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# Trinity Times

Monthly newsletter of Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, VA

## Advent and Christmas

By Miller Hunter

The lovely carol, “In the Bleak Midwinter,” has always been a favorite in our household. I love the beautiful music and, of course, the words that teach us that God chose the coldest moment of the year to proclaim the birth of the Savior.

As we enter the season of Advent and Christmas, the coldest season of the year, I trust that your heart will be warmed by the joy and the gladness of this holy time. I hope that you will hear again the message of the angels this Christmas.

All of us at Trinity, the Vestry and Staff, wish for you and your family a blessed Christmas. Carol joins in sending our warmest greetings.

Faithfully,  
Miller



## Outreach: Your Generosity Supported Many Programs in 2018

By Russ Collins

**Trinity’s “Spirit of Giving” supported numerous programs in 2018. \$23,000 from Trinity’s budget was expanded by over \$20,000 of additional contributions**

### Youth Programs in Rappahannock

- Scout Troop 36
- Venture Crew 36
- Elementary School student participation in school programs
- 4-H scholarships for camp

### Senior Programs in Rappahannock

- Senior Center Programs and Special Gifts
- Benevolent Fund Community Coordinator and Safe and Healthy Homes programs
- Department of Social Services Community Action for Relief of the Elderly program

### Programs of the Congregation of the Good Shepherd in China

#### Trinity’s Ministries in Haiti

- St. Marc Trade School
- Voices and Actions Village Farm: check out <http://www.voicesandactionsforhaiti.com> and view the Village Farm video to see what you have helped accomplish.
- **Next trip to Haiti is planned for March 2019.** Contact Russ ([russcoll@comcast.net](mailto:russcoll@comcast.net)) if interested.

#### King Children’ Home in South Africa

**Please remember Trinity Outreach** in your end of year giving to support these ongoing programs. **Our special collection for the King Children’s Home ends Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** so the funds can be received by Christmas. Checks to support any program should be made payable to “Trinity Outreach”; note your preferred program in the “memo” section or in an accompanying note.

**Thank you for your continued support**

## Inclement Weather Policy:

As we head into winter, if in doubt, about services or other church activities, please check our website and church phone message for cancellations. If possible we will continue with all scheduled activities, but if conditions are icy and dangerous we will cancel or reschedule.

# Advent and Christmas Season Services

Sun, Dec. 16	3 Advent 8:30am HE I 10:30am Lessons & Carols, Pageant Tableau
Sun, Dec. 23	4 Advent 8:30am HE I 10:30am HE II
Mon, Dec. 24	5pm HE II with Choir and Organ 11pm HE II Special Christmas Music at both services
Tues, Dec. 25	10am Christmas Day HE II

## 2019 Stewardship Campaign

Have you turned your PLEDGE CARD in for 2019? If you have, THANK YOU! If you have not, if it is sitting on the kitchen table or your desk, please fill it out and mail it in. Pledge cards are used to develop our budget for the coming year. Thank you for considering how you will share your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Beth Gall



Christmas Parade Fun!



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Sunday Schedule:  
8:30am Quiet Service HE Rite I  
9:15am Breakfast  
9:45 am Christian Education  
10:30am Traditional Service HE Rite II