



## **Announcements**

### **Christian Education**

Sunday School does not meet Sunday, December 18 (because of the Christmas Pageant) and will resume January 8.

J2A Progressive Dinner SUNDAY for our 6 -8<sup>th</sup> graders. 5:30 P.M. Drop off at 24 Church Street (Hollbergs, front door facing Rectory front door) - 8:30 p.m. Pick up at McCracken Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

Courses: 5:30 - Appetizers at 24 Church Street (hosted by Hollbergs and Rizzos)

6:10 - Salad at 222 Fayette Street (hosted by Shelby and Steve Owen)

7:00 - Main Course at 47 Rolling Green Drive (hosted by Susan and Eric Laser)

8:00 - Dessert at McCracken (hosted by the Ottenis and the Lockridges)

TYGA Progressive Dinner – SUNDAY for our Senior High Youth.

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Drop off and Pick up are both at Trinity. Courses:

5:30 Appetizers in McCracken Hall, hosted by the Baldwins

6:15 Salad at the Browns'

7:00 Main Course at the Gillocks'

8:00 Dessert at the Rectory

Novel Theology continues Jan 24—*Zorba the Greek* by Nikos Kazantzakis. In approximately 1914, before World War I, the narrator, a young cerebral writer who wants to become rooted in the earth and physical labor, rents a lignite mine on the beautiful island of Crete. As he is about to depart, he meets a much older, experienced, and very earthy Alexis Zorba, whom he hires to be his foreman and cook. What he learns, and we through him, may change your life. Led by Margaret Pearson.

**Looking ahead:**

**Feb 28— As I Lay Dying by William Faulkner.**

**Mar 27—Staunton Public Library Big Read Selection--TBA**

**Apr 24—The Power of One by Bryce Courtenay.**

**May 22--The Cellist of Sarjevo by Steven Galloway.**

## **Parish Life**

**Newsletter Assembly** This Tuesday, December 20 at 9:00 a.m. Please note change in regular schedule due to the holidays. We would appreciate the helping hands of new volunteers! Thank you to all our indispensable volunteers for helping in this monthly task.

**Christmas Eve Outreach Dinner** The sign up sheets for the Christmas Eve Outreach Dinner are still posted at the back of the church. It takes the participation of many to provide this Christmas celebration for our guests from the Noon Lunch Program and Ritenour Rest Home. Please look over the lists and sign up to provide food, money, and/or labor. Please note that all food should be brought to the church kitchen by noon on **Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Sign up often!

**Car Drivers are needed to transport guests to and from the Outreach Christmas Eve Dinner.** Please call Eleanor Bird (337-0669) to sign up for this important ministry.

**Altar Guild members** are asked to help decorate the church for Christmas on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at approximately 10:30am. On Sunday, January 1st we are also asking all to come and help clear the decorations at the 10:30 am service and give them out to the congregation. Thanks much! Sally & Susanna

**Advent Wreaths** There are copies of Advent wreath prayers in the back of the church. Please feel free to take one home and use the information to assist you in your daily/weekly worship time.

**Orange Juice Containers needed for Altar Guild** Please bring your used and rinsed ½ gallon cardboard containers to the Parish Office. The Altar Guild uses these containers to transport altar flowers after services on Sundays. They are currently out and need to restock. Thank you!

**Episcopal Young Adult Services Corps** The Episcopal Church offers untold opportunities for young adults to provide service and share their expertise worldwide through the Young Adult Service Corps. Commonly known as YASC, applications are now being accepted for the Young Adult Service Corps from young adults between the ages of 21-30. Current YASC members are living in Japan, El Salvador, Mexico, Southern Africa, Hong Kong, and Tanzania. Read about their experiences on their blogs: [http://www.episcopalchurch.org/mission/109460\\_110093\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/mission/109460_110093_ENG_HTM.htm) Applicants must have a high degree of maturity and possess a faith commitment and the willingness to be a humble guest, and the ability to be an authentic companion. Applications and other information is located here: [www.episcopalchurch.org/yasc](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/yasc) Application deadline for 2012 placements is January 9, 2012.

**Trinity Youth Outreach Project: “Miles of Tiles”** We are pleased to announce that the efforts of our youth to raise money to provide the entire cost of installing a tile floor in the church of San Miguel Arcangel in Corralitos, Honduras, have met with great success. Between the funds raised by the sale of tiles, pies, crosses, and truffles and the generous match provided by an anonymous supporter, the entire cost has been covered. The adult missionaries who will go to Honduras in January will provide some of the labor for laying the cement subfloor. Thanks to Sean Taylor and his helpers for taking on this project and many thanks to all of you who lent your financial support.

**Look ahead to the Saturday@Council** Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia’s 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Council. January 28, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. Come and be inspired! 8:30 a.m. Keynote Address: The Rev. Angela Ifill; 11:00 Workshops; 12:30 Lunch; 1:45 Workshop; 3:00 Coffee. Register online <http://www.dioswva.org/governance/annual-council.html>.

**Automatic Bank Draft processing is available** for your Trinity pledge payments. If you would like to have regular payments toward your Trinity pledge drafted from your account automatically by Trinity on a schedule of your choosing, please contact Margaret Pearson at the Trinity office(886-9132; admin1746@trinitystaunton.org).

**Now you can like Trinity Church on Facebook!** Just go to [www.facebook.com/TrinityStaunton](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityStaunton) to see our new Facebook page. You can see the page even if you're not a Facebook member. This is a great place to check up on events, announcements, and happenings around our church. If you're a Facebook member, you can "Like" the page and help spread the word about Trinity!

## **Worship**

Our service times for the Feast of the Nativity are:

### **Christmas Eve**

5:00 p.m. Family Eucharist, Rite II

10:00 p.m. A Celebration of Music for the Nativity

10:30 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist, Rite I

### **Christmas Day**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I

And, on New Year’s Day:

### **The Feast of the Holy Name**

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

