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Miracle At Midnight

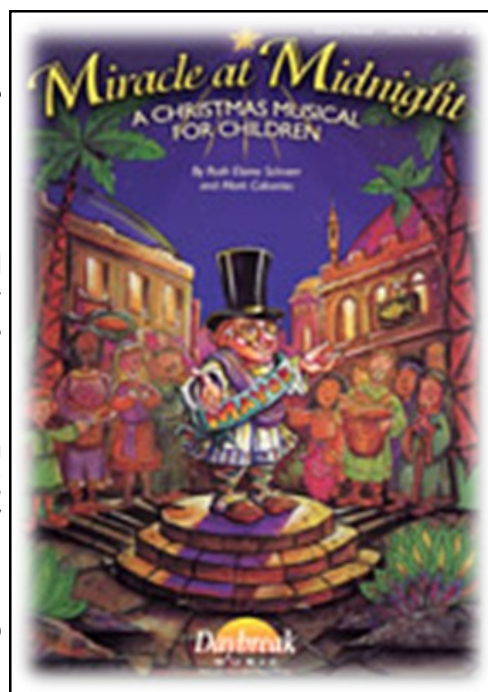
By Kerry Calverley

We hope that you will make all efforts to come and join us in worship on Sunday morning, December 11 at our regular starting time, 10:00am. You will experience some special moments of the Christmas Season, as our youth theater, adult choir and praise band will capture the essence of what Christmas is all about!

Our younger children will be presenting a very special Miracle at Midnight. It takes place on a normal (or so everyone thinks!) day in Bethlehem. Mayor Mayer, with his assistant Snidley announce that Caesar Augustus has proclaimed a census and everyone must come up with the tax they must pay. Outside of Bethlehem, however, there are many questions about this large star, and where it is leading to. The town, is all in a scuttle, when they hear about this new baby that is born. Please come and share in the magic, as if it was the first time you have heard of this new Messiah.

The Sanctuary Choir will be presenting a couple numbers from Vivaldi's Gloria, accompanied once again by a talented string group from Timberline High School. Also, they will be joined by our praise band members for some other special music.

There will also be a couple other surprises that Sunday, all followed by a cookie and punch reception afterwards. It promises to be a special morning of worship.



CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

Christmas Season Services:
December 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
10:00 a.m.

Mission Holiday Tea:
December 3rd - 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert & Luncheon
December 8th - 12:00 noon
Catered luncheon
with Special musical guest, Sean Rogers

Musical Celebration:
December 11th - 10 a.m.
Featuring our children's theater production,
Sanctuary choir, Praise Band.

Dorociak Open House
December 18th - 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Services - December 24th
5:00 p.m. Family Worship Service
8:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service
With Communion

Musings . . . By Pastor Joe

I was re-reading a passage I used in the message His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor. It was, Matthew 13:53-57(NIV) ⁵⁴ Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. ⁵⁵ "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers ...? ⁵⁶ Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" ⁵⁷

The answer to their own question should have been obvious- if Jesus didn't get his wisdom the normal way - passed down from his father or mother or through the influence of his family, and friends, then where did he get "all these things.?" There were only two options left- either he got these things, from God or he got it from the evil one. Sadly, they concluded that Jesus got "these things" from the devil. As I re-read the passage... I thought what sad commentary on the community about itself. Here is one of their best and brightest, the only famous person to come from their town yet they deny any responsibility for his spiritual development. It is sad because all studies prove that the greatest spiritual influence on the lives of children as they develop into adults, is family and friends. Faith and spiritual development of a person do not occur in a vacuum, but in community. To conclude that Jesus did not get his wisdom and power from God is an admission of their guilt or failure to ⁶ Teach your children right from wrong, and when they are grown they will still do right. Proverbs 22:6 (CEV) Deniability may be a great way to salve an embarrassed conscience, but it does reinforce the responsibility of the faith community to nurture the faith and spiritual development of children. The irony is that Nazareth must have done a really great job in raising Jesus as child up in the way he should go because when he got older he did not part from it.

MEET TRINITY'S NEW FAMILY MINISTER

By Pastor Joe

The Rev. Judy McKay has been approved by the Session as our new Parrish Associate Teaching Elder, whose primary responsibilities will be working with our Head of Staff, our Ruling Elders in charge of Children, Youth, and Fellowship, and our CLP Tom Rasmussen in developing an effective Family Ministry. She will officially start January 1, 2012. Judy is a retired Presbyterian pastor of over 35 years in active ministry. You may have seen Judy helping with our Children's Theater, and singing in the adult Choir. Judy has a heart for reaching children and growing healthy families of all types, from single parent to traditional, and everything in between. We are excited and blessed to have Judy as a point person as we seek to nurture families in faith and personal development.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

By Susan Fry

Sunday School Update: We will be starting new curriculum in January. I will update you in the next In Touch on what your children will be studying. Because of the Children's Musical and Christmas Music Program on December 11, there will be no Sunday School. Also there will be no Sunday School on December 25 and January 1.

MOMS GROUP

By Melissa Hartman

MOMS GROUP: The next MOMS group meeting will be held Sunday, December 11th from 5-7 PM. We will be coming together for a pizza and a Christmas mug exchange. Bring a mug and join in the fun! There will also be crafts for children. If you are a mother, please join us. Nursery care is available. Please contact Sheila Giffen at 333-0543 with any questions.

ADVENT SERMON SERIES: AND HE SHALL BE CALLED

December 4th:

Mighty Touch

John 1:1-14

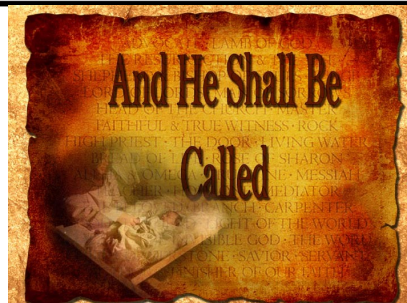
December 11th:

Christmas Musical

December 18th:

Everlasting Father

John 10:25-30



December 24th:

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6

December 25th:

Names of Christ

ANGEL TREE

By Barbara Campbell

If you look closely, you may notice some colorful red and green Christmas Angels hanging from the Christmas tree in the lobby. This is the Mission Committee's annual Christmas Angel project for Chrysalis Transitional Living, a drug and alcohol recovery program for women. There are 40 women in the program and each woman receives a gift. Each Angel represents a gift; on the back of the angel is a description of the details of the gift. This year we will be buying the women pajamas or night gowns! All unwrapped items need to be back at Trinity no later than Sunday, December 18th. Our Mission committee will deliver the gifts to the Chrysalis House living facility.



What we are asking the members and friends of Trinity to do is to take an angel or two from the tree and go shopping for these women who are trying very hard to make positive changes in their lives. The Mission committee would like to thank everyone for letting the Chrysalis women know they are thought of with love and concern this Christmas season.

2ND WIND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & CONCERT

By Lee Hicks

On Thursday, December 8th, the 2nd Wind group will meet at noon for a special Christmas luncheon, catered by Radeans. Enjoy Chicken Cordon Bleu with mushroom sauce, rice pilaf, salad, rolls and end your meal by sampling some scrumptious assorted Christmas cookies! The cost is \$8.00 per person and you must RSVP to the church office at 336-0665 for reservations. The Sages group from Southminster Presbyterian Church are invited to join us along with anyone else that you'd like to invite! All Young at Hearts folks are welcome too!

Following our luncheon will be a special Christmas concert held in the sanctuary. Our special guest performer will be Mr. Sean Rogers who is presently the Minister of Music at the Nampa Presbyterian Church. Sean has 4 Bachelor Degrees from the College of Idaho and has taught there the last 3 years. He frequently performs in small churches all over Idaho. Sit back and enjoy some wonderful Christmas music on both the piano and organ.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

By Lee Hicks

A Cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930's, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. We as Presbyterian call ourselves a connectional church because we are intentional about sticking together.

One dramatic way in which we "connect" is by giving generously to special offerings such as the Christmas Joy Offering. Money given by Presbyterians across the country during the Christmas season is evenly split evenly between two groups. It has helped both active and retired ministers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and their families in times of unusual need through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. Christmas Joy funds have also provided scholarship assistance to hundreds of minority students otherwise unable to access the educational benefits of the 8 racial ethnic schools and colleges of the PC(USA).

In order to continue providing this kind of direct and much-needed assistance, the Christmas Joy offering depends on continued and increased support from congregations like ours! Of the 16 Presbyterian Churches in the Boise Presbytery, last year Trinity Church gave the 3rd highest amount, at \$2,603.



TRINITY TREASURES

By Annette Slaybaugh

November and December are busy months for the children at Trinity Treasures. The annual Thanksgiving Feast was held on Friday, November 18 and was a huge success. Parents joined their children for a delicious meal that was a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy along with green beans and fruit made for a wonderful feast. This was all topped off with pumpkin pie or chocolate pudding. This is one of the most popular events for TT families and a long standing tradition.

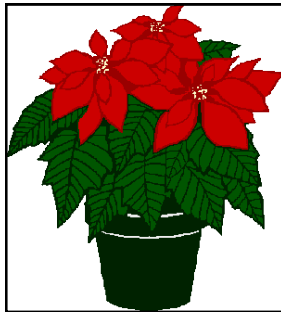
This year the children are going to present a Christmas program to their families. The much anticipated event is scheduled for December 15th. Everyone is excited about the program which will include singing and a short play. A visit from Santa Claus will follow and you may even find a candy cane or two around. The teachers are working hard to make this a memorable event!

Parent conferences were held in November for those parents of the 2's, 3's, 4's and pre-K children that wished to participate. There was a lot of parental interest in the conferences and they went very well. The staff have received their TT shirts and will now be wearing them each day to help identify them as TT staff. And, the new TT web site has been launched. The address remains trinitytreasuresboise.org and is a part of the church web site. The two sites are integrated now and the new look is great!

POINSETTIA'S

By Margaret Mitchell

Christmas is the time of year that have our annual sale of poinsettia plants to decorate our Sanctuary. We will begin the sales on November 20th through December 4th. We will use live plants to decorate the church on Sunday, December 11th for our annual afternoon Christmas program. The plants will be available for pick up any time after the program. You can buy a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one and those names will be listed on a special insert on Christmas Eve. You can also request that your poinsettia be delivered to a specific person, hospital or nursing home. Watch for the order forms in your bulletin.



Call Margaret Mitchell at 559-0317 or e-mail her at mamitchell75@yahoo.com with any questions.

DOROCIAC OPEN HOUSE

By Pastor Joe

You're invited to Pastor Joe's & Nancy Dorociak's annual open house on Sunday, December 18th at their home located at 2155 Ridgepoint Way in Warm Springs Mesa (maps available in church office) anytime between 5:00 - 8:00 p.m..

Come wish one another Merry Christmas and bring a dozen cookies to share. All extra cookies will be given to the Boise Rescue Mission.



TRINITY'S FOOD DRIVE FOR THE IDAHO FOOD BANK

Trinity's annual food drive to support the Idaho Food Bank continues through December 11th! You'll notice that there are food barrels both in the church commons area and by the entrance to Trinity Treasures. This helps to provide food to the less fortunate members of our community during the holidays.

There are more needy families than ever before in the Treasure Valley. You can help them by donating non-perishable food or canned items such as: soup, stew, canned meats, chili, tomato sauce, canned evaporated milk, non fat dry milk, peanut butter & jams. Starches such as cereals, oatmeal, rice, potatoes and pasta are helpful too. Items specific to the holidays such as canned pumpkin, yams or stuffing are good as well. They also would like desserts such as boxed cake or brownie mixes. The food bank will not accept jars of baby food. You may also make a monetary donation with a check made out the Trinity with "Food Bank" written in the notation line. Thank you for your help to those in need this holiday season.

FUSED YOUTH GROUP

By Jesse Fadel
McCall is calling! Don't get "owned" by boredom this January - join us for winter camp at Quaker Hill and get ready for an incredible experience! This year's theme is "owned" by the gospel and we are partnering with several churches and



Christian organizations to put together a weekend that might possibly change your life!! **Jr. High Camp** for youth in grades 6th - 8th is January 6th - 8th. **High School Camp** for youth in grades 9th - 12th is January 20th - 22nd.

Register before December 18th for the early registration cost of \$109. The cost includes transportation to and from McCall, all meals and lodging at Quaker Hill retreat center, a great band and speaker for 4 sessions, snow games, tubing (high school), inflatables (Jr. high), x-country skiing, snowshoeing, indoor games, and a youth-designed t-shirt. Registrations will be available online starting in December.

This year's camp speakers are BJ Coffee - a veteran youth worker and lead pastor from Portland, Or., and Dave Jones - a conference speaker, educator, and counselor from Boise. Both men will teach us Biblical truths and lead us closer to God's plan for us - to be "owned" by the gospel. Make a decision to step forward in your faith and join us for "Owned" 2012 Winter Camp. You won't be disappointed. Invite your friends and get ready for a blast!

YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Trinity. There is always free pizza, fun times, worship, and great Biblical discussions. Come check it out!

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **Winter Camps - Save the Dates!**

We're heading to McCall, Idaho in January! Jr. High will be going, January 6th - 8th and Sr. High will be going January 20th - 22nd.

CONGREGATIONAL HAPPENINGS OUTSIDE OF TRINITY

Our congregants are busy, active people that are involved outside of Trinity in many ways! This month you can find Linda Schmidt who sings in both Trinity's Sanctuary choir and the Whitney Chorale, at a Christmas Craft fair. This fair is in support of the Whitney Chorale and runs on Friday & Saturday, December 2nd & 3rd from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. & 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. It will be held at Whitney United Methodist Church located at 3315 Overland Rd..

Trinity's Alumni theater kids, Jillian DiNucci & Katy Semple are performing in Knock Em' Dinner Theaters production of "The Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever" through December 17th.

NOVEMBER SESSION SUMMARY

by Susan Hartmann, Clerk of Session
Session met on November 21st.

Treasurer Elder: Terry Calnon reported that he is still waiting for the funds from Barbara Spencer's estate to be dispersed.

Building and Grounds, Elder: Jan Bissey reported that the burned out light bulbs were replaced in the Sanctuary. Jan's wonderful volunteers who assisted him were Chuck Bauman, Bill Drake, Brian Gable, Steve Gross & Bill Solt.

Worship Elder: Margaret Mitchell's motion, to allow Judy McKay to fill the pulpit on January 1st, 2012 was approved. Margaret reported that cookies and appetizers will be provided following the Christmas program on December 11th.

Christian Education, Adult Elder: Tom Rasmussen reported that the Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study will meet through December 14 and resume January 11, 2012. Deb Whitaker's Wednesday evening home Bible Study is studying, The Christmas Carol, November 23rd - December 14th. Deb's next study will begin in January.

Christian Education, Jr. High-College Elder: Stewart Wilder, reported that the FUSED Youth meetings will be held at Trinity on Wednesday nights from 7 - 8:30 p.m.. Jr. High and Sr. High Winter camps are scheduled for January. He also reported that the Trunk or Treat youth Haunted room and activities were successful with lots of youth involvement and creativity.

Trinity Treasures Elder: Annette Slaybaugh reported that staff reviews are being conducted. Work is in progress on the 2012 T.T. budget. Trinity Treasures received a Certificate of Program Excellence from Nutrition Works, the state Child & Adult Care Food Program for the fiscal year 2011. This award is in recognition of successfully fulfilling all the food program requirements. It is a big commitment to be a part of the program and to keep current all the requirements and regulations, resulting in the children being provided with healthy, nutritious meals presented in a child friendly environment. Annette's motion, to approve the size and shape of the new Trinity Treasures sign, was approved.

Session approved the motion to recommend to the COM for approval the Rev. Judy A. McKay as a temporary Parish Associate Teaching Elder with Trinity Presbyterian Church

	Current Month Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Trinity Presbyterian Church			
Revenues			
	\$	\$	\$
Pledges	15,713	153,749	182,875
Loose Plate	6,527	55,430	40,677
Other	2,647	50,213	38,507
Total Revenue	24,887	259,392	262,059
Expenses			
Missions	0	6,000	6,000
Stewardship	0	455	600
Evangelism	0	876	2,012
Education - Adult	0	461	1,000
Education - to 6th Grade	(200)	835	1,800
Education-Youth	0	846	1,750
Membership	(38)	1,633	2,409
Worship	229	2,321	1,897
Admin/Finance	6,719	53,061	60,888
Maintenance	5,880	40,041	39,790
Personnel	13,775	143,259	144,345
Total Expenses	26,365	249,788	262,491
Total TPC Operating Income	(1,478)	9,604	(432)
Trinity Treasures			
Revenue			
Revenue - all sources	46,901	503,814	472,970
Expenses			
Salaries	31,222	304,329	306,000
Other Expenses	17,701	165,630	154,990
Transfer to Reserves	0	10,698	0
Total TT Operating Income	(2,022)	23,157	11,980
Total Combined Operating Income	(\$ 3,500)	\$ 32,761	\$ 11,548

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

Update as of October 31st, 2011:

Pledges Received:	\$ 14,247
Principle & Interest Paid	<u>\$(17,440)</u>
Difference	<u>\$(3,194)</u>
Beginning Fund Balance	<u>\$31,093</u>
Cash Available	<u>\$27,899</u>
Working Capital Loan - Gen Fd	<u>\$35,000</u>
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$62,899</u>

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:15 a.m. Women's Breakfast	2 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast	3 1 pm. Mission Christmas Tea
4 8:45 a.m. Adult study in the library 10 a.m. Worship & Church School	5	6 5:30 pm. Yoga 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #161	7 9:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6 p.m. Praise Band Practice 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Deb Whitaker's house 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 7 p.m. Youth Group at Trinity	8 7:15 a.m. Women's Breakfast 12:00 2nd Wind Christmas Luncheon and concert	9 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast	10 9:30 Children's Christmas pro- gram rehearsal
11 8:45 a.m. Adult study in the library 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Reception following Christmas program 5:00 p.m. MOMS group	12 7 p.m. Deacon Meeting	13 5:30 pm. Yoga 7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #161	14 9:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6 p.m. Praise Band Practice 6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study at Deb Whitaker's house 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir 7 p.m. Youth Group at Trinity	15 7:15 a.m. Women's Breakfast	16 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast	17
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Upcoming Events

MISSION TEA

Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., plan on attending the 6th annual Mission Christmas tea. Cost is \$15 per person and all proceeds benefit Mission team projects. Take a moment to sit down and relax during the holiday season while enjoying some wonderful teas & treats!

2ND WIND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AND CONCERT

Join us on Thursday, December 8th at noon for a catered luncheon from Radeans followed by a Christmas concert by Sean Rogers. Cost is \$8 per person and you must RSVP by Tuesday, 12/6 to the church office at 336-0665.

TRINITY'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Come enjoy Trinity's children's theater production of "Miracle at Midnight" and songs from our Sanctuary choir on Sunday, December 11th at 10 a.m. Following the program will be a cookie & punch reception.

MOMS GROUP

Our MOMS group meets the 2nd Sunday of each month. Their next meeting is Sunday, December 11th from 5 - 7 p.m. This month they will be enjoying pizza & having a Christmas mug exchange! Nursery care is available.