



When the Christmas Spirit Eludes You

Darkness into Light: When the Christmas Spirit Eludes You DECEMBER 11 @7pm in the Chapel

A quiet service of readings, music, guided meditation, and communion is open to all. This service is for anyone who may not feel the expected happiness of the holidays for any number of reasons—grief, loss, physical and/or mental illness, family dysfunction or dissolution, loneliness. At Christmas, we are expected to feel a certain way, and we simply cannot. Whatever we are experiencing are our rightful feelings, and they are okay. We are not alone. Experience the Darkness Into Light service with no expectations imposed on you. You are welcome with warmth and light.

Discussion Group: Advent with Eyewitness Bible

On **Wednesday @7pm**, Tim Lane and Jeffrey Tooke are facilitating discussions on Advent with *Eyewitness Bible*. Each week we watch short videos that look at people from the Bible who help us explore various themes of Advent and the anticipation of the celebration of Christmas.

You are invited to join Tim and Jeff on **Wednesday, December 14, @7pm** using the zoom link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81668634672?pwd=eTVjZXFoNzVYdHZvSHZONGlNUUowZz09>

Meeting ID: 816-6863-4672 Passcode: trintalk

If you have questions about the group, please send an email to Jeffrey Tooke at jeffreytooke@outlook.com.

Christmas Flower Donations

Many parishioners wish to donate to the decorating of the church at Christmas. This is gratefully accepted. To facilitate this, you can use the flower envelope found in the church pews or donate electronically <https://onrealm.org/TrinityEpiscopa93948/give/flowers>. If this donation is in honor of a loved one, please indicate their name on the memo line. Donations made by **December 16** will be included in the Christmas worship guide. Thank you for helping make Trinity the beautiful inviting place that it is with both the gifts of your presence and the gifts you donate.



Christmas Concert, Friday, December 16 @7:00pm

Paul Cena, Trinity organist and choir director, will present his annual Christmas concert as an evening event this year. Invite friends and make a night of it! The concert will consist of arrangements of Christmas preludes and carols. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, December 18 @9am Towne Restaurant

Trinity men will gather for a holiday breakfast. All are welcome.

Lessons and Carols

Our annual Lessons & Carols service is next week, **Sunday, December 18 @10:30am**. Immediately following the service will be the **Greening of Trinity**. Come to help decorate and have fun with new friends and old.

Christmas Eve—Crazy Schedule!

Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday this year with a Bills game in the afternoon! Our Christmas Eve Pageant and Communion service will be offered at **11am** that day. That will permit people to celebrate Christmas in church, enjoy the game and gather with family and friends for Christmas dinner all in one day! If you have a child or grandchild you would like to see in the pageant, talk to Colleen. All kids will be included! No rehearsal needed!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 11, 2022

Christmas Week Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 18 10:30am service - Lessons & Carols. Greening of church with potluck to follow.

Sunday, December 18 7:00pm service - Trinity @7

Wednesday, December 21 noon service - Holy Communion

Thursday, December 22 7:00pm service - 12 Steps@Trinity based on 12-step spirituality

Saturday, December 24 **11:00am** - Christmas Pageant and Communion Service

As usual, there will be **no** services held on Christmas Day, neither Sunday 10:30am nor Trinity@7.

Wednesday, December 28 there will be no service this week.

Thursday, December 29 7:00pm service - 12 Steps@Trinity based on 12-step spirituality

Please note that on Sunday, January 1, there will be no nursery services nor Creator Quest during the 10:30 service and **no** Trinity @7.

Friends of Night People

We are looking for volunteers to help out at Friends of Night People which provides food, clothing, medical care, counseling and other necessities to people in our community experiencing homelessness and poverty. We would love to have you join us on the **second Monday** of each month from 4:45-7. For more information, please speak to Emily Carlin or email: emily.g.carlin@gmail.com

Hamlin Park Academy PS #74 Needs YOUR Help for the Holidays!

Trinity Church has a relationship with Hamlin Park Academy through Buffalo's [Say Yes to to Education](#) Community Schools Program, and teachers there have put together a Christmas gift list of items for the students. Please consider ordering something from this [Amazon Wish List](#) or use the QR code to the right. When you get to the shipping options, if you indicate that you would like your order shipped directly to Lauren Golpl Room 228's Gift Registry Address, your order will be sent directly to the school. Thank you for supporting the kiddos of Hamlin Park School!



Homespace Christmas



For the past 20 years, Trinity has supported [Homespace](#), an organization that provides a safe environment where young, single women (age 14-21 years old) learn the skills to enhance themselves and their families, and break the cycle of public welfare dependency. This year, we encourage Trinity-ites to make an online donation to the Holiday Angels Fund, that will help Homespace provide clients with food, gifts, and decorations.

https://paypal.com/donate/?campaign_id=PGF4UCJTDSOME&source=url

Compass House

In the 1970s, a group from Trinity helped establish Compass House, which provides a safe space to runaway and homeless youth and teens. Since then we have continued to maintain a relationship with this much needed organization. Compass House is looking for help making the holidays brighter. Please consider making a purchase from their Amazon wish-list. Any questions, ask Judy Atkinson Miller, Trinity representative to the Compass House Board. https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/ZF6O4KZJNSLF/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1



Shoe Fundraiser Running Until January 1, 2023

The shoe collection drive is on-going until the end of the year. As of Sunday, Dec. 4th we've collected 700 pairs of shoes and our goal is 2,500. We've passed the halfway point of this two-month shoe drive and we have 28% of the shoes we need. Please help Trinity to reach our fundraising goal of \$1,000! In addition to your own contribution, we are asking you to reach out to your families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors to ask them to donate their unwanted shoes. We are collecting gently used (no holes) or new footwear. This includes both adult and children's shoes, sneakers, sandals, boots, and athletic footwear. Shoes can be placed in the labeled collection bin in the Red-Carpet area on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Erickson at ehc@buffalo.edu with questions or to get involved in this fundraiser. Thanks to all who've donated shoes so far!

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