

TRINITY TIDINGS

JANUARY, 2019

Presiding Bishop Curry's Christmas Message 2018

Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave.

In the Third Chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus says at one point, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

For years, I've often thought that that passage only referred to Jesus giving his life as a sacrifice on the cross. And to be sure, that is part of what it means. But some years ago I was reading a commentary by Raymond Brown, on the Gospel of John, and Professor Brown said that that passage not only speaks of Jesus willingly giving his life on the cross, but it actually speaks of Christmas, of God giving his very self, his very son to the world, not for anything God could get out of it, but for the good and the welfare and the well-being of the world. Of us.

Someone once said, in a Christmas poem, "Love came down at Christmas." That's what love is. To give, and not to count the cost. To give, not for what one can get, but for what the other can receive. That's what love is. God so loved the world, that he gave.

I realized recently how powerful that passage really is, when I saw an old poster from 1938. A poster produced by the Episcopal Church at that time, to encourage Episcopalians and other Christians, and other people of faith and good will, to do whatever they could to help Jewish refugees fleeing tyranny in Europe. To help people from all over Europe seeking refuge in America, this land of freedom. The poster depicts Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. They're fleeing persecution in Palestine, as Matthew's Gospel says. And the poster depicting Mary, Joseph, and Jesus says in the tag line, "In the name of these refugees, help all refugees."

God so loved the world, that he gave, even to the point of risking his own son. And in the name of those refugees, in the name of that Jesus, help all refugees, all people who suffer, anyone who's alone, everyone who is in need. That's what love does.

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In those days, a decree went out from the Emperor Augustus, that all the world should be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem because he was a descendent from the House of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged, and who was expecting a child. While they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Meanwhile, in that region, there were shepherds, living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood above them. And the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were terrified. The angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day, in the City of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign. You will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger."

And suddenly, there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth."

Have a blessed Christmas. Have a merry Christmas. Have a joyful Christmas.

God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

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Sunday Services
8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Healing Service
Thursdays at 10:00a.m.

Holy Trinity is called to be a witness of God's love to the people of our community and to the world through our open minds and our open hearts. All persons are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We are a community on a spiritual journey, seeking to grow in faith and service through our worship, education, and outreach programs.

JANUARY DUTY ROSTER

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute

SUNDAY	January 6	January 13	January 20	January 27
LECTORS	8:00am-SJones* 10:00am-BForbes, BJeffers*,NLordi,	8:00am-MMcC Campbell* 10:00am-BWeaver*, SHammell, ELee	8:00am-JLansing* 10:00am-NKjos, BHadsell, PLong*	8:00am-CWilson* 10:00am-LWarner*, MRovinelli, JRichards
CHALISTS	8:00am-SJones, CDorsey 10:00am-BJeffers, MLordi, LNaHom	8:00am-MMcC Campbell 10:00am-BWeaver, ELee, KDrew	8:00am-JLansing, DVarella 10:00am-PO'Brien, JKjos, TBrown	8:00am-CDorsey, MMcCampbell 10:00am-LWarner, SAdams, MRovinelli
GREETERS	8:00am-BGuthrie, CWilson 10:00am-KCarroll, BCramer, TDickens	8:00am-RBuck, ADean 10:00am-JSturgis, MBell, KDrew	8:00am-MJohnston, BWalton 10:00am- BSmith, LAdams, RGorman	8:00am-CWilson, 10:00am-PTickner, , EBrown, JMaddaford
TELLERS	TEAM I	TEAM II	TEAM III	TEAM IV
COFFEE HOUR	8am-JUrquart, SHeaton	8am-B/RWalton	8am-CWilson	8am- VBartow

FINANCIAL UPDATE

HTEC Financial Update Through November 30, 2018

Year to date expenses:	\$659,618.14
Year to date budgeted expenses:	\$739,495.16
Year to date revenues:	\$621,528.64
Year to date budget for revenue:	\$672,397.91
Year to date operating loss:	(\$38,089.50)

*If we had had a Rector in place for the last five months, expenses would have been approximately \$57,000.00 higher

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

If your name has inadvertently been omitted from this list, please call the Church Office and accept our apologies.



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Russ Miller

Heather Luttier

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Jim Guinessey

Sean Brodrick

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Barry Ande

Nicole Maas

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Jane Sturgis

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Darcy Farnan

12

Dorothy Deviney

14

Margaret Bell

15

Savannah Lambert

17

Judy Young

19

Logan Parker

20

Carol McCracken

23

Cameron Kamps

24

Rusty Grant

Dewitt Ingram

Jim Chamblee

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Marilyn Rasnick

Laura Warner

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Brittany Thor nton

NEWCOMER SCHEDULE

Church Facilities Tour	Jan. 20, 2019	9/11:15AM	Front of Church
Newcomer Brunch	Feb. 3, 2019	9:00 AM	Parish Hall

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO HANDEL'S MESSIAH

A tale of endurance, survival and ultimate triumph, *Messiah* is an act of faith that became George Frideric Handel's greatest and most popular oratorio. Join us as we explore this remarkable work and its relationship to Biblical history and experience Easter in a new and exciting way.

This class will begin January 9th, 2019, and continue every Wednesday from 12:00n until 1:00pm and meet in the Church Library. This is an Adult Education Forum and open to both men and women. You do not need to be able to read music to participate.

Missy McArdle Rovinelli is the facilitator.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Monday, January 21st, at 7:00pm

Selection: *Camino Island*

Author: John Grisham

Hostess: TBD

Monday, February 17 at 7:00pm

Selection: *America's First Daughter*

Author: Stephanie Dray

Hostess: TBD



Obtain books through the library, the bookstore, or at Amazon.com. For questions, call Andrea Thomas at 561-236-6456

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN.....

that the Annual Meeting of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on

Sunday, January 13th at 11:30am.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF PALM BEACH

Thursday, January 10th, there will be a Chamber Music Society of Palm Beach concert at Holy Trinity. Performing will be the Emerson String Quartet with Paul Huang, Violin and Gilles Vonsattel, piano. Tickets are \$100.00 for the Reception at 6:00pm and the concert at 7:00pm. Tickets for the concert only at 7:00pm are \$75.00.

To purchase tickets, call 561-379-6773. For information, info@CMSPB.org or WWW.CMSPB.org

PARISH REGISTER

CONFIRMATIONS

01-16-2018

Diana Lee Simmons

Arnold Edward Simmons

Noel Atlee Morley, II

RECEIVED

01-16-2018

Sally Joan Kessler

WEDDINGS

Diana Lee Simmons and Arnold Edward Merriam 01-26-2019

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The Middle School Youth Group will meet on Sundays at 9:00am in the Youth House, starting on January 6th, 2019. The High School Youth Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays, from 6-8:00pm in the Youth House.

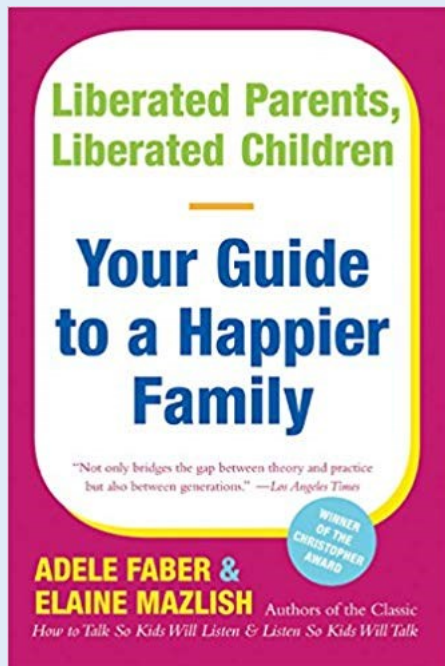
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed January 1st and will reopen January 3rd. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 21st, Martin Luther King Day.

TRINITY TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

New classes are forming

Starting in January, 2019, we will begin a 6-week class, facilitated by Elizabeth Brown. This class will use the book, "Your Guide to a Happier Family."



Using this this honest, illuminating book, we will learn the theories that inspire the changes we can make in our relationships with our families. We will be sharing our experiences and learning new ways to becoming happier families in 2019.

The class will meet from January 20- March-February 24th in the library following the 10a.m. service.

Books are available on Amazon.com

All parents are invited. See Elizabeth Brown for details.



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2019 VESTRY NOMINEES

ANDREW KJOS

Andrew grew up in Minnesota, attended and was confirmed at Our Redeemer Lutheran church. He went to Benson High School and then attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. He graduated with a B.A. in Communication and a minor in History. His education continued at Penn State where he studied Turfgrass Management. He's been the Director of Agronomy at Trump International Golf Club for the last 16+ years and before that worked throughout the country at some of the nation's top golf clubs-- Augusta National, The Quarry in LaQuinta, and Minneapolis Golf Club to name a few.

Andrew is married to Julie Kjos. They have three kids, Noah 13, Mark 11 and Elin 8. Andrew has attended Holy Trinity for about 12 years.

Growing up being involved in various churches and having two family members who are Lutheran pastors, has provided him with a unique understanding of the diverse and dynamic organizations that are churches. Involvement in Holy Trinity's youth programs and developing relationships with the wide range of parishioners at Holy Trinity all make him uniquely qualified to serve.

ELIZABETH STRAIGHT WILT

Elizabeth R. Straight-Wilt is oldest of eight children and she is a native of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Elizabeth is a veteran of the U.S. Army Reserves and she holds a bachelors degree in English Literature and Creative Writing from the University of North Florida. Before beginning her teaching career in Palm Beach County, she taught and performed Spoken Word Poetry internationally. She is the founder of Lizz Straight Ministries Prison Poetry Tour (2005-2010) where she brought other performance artists into the Florida prison system to perform and teach poetry. She was a radio producer, audio engineer and programmer at WMNF, 88.5FM in Tampa Bay, FL from 2005-2010 as well. After moving from Tampa Bay she worked on the NPR program, *Story Corps*, before settling in Palm Beach County where she and her husband, Matthew Wilt, were married and welcomed their daughter Alora into the world. Currently she is a teacher and administrator at The IDEAL SCHOOL of Leadership in Royal Palm Beach, and she has been a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and the Holy Trinity Vocal and Bell Choirs since 2011.

MARCELA WARD

Marcela was born in Colombia and raised as a Roman Catholic. She moved to Florida in 2002. She has been a faithful member of Holy Trinity for the past 15 years and was married here to her wonderful husband, Scott. They have their hearts invested in this beautiful church family and the community. She has participated in many ministries, including Godly Play and VBS. She is currently the Acolyte Scheduling Coordinator.

She has three children who are active in the youth and children's programs and with her husband, she enjoys helping with events and activities when needed. She is interested in Christian Education and would like to contribute to the success of Holy Trinity in this area.

ANTHONY 'TONY' RASNICK

Tony has been a member of Holy Trinity for over 40 years. He has served our church in many and varied ways: high school Sunday School teacher; chaperone for many Kanuga trips; member of many mission teams; usher; sound system operator; teller. And he has served on the vestry before as Junior Warden.

His wife, Sharon, two daughters and his mother Marilyn have all served Holy Trinity in a multitude of ways. For example, church school teachers and students, mission team participants, members of church organizations and ushers. The most unique service has to be that of his father being called to serve as Rector of Holy Trinity for over 20 years. Tony feels his father's time here has helped shape the perspective he has towards our church.

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