



# The Trumpeter

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The Newsletter of Trinity Long Green

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## WELCOME ADVENT

The church year begins four Sundays before Christmas. This time of preparation is called “Advent” from the Latin *adventus*, meaning “coming.” Advent is a time to prepare with joy for Christ’s coming – as a baby in Bethlehem, and as King at the end of time.



Advent was once considered a time of penitence and purple candles were used in Advent wreaths, sometimes substituting the third candle with pink when the required fast was lifted. Now that Advent is no longer considered a penitential season, many churches use blue for altar hangings and Advent candles (as Trinity does). Royal blue signals the coming of a king; bright blue refers either to Mary or to the waters of creation. We light first one and then an additional candle each week, not only as a way to count down to Christmas, but as indicative of the light that Christ brings against the darkness of sin. In the Northern Hemisphere; that symbolic meaning is strengthened by the shortening days as we move towards the shortest day of the year, Dec. 21. The addition of the Christ Candle at the center of the wreath on Christmas Day coincides with the visible increase of daylight a few days after the winter solstice.

Each Sunday of Advent has its own emphasis. Each highlights a particular aspect of the Lord who enters into time and space. The First Sunday of Advent highlights the Lord’s return as judge of the whole created order. The Second and Third Sundays of Advent focus on John the Baptist, the final prophet of Israel and the forerunner of Christ. John prepares the way of the Lord. Finally, on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we shift our focus towards Christmas by turning our attention towards Mary, the mother of Jesus.

A booklet *Celebrating Advent at home* is available in the narthex and the church office.

**Our King and Savior now draws near.**

**Come. Let us adore him.**

*- Fran Stanford -*

**ADVENT 4– DECEMBER 24**

**NO– 8:00 AM SERVICE**

**REGULAR SERVICE AT 10:00**

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve, December 24**

**5:00pm- Pageant and Holy Eucharist**

**9:00pm- Festival Holy Eucharist**

**Christmas Day, December 25**

**10:00am- Holy Eucharist**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH AT 4:00**

Need a few minutes of quiet during the crazy holiday season? Not feeling very jolly? Missing a loved one? Consider attending Trinity’s “Blue Christmas” service.

Using scripture, recorded music, silence and prayer, we hope to give people a chance to acknowledge grief and sadness while embracing the hope the Christ Child brings.





# FRANFARE

Dear friends,

No one likes waiting; but, to quote that expert on all things that matter, Dr. Seuss (*All the places you will go*):

Waiting for a train to go  
or a bus to come, or a plane to go  
or the mail to come, or the rain to go  
or the phone to ring, or the snow to snow  
or waiting around for a Yes or No  
or waiting for their hair to grow.  
Everyone is just waiting.



Like it or not, we spend a LOT of our lives waiting.

I wonder if waiting has gotten harder with our entry into the digital age (whenever that was). We have come to expect instant gratification:

We complain about the time it takes for the computer to boot;  
We get frustrated every time we are put on hold;  
We expect immediate respond when we text;  
We can get “Next Day Delivery” if we pay extra;  
Drone delivery systems are being considered;  
We refer to the post as “snail mail.”



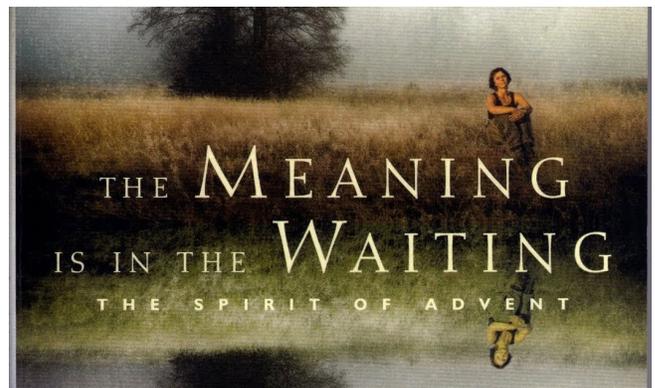
Perhaps what we need is a good dose of Advent!

Advent is about waiting. Four Sundays before Christmas Day we enter into the season of Advent. This year that season will be as short as it can be as Christmas is on Monday so the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent is also Christmas Eve. Curiously, the secular pre-Christmas season is the longest it can be this year with 31 days between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This early launch into the Christmas Season (even as early as pre-Halloween in some stores) makes waiting all the more difficult. In the midst of it all, I give thanks for the church’s season of Advent. For at least one hour on Sunday, we are invited to step out of the craziness of shopping and celebration to be still and wait.

- We wait for the coming of Christ at the end of time to make all things right;
- We wait for the coming of Christ into our own lives, renewing us on a daily basis;
- We wait for the coming of Christ as a baby in a manger two thousand years ago.

Perhaps if we practice Advent waiting, we may find ourselves less frustrated by the waiting that is part of our daily lives.



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## STAFF APPRECIATION GIFTS

It's a long-standing tradition here at Trinity to show our appreciation to the folks that make our worship possible. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to ensure we are able to joyfully celebrate Christ's love each week. Much of this work takes place behind the scenes. Please, consider showing your support and gratitude by making a monetary donation towards the Staff Appreciation Gifts. Checks may be written to Trinity Church with "Staff Gifts" written in the memo line.

Thank you,

Randal Hand  
Senior Warden



## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

 The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **January 28** (snow date February 4) following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will share a covered dish lunch, and then begin the meeting around noon. A list of eligible voters will be posted in the parish hall. If your name is not on the list, please notify the church office as we want to correct our mistake. During the meeting, we will elect new vestry members. While we will review reports from various committees and groups, and receive an update on our financial situation, the focus at this Annual Meeting will be **En-Vision 200**. Trinity is rapidly approaching her 200<sup>th</sup> birthday (the congregation was authorized in 1819 and the building consecrated in 1820). As we prepare to celebrate our Bicentennial, we want to begin to envision what Trinity's next 200 years, or more accurately, how we can continue to serve God in Long Green Valley. What needs to change, what needs improvement, what might we want to do that is new? Make notes of your ideas and bring them along with a covered dish to share at the Annual Meeting.

## STEWARDSHIP 'Journey to Generosity'

 Of the 100+ pledge cards sent out we have received 37 to date for a total of \$1115, 865. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your pledge card, pick one up in the church office. The holidays are a busy time for us all, so please return your pledge card or give the office a call with your 2018 pledge.  
(Stewardship goal for a balanced budget is \$188,000).

## TUESDAY AT TRINITY



On Monday, November 13th, 12 blessed quilts were taken to Paul's Place for the comfort of many in SW Baltimore. Hopefully they will be able to keep ten people warm this winter. In January we will resume working on more quilts as well as other projects. Don't forget to visit our table on the upper floor of the Parish Hall during the Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar. We have been busy as Santa's elves with some different items this year. Many hands make light work.

-Nancy Bainbridge-



**Looking for an easy way to help Trinity?**



Amazon offers to make a gift to your designated charity for many items ordered on its Smile Amazon site. Follow the link below and designate Trinity Episcopal Church, Glen Arm MD as your charity of choice. Then all you have to do is remember to log into the Smile Amazon site (instead of the regular Amazon portal) and the rest will be done for you. I now make all my Amazon orders this way.

-Fran Stanford-

<https://smile.amazon.com/>



## BAZAAR ELVES

*Calling all elves*

Trinity needs you for the CCCB!

- ↑ To help set up (on Friday at 3pm till?) and clean up on Saturday after 2 pm.
- ↑ Elves (no costume required) are needed to help with the children's workshop for an hour or two throughout the day making Christmas decorations or coloring with the kids while mom enjoys shopping on Saturday 9 -2
- ↑ Workers for the Frosty Café
- ↑ Elves to take out trash
- ↑ Helpers on Friday evening and Saturday morning to help vendors unload their cars and bring their boxes into the day school!
- ↑ With a full crew of elves, we will have a fun-filled and successful Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar!

Thanks in advance—The Vestry

# Big Kids Movie



*Saturday,  
Dec. 9*

*7 pm*

*Parish  
Hall*



*Let's go to the  
movies!*

*Friday, Dec 8, 6:30 pm, Parish Hall*

*Bring your parents and pillows. Wear your jammies if you'd like!  
Includes chips, popcorn, and drinks. ...and it's free.*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Each year, lovely Christmas decorations are provided through gifts from the congregation in memory of, or in thanksgiving for, loved ones. If you wish to make a donation, please send your check, payable to Trinity Church marked "Christmas Flowers", and the names **printed clearly** of those to be remembered, to the church office no later than **Sunday, December 17th**.



Given by:

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In memory of:

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Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVENT IS THE NEXT LITURGICAL SEASON ON THE CALENDAR, NOT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.**



**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON DOESN'T EVEN BEGIN UNTIL CHRISTMAS.**

### WAIT

Waiting, living with questions, may be how God is keeping you attentive just now. From my experience, God is more generous in giving us questions than answers. The gift of waiting: quite counter-cultural.

-Br. Curtis Almquist  
[Society of Saint John the Evangelist](#)

### SHOWING US THE WAY TO BETHLEHEM



THE PROPHETS



THE SHEPHERDS



ANGELS



MARY and JOSEPH

**HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 3 Ella Jane Dengler
- 6 Jody Tagg Dengler  
Lindsey Rast  
Robert Fitzgerald
- 7 Carrie Anderson
- 8 Christine Cook
- 10 Elizabeth Lee
- 14 Lindsay Cromwell Rims  
Andrew MacDougal
- 16 Nicholas Fiorelli  
Gail Landers
- 17 Rose Luba
- 18 Eleanor Tucker
- 19 Roger Lee  
Gary Jennings  
Bill Kincaide  
Reese Owens  
Tony Torlina
- 21 Sherry Rast
- 25 Katherine Calvert
- 27 Dena Eberman
- 29 Caroline Karceski



**TIP OF THE HAT**



- ◆ TAT for creating the 12 quilts that they took to Paul's Place.
- ◆ The Garden Club for keeping the grounds clean.
- ◆ Everyone who has returned their pledge card for 2018.
- ◆ The Vestry and all CCCB volunteers, and all Trinity folk who will attend. Working together to welcome our community to Trinity.
- ◆ Pat Pandolfini (kitchen maven) and coffee hour volunteers

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 4 Donald & Lynlee Brock
- 10 William & Jeanine Bausman
- 27 Bill & Susan Wiley
- 30 Gary & Joyce Jennings

**SNOW POLICY**

As a general rule, if there is a snow emergency, Sunday services will be cancelled as we do not want to encourage people to be on the roads when it is dangerous to drive. As soon as a decision is made, we will change the church answering machine to reflect the cancellation. If possible, we will also contact everyone on the email list with that information. The decision will be made no later than 6 a.m. on Sunday morning. For other events, contact the chairperson or check with the church office.

- Fran Stanford -

**ALTERNATIVE GIVING**

What do you give the person who has everything? How can you help someone in need during the holiday season?

Instead of buying one more tie for your dad or another bottle of perfume for your mom, make a donation in their honor to the charity of your choice. Many charities offer special packages during the holiday season. The Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D) provides one of the best as more of your gift will actually reach the people who need it the most because the administrative costs are carried by The Episcopal Church. Other alternatives include Heifer Project, Compassion Child, SERRV, and Paul's Place.

To make alternative giving easier, here are the web addresses for those named above.

- Episcopal Relief and Development (ER-D)  
<http://www.er-d.org>
- Heifer Project <http://www.heifer.org>
- SERRV <http://www.serrv.org>
- Paul's Place  
<http://www.paulsplaceoutreach.org>



**JANAURY TRUMPETER DEADLINE**

December 22, 2017  
Please email your submissions to  
[marthab28@verizon.net](mailto:marthab28@verizon.net)

**REMINDER**

Flowers can be given throughout the year in honor of special dates and in memory of loved ones. Sign the Flower Chart in the parish hall or contact the church office. The requested donation is \$40 a Sunday.

- Barb Newton-



# December 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Family Sunday</b> 8:00—Holy Eucharist 10:00—Holy Eucharist 11:00—Coffee Hour</p> 					<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00—2:00 Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar</p> 
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8:00—Holy Eucharist 9:45—Children's Worship and Sunday School 10:00—Holy Eucharist 11:00—Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>11:00—TAT</p>		<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Paul's Place Lunch</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>8:30—Steps &amp; Traditions</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Movie Night</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>6:30 pm Big Kids' Movie Night</p> 
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>8:00—Holy Eucharist 9:45—Children's Worship and Sunday School 10:00—Holy Eucharist 11:00—Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11:00—TAT</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>8:30—Steps &amp; Traditions</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Eve</b> 10:00—Holy Eucharist 11:00—Coffee Hour 5:00—Family Service 9:00—Festive Eucharist</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>6:30—Vestry</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Paul's Place Lunch</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>8:30—Steps &amp; Traditions</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>8:00—Holy Eucharist 10:00—Holy Eucharist 11:00—Coffee Hour</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Day</b> 10:00—Holy Eucharist</p> 	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>8:30—Steps &amp; Traditions</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>



# **Candy Cane Christmas Bazaar**

**December 2, 2017                      9 am to 2 pm**

**Trinity Episcopal Church**

**12400 Manor Road    Glen Arm, MD 21057**

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