

# The Trinity Light

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**Our Mission:** *Trust in the Lord and Do Good.*

**Our Vision:** *become a parish that Trusts in the Lord and Does Good by coming together in Public Worship, Fellowship, and Reaching out to all.*

## Annual Parish Meeting



**Jo Borer**



**Steve Farris**



**Rhonda Baughman**

Last Sunday during Trinity's Annual Parish Meeting, Jo Borer, Steve Farris and Rhonda Baughman were elected to serve as new Vestry Members. The congregation thanked the outgoing members, Wayne Turner, Lucy Wadsworth and Calvin Chappelle for their service during the last three years. Wayne Turner was elected for a three-year term to represent Trinity at the annual Diocesan Convention.

## Jasper Roberts Memorial

Funeral Services for Jasper Roberts have been scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 at 1:00 pm in the Nave.

# Handbell Choir

Trinity's bell choir will practice on Sundays during Advent immediately after the 10:30am service. Handbells will be used during the Christmas Eve service. All who would like to play should plan to attend the practices.

## Christmas Angels 2022

Thanks to everyone who has already adopted a child to sponsor or has generously donated money to the Christmas Angel project. We are sponsoring a total of 4 families who have 15 kids in total, ranging from age 2 to 16. We continue to be very appreciative of donations—just make checks out to Trinity with “Christmas Angels” in the memo part of the check. Even though a lot of the shopping has already been done, we still have 5 bicycles to go!

A table has been set up at the back of Dunn Hall to accept non-perishable food items to help with the family holiday dinners. Please bring four of everything (cans, boxes, etc.), one for each family. Someone has already pledged to bring flour, sugar, and cornmeal so that is covered.

Families will come to the church on December 10 to pick up their gifts and food boxes, so it would be good for everything to be delivered to the church by the 9<sup>th</sup>. We hope we can provide these families with a joyful Christmas experience.

## Christmas on the Coosa Camp Stew

It's that time of the year again for our annual Camp Stew sales which is less than two weeks away. The men of the church have been cooking and selling camp stew for Christmas on the Coosa for many years. This project helps Trinity fund activities such as the Mother/Daughter banquet and the annual Christmas Angels project.

This year, to help defer cost we need donated ingredients of 40 pounds of beef, 60 pounds of chicken leg quarts or boneless/skinless breast or thighs.

On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., the Men's group, in Dunn Hall and Carter House, will prepare the stew ingredients ...**dinner will be provided**, but bring your favorite beverage.

Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is cook camp stew day. Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> is sell stew day at Christmas on the Coosa in downtown Wetumpka. Help is needed to set-up and break-down our booth.

Our goal is to cook and sell at least sixty (60) gallons. As of today, fifteen gallons have already been sold. Anyone interested in purchasing camp stew, should contact Lane Young at [bamalane36092@aol.com](mailto:bamalane36092@aol.com) or call 334-651-2311 by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Camp Stew Prices – Quart \$10 – Gallon \$38

# Weekly Offering Envelopes

As part of Trinity's new Consecration Sunday program, Weekly Offering envelopes are now available to anyone wishing to use them. Envelope boxes are located in the Narthex and are available to everyone at no charge.



## This Week at Trinity

<b>Dec 04:</b>		<b>The Second Sunday of Advent</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Handbell practice & Meet & Greet
	12:00 p.m.	EYC, Dunn Hall
<b>Dec 06:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Jasper Roberts Memorial Service
	6:00 p.m.	Scouts
<b>Dec 07:</b>	1:00 p.m.	Bible Study
<b>Dec 08:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Camp Stew Prep
<b>Dec 09:</b>	6:00 p.m.	Cook Camp Stew
<b>Dec 10:</b>	All Day	CHRISTMAS on the Coosa
<b>Dec 11:</b>		<b>The Third Sunday of Advent</b>
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 a.m.	Choir Practice
	9:15 a.m.	Christian Education
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	11:30 a.m.	Handbell practice & Meet & Greet
	12:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting

## Remember in Prayer

### **We give Thanks for the Life and Ministry of:**

Chip Searcy, Blake Jones, Greta Beumer, Dennis Kizziah & Richard Pinckard who celebrated their birthday last week; and to Susan Powers, Trey Lackey & Emily Phyfer who celebrate their birthday this week;

And to Keith & Susan Powers who celebrated their Anniversary last week;

### **We offer our prayers for those who have requested them:**

**Immediate Concerns:** Becky Wilkinson, Carolyn Keesee, Kelley Wright, Lakeisha Ray, Glenda Driver, Jordan Alexander.

**Continuing Concerns:** Bill Dunn, Laci Swaney, Jasmine Presley, Johan Beumer, Crawford Kennedy, Robin Chadderdon, Avery White, Ray Howell, Carol Wright, Harriet Landrum, Townsend Bullen, Blake Parham, Linda Summey and Steve Bingham

# New Year's Eve Weekend

Everyone is excited and looking forward to the first Trinity Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell. Reservations have been made, meals have been scheduled and it's time for you to decide to attend this exciting New Year's Event. Retreat dates are Friday December 30 thru Sunday, January 1, 2023. Trinity's retreat will be located in Stough Lodge, where we will all be together. To reserve your room or obtain more information, contact any retreat committee member: Erin Rogers (334) 312-1097, Amy Jones (334) 399-4203 or Barbara Davis (334) 546-0485.

## Poinsettia's



Help us decorate the Church for Christmas with a Poinsettia. If you would like to give a Christmas poinsettia in "Memory of" or "in Thanksgiving for" a loved one, look for the form in the bulletin for the next two Sundays, the deadline is December 16<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be marked "Poinsettia".

## Pledge Offering

Budgeted Weekly Pledge Income .....	\$	3,462
Received Sunday, Nov 27 .....	\$	3,790
Budgeted Year-to-Date Pledge Income .....	\$	166,176
Received Year to Date .....	\$	161,086
Over/(under) Budget.....	\$	(5,090)

A copy of the most recent Financial report is posted on the Kitchen Hall bulletin board. Contact any Vestry member or the Treasurer, Mike Bannon if you have questions about the budget or financial situation

## Hymn Notes

This Sunday's gospel reading tells of John the Baptist, so two of our hymns will address his proclamation, "Prepare the way of the Lord." "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry" used that as the primary inspiration for this hymn. Stanzas 1 and 2 apply that message to people of today; stanza 3 is a confession by God's people of their need for Him; stanza 4 is a prayer for healing and love; stanza 5 is a doxology. The Advent hymn is laced with various scriptural references.

The hymn was written by Frenchman Charles Coffin who was born at Buzaney in 1676 and died in 1749. He served as principal of the college at Beauvais and then was rector of the University of Paris. In 1727 he published some of his Latin poems, for which he had already received acclaim. In 1736 the bulk of his work appeared in the *Paris Brevary* of that year. In 1755 a complete set of his works was published in two volumes. His poems were known for their simplicity and uncton. This hymn was translated by Englishman John Chandler (1806-1876). Chandler was educated at Corpus Christi College at Oxford. He was ordained a deacon in 1831, ordained a priest in 1832, and succeeded his father as the patron and vicar of Whitley in 1837. His first volume of

hymns, *The Hymns of the Primitive Church, now first Collected, Translated, and Arranged* was published the same year. Chandler died at Putney.

We sing this much-loved Advent hymn to the tune *Winchester New*, harmonized by William Henry Monk.

1. *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings.*
2. *Then cleansed be every breast from sin;  
Make straight the way for God within,  
And let each heart prepare a home  
Where such a mighty guest may come.*
3. *For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
Our refuge, and our great reward;  
Without thy grace we waste away  
Like flowers that wither and decay.*
4. *To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let thy light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.*
5. *All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whose advent doth thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.*

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