

**ANNOUNCEMENTS and CALENDAR**

**December 10-11, 2011**



**THIRD Sunday of Advent**

**FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - (JUST ASK A HOST FAMILY OR USHER):**

- CHILD CARE for children age five and under - Nursery area
- PARENT PAGERS - available for use by parents with children in the Nursery
- BABY CHANGING AREA - Infant Nursery
- LARGE PRINT WORSHIP BULLETINS - available from the ushers
- HANDICAPPED-ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS - Office area
- WHEELCHAIR available
- HANDICAPPED PARKING - near Worship entrances
- TOUR OUR CHURCH - please speak with a pastor following worship
- PAST SERMONS on the web - visit <[www.trinityashland.org](http://www.trinityashland.org)>

**...AS WE WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND..**

**WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS**

**MUSICAL!** We are pleased that you have joined us this weekend to worship God and to prepare for the coming of the Christ Child.

Other worship opportunities and congregational activities are noted in this booklet. If there are ways we can serve you as you seek a deeper walk with the Lord, please talk to a staff person or a member of the congregation.

**THANK YOU** to all the musicians and other participants for their extra efforts this weekend. We are blessed with so many faithful people willing to put in the extra hours needed for a presentation such as this!

**TODAY'S BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING** has been rescheduled to next Sunday, **December 18**. Kim Davidson will be in the Music Room after the 8:30 service and for 10 minutes prior to the 10:45 services, so don't forget to get those pressures checked.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Alice Laughery, celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday this Sunday, **December 11**, to Grace Urban, celebrating her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, **December 15**, and to Eleanor Erickson, celebrating her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, **December 17**.

**THERE ARE STILL A FEW ADVENT DEVOTIONALS LEFT.** If you did not pick one up yet, you can find them at the Information Center near the Walnut Street entrance.

**IF YOU, A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND ARE OR WILL SOON BE HOSPITALIZED, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH AT 419-289-2126 AND LET US KNOW.**

**...AS WE LEAVE WORSHIP TODAY...**

**FORGOTTEN CHRISTMAS?** Do you sometimes feel that the real meaning of Christmas is being lost in today's culture? Two of our Young Adult Groups, the Homebuilders Sunday School Class and the Trinity Traders, are sponsoring a very worthy project. Outside of Jack's Place you will see a table with catalogues filled with potential Christmas gifts you can buy for the hurting people of Asia. There are all levels of gifts and they range from buying some chickens or rabbits to buying a cow, a camel, a well, a Bible, job or literacy training, etc. If you would like to touch the lives of those who are less fortunate, stop by the Forgotten Christmas Table outside Jack's Place after the services **this weekend** to pick up a catalogue and see how you can share some of your gifts with others who are in need.

*- Pastor Jeff*

**ATTENTION TRINITY MEN!** The Trinity Women's Ministries Planning Board is holding a major event, featuring "Women of Faith" speaker, Nicole Johnson, on **March 3, 2012**, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the John C. Meyers Convocation Center at AU. The cost for a ticket is \$25 and includes lunch. If you are looking for a Christmas gift for the special lady in your life (wife, girlfriend, mother, daughter, etc.), let us suggest this! Gift bags will be available in the **church hallway during services this weekend and next** or at the Church Office any time during the week. These gift bags include one or more of Nicole Johnson's inspirational books (*A Fresh Brewed Life*, *Invisible Woman*, or *A Princess Heart*) and a ticket to the event. You could also include a coffee mug or a Starbucks gift card, if you like! The seating is reserved, so you may want to coordinate with her friends/family, so the ladies can sit together. For more information go to <<http://www.trinityashland.org/getting-involved-101/womens-ministry-127/womens-retreat/>>. Please **c o n t a c t Dawn Forbes** at <[dawn@trinityashland.org](mailto:dawn@trinityashland.org)> or 419-289-2126 if you have any questions.

### **...ITEMS OF INTEREST THIS WEEK...**

**CHRISTMAS PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY MEETING** in the Church Home Sun Room at 2:30 p.m. this Tuesday, **December 13**. For information call Pam Tresh at 419-289-2863.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER** in Jack's Place on **December 14** serving 5:30 to 6 p.m. Menu: chicken noodle and beef barley soups, turkey and hot ham'n' cheese sandwiches, salad, dessert and beverage, all for **\$4/adult and \$2/ages 8 years and younger**. All are welcome.

**WE HAVE TWO PERSONS AT LUTHERAN VILLAGE** that are interested in coming to church but have no ride. The Senior Citizens van and the Ashland Taxi do not operate on Sundays. If you are able to take on this responsibility for the 10:45 Sanctuary service (we would pay a fee), please talk with Pastor Mitchell.

### **...OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE...**

*Please contact Corinne at 419-289-2126 or e-mail <[corinne@trinityashland.org](mailto:corinne@trinityashland.org)>*

**BLOOD DRIVE** here at Trinity in Jack's Place on Monday, **December 19**, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come to donate blood and receive a coupon for one **free** Apple Pie at any participating Perkins Restaurant. The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Is your small group or Sunday school class looking for a Christmas service project? Here is an opportunity for your group to spread some holiday cheer-Christmas caroling. We will not be organizing a church-wide caroling evening, but if your group would like to go out, we have everything you need to make your time together a success. If you would like to organize some individuals or families and need song sheets or contact information on locations that would welcome your visit, please contact Corinne Aebersold.

**HELP! WE NEED YOUR FRIENDLY FACE ON CHRISTMAS EVE!** Each year Trinity welcomes many visitors on Christmas Eve, and again this year we are looking for some individuals or families who would be willing to serve as 'hallway hosts.' These individuals or families would arrive about 30

minutes before one of the services to 'roam' the halls greeting people and giving directions to the Sanctuary, restrooms or other areas of the building. It is so helpful and welcoming to have a friendly face greet you when you enter the building. Can one of those friendly faces be yours? If you are willing to help, please contact Corinne Aebersold.

**CHRISTMAS COOKIES:** While you are doing your holiday baking this year, could you share extra cookies for the church? We like to put out cookies and coffee on Christmas Eve for people who arrive early or who are serving throughout the night during the services. If you would be willing to make some cookies for the church, please contact Corinne Aebersold. Cookies can be dropped off any time if frozen. Please mark 'For Christmas Eve' and put in the Jack's Place Kitchen freezer. Thanks!

**CHRISTMAS EVE PARKING ATTENDANTS:** We are currently recruiting individuals who are willing to assist with special parking needs on **Christmas Eve, December 24**. It would require that you would be available for 30 minutes before one of the four later services (we don't need people for the 4 p.m. service). The services for Christmas Eve are (and we would need you to arrive 30 minutes prior to the service): **6 p.m.** (arrive by **5:30 p.m.**), **7:30 p.m.** (arrive by **7 p.m.**), **9:15 p.m.** (arrive by **8:45 p.m.**) and **11 p.m.** (arrive by **10:30 p.m.**). If you are willing and able to serve please contact Corinne Aebersold at 419-289-2126. For additional information on Christmas Eve services please see page 11 of the newsletter or our website <[www.trinityashland.org](http://www.trinityashland.org)>.

**LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES OF NORTHERN OHIO** would like you to please consider making a donation to sponsor a child or family in need this Christmas. There are many ways in which you can help. Please call 877-741-3331 for more information. We also can always use in-kind donations such as towels, sheets, socks, and hygiene products.

**JUST A REMINDER** for those attending the 4 p.m. Preschool Celebration on Christmas Eve, **December 24**. We ask that each child bring a non-perishable food item, wrapped in white tissue paper to the service. These items will then be donated to Associated Charities to stock their holiday pantry.

### ...UPCOMING EVENTS...

**THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25.**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE FOLK COMMUNION** on Saturday, **December 31** at **6:30** p.m. We invite you to participate before you begin your evening activities.

**FROM DAN SCOTT, OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** All giving through the New Year's Eve Service at **6:30** p.m. on Saturday, **December 31** will be credited toward your 2011 giving. Contributions after that date will be credited to the 2012 year.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR BALANCE IN YOUR LIFE?** Are you looking for strategies to help you eat right for your whole life? Are you looking for a Bible study and support group? Then join us! *Your Whole Life* is a 3D plan for eating right, living well, and loving God. This 12 week journey includes strategies to help you eat right for your whole life, 12 weeks of inspirational, motivational devotions, the most up-to-date nutritional advice from one of our national experts, weekly goals, tips for

living well and for sharing with others, new ways to express love with food, and special tips for men, children, and families. Our organizational meeting will be on Tuesday, **January 3** at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Lounge of the Church Home. **Sign up in the church office or at the Information Desk so materials can be ordered.** Questions? Contact Pam Prezioso at <pam@trinityashland.org> or 419-289-2126.

**PASTOR JEFF WILL BE LEADING “CONFRONTING DEATH: A CHRISTIAN APPROACH TO THE END OF LIFE WITH WALTER WANGERIN, JR.”** This study invites you to lay aside your reservations and fears and see the adventure in exploring a Christian approach to death. This course is not just for older adults who face the reality of illness. It is for any adult who wishes to grow in awareness of how Jesus meets us in our weakness and mortality. The class will begin Wednesday night, **January 4**, at 6:15 p.m. and will meet in the South Patio Room. The course is five weeks long.

**DAVE RAMSEY’S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** is returning to Trinity! What would your life look like if you had NO DEBT and were really IN CONTROL of your money? During this life-changing class, you will learn how to get control of your money, stop struggling to make ends meet, tell your money what to do, and change your family’s future. You’ll meet with your class each week to watch the video lesson and participate in discussion and accountability groups that will change your whole attitude about money!

**Class begins Sunday, January 22** at 3 p.m. in Rooms A & B, and runs through **April 29**. **Sign up is required by January 9** to order

materials. Materials include a Financial Peace University workbook, budgeting forms, an audio CD library of the sessions, an FPU envelope system, Dave Ramsey’s book “Financial Peace,” a bonus CD-ROM and more. For more information, contact Pam Prezioso at <pam@trinityashland.org> or 419-289-2126. A free **Preview** will be held **Wednesday, January 4** at 6:15 p.m. in Rooms A & B.

**WOMEN’S COFFEE HOUSE BOOK STUDY:** Plan on joining Katie Smeltzer for the next in our series of women’s book discussions beginning on Thursday, **January 5**. We have chosen *Fresh Brewed Life* by Nicole Johnson because she will also be the speaker at this spring’s “Awake Your Soul” Women’s Retreat hosted by Trinity, We will meet on Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m. at Downtown Perk, 145 West Main Street, Ashland.

**THE WOMEN’S MINISTRIES PLANNING BOARD** invites you for an evening of scrapping and fellowship on Friday, **January 21, 2012**, here at Trinity in Jack’s Place. Mark your calendar now for a time of creativity, fun, and fellowship. A registration form will be in our bulletins after the first of the year.

**SERMONS ON THE WEB:** You are able to listen to sermons from our worship services. Check out our website at <www.trinityashland.org>. On the top right column is a box marked “Hear Our Sermons.” Click on it and a list of available sermons will appear.

# Youth News

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## This Sunday, December 11...

**Sunday School** - Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will meet in their respective rooms for Sunday school at 9:30am for a discussion on Chapter 13 of *The Story*. Join us as we learn what the Word of God has to say about “The King Who Had it All.”

### Catechism

**Tonight, December 11th, from 4:00-8:00pm:** All 7th and 8th graders should plan to attend this month’s lesson, as we plan to explore the topic of our *Lutheran Heritage* and do some Christmas caroling. Dinner will be provided for \$3.00 (or pay \$15.00 for the remaining five sessions, if you have not already paid). Families assigned to bring items for dinner may drop them in Luther Hall prior to the start of Catechism. Please let Nate or Ann know if you are unable to attend.

### Youth Choir Rehearsal

**Hey 7th - 12th graders... do you like to sing? If so, then we’ve got a place for you!** We’re off to a fantastic start and look forward to having others join us. We will rehearse again **this evening, December 11, from 8:00-8:45pm in the Choir Room following Catechism.** Subsequent rehearsals will be: Sat., Dec. 17 at 10:00am; and a warm-up rehearsal on Sun., Dec. 18 at 10:15am prior to the performance at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. Contact Dee Pinkley with questions at 419.685.4112.

## This Coming Week...

### Mosaic Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 14th, 5:30-8:00pm.** All youth in grades 7-12 are invited for our “Classy” Mosaic Christmas Party—even if you haven’t been a part of Mosaic all year! We’ll have hors d’oeuvres together (see Ann if you are willing to bring something), play some great games, and celebrate the birth of our Savior as we laugh through a white elephant gift exchange—“*Something classy, nothing new, nothing borrowed, just from you*” (i.e. - un-purchased, funny gifts are what we’re going for here... no need to spend money... just find something around your house and wrap it up!). We hope you’ll join us!

## Upcoming Events...

### Ski Trip Informational Meeting

**Sunday, December 18th, 12:00pm in Youth Room.** There will be a brief informational meeting for all those planning on attending the February 3-5, 2012 ski trip to Holiday Valley Resort in New York. Parents and students are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$110 and limited to 28 students. Registration forms and payment are due to the youth office by Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

### Winter Break Schedule

There will be **NO MOSAIC** December 21st or December 28th.

There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on December 25th.

## MAJOR EVENTS THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

\*See announcements for more information

### SUNDAY: December 11

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 a.m. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
- 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
- ages 2 thru adult
- 10:45 a.m. CHRISTMAS MUSICAL  
- Broadcast WNCO AM-1340  
and over the internet
- 4:00 p.m. Catechism
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Choir

### MONDAY: December 12

- 8:30 a.m. Moms in Touch
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers Quilt Group
- 6:00 p.m. Altar Guild Christmas Party
- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball  
Women's Ministries Planning Board
- 7:00 p.m. Trinity Singers

### TUESDAY: December 13

- 2:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council

### WEDNESDAY: December 15

- 2:00 p.m. Bible Conversations
- 4:00 p.m. Trinity Chime Choir
- 4:45 p.m. Luther Bell Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Night Musicians
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper\*  
Christmas Party (7-12 graders)\*  
Mosaic\*
- 6:15 p.m. MUSIC GROUPS  
- Preschool, Cherub, Junior Choirs  
- Trinity Bells, Trinity Brass
- 7:15 p.m. Choir  
Family Open Gym
- 8:15 p.m. Trinity Singers

### THURSDAY: December 15

- 10:00 a.m. Thursday Brass
- 1:30 p.m. TLC Belles
- 6:30 p.m. *The Story*/Room A  
Praise Team

### SATURDAY: December 17

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Choir
- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Night Choir
- 6:30 p.m. Folk Communion

### SUNDAY: December 18

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:00 a.m. Sunrise Singers
- 8:30 a.m. WORSHIP
- 9:30 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
- ages 2 thru adult
- 9:45 a.m. Choir
- 10:15 a.m. Youth Choir Warm-up
- 10:45 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION  
- Broadcast WNCO AM-1340  
and over the internet
- 10:45 a.m. PRAISE WORSHIP
- 12 noon Youth Ski Trip meeting\*

**WINTER STORM ALERTS:** During these next few months there may be winter storms in or near our area that may cause hazardous driving conditions. Our **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SNOW POLICY** is as follows:

- 1. We will NOT automatically cancel if the schools close,** as morning ice and snow have been known to melt by evening.
- 2. Listen to WNCO-AM 1340** after 3 p.m. for cancellation information or call the church office between 3 and 5 p.m. at 419-289-2126.
- 3. The decision to cancel** will be made by the Coordinator of Music Ministries, in consultation with the directors.
- 4. Adult choirs** may be decided separately.



## Christmas Worship Schedule

### **SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 24**

- 5 DIFFERENT SERVICES
- 2 WITH COMMUNION
- 3 WITH CANDLELIGHTING
- ALL WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

PARKING LOT ATTENDANTS  
FOR EVENING SERVICES

#### **4 PM PRESCHOOL CELEBRATION**

For families with preschool children who wish to celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus and then return home for family activities. A children's sermon is included as well as a message for the adults, delivered by Pastor Mitchell. The Preschool Choir will sing Christmas selections.

*Please bring a can of food wrapped in white paper for the children to present at the manger during the White Gift Ceremony.*

#### **6 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIRS Worship Center at Jack's Place**

A service of carols led from the Steinway grand piano, with gathering music by the Praise Team and anthems from our Cherub, Junior and Youth Choirs and the Luther Bells. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message and a children's sermon.

This service does **not** include a candlelighting ceremony to encourage persons with smoke-related allergies to worship with us on Christmas Eve.

*We encourage people attending this service to park in the Chestnut and Walnut street lots.*

#### **7:30 PM COMMUNION BY CANDLELIGHT**

The Sacrament of Communion, a beautiful candlelighting ceremony, special music by soloists and ensembles and the congregational singing of carols. Pastor Messner will deliver the message.

#### **9:15 PM COMMUNION BY CANDLELIGHT**

The Sacrament of Communion, a beautiful candlelighting ceremony, soothing music by harp, violin and solo-

ists, and the singing of carols. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message.

#### **11 PM FESTIVAL WORSHIP**

The late hour lends a special awe and festive nature to this service, which features anthems by the Choir, Trinity Bells, Trinity Brass, violin, harp and soloists, carol singing, and a candlelighting ceremony. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message.

*This service will be broadcast live on WNCO-AM 1340 and streamed live on the internet.*

### **SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 25**

#### **10 AM LESSONS AND CAROLS**

What better way to begin your Christmas Day than to remember in words and carols the meaning of it all! Special music by soloists, harp, strings and brass. Pastor Mitchell will deliver the message.

*This will be the only live service on Sunday. The radio broadcast at 10:30 a.m. will feature a recorded service from Christmas Eve.*