



Dear Friends in Christ:

**“Slow down! Stop! Be quiet! This is Advent!”**

Those words literally shouted at me from the page of a devotional booklet given to me by a friend a number of years ago. I wrote them on an index card and carried them with me for the entirety of Advent that year. Given all that has transpired in our world, our nation, our parish community and our own lives over the past few months, these directives are particularly timely for this Advent season.

**Slowing down** affords us, at the very least, an opportunity to pay attention to the gifts of our families and friends – the relationships that sustain us through the joys and challenges of life. Could we slow down long enough to write a note (with real ink on real paper in our own handwriting!) of appreciation to someone we love?

**Stopping** our hyperactive busy-ness, provides us with an important reminder that human beings weren’t intended to live on adrenaline alone! Could we simply cease our activity for a minute or two each day, become aware of our own pulse, feel the gift of life that courses through us, and offer a quick prayer of thanksgiving? (A simple, “Thank you, God!” will do nicely, I think.)

**Being quiet**, unplugging ourselves from our electronic gadgetry brings us to the awareness that much of what passes for communication and entertainment drives us further and further away from our own spiritual center. Could we risk being quiet with our own thoughts for three minutes a day? How long has it been since we listened to our own souls?

**This is Advent** – the season of preparation. We are preparing to welcome the Gift of God’s Own Self, clothed in human flesh. We are preparing to celebrate the mystery of Emmanuel – “God with us”. Our holy labor of hopeful preparation can only begin when we slow down, stop and get quiet.

For the next three weeks the **Adult Forum** will focus on the Advent Collects and Themes. The Forum meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am with a second edition at 11:15 am. On December 4th the themes are **Preparation and Repentance**, on December 11th, the theme will be **Deliverance** and on December 18th the theme will be **Holiness**.

Advent blessings to you all!

The Rev'd Gary B. Manning,  
Rector

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## Friday Family Fellowship

The First Friday Fellowship group will meet on  
**December 2** at 6:00 pm.

Please R.S.V.P. to Emily Watkins ([jimandemily@gmail.com](mailto:jimandemily@gmail.com))  
and bring a hearty side dish to share.



## Christian Formation classes continue

Students and teachers meet at 9:00 am downstairs in the gathering space and then break up into classes by age. Look for the signs outside each classroom door.

The nursery is open at 9:00 am with paid staff member Allison Corn and a second rotating adult volunteer. **The nursery is also open during the 10:00 am Liturgy if you and your child need a break.**

The December Schedule is as follows:  
December 4, 11, 18 (No Sunday School on Dec. 25)



The Men's Group meets on the first Monday of the month!

All men are welcome to join Gary Manning and Joe Thulin for a time of fellowship.

**The next meeting date is December 5 beginning at 6:30 pm.**



## Advent Quiet Day

The Rev'd. Chris Arnold, a priest in the Diocese of Fond du Lac, and trained spiritual director, will be at Trinity on **Saturday, December 10th** to lead us in an **Advent Quiet Day** from 9:00 am until noon. This is the culmination of his online discussion sessions from October and November.



## Christmas Pageant

Trinity youth will be presenting their annual Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 pm Festival Family Eucharist Liturgy on Christmas Eve, December 24. We will begin preparing for the pageant during Christian Formation on **December 11 and 18**. If your child (or grandchild) would like to participate, but cannot make either rehearsal day, we would still love to have you! Just send a note to Sharon Long at [sharonrlong@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonrlong@yahoo.com), Laura Toro at [le\\_norwood@yahoo.com](mailto:le_norwood@yahoo.com), or Liz Paulsen at [liz.paulsen@yahoo.com](mailto:liz.paulsen@yahoo.com) and we will provide you with all the information you need.



# Christmas Cookie Sale for Outreach

## Sunday December 11

No time to bake cookies for your holiday party? Purchase a tray of homemade Christmas cookies and treats for your holiday table. Each tray will contain a variety of homemade cookies and treats made to perfection!

All money goes to Outreach!

So bring your wallet and support this worthy cause while enjoying some scrumptious Christmas delights!



## Sandwich Making for the Gathering

We will be making bagged lunches for The Gathering on **Friday, December 16** at 6:30 pm at Trinity. Please join us. All ages are welcome. We are usually finished around 7:15 p.m. Cookies, small bags of chips, peanut butter and jelly in squeeze containers, or a monetary donation for supplies are helpful and appreciated. Any questions contact Jenice Carolan at [carolan.jenice@gmail.com](mailto:carolan.jenice@gmail.com) or Jill Paradowski at [jill.paradowski@gmail.com](mailto:jill.paradowski@gmail.com).



Please help decorate the outside of the church on **Sunday, December 18**, following the 10:00 am liturgy. We will be

hanging the greens outside in preparation for the celebration of the birth of the Christ Child. Please direct your questions to Sharon Long at [sharonlong@yahoo.com](mailto:sharonlong@yahoo.com) or 414-795-8678.



## ADVENT IS HERE!

The flower committee needs to know how many greens and flowers

to purchase since this is not a budgeted item. You can help them by completing this form and returning it to the parish office or dropping it into the Sunday offering plate. Thank you! The deadline is December 19.

Your name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/email \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested donation \$30

In Thanksgiving for:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Now is the moment for you  
to wake from sleep!

Romans 13:11



## Advent 2022

There are a limited number of Living Compass "Living Well Through Advent 2022" devotional

booklets available in the parish hall and the narthex. If you are unable to pick one up, please call the parish office at 414-453-4540 and one will be mailed to you.

# Advent Collections



This year Trinity will spread the joy and blessings of Advent by collecting items needed by two nonprofit organizations in our community. Fr. Gene's Help Center strives to provide dignity through donating

clothing to people in need in the Milwaukee area.

They are asking us to help them with warm gloves, new or gently used children's boots, large sized bras for women, and monetary donations to be used to buy warm parkas for men. Checks should be written to Trinity with Fr. Gene's on the memo line.

As many people even in our community continue to need food, we will also collect healthy non-perishable items for the Wauwatosa Food Pantry. These items include tuna, peanut butter, canned soup, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned stew, canned beans, whole grain pasta, brown rice, pasta sauce, cereal, nuts, juice and boxed milk.

You will be able to pick up a sticker to remind you what to shop for on the library windows starting November 20.



# Tips regarding 2022 Year-end Contributions

## From Beth Vogel, Treasurer

\*If possible, please pay your remaining 2022 pledge before year end. Any contribution received on or before December 31, 2022, will be reported on your 2022 Contribution Statement, and, therefore, can be used as a 2022 tax deduction. The 2022 Contribution Statements will be sent out the last week in January 2023.

\*To be sure any year-end contributions are credited for 2022 tax purposes, the contribution must be at the church no later than Saturday, December 31, 2022. If no one is in the office, just drop the contribution through the mail slot. The mail slot is located east of the parking lot doors. If you drop it in the mail; it needs to be postmarked on or before December 31st.

\*Please indicate on your check to what account the contribution should be credited (i.e., prepaid 2023 pledge, 2022 pledge, Christmas flowers, Christmas offering, memorials, weekly flowers, rector's discretionary account, etc.) If you have any questions, contact the church office, and leave a message for Barbara Thompson, Financial Secretary, or Beth Vogel, Treasurer. You can also email Beth at [treasurer@trinitywauwatosa.org](mailto:treasurer@trinitywauwatosa.org).

\***NOTE:** January 1 – November 13, 2022, Contribution Statements were mailed on Monday, November 21, 2022. Please review them and contact Beth with any questions or corrections.

# Awesome Auction for Outreach “Under the Big Top”

## November 5, 2022

### Raised \$18,000 the largest amount ever!

Many people came together to make the auction successful and raise \$18,000. There were definitely some stars in this process. Melissa Paradowski created the 32 auction site with the pictures and item descriptions and Jacob Thornberry was our in-house expert for the on-line bidding for those who were at the in-person auction, and of course the decorations from Cheryl Thulin. Thanks for your expertise and energy. The auction committee worked on all other aspects to bring it together. The committee was Beth Vogel, Allison Kelly, Lynn Fohr, Claudia Roessl, Ann Brophy, Amanda Robison, Sharon Long and Jill Paradowski. The party for the children was put together by Jenice Carolan. Prior to the auction we sold cookies made by Mary Szulczewski and Ann Zechlinski. These were not just ordinary cookies, but cookies made to match the theme and were decorated beautifully. They sold out on the first Sunday and raised nearly \$400.00 Thanks for all of your hard work.

Of course, without your donations there would not have been an auction or funds for outreach. Thank you for the generous bids that made the auction a success. One of the highlights was the many children’s baskets that we had and the adventures to Baily’s Harbor, Up North Cabin, Ireland, Montreal, A tour of a sanctuary for Blue Marlin Birds and sporting events for the Milwaukee Brewers, Green Bay Packers, and Milwaukee Bucks. Several parishioners promised homemade cookies, pie, soup and more. It was truly amazing as we gathered over 100 items to auction off.

The outreach committee will now determine which organizations will benefit from this event. We think that the combination of on-line at home and in-person bidding made it fun for everyone. Bidding started early and went right to the end of the auction. The “Pie in the Face” was the hit of the evening. We raised over \$2,200 for outreach because our Rector, Gary Manning is a good sport and let Liz Paulsen throw a pie in his face. See more auction pictures on the next page. Thanks Gary!

Next year we will have a new theme; the date will be November 4, 2023, the first Saturday in November. Please make your plans to attend. Many Blessings! ~ Jill Paradowski



# Blanket Project



Thanks to these three 10 year-olds, we were able to tie 20 blankets on November 28. Thanks for joining us Jule and Lauren Smith and friend.

We have continued the blanket project throughout 2022. A small group gather once a month to tie blankets at church and we have several members who tie the blankets at home. Over the course of the year nearly 230 blankets have been shared with the Cath lab at Children's Hospital where children from birth through 21 come to have their heart evaluated and Kathy's House which is a facility that provides a place to stay when a loved one is undergoing treatment. Both sites are so excited when we bring a new supply of blankets that they can share. This all happens thanks to your generosity. Anytime you wish to join us, we will show you how to tie a blanket. We provide the blanket material for you. If you want to support the ministry with funds, you can send a check to Trinity or donate thru Vanco. Just let the office know it is for the blanket project. Any questions, contact Jill at 414-704-7840 or [jill.paradowski@gmail.com](mailto:jill.paradowski@gmail.com). It would be great to have others join the group.

## Awesome Auction Pictures—November 5, 2022



## NAME TAGS

Did you know?

Name tags are a great way to personally greet those folks who are sitting next to you or in the pew in front or behind you. You can help by wearing your name tag. The name tags are on the hooks in the hallway to the left of the library. Ask an usher if you need assistance. Name tags come in two different colors, white for congregation members and blue for vestry members.

If you need a new name tag because yours is lost or missing, please print your name on the "Welcome! Do you need a name tag?" sheet on the Welcome Center in front of the library and one will be made for you. Thanks for helping to make Trinity a welcoming place to worship.



Trinity Episcopal Church  
Wauwatosa, WI

## VESTRY CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM

At the Annual Parish Meeting  
on January 29, 2023  
we will be electing new Vestry  
members. Candidates must be  
**Communicants in Good Standing**  
who are willing to be elected and to  
serve faithfully in the best  
interest of Trinity Church.

Please get permission from the  
candidate you wish to nominate,  
complete this form, and return it to  
the parish office.

As a committed and communing  
member of Trinity Episcopal Church,  
I hereby nominate


\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of nominee*

who is a Communicant in  
Good Standing, for election to the  
2018 Vestry of Trinity Church.

Nominated by:  
\_\_\_\_\_

# TIDINGS

Trinity Church  
1717 Church Street  
Wauwatosa, WI 53213  
*December, 2022*



## **Christmas Eve at Trinity**

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 p.m. Christmas Family Eucharist & Pageant  
8:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist

## **Christmas Day**

Sunday, December 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Nativity, Rite II