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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up

—Galatians 6:9

The Children's Department will be teaming up with the Scholastic Book Company to host a Reading Rainforest Book Fair. The book fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, cookbooks, and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers. The book fair will be open to families, teachers, and the community December 9th – 17th.

We are hosting the book fair to earn books for our summer reading program. Scholastic will return to Trinity a portion of the book fair profits in books - the larger our sales, the greater our rewards. We are planning many special events throughout the week to boost sales. To be successful, we need your help. Listed below is a schedule of events, if you can volunteer to help with any or all of them please contact Aimee Rasnick.

December 9th – Community Book Fair Kick-Off & Bake Sale – 10 – 3

Bring the kids, invite your neighbors, tell a friend!!! Santa and Clifford the Big Red Dog are coming to Trinity. Eat Cookies, drink hot cocoa, register for door prizes, buy some treats. Listen to a story, participate in a book themed scavenger hunt, do some Christmas shopping.

December 10th – Grandma, Grandpa, & Me!!! – 4:00 – 6:00

Kids bring your grandparents to Trinity for a fun filled afternoon of snacks, stories, coloring, and activities.

December 11th – Book Fair Open 10 – 2

Donuts with Dad 6:30 – 8:00

Dads come out and spend some time with the kids. Give mom a few minutes of peace and quiet. Teach your child the fun of curling up with a good book at bedtime. In keeping with our bedtime theme, we invite you to wear your favorite pajamas to the Reading Rainforest.

December 12th – Home School Day 10 – 2

Teacher Appreciation Evening 5 – 8

We have invited over 80 home school families to our book fair from 10 – 2. If you know any

A Season of Blessings

Amid all of the holiday hustle and bustle, it can be hard for children to remember the real reasons we celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas. In an effort to help our children remember to be thankful for all that God has given us, we have declared November and December to be "A Season of Blessings." We are giving our children the opportunity to learn that it truly is better to give than to receive. We hope that you will join us in reaching

out into the community and sharing your blessings with those less fortunate. During the month of November, our children will be collecting food for a family in need. In December, we will be collecting items for the Children's Advocacy Center, traveling to the Bristol Nursing Home to perform our Christmas play, and Christmas caroling.

A list of food items for our family in need is listed below. We will begin accepting donations for this family

homeschoolers who might be interested in visiting our book fair, please invite them to visit us. We will be awarding one lucky home school family a \$25.00 book door prize.

From 5 - 8, we are inviting the areas finest teachers to join us for coffee and dessert. Scholastic is providing to them free of charge a curriculum connection worksheet for Hello Goodbye Window, Pick of the Litter, Princess Academy, Rosa, Scholastic Book of Firsts, Scholastic Book of Lists, Wolf Brother, Each Little Bird that Sings, and Magic Tree House - Carnival. They may also register for a \$25.00 book door prize.

December 13th - Book Fair Open 10 -2

December 14th - Christmas Shopping Opportunity 10 -2

Cub Scout Invitations - 6 - 8

Parents, let your little ones watch a movie or play in our Flowers in the Garden classroom while you finish up your Christmas shopping at the book fair.

Local Cub Scout troops have been invited to shop

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS GIFT

Have you considered giving your church a gift at Christmas? We are all so blessed with so much and this would be a good time to bless our church with a gift to God. Think about this—it would be a blessing to you and to our church.

Christmas Cantata

You're invited to come and enjoy the Christmas Cantata which will be presented on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 pm followed by a Church Christmas Dinner. Bob and Sue Sharp are providing the ham so bring a covered dish or two to go with it. Don't miss this fun and fellowship.

SNOWTUBING RESERVATIONS

Family Name _____ Deposit Paid Date _____

Family Members Attending _____

Number of Adults & Children Over 44 in. (lodging & tubing) ___ x \$105= _____

Number of Adults & Children under 44 in. (lodging & kid park) ___ x \$80= _____

Number of Adults & Children (lodging only) _____ x \$80= _____

FAMILY TOTAL \$ _____

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Monday, Dec 4,11,18-Lectionary Ministers-10:30-Noon

Dec 4—Administrative Council Meeting-7:00 pm

Tuesday, Dec 5-Mary Martha Circle—12 Noon

Wednesday, Dec 6, 13, 20-Family Night-6:00 pm

Special Events

Dec 10—Children’s Christmas Program

Dec. 17—Christmas Cantata and Dinner

Dec. 20—Children’s Christmas Party

*Let your light shine before men,
that they may see your good
works, and glorify your Father
which is in heaven.*

Pastor Amy will be taking communion to shut-ins for the Christmas Season. Please contact the Church Office (669-1772) if you would like to add anyone to her list .

Wednesday Night Menu

- Dec 6—Chicken Tenders & Sides
- Dec 13—Hamburgers & Tater Tots
- Dec 20—Appetizers & Party Foods

-The Food Pantry moved on November 21 to 430 Russell St. The new facility has heat and air conditioning. The key will still be picked up at The Crisis Center-same as always. If you have questions, call Linda Roberts at 669-0838.

ACOLYTES

- Dec 3—Abbi Sage
- Dec 10—Justin Brown
- Dec 17—Jordan Marsh
- Dec 24—Cara Barb
- Dec 31—Raven Crusenberry

Pastor Amy is on vacation from November 29-December 6. Call the church office if you have an emergency—669-1772.

Financial Update

Total pledged toward Promised Land \$188,814.00

Total given toward Promised Land \$64,852.00

Total given toward budget to date \$101,575.00

Average per Sunday \$2116.15

Scripture Readers

Dec 3—Bob Bailey

Dec 10—Eva Sims

Dec 17-Nancy Smith

Dec 24—Linda Roberts

Bread Delivery

Linda Roberts

Food Pantry-Dec 13

Edwin King, Linda Roberts

We still have apple butter for sale—it makes nice Christmas gifts—so come by the church office and pick up some or contact Nancy Smith or Ruth Hutton. Hurry before it’s all gone.

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, let us know so we can update our files. Call the church office 669-1772 or e-mail trinityoffice@bvunet.net.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Chuck Marsh

2—David Miller

3—Meredith Barlow

4 - Winifred Holbrook

5—Matthew Westfall

6—Michael Hilfigure

6—Ernest Osborne

7—Richie Arnold

8—David King

9 - Jonathan Roe

10—Patsy Gross

14—Betty Hurley

14—Mike Kovacs

16—Claudice Combs

17—Lisa Ketron

17—Susan Westfall

20—Les Campbell

23—Justin Branson

27—Ashley Helton

28- Trish Tolley

29—Beth Hunigan Adams

29—Warren Boggs

29—Tim Harris

31—Vernon Gross

31 Peggy Creed

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11—Tin & Tina Harris

20—Jim & Becki Chandler

21—Mike & Kay Kovacs

29—Kevin & Amy Holmes

29—Paul and Peggy Sams

30—Gordon & Sharon Perkins

30—Dobbie & Corintha Hudson

31—Jim & Coleen Pierce

Dec 31—David & Lisa Trinkle

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PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Winnie Hill

Joe Tolley

Georgia Poole

Bruce & Jackie Hamilton

Omah Lee Shaffer

Alma Ruth Hunigan

Coleen Pierce

Kathryn Myers

William "Boomer" Daugherty

Patsy Hudson

FRIENDS

Kay Ferguson

Billy McDaniel

John Ramsey

Theresa Powers

SHUT-IN

Betty Hopkins

Jessie Fullen

Names on our prayer list rotate off approximately after six months unless otherwise notified. Please contact the church office to make any changes.

Before you request a name to be placed on the prayer list it is necessary that you obtain the person's consent to have their name placed on the list.