

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH BULLETIN
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THE GOOD NEWS

*Sharing the Compassion, Hope and Unconditional Love of Jesus Christ with
The University of Alabama and the greater Tuscaloosa community.*

Making Room...

We are coming up on the third Sunday in Advent. Advent is the first season of the Christian liturgical year. “Advent” is derived from the Latin word for “coming.” It is a season of preparation before Christmas in which we remember the Jews’ anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child. It is a time to celebrate the coming of Jesus in Bethlehem and to prepare for His second coming.

Often, the time before Christmas is a time of preparation. We make all kinds of preparations, but preparations for what? Preparations for trips, parties, meals, Christmas shopping, gift wrapping (and/or assembling), etc. become the focus of our concern. We reach a point in which we anticipate the end of the holidays, rather than the celebration of these holy days. Our schedules can become so busy that we become like the people of Bethlehem—unaware of the wonderful event happening in their midst. We become so preoccupied with our own lives that we, like the innkeeper, have no room for Jesus.

There are several opportunities left to make room for Jesus in your Advent/Christmas season. In addition to quiet times with God and special performances on television or in person, we will have a Christmas Eve communion service at 1:00 pm on December 24th. The time was chosen because many will be off work by that time and many traditional family gatherings won’t get in full swing until later in the day. On Christmas day, we will not have Sunday School, but we will have worship at 10:30 am. We will take a time out of our hectic Christmas mornings to celebrate God’s great gift to us.

We become so consumed by Christmas shopping, etc. that we forget about the greatest gift ever given—Immanuel—God With Us. Have you ever been disappointed in a gift that you’ve received? There is one gift that will never disappoint—Jesus. This is a season of giving gifts. Offer a loved one the opportunity to accept this wonderful gift. Let them experience this gift through you.

**Blessings,
Bro. Ron**



This Week at Trinity

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Prayer Time
 8:45 a.m. Chapel Communion
 9:00 a.m. Coffee Time
 9:00 a.m. Archives Room: Bonne Morris
 9:15 a.m. Library Open
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Choir Warm Up
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
 5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry (BOB)

TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. AA Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Depression & Bipolar Support Group

WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m. Supper
 6:15 p.m. Classes
 6:00 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY

12:00 noon Bible Study - led by Ron McKay - soup/salad \$2
 7:00 p.m. Survivors of Suicide (SOS) Meets 3rd Thursday

SATURDAY

9:30 a.m. AA Meeting

Attendance for 12-04-2011

138

Offering for November 2011

Congregational Offering needed: \$25,600.00
 Congregational Offering receipts: \$18,611.50
 Congregational Offering needed YTD: \$307,200.00
 Congregational Offering received YTD: \$243,161.94

Designated Gifts:

Good Samaritan Fund: \$439.75
 Scarbrough Maintenance Fund: \$50.00
 Archive Fund: \$10.00
 Malone World Service Fund: \$200.00
 Football Receipts Needed: \$46,000.00
 Football Receipts for November: \$2,830.00
 Football Receipts YTD: \$45,515.00

Trinity News and Notes

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Becky and Nathan Reamey on the birth of their son,
John David Reamey,
 and also
 To Stephen and Anne Corhern on the birth of their daughter,
Rebecca Evelyn Corhern.

May God bless their growing families during this Christmas Season!

It's not too late to have a beautiful CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA displayed in the sanctuary in honor or memory of a friend or loved one during the Advent season!

The church has ordered many beautiful poinsettia plants to decorate the sanctuary for the entire Advent season. If you would like one of these plants to be in honor or memory of a loved one, then place your check in an offering envelope (plants are \$11.00 this year) and drop it in the offering plate. On the check include who the plant will be in honor or memory of and also include your phone number. Volunteers are tending the plants until you take them home after the Dec. 18th service.

FLOWER MINISTRY

Would you like to put a smile on the faces of Trinity's homebound, nursing and retirement home members? Then you might want to volunteer to help in delivering flowers to these most important members of our congregation. If you can deliver on Sunday afternoons or on Monday mornings or afternoons every other month, please call the church office and let Carol know (759-4206).

UPCOMING EVENTS!

Wednesday, December 14th
 Church Wide Christmas Party and a Visit from Santa!

Saturday December 17th
 Kids' Afternoon of Christmas Fun!
 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 21st
 No Activities

Saturday, December 24th
 Christmas Eve Communion
 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th
 Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday School classes will not meet.

Wednesday, December 28th
 No Activities

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Church Wide Christmas Party and a Visit from Santa!
Dinner is all about the kids of all ages!

Menu: Pizza, Chicken Tenders, Salad, and a special dessert!

Supper served from 5:30-6:15
 Cost: \$6.00 Adults \$4.00 Students \$20.00 Family

KIDS' AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS FUN!

Saturday, December 17th - 3:00-7:00 p.m.
 Contact Sandy Wilson if you have questions.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Finance Committee will meet Monday, Dec. 12 at 5:30 p.m.

TORNADO FAMILIES NEED OUR CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE!

The tornado disaster left many families needing assistance during the Christmas season. We have 3 families that need our help. Please mark your donations for these families as "Disaster Fund". If you have any questions, please see Kim Roberts.

*** Our church has made a commitment to continue a long-term relationship with our tornado families. Please help make this relationship possible by remembering them at Christmas.**

THANK YOU!

A contribution was made to the Music Ministry by Bill and Kathy Briggs. Their support is so much appreciated!

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all of those who helped with the **25th Annual Hanging of the Greens Service!** Special thanks to our choir, the many members that helped set up for the service, and to those that will help take decorations down later! Also, a big thank you to those that brought a dish to share at supper, those who helped with the Chrismons after the service, and those that will be helping with the poinsettias over the next 3 weeks! May God Bless you all in this Advent Season!

TOYS FOR TOTS

This year we will be working with Toys for Tots collecting new toys for them to distribute to needy kids. We understand that they have had more families than ever sign up this year, so we need to support this worthwhile project! **Also, monetary donations are needed as well. You can put your donation in the offering plate, but be sure it is designated TOYS FOR TOTS.** Collection boxes are located in two locations around the church to drop off your purchase of a new unwrapped toy. Let's do our part to make these children's Christmas wishes come true!



Morning Worship

December 11, 2011 - 10:30 a.m.
 Rev. Ron McKay
 "Putting Away the Boxes"
 John 1:1-18

Trinity In View

Coffee Time:
 Marques Family

Children's Church:
 Sandy Wilson

Ushers:
 Denise Moody
 Mike O'Rear
 Dan and Monica Rodgers
 Bill Strickland

Greeters:
 Peggy Reed
 Bill Shaffer

On Call:
 Rev. Ron McKay will be on-call this weekend for pastoral emergencies: (205-534-2313).

FLOWERS

If you would like to place flowers in the church sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, please call the church office (759-4206). Remember that following the service the flowers are divided into smaller pots and delivered to our shut-ins who appreciate them so much!