Celebrating the Coming of Christ

This year has truly been a season of change as we welcome new friends and family members, say farewell to others, and work towards a brighter future. We are now entering a time of preparation and reflection for remembering Christ's incarnation at Christmas. Advent begins on Sunday, December 3rd. We hope that you will join us during Advent (and throughout the year) as we prepare for Christ to come into the world and into our hearts.

Over the next four weeks leading up to Christmas, you will notice a number of liturgical and musical changes. These modifications are intended to help us engage in the themes of contemplation, repentance and joyful expectation. While the rest of world moves at a frenetic pace, Advent is our opportunity to reorient ourselves to receive the gift of Jesus. Check out the "Upcoming Events" section below for details on our time-honored traditions: the Church School Christmas Pageant (12/10), Lessons & Carols (12/17), the Greening of the Church (12/17), and Christmas services.

Trinity Church Oxford wishes you a holy and joy-filled Advent Season. May you be blessed at Christmas and in the New Year to Come.

From Our Parish
Baptisms
Our parish family continues to grow! On Sunday, August 20, Frank Sampson Liberi was baptized. Shortly thereafter, Emma Kathleen Williams was baptized on Sunday, September 10. May God's grace and blessings guide Frank and Emma throughout their lives.

Bonds
On Saturday, November 11, we celebrated the joining of Maria Mejia and Kyle Tucker in holy matrimony. Congratulations to you! The couple wishes to especially thank those who helped prepare the Church for their special day: Charles and Janice Tucker, Brandon Tucker and Tiffany Fritz, Lorie Henry, Mary Sampson, Amy Sampson Liberi, Myrna Tuttle, and Bev Kent.

Recent Happenings

Kick-off Sunday 2017
On Sunday, September 17, we celebrated "Kick-off Sunday." We welcomed several new and returning "young parishioners" into Sunday School class. We also gladly received Vestry Members Laurie Yuhnke and Myrna Tuttle, who join our Youth Ministry as teachers. Of course, no celebration can be complete without performance from our Senior Choir and fellowship at our fall picnic!

Halloween
As part of a longstanding tradition at Trinity, we invited our friends and neighbors again this Halloween for a "spooktacular" bash. There were piles of treats and sweets for young and old alike. Special thanks to Lorie Henry, Jason and Jimmy McConomy, Nkechi Achyke (along with Odina & Zekay) and Chuck Tucker for coordinating this special event! As always, it was a great opportunity to reconnect with children and parents in the neighborhood.

Upcoming Events
Advent Season
The First Sunday of Advent is upon us December 3. Join us for services at 8 AM and 10 AM. These Advent services, which include prayers, lessons, and carol-anthems, are intended as a preparation for the Christmas celebration.

Church School
Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist
Please join us as the children of Trinity tell the story of Advent and Christmas on Sunday, December 10, during the 10 AM service. Aspiring talent, stage moms, and showbiz dad should contact Laurie Yuhnke for more information.

Festival of Nine
Lessons, Carols & Holy Eucharist
The celebration of the Feast of Christmas will begin with our Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 17 at 10 AM. This service will feature choral music by our Senior Choir and instrumental music by the Bella Corda String Ensemble.

Greening of the Church
Join us after Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 17, to help decorate the church. We will trim the tree and set up the flowers, aisle candles and greenery.

All Christmas “helpers” will be rewarded with lunch afterwards.

No sure what to expect? Photos of last year’s greening are available on Facebook.

Christmas @ Trinity
On Sunday, December 24, (Christmas Eve), a family service will be held at 7 PM. Our Bell Choir will ring and hymns will be sung.

The Christmas Concert begins at 10 PM featuring performances by the Senior Choir and our Soloists.

The Festival Eucharist follows at 10:30 PM. This candlelight service features traditional hymns and music by the Senior Choir.

On Christmas Day, a spoken mass will be held at 9 AM. If you know of anyone who needs a ride to Christmas services, please contact the Church Office at (215) 745-6114 or email us for assistance.

Music Ministry
In addition to the services listed here, all are welcome to attend any rehearsals.

If you would like to learn more about the Music Ministry at Trinity, please contact our Mary Sampson, Organist and Choirmaster.

In Transition
History for the Future

Former parishioner Ken Thomas spoke with the vestry in October about updating the map of the church’s graveyard. Ken initially undertook this task as an Eagle Scout project in the 1970’s. Now retired, he found his original map hopes to
update it over the coming year.

Technological developments will also help bring the map into the 21st century. Ken will be placing stakes and running string to mark areas to make mapping more precise, and will log and correlate the burials that occurred more recently with plots and markers. He will also include digital photos of each gravesite. The new map should make it easier than ever to interact with the history contained in our over-300-year-old graveyard.

Wall Repairs

Thanks to generous donations of parishioners, neighbors, friends we are half way to our goal for the wall repair. If you feel inclined, donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the church office.

Giving Opportunities

Since 1698, our parish has come to Trinity in times of prosperity and hardship. We thank you, the congregation for helping Trinity continue to serve as a refuge for others and one another. We respectfully request that you remember us, as well as our partner organizations this season.

Thank you to all who give so generously so that we can continue our mission of sharing the Gospel of Christ. If you have any questions, please contact Susan McConomy, Stewardship Chair.

Episcopal Community Service (ECS)

All program participants at ECS are young, elderly, parents, children and students. They will receive a gift through your generosity at Christmas. The list of wishes includes toys, games, bikes, musical instruments, household items, cold-weather gear, and clothing.

The most requested gift from ECS’ young teens is gift cards. Father Graff will deliver the unwrapped gifts to ECS on Thursday, December 14.

You can bring your unwrapped gifts to church on Sundays or drop-off at the church office Monday-Thursdays from 9 AM - 1 PM.

Philadelphia Protestant Home (PPH)

PPH’s Adopt-a-Resident program aids residents who receive benevolent care or medical assistance. This year we at Trinity are asking for your donation of personal items or cash for the holiday season for those who do not have the means to provide for themselves.

In-kind donations are always welcome. Most needed items for men and women include: cotton v-neck undershirts, white cotton socks, shirts/tops, cotton knit or fleece sweaters, pull-on pants, gentle/unscented shampoo and soap.

These items should be brought to Trinity unwrapped no later than Monday, December 18.

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