



TRINITY TALK

January 2022

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ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday January 30th** we will begin our morning by having **one service** at **9:00am**. Following the service, we will convene to the Parish Hall for a continental brunch and our Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting we learn about the state of the Parish, elect new vestry members and delegates to the 2022 Diocesan Convention. There will be childcare provided for the younger children, and activities for the youth in the classrooms. Please try to attend this vital meeting.

During the morning you will receive reports or hear from:

- Rector's Report - State of the Parish, The Very Rev. Jeannie Martz
- Associate Rector's Report - The Rev. Annie Calhoun
- Treasurer's Report - Jack Reynolds
- Vestry Report - Bruce White, 2021 Senior Warden
- Altar Guild - Carol Reynolds
- Christian Education - Suzanne Bilodeau & Heather Anderson
- Kitchen Guild - Lisa Jewett
- Music Ministry - David Ripley
- Outreach - Elizabeth Blush, Donna Watson
- Property Commission - Doug Knarr
- Welcome Commission, Lisa Jewett



Thank you to all who contributed to our beautiful flowers and glorious music of this Christmas season. Thank you also to the endless dedication of the Altar Guild, Music Director, and Choir. We also thank the men who helped hang all the wonderful greens.



It's 2022 and the Trinity Bell Choir is ringing in the New Year! The hand bell choir practices once a week on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to around 8:00. No prior musical experience is necessary, and you don't need to know how to read music to join. If you are at least fourteen years old, and if you can count to four, you can ring! If you're interested in finding out more, please talk to our director, Lindsay Whipple.

From our Rector

.....*The Very Rev. Jeannie Martz*

As I've written before, January 1 is different things to different people. For some, it's the first day of the first month in the year according to the Gregorian calendar, and therefore New Year's Day. Because it's New Year's Day, for others it's also a day to eat Hoppin' John, a low country Southern dish made with rice and black-eyed peas.

Eating Hoppin' John on New Year's Day is said to guarantee one a prosperous year ahead with the peas representing coins, the accompanying kale or collard greens representing greenbacks, and cornbread on the side tossing in a little gold. Some traditions hold that each person at the table should leave three peas uneaten on their plate, the peas symbolizing the luck, fortune, and romance that are hoped for in the coming year.

(Others say that the black-eyed peas are for wisdom, the greens are for wealth, and the rice is for strength and stamina for the whole year.)

Eating the left-overs the next day – now called Skippin' Jenny – shows that one is also frugal, which never hurts when on the road to prosperity!

While not necessarily a traditional football snack, it may well be that some of the folks sitting around on the first day of the first month of the new year ensuring their prosperity in 2022 by eating Hoppin' John will also be watching the festivities associated with the Tournament of Roses and the 108th Rose Bowl game, this year a face-off between Ohio State and Utah.

More significant by far than sports or prosperity, but possibly less well known than Hoppin' John, January 1 is also one of the Feasts of our Lord on the liturgical calendar – specifically, the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

About the Feast of the Holy Name, Holy Men, Holy Women says, “The designation of this day as the Feast of the Holy Name is new to the 1979 revision of the Prayer Book. Previous Anglican Prayer Books called it the Feast of the Circumcision. January first is, of course, the eighth day after Christmas Day, and the Gospel according to Luke records that eight days after his birth the child was circumcised and given the name Jesus.

“The Law of Moses required that every male child be circumcised on the eighth day from his birth (Leviticus 12:3); and it had long been the custom to make of it a festive occasion, when family and friends came together to witness the naming of the child.

“The liturgical commemoration of the Circumcision is of Gallican (French) origin, and a Council in Tours in 567 enacted that the day was to be kept as a fast day to counteract pagan festivities connected with the beginning of the new year. In the Roman tradition, January first was observed as the octave day of Christmas, and it was specially devoted to the Virgin Mary.

“The early preachers of the Gospel lay stress on the name as showing that Jesus was a man of flesh and blood, though also the Son of God, who died a human death, and whom God raised from the dead to be the Savior (Acts 2:32; 4:12). The name was given to Jesus, as the angel explained to Joseph, because he would ‘save his people from their sins’ (Matthew 1:21). (The word means ‘Savior’ or ‘Deliverer’ in Hebrew.)

“Then as now, people longed to be freed from evils: political, social, and spiritual. The name of Jesus calls to mind the true freedom which is ours through Jesus the Christ.” (Holy Men, Holy Women, p. 150)

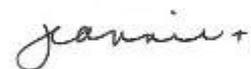
January 1 can also be a day when resolutions made with the New Year in mind kick in, and to flesh this out I'm going to use words from the late pastor and theologian Howard Thurman that I have shared in this space in previous Januarys.

In an essay entitled “The New Year” Thurman writes, “The New Year means for many people a time of the making of resolutions, the time of deciding that the present and the future will be lived more intentionally than in the past, and it is important, this matter of making resolutions, because it organizes the formal intent of the personality in a given direction; it is a commitment of the individual to a performance in the future based upon an intention in the present. And this is very important. Whether the individual is able to carry out in detail the resolution – whether you are able to fulfill the thing that you intend to do – there is a clear gain in being able to bring together all of one's self in a point of focus and say that this is the thing that I intend to do tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.” (The Mood of Christmas, p. 185)

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If this time of pandemic has taught us anything, surely it must be that life is not to be taken for granted; not to be lived without thought or without care. Life, both our own life and the lives of others, is to be treasured and respected and nurtured. Life is God's good gift to each of us and we are meant to both have joy in it, and to bring joy to others through it.

Whichever January 1 is yours – and perhaps It's one I haven't listed – I wish us all a blessed and intentionally-lived New Year.





01/10 Johnny and Irma Jaime

BOOK CLUB

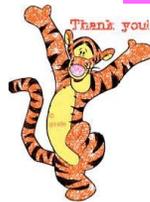
BOOK CLUB BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2022 - The book club meets the second Saturday of each month. This month it is **Saturday January 08th**. The group will have a discussion on what books to choose for the coming year. They meet in the library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions.



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| 01/01 Jerry Jensen | 01/19 Pat Spencer |
| 01/02 Chioma Elendu | 01/21 Hazel Knight |
| 01/04 Diane Judd | 01/23 David Barrow |
| 01/07 Grant Avise | Faith Goldman |
| Charles Stevenson | 01/24 Jack Kibby |
| 01/09 Renee Weddell | 01/25 Jacob Candela |
| 01/10 Don Gardner | 01/27 Robert Morales |
| 01/11 Nell Luce | 01/29 Betsy Little |
| 01/17 Amy Morales | Declan Anderson |
| 01/18 Chris Parmenter | 01/30 Toni Gavello |
| 01/19 George Homer | Miguel Sosa |

THE TRINITY NEEDLEWORK GROUP

meets the first Thursday of the month, from 3:30 to 5:00 in the Library. If you knit or crochet or want to learn, please join us. **We will meet Thursday January 6th**. We will have tea and cookies and conversation, as we work on our prayer shawl ministry and other items for charity. (Don't forget your mask!)



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NEW YEAR, NEW HABIT

It would be very helpful to the counters, if you would put the amount of your contribution on the outside of the offering envelope. You do not need to put your name for privacy purposes, but please put the dollar amount of the enclosed. Thank you.



Stewardship Program

Thank you all who submitted their pledge to Trinity for 2022. Your generosity supports the mission and ministry here.

Pledges for 2022 as of 12/26

100 pledges received for \$384,740.00

28 expected pledges yet to arrive

2022 budget of \$415,000.00.

If you haven't yet sent your intention to financial support Trinity in the new year, please send it in as soon as you can. Your contribution does make a difference in bringing Christ's love to all those we serve and those we worship with.

JANUARY OUTREACH CALENDAR

01/02	Ingathering Sunday—Cereal
01/02	St. Paul's Supper Program—4:30pm
01/03	Outreach Meeting—Library 6:30pm
01/27	Parish Dinner Out



JANUARY PARISH DINNER OUT



PARISH DINE OUT

Looking for a good old fashioned milk shake? Look no further, as our January Parish Dine Out takes us to Ruby's Diner and Streamliner Lounge at the train depot in Orange. Enjoy yummy burgers, delicious sandwiches, and refreshing salads. Join our fellowship anytime on **THURSDAY JANUARY 27th. Hours are from 11:30AM—8:30PM.** Be sure to take your flyer so that Trinity Outreach gets credit. Help them make their 2022 goal. Flyers will be available in your Sunday bulletins.



Thank you one and all for making the 2021 Ornament Exchange a fun and festive event! We were able to come together once again to share food and fellowship. It was great to see everyone wearing their holiday best. Thanks to those who had their coveted ornament stolen too many times, your positive attitudes were amazing! It was especially heartwarming to see the 30+ unwrapped toys that will benefit the children of the Friendly Center. The remaining proceeds from the event will go towards the Trinity Scholarship Fund.

Thank you to those who helped with the decorations, setup/teardown, the music, and delivering the toys, your efforts were most appreciated!

Your Event Co Chairs: Faith Goldman, Kathy Racine, and Elizabeth

MANY THANKS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMISSION

With another year of challenges and opportunities having come to a close, the Outreach Commission continues to support non-profits within our community. The past year looked a bit different than 2020 as we ventured out of our homes and away from our Zoom connections! During 2021, Outreach hosted:

- Tied Up In Knots, a blanket tying event in support of YANA. We provided cancer patients 100+ blankets along with a donation of \$1,355.
- The Book and Bake Sale which raised \$1,285. This event was absolutely necessary since the Outreach room was FULL of books to a point where no one could move from one side of the room to the other!
- Monthly parish dinners
- Two Friendly Center Food Drives
- Carpe Vinum! (Seize the Wine!), our Fall fundraiser, which raised over \$7,000 and provided everyone with delicious food, good wine and most important, great fellowship.

Of course, none of this would have been possible without the support of the Trinity community and for that we are truly thankful for everyone's support!

The 18 active members wish to express continuing appreciation to those in the congregation who loyally support Outreach efforts. We also invite anyone called to participate on the Commission to speak with one of our members with any questions you might have. Our 2021/2022 leadership team is Donna Watson and Elizabeth Blush as co-chairs, Karoline Johns as treasurer, and Rocky Covill as secretary. We meet monthly on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please join us!

Youth News

Youth Group News

Our first meeting of 2022 is on Sunday January 2!

Youth Group will continue to meet on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 5:30. All middle school and high school aged children are welcome to join in the fun! If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Annie at annie@trinityorange.org

Kids Shop

Thank you to all who donated items for our annual Christmas shop for our children and grandchildren to "shop" for gifts. They really enjoy selecting free items for their family, friends, and teachers. Your generosity makes this fun experience happen!

Ornament Exchange 2021



WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

12/05	\$23,056	114
12/12	\$6,344	123
12/19	\$16,183	125
12/24-25	\$2,294	195
12/26	\$6,297	70

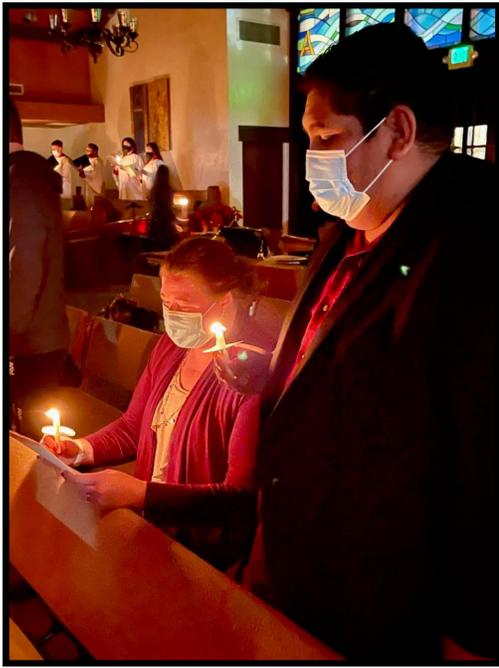
Offering Envelopes



2022 ENVELOPES ARE NOT HERE YET.

Due to a production problem, you will not have your 2022 envelopes by the beginning of January. We will be inserting generic envelopes weekly, which have a line for your name and envelope number, until they arrive. Thank you for understanding.





CHRISTMAS 2021

