

Meetings and Events

December 16-22

Sunday	11 a.m.	Worship
	4 p.m.	Christmas Play & Covered Dish
Monday	1 p.m.	It Ain't Easy Getting Old!
Tuesday	10 a.m.	Crafts
	6:30 p.m.	Trustees
	7:30 p.m.	Ad-Council
Thursday	7:15 p.m.	Choir
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Crafts & Games Night
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Cantata Practice

December 23-29

Sunday	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11 a.m.	Worship/Cantata
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
	11:15 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday	Office closed	

Greeter – Linda Yocum

Liturgist – Nick Mallik

Nursery – Dana Venturo and Noell Stultz

Altar Flowers – The flowers on the altar are presented by Cliff and Evelyn Felmlee in memory of Gerald A Breakey.



Holiday Greetings

To my church family, I want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

*Love,
Thelma Johnson*

3rd Sunday in Advent

December 16, 2018

Justin Judy, pastor

Prayer Focus – That we may put our hope in Jesus.

Theme – Standing for the truth in the midst of other choices can be a difficult task. God shows us through Elijah the kind of power the truth has. I pray that we are able to stand for the truth of Jesus this holiday season.

Welcome/Announcements

Preparation for Worship (Meditate; pray silently)

Prelude *The First Noel*

Call to Worship

L: Surely God is in our midst.

P: God is our strength and our shield.

L: Christ is with us now.

P: Rejoice and give thanks for this gift.

♦ **Carol #254** *We Three Kings*

♦ **Prayer**

Anthem *Christmas Is Coming*

Joel Raney

Joys, Concerns and Prayers

#895 The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Giving God our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

♦ **Doxology/Offering God our Praise**

#95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

♦ **Prayer of Dedication of our Offerings**

♦ **Ritual of Fellowship**

(Offer one another signs of Christ's peace and God's love)

♦ **Carol #219** *What Child Is This*

Children's Sermon/Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Candles of Hope, Love and Joy

Scripture 1 Kings 18:20-39

Message **To Stand**

♦ **Carol #224** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

♦ **Benediction**

♦ *Bind Us Together*

Bob Gillman

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Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together, bind us together with love.

Postlude *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

♦ *Rise in body or in spirit*

Announcements & Reminders

Room Change – Jan Keefer is now in room 233 at Independence Court. Note this room change in your directory.

Announcements & Reminders (cont'd)

Poinsettias – Today is the last day to place orders for poinsettias to grace the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The cost is \$12 per plant. Envelopes are in the vestibule.

Tempo Deadline – Articles for the January issue of the newsletter are due this Wednesday.

Doorways to Hope at Home: Your gifts for this special offering support six Western PA agencies that “extend the love of Christ” to those needing shelter, food, clothing and loving care.

Warm Hearts, Warm Coats – Trinity is collecting new and gently used coats in conjunction with *Good Morning, America* and Burlington. Coats will be taken to Burlington (Monroeville) and distributed to local people in need. Place your coat(s) in the box located in the overflow area.

Altar Flowers – Lea’s Floral Shop of East McKeesport will be providing altar flowers for Trinity starting in January 2019. You have the option to reserve one vase (\$12.50) or both vases (\$25) for any given Sunday. The 2019 calendar (in the vestibule) has space for reservation by vase. Table arrangements may be ordered only after both altar vases have been reserved. The cost of a table arrangement starts at \$25.

Enjoy Books and Subway Cards – Purchase these items from a member of Helping Hands.

Gift Card Program – Today is your last chance to order gift cards before Christmas! Give your orders to Linda Yocum or Jane Pogue. Our next order date will be December 30.

Roof Fund – Don’t forget to “feed the pig!”

Remember in Prayer

Patty Aubele; JoAnn Booher; Bill Ebner; Paul Madaras (Mary Ann Casper’s brother); Dale McCune (Garlan McCune’s brother); Gary

Peters; Kris Peters; Jay and Vicki Stokes; David Whitfield (Peggy Whitfield’s brother); Peggy Whitfield; Linda Yocum

Looking Ahead

Spaghetti Dinner – Trinity will hold this fundraiser on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Stay tuned for details.

Mental Health First Aid Course – Trinity is hosting this course in two 4-hour sessions on Saturday, February 23 (from 9a.m.-1 p.m.) and Sunday, February 24 (from 2-6 p.m.). You will learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of addiction and mental health illness. The course teaches you how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. Information about cost and registration should be available next Sunday.

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(Call in advance for pastor’s availability)	

Trinity Wi-Fi Access

Connect to TUMC-Guest. Agree to the “acceptable use policy” that opens on your device’s web browser. Enter the password. See Linda Yocum or Pastor Justin for the password.