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Pastor's Pen

The Memory of the Manger

*...Mary treasured up all these things,
pondering them in her heart.
(Luke 2:19 ESV)*



As the number of our years increase, a curious sense of nostalgia seems to grow in our heart. Christmas tends to be that time of year when sentimentality is in overdrive. Commercials of compassion tug at our heartstrings. The faded, yet ever-present memory of landmark childhood Christmas' long gone by, strolls through our minds. The classic Christmas tales found in books and on the big screen still move us to tears. Christmas is the season of memories, memories recounted...memories made...memories anticipated.



The night of that first Christmas, the night of our "dear Savior's birth", was the culmination of God's promise. The foretelling of God's prophets found their fulfillment in the baby born in Bethlehem. Unexpected visitors hastily arrived at the remote stable to behold the newborn Savior. God's means of peace between His broken, sinful creation and His own righteous and holy character was now at work. And in the stillness of these profound moments, the Scriptures tell us that Mary was tucking it all away in her memory, pondering and contemplating the unexplainable and unimaginable act God was performing. Memories were being made.

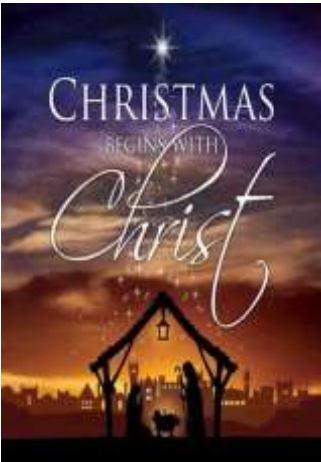
Christmas is a time of treasuring family. This season offers us the chance to share and show love to others through the exchange of gifts. We are afforded time to pause and remember, to meander through the memory of Christmas' from our earlier years. Each of these is a great gift. And yet, Christmas is that time of year when we must go back even further. We must go back to the memory of that manger where the newborn Christ, the Savior of the world was laid to rest. We must go back to the memory of that gift, this person, and the value He holds for all who will trust Him as their Savior. As we go back to the memory of Christ, we are able to go forward in the hope of His promise to us, His presence with us, His power over us, and His provision to us. Reflect on the memory of the manger; rejoice in the blessing of the empty tomb.



In remembrance of Him,
Pastor Steve



Trinity Presbyterian Church
would like to invite you to join us for our upcoming
Advent and Christmas Events



Christmas Craft and Bake Sale
Saturday, December 2nd,
8:00 a.m. / 11:00 a.m.

Hanging of the Green/Advent Service
Sunday, December 3rd,
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Advent Services
Sunday, December 10th, 17th, & 24th
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 10th, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24th , 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Presents

A Special Christmas Program

THE GIFT OF WISDOM

Dec. 15, 2017 5:30-8:30 PM

Praise & Worship
Arts and Crafts
Games
Food
And Most Importantly:
The Hope & Love of Jesus Christ

10200 Shelbyville Rd, Louisville, KY 40223

Operation Warm Feet



PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATION
OF **MEN'S SOCKS TO CHURCH**
DURING THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER

Christmas Season

We all wear them; we change them daily. We are able to wash them when they are dirty. Homeless people are on their feet all day and they are most likely wearing the only pair of socks they own. Most will wear that one pair of socks until they are so thread bare that they no longer hold together.

Again this Christmas, we will be collecting men's socks to donate to the **Jesus Cares @ Exit 0 Ministry**, a waterfront ministry here in Louisville Area.

Christian education



The Youth would like to give glory to God for such a fruitful time at the Chili Cook-Off.



We thank all the contestants and congratulate all the winners.

We thank The Quest for serving our church and community.



Faith & art

~ Candy Wheat



We have been busy making turkeys and Christmas trees with the preschool and had a fun day of pottery with the preschool teachers.

Thank you to our volunteers for another great year and we look forward to next year as we continue spreading God's love through Faith & Art.



Tpw

~ Virginia Kozak

As you know, Trinity Times is being published in a combined format for December and January due to the holiday season. That means Trinity Presbyterian Women will not be able to provide you with exact details about our **Annual Christmas Sale** in a timely fashion. Despite that, we are ever so grateful for your involvement!!! Your generous donations of baked goodies, crafts, volunteering and even shopping with us do not go unnoticed! **We thank you so very much!**

Though we haven't had the Sale at the time of this writing, we know that the Christmas Spirit, indeed the Holy Spirit, will be strongly evident in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 2nd. Praise God for what He does for His people in need through the ministries we support with Sale proceeds.

Upcoming Events:

December 12th, 10:30 a.m., Circle: Parlor: Each lady is asked to share something she finds meaningful about Christmas - a favorite memory, story, tradition. Bring an ornament that represents your sharing to place on a small tree for the morning. Brown bag lunch; dessert and coffee provided.

January 9th, 10:30 a.m., Circle: Parlor: Study 4 of *Zechariah, On That Day*. Brown bag lunch; dessert and coffee provided.

January 25th, 11:30 a.m., Ladies' Just for Fun Lunch, Jason's Deli, 410 N. Hurstbourne Pkwy

Opportunities are opening within the TPW organization. Primarily a monthly Bible study group with a component of service, TPW is asking the women in our congregation to prayerfully consider if now is the time for you to become a more active member of our leadership team. The positions are voluntary, with no prior experience required! Two key roles will be open as of May, 2018: **Moderator** and **Treasurer**. To inquire more about these opportunities, please talk with a current Board member (Brenda Miller, Jan Larsen, Mardi Crosser, Ghyll Simoneschi, Virginia Kozak), or leave a message with the church secretary.

mission

Mission committee thanks all volunteers who helped out during OCC collection week with packing, loading, making boxes and giving so generously. Many children are blessed this season through the love of Jesus.

The Fall Festival OCC baker's table collected \$258.50 for shipping costs and the November 1st WOW packing party collected 180 boxes.

A couple reminders for upcoming events.

- In December...we will be collecting men's socks for the Jesus Cares at Exit Zero.
- Burrito Riders meal packets are due December 10th. (Place in freezer at church)
- Ainsley Herrick will be speaking February 7th at the WOW mission. She will share her mission journey in Columbia. Meal will be provided.

DECEMBER & January birthdays

12/6 Clarke Johnson
Cori Goodknight
12/8 Max Oyler
12/9 Marc Levy
12/10 Lauren Latham
12/14 Steve Conn
12/15 Madison Cannava
12/16 Noel Weaver
12/18 Bill Husband
12/19 Judy Davids
12/22 Sheri Bushue
12/23 Nancy Graves
12/24 Anna Hayden
Herb Kallweit
12/26 Jessica Mingus
12/27 Clay Harville
12/29 Asher Kim
12/30 Troy Lankford



1/2 Barbara Cooke
1/3 Jackie Morrow
Larry Ogle
1/4 Jack Shumate
Kayla Shumate
1/6 Malcolm MacDonald
1/7 Janet Pender
1/9 Richard Bird
Marie Farris
1/14 Troy Marker
Nicole Marker
1/22 James Kurfees
1/23 Rebecca Perry
1/24 Candy Wheat
1/29 Elizabeth McDaniel
1/31 Bert Lundstrom

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Trinity Presbyterian welcomes all visitors who are seeking to find Christ in their lives! Our regular Sunday morning services are at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Nursery and Children's church provided!