



# The Trumpeter

January 2012

The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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## IT'S A NEW YEAR!

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (January 22, 2012)

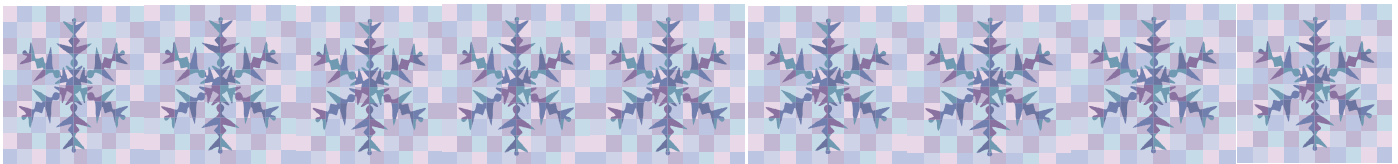
Once again, it's time to gather as a parish family, to celebrate what was accomplished last year, and to look forward to the work God has called us to do in this place.

As has been our custom, we will begin the meeting with a covered dish luncheon immediately after the 10 AM service (about 11:15 or so) and, once everyone has eaten (11:45 - 12:00), begin the meeting.

In addition to reports from the various groups at Trinity, we will elect three vestry members. According to our by-laws, the vestry nominates at least three persons with additional nominations permitted at the meeting itself. The vestry nominations are - Jeff Christ, Andrew Lowery and Pat Pandolfini. A list of those eligible to vote will be posted in the parish hall.

The meeting will also affirm Trinity's nominee to Diocesan Convention, Diane Pierce. The budget for 2012 will be presented, as will an end-of-year financial statement for 2011. Time will be provided for questions. Snow date will be January 29.

*-Fran Stanford-*



### INCLEMENT WEATHER



Should seasonal weather (snow, ice, etc.) strike at the time of scheduled events at Trinity, you may check the church answering machine for cancellation of events. In general, if there is a winter weather advisory warning people to stay off the roads, services will probably be cancelled. As always, your own judgment should prevail.

*- Fran Stanford -*



# FRANFARE

## CYCLES OF LIFE

On my recent visit to family in Memphis, I was given cause to reflect upon the cycles of life.

My mother and younger brother, Jay, live in the place I called home from about the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Much remains the same. One paneled wall of the den displays souvenirs collected during our first overseas trip – a dragon painting, oriental masks and decorative teak wood weapons. Another wall displays a large framed University of Memphis poster, a Texas shaped cross stitch I made during my residency in Houston, a large print of a snow covered barn that has hung on that wall for as long as I can remember – all items that remind me of the past in ways I find comforting. We continue to play games, Rummikub being a perennial favorite. As always, we eat – extended family gather to share traditional meals of pizza, Mexican food and Oriental buffet. That which remains the same anchors us and comforts us.



Even as much remains the same, much has changed in the thirty or so years since I called that house my home. The den furniture has been replaced, new appliances have appeared in the kitchen, and the TV has been updated many times. I can now access the web with my laptop while sitting in the den. More importantly, we have all aged. I was teased about the increasing quantities of gray in my hair, although it will be many years before I catch up with my brother Jon, whose white hair and beard make him a natural Santa. Mama fights arthritis and back/leg pain as she uses her walker to take “laps” around the house. My godparents likewise show the effects of age.

As another year drew to a close, it would have been easy to feel depressed by the negatives.

However, in the midst of the evidence of aging there were also opportunities to celebrate the changes of life. One nephew and one niece are engaged in master’s level coursework, one niece plans to study in Spain this summer to conclude her undergraduate degree. Another niece will begin her first hospital rotation towards her nursing degree. And my god parents’ granddaughter announced her pregnancy with their first grandchild. The cycle of life continues.

Appreciation of the cycle of life is an integral part of the church year. We begin by anticipating and celebrating the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ. Then we quickly transition into the first of the church’s “green seasons,” Epiphany. We might question why this would be a green season, falling as it does in the midst of winter, until we recognize that fallow time is essential for all living things. Only after the fallow time of Epiphany will we be ready to plant spiritual seeds in Lent and welcome the new life of Easter.

The Celts, connected as they were to the rhythms of the agricultural year, understood the importance of this cyclical worldview. When the church took hold in the Celtic land we now call Ireland, Celtic Christians incorporated this understanding and spirituality into their practice of the Christian religion. Modern re-claiming of this cyclical worldview partially explains the resurgence of Celtic Spirituality in the church today. In the midst of the busy-ness of daily life, we unconsciously recognize our need for fallow time, for times of rest and re-creation.

The church’s “green seasons” of Epiphany encourages us to engage in this habit of “time out” between Christmas and Lent/Easter. Even as I publically announce my intention to take time during Epiphany to be still in the presence of God, I encourage you to do the same. In this way we can lay claim to the cyclical nature of life that renews and re-energizes us.

Yours in Christ,

Fran+

## LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT



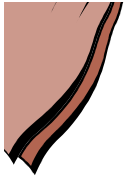
Lent will not begin until February 22, but you might want to get a head start on the planned Lenten program by obtaining a copy of *Naked Spirituality* by Brian MacLaren. Our Wednesday series will be grounded in the ideas presented in this very readable book. (While you do not need to have a copy, you might find it helpful.) MacLaren suggests that a full, healthy, mature spiritual practice can be achieved by using 12 easily remembered words and pursuing the prayer habits they embody. The Wednesday evening Lenten series will explore these and related concepts. An optional “practice” session will be scheduled at another time should there be sufficient interest.

The February issue of the Trumpeter will include more detailed information, but speak with Dr. Fran now if you have questions or are interested in the “practice” session.

- Fran Stanford -

## CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

*“Be Still and Know that I Am God”*



Bishop Eugene Taylor Sutton will lead a centering prayer workshop, exploring interior silence as prayer on Saturday, Feb. 25, at Church of the Ascension, Westminster. The workshop will begin with registration and a light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and will last until 3 p.m.

“In this Quiet Day you will reflect on the nature of prayer as relationship with God, and explore the levels of relationship that you can grow into. You will learn and practice centering prayer as a way of contemplation-being guided by the Spirit beyond thoughts, words and emotions. And you will rest in the interior silence which is the root of all prayer,” said Bishop Sutton.

Workshop registration will close on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Registration forms are available at [ascension-westminster.com/news.html](http://ascension-westminster.com/news.html). If you go you will need to bring a bag lunch and a donation of \$25.00 is requested. Checks should be made payable to Church of the Ascension with “Centering Prayer Workshop” written on the memo line. If you are interested in carpooling contact Diane Pierce (410-817-4317).

- Diane Pierce -

## DIOCESAN PULPIT EXCHANGE



This year, on January 29, most of the Episcopal Churches in Maryland will find a different priest at the altar and pulpit. The Diocesan Office has arranged for pulpit exchanges to take place around the diocese. This exchange will help increase parishioners awareness of the larger diocese, and will also allow them to hear and experience a different flavor of clergy liturgical leadership. Dr. Fran will preside at Grace New Market and The Rev. Tim Kroh will celebrate and preach at Trinity that Sunday. Should we be forced to postpone our annual meeting from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup> because of inclement weather, the pulpit exchange will take place the following Sunday.

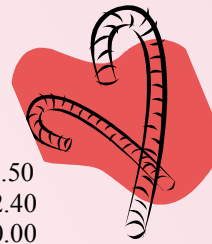
*Fran Stanford -*

## ANNUAL EPISCOPAL VISITATION

Each year every parish in the Diocese of Maryland receives an episcopal visitation. Either a bishop or a Canon to the Ordinary (a clergyperson who reports directly to the Bishop) visits each parish in the diocese. The Bishop or Canon presides at the Eucharist and preaches as well. If the episcopal “visitor” is a bishop, confirmations may take place during one of the Sunday morning services. Last year, Canon Slater was the episcopal visitor, so no confirmations were included. Bishop Joe Burnett, the Assistant Bishop of Maryland, will visit Trinity on February 12. At this time, only one confirmation has been scheduled. Should you wish to be confirmed, please contact Dr. Fran immediately so that the required preparation can be scheduled.

- Fran Stanford -

**CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS**  
**December 2011**



**EXPENSES**

Greens	\$1,839.50
Baskets	522.40
Advertising	250.00
Decorating and misc.	46.19
Gaming permit	50.00
Activity room supplies	<u>21.26</u>
	<b>\$2,729.35</b>

**INCOME**

Presale greens	\$1,246.50
Outside greens	943.00
Inside greens	801.80
Baskets (incl \$300. IOU)	1,264.00
Frosty Cafe	1,156.50
Vendor Rental	870.00
Bake Table	629.45
Basket adoptions	625.00
Raffle	610.00
Treasures	321.65
Santa photos	307.00
Vendor Coffee	50.50
Sunday Sales (366.75 Greens/33.25 Treasures)	<u>400.00</u>
	<b>\$9,225.40</b>

**NET**

**\$6,496.05**

**BY DEPARTMENT:**

<b>Greens</b>	Presales	1,246.50	
	Outside	943.00	
	Inside	801.80	
	Sunday sales	<u>366.75</u>	
		3,358.05	
	Less Expenses	<u>-1,839.50</u>	<b>1,518.55</b>
<b>Baskets</b>	Events sales	964.00	
	IOUS	300.00	
	Adoption \$	<u>625.00</u>	
		1,889.00	
	Less Expenses	<u>-522.40</u>	<b>1,366.60</b>
<b>Frosty Cafe</b>	(less 22.49)		<b>1,134.01</b>
<b>Vendor Fee</b>			<b>870.00</b>
<b>Bake Table</b>			<b>629.45</b>
<b>Raffle</b>	(less \$50. permit/16.50 GC)		<b>543.50</b>
<b>Treasures</b>	(321.65 +33.250)	354.90	
	less expense	<u>7.20</u>	<b>347.70</b>
<b>Santa Photos</b>			<b>307.00</b>
<b>Vendor coffee</b>			<b>50.50</b>

- Carol Knight -

**FEEDBACK FROM THE BAZAAR**

“I just wanted to say ‘WOW!’.  
 What a great show you all put on.. As a new vendor to this event, I was very impressed with the amount of helpers there were both at the beginning and the end to help load up cars. Please keep me on the list for your spring event and for next Christmas!”

**AND:**

“I just wanted to let you know that I completely enjoyed showing my jewelry at Trinity. The quality of the merchandise was uniformly excellent and the organization was the best I have encountered anywhere. Also the atmosphere was so friendly and agreeable.”

## FROM YOUR SENIOR WARDEN



I sure hope you all had a very nice and joyful holiday season. As always, it was intense at Trinity with Vestry meetings, the Christmas Eve services and the Christmas Day service which had the choir for the first time that I can remember.

Each year the Vestry has a change of some members. In general three folks go off and three come on. The Vestry has three people that want to serve for the next term. They are Jeff Christ, Andrew Lowery and Pat Pandolfini. You will vote to accept them at the general meeting in January. I want to thank Bill Litsinger, Russ Tagg and Carol House for their past service. Carol will be staying on as Registrar which is a big help.

At the December meeting the Vestry set the budget for the next year. This happens after the finance committee spends time "crunching numbers". We look at everything: pledge amounts, event receipts, electricity, fuel oil, etc. etc. etc. After much work the Vestry discusses the proposed budget and presents it to the congregation at the general meeting on January 22. At that time it parish members can ask questions and make suggestions. This year we have a rather large deficit due to several factors. Please attend the Annual Meeting to help the vestry determine how to handle that deficit.

With the possibility of bad weather during the winter, check with the office if there is a question about service happenings. We will try to have the information on the answering machine by 6 am that Sunday.

Try to stay warm and dry and think SPRING.

- Jonathan Deford -

THANK YOU

- To the choir and angel chorus for making Christmas extra special
- To the participants in the Christmas pageant for adding unique elements to the story
- To Andrew and Ernie for hanging the high greens
- To Bob Newton for working on a ladder-free way to light the advent wreath
- To Roy for continuing to fine tune the new sound system for our movies
- To Sandy for the extra bulletins
- To the extra coffee hour hosts and hostesses

- Wendy Walker -



REPORTS



### ART AUCTION REPORT

Deposit from event	\$3,785.04
Food expense	<u>600.00</u>
NET	<b>\$3,185.04</b>

## VESTRY NOTES

At its regular meeting on December 19, the vestry reported that:

- a profit of \$6,496 was made from the Bazaar and a delightful time was had by all
- pledges are down from last year
- a below-grade area on the tower of the church has been waterproofed
- it is hoped that the rugs in the church will be cleaned for Easter
- the search is on for a Day School director
- the accounting software will be installed and operational for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012
- the last of the surround-sound for the movie equipment has arrived and will be installed
- Attendance has been up for the last 12 months!!!
- a gift of \$4,000.00 was given to help pay down the principal on the Middendorf Loan!!!
- spackling and painting of the Narthex should be done by Christmas, hopefully

- Carol House -



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## PASTORAL CARE



This past month we have sent out Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Thinking of You, and Sympathy cards. Nancy Bainbridge sent out Holiday cards to those on our holiday list. Pastoral Care aided in hosting a Parish Hall reception, following the Memorial Service for Maurice Hasty on December 10th. We have made phone calls to those at home and provided transportation when needed. We had a lovely visit to Quarryville to see Thelma Lawrence, who is recovering from pneumonia.

Dr. Fran celebrated the Eucharist with Thelma, Nancy Bainbridge, and Diane Pierce in Thelma's apartment. We blessed 3 more Prayer Shawls while we were there. It was delightful to see Thelma and she was eager to hear all the news about Trinity. She keeps up very well on what is happening, reading her Trumpeter and receiving phone calls from friends and family. She sends her prayers and greetings to everyone at Trinity and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2012. We congratulate Bill and Jeanine Bausman on the birth of their son this month. We also have thankful hearts for Gary Jennings who returned home after his fall this autumn.

- Sherry Rast -

## CORRECTION

One correction needs to be made concerning a misprint in the recent December Trumpeter. It was Bobbie Nelson, not Diane Zakai, that sent out Thanksgiving cards. Many thanks to Bobbie for doing this. Diane Zakai will be sending holiday cards later on in the year.

- Sherry Rast -

## NEW MEMBERSHIP SOFTWARE

Thanks to several designated gifts the church was able to purchase new software (Power Church Plus) to help us track birthdays, anniversaries, membership and contributions. In order to ensure that our database is accurate, the office will ask to you correct the information we currently have and provide further information as needed. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Although record keeping will be a visible benefit of this transition, the major reason we have made this change is to allow for accurate fund accounting. In the past we have accomplished this manually, a process that is both time consuming and inaccurate.

-Fran Stanford-

## PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY



In November a group of 4 Trinity members attended a Stephens Ministry workshop. It was an opportunity for us to learn how other churches were serving their members at times of grief, illness, or other needs that arise within families. The Stephens Ministry trains laity to become pastoral care ministers. At Trinity we would like to better serve our community and their needs. Dr. Fran will meet with us and help us make a plan to enhance what we are presently doing at Trinity. If you would like to join us in this planning and important Pastoral Care Ministry at Trinity, please contact Dr. Fran or Diane Pierce. (410-817-4317)

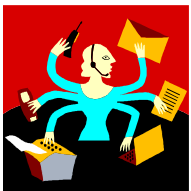
### Prayer of St. Theresa of Avila

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
Christ has no body now but ours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but ours,  
Ours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world.  
Ours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Ours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.  
Ours are the hands, ours are the feet,  
Ours are the eyes. We are his body.

Please pray for this ministry at Trinity and for discernment if God is calling you.

- Diane Pierce -

### IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT THE NEXT CANDY CANE BAZAAR!



As you pack up your holiday decorations, don't forget Trinity. Box up your items and leave them in the Parish Hall marked "Christmas Treasures". They will be sold at the Country Fair and the 2012 Candy Cane Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support!!

Anne Brandt (and many, many more) -

### CANDY CANE CHRISTMAS

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our very successful FUNdraiser. We had so very many people visit and see what a vibrant church community we have, and as a plus we raised over \$6,000. It was a great outpouring of our time, talent and treasure.

- Carol Knight -



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## OUTREACH

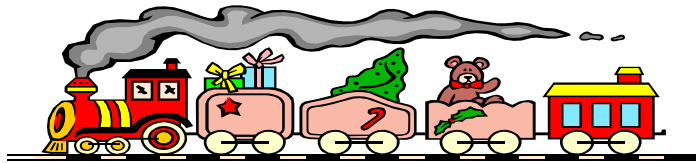
The folks at Paul's Place are especially busy at this time of year as they prepare holiday food baskets and holiday toy shopping events for their patrons. My van was full with the toys and outerwear donated by the congregation and the Day School which I took down to the center this past Monday. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and your generosity.

The "Boxer Day" board has been set up in the church hall. Only \$5.00 for a package of shorts. Please put your monetary contribution in the envelope then put the purchased boxers in the wrapped gift box. The men of Paul's Place can look forward to getting those shorts when we resume the clothing distribution in January.

*Carol Knight-*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Where did the year go? December was a busy month with the children making Advent wreaths, learning about baby Jesus and putting on a terrific Christmas pageant as always. We would like to thank Nancy Bainbridge and the ladies of TAT for making new costumes for our pageant. They were greatly appreciated.



We would like to thank Diane Pierce, Barb Newton and Melissa Meyer who taught your children for the second session. Please welcome our next group of teachers, - Ruth Jacobs, Sue Luba and Jenn Rommel - who will be teaching for the next six weeks.

We are always in need of volunteers to staff our nursery. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please sign up on the sheets located in the parish hall. If possible, it is always best if we can have two volunteers each week.

Don't forget, **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL STARTS AT 9:45**. Hope to see you there!

*- Carol House -*

## MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, January 7th at 8 am. Chefs are Ernie and Ed with a special treat from Charlie Calvert's pal Vince. !!!

*- Bill Litsinger -*

**Wanted : Chairperson(s) for Country Fair; no experience required; experienced guidance offered; no pay but great reward**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

So much has been going on in these last months of the year. We've had two very successful FUNdraisers; the Art Auction in October which brought in \$3,185 and the Candy Cane Bazaar held in early December which netted \$6496. That certainly helps the bottom line for this year and I look forward to giving a more precise update at the Parish meeting in January.

*- Carol Knight -*

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## *Trinity Church Day School*

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### **OPEN HOUSE WEEK**

**January 9 - 12**

**9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

*Full and half day Kindergarten options*

*Pre-school for 3's and 4's*

*Afternoon Enrichment Program for 4's*

*Explorer's drop-off for 2's*

*Mommy & Me for 2's*

*Before and After School Care*

***Summer Day Camp for ages 3 - 6***

**Registration for Trinity Families Jan. 19**

**Registration Open to the Community Jan. 26**



Please join us for a special Tea Party

in honor of

Mrs. Woodie Swartz

Sunday, January 29 at 2:00 p.m.

Trinity Church Day School

R.S.V.P. 410-592-7423

or to [trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net](mailto:trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net)



We would like to present Mrs. Woodie with a Memory Book of thoughts and pictures. Please send us a short memory and/or picture of your child (current or as a Trinity student) to: P.O. Box 4001 Glen Arm, MD 21057 or via email: [trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net](mailto:trinitychurchdayschool@verizon.net).

## MEMBERSHIP



WOW what a wonderful Christmas Bazaar! GREAT community turnout, sky high visibility, lots of very positive impressions. And we made some money too.

For the last 12 months ending in November, attendance was 71 compared to 66 for the same period a year earlier. For every month this year, the 12 month average has been greater than the previous year's 12 month average, though the numbers have leveled off some lately.

Movie nights continued with *Cars 2* on November 18, with *Muppets a Christmas Carol* on December 16. The movies are on the third Friday of each month in the Parish Hall, starting promptly at 6:30 pm. We will show *Mr. Popper's Penguins* on Friday, January 20.

There's now about \$410 in the Projector Fund as of mid December. That's about enough for the sub-woofer and center channel speaker that completes the surround sound system. These have been ordered and should be in place in the next week or two.

The Family and Friends monthly breakfasts continued on December 11. Attendance was about 20 adults. These will continue through March, but then the breakfasts need to be re-assessed, possibly holding these just a few times a year on special occasions. The next breakfast is Sunday, January 8, 8:45 to 9:45. Please be sure to come!

Next mailing will be for Lent and Easter, probably highlighting the Children's and Adult choirs. Suggestions welcome!

- Mike Berry -

### HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

- |                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Carol Knight      | 21 Frank Ciesla      |
| 4 Max Luba          | 22 Priscilla DiGalbo |
| 5 Angela Niparko    | 28 Martha Bainbridge |
| 8 Sandra Barnes     | 29 Susan Embich      |
| 9 Alma Cook         | 31 Joan Dawson       |
| Thelma Lawrence     |                      |
| Andrew Lowery       |                      |
| 11 Tina Fiorelli    |                      |
| 15 Robert Jones     |                      |
| Linda Evans Myers   |                      |
| 19 Rob Ruppert, Jr. |                      |
| 20 Anita DiStefano  |                      |



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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|-----------------------------|
| 8 Mike & Sue Berry          |
| 14 Rob & Tanya Ruppert      |
| 17 Tony & Stephanie Torlina |




### WELCOME

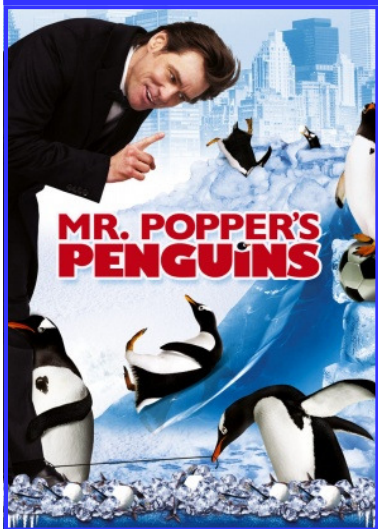
William Francis Bausman  
son of  
Jeanine and Bill Bausman  
Born November 27, 2011



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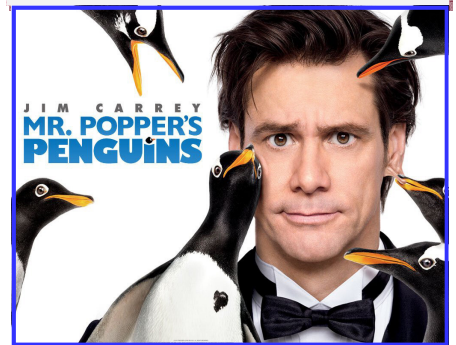
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8am Holy Eucharist 10am Holy Eucharist No Sunday School	2 TCDS resumes	3 <i>No Quiet Prayer</i>	4	5	6	7 8 am Men's breakfast
8 8am Holy Eucharist 8:45 Family Breakfast 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist/ Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	9 (thru January 12) 9:30am - 11:30am TCDS Open House 6pm Healing Service	10 11:00 am TAT 6pm Quiet Prayer	11	12 7:15pm Choir	13	14
15 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist/ Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour	16 6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting	17 11:00 am TAT 6pm Quiet Prayer	18	19 TCDS Registration for Trinity families 7:15pm Choir	20 6:30 pm Movie Night "Mr. Popper's Penguins" 	21
22 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist/ Sunday School 11:30 am - Annual Mtg. (snow date 1/29)	23	24 11:00 am TAT 6pm Quiet Prayer	25	26 TCDS Registration open to the community 7:15pm Choir	27	28
29 8am Holy Eucharist 9:45 Children's Worship 10am Holy Eucharist/ Sunday School 11am Coffee Hour 2pm Tea Party in honor of Mrs. Woodie Swartz	30	31 11:00 am TAT 6pm Quiet Prayer				<p><b><u>NOTES FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:</u></b></p> <p>Please remove birthday memorials 15 days after the holiday. Thank you.</p>

*Hey! Let's go to the movies!*



*Free will donation requested.  
Includes popcorn and drinks.  
Bring your parents and  
pillows.  
Wear your jammies if you'd  
like!*

*Friday, Jan 20,  
6:30 pm*



*Trinity Long Green Parish Hall*

*For more information please call the church office.*

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