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Grace and peace,

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Upcoming Events

Family Worship Service
December 29, 9:30 a.m.

"Kids Church" on Sundays Begins
January 5, 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Sunday Evenings at Trinity Kick-off
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Pub Theology @ Ardent Brewery
January 14, 6:30 p.m.

Ecumenical Prayer Service @ Trinity
January 23, 7:00 p.m.



Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

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4:00 Christmas Eve Service
December 24, 2019

About the cover art. Holly has long been associated with the Christmas season and for good reason. Like evergreens, holly leaves tend to remain green through the cold of winter. Their prickly leaves remind Christians of the crown of thorns, and their vibrant red berries—the selfless love of Christ.

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Plan to spend Sunday evenings at Trinity starting January 5, 2020. Classes and opportunities for kids and students will begin at 5:30 PM on Sunday evenings.

We have programs for every age and opportunities to meet you wherever you are on your faith journey. Take a look!

Kids (Nursery to 5th grade)

Trinity Kids is excited to begin offering Kids Grow Nights on Sunday evenings starting this January.

Each month, we will have a new theme on Kids Grow Nights. Our January theme is *Blast Off!*

What should spiritual growth look like for kids? We like to think about it in terms of four spiritual habits: spending time with God, spending time with others, using their gifts, and sharing their story. We will begin exploring these spiritual practices in January in our *Blast Off!* series.

Kindergarten through 5th Grade kids will gather in the Mastin Room at 5:30 for a large group time before breaking in to smaller groups by age; kids 3-5 years old will enjoy time together in room 208; and our infant nursery will provide care and playtime for babies birth through 2 years old. *To learn more contact Jen Williams (jwilliams@trinityumc.net).*

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Students (6th-12th grade)

Trinity Students are very excited about the new things happening in January. **Our Sunday night gatherings will return on January 5.** We will gather at 5:00 PM for dinner and then explore our identity and calling as followers of Jesus. Exploring identity brings a whole set of questions: *Who is Jesus? Who am I? What does being a Christian mean to my identity?* Our gatherings are open to all students grades 6th-12th, but if our high schoolers would like to learn something new with a different feel, they are welcome to join us for dinner and then participate in an adult class from 5:30-7:00 PM. *To learn more contact Bryce Miller (bmiller@trinityumc.net).*

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Facilitator: Debbie Stocks Date: Jan. 5 – Jan. 26 (4 weeks)

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6 Decisions that Will Change Your Life

Facilitators: Larry and Amy Lenow Date: Jan. 5 – Feb. 9 (6 weeks)

A New Year, a New Way. You make many decisions all the time, but which ones are important? More revolution than resolution, *6 Decisions That Will Change Your Life* is an opportunity for a new start. Larry and Amy Lenow will lead this 6 week study using the Tom Berlin book of the same name. Give yourself the gift of this opportunity. This study will be held on Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM, beginning Sunday, January 5. Participant books are available in the Church office.

A Grief Observed

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How do we maintain our faith in a loving and merciful God in the face of sadness, suffering, and loss? C. S. Lewis lost his beloved wife to cancer in 1960. In response, Lewis journaled, freely confessing his pain, rage, and struggle to sustain his faith. This process eventually led him back to a life of faith. His journal was later published as *A Grief Observed*, a book that has offered solace and insight to countless readers. This is not a scholarly study, but rather an opportunity to reflect, speak, and listen, in the company of caring and supportive friends. Books available from the church office.

The Bible as Literature

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Participants in this study will experience the Bible as the inspired word of God as well as a masterpiece of storytelling! We will study the Old Testament Book of Ruth as a work of literature. We will follow characters, look at the influence of setting, ponder symbols and conflicts, as well as examine other literary elements as they pertain to the story of Ruth and Naomi. We will also look at possible themes and how they influence our lives as Christians.

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