

The Chimes

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"In the heart of the city, sharing the heart of Christ."

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from Pastor Megan

When I was little, I remember lighting the advent wreath in the weeks leading up to Christmas and going through the season of Lent in preparation for Easter. But other than that, the seasons of the church year didn't mean anything to me... I was much more in tune to the metrological seasons of winter, spring, summer and fall. I never really had a favorite season. I enjoyed playing in the winter snow, watching the spring flowers bloom, the summer sun and the fall campfires all equally.

As I have been trained in the liturgical calendar, I have also grown to appreciate all the seasons in the church year. The way we move from anticipation to celebration, from waiting to arrival throughout the year. The way the colors that adorn the sanctuary have meaning. I have learned to appreciate the festival of Pentecost, the significance of remembering the Saints and the patience that comes with wading through the long seasons of ordinary time. And yet, I realize that many people are not aware of the rhythms of the church year. The truth is, however we define it, we all experience different seasons of life. The writer of Ecclesiastes says it well in the popular verses from chapter 3:

*There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:*
2 *a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,*
3 *a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,*
4 *a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,*
5 *a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,*
6 *a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,*
7 *a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,*
8 *a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace.*

As we enter this new year together, may we all consider what season this could be for us as individuals, as a church, as a community. How might we open ourselves to be open to this new season and how we might share the light of Christ in new ways with new people?

One of the ways we plan to do this in the coming year is to create safe spaces for those who are disconnected from a faith community, so they might connect to one another, heal from past wounds, and find ways to grow in all areas of life and faith. Stay tuned for information on our Tuesday evening AWE experiences. These Alternative Worship Experiences will be on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in various places around the community. Yoga, singing bowls, art, meditation, nature walks and more will be involved. Please pray for this new ministry and discern who you might invite to try something new.



Worship Plan for December and January

December 26 ~ The Inn: Dwelling
 January 2 ~ Epiphany Sunday, Holy Communion
 January 9 ~ Being the Light: Well Pleased
 January 16 ~ Being the Light: Varieties of Gifts
 January 23 ~ Being the Light: You are the Body

Christmas Eve Intergenerational Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ~ 7:00 p.m. Please notice a new time for this year's Christmas Eve service...we are looking forward to celebrating Christmas together this year. The service will be led by persons of all ages and we hope to see you there!



The Turner Christmas Love Offering will go toward Freedom School, Habitat for Humanity, KAIROS, Family Promise, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen and Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Our goal is \$7,500. An envelope is included with this addition of the Chimes.

Trinity Family News & Notes . . .

January Birthdays 90 +

Paul Shin ~ January 3 ~ 91 years

Hospitalized since last Chimes

Frank Cooley, Cheryl Mueller, Jack Pugh, Lvera Sprague

Directory Update

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Trinity expresses our deepest sympathy to...

To Larry Huber and family on the death of his father, Dale Huber. Dale died on November 12.

To Sue Bennett and family on the death of her mother, Ruby Martin. Ruby died on November 20.

To the family and friends of Larry Hone. Larry died on November 27.

To the family and friends of Pam Radulovich. Pam died on December 2. Among her survivors are her husband, Steve and daughter, Randi Myers.

To the family and friends of Ralph Bennett. Ralph died on December 9. Among his survivors is his wife, Sharon.

Trinity United Methodist Church Calendar - January 2022

All events and activities listed are subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed 7:00 PM ESL	29 Church Office Closed 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen	30 Church Office Closed	31 Church Office Closed	1
2 7:30 AM To Go Breakfast 9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Radio Broadcast 1:00 PM Hispanic Worship 4:30 PM Youth Group	3 6:30 AM Monday Morning Men~Zoom 10:00 AM Monday Morning Women 5:30 PM Bible Study	4 7:00 PM ESL	5 6:45 AM Wednesday Bible Study 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 4:00 PM TOPS	6 5:30 PM Girl Scouts 7:45 PM Choir	7 7:00 PM Hispanic Worship	8
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Church Budget Status

	Monthly		Year to Date	
November 2021	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Income	\$ 26,794.17	\$ 29,142.58	\$ 294,728.00	\$ 330,438.33
Expenses	\$ 30,447.67	\$ 29,590.57	\$ 334,917.00	\$ 316,334.08
Difference +/-	- \$ 3,653.50	- \$ 447.99	- \$ 40,189.00	\$ 14,104.25



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**The Trinity Staff wishes you a
Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Safe New Year!**