

HOLY TRINITY NEWS

December 18, 2011

Welcome

This Week...

Welcome to Holy Trinity Church! Whether you are just exploring the Christian faith or have been a Christian for many years, we are so pleased you are here to worship with us today. We hope you enjoy your time with us. If you have any questions or requests please fill out a green "Communication Card" and place it in the offering plate or visit the Welcome Table where we would love to meet you.

Mon 19	5:00 pm.....All Parish Prayer The Underwoods, 828 Vance St.
	TMC, WOW & WWOW will resume January 10th, 2012
Thurs 22	7:00 am.....Men's Bible Study 3700 Glenwood Ave-5th floor
	Christmas Eve
Sat 24	4:30 PM.....Family Service <i>Childcare for infants and toddlers</i>
	8:00 PM..... Candlelight Service Holy Communion celebrated <i>No Childcare provided</i>
	Christmas Day
Sun 25	10:00 am.....Morning Worship No Sunday School on Christmas Day No Youth Groups on Christmas Day No Childcare on Christmas Day

A Word from the Rector

Dear Friends,

During this Advent season I have been thinking a lot about John the Baptist. John was Jesus' slightly older cousin, the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. In the gospels he is described as a desert prophet – a sole voice crying out to prepare the way for Jesus. Before people even knew who Jesus was John had gained a reputation and acquired a significant number of disciples. However, when Jesus appeared on the scene John faded from the spotlight. He did so intentionally. He famously said of Jesus, in John 3:30, "He must increase, I must decrease."

Christmas is a season during which it is incredibly easy for us to focus on ourselves, on our families and on our many obligations. It is a busy and demanding time of the year. The honest truth is that during this season when Jesus ought to "increase" in our lives, for many of us it is the season when Jesus decreases – squeezed out by other commitments or the incredible busyness of the season.

Let me encourage you during this last full week of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus to consider John the Baptist's words, "He must increase, I must decrease." Take some time to go for a walk with no agenda but to praise God for the gift of his son. Turn John the Baptist's words into a daily prayer, "You must increase, I must decrease." As you take the time to let Christ increase in you the power and significance of this season will sink in ever deeper and allow you to experience the joy of this miraculous birth.

Yours,
John

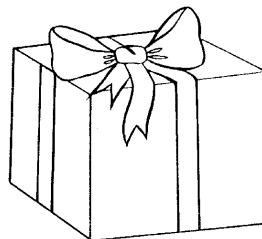
Help Put together a Christmas Package for Mallory Cunningham

*Holy Trinity's missionary with KidsAlive
in the Dominican Republic*

We are collecting things that are difficult to obtain in the D.R.: school supplies like scissors, post-its, tape, glue sharpies, construction paper, stickers to give to the children, and postage stamps (just normal U.S. ones).

She also loves chocolate!

Want to help? Please bring your items to Lessons and Carols tonight or contact Cynthia Harris at cynthiaharris07@gmail.com or 600-8729



Tonight at 5:00 PM!

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

Reception to Follow
Bring your friends!

Vestry Person of the Week
Ken Clark

Time to Order Poinsettias!

Beautify the Church
this Christmas with
Poinsettias

3.5 Quart - \$15.00 each
(These are big
and gorgeous!)

Put your check in the
offering plate or send to
the office.

Let us know if they are to be in memory of or
in honor of someone as we will have a bulle-
tin insert on Christmas Eve.

You can take them home after the service.



Christmas Pageant for Family Service

Once again, Holy Trinity will be offering a family friendly Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm. Children, preschool through 5th grade, will be an integral part of our celebration. Using a simplified Christmas pageant format, our preschooler/kindergarteners will play the rolls of animals. The 1st-5th grade boys will be shepherds. The 1st-5th grade girls will represent Angels. This year special roles will be available to three 5th grade boys as Wisemen and one fifth grade girl as the Archangel, Gabriel.

In order to prepare for this event, we have two rehearsals scheduled: December 22nd and 23rd from 10:00 am - 11:00 am at St. David's chapel.

If your child(ren) are able to participate in this special event, please contact me. If you have a 5th grader that would like one of the special roles, please also let me know... first come, first served.

I am looking forward to helping our children become full participants in this service to recount the birth of Christ.

Blessings always, Alexis Booth



Christmas Pageant

Drink Coffee. Do Good. Give Coffee for Christmas.
\$12.00 per bag in the lobby (Holiday Spice available!)

Prayers of the People

We pray for those expecting the birth of a child: Sarah & Austin Barnhill, Liza & Jady Koch, Laura Ann and Tom Parrott

We pray for those in need of healing or God's strength: Warren Briggs; The Buckingham Family; Tana Carlton's mother, Grace; Peggy Collins; David Cumbie, Jr.; Claudia Dickson; Hardy Duerson; Kathe Garrison's sister, Ellen; Ann Grigereit; Ryann Warlick; Becky and Graham Yates son-in-law Aaron.

We pray for Mallory Cunningham, our missionary in the Dominican Republic. That God would empower her as she serves Jesus Christ at Kids Alive Orphanage.

We pray for our loved ones serving in the military—keep them safe, enfold them with your protection and fill them with courage each day: including the Kemp family in Germany and Clyde and Suzanne Wiley's son in law, Jared Volavka, in the US Navy.

We pray for Ger and Lizzie Jones and family and the work of our daughter church, Vintage Westside L.A. That God would bless them as they seek to reach the lost in the name of Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the provision of the Peace Street property, and we pray that you would provide us with all the resources necessary to establish our church home on this site. As we move to the edge of downtown give us grace to faithfully bear witness to the good news of Jesus Christ, and use us to transform the heart of the city for the glory of your name. Amen.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Derek Hughes by Rick and Denise Hughes.

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