

Trinity Times

Where is GOD calling us?

Strategic planning process begins with congregational survey

BHOP AT WORK

Hundreds attend the annual fall festival in the Bolton/Hollowell Community

SHARE THE JOY

Mark your calendar for the triennial youth auction benefiting youth mission and fellowship programs

BLAZING THE TRAIL

Phase II of the Trinity Trail begins November 6. You can help.



Happening This Month

Sunday, November 6

- 8:45 am Worship*
- 9:45 am Church School*
- 11:00 am Worship*
- 12:00 pm First Sunday Lunch
- 12:30 pm Trail Building
- 5:00 pm 4th & 5th Grade Family Fellowship
- 5:00 pm Youth Choir*
- 6:00 pm Youth Supper*
- 6:30 pm Junior and Senior High PYC*

Monday, November 7

- 1:00 pm Heritage Committee
- 5:45 pm Mission Ministry Committees
- 6:30 pm CFM Renovation Team

Tuesday, November 8

- 7:00 pm Men in Transition

Wednesday, November 9

- 6:45 am High School Bible Study*
- 7:00 am Faces of Wisdom*
- 7:30 am Coordinating Council
- 12:00 pm Disciple II*
- 4:30 pm Counseling & Enrichment Committee
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir*
- 8:00 pm AA meeting*

Thursday, November 10

- 8:15 am Chapter 3B
- 9:00 am Disciple IV*
- 4:00 pm Hosanna Ringers*
- 4:00 pm Primary Choir*
- 4:45 pm Cherub I Choir *
- 5:00 pm Junior Choir*
- 5:15 pm Cherub II Choir*
- 5:45 pm Thursday Night Supper*
- 7:00 pm Trinity Explores
- 7:00 pm Spiritual Formation Leadership Training

Friday, November 11

- 7:27 am Trinity Men's Breakfast*

Sunday, November 13

- 6:00 pm POTS

Monday, November 14

- 6:00 pm College of Elders

Tuesday, November 15

- 6:45 pm Stephen Ministry

Wednesday, November 16

- 10:00 am The Tent
- 5:45 pm Trinity Serves 2012 Committee

Thursday, November 17

- 6:30 pm Middle Moms Group
- 7:00 pm Nonfiction Book Club

* Weekly recurring event

Let's Talk Money

The 2012 Commitment Campaign is well underway. As of this writing, three days before this year's Commitment Sunday, the campaign is moving toward its goal of \$3,967,500. We join in gratitude for the generous commitments already in hand and this Sunday's celebration of Trinity's vibrant community life of giving together.

With that in mind, we also want to let you know that heading into Commitment Sunday, this year's campaign stood slightly short of where we have been historically at this point in the giving season. We still have a substantial journey ahead as the overall trends, in pledges and increases, are not projecting at levels that would meet next year's anticipated need.

In the last three years, despite all of the headwinds of our economy, troubles which have affected all of us, Trinity's finances have remained strong because of the generous giving by its members and the church's careful management of those resources.

And that investment has been returned! Talk to just about anyone about Trinity and you will hear a common theme: Trinity is first rate. From the world-class music programs, to generous support of community need, to Adult Education courses, Trinity's various missions clearly represent a devotion to spreading God's love in the world. Forgive our bias, but we believe that we learn from the best, listen to the best, and provide the best we possibly can, all while keeping a close watch on all of these investments. Every day, we see examples of Trinity leading as a community of faith and building on successes, but also learning from failures and supporting others in inevitable heartbreak, both individual and collective. In short, there is no better steward of your money than Trinity.

So, what can you do? First, if you normally pledge and you've not yet made your commitment, please take the necessary steps to do so. Eve and Richard are supported by a team of stewards who can answer any questions or help you in any way come to the right decision that best fits your circumstances. Second, if you do not normally pledge, please consider doing so. Pledging isn't for everyone, but it is absolutely necessary that almost all of us DO pledge if we are to plan effectively and carry out God's work with efficiency and joy. Finally, please consider an increase over your prior year's commitment if you possibly can. Next year's projected need will require an increase of about five percent, but please use this number as a guideline rather than a rule.

Regardless of how you choose to participate, as you consider the many ways in which Trinity returns so much, our hope is that you will feel the joy that comes with participating generously in this most important part of our lives together as a community of faith. Thank you for the many ways in which you already give, and thanks be to God for the opportunity to be part of this giving journey together!

David Gracey
Chair, Ministry of Commitment

Eve Eckardt and Richard DuBose
Co-Chairs, 2012 Commitment Campaign

Where is God Calling Us?

Take the Trinity survey now through November 23

The Trinity Church Session now has an on-going Strategic Planning Committee. This committee will help the Session and its committees look ahead, target priorities and concerns, and help to plan each year's Session retreat with those items in mind. Before this committee can begin its work, there is a need to assess where Trinity is and re-engage a strategic planning process over the next five months.

The last long-range plan was approved by the Session in January 1999. In 2006 Scott Black Johnston formed a committee to begin the next long-range plan, with the hope that this plan would be approved in 2008 and carry us forward until 2019. As you know, the economy fell apart about then and Scott went to Fifth Avenue Church, and the plan was never adopted. However, all of that work was not in vain, as several priorities in that plan moved forward successfully, like our new structures and emphasis on youth and children.

Now times have changed, and it's time to look at Trinity and what lights our fire as a community of faith—what directions do we want to go? We are a strong, healthy, committed congregation that is ready to move forward. It is time to assess where we are and where God calls us.

Our Strategic Planning team will begin our process by surveying the congregation, using a professionally developed survey used by many mainline churches. Tom Evans, our Executive Presbyter, is very familiar with the use of this survey and will be our consultant as we go through



this part of our process.

During the week of October 31, members will be receiving an email with a link which will direct you to the survey, which you should be able to complete in 20 minutes. The survey site will be active until Wednesday, November 23, so we ask that you complete it as soon as possible. For members who would prefer not to use the on-line survey, hard copies will be available at Five Points and in the Media Center. Your input will be a valuable contribution to this strategic planning initiative, and we thank you in advance for completing the survey.

Ann Speer and John Oglesby, Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs

Committee members: Kate Armstrong, John Ferguson, Bentley Long, Ken Richards, Sue Williams
Ex Officio: Pam Driesell

Mission Matters

Interested in a Mission Trip to Cuba?

The Global Missions Ministry is planning a trip to Cuba this winter. The trip is scheduled for February 1-7, 2012, and the approximate cost is \$2,200. We will explore the Cuban context through four theological lenses: religion, culture, government, and education. The trip will include visits with our friends at La Playa Presbyterian Church in Matanzas, Luyano Presbyterian Church in Havana, and First Dora E. Valentin Presbyterian Church of Varadero. We will also visit the Theological Seminary of Matanzas, which Trinity Church supports. Please join us as we strengthen and deepen the relationship with our Cuban brothers and sisters, and as we seek to understand how to work to build a bridge between our two countries. The Rev. Matthew Ruffner will lead the trip, along with Steven Darst. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org. The registration deadline is November 15, with a nonrefundable deposit of \$500 due by December 1.

Every Life Matters: Donate a blanket

Trinity is partnering with other churches and organizations in the "Every Life Matters" campaign by participating in a blanket drive on November 6. These blankets will be given to the homeless community on the streets of Atlanta, in hopes they can survive a cold winter on the streets while organizations work toward lasting changes. The barrels will be out on that Sunday for you to drop in a clean medium-sized blanket. There will also be a table set up after worship where you can sign a pledge, adding your voice to the many who believe we can do more to care for people who are homeless in our community.

BHOP at Work

This past year the BHOP community has experienced a tremendous growth in leadership and participation. More than 631 residents of the Bolton-Hollowell area and 100 volunteers participated in the Community-building Coalition of Northwest Atlanta (CCNA) Fall Festival at Springfield Baptist Church. Participants and volunteers were treated to entertainment hosted by gospel jazz artist Theresa Morton, praise dancing by the West End Seventh Day Adventist Church, music by Angelica Tucker, and a variety of performers from Kennesaw State University.

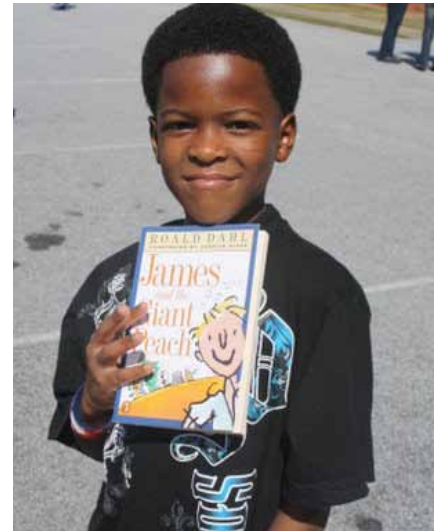
Many attendees learned about affordable housing opportunities. They registered to vote. They received vouchers entitling them to free mammograms. They learned about

free and low-cost healthcare. They had free health screenings onsite. They learned about new educational opportunities and brand new schools. They received free books. They learned about air quality and environmental stewardship. They learned about opportunities for closing the digital divide. And, of course, in the midst of it all they had fun, along with a seemingly endless supply of hotdogs and ice cream.

Thank you to the following Trinity members who helped with this year's fall festival:

Nancy Purdon and Ann Voit for standing in the sun and sharing 60 boxes of books;

Ramona White and her many education committee members for



collecting and sorting books;

Victor Carballosa for delivering the books to the festival;

Keith and Caroline Knight for fruit, and the U.S. Foodservice donation of chips, water, and granola bars;

Elly Dobbs for the games;

Peyton Dobbs for homemade bread;

Ellen Coggeshall and the Disciple Bible Study group for the face paints, tattoos, and crafts;

Michelle Uchiyama for attending meetings, serving as liaison to Trinity resources, coordinating entertainment and donations, and facilitating activities for the event; and

Craig Pendergrast for his great leadership.



Volunteer Opportunities

Agape Community Center

The Agape Community Center is looking for volunteers to provide and serve meals each month. If you are looking for an easy and fun-filled project, this is just for you! These meals are provided for the children who are involved in the after-school program throughout the academic year. This is to ensure that each and every elementary-aged child goes home after a warm and nutritious meal. This is a great opportunity for families to give back to the community. So bring the whole gang, and be a part of the Agape

Community Center. For more information, contact Sarah Williams at 404-257-1958 or sarwilliamsjr@comcast.net.

Druid Hills Night Shelter - Thanksgiving Night

Volunteers are needed for the Druid Hills Shelter on Thursday, November 24, which happens to be Thanksgiving night. As you make your holiday plans, why not make preparing and serving the meal at Druid Hills a part of it? Contact Bede Campbell (bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org) for more details.

Save the Date

What: "Share the Joy" – A church-wide evening fellowship event

Why: To benefit Trinity Church Youth Mission and fellowship trips at our Triennial Youth Auction

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Where: Trinity School in Allison Williams Activity Center – 4301 Northside Pkwy.

It's hard to believe that it has been nearly three years since the last youth auction! Join us for a fun and exciting evening that will enhance our growing youth program.

Throughout the year, the youth of Trinity Church travel with their youth advisors on nine fellowship and service trips. During this past summer, our youth traveled to the inner city of Philadelphia, PA, and Belfast, Northern Ireland, to provide community service. The annual trip to Montreat, NC, provided our youth with strong camaraderie and spiritual growth. These trips help each of our youth participants to better understand the power of God and to share the joy of being a Christian.

Individual families are responsible for the majority of the cost of these trips. This auction provides the youth program with the supplemental funds to reduce the rising costs.

This year the event will be located at Trinity School in the Allison Williams Activity Center (AWAC). The youth will be providing child care free of charge, as a service to families attending the event at both Trinity Church and individual homes. More information about this service will be



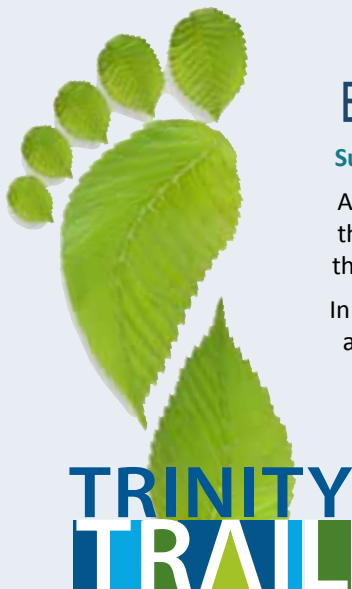
available closer to the event.

How can you help?

- Think of ways that you can donate your personal time or talent, with items to be used in the auction. Forms are available throughout the Church.
- Save the date – Saturday, February 25, 2012
- Purchase a ticket – available starting in January

The Senior High youth will contact past auction item supporters on November 13. Your past support is greatly appreciated, and we hope that you will again be willing to help the Youth Auction. The money raised will help build and continue the vibrant and meaningful programs that Trinity is providing our youth. Share the Joy for our youth!

If you have questions, please contact solicitation co-chairs Cindy Stancil (cindy.stancil@comcast.net) or Laurie Coleman (rclcatl@aol.com), or auction solicitation co-chairs Janet Edwards (janetdrivesalot@bellsouth.net), and Nancy Oglesby (n.oglesby@comcast.net).



Blazing the Trinity Trail: Phase II

Sunday, November 6

Attention, all nature-lovers. Come celebrate the fall season on Sunday, November 6, following the First Sunday lunch, by being part of the team that will build Phase II of the Trinity Trail through Trinity's beautiful woodlands.

In April of last year, a group of Trinitarians came together for an afternoon of outdoor work and fun to build the first phase of the trail. Today it is a quiet, peaceful retreat, perfect for the enjoyment and appreciation of the richness of nature.

Now, Phase II is ready to go. Wear or bring your outdoor clothes to church on November 6, stay for lunch, then join us at the trail site for some invigorating exercise and rewarding work as we complete this phase of Trinity's nature trail.

Sign up online at: <http://moourl.com/y6xs3>

New Church School Session Begins November 6

BIBLE

Hallelujah: The Story of Handel's Messiah

Teacher: Rev. Jim Newsome
November 6 – December 11
B104-106

It is a story of how a pudgy German composer, who wanted above all else to be the world's foremost composer of Italian opera, wrote what many consider to be the most beloved Christmas music of all. Included will be the tale of Handel's journey from the Vatican to London's theater scene; the story of why the man who conceived Messiah was not altogether happy with the music Handel wrote; an explanation of the threat by one of Handel's soloists to jump into the harpsichord -- a threat Handel dared the man to carry out; the curious puzzle of why -- in that glorious chorus, "For Unto Us a Child is Born" -- Handel chose to put the stress on the word "for" instead of (as one might expect) on the word "child." And other juicy tidbits Full orchestra and singers will be provided. As this fascinating story unfolds, the Class will also enjoy excerpts from the great work and explore the scriptures that inform its majestic lyrics.

Dr. Jim Newsome is Emeritus Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, where he taught for 20 years. He is an ordained Presbyterian minister and the author of nine books in the areas of preaching and biblical studies and, in 2010, received a Distinguished Service Award from the Columbia Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Association. Before joining the seminary faculty he served for 21 years as a pastor. He is a member of the Presbytery of Western Kentucky, and his wife, Sis, and daughter, Laura Pittman, have been members of Trinity since 1989. The music of Handel is one of Jim's lifelong passions.

CONTEMPORARY ISSUES AND ACTION

Playing God – Biology and The Challenges of Discovery

Coordinator: Trinity member Tom Callaway
November 6 – December 11
B110

Scientists continue to push back the frontiers of our knowledge of biology and the human body. Each new discovery requires Christians to confront our own beliefs about God's role in the creation and uniqueness of the human being. Led by several prominent speakers, this class will consider different scientific disciplines that impact our view of God's role in the world, including the impact of artificial DNA and cloning, emergence of computer-brain interfacing, stem cell healing and cancer immortality, and the personal and societal impact of end-of-life decisions.

THEOLOGY AND ETHICS

Kierkegaard and the Spoken Word

Teacher: Trinity member Dr. Joe Brown
November 6 – December 11
B112

Trinity Member Joe Brown spent the spring and early summer asking internationally noted scholars about their favorite short passage from Kierkegaard's works: one that drew them to this prodigious Danish religious writer, or that they thought was best read out loud, or perhaps one that resonated in classes they have taught. Joe then recruited talented readers, most from Trinity's play reading group, who will dramatically recite the passages recommended by these scholars. The readings will be presented in classes organized around Kierkegaard's biography (such as his letters, written remembrances of conversations with

him, and published autobiographical notes), as well as his works on selfhood, religion in general, Christianity, psychology, philosophy, and the writing craft itself. Before each reading Joe will present a brief biography of the scholar, suggesting the passage and the context of the reading.

CHRISTIAN LIVING AND SPIRITUAL PRACTICES

Enough! The Longing for Enough in a Culture of More

Coordinators: Trinity members Cindy Ferguson, Charles Heinz and Amy Tozer
November 6 – December 11
Williams Hall C

In our frantic, overscheduled, stressed lives, what does it mean to say 'enough'? How much is enough? How do we find rest and peace for anxious hearts and lives? How do we discover a depth of being in a society always bent on "doing" and "having" more? A combination of new economic realities and the stress of lifestyles built on consumption are leading some individuals and families to seek simplification across the various aspects of their lives. As a follow-up to our All-Adult Class led by Professor John Brueggemann on October 30, this class will explore how the consumer society in the United States developed; the role marketing plays in consumption; new and traditional theological concepts regarding a meaningful life for Christians; and current grass roots movements in which individuals seek in everyday life quality time rather than a quantity of possessions. Members of the Trinity congregation, as well as guests who have chosen to pursue a more fulfilling life, will discuss the rewards and challenges of swimming against the current of materialism.

COMMON GROUND

This class will meet with the “Enough” class.

ROOTS

The Poisoned Apple: Fairy Tales as Underground Scripture

Teacher: Trinity member Brandi Diamond
November 6 – December 11
A116

Looking for a way to make some connections here at Trinity? Want to establish some “roots” in your church home? This class focuses on fellowship and the opportunity to delve into our faith through subjects that are relevant to this particular season of our lives. Most participants have young children or are expecting their first child, but all are welcome.

The power of the story is an amazing thing, and many stories attributed now to children once had a deeper (and often darker) meaning. In this class, we’ll discuss how classic fairy tales make their way as underground Scripture, pointing to themes both common and gritty as they reflect the desires of women and men. Come see how these magical stories take us to places of faith and struggle in their classic renderings of good vs. evil. Classics such as *The Little Mermaid* and *Rapunzel* will be paired with modern day favorites such as *Ella Enchanted* and *Shrek*—just to name a few. And best yet, you won’t want to miss why the poisoned apple is the ultimate symbol for evil intentions. Join us on a fantastical faith journey, not to mention, this is a great window of opportunity for conversation with your kids! You’ll never read fairy tales - or Scripture - the same way again.

November 6

The Power of Story, The Power of Tales

November 13

Seven Deadly Sins and the Conflict of the Church

November 20

Lust & Gluttony

November 27

Greed, Sloth, & Wrath

December 4

Envy and Pride

December 11

Once Upon a Future

SENIOR HIGH

Feasting on the Word

This curriculum begins with a solid scriptural and theological base and invites learners deeper into the rhythm of the church year. It utilizes a common Bible passage, making it easy for families to learn and live out their faith together.

Faith and Vocation

Interact and have dialogue with Trinity church members who are leaders in their respective fields, and learn how they let their faith influence their decision-making.

8TH GRADE

We Learn About Ourselves/ Confirmation

D212

Re:form

D202

7TH GRADE

We Learn About Others

D212

6TH GRADE

Faithfully Asking Questions

D210

4TH AND 5TH GRADES

ROAD Trip

D109, D106, D104, D102

3RD GRADE

SBC

D110

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, PRE-1ST, 1ST GRADE, AND 2ND GRADE

Spark

A28, D118, D116, D112

AGES 2 AND 3

God Loves Me

A132, A24

ROAD Trip

Road Trip is the name of the church school class for 4th and 5th graders. It stands for “Riding on the Avenues of Discipleship.” This class uses the multi-intelligence approach to faith and teaching. The 4th- and 5th-graders explore a Bible story from 3 different perspectives. The lessons are taught with drama, video, cooking, computers, or games. Because of their advancing cognitive abilities, these children are challenged with deeper theological conversations.

The Bible stories or lessons the 4th- and 5th-graders will explore this year are: stewardship, the story of Jonah, Joseph, Psalm 8, the Wise Men, baptism, temptation, and transfiguration. The 4th and 5th graders recently made a video to be shown to the Haitian children in La Gonave on the church mission trip. They talked about their favorite subjects in school, what they like to do in their free time, and also acted out the Joseph story that we were talking about in church school. The 4th- and 5th-graders recently “skyped” with the Haitian children.



GROUPS & GATHERINGS

Faces of Wisdom

All women are invited to join us at 7 a.m. on Wednesdays for breakfast, study, and discussion.

Men of Trinity Breakfast

Join the Men of Trinity at their weekly breakfast in Williams Hall at 7:27 a.m. each Friday. Bill Schotanus will be the speaker on November 18. His topic is "Fantastic London." Cost is \$5; reservations are not necessary.

The Tent

Our intergenerational group meets from 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Our theme this year is "living deeply," which invites us to dive below surface appearances of life and plumb the depths of our shared humanity and spirituality.

Women's Link Circle Meetings

Circles 1 and 2: November 8, 10:30 am, Chapel Parlor

Circle 3: November 8, 10:00 am, Marjorie West's home (2951 Howell Mill Rd.)

Circle 4: November 8, 10:00 am, Brenda Moseley's home (4159 Conway Valley)

Circle 5: November 15, 10:00 am, Barrie Boyd's home (5520 Whitner Dr.)

Circle 6: November 10, 7:00 pm, Chapel Parlor

Who Belongs to Trinity Women's Link?



Women's Link Brunch

November 10

11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Kaycee Sink

You are invited to attend a Women's Link brunch and special presentation, "Alzheimer's and Nourishing Your Mind," on Thursday, November 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Dr. Kaycee Sink will be the guest speaker.

Dr. Sink is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the Department of Internal Medicine, Section on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine, at Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC, where she also holds joint appointments in the Division of Public Health Sciences and the Translational Science Institute. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of CA, Davis, and her MD from the University of CA, San Francisco. After her residency in internal medicine, Dr. Sink completed a clinical fellowship in geriatric medicine and a 2-year postdoctoral fellowship in clinical research at UCSF, during which time she earned a master's degree. As the director of the medical school's Memory Assessment Clinic, Dr. Sink's clinical and research interests are in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cognitive impairment and dementia. She has authored several epidemiological studies of cognitive impairment and dementia, and currently leads several Alzheimer's Disease Cooperative Studies, funded by NIH, for Wake Forest. Her research has earned awards from the Alzheimer's Association and the American Geriatrics Society. Her findings on behavioral complications of dementia, alcohol use, and medication effects on memory have garnered national and international attention from the press.

Brunch is \$10 per person. Reservations are required by Thursday, November 3. To make a reservation, contact the church office at 404-237-6491 or nireland@trinityatlanta.org.

COMING THIS WINTER

Winter Gathering—Our Tradition

February 3, 2012

Guest Speaker: Reverend Joanna M. Adams



Many of you know Joanna as Trinity's Senior Pastor from 1991 to 2001. She is a preacher, pastor, and teacher and is known for building bridges of understanding in both the community and the church. A graduate of Columbia Theological Seminary, Joanna holds an honorary doctorate of divinity from Davidson College, was awarded the Alumni Association Medal of Honor from Emory University, and Columbia's Distinguished Alumni/ae award. A pastor in five Presbyterian churches over the course of more than thirty years, she has also served as a trustee of the

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Presbyterian Church Foundation, trustee of Agnes Scott College, and chair of the Board of Trustees of Columbia Theological Seminary. In 2006, she was named Georgia Woman of the Year and has been featured in Atlanta Magazine as one of the forty-five most loved Atlantans. She has preached at the National Cathedral, and the Memorial Church of Harvard University, as well as at many Presbyterian and ecumenical events. She has authored over 30 published articles, sermons, and chapters in books. This past spring, she taught preaching at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Currently, Joanna chairs the board of a new non-profit that addresses the long-term needs of people who are chronically homeless (Intown Collaborative Ministries). She coordinates a series of Christian/Jewish dialogues in Atlanta under the sponsorship of the Institute of Christian and Jewish Studies in Baltimore, MD. Through the Macedonia Project of the CF Foundation, she works with Presbyterian pastors who want to improve their leadership effectiveness. Joanna is also Acting Chair of the Tri Presbytery New church Development Commission, which oversees more than thirty new church endeavors in three Georgia presbyteries. She continues to speak in churches and at conferences around the country.

Joanna and her husband, Atlanta attorney Alfred B. Adams III, have a daughter, a son, and two grandchildren.

Mark your calendar. You will not want to miss this special time. More details will follow.

Offering Thanks ... for Rebecca Parker



Who is Rebecca Parker, and why are we thanking her?

First the Who Part: Rebecca is the Program Developer for Mary & Martha's Place, a non-profit women's ecumenical resource center, where she has been since August 2000. At Mary & Martha's Place, Rebecca designs workshops, classes, and conferences that help women reflect on the complex lives they lead and their desire to live with meaning and authenticity. She has particular interest in issues of work-life balance and spiritual formation. Prior to her work at Mary & Martha's Place,

Rebecca has worked at Columbia Theological Seminary, for the national offices of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and as the associate pastor at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church in education, outreach, and worship. Rebecca has taught the week-long Presbyterian Bible Study for teachers at Columbia Seminary for the last 22 years.

Rebecca received a Masters in Divinity from Yale University and a Bachelor of Arts in religion and psychology from Rhodes College, Memphis, Tennessee. Rebecca and her husband, Wilmer "Buddy" Parker, live in Ansley Park and are parents to Virginia, 20, and William, 16.

Now the Why Part: We are thanking Rebecca because she is in her sixth year of leading a monthly tutorial for the leaders of Women's' Circle Bible Studies. Rebecca empowers circle leaders to present complex material in a fashion that invites substantive discussion and reflection. We are grateful for this wonderful resource that Rebecca continues to provide for the women of our church!

Speaking of Women's Circles.....What Does Being in a Circle Mean?

If you are a new member to Trinity – or to the Presbyterian way of doing things—you might not be familiar with the concept of circles. Simply put, a circle is a small group (or a large group!) that gathers monthly to study the Bible, learn more about each other, and offer support through life's passages. Circles have always been a part of Trinity, with each group's membership evolving over the years. Last year an evening circle was initiated, in an effort to accommodate working women's schedules. The idea is that a circle provides not only a rich place for women to learn, but also a rich place to build community and find friendship. If you are interested in learning more about circles or would like information about joining one, please contact Jeannie DuBose at jdubose@trinityatlanta.org or at 404-495-8429.



Collectors' Salon I

Sunday, November 20
4:00 pm

Gail and Clark Goodwin will share their very extensive collection of vintage and antique ethnic folk textiles. They were acquired during the couple's travels through many parts of the world. Gail describes it as comprising primarily of authentic, traditional pieces which were made for individual use, not

for sale. Many of the pieces are dowry or funeral pieces or were made to be worn by babies or during festivals. Places of origin include India, Uzbekistan, Burma, Scandinavia, China, Indonesia, Africa, and North, Central, and South America.

Space is limited. Reservations required, 404-237-6491 or nireland@trinityatlanta.org

How Do You Talk About Sexuality With Your Teenager?

Sunday, November 13

6-7:30pm, B110

Speaker: Dr Erika Pluhar

When it comes to loaded topics, we are hard pressed to come up with a more high-voltage subject than sexuality. How do we talk about sexuality with our teenagers? How do we talk about sexuality at church? What do you do if you just soon not talk about it at all? Join Dr. Erika Pluhar, Ph.D., licensed marriage and family therapist, for a safe and productive conversation about how we as parents intersect with this topic. Dr. Pluhar will lead us through a series of reflective exercises that will help each parent identify the messages they want to send their children. In addition, she will also offer communication tips and techniques, and will allow time for questions and discussion of specific scenarios.

Dr. Pluhar received her Ph.D. in human sexuality from the University of Pennsylvania and earned M.S. and Ed.S. degrees in professional counseling from Georgia State University. As an undergraduate at Cornell University, she focused her B.A. studies on human sexuality and religion. Dr. Pluhar is certified as a sexuality educator and sex therapist by the American Association of Sexuality Educators, Counselors, and Therapists. In addition to her private practice, Dr. Pluhar has researched and taught in the field of human sexuality for over 10 years. She resides in Atlanta with her husband and two sons.

Dinner will be served. Cost is \$5 per person. To make a reservation, contact Nancy Ireland at 404-237-6491 or nireland@trinityatlanta.org.

THANKSGIVING Basket Drive

Donate **Thanksgiving Basket Items** and provide an underprivileged **Bolton Road Community family a nutritious holiday meal** that they otherwise could not afford.

Collection through **Friday, November 18.**

Donate Any Of The Following Items:

Stuffing 

Gravy

Macaroni & Cheese

Vegetables 

Mashed

Potatoes

Candied Yams

Cranberry


Sauce 

Cake Mix

Cake Frosting

\$25 Publix Gift Card

OR \$50 to cover the cost of a complete basket 

The Agape Community Center thanks you for your generosity 





YULE REMEMBER

A Traditional Southern Christmas Feast

You are invited to begin your Christmas Season with a banquet at Trinity, YULE REMEMBER. On Tuesday evening, December 6, we'll begin the festivities at 5:30 with a social hour at Boyd and Daphne Eaton's home, 2887 Howell Mill Road, where we will be welcomed by carolers. We'll return to Williams Hall by 7:00 for The Meal, Music, and Ministers' Remembrances of their childhood Christmases. We expect it to be a special evening, Yule Remember.

Cost is \$25 per person. Please call Nancy Ireland, 404-237-6491, to make a reservation. Parking will be at Trinity. Vans will provide transportation to the Eatons' home.

Trinity Tree Trimming

We're trimming a tree in Williams Hall on Sunday, December 4, after the 11:00 worship service. And it won't be complete without you and your family. Please plan to come and bring an ornament from home that you'd like to donate to Trinity.

Thursday Night Supper

Join us each Thursday (September through May) at 5:45 pm for supper in Williams Hall. Cost is \$4 per child, \$7 per adult; the maximum cost per family is \$20. Reservations can be made online at www.trinityatlanta.org or by calling the church office at 404-237-6491.

November 10 menu

taco bar, refried beans, southwest corn, fruit, salad, cookies, ice cream

November 17 menu

roasted turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit, salad, cookies, ice cream

Pastoral Care

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Virginia Barrow	Ruth Dobbs
Linton Bishop	McDonald
Hanna Burleigh	Eleanor McGowan
Mary Helen Dalton	Shirley Mills
Bill Daugherty	Rose Oglesby
Chuckie Ellithorp	Dave Patterson
Nola Frink	Janet Pierce
Judy Fuller	Jim Pilcher
Patti Gambrell	Arleen Schotanus
Kitty Manson	Frances Turner
Bill McCoy	Diane Wilkinson
Phoebe McCoy	

FAMILY MEMBERS

Sid Nurkin's brother, Harry Nurkin
 Ray Peters' brother, Dave Peters
 George Stickel's wife, Karen Stickel
 Katie Johnson MacKenzie's father, Bob Johnson
 Elta Ratliff's sister, Sarah
 Ruth Blackstock's father, Bill Blackstock
 Barbara Byerly's cousin, Catherine Wolfe

Ellen Ison's mother, Ann Cauble
 Alison and Chris Thomas' daughter, Sophie Jane Thomas
 Dorothy Mitchell's brother, William Sanders
 Pat Harrell's son, Bo Harrell
 Scottie Jackson's father, Cliff Arbery

LONG-TERM CARE

Money Allen	Marilyn Haney
Betty Ambrose	Jackie Harden
Ruth Burton	Vivian T. Jones
Barry Graham	Virgil Sexton

BIRTHS

Alexander "Alec" Wardle Edmunds
 DOB: October 13, 2011
 Parents: Kathryn and Weston Edmunds
 Grandparent: Bob Jones
 Big brother: Henry

August "Grant" Dobes
 DOB: June 28, 2011
 Parents: Kathryn and Shane Dobes
 Grandparents: Dr. and Mrs. William Dobes

BAPTISMS

The following children were baptized on October 16:

Cupples Corry Vann, daughter of Caroline and Rich Vann

Jackson Hammond Hitchins, son of Lauren and John Hitchins

DEATHS

Mary Stuart Bland, October 16, 2011
 Ramona White's mother, Zelda Taylor
 Sid Nurkin's brother, October 13, 2011
 Linda Copeland's mother

STEPHEN MINISTERS

Stephen Ministers are lay caregivers who provide one-to-one Christian care to those facing a crisis or life challenge. Stephen Ministers are available in the church parlor upon request and on Sunday mornings. To meet with a Stephen Minister, contact Calico Perry (404-355-1201 or candtperry@aol.com), or Marc Krause (404-713-0629; mtkphoto1@gmail.com).

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Trinity Christmas Market

December 4 & 11

The Global Mission Committee's Christmas Market will be held in the gym on two Sundays, December 4 and December 11. For your convenience, the market will be open from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. Trinity members (and guests!) can honor their family and friends with wonderful gifts benefitting our global mission efforts and relationships in Cuba, Haiti, Kenya, Zambia, the Middle East, and here in the metro Atlanta area.

Featured again this year will be a range of virtual gifts, from a portion of a teacher's salary at Mtendere School in Zambia and vitamins for the people of La playa, Cuba, to MARTA passes for Bhutanese and Burmese refugee families in Atlanta and toys for children in Bethlehem. As always, we'll have inexpensively priced, family-friendly tangible gifts, as well, including jewelry and Christmas ornaments from Africa, coffee and crafts from Haiti, olive oil and olive wood nativities from Palestine, and kudzu baskets and wreaths made by members of the local Bhutanese refugee community. Talented Trinity members will also be donating their own pottery, crafts, and jewelry for purchase. If you would like to donate your handmade items, contact Bede Campbell at 404-495-8428 or bcampbell@trinityatlanta.org. All proceeds will be sent by Trinity directly to our mission partners.

Upcoming Deadline:

Wednesday, November 9, at 12 PM for the Nov. 20/27 issue

To submit an item for publication, contact Esther Patrick, Director of Communications, at epatrick@trinityatlanta.org

THIS WEEK IN

WORSHIP

Daylight Saving Time ends

November 6

8:45 & 11 AM

THEREFORE, CHOOSE!

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Rev. Pam Driesell

November 13

8:45 & 11 AM

WHY HIDE WHEN YOU CAN TRADE?

Psalm 123; Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Pam Driesell