and to do all these things with joy, love, and compassion in the name of Christ the Lord.”*

*II. Specific Goal: To enhance and enrich the education of some at-risk students in the community; to help them have academic success; and to graduate from high school.*

#### *III. Specific Measurable Results:*

*1. Coordinate with the students' parents to reach the students' teachers and to improve the parent/school relationship. (Kim)*

*2. School assigned homework is a priority.*

*3. Establish time and place for tutors to work with students. (Eleanor)*

*4. Summarize and prepare an annual report of results, as determined by the tutors. (Eleanor, Kim, Marian)*

#### *IV. Personnel and financial restraints:*

*1. No more than 12 students will be in the program for 2012-2013.*

*2. Mike will prepare meals for six LEEP adults and 11 children.*

*3. Eleanor Beardsley, or the church office, will receive calls by Monday morning from the parents if they, or their children, will not be present on a tutoring night*

*4. Kim Ball will work with the parents to seek support and information to develop a relationship with the students and the classroom teachers and between the parents and the school system.*

*5. Kim will offer support for the parents who are unaware of community resources.*

*6. Marian will work with the Local Missions Ministry as to how to fund the deficit incurred by the LEEP 'families' meals.*

*7. Eleanor, Kim, and Marian will report the number of hours donated by all involved adults, the number of tutored hours completed by students, the dollars spent to support these activities.*

*V. Annually decide if this activity should be expanded, curtailed or abandoned. Decide if the specific goal should be amended.*

**Building and Grounds:** The pulpit and microphone cord were damaged while being moved after worship on November 4, 2012. The microphone cord has been repaired and the pulpit is undergoing repairs.

Session Meeting was closed with prayer at 8:47 p.m.

*Edie Clark,*

Clerk of Session

## Our Guatemala Partnership

*“that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith” Romans 1:12*



### ***Global Mission News***

Guatemala Scholarship News – Carole Ball carried \$5,000 for scholarships to Fuente de Vida on her recent trip. She also took seventeen personal letters from our Congregation to the recipients, as well as letters from our Presbyterian Women to the Fuente de Vida Presbyterian Women and from Mark to the men at Fuente de Vida. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to the scholarship campaign, as well as those who wrote personal letters. The kids loved them!

Reclaiming Christmas – *And whose birthday is it anyway?* Members of the Global Missions Ministry will be available in the narthex to provide Reclaiming Christmas cards. These cards support Presbytery of Western North Carolina initiatives in Malawi and Guatemala.



### ***Reclaiming Christmas***

*Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?*

The day after Christmas many of us vow that “next Christmas will be different!” We vow to be more reflective, to slow things down, not to run from store to store, not to wear ourselves out physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We vow to be in the “holiday spirit” and live Christmas as Jesus’ birthday, rather than a commercial holiday.

Well, Christmas is coming again. Let’s make a plan to focus on the true meaning of the season. Let’s give the gift that gives twice!

The Global Missions Ministry is again sponsoring Reclaiming Christmas, a Presbytery of Western North Carolina initiative that allows us to honor a friend while doing Jesus’ work. Jesus was clear that he had a special concern for those that live on the fringe of society and respectability, and one way we can honor him is to divert some of our Christmas dollars to those in need.

To address these concerns, we will join together with other churches in the presbytery to sell Christmas cards that benefit missions in Malawi and Guatemala. We will be selling adult’s cards for \$20 and children’s cards for \$2. You may designate that your donation benefits any of the following:

- *Guatemala Children’s Scholarship Fund*
- *Guatemala Hunger Fund*
- *Malawi Children’s Scholarship Fund*
- *Malawi Hunger Fund*
- *Malawi Mosquito Nets*

Members of the Global Missions Ministry will be in the narthex to assist you with your donation as Christmas nears. Hope to see you there!

## ***New Library Materials to Interest You***

David Allen has donated a book of craft activities for children, *Oscar, the Octopus* (18/O) published by the Charlotte Speech and Hearing Center.

Tom Karvonen has donated the title, *An Opened Grave: Sherlock Holmes Investigates His Ultimate Case* (33/J) by L. Frank James.

Another gift is a set of science books for children: *Explore and Learn. Vol. 1, Science and Space; Vol. 2, Science and Technology; Vol. 3, The Natural World; Vol. 4, People in Place and Time; Vol. 5, Me and My Body; Vol. 6, Atlas of the World* (B/Exp) published by Southwestern, 2011.

The library has purchase a DVD set from The Great Courses entitled *Jesus and the Gospels* (DVD/4/J) done by Prof. Luke Timothy Johnson. These 36 lessons, 30 minutes each, may be used in Learning Hour at a later time.

*Jane Presseau,*

Chairman of the Library Committee



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Please, cut here and return to church office  
or place in offering plate.  
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### Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to contribute to the fund for the church's holiday decorations (poinsettias and wreaths), please place your check (marked "greens") and this form in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

In memory/honor of \_\_\_\_\_

I shall take my poinsettia(s) (red only), at \$6.00 each, after the Christmas Eve service Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Please give my poinsettia to someone. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

*Lectionary Readings***1st Sunday of Advent****December 2**

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
 Psalms 25:1-10  
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
 Luke 21:25-36

**2nd Sunday of Advent****December 9**

Malachi 3:1-4  
 Luke 1:68-79  
 Philippians 1:3-11  
 Luke 3:1-6

**3rd Sunday of Advent****December 16**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
 Isaiah 12:2-6  
 Philippians 4:4-7  
 Luke 3:7-18

**4th Sunday of Advent****December 23**

Micah 5:2-5a  
 Luke 1:46-55 or Psalms 80:1-7  
 Hebrews 10:5-10  
 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

**Christmas Eve****December 24**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
 Psalms 96:1-13  
 Titus 2:11-14  
 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

**Nativity of the Lord/Christmas****December 25**

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Psalms 98:1-9  
 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
 John 1:1-14

**Trinity Book Group**

The Trinity Book Group will not meet in December.  
 Our book for January is *Doc* by Mary Doria Russell.

*Penny Honker**In Memoriam*

Ginny Moeller

*Raised to the  
Church Triumphant*

If you would like your article in Tidings,  
 Email to: [newsletter@trinitypresnc.org](mailto:newsletter@trinitypresnc.org)  
 By the **15th** of the **previous month**.

**Weekly Prayer Persons**

**December 2 Duane and Judi Johnson .....435-1610**  
 205 Red Oak Drive  
 Hendersonville, NC 28791

**December 9 Ed and Betty Lockwood .....692-7269**  
 19 Winter Holly Lane  
 Hendersonville, NC 28739



**December 16 Betty Miller ..... 891-6440**  
 216 Haywood Knolls  
 Hendersonville, NC 28791

**December 23 John and Donna Crawford ... 692-0001**  
 204 Kenmure Drive  
 Flat Rock, NC 28731

**December 30 Jack Gates..... 577-1304**  
 211 North Britton Creek Court  
 Hendersonville, NC 28791

# December 2012

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<b>2</b> <b>Communion</b> 8:30 worship 9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity Thirty	<b>3</b> 9:00 Prayer Sanctuary	<b>4</b> 8:30 Membership Committee 9:00 Staff Meeting  4:30 Worship Min. 5:30 Global Min. 6:30 Finance	<b>5</b>   7:30 Adult Choir	<b>6</b> 10:30 Bible Study Paul's Letters	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Recycle for Guatemala  9:45 Learning Hour 11:00 Worship 12:00 Trinity Thirty	<b>10</b> 12:30 Rebekah Circle	<b>11</b> 8:30 Membership Committee 9:00 Staff Meeting  3:30 Deacons Meeting 6:30 Session	<b>12</b> 9:45 Esther Circle  3:15 Local Min.  7:30 Adult Choir	<b>13</b> 10:30 Bible Study Paul's Letters	<b>14</b>  4:30 p.m. Guatemala Partnership	<b>15</b>
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