

David Baker's Photograph

The winning bidders able to pick up their photo(s) **today** after the worship service. Proceeds from the auction will go towards refurbishing the damaged pew pads in the chancel area. Cash or check (payable to Trinity United Methodist Church with a note "pew pad repair") will be accepted.

Night Hike - Tonight , Sunday, December 19 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Come join us for an evening of fun, good food, stories and.... A night hike in forest park. Invite your friends and family to join us for a simple meal, some stories, and a short walk in Forest Park. Wear your warm clothes, and don't forget your boots! Kids are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal for a special activity. Please let us know you are coming by emailing directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org.

CHRISTMAS IS NOT YOUR BIRTHDAY

Each year, the Missions Committee selects three recipients for our Christmas is Not Your Birthday fundraiser. This year they are, the Springfield Farm Workers' Fuel Assistance Program, Justice for Our Neighbors, and the General Missions Fund. You should have received a letter in the mail detailing the different options and telling you how you can donate. Please prayerfully consider all these areas when deciding your Christmas lists.

Last Sanctuary Hours in Advent this Wednesday

Trinity's Sanctuary is open **Wednesday from 12-1** for personal prayer and contemplation. This is a time for you to rest, quiet your mind and heart, and seek God. We pray it is a time of peaceful communion with the Holy Spirit.

It is Almost Time to Put up the Staging

We need all hands on deck to put up the staging and get ready for filming. There will be a job for anyone and everyone. The staging will begin after worship on **Sunday, December 26 in the Sanctuary**. Please get the word out to friends, family and all Trinity Members. See you all there.

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

Children's Service 5:30 p.m. in Grace Chapel

This service is especially geared towards families with younger children. Stories, prayer, dance, and singing make up this gentle, early service.

7:30 p.m.: Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

This service is based upon our usual Sunday morning order of worship, focused on the good news of Jesus' birth. A special Children's Moment and sermon, with Christmas hymns and beautiful music, concluding with a special candle lighting.

Candle Light Service of Lessons and Carols 11:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Readings, songs, and anthems telling the story of Jesus' birth, along with special prayer and Christmas meditation and concludes with a special candle lighting as we go out early on Christmas morning.

Welcome to Worship!

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here! If you have any questions, ask one of the ushers. They can be found near the rear entrance of the sanctuary. Large-print Bibles and hymnals, and hearing devices are available from any usher. Following the worship service, we invite you to join us for a time of fellowship and refreshment in Asbury Hall.

NEW TO TRINITY CHURCH?

We would love to reach out to you! Scan the QR code with your phone's camera app and a staff member will contact you. Welcome to Trinity.

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SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Table offers coloring pages and other materials to help children feel welcome and comfortable in church. The table is located in the rear of the sanctuary. Please return supplies to the table after the service.

Trinity's Nursery is open, under the caring direction of Shaylee Geier, every Sunday from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., for children ages birth to 4. The nursery is located on the lower level of the building. An usher can direct you.

Trinity Offers Christian Education Classes for All Ages at 9 a.m. on Sunday Mornings: LIGHT@9 (Living in God's House Together at 9 a.m.), for age 4 years -through grade 5, usually meets downstairs in Vincent Hall. **It is on hiatus after December 19 until January 23.** Our youth classes meet upstairs, middle school in the Youth Room and high school in the classroom down from the church office. Our adult class meets in the Hale Room, downstairs.

Chapel Kids is a worship service designed for children ages 7 –12. It is offered during the worship service, Sunday, September to May except the first Sunday of the month which is Communion Sunday and is on hiatus after December 19 until January 23. **It begins at the beginning of the middle hymn, and ends after the benediction.** Chapel Kids is located in the chapel, which is on the same level as the sanctuary, and can be reached by going through the side door on the right of the sanctuary.

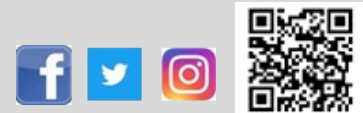
Afternoon Programming with Mike and Rob, with the help of kids, youth, and parents, have created a new Sunday programming schedule. This program is on hiatus after December 19 until January 23. This schedule will, hopefully, make Sundays easier for families, increase participation, and leave Sunday evenings available for rest. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Mike at music@trinityspringfield.org or Rob at directorfmandc@trinityspringfield.org.

This church is committed to providing a safe place for our children & youth.

Our Safe Sanctuaries Policy requires that parents (or an adult they have designated) bring & pick-up their children 5th gr. & under from church-sponsored programs. Please escort your child to/from the restrooms during worship. Thank you.

Wi-Fi Guest network password: TrinityGuest7476!

Want to learn more? Scan the QR code with your smart phone.



Attendance Sunday, December 12: Adults 133, Children 19, Total 152

