

We are a growing multicultural congregation where everybody is somebody.

We worship at 10am on Sundays followed by Sunday school.

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- Music Director *Dr. Eleanor Goodman*
- Clerk of Session *Elder Georgia McCall*
- Treasurer *Janet Hartzell*
- Secretary *Idella Roland*
- Editor *Rev. Desiree Lawson*

VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church.*

*We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

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Christmas Child

by Mary E. Carpio

Turn your eyes this Christmas
To the Child who was born
He came into the world
Only to find sorrow and scorn

He knew we needed a Savior
To set us free from sin
No other way to redemption
But to open your heart to Him

Remember this Christmas season,
Material things cannot satisfy
They are but temporary
They disappear and die

But the love of our Savior
A gift that lives eternally
He is that brightest Star
Which shines upon the trees

NEWS FROM THE SESSION

Per Capita: The Per Capita rate for 2019 will be \$28.77 per member. Per capita is an amount of money per member that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country. It is also money that allows us to work with other

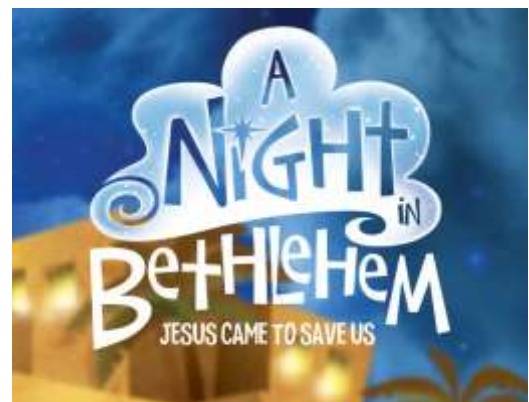
churches to further the mission of Jesus Christ around the world.

Presbytery of Lake Huron: Trinity United will host the December 4, 2018 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Lake Huron. The meeting begins promptly at 9:30am. Coffee and registration begins at 9am. There is a \$7 cost for lunch. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Monday, December 3rd at 2pm.

The focus of the meeting will be on Congregational Mission and our congregation was selected to participate. Trinity's PW will have a table where they will share in-depth information about our ministry to women in crisis.

As is the custom, there will be an installation of the new Moderator, Elder Chris Wolf, and new Vice-Moderator, Rev. Rhonda Myers. Outgoing Moderator, Rev. Desiree Lawson, will be the preacher for worship.

ADVENT EVENTS



A FREE, FAMILY, COMMUNITY EVENT. Once again on Saturday, December 15th from 3:00-6:00pm, TUPC will host a Christmas Event: A Night in Bethlehem.

In addition to carols, crafts and cookies, we will see a Christmas play featuring Mary, Joseph, the Innkeeper, the Shepherds and a very special guest! Invite your family, friends, neighbors and don't you forget to come out for this celebration. A light meal will be provided.

The Presbyterian Women will gather at the Davison Country Club for its annual Christmas celebration. All the women of the church are invited on Wednesday, December 19th at noon.



The Legend of the Candy Cane

*Look at the candy cane.
What do you see?
Stripes that are red like
the blood shed for me.
White is for my Savior
who's sinless and pure.
"J" is for Jesus, my Lord,
that's for sure!
Turn it around and
a staff you will see.
Jesus, my sheperd,
was born for me!*

author unknown



Annual Reports are due by
Friday, December 28, 2018

JANUARY 2019

Church Officer Training

Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 9am

Installation/Ordination of New Officers

Sunday, January 20, 2019

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday January 27, 2019

Please plan to attend. Thank you.

PRAYERS NEEDED

- For the comfort and peace of the Lomax Family, Lee Hall, Delores Generes, Mal Middleton, Rev. Bert Clark and Lorraine Clark
- Healing prayers for Gwen Barney, Betty Shaw, Terry Bausack, Charlie White, Ron Auger
- For caregivers and those who lend support and presence
- For the bereaved and their families: Pam Pascal, George Granberry, Gay Grover, Waldo Bronson, the McCall & Burton families, Deborah Wilson, and for all those experiencing sadness and depression during the holidays
- Travelling mercies for all who are visiting family and friends during the holidays
- For the Chang-Lopez family; our mission co-workers in the Philippines
- For our nation, president, and all government leaders
- For our military and veterans
- For Flint water and infrastructure
- For the Body of Christ and solidarity among Christian denominations
- For racial Peace and peace among nations

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers, mercifully hear our prayers and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health and their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- Dec 1 Hanging the Greens
- Dec 2 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec 3 Presbytery Prep. Mtg.-2pm
- Dec 3 Music Committee at 2:30pm
- Dec 4 Presbytery Mtg. – 9:30am

- Dec 7 Grief Group at 11:30am
- Dec 9 Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec 12 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- Dec 16 Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec 17 Session Meeting at 3pm
- Dec 19 PW Christmas Luncheon
- Dec 21 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Dec 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service—6pm
- Dec 25 Office Closed for Christmas
- Dec 28 Deadline for Annual Reports

JANUARY

- Jan 4 Grief Group at 11:30am
- Jan 5 Taking Down Greens 10am
- Jan 7 Membership at 4pm
- Jan 9 Sarah Circle at 6pm
- Jan 12 Officer Training 9am-2pm
- Jan 14 Finance Team at 9:30am
- Jan 14 Personnel Team at 11am
- Jan 16 Grandparents at 10am
- Jan 18 Soup Kitchen 2-5pm
- Jan 20 Installation of New Officers
- Jan 21 Office Closed – MLK Holiday
- Jan 22 Game Day at 1pm
- Jan 23 Naomi Circle at 10:30am
- Jan 27 Annual Congregational Mtg.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

December Birthdays

- 13 Jerry Kamrath
- 15 Mary Krist
- 17 Griffin Henderson
- 18 Carolyn McDonald
- 19 Marcus Lomax
- 26 Roberta Hardy

January Birthdays

- 8 Malvina Middleton
- 9 Marie Barry
- 13 Glenn Bronson, III
- 14 Earnestine Moore
- 16 Joe Dixon
- 20 Dakota Knowlton
- 22 Tim Bausack

- 24 Matt Burton
- 24 Donna Jones
- 28 Joyce Topham

December Anniversaries

- 9 Joyce & Sandy Topham

If you have a submission for the February/March *Trinity Times*, please send your article or information to Pastor Lawson at revlawsond@yahoo.com by no later than January 23, 2019. Thank you.

