

Trinity Herald Newsletter

November Edition 2025

Oh, the Weather Outside is . . . Getting Colder!

As winter months arrive, Trinity will once again remember our neighbors in need. Beginning with the first Sunday in Advent (Nov. 30), bring “warmies” – gloves, mittens, hats, and socks for children and adults – to decorate the “giving tree” in the gathering space. We’ll collect through Dec. 21 and then give these gifts to the children, youth, and adults at Wesley House Community Center. Thank you in advance for participating in this Trinity Christmas tradition!

be thankful

New Beginnings



This time of year we begin to see changes around us. Some are constants: trees begin to change color, leaves fall, mornings get cooler, and many churches have a focus on stewardship. Tom Wallace who has been a terrific Finance Chair said he sensed some changes in the air the past few months and suggested we use “New Beginnings” as a theme.

As most of you know Tom has encountered significant Health challenges and has had to pull back from his involvement. But other folk are stepping up to keep us on track.

Pastor Joe has challenged us in many areas. Recently we have been considering what it means to be a practicing Christian. Increased study of the Bible, Prayer groups, being more open to the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, being more loving to one another, etc. For many of us these could be classified as new or renewed practices. ie. “New Beginnings”

Sorry to disappoint you but we are not planning a formal financial campaign this fall. We will not be passing around saddle bags, or putting charts showing how close we are to our projected budget needs. Everyone understands that a church must have income to keep its doors open, pay staff, fix leaks, etc. Our plan is simple, we will have increased focus on Stewardship from the pulpit and a couple of lay speakers over the next few weeks, culminating in a **Consecration Sunday on Nov. 16**. Commitment cards are available in the Narthex .

If you cannot be here on the 16th to present your commitment please try to drop your card in the offering, in the office or mail, ahead of time so that we can get a good idea of how to plan our budget for next year.

All we ask is that you spend a little time considering what the spirit is leading you to do before making your commitment.

I am looking forward to a great 2026. Let us focus on 1 Cor. 13 (love chapter) vs 13 for our guide:

“And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

Faith grows through Bible study and Prayer

Hope comes through communion with the Holy Spirit, more prayer.

Love comes from letting the Spirit guide you to service of those around you and putting “self” on the shelf.

Thank you.

Content: Carl Tockstein

Last Chance to Order Your Soup is November 2!

Order our delicious **Home-Made Chicken soup** made with rotisserie chicken, egg noodles and all the veggies. Our second soup is **Mimi's Italian Bean soup** with ham, elbow macaroni, Northern beans and Italian seasoning. Each meal is served with 8oz of delicious soup, a huge homemade chocolate chip cookie and corn bread. Holy yum-yum.

\$10.00 / Lunch

Order your soup by November 2

**Pick up your soup on
Saturday Nov. 8th
11:30 am - 12:30**

**Forms are out in the
gathering space or order on line at www.knoxtrinity.org**



**Trinity United
Methodist Church**



**Annual
Christmas
Brunch**

*Delicious Food!
Cheery fellowship!
Entertainment by
Fredda Temples*

**Saturday
December 6,
2025
10:00 am
\$20.00**

**Come to the Annual
Christmas Brunch**
Everyone is invited
(Including the men-folk)
Tickets are available
every Sunday in
November in the
Gathering Space or
during the week in the
office (10am-2
Monday through
Thursday.)



**The Trinity Crafters
will be selling their
home-made
Christmas crafts on
December 6 so come
early to shop!**

ONLY 55 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

This also means the season of Advent is just around the corner. This year, 2025, the Season of Advent starts on Sunday, November 30. We would like to once again decorate the sanctuary with red poinsettias given by you in Memory of___, or in Honor of___ . Order forms are available



now on the table in the Gathering Space outside of the sanctuary. The deadline to order is EARLY, November 9th. Please fill out the form, place it in the provided envelope, and put it in the offering plate or the giving box on the table. Also enclose cash or check for the total amount; the flowers are \$9.00 each. Checks should be made out to Trinity UMC, and write on the memo line red flowers (that way you don't have to spell poinsettias)!

Advent Light

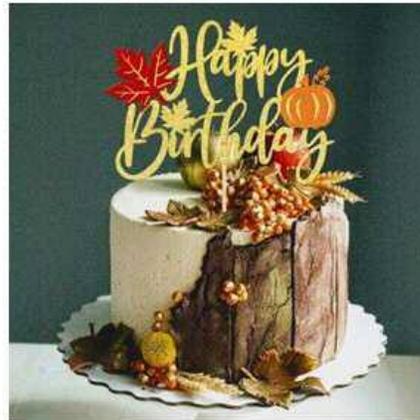
Each Sunday during Advent, as well as at our Christmas Eve service, we bring the season's special light to our worship. We need two persons at each service to share a brief reading and prayer (words are provided), and to light a candle on Trinity's Advent



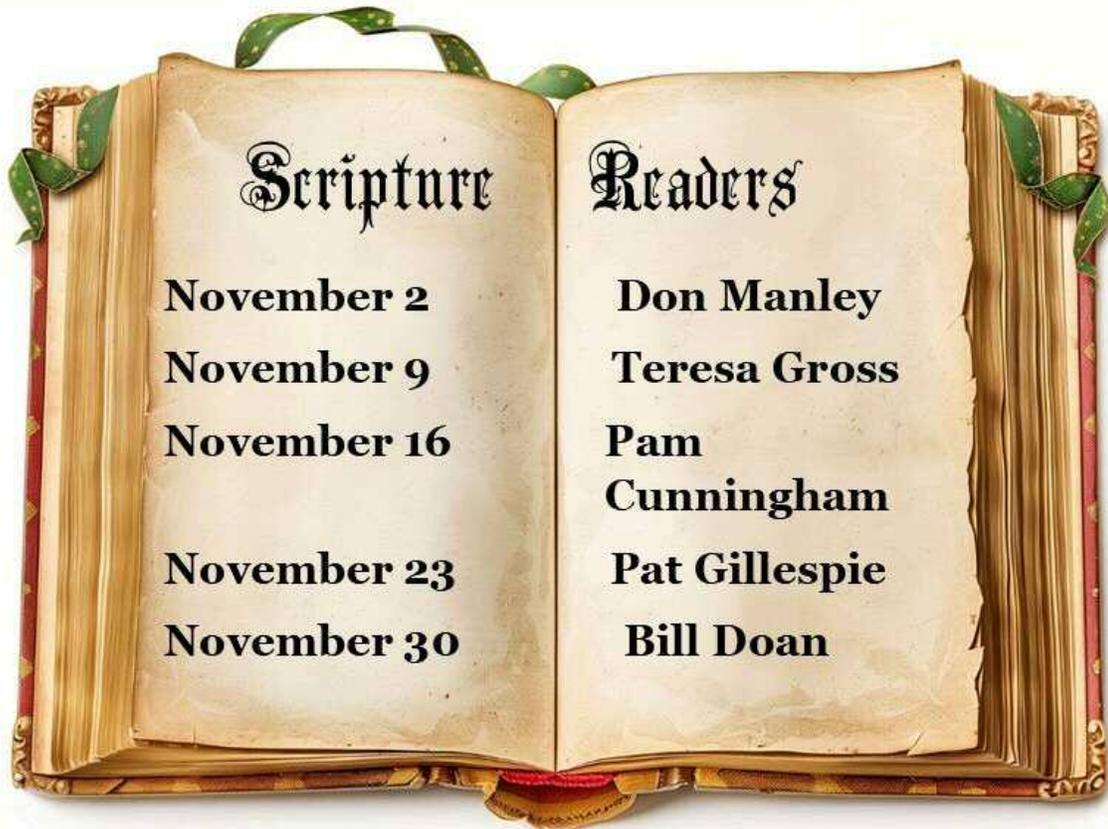
wreath. Participants can be individuals, family members, friends, or representatives of a Sunday school class or small group. If you would like to help "bring light" to our Advent and Christmas Eve worship services, please see the sign-up sheet on the large bulletin board in the gathering space.

Happy November Birthdays

11/1	Michelle Osterbrink	11/19	Karen Milligan
11/1	Lauren Fuquay	11/20	Rebecca Bailey
11/1	Brooke Satterfield	11/21	Pat Brown
11/2	Scarlet Walker	11/21	Martha Carroll
11/3	Jim Burgess	11/21	Marti Bailey
11/3	Alex Carli	11/24	Sandra Beddia
11/4	Teddy Waller	11/28	Linda Williams
11/5	Pat Land	11/28	Sherree Shaw
11/6	Marge Fleck	11/29	Herb Piercy
11/8	David Roberts	11/29	Silas Carli
11/8	Glen Osterbrink	11/30	Lauren Hal
11/9	Andrea Brockelman		
11/12	Roger Hobbs		
11/14	Kim Deaton		
11/17	Maggie Hobbs		



Sunday, November 30 10:00 am
First Sunday in Advent Lighting of
the Hope Candle



Seeking Help

Do you know anyone that might be a fit for this position?

Trinity is looking for a Children's Ministries Coordinator to establish a K-5th program of Christian education and instruction for our present and future children. Applicant must be 18 years old with some educational training/experience in Christian Education or related field. This is a part-time role with growth potential. Please see Drew Burkley or Gail Vandiver for more information.



Worship with us!

Online worship on
Facebook & YouTube!

In-person worship
in the sanctuary!

Sundays at 10 am!

WEEKLY

Sundays

10:00 am Worship Service

Wednesdays

10:00 am—11:30 Food Pantry

4:30 pm Bible Study 1

5:45 pm Dinner

6:30 pm Bible Study 2

6:30 pm Crossfire Youth

6:30 pm Music in Motion (k-5)

7:30 pm Choir

Thursdays

10:00 am Crafters

Wednesday, November 26: No Wednesday evening Activities

Office closed: 11/26 Noon, 11/27, 11/28

*The deadline for newsletter submissions is the 20th of each month.
Please email your newsletter submissions to contact@knoxtrinity.org*

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