

Trinity Tidings

December 2004

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SPECIAL EVENTS

December 5 Advent Event, following the 9:30am service - in thr Parish Hall
December 11 Advent retreat, 9:00am - 3:00pm - Rectory (see page 4)
December 11 Parents' afternoon off (babysitting by YAC, see page 3)
December 13 Day school Holiday concert (see page 8).
December 14 Episcopal Church Women Christmas party (see page 8)
December 19 Christmas pageant during 9:30am service

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DECEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Voices for Quality Care (3 rd Sunday)	Parish Hall	2:30pm
	AA	Parish Hall	8:00pm
Monday	Cub Scouts	Parish Hall	7:00pm
	Children's Choir	Church	5:00pm
Tuesday	Brownies	Parish Hall	6:30pm
Wednesday	AA	Room 208	Parish Hall 8:30pm
	Brownies (2 nd and 4 th Wed)	Room 200	Parish Hall 3:15pm
	Rector Readers	Rectory	8:00am
	Education for Ministry (EFM)	Rectory	7:30pm
Thursday	Boy Scouts	Room 208, Nursery	Parish Hall 7:30pm
	Adult Choir	Church	7:30pm
	Vestry (3 rd Thur)	Rector's Office	7:30pm
Saturday	CoDA	Room 208	Parish Hall 8:30am

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(w/Children's)

Chapel 2nd-5th Sunday – Parish Hall)

12:00 noon Contemporary Service

(2nd & 4th Sunday, Sept.-May)

10:45 -Fellowship & Education

Sunday School

Youth Group

Discussion Hour

Adult Bible Study

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ANNUAL ADVENT EVENT ON DECEMBER 5

Holy Trinity's annual Advent event will held on Sunday, December 5, during the Discussion Hour beginning at 10:45am. At this traditional event, the Holy Trinity family of all ages gather together in the Parish Hall to make crafts, play games and celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Everyone is invited to join in to celebrate the new Church year. It's a way for people to get to know each other in a relaxed and fun setting.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

By Susan Townsend-Gray

Holy Trinity Sunday School is gearing up for its annual Christmas pageant to be held two times this year, once on December 19, at the 9:30 service and again on January 9, at the noon service. Youth in the Church (YAC) will be organizing the program this year assisted by Susan Townsend-Gray and the Sunday School teachers.

The 2 and 3 year-old class will be our sheep. The 4 year-old class through 3rd grade classes will be shepherds and also learn Silent Night with sign language. The 4th and 5th graders and Rite 13 group will have speaking roles. We have great plans for the pageant and are excited about working with the children. We welcome who can help for any of these rehearsals. We will especially need parents to help on the Saturday rehearsal. Thanks in advance for your help and support.

We realize that this is a busy time all, so we ask that you see your child's teacher for the complete rehearsal schedule and make a commitment to have your child here for every rehearsal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ODEN BOWIE

The Rector, Vestry and congregation of Holy Trinity Church extend best wishes and congratulations to Oden Bowie on his 90th birthday.

Mr. Bowie, a lifelong member of Holy Trinity, is a past Senior Warden and Warden Emeritus

You may send greetings to him at:
4600 Fairview Vista Drive
Bowie, MD 20720-1642

PROCEEDS FROM "PARENT'S AFTERNOON OFF" TO BE USED IN SUPPORT OF ST. ANNE'S INFANT AND MATERNITY HOME

By Craig and Mary Ryan

Our YAC (Young Adults in Church), grades 10 – 12, is sponsoring a Parent's Afternoon Off on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Bring your kids, ages infants on up, to the parish hall, and a group of about 10 YAC members and 4 adults will baby sit. Go Christmas shopping, have an early dinner, or just enjoy time to yourselves and all for a good cause.

YAC will use your donations to purchase Christmas gifts for the children at St. Anne's Infant and Maternity Home and deliver them on Christmas Eve. They will also take a tour of the home.

Young people who have gone in the past were struck by the difference between their lives and the lives of these abused and neglected children.

There is no better way to teach Jesus' message of taking care of our neighbors than to take gifts to St. Ann's on Christmas Eve.

If you don't need a babysitter but would like to help out, YAC will be happy to accept donations of gifts, gift wrap, money or gift certificates. For more information please talk to any of our young adults, or Craig Ryan, or Cathy Clark .

SEMINARIAN RYAN KURATKO TO SPEND JANUARY IN MYANMAR

or "Whatever Happened to that Blonde Seminarian?"

By Ryan Kuratko

First, I wanted to let you folks first know that I have been enjoying my time at Holy Trinity, and that you have all been very warm and welcoming to me. I appreciate it, and I am excited to continue our relationship over the next two years.

I also wanted to let you know where I'll be in January so that you'll know that the 'poof' isn't the end. Pending hearing from a few more grant applications, I will be in Myanmar, the country formerly known as Burma in Southeast Asia next to Thailand. Virginia Theological Seminary has always had a strong worldwide mission connection, and for years has had a relationship with an Anglican seminary in Myanmar. I am going to experience some of what the culture and church are like halfway around the world, and hopefully I will carry some of that experience back with me.

I would be glad for your thoughts and prayers, and - you all will be in mine while I am away.

TRAINING FOR PREVENTION OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

By Tom Andrews

"Safeguarding God's Children," the training for the prevention of sexual misconduct involving children and youth, will take place for the Day School faculty and staff on Friday, March 11, 1-4 pm., and this is open to Church folks as well.

The Diocese requires that all people working with children take this course. So please spread the word that if anyone has not attended, they should do it on Mar 11. And I need to have the certificate for my file.

**ALL GOD'S CREATURES,
GREAT AND SMALL**

By Marianne Babnis

...received blessings on Saturday, October 30, in front of the church during Holy Trinity's first-ever Blessing of the Animals ceremony. Deacon Mariann Babnis welcomed 20-plus furry friends and their caregivers to the churchyard. Dogs outnumbered cats by a 2 to 1 ratio but all of the animals seemed to enjoy each other's company, and were on their best behavior!

The annual rite of animal blessings is celebrated in honor of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, each October – the month in which the saint's feast day occurs. The ceremony reminds us that we all are part of God's creation, and honors those creatures whom God has entrusted to our care.

In addition to parishioners and their pets, several foster families and representatives from the Prince George's County animal shelter attended with their charges. Participants brought bags and cans of food for the animals who are in foster care.

**TAKE TIME OUT!
FOR AN ADVENT RETREAT**

By Marianne Babnis

By the time December rolls around we may feel caught on a runaway train, steaming ever faster toward Christmas and the New Year. While our secular calendars remind us how many shopping days there are 'til Christmas, our Advent calendars speak of a time of waiting and watching for new birth. As Christians we are called to pause in our head-long rush toward the holidays, and wait in quiet anticipation for the coming of Jesus.

One way to take a break from hectic holiday preparation is to participate in an Advent Retreat on Saturday, December 11, in the Rectory. The Rev. Mariann Babnis will lead participants in a contemplative reading of the four Gospels for Advent.

The day will be structured around the ancient art of *lectio divina* - a slow, contemplative praying of the Scriptures that enables the Bible, the Word of God, to become a means of union with God. Each gospel is read out three times, followed by a period of silence where all may journal and/or meditate on God's Word. Then the group joins together to share how the scripture has spoken to each of them. The day will begin and end with a prayer service.

The Advent Retreat will run from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Participants are asked to bring their own lunches. Beverages and snacks will be served. Since space is limited sign-up will be on a first-come, first-served basis for a total of 12 members. If you are interested in attending or have additional questions please contact Mariann at m_babnis@yahoo.com, or call the parish office.

**COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY
NEEDS HELP**

The Communications Ministry team has organized under the leadership of Bob Laurenson. The goal is analyzing the flow of information between the vestry and the congregation, within the congregation, with the community, and between the congregation and day school. The Communications Ministry is looking for one or two people to join us as we take a comprehensive look at the ways Holy Trinity communicates, and make recommendations to improve the situation. The only skill required is a commitment to work for improvement, but any communications experience would be an added bonus. Please contact Bob or Dan Howe (vestry liaison).

STEWARDSHIP IN DECEMBER

By Tom Lackey

Vestry Liaison to Stewardship Ministry

December has always been a time of giving gifts and reflecting on gifts given to us by others. The Stewardship Ministry is now trying to wrap up our Financial Commitment Program for 2005. Volunteers for the Stewardship Ministry will make calls this month who have not pledged before and might be likely to make a pledge for the coming year. If you have not yet pledged, forms are available in the back of the sanctuary and can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or delivered to the church office by mail or during regular business hours.

If you have not yet finished making your payments under a pledge for this year, please do so as soon as possible. If the Church does not receive your 2004 funds for deposit this year, you will not receive the tax deduction benefit for this year. This is a good time to also consider a remembrance to Holy Trinity Church as part of your estate planning.

The Finance Committee of Holy Trinity has been collecting requests from groups connected with the church concerning their projected financial needs for the coming year. New areas of funding requests include additional financing for the funding for the position of youth minister, increased support for Sunday School, mission and evangelism programs, and reserves for building repairs such as the roof, and improvements such as electrical upgrades.

The Vestry at its meeting in early January, will adopt a budget based on a prioritized list of requests matched with the financial commitments made for 2005. The approved budget will then be reviewed with the congregation at the annual meeting.

Thank you all for making this a wonderful and exciting year at Holy Trinity! Your continued support with your time, talents and treasures will help our church further God's work through us and through Holy Trinity.

ACOLYTES TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

By Michal Baird and Julie Gordon

The Worship Committee has made some important changes to the acolyte duties at Holy Trinity. Acolytes will no longer be required to serve at 8:00 a.m. At 9:30 a.m. the crucifier and torch-bearers will now join the Gospel procession in addition to their current duties. Acolytes play a valuable role in the church service and we look forward to these important changes in service provided by our young people.

We also want to extend a big welcome to the following new acolytes: Cara Hamel, David Bowen and Kaitlyn Townsend-Gray. We are always ready to welcome new members to the wonderful group of young people. Youth, grades 3 - 12, who are interested in acolyting at the 9:30 a.m. services, please contact Julie Gordon (flash@acm.org), or Michal Baird (kruberg2@comcast.net). Training is provided.

ECW'S CRAFT SHOW A SUCCESS

By Rose Longmire, ECW President

Holy Trinity's twenty-sixth Annual Craft Show and Country Kitchen was a success in spite of a marked decrease in the number of volunteers. When we do God's work, He is always there to lift us up when we get weary, encourage us when we think we cannot accomplish what must be done, and bless us for having the faith that through Him all things are possible. A few accomplished the work of many but we missed a good opportunity to foster better communication and more fellowship between parishioners. I sincerely appreciate and thank everyone who supported the craft show in any capacity this year and in all the previous years.

Another year has come and gone so quickly and, I thank God for all the wonderful people who continue to help and support us in our work here at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church can only continue to work for the Church, the parishioners and community through the help and support of many.

ADVENT IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF CHURCH YEAR

By Arleen Dale Kirtland

As the Thanksgiving meal is cleared, many folks begin to think of Christmas shopping and the busy times ahead as the world counts down to Christmas Day. But for the Church, the countdown begins on that Sunday, the first day of the Advent Season (and the first Sunday of the church year). This is the beginning of the season of waiting, of peaceful contemplation, and of preparing ourselves and our Church community for the fulfillment of God's promises.

Purple is the Color of Advent – Beginning on the first Sunday in Advent, the color of the hangings on the altar will be purple, as they are in Lent. In this instance, purple is the color of penance and repentance as well as the symbol of the coming of the King. Our liturgy will change and the themes of waiting, of the Kingdom that is here and of the Kingdom that is coming, and community and self-preparation will be manifest.

“Sleepers Awake” is familiar hymn of Advent - We will sing a familiar and joyful hymn, “Sleepers Awake,” on that first Advent Sunday. The children of light are called to awaken to God's promise come true, the return of our Bridegroom, Christ (Matthew 25:6, 8-10). Both words and tune are familiar, but most especially, as the Bach Cantata, *Wachet auf*.

“Sleepers Awake,” was written by Philipp Nicolai in the mid 1550's. The son of a Lutheran pastor, Nicolai was educated at university and served the church in many roles. In 1597-98, he served as pastor in Unna, Germany. The town became a victim of the plague, which took the lives of 1,400 inhabitants. The scene of continual burials in the church cemetery deeply saddened Nicolai. He turned to Augustine's, *The City of God*, and the contemplation of eternal life. He published a treatise called “Joyful Mirror of the Eternal Life” which contained our hymn. It also contained, “O Morning Star”, another vastly popular hymn.

Wreath and Jesse Tree as symbols of Advent - *There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse.* Isaiah 11:1. Something different for Advent? A Jesse Tree?

Advent wreaths are a common symbol for keeping the season in Christian homes and churches, with a candle lit on each of the four Sundays of Advent and one in the center on Christmas.

Another way of marking the days of this special season is to make a Jesse Tree. It is one decorated with symbols that portray the spiritual heritage of Jesus. There are symbols for each day and they recount the many stories that make up the Promise.

The Jesse Tree was one of my children's favorites. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we would cut a small bush with lots of branches and place it in a colorful pot to hold the 29 ornaments. It would stand desolate and bare until, day by day as we told the stories and hung the colorful ornaments, it came to life as a wonderful symbol of the Light coming into the barrenness of our world and a wonderful way for people to hear the stories of God's interaction with His people!

Books available on symbols of Advent - There are small books available that contain the symbols and stories ready to cut out and hang on a small tree. They can be purchased through Holy Trinity's web site at the virtual bookstore and through the internet. Doing a search on Google gave me many sites such as www.cresourcei.org/jesse.html to visit that have interesting ideas for making and using Jesse Trees as well as the stories and symbols.

HOLY TRINITY ORNAMENTS OFFERED FROM HUNGER COMMITTEE

Holy Trinity Ornaments are available after services on Sundays through December for \$12 each or \$10 each for two or more. Each gold-toned ornament comes in a red velvet box and makes a wonderful gift for any occasion. All proceeds go to hunger relief. For more info, please contact Verena Smith or any Hunger Committee member.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE VESTRY

By Gerry Perez

Additional funding for noon service - The Vestry in the ongoing process of living into Holy Trinity's Mission - "Building an open community that connects people to God and their ministries", supported expanding the noon service to twice a month and unanimously approved adding approximately \$3,000 to the current year's budget for the organization and the musical support necessary for the service.

Local advertising during Lent -The Vestry is considering a Diocesan offer to provide local advertising during the Lenten Season at local theaters during intermission . The cost of the ads produced by the diocese, and customized for Holy Trinity would be shared with the Diocese, and any local churches that would be interested.

Evangelism program in January - The vestry has endorsed the Via Media Episcopal evangelism program to be run here in Jan. through March. The Via Media program is an eight-week series of meetings that explores the basics of Christian faith and specific aspects of the Anglican way. Each session includes a video presentation that features a round table discussion on the chosen subject of the night by noted Anglican pastors, theologians and lay people with a wide diversity of ethnicity and backgrounds. After the film there will be small-group time where questions are welcomed and discussed.

New church sign -The Building and Grounds and the Evangelism ministries are looking at various signs for the church. The key consideration is visibility, but other considerations are cost, attractiveness, changeable letters or fixed, landscaping, and lighting. Look for an upcoming Sunday Discussion period to discuss as more details are known.

Holy Trinity supports Interfaith Coalition of PG County, - The Interfaith Action Communities (IAC) has re-organized under a new governance organization call the Interfaith Coalition of Prince George's County. It will continue to be a place for faith and local interest groups to join together to tackle issues of social justice and local concerns in the county.

Holy Trinity has taken part in the formation of the Interfaith Coalition. The vestry approved Holy Trinity's becoming a member and agreed to annual dues of \$750. If you are interested in the work of this ministry, and would like to know more, or see this as a group to be involve with, please see Fr. Tom, or Gerry for details.

Increase in Professional Staff -Based on recommendations made in the Strategic Plan, and after considering the needs of the parish, the Personnel and Administration Ministry has concluded that it is necessary to increase Holy Trinity's professional staff size. Fr. Tom Andrews and the P&A Ministry are in the process of determining in what areas additional staff should be added. The Finance Ministry and the Stewardship Ministry will also be involved as they are beginning work on the 2005 budget.

Holy Trinity's support asked in court action - The Vestry is considering a request made by the plaintiffs in a Maryland court action to show support (by signature, not financially) of an action regarding same sex relationships. The vestry discussed if signatures meant individual support or group support; as well as whether support implied agreement. No decision was reached, and discussion was tabled pending diocesan guidance, as the request had been sent to the diocese as well.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN
CHRISTMAS PARTY DEC 14**

Rose Longmire, president of Holy Trinity's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) invites all women of Holy Trinity to the annual ECW Christmas Party on Dec 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Marjorie Kreutter.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship and to become better acquainted with other women in the church. Please come and bring a dessert to share - or just come and share a dessert.

Marge's address is 4400 Oakview Lane, Bowie, To get to her home from Rt 450, turn on Racetrack Road, and proceed to Overbrook, turn right and proceed to Oakview.

**NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY
IN THE WORKS!**

Imagine what it would be like to know all of our members & their families easily!

The Parish Life Ministry has arranged with Olan Mills to publish the 2005 directory. Please watch upcoming bulletins and the Jan. Tidings for photography "sitting" times, but the following dates have been reserved for us: Wed., Jan., 19 (4-9:30 p.m.), Fri., Feb. 4 (4-9:30 p.m.) and Sat., Feb. 5 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

In order to bring our church family closer together, we would like EVERYONE's picture in new directory. Please help us achieve our goal of 100% participation. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Nelson, by phone or at

drbvnelson@juno.com

**HOLY TRINITY DAY SCHOOL ANNUAL
HOLIDAY CONCERT, DEC. 13**

The day school will hold its annual holiday concert on Monday, December 13 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. All are welcome to attend this festive evening of holiday favorites performed by the middle school's student musicians. Admission is free. For more information, please contact the middle school office at 301-464-3215.

**DAY SCHOOL SET GOAL OF \$65,000 IN
LABOR OF LOVE CAMPAIGN**

The day school's *Labor of Love Annual Giving Campaign* is underway for 2004-2005. The campaign provides funds for areas that enhance the educational environment for students, including technology, the fine arts, physical education, the Media Center collection and services, and professional development for faculty. Information about the campaign was mailed to all members of the congregation in early November. The day school invites members of the congregation to join the Board of Governors, school families, alumni, faculty, and staff as we strive to reach our fund raising goal of \$65,000. For additional details about the campaign, please contact the development office of the school at 301-464-3215.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Everyone is invited to the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Temple Solel, 2901 Mitchellville Road, on Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

The theme of the service is "Creating Hope Where We Can" with the prayers, readings and music taken from a variety of faith traditions.

Children of participating congregations, including Holy Trinity, are invited to come to Temple Solel at 4:30 pm on the 24th to make decorations for the service. Following a pizza supper from about 6-6:30, the children will practice a couple of simple songs that they will sing during the service.

The kids' activities will be led by the Rev. Caroline Fairless, new Rector of St. James', Bowie, and nationally recognized director of the Children at Worship, Congregations in Bloom Foundation. Plan to attend and bring a non-perishable food item for the Bowie Pantry.

SECURITY AND ADVENT

By The Rev. Tom Andrews

Since 9/11 “security” has been made much of by politicians and others seeking to make us feel safe. But when have Christians been promised physical security? In the early Church it is evident that they did not even expect it! Their security, their true life, was rooted in God; and neither the daily insecurities of the decaying Roman Empire, nor the organized persecution which followed later, could affect their basic confidence.

The description which Christ gave of the days that were to come before his return is more accurately reproduced today in this fear-ridden age than ever before in human history. Of course we do not know the times and the seasons, but at least we can refuse to be deceived by the current obsession for physical security in the here-and-now.

While we continue to pray and work for the spread of the Kingdom in this transitory world, we know that its center of gravity is not here at all. When God decides that the human experiment has gone on long enough, yes, even in the midst of what appears to us confusion and incompleteness, Christ will come again.

This is what the New Testament teaches. This is the message of Advent. It is for us to be alert, vigilant and industrious, so that his coming will not be a terror but an overwhelming joy.

ISLAM, RELIGION, HISTORY, AND CIVILIZATION, IS NEXT BOOK SELECTION FOR RECTORY READERS_

The Rectory Readers is a newly organized group of people who get together each Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Rectory (hence the name), to have a light breakfast (you should try Joan Trisko’s homemade wild plum jelly) and read and discuss books that are in some way related to religion. The group will start reading *Islam, Religion, History, and Civilization*, by Seyyed Hossein Nasr, on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Dr. Nasr was born in Tehran, Iran, and is a professor of Islamic studies at George Washington University.

The best time to join is when the group is starting a new book. So, please join us, and let Harold Sandy (301-262-6463) know so he can order a book for you.

SELECTION OF THE NEXT HEAD OF HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

As of the *Tidings* deadline the search process had not been completed for the next head of Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School (HTEDS). But by the time you receive this newsletter a new head will have been selected and Holy Trinity Church and Day School will have been notified of the selection by mail.

With the selection process completed the Search Committee would like to offer a huge thank you to the Advisory Committee for their valuable input to this process!

After three finalists visited the school in November, met with Mrs. Reiber, Father Tom Andrews, members of the Administration team, and others, the Search Committee met with the Board of Governors to make a recommendation for the next head of Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School.

Members of the Search Committee are Mary Ryan, chair, Father Tom Andrews, Stephanye Maxwell, Kathy Murphy, Alison Lavigne, Dave Nelson, James Robinson, Cindy Brumfield, and Cathy Nyce. Members of the Advisory Committee are John Reger, Chair, faculty/staff representatives Kelly Arch, Kellie Houston, Erica Nelson, Pam Polk, Pat Winebrenner and Jen Wood, parent representatives Charles Coleman, Bridnetta Edwards, Gary Gadson, and Stephanie Pinkney, church representative Harold Sandy and alumni representative Rick Anderson.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE

8:00 A.M

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Dec. 5	S. Fallon V. Esmacher	J. Diggs	S. Cone		T. Kirby R. Curbelo
Dec. 12	J. Scott B. Spehr	S. Cone	J. Diggs		R. Trisko H. Tucker
Dec. 19	S. Bower R. Curbelo	S. Esmacher	S. Allen		L. Anderson T. Kirby
Dec. 26	P. Ballish C. Wehrenberg	R. Longmire	S. Gilbert		R. Curbelo H. Tucker

9:30 A.M.

Date	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic Minister	Acolyte	Usher
Dec. 5	C. Bell A. Zarate	K. Kirtland	T. Cloutier M. Ryan	W. Gordon, (Crucifer) R. Bowen, J. Judd	B. Kallal A. Sparks
Dec. 12	M. Bell A. Beckley	L. Eisenhart	T. Lackey D. Leilich	A. Jarmon, (Crucifer) G. Blancke, G. Sparks	M. Powell R. Stimpert
Dec. 19	K. Wenzel E. Chamberlain	J. Findlay	S. McGeiver D. Clark	D. Nelson, (Crucifer) G. Blancke, C. Hamel	R. Blass A. Beckley
Dec. 26 Lessons & Carols	T. Jones W. Jarmon	L. Zarate	R. Beckley C. Harman	W. Gordon, (Crucifer) R. Bowen, J. Judd	K. Kirtland J. Walker

CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Time	Lector	Intercessor	Eucharistic	Acolyte	Usher
Dec. 24 5:00 p.m.			S. Gilbert E. Mauer		
Dec. 24 7:00 p.m.		J. Diggs	D. Robinson D. Clark	D. Townsend-Gray (Crucifer), A. Nelson, D. Nelson	G. Perez K. Kowalewski
Dec. 24 10:00 pm		R. Stimpert	T. Cloutier S. Cone	S. Spehr (Crucifer) S. Cloutier, H. Cloutier	
Dec. 25 10:00am	J. Trisko			TBA	R. Trisko

*Altar Guild: December 1-15: Nancy Diggs, Bess Sharland
December -16-31: Nancy Smith, Betty Scott,
Marcia Edelschein*

*Acolytes are responsible for finding
a substitute if they cannot service*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

8:00 Holy Eucharist - Rite I (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)

9:30 Holy Eucharist - Rite II (healing prayer on 2nd Sunday)

Nursery care provided for your infant, 9:15a.m – noon, for those who wish it

Children's Chapel - Ages 3-6. - Parish hall (except 1st Sunday: Children attend church with their families).

10:45 Fellowship & Refreshments –Start in the parish hall and then on to:

11:00 Education Hour – (September-mid-June)

Programs run concurrently and you may choose which one to attend.

Sunday School - various rooms in the Parish Hall

Rite 13 - Ages 12-13 - in the rectory

Journey to Adulthood (J2A) Ages 14-15 - in the rectory

Youth Adults in Church (YAC) Ages 16+ - in the rectory

Discussion Hour - Topics of current interest and fellowship in an informal setting*

Bible Study - Room 204 (September -June)

12:00 Holy Eucharist -Contemporary Service (Second and fourth Sunday, Sept-May)

DISCUSSION HOUR PROGRAMS*

Please visit our website at www.edow.org/holytrinitybowie , look in the Sunday bulletin, or call the church office for updated information. The Discussion Hour schedule is updated frequently.

November 28 - Giving And Receiving: Two Sides Of The Same Coin – Marianne Babnis

December 5 – Advent Event

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24 – 5:00 p.m. – Children's Service

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist (Children's Choir)

10:00p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Adult Choir)

December 25 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

December 26 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. – Lessons and Carols (Adult Choir)

GIVING AND RECEIVING: TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN

Sunday Discussion Hour for November 28

By Marianne Babnis

Our culture teaches us to be generous, yet self-reliant. We love the good feeling that comes with helping someone in need. Yet when we are the ones in distress, how hard is it for us to ask for the assistance we desire? Come to Sunday Discussion on November 28 for a discussion of these issues. We'll talk about why it is important to voice our needs; how to go about asking for help; and how to offer help in a way that meets the needs of the recipient. We'll also look to the Bible for examples of how to ask for and receive the help we need. If you've ever been frustrated when someone refuses your assistance, or if you've ever not known how to ask for help, this session is for you. That should include just about all of us at one time or another!