# **Announcements** for the week of December 14, 2025



Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church! We are glad you have joined us for worship today. Restrooms are available in the Parish House across the driveway. Assistive hearing devices are available from our greeters in the back of the church. Children are ALWAYS welcome at ALL services. There are "quiet" activities such as crayons and Sunday coloring papers available in the back of the church, but we love your kids just as much when they squeal or squirm. If you have any questions, please ask one of the greeters.

Altar flowers are given by members of the Flower Guild.

# Ministry of the Month: The Surprise Shop

The Surprise Shop was founded in 1964 by The Women's Guild of Trinity Episcopal church as an outreach to the community by providing gently used items and clothing to those who needed a little help with expenses. The shop was in East Towson until 1974 when the Reverend Kingsley Smith decided to not live in the Parish Rectory where we are now. Over the years the shop has evolved into a community destination for Assistance ,Retail Therapy and Community Camaraderie. Volunteers and customers frequently help each other and encourage mutual support. This commitment has sustained our business for 61 years.

### **DEADLINE EXTENDED – December 18**

Trinity Episcopal Church offers the opportunity to purchase beautiful poinsettia plants as Memorials or Honorariums to beautify the church during the Advent season, and to bring to your home following the Christmas Day service. Funds raised support the Altar Guild and Flower Guild ministries at Trinity. The price for each plant dedication is \$25 and can be paid by cash, check or online. Please make a note that your payment is for the Poinsettia fundraiser and send to Trinity with your weekly offering or mail to Debbie Barnes at 120 Allegheny Ave., Towson, MD 21204. Order forms are also available

through the ETimes and in the Narthex.

## **Today**

- We worship together with Communion in Lee Chapel at 8 am and in the Church at 10:15 am
- Join us for a light coffee hour in Memorial Hall after each service. Today, Outreach will host following the 10:15 service.
- Advent Formation: Heaven's Earthly Life: Wendell Berry and the Poetry of Advent. Please pick up a copy of this lovely Advent devotional from the narthex to use privately or in community formation at 9:10 am in Memorial Hall.
- **Steering Committee** will meet at 9:15 am in the Peel Library.
- **Partner Fellowship Discussion** in the Library at 11:30 am.

#### This week

- Wednesday Night Live Evening Prayer with Mother Rhetta and Mary Sykes at 6 pm on YouTube.
- **Brown Bag Bible Study** meets **every** Thursday at 11 am on Zoom. We are currently working our way through Isaiah. Meeting ID: 833 4739 8611; Passcode: 572671.
- **Vestry meeting** on Thursday, December 18 at 7 pm.
- **Contemporary music practice** in Sanctuary on Sat., Dec. 20th at 10 am.

# Our Community Partners today and this week

- Maryland Presbyterian Church has use of the Guild Room on Sundays.
- Unity Fellowship Church of Columbia has use of Church and Memorial Hall from 12:30 pm to 4 pm; Peel Library on the last Sunday of the month at 10:15 am.
- The **Old Lutherville AA** meeting takes place on Sunday at 8 pm in Memorial Hall.
- **Gentle Yoga** in Guild Room Dec . 15 at 1:30 pm.
- Tai Chi practice meets Mondays at 5:30 pm in the Guild Room and Memorial Hall.
- Canticle Singers rehearsal in the Sanctuary on Tuesdays at 7 pm.
- Alzheimer's Groups in Guild Room, Library, and Memorial on Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6 pm.

#### TRINITY INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST



We pray for those with immediate needs: Justin Burchill, Megan Carroll, Alice Christopher, Charles Cloughen, Brian Feld, Don Godbold, Carolyn Hart, Martha Hendrickson, The Jerns Family, Dot Mundy, Erica Nash, Pascal P., Ruth & Jerry, Mary Helen McSweeney, Pat Reilley, and. Rick Whyte

# We pray for those with long-term needs:

Ashton Aphonso Ken Eder Cyndi Mitchell-Summers Antwon Baker Pamela Flick Phyllis O'Keefe Mary Lou Bates Elliott Frosst Melody Pairo Gini Patterson Nadine Braunstein Krista Gwilliam **Hugh Andrew** Dottie Hagen Gaia Peled George Bias Eleanor Harvey Pat Prescott Nicole Burruano Leslie Heaps The Price Family Anna Clarkson Tom Heaps **Becky Slater** Ilene Clarkson Nancy Hinson Ruth Stahl Karen Hoffman **Ebbie Wheeler** Diane Serex-Dougan Ann Eder **Bob McInnis** Pat Wolf Sue Miskimon Rev. Eric Zile

### We pray for our students attending college and university:

Allie Felter Holly Jenkins
Julia Felter Zachary Miskimon
Cooper Grable Jack Pawluk

Andrew Jenkins Nicole Panebianco

**A prayer of Thanksgiving** for Tommy Bass's successful surgery, the birth of Kelly Mackey, great grandson of Mary Beth Jorgensen, and Andrew Jenkins graduation from Towson University.

We pray for those who have birthdays in the coming week: Carmen Howard, Sue Calder, Andrew Jenkins, and Hadley Emerson-Gertz.

We pray for those who have died: Mary Jane White.

We pray for those serving in our military: Owen Ayotte, Jordan Clark, Daniel Morthole, Toni Myatt, and Mark Torres, Jr.

**Anglican & Diocesan Cycles of Prayer:** especially Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; St. David's, Roland Park; St. James', Baltimore; and St. John's, Mount Washington.

We'd love to include your prayer requests. Please send them to pastoralcare@trinitychurchtowson.org