

## Weekly Reminders Email / Nov. 23, 2022

### *Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!*

I hope that you will enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving with your friends and family.

I attach the bulletin, readings, and hymn music for this weekend's services; the announcements and weekly calendar of events; and the donation/dedication form for Christmas poinsettias (five attachments). Printed copies of the donation/dedication form will be available in the bulletins this weekend and on the narthex tables.

Join us for the Thanksgiving potluck in Sifford Hall tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, at noon. Even if you didn't sign up, you are welcome to come and bring your guests. If you have questions, please contact Irene Clutter.

The church office will be closed this Thursday and Friday, November 24-25, for the holiday.

*~ Kelly*

### **Important Notices:**

**ECW MEETING RESCHEDULED** for this Tuesday, November 29, at 9:30am in Sifford Hall. Holy Trinity parishioners Karen Hill and Mark Garner will speak about their missionary work in Ukraine. We hope to see all the women of Holy Trinity there.

**SHOE FUND COLLECTION:** We believe every child deserves a new pair of shoes for Christmas! Our Christmas food/gift baskets contain a shoe certificate for each child. Each year, Holy Trinity parishioners help provide shoe certificates for children in the Jessieville, Fountain Lake, and Mountain Pine school districts. You can be part of this ministry with your year-end contribution to the shoe fund; collection envelopes will be provided in the bulletins the weekend of December 3-4. Thank you for your gifts to the shoe fund throughout the year and at this special time of giving.

**SIGN UP NOW—ECW ADVENT LUNCHEON:** We are pleased to invite all Holy Trinity parishioners to our 2022 Advent Luncheon on Thursday, December 8, at 11:00am at the DeSoto Club. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board, along with menus and payment envelopes. You may choose between pot roast and smothered chicken. The price is \$25.00 per person, which includes tea, coffee, taxes and gratuity. There will be a cash bar available. Entertainment will be provided by a pianist playing holiday favorites. The deadline to sign up is Sunday,

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December 4. Please join us to celebrate Christ's birth. ~ *Cindy Pilgram, ECW President*

**HOLY TRINITY'S ANGEL TREE** has been set up in the Sifford Hall narthex. Our Angel Tree has many children and young adults in need of Christmas gifts this year. The tags have all the information you need to purchase a special gift. You may stop by the church Monday-Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm, to pull a tag from the tree and write your name on the sheet next to the corresponding tag number. Wrapped gifts with the tags attached must be returned to the church by Monday, December 12. Thank you in advance for supporting this outreach activity. ~ *Nancy & Tony Mayerhofer*

**THE POINSETTIA AND GREENERY DONATION FORM** is attached to this email. Copies with envelopes are in this weekend's bulletin and on the tables in each narthex. Please complete the form and return it to the church office with your contribution (suggested donation \$18). Donations also may be made online to the "Christmas Flowers" fund. If you give online, contact Kelly at the office so she can complete the form honoring those you wish to acknowledge. The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas Eve bulletin is Wednesday, December 14.

**GREETERS NEEDED** for the 10:30am service on the first and third Sundays of the month and for the 4:00pm service on the third Saturday of the month. If you can serve, please contact Pat White or the church office.

**2022 THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS:** Many thanks to all who assisted last weekend with the successful Thanksgiving food basket project. Groceries were delivered to 20 families in the Village and surrounding communities. The food baskets included groceries and a \$25 gift card good toward the purchase of a turkey or a ham. In addition to those who helped pick up, pack and deliver the food, we extend our gratitude to those who donated monetarily to this project. We are already in the process of coordinating the Christmas project, which will also include gifts for the children. Monetary donations are once again especially needed and much appreciated, as our food costs have risen substantially. Again, our thanks to all, and may God continue to bless us and those we serve. ~ *Tony and Nancy Mayerhofer*

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES:** Thank you to all who filled Christmas shoeboxes. We delivered seven filled boxes to the drop-off location at Walnut Valley Baptist Church. Holy Trinity also had eight shoeboxes donated through the online option this year, giving us a total of fifteen boxes. Your participation for the last thirteen years has been such a blessing. ~ *Trish Knocke*

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**TOILETRIES FOR VETERANS:** Are you traveling for the holidays? Remember to bring remaining toiletries from your hotels/motels home to Holy Trinity, and place them in the brown woven covered basket in the Sifford Hall narthex. You also can purchase travel-size toiletry items to be donated. We take them to St. Francis House in Little Rock, a shelter for homeless veterans. Contact Julia Milano with any questions.

**CHRISTMAS POTLUCK:** Holy Trinity will host a potluck luncheon in Sifford Hall at noon on Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25). Sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please list your name, the number of guests in your party, and what you will bring. Call Arlene Hodgson with any questions.

**ANNUAL REPORTS NEEDED:** Committee Chairpersons and Ministry Team/Guild Coordinators, please submit your annual report to the church office by Tuesday, January 3. If you have any questions, contact Kelly at the office. Thanks!

**MASTER CALENDAR FOR 2023:** If you are the chair/coordinator of any committee or other church group that meets on a weekly or monthly basis, please email me your scheduled meeting day, time, and location so that I can put them on the 2023 church master calendar. Also, if you already have scheduled a special event for 2023, please send me the date to include on the calendar. Thank you ! ~ *Kelly Hardin, Office Assistant.*

**STEWARDSHIP DRIVE:** Thank you to all who turned in their pledges for 2023 during the annual pledge drive. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please know that they are accepted year round, not just during the annual drive. There are blank pledge cards with envelopes on both credenzas in the main narthex.

**NEW TO HOLY TRINITY?** If you are new to Holy Trinity, please contact Kelly Hardin at the church office so that we can add you to our contact list. Kelly can be reached at the office Monday-Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm.

**2023 Episcopal Church Kalendars** are still available for \$4 on the credenza in the main narthex.

**OCTOBER VESTRY MINUTES** are posted on the bulletin board in Sifford Hall.

### **LAST WEEK TO NOMINATE VESTRY CANDIDATES**

It is time to submit names of candidates for vestry membership, Class of 2025. Three people will be elected at the January 15, 2023, parish annual meeting, each to serve a three-year term. Please contact Senior Warden Susan Read by phone,

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email, or in person with the names of those persons whom you would nominate to be considered for this important leadership role. The deadline for receiving names is December 1, 2022.

The qualifications for serving as a vestry person are spelled out in the Constitution and Canons of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Arkansas as Revised by Diocesan Convention, February 2015. “Canon 24, Section 6(c): The qualifications for a member of the Parish vestry shall be as follows: A confirmed communicant of the Parish in good standing of not less than 18 years of age, a frequent attendant upon the services of the Parish for the six months next preceding the election, and a regular contributor and pledger of record, or a member of a family unit which is a regular contributor and pledger of record for the support of the Parish; PROVIDED (1) a husband and wife shall not both be members of the vestry at the same time; and (2) members of the paid staff (including clergy) of a Parish working more than ten (10) hours per week, and their spouses, shall not be eligible to serve. In case of a question as to eligibility, the report of the Rector in consultation with the Treasurer shall be final, provided that subparagraph 2 of this paragraph shall not apply to vestry members taking office prior to March 1, 1999.”

Please prayerfully consider yourself or others for this role. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Susan Read.

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