

Apostles Striving to Follow the Life and Teachings of Jesus Christ

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Sunday, December 3, 2017 trinityhartford.org 860-527-8133 office@trinityhartford.org

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Practice – Church
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 11:30 A.M. Christian Formation for all ages (see next column)
- 6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Togolese Association of CT – Library
- 8:00 P.M. Advent Compline -- Church

Monday, December 4

- 10:30 A.M. TA – Morning meeting – Library
- 2:20 P.M. Hartt School Choir rehearsal – Church

Tuesday, December 5

- 5:30 P.M. Chorister rehearsal – Choir Room
- 6:00 P.M. Choir School Parents' meeting – Library
- 6:30 P.M. West Hartford Women's Chorale Rehearsal – Church

Wednesday, December 6

- 11:00 A.M. Staff meeting – Rector's Office
- 12:00 P.M. Al-Anon – Outreach Room
- 7:30 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Thursday, December 7

- 12:00 P.M. Holy Eucharist – Chapel
(Enter the Church from Sigourney Street)
- 5:30 P.M. Chorister rehearsal – Choir Room
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 8:00 P.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 7:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Friday, December 8

- 7:00 P.M. AA Big Book meeting – Huntington Hall
- 7:30 P.M. West Hartford Women's Chorale Concert – Church

Saturday, December 9

- 9:00 A.M. Boot Party – Offsite (City Hall)
- 10:00 A.M. Alcoholics Anonymous – Huntington Hall

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 9:00 A.M. Choir Practice – Church
- 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist – Church
- 11:30 A.M. Christian Formation for all ages
- 4:30 P.M. Holiday Concert (Trinity, Hartt Choirs) -- Church
- 6:00 P.M. Narcotics Anonymous – Huntington Hall
- 8:00 P.M. Advent Compline -- Church

Schedule of Sunday Christian Formation Programs

CHILDCARE for children under age 3 is offered
In the nursery during 10:00 a.m. services.



CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Children ages 3 – 3rd Grade:
Godly Play – Classroom 3, 2nd floor

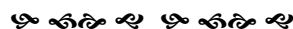
Godly Play – Classroom 3 2nd floor
From 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.:

Children ages 3 – 3rd Grade:
Arts & Crafts – Classroom 2, 2nd floor
Sunday school, Grades 4 & 5 –
Classroom 4, 2nd floor



JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD SESSIONS

Rite-13 (grades 6 & 7) – Youth Room, 2nd fl.
J2A (grades 8 & 9) – Classroom 5, 2nd floor
Confirm Not Conform – Attending Adult Forum



COFFEE HOUR CONVERSATIONS

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Library

TODAY: Is Everything for Sale?
Ethics, Government, Politics and the Free
Market, Part 3: The Curse and Blessing of
Taxation, led by Fr. Frank Kirkpatrick
NEXT SUNDAY: Post-sermon discussion

Update from the Outreach Team

The Outreach Team responded to an appeal from AFEDJ (American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem) to assist the Ahli Hospital Community Clinic in Gaza by immediately sending \$1,000. Gaza is part of the Palestinian territories and part of the Diocese of Jerusalem.

Kate Smith will be making a presentation about the Ahli Hospital at the December 17th Coffee Hour Conversations. Come see the wonderful things this clinic does. The congregation is invited to make individual donations to the AFEDJ either at coffee hour in December or at any time through the website: www.afedj.org and click the Gaza link at the right. Below is the appeal from AFEDJ Vice President John Lent:

“This campaign is different from many fundraising appeals. When we say that your gift to Ahli Hospital will save a life, that's not just a fundraising slogan. The economy in Gaza has collapsed, so Ahli Hospital is dependent on you to stay open. Without your help, Ahli Hospital's clinic can't continue to treat Gaza's suffering children.” These children are malnourished, with life-threatening burns, and children needing psycho-social therapy for trauma suffered from the war and appalling everyday living conditions.

Let Us Pray

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Mary Dixon; Erica Dollhopf; Janet Donston; Asker Downer; and those who serve as members of the Book Group. In our diocese, we pray for Christ Church, Ansonia; St. Paul's, Bantam; postulants and candidates for Holy Orders; the Commission on Ministry and its members. In the Anglican Cycle of prayer, we pray for the West Buganda, Uganda, and especially for our partner church, Mbugani Anglican Holy Trinity Church in Tabora, Tanzania and for the mission church of Tumbi.

Gus and Peg Andrian; Georges Annan-Kingsley; Mavis Bennett; Dianne Bowens-Waller; Walton Brown Foster and family; Edie Brunelle; Ginny Catanzaro; Gloria Cheyney and the Cheyney family; Sandi Cone; Margaret Daniel; Robin D'Oyen; John Doyle; Annabelle Duva; Lori Eckhardt; Althea Francis; Nigel Francis; Kristin Garcia-Williams; Ginna Glass; Clyde and JoEllen Jansing; Dwight Lee; Carlene Lewis; Owen Margeson; Fred Margeson; Antoinette McCrary; Judy Miller; Helen Moore; Margaret Moore; Valentina Moore; Paul Nelson; Al Pereira; Ann-Marie Pierce; Jim and Mary Register; Jon Reik; John Robinson; Carolyn Rogers; Ruth Rose; Pat Shields; Lucy Shores; Lindsey Tengtenga; Hellen Strassner; Alice Turcotte; Peter Vreeland; Marshall Weaver; Chris Weber; Nancy Whitcomb; Trudi White-Campbell; Amy Williams; Deborah and Shakeem Williams; Pam Williams; Jay Zhitnik; Shaylee Sadosky (granddaughter of Jo-Ann Sadosky); Don Ghostlaw (friend of Jon Reik); Ellen Shea (friend of Edie Brunelle); Joseph Dellapuca and Sandra Lock (friends of Percy Williamson); Trina Ragin (Trinity vendor); Patty Williams and Paul Serra (friends of Edie Brunelle); Huda Gabri, Abdulrahman and Diaa Albunni, (Syrian refugee family sponsored by Trinity) and their extended family abroad; Margaret Packe, Charlie Diamond (friends of Gloria Cheyney); Kay Nelson (sister of JoEllen Jansing); David and James Register (son and grandson of Jim & Mary Register); Patricia Patton, Debi, John and Ben Irby (Mary Register); Sam, Ben, Rachel and Jeffrey Parsons (son, daughter in-law and grandchildren of Tom and Enid Oberholtzer); Tony Rivera, Kenneth Vreeland, Shirley Gibson, Tanya Kopec, Doris Jean (family of Peter Vreeland); Albert, Tracy and Adrienne (friends of Fr. Don), and for those who mourn for loved ones.

We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died, especially all of Hartford's 2017 homicide victims. We remember Virginia Denne, Catharina Hunter, Elizabeth Johnson, Calvin Bushnell, and for those who will die this week, that they may meet their Lord in faith and hope. We pray for David Scott on the second anniversary of his death; in whose loving memory the flowers in the church are offered. We pray for Marianne Mallory, in whose loving memory the aumbry candle is offered this week.

Compline for Advent Begins Today

Compline is an end of day service that dates back to monastic forms of worship. Advent is the season in which we mark the waning sunlight and growing winter and look forward to the new light brought to us in Jesus at Christmas. Our Compline service features readings and psalms that speak of God's coming salvation and the peace it will bring. Chant, candlelight, and silence all make this a sensory experience that helps us to slow down, catch our breath, and remember our deep desire for God's restoration and healing.

A service of compline will be sung at Trinity Church at **8:00 p.m. on the first three Sundays of Advent starting today, Dec. 3, and also on Dec. 10 and 17.** All are welcome to come and enjoy this beautiful service.

NOTE: Entrance to the church is via the Sigourney Street doors only for this service. Doors open at 7:45 p.m.

If Reindeer Weren't *Elf Taught*, They'd Be *Wise* To Attend Trinity Academy

Two Sundays left! Don't be a *red-nosed reindeer* -- gift donations left at home are the primary cause of this condition. **A Holly Jolly shout-out of thanks to you who have already given.**

New gift, re-gift, slightly-used-no-longer-needed-gift -- bring 'em in to make the **Trinity Academy Students' Holiday Shopping** a success. On **Tuesday, Dec. 19**, 2nd through 4th grade students (ages 7-9) will be doing their Christmas "shopping" in the Trinity Church Library. They will be shopping for gifts for parents, grandparents, and brothers/sisters.

Your help is needed to make this a shop-till-you-drop outing a success for the student shoppers. There will be **42 students shopping for multiple family members**, so a sack full of gifts will be needed.

Empty gift boxes of various sizes and wrapping paper are also needed to facilitate wrapping.

Donations of gift items for the Shopping Table, new (and "gently used"), are greatly appreciated. **Gift items will be collected in Goodwin Hall following both Sunday worship services today through December 17.** Gifts of all sizes and shapes are welcome.

If donating gently used items or shopping leaves you stumped, and you would prefer to make a cash donation to have one of Trinity's *personal shopper elves* do the shopping, please see Richard Syracuse or Leslyn Clark in Goodwin Hall. Help give the gift of instilling in the students the joy of giving.

Need more information?

(Richard, 843-276-4065; Leslyn, 860-983-8571)

Toiletries and a Card For Those In Need – December 10

Once again this Advent, Outreach ministry members will be accepting donations of **new** toiletries for people in need in our community.

On **Sunday, December 10**, members of the Outreach Team will be in Goodwin Hall after each service to receive donations. Distribution of the toiletries will be a part of our Church by the Pond/Feeding in the Park ministry on December 16.

Requested items are:

- toothpaste (without mouthwash, please)
- toothbrushes
- tubes of hand cream (no glass bottles, please)
- small-sized toiletries of all varieties (such as you get in hotels) are also welcome.

In addition, cards will be available for you to write a message of encouragement to someone who will be receiving one of these special bags. Thank you!

Giving Tree Ministry Now Underway

Again this year, gifts are for our Covenant to Care social worker who works with children that receive services at **Klingberg Family Center** AND the students at our **Trinity Academy**.

Directions:

1. Choose a tag. *Trinity Academy gifts have a star on the tag.*
2. **Write your name and telephone number on one tag and place it in the basket and keep the other half.**
3. Purchase the gift item, wrap it and attach your half of the tag to the gift.
4. **Return the gift and tag to Trinity by Sunday, December 10** OR the Trinity office by Monday, December 11.



Please call the office or Don Cook
@ 413-717-4113 if you have any questions.

PLEASE PLAN AHEAD and remember a child is counting on this special gift wrapped with love!
Thank you for participating in the 2017 Giving Tree!

Trinity, Hartt School Choirs Combine For Dec. 10 Concert

Join the Trinity Choir School and Church Choirs, and the choirs from the Hartt School for their joint Christmas Concert, **next Sunday, Dec. 10, beginning at 4:30 p.m.** The concert will include a wide variety of music spanning centuries and continents, including some time-honored classic Christmas carols. There is a suggested donation of \$10.

Many Thanks for the Winter Coats for Refugees!!!

There was a tremendous response to the Outreach Committee's request for used winter coats and jackets for the new Afghan and Congolese refugees IRIS (International Refugee and Immigration Services) is now resettling in Connecticut. Thank you to those who contributed.

Boot Party To Offer Foot Care To Homeless

New pairs of winter boots will be given to some 600 homeless persons at a **Boot Party** to be held at **Hartford City Hall, Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m.** The Boot Party is a sequel to the foot care clinics held during 2016. **Volunteers are needed to work some or all of the party hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** If you can help, please contact Deacon Bonnie Matthews via email at: bmatthews228@comcast.net

Weekly Thursday Noon Service – In by Noon – Out Before 1:00 p.m.

A Thursday Holy Eucharist service is offered weekly at **12 noon in the chapel**. Come join us and bring your friends and co-workers for this 40-minute Eucharist and Bible discussion – a calming respite from the hustle and bustle of the daily grind.

Please **enter the church through the Sigourney Street entrance**. Make your way to the chapel at the front left side of the church.

Church by the Pond Set for December 16

Trinity's next opportunity to prepare and distribute bag lunches in Bushnell Park for those in need is Saturday, December 16. This is part of Trinity's ongoing commitment to community service, and is one of the "Church Street Eats" programs coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m., we will gift wrap new, warm clothing items and assemble packages of toiletries in Goodwin Hall, while we also prepare bag lunches in the Trinity kitchen and the library. At 1:45 p.m., we will bring the lunches and gifts to Bushnell Park, where we will participate in the Eucharist by the Pond at 2:00 p.m. We will distribute our lunches and gifts following the Eucharist, and should finish by 3:15 p.m.

Please come for as much of this time as you can - friends and families are welcome!

2018 Calendars Still Needed

Please donate in your extra 2018 calendars of all sizes. Place them on the nametag table in Goodwin Hall the next time you visit Trinity.