

Welcome!

We are glad you are here! It is our sincere prayer that you will sense God's presence as you worship with us today. Our worship service is broadcast live each week on WHTC radio (1450AM) & is streamed live at www.whtc.com

Nursery is provided for infants through 3 year olds. Ask a greeter to direct you.

- Sunday School for ages 3 - adult is offered every Sunday from 11 am - noon, September through mid May.
- High School Youth Group meets every Sunday from 6 - 8 pm, September through April.
- Middle School Youth Group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 - 8 pm, September through April.

Please take a moment to sign the fellowship register during the offertory. If you are our guest, we would be delighted to send you information about Trinity Church. If there is any way we can serve you, please do not hesitate to contact the church office (396-6526).

Meet the Ministry Staff

Rev. Chris DeGraaf, Pastor
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Becky Bierma, Worship Coordinator
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Nancy Smith, Calling Pastor
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Ministry Highlights

New Consistory Members – At the December 6 Congregational Meeting, the following persons were elected to a 3 year term on consistory: Elders Jim Allen, Dianne Moker & Doug Schurman and Deacons Tom Lampen & Scott Baumgartner.

The Christmas Offering is designated for Audio Scripture Ministries to support the distribution of audio bibles. Trinity missionary Chad VandenBosch serves with ASM.

Connection Café Immediate Need - Packaged, store-bought cookies are needed every week for the Connection Café. A box to place your donations is available in the kitchen. Thank you!

January Connections Deadline - Due to the Christmas holiday, the deadline for articles for the January Connections is tomorrow, December 17. Please email information to barb@trinityrc.org or drop in the designated bin in the church office. Anything submitted after Dec. 17 will be included in the February issue. Thank you!!

Adult Ministry

Turning Pages Reading Group meets this Thurs., Dec. 20 at noon at Jack & Winnie Welton's house. Lunch is provided - just bring your book.

Ladies Night Out - Sign up at the information table for the first Ladies Night Out of the New Year on Thursday, Jan. 17. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., followed by hands-on activities starting at about 6:15, and concluding with dessert at 7:45. This is a time of fellowship and service to our community.

Knitters Needed for a new prayer shawl ministry in partnership with a local Christian surgeon. For yarn & simple directions, see Gretchen Fisher, Barb Long or Betty Vredeveld.

Adult Ministry

The First Dave Ramsey Class Was A Big Success! For 9 weeks, we met to watch a video led by Dave Ramsey, followed by a time of discussion. The class is very eye opening & informative. As a group, we cut up 10 credit cards. reduced our non-mortgage debt by \$8,200 and increase our saving accounts by \$2,400. We would like to start another class soon. If you are interested, contact Ed or Beth Borgman to discuss class times that would work for you. If you have any questions on the class, feel free to talk with the recent graduates of Financial Peace University: John & Penny Houting, Martin & Pat Trevino and Steve & Amanda Schurman. Also, special thanks to the anonymous donor that help support the class.

MEN – This Wednesday the Men's Bible study group looks at Acts 9:31-41 examining Peter's ministry to the Gentiles & the church at Antioch. We begin with sharing & prayer, move into our study/discussion & end by 7:30 in time for those who need to be to work by 8. Join us! 6:30am at church then 7:45 for breakfast at Russ's Easttown. Can't make 6:30? Join us for breakfast anyway. Hope to see you either place.

Youth Ministry

Youth Leaders Needed!! If you have ever wanted to work with youth, please talk to Jon as soon as possible. We have a need in both the Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups.

Luke 1:26-38

Mary, Humble Servant of God

Sermon Notes December 16, 2012

Today's Servers

Greeters: Vern & Leona Houting
Ushers: Matt & Heather Oom
Karen DeBoer & Ross Helmus
Nursery: Nicole Baumgartner (Infant)
Kaela Sandusky (Infant)
Joey & Martha Obaseki
(Toddler)

Servers for December 23

Greeters: Doug & Robin Dams
Ushers: Doug & Dawn Schurman
Ed Borgman & Steve Schurman
Nursery: Jeanne & Alani Dannenberg
(Infant)
Heather Oom & Olivia DeGraaf
(Toddler)

Next Week at Trinity

Scripture

Luke 1:46-56

Message

Mary and Elizabeth Rejoice

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP
AT TRINITY CHURCH!***

December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent

Scripture Passage

Luke 1:26-38

Message

Mary, Humble Servant of God

Sanctuary Choir Anthems

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Advent Alleluia

Hymn

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (170)

Worship Songs

Come Just As You Are

O Come All Ye Faithful

Participating in Worship

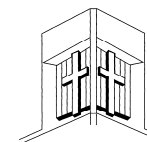
Pastor Chris DeGraaf, Preaching

Becky Bierma, Scripture Reading

Milt Bos, Organist

Sanctuary Choir

Trinity Praise Team



Trinity Reformed Church

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616-396-6526 (Office)

616-396-1044 #5 (Prayer Line)

Family Ministry

Wednesday Family Dinner - Enjoy hamburgers, salad, pb&j and cookies this Wed., Dec. 19 at 6pm. Please sign up at the information table.

CHRISTMAS CAROLERS WANTED - This Wednesday, December 19, the Trinity bus will be transformed into a singing bus of good cheer as we travel to some unsuspecting victims (um, friends) & share the warmth & joy of the Christmas season in song. Everyone is welcome! The festivities begin at 6pm with dinner. By 6:30 we'll hit the road & visit as many as we can before returning to church by 8:00. Sign up in the information table or talk with a Spiritual Growth team member.

Treasurer's Notes

2013 Contribution Envelopes – If you did not receive a contribution booklet in your church mailbox and would like to start using envelopes, please call the church office. The booklets consist of weekly envelopes which are pre-addressed and can be simply stamped and dropped in the mail if you are unable to attend or are a shut-in.

Year End Giving – As a reminder, according to IRS guidelines, any contributions that you wish to have included on your 2012 contribution statement must be at the church or postmarked by Dec. 31. Contributions received at the church and/or postmarked on or after Jan. 1 will be considered a 2013 contribution regardless of the date on the check.

Care Closet

Care Closet Needs this week include: *laundry detergent, mouthwash & window cleaner*. Three volunteers are also needed each Wednesday from 4:30-6pm. A sign up sheet is available at the information table. Thank you!

Community Ministry

Breakfast with Baby – The next breakfast is Jan. 12 at New Community 4th Church. Current needs include diapers (3,4), wipes, winter coats up to size 2T, new & used winter clothes (especially sizes 12months - 2T boys & girls), cribs (no drop down sides), high chairs, walkers or exersaucers and infant car seats & toddler car seats (must be manufactured in the last 10 years & never in an accident). Donations may be brought to the church office. Thank you!

Parents Needed! A local non-profit needs parents of 12-18 year olds to participate in a focus group that will help the agency better serve its clients, parents and the community. Simply go to www.dj-focusgroups.com and complete the form. You will be compensated for your participation.

Thank You

From Celia Hamlin

It was a nice surprise to receive the delicious & beautifully decorated Christmas cookies from my Trinity family. I am sure I will enjoy them!

From Alice VerSchure

Thank you for the cards & notes from my Trinity family in celebration of my birthday and when I was Senior of the Week. It is so nice to be remembered.

This Week at Trinity

TODAY, DEC. 16

Third Sunday of Advent

Worship, **9:30am**

Sunday School for All Ages, **11am**

Children's Christmas Program, **4pm**

Area 51 Christmas Party, **6pm**

MONDAY, DEC. 17

Wavecrest Basketball Practice, **3:30pm**

Mission Team, **7pm**

TUESDAY, DEC. 18

Worship Planning Team, **11am**

Adult Bible Study, **2pm**

Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**

Basketball for Teens & Adults, **7pm**

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19

Men's Bible Study, **6:30am**

Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**

Care Closet, **4:30pm**

Family Dinner, **6pm**

Family Christmas Caroling, **6:30pm**

Go Fish Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party, **6:30pm**

Beth Moore "Fruit of the Spirit" Bible Study, **6:30pm**

Sanctuary Choir Practice, **6:45pm**

Praise Team Practice, **8pm**

This Week at Trinity

THURSDAY, DEC. 20

Turning Pages Reading Group Meeting
at the Welton's, **noon**

Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**

Beth Moore "Daniel" Bible Study, **6:30pm**

FRIDAY, DEC. 21

Pastoral Care Office Hours with Nancy Smith,
11am

SATURDAY, DEC. 22

SUNDAY, DEC. 23

Worship, **9:30am**

MONDAY, DEC. 24

Christmas Eve Worship, **7:30pm**

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

Merry Christmas!!

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

Men's Bible Study, **6:30am**

Wavecrest Basketball, **3:30pm**

Prayer Corner

THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

- Happy Birthday 12/17 to AJ Bedard & Vern Houting, 12/18 to Phyllis Dalman & Gretchen Fisher, 12/19 to Joyce Harper, 12/21 to Jim Allen, Linda Allen & Julee Wolf, 12/22 to Dan Kruithof, 12/23 to Mike MacOwen and 12/24 to Bev DeKorte.
- Happy Anniversary today, 12/16 to Rob & Teresa Harrington and 12/18 to Marv & Sydelle Kroll.

CHURCH, COMMUNITY, COUNTRY, WORLD

- Julia Drost is Trinity's senior of the week. Please send cards & notes to A-5299 141st, Holland MI 49423.
- Erick Ritterby, grandson of Arlyne VanderWoude is Trinity's serviceperson this week. Erick works in Washington DC & lives with his family at 7329 B Kelly Ct, Ft. Mead MD 20755.
- Rachel (Kleis) & Jon Jordan are Trinity's post-high students of the week. Rachel & Jon ask for prayers as Rachel starts her externship soon and as both Rachel & Jon prepare to graduate in the spring. Their address is 270 Cambridge Ave., Holland MI 49423.

Prayer Corner

HEALTH & HEALING

- Shirley Vereeke has a compression fracture in her back that is slowly healing. She will see a specialist next week to get MRI results.
- Jerry Lubbers continues with therapy at The Inn at Freedom Village.
- Tod Gugino, son-in-law of JoAnn Dykstra continues with chemotherapy treatments in an effort to put his heart disease into remission.
- Nancy Chapman, friend of Nancy & Cliff Ponstein is under hospice care at her home.
- Sue Eenigenburg continues with chemotherapy treatments. She appreciates all the cards & prayers from Trinity Church.
- Please continue to pray for Hazel Dirkse, Kim Pelon, Barb Dalman, Shirley Perez, Joan Hof, Ruth Hoedema, Betty Diekema, John Klungle, Marv & Arlene VandenBosch, Chuck Arends, Loren Verburg, Mary VanMalsen, Marv Kroll, Doug & Lavonne VandeWege, Mimi Kedash, Roger Langeland, Clare Slager, Kyle Bruursema, Howard Langeland, Kim (Adam Smith's step-brother) and Jen (neighbor of Adam & Nancy Smith).

After Hours Emergency Telephone Number

396-6526 (press 2 & leave a message)