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**Merry
Christmas**

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CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY WITH MUSIC

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 4, 2011 - 4:00 PM

The Trinity Presbyterian Chancel Choir and the Chamber Orchestra will present the 4th annual performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 4:00 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church. This year's performance will be bigger than ever. This year the choir will be accompanied by a 24-piece orchestra which will add strings, brass, oboe, and tympani. Paige Long, organist at Trinity, will play the harpsichord. Rodney Cleveland, Director of Music at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, FL will again accompany on the organ. Linda Hodges, Trinity director of Music, will serve as director. The soloists come from three cities:

Nacole Palmer, soprano, from Chicago, IL; Francesca Scott, alto, from Jacksonville, FL; Timothy Hodges, tenor, New York, NY; and Jonathan Woody, baritone, from New York, NY. Two of the soloists currently sing for Trinity Wall Street Church in New York City. Nacole Palmer previously sang for Trinity Wall Street Church. Trinity Wall Street Church is the place where, in October, 1770, the Messiah was first presented in the New World.

The Messiah performance is the first concert in the 2011-2012 Trinity concert series. Season tickets are available for \$40. Individual tickets for the Messiah are also available for \$15.00.

Tickets to the Messiah would make a wonderful early Christmas gift to friends and family. For more information, please call the church office at 386:445-4757.

Christmas Poinsettias

The Christmas poinsettias will be delivered to the church Saturday, December 17, sometime early afternoon (time to be announced when the final arrangements are made with the nursery). If you would be able to help out for about an hour that day, please call or e-mail Judi Pegg, or let the church office know. The date is a little earlier than usual, so we can enjoy the Christmas flowers longer.

Sanctuary Guild

We are looking to reenergize and reorganize the Sanctuary Guild. Some of the duties include: changing the Hymn numbers for Sunday's services, changing the paraments on the chancel, refilling the candles with oil, checking the donation cards for each week's altar flowers. We also need help with the Christmas decorations, and Easter flowers. It only takes a small amount of time each week and an occasional morning during Christmas and Easter. If you are already a member of the guild and would like to continue, if you would like to lend a needed hand, or if you just have questions, please contact Judi Pegg at 446-4822, or e-mail peggsouth@gmail.com.

Advent Devotional Booklet

We want to thank each person who contributed to our Advent Devotional Booklet. It will be distributed November 20 at all three services so that you will have it for use the first day of Advent, November 27. Please be sure to thank those who have been so gracious to write for us to give a lift to this season's celebration: Priscilla Cahill, Judy Ziemis, Loretta Johnson, Assoc. Pastor Don Scott, Edwina Tabit, Maudie Parker, Karen Thomas, Liz Monaco, Toby Lakin, Joan Morris, Sinclair Stickle, Dave Corson, Del Smith, Pat Dixon, Marie McCray, Debbie Bonner, Carol Corson, Asst. Pastor Sheryl Barclay, June Carlson, Carol Graff, Bob Settles, Olivia Braxton, RD Bonner, Jef Amsbaugh, Muriel Fallon, Meaghan Monaghan, Donna Decina, Lois Settles, and Pastor Ron Watson.

A thanks also to Lois and Bob Settles for editing and preparing and Shelley Kleinfelder and Debbie Bonner for printing and folding the booklet. A BIG THANK YOU to each of you and MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

Sanctuary Christmas Tree

Needed: Handy Women and Strong Men. Saturday, November 26 we are going to erect the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. We could use some help with the set-up and decorating of the tree, narthex, and sanctuary. We will start at 9 A.M. and continue until the tree is topped and the last light is lit. Please call or e-mail Judi Pegg, or let the church office know.



Chaplain's Corner
The Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Barelay



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"Like the man said, I need to talk. They are going to kill me soon and that's if I don't die from all the fighting in jail. I need you to hear me, hear about my life and how I ended up here. No one knows...no one cares."

That stormy night in Georgia I heard Bobby's story. He began his story from the time he could remember being a very little boy, born to share croppers and moving all around the south. He told how his mother and father raised him and tried to keep him in the church. And when he got in trouble as a teenager they sent him to his grandparents, "they thought they could straighten me out." He told about how he wanted to matter and do "big things in his life." Bobby talked about the people who loved him and cared for him and of those who didn't. Bobby told of his love for a very special woman in his life and of his son. At the end of his story we prayed, and cried, and laughed, but mostly I listened. Room 3103 was about Bobby's life, Bobby's love, Bobby's pain, Bobby's regrets, but most of all Bobby mattered, shackles and all.

This holiday season, I encourage you and yours to listen to one another...simply listen with no objective, simply listen with no agenda and cherish the sounds, the smells of holiday cooking, the laughter, the love. Listen with your heart; it truly matters and your soul will be "unshackled."

May God bless you, and keep you, may God shower you with love during this Holiday Season.

Office Hours for Pastoral Care
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 4:30 PM
Please call the church office for an appointment



**¡Felice
Navidad!**

Spanish

**Frohe
Weihnacht!**

German



Georg Friedrich Handel's
Messiah
Sunday, December 4, 2011
4:00 p.m.
- Presented by -
Trinity Presbyterian Church
Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra
Featuring guest soloists from
New York City, Chicago, and Jacksonville, Florida



*Ticket donation \$15 to benefit the
William J. Bellamy, Jr. Music Scholarship Fund*
Tickets available at Aimee's Hallmark in Palm Harbor Shopping Center
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Messiah tickets are available through the church office, Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM or at Aimee's Hallmark. Please call 445.4757 for more information.

Don't delay because this concert sells out quickly!

A Message From
Our Pastor

December 2011

Dear Friends,

Christmas is a joyous celebration at Trinity. So often, we are trying to find the true meaning of Christmas amidst all the secular joys of celebration. Here are some ways to make Christmas a special time in your heart and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Come hear the Messiah! Our choir, directed by Linda Hodges, accompanied by Paige Long on harpsichord, guest organist Rodney Cleveland, and the Trinity Chamber Players, will present an unparalleled presentation of the Messiah, featuring our guest soloists from New York and Jacksonville on December 4th at 4:00 pm. Tickets are on sale in the church office and they are going fast! We expect a full house, so get your tickets soon!

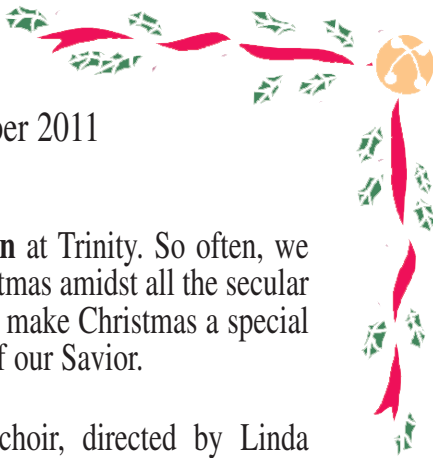
Come and see our Handbell Choir perform at the library! Lillian Warner, along with her faithful members, have been practicing for months to bring the joy of Christmas to the people on Friday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm (please check this time as it has yet to be officially determined at press time).

Come and hear a special musical presentation at our worship services at 8:15 am and 11:00 am on December 18th! The sermon that day will be shorter than usual in order to bring you more of the music of the season.

Come to the Christmas Eve services! We will have a new Christmas Children's Pageant at 4:00 pm and our annual Christmas Candlelight

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She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21



Chaplain's Corner

Rev. Sheryl Sumlin-Barelay

"...do not now be negligent, for the Lord has chosen you to stand in his presence to minister to him..."

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Chronicles 29:11

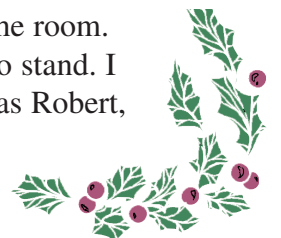
One Stormy Night in Georgia

You never know what God has in store for you at any given moment. While completing my requirements for Clinical Pastoral Education, I had to sleep, eat and live in a hospital setting.

One stormy night in Georgia, I was stretched out on my cot already exhausted from the days rounds, but still having another fifteen hours before my on call would come to an end. My feet hurt, my back was aching, and I had missed one of my son's football practices. I rolled on my side preparing to ask God, "let my pager stay quiet for a while longer; when of course it began to buzz. Now, usually the pager would prepare the reader for the event that was to take place. It may read "car accident, or motorcycle-youth." But this gloomy night it simply readroom 3103, period. I threw some water on my face, put my shoes back on and trudged up to 3103. When I arrived there were two sheriffs at the door; one on each side of the doorway. I walked in to see two other sheriffs, one on each side of the patient. As my eyes settled from the dim lighting, I noticed that the patient was also shackled to the bed. One of the officers said; "He wants to talk to somebody."

I asked the patient his name and asked if it was ok that I pull up a stool that stood in the corner of the room. There were no chairs and both sheriffs had to stand. I asked him his name and he said it was Robert, but "they call me Bobby." "Bobby, why did you call me?"

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In Memoriam



Elder/Deacon John Herrick

November 30, 1915 - November 14, 2011

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Bake Sale

I thank all of you who contributed food and/or money to the bakery booth and helped make it so successful. I couldn't have done it without all your contributions. Also, a big thank you to all my workers who helped make my load lighter.

Sally Smeaton, chairperson of Bakery Booth

Trinity's Handbell Choir

The evening of December 2nd is the annual "Festival of Trees" event at the Flagler Library. Trinity's Handbell Choir has been asked to ring at this event as we did last year. Remember this date and come out to support your Handbell Choir! The actual time has not been determined as yet and will be announced as soon as possible. Last year it was at 7:00 pm and was a huge success. The Bell Choir enjoys representing Trinity Church in our community.

Thanks - Lillian

You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.
Luke 1:31-33

**Buon
Natale!**

German

**Joyeux
Noël!**

Italian

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Service at 6:00 pm. The pageant will include all children who attend the service. They will put on costume and act out the Christmas story as it is told and sung through worship.

Come worship Christmas day! We will hold one service on Sunday, December 25th, at 10:00 am. (There will also be only one service on January 1st at 10:00 am as well).

I would also urge you to observe the Advent season with our Advent Booklet, written by you, the members and presented, with love, by the Christian Education Committee. I would also urge you to come to church each Sunday in Advent.

I also know that this is a difficult time of year for some many of us, especially when we consider the saints who are dear to us who we will not see because they will not be making the trip from a far away city, or they have gone to glory. Christmas is also a time to celebrate the "mystic sweet communion" of the saints, a time to find the peace we all share with the birth of our Savior.

Grace and Peace,

Ron Watson

Children's Christmas Pageant Dec. 24th 4:00 pm



Join us for our new family service on Christmas Eve at 4:00 pm. Children put on appropriate costumes for a living nativity as part of worship, congregational singing, and the Christmas story from Luke's Gospel.

Not only will this be fun for kids and adults alike, it will meet the needs of those who prefer an early evening.

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Presbyterian Women's Christmas Luncheon



Wednesday
December 14 @ 12:30
Mehaffey Hall

Come enjoy a festive holiday luncheon.

Miriam Circle will be the hostess for this gala event. The business meeting includes installation of officers for 2012 as well as naming the Trinity Woman of the Year and presenting honorary life membership to her. The entertainment will include a performance by the Trinity Handbell Choir as well as singing by the children from The Learning Center. A Thank You offering will be taken. All Trinity women are invited to attend this lovely event.

Note: Circles do not meet during December. They will resume in January. Team Gathering of the Board will meet on Wednesday, December 7 at 10:00 in Kepler Conference Center.



Christmas Angel Tree

It's again that time of year when we have the privilege of making the Christmas season a bit brighter than it would otherwise be for persons in three missions programs supported by our church. These persons are: children in the Family Food (Gilda Blair) Program, children in the Family Life/ Safe House Program, and residents at the Duvall Home.

Here's how it works: The Christmas Angel Tree will be placed in the narthex by Sunday, December 4 with angel ornaments. Beginning on that date, please take one (or more) ornaments from the tree. On the angel will be the name of a child (or Duvall resident) with the child's age, size, and suggestions for a gift. Then please place your wrapped gift under the Angel Tree by Sunday, December 18 - on that date members of the Missions Committee will be distributing the gifts.

Thanks for making this a happier Christmas for those in need.

Happy Birthdays

Judy Ziems	1-Dec	Sabrina Rampersad	15-Dec
Hailey Tucker	1-Dec	Lauren Grant	17-Dec
Daisylin Davey	1-Dec	Eleanor Peterson	17-Dec
Bill Campbell	3-Dec	Doris Valenti	17-Dec
Ellie Hodson	4-Dec	Janet Burnett	17-Dec
Gloria Scandariato	5-Dec	Margaret Hayes	17-Dec
Colin Earle	5-Dec	Randy Watts	18-Dec
Sondra Mc Donald	5-Dec	Becca Bower	18-Dec
Roy Zicht	5-Dec	Robbie Donaldson	18-Dec
Ayoung Girouard	5-Dec	Irene Blake	19-Dec
Gayle Spivey	6-Dec	Bud Hammell	19-Dec
John Soave	6-Dec	Jim Little	20-Dec
Brian Guerin	6-Dec	Lorrie Blue-Angle	20-Dec
Fred Pellmann	6-Dec	Don Mc Donald	21-Dec
Roy Hodson	6-Dec	Brenda Digby	21-Dec
Timothy Lemper	7-Dec	Becky Reynolds	21-Dec
Patty Yarotsky	7-Dec	Alyson Hickson	22-Dec
Fran Austell	7-Dec	Bob Griffis	22-Dec
Mary Shull	8-Dec	Bill Thompson	23-Dec
Jim Burns	8-Dec	Bill Dralle	23-Dec
Lillian Warner	8-Dec	Carol Bellantoni	24-Dec
Sue Ewald	8-Dec	Bella Kaczmarek	24-Dec
Mike Irwin	9-Dec	Carolyn Hunley	25-Dec
Lisa Hammond	10-Dec	Rick Palm	25-Dec
Jennifer Mellow	10-Dec	Evan Kopach	28-Dec
Dave Martin	10-Dec	Liz Monaco	28-Dec
Ken Robinson	11-Dec	Mary Ann Clark	29-Dec
Louisa Childs	11-Dec	Glen Elliott	30-Dec
Sara Langford	11-Dec	George Mehaffey	31-Dec
Alan J. Wrasemann	12-Dec	Alice Dralle	1-Jan
Bob Sanders	12-Dec	Julio Martin	1-Jan
Margaret Best	12-Dec	Nikki Prevatte	1-Jan
Ali Towne	13-Dec	Eleanor Starr	1-Jan
Ellen Soave	13-Dec	David Richardson	1-Jan
Dianne Bradley	13-Dec	Sharon Heldwein	1-Jan
Charlotte Davis	14-Dec	Dennis Eidson	3-Jan

MESSAGE FROM THE TPC FINANCE COMMITTEE

From time to time throughout the year, the Finance Committee likes to share with you information which we feel might be useful to the members of the congregation about the financial welfare of our Church and its designated missions. Please feel free to contact Dr. Ron Watson or any of us listed below for further information.

In His Service,

**Jef Amsbaugh, Marilyn Kopach, Chuck Larew,
Walt McRae and Ross Royce**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY November 20, 2011

As you know, we celebrated Stewardship Sunday on November 13 with a message from our Executive Presbyter, Dr. Paul Hooker. He challenged each of us with an inspiring sermon about our calling as Christians to be grateful givers. In the evening, a number of us enjoyed a fantastic Mexican Fiesta Dinner and we were joined by our guest speaker, Dr. John Law, a retired Presbyterian minister and a great American humorist. He kept us all in high spirits and thoroughly entertained. It clearly set the tone for this year's Stewardship Program. We wish that more of the congregation could have shared the comradeship and John's humor.

Commitment Sunday is scheduled for November 20th when we turn in our pledges for the new year as an act of commitment and dedication to the work of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. For it is he who has shown us the path we should follow and to show our thanks for all of the gifts that God has bestowed upon us. As we approach our annual celebration of Thanksgiving, we ask that you give your pledge your prayerful consideration.

All of us are painfully aware of difficult economic times we are all experiencing. We know that it was necessary for the Session to approve transferring \$60,000 from savings to cover increases in our expenses and the shortfall in this year's pledges and tuitions. Specific steps have already been taken to reduce some of our expenses.

For those who are in a position to do so, we ask that you consider pledging an extra \$1 per week. If each current pledging unit would pledge an extra \$1 per week, we could increase our overall giving by \$10,000! " Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - Corinthians 9:7.



Trinity Troopers and their families had a field trip to the Resource Center. We learned all about how the Resource Center works to help those in need in Flagler County, and we stocked the shelves with the food that we brought along. We had a great trip! Please continue to bring in canned goods, cereals, peanut butter, pasta, etc. every week, to help us continue this important mission.

Middle School and Senior High Fellowships and their families are planning a trip to Ponte Vedra for a Walk Through Bethlehem on December 9th and will go Christmas Caroling together on December 11th.

Senior Highs will have their Christmas Party at the Bonners' home on December 11th, after Christmas Caroling. Don't forget your White Elephant gift to exchange.

FLAGLER FUN COAST BED RACE!

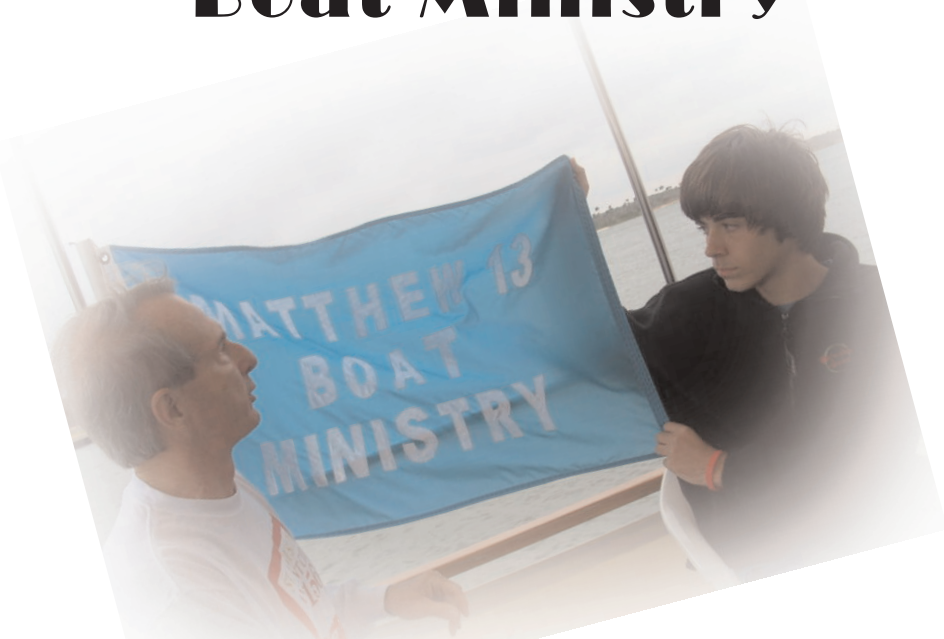
December 3rd!

Due to inclement weather, the October date for the Bed Race was postponed and rescheduled for December 3rd. Please come out and cheer on our Senior High Youth after the Holiday Parade on December 3rd in Flagler Beach. We will participate in the parade at 1:00 p.m. and the race begins at 3:30 p.m. Our theme will still be Trinity Mutant Ninja Turtles!



Hope to see you there!

Youth Matthew 13 Boat Ministry



The Senior Highs thank the Connors Family and Pastor Dan for a fantastic Matthew 13 Boat Ministry Trip!



Youth Fellowship Important Information & Dates

WALK THROUGH BETHLEHEM with us on Friday, December 9th. Families are invited. We will meet at church to carpool.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING December 11th, 4:00 pm followed by our Annual Senior High Christmas Party at the Bonners, complete with a White Elephant Gift Exchange! *The entire congregation (EVERYONE) is invited to join the youth in Christmas Caroling.*



Middle School Fellowship will have a regular meeting on December 7th, and our Annual Christmas Party on the 14th.

No Middle School Meetings on December 21st, 28th or January 4th. Enjoy the holidays, and we'll see you back on Wednesday, January 11th, 2012.

No Senior High Meetings on December 18th, 25th or January 1st. Enjoy the holidays, and we'll see you back on Sunday, January 8th, 2012.

Trinity Troopers will have a regular meeting on December 7th, and our Annual Christmas Party will be on the 14th.

No Troopers on December 21st, 28th or January 4th. Enjoy the holidays, and we'll see you back on Wednesday, January 11th, 2012.

Merry Christmas

You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14