

THE TRINITY TOPICS

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“A WORD FROM MY HEART” *REV. WALLACE*

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good will toward men (women)” (Luke 2:14)

Wow! Christmas is almost here. I have to go shopping. I have to buy my grandchildren presents. What about my wife? O wow! I need to get my mailperson a present. How about the person who delivers my newspaper that I have yet to see. Wait a minute, I am missing someone. Gee, what do I want to get? Buy-buy-buy. That is what Christmas is all about. Buy-Buy-Buy. Debt-Debt- Debt. Charge it- Charge it- Charge it. Would you look at the sales? Wow! There are some great sales and even 36 months same as cash. Now you just cannot beat that.

Is this Christmas, Christ’s Mass? Somewhere I read, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ The Lord.” (Luke 2:11) I do not believe I read, “For unto you is a sale at Wal-Mart that you cannot pass up.”

This Christmas it is projected that there will be record sales in some areas in spite of what some say is a bad economy. Economists have said we are going deeper in debt and spending more on alcohol and entertainment. The American Research Group projects the average American will spend \$646 this season. Our scripture tells us, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21) Where is our heart? What is it that we treasure? Has this world sold out Jesus? Is this the season to make millionaires richer or is it the season to “Lift up your heads, O you gates, lift them up you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.” (Psalm 24:9)

We are so blessed to be members of a church that knows what this season is all about. The spirit of Christ is alive, well and flourishing in our church. People feel the spirit of Christ not just at Christmas, but at all the times of the year. For throughout the year, our ministries

allow all to see who Jesus really is. Christ is alive, well and has His being in us. WE ARE SUCH A BLESSED CHURCH! Christmas at Trinity is 365 days of the year.

This Christmas let us concentrate on just how wonderful Christ is, for the sacrifice God made on our behalf and on the blessedness of our ministry. I know we will never loose sight of who we are and our purpose for being. “I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11) There is a plan for us.

Be assured, God has GREAT plans for us. I know you know it! I respectfully ask each one to spend some quiet time this season to reflect on the goodness of God and God’s plan for us. God’s plan is for us to give just as He gave His only begotten son. What a present!

What a wonderful Christmas present it would also be, for members to give themselves to Christ this Christmas. What a wonderful Christmas present it would be, to rededicate our lives to know we are blessed to be a blessing. What a wonderful present it would be to love someone that is not deserving of our love. What a wonderful present it would be to forgive someone who truly needs forgiveness. What a wonderful present it would be to give thanks that our loved ones live throughout eternity and we are never alone. What a wonderful present it is to give what is important. Not material gifts but the gift of a Savior who “lives, moves, and has His being in us.” God’s plan is for us to demonstrate to this world, to our family and to ourselves the love of Christ this Christmas.

Give love this Christmas! “...but if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is fulfilled in us.” (I John 4:12) Let’s go shopping for Christ. [The gift has already been paid for.](#)

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

GOD IS WORKING AT TRINITY!

2012 BUDGET UPDATE AND THANK YOU

On Sunday, December 4, at our called congregational meeting, the congregation voted to accept the proposed 2012 budget. I would like to thank all those members that worked so hard to compile the 2012 budget for Trinity United Church of Christ, and thank the congregation for all their support. I would also like to thank all those that spoke on Sunday about their concerns and questions. As with any family meeting (and this is our church family) your input and comments were appreciated. The 2012 budget is realistic and attainable, but it will require the full support of all of us, working together, to achieve. Working together, and serving together, and praying together, I believe will also enable us to get back to our church mission and fulfill the reasons why we are all members of Trinity United Church of Christ.

Thank You,

Bob Gaither,
Treasurer

If you would like a copy of the 2012 Budget, copies are available in the Church Office.

* COOKIES FOR WASSAIL

The Fellowship Committee needs people to donate cookies for the Wassail Bowl Celebration on Sunday, December 18. Please plan to bring them to the church during the week prior to the 18th. You can drop them off with Martha in the office or bring them on Saturday morning and give them to Ed.

* CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Mouse's Tale Pageant will be presented by the children of Trinity on Sunday, December 18, at 9:15 in the Social Hall. Please come!

* BELIEVERS CLASS

The Believers Class will NOT meet on Sunday, December 18, December 25, or January 1. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

* BIBLE STUDY

Meets on Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. in the Resource Room. All are welcome. No Experience Necessary! Bring your Bible and come prepared for spirited and spirit-filled conversation.

* 2012 GOD'S CREATION WALL CALENDARS

Don't miss your opportunity to support TWA by buying a 2012 God's Creation Wall Calendar. They are on sale for the amazing price of only \$5.00. If you are interested please see Janice Brown.

* TWA INGATHERING

Thank you to all the ladies of Trinity Church for your generous response to the Ingathering letter. We have received over six-hundred dollars so far. We will assure you that the funds will be well spent. If you did not receive a letter, they are

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Looking Ahead through Advent



- December 11 Advent III/White Gift/Shoebox Mission Dedication
- December 17 Church School Christmas Program Rehearsal
T'nC Christmas Basket Prep, 9:30 a.m.
- December 18 Advent IV/Children's Sermon
Church School Christmas Program/ Wassail Bowl Celebration
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Celebration Worship, 7:30 p.m.
- December 25 Special Christmas Day Worship Celebration
- December 26 Church Closed for Christmas Holiday



Merry Christmas