

THE BEACON

November 25, 2025



THANKSGIVING DAY INTERFAITH SERVICE OF UNITY AND REFLECTION

Thursday, November 27, at 9:30 a.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

*We look forward to worshipping with our neighbors from
Agudath Sholom Synagogue, Centenary United Methodist Church, Church of the Covenant,
First Christian Church, Peakland Baptist Church, Peakland United Methodist Church,
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lynchburg,
and the World Community (Muslim).*

The Reverend M. Anghaarad Teague Dees, pastor of Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, will deliver the sermon.

The monetary offering is designated for the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.
Worshippers are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for the Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 30, at 9:30 a.m., as we make Advent wreaths for our homes. Families are asked to attend together so that older hands may assist those who are younger. Wreath-making materials will be provided and a free will offering is requested. Those who have straw wreath forms from previous years are asked to bring them for reuse.

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Friday, December 5, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for a fun evening for everyone. All are invited!

To participate in the cookie exchange, please bring three dozen cookies, a container for the exchanged cookies, an appetizer of your choice, and a beverage. There will be other refreshments as well. Please contact April Whalen for additional information.

Please make reservations in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.



MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesdays,
December 3, 10, and 17

12:10 p.m.
Service of Holy Communion

5:30 p.m.
Evening Devotions released on YouTube



GERMAN LANGUAGE ADVENT SERVICE

The Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Join us for lessons, hymns, and special music.
Pastor Roberts will lead the service.
A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 7

in-person meeting following both worship services
(The inclement weather date is Sunday, December 14.)

Our presence is extremely important as we elect six members of Church Council
(five three-year terms and one one-year term)
and adopt a 2026 Spending Plan

- The annual meeting will be called to order at the conclusion of an abbreviated 8:30 a.m. worship service. After balloting for Church Council and voting on the Spending Plan, the meeting will be recessed.
- The meeting will be reconvened at the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. service. After balloting for Church Council and voting on the Spending Plan, the meeting will be adjourned. The ballots will then be counted and nominees notified of the results that afternoon. The election results will be published in the December 10 issue of ***The Beacon***.

Please contact the church office to receive an absentee ballot.

All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Please make every effort to be present or cast an absentee ballot.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, 2025

The Lessons: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44
The liturgical color for Advent is blue.

8:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 A.M. - ADVENT WREATH MAKING

10:30 A.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION with LIVESTREAM

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6

<u>MONDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
<u>TUESDAY,</u>	5:40 P.M. - HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>WEDNESDAY,</u>	12:10 P.M. - SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M. - EVENING DEVOTIONS (via YouTube)
	7:00 P.M. - ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
<u>THURSDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
<u>FRIDAY,</u>	9:00 A.M. - STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M. - CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	6:00 P.M. - HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE
<u>SATURDAY,</u>	10:00 A.M. - ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized at Lynchburg General is **Paul Kluender**. Hospitalized and released is **Carol Baldridge**.
Recuperating from outpatient surgery is **Norma Jean Glass**.

NEW BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins its exploration of *I've Got Questions: The Spiritual Practice of Having It Out With God* by Erin Hicks Moon on December 7. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$21.00 each.

THANK YOU

Thank you to **Carole Royer**, and to **Betty Camden, Bruce Gerlich, Kim Hall, and Mike Rooney** for their assistance with the Harvest Food Festival; and, to **ALL** who provided food and/or made purchases. To date, more than \$2,300 has been raised for our Program Development Fund. Brunswick Stew and assorted soups are still available for purchase. Please make payment in the church office.

YOUTH SPONSOR BLANKET DRIVE

The cold weather is here and there are **MANY** who are in need of warmth. Our Holy Trinity Youth are requesting blankets which they will distribute to those in need. All sizes and types of blankets are requested; the warmer the better! New and very gently used (and clean) blankets will be accepted. Please place donations in Susan's office (across from the church office) by **December 21**.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

Our December outreach project supports the **YWCA Domestic Violence Prevention Center**. Needed are personal hygiene items including soap, shampoo, deodorant, and lotions for Center residents. The Center provides a safe haven for women and children who have been victims of domestic violence. Counseling, education, and support services are also provided for the entire family. Please place hygiene items in the outreach basket in the narthex.

ADVENT OFFERINGS

Our special Advent offerings are used for the broader work of the Lutheran Church through the Virginia Synod. Hundreds of young people, including our own from Holy Trinity, gather at Eagle Eyrie each year for synodical youth events. During these weekends, the youth experience an intentional Christian community and celebrate Christ in their midst. Our Advent offerings help make these events possible. We are asked to use the special Advent offering envelopes included in our envelope packets or to give through the online portal available on our website by selecting the Seasonal Special Offerings fund.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will again decorate our chancel and sanctuary with poinsettias this Christmas. Poinsettias may be given in memory or honor of individuals. The cost is \$18.00 per plant. Poinsettias may be picked up following the 11:00 p.m. service on Christmas Eve.



Please return no later than **Sunday, December 14**.

Given by _____ Number of plants _____

In Honor/Memory of _____
(please circle)

Payment of _____ is enclosed. (\$18.00 per plant)

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

The following have been nominated for Church Council by the Nominating Committee. The election will take place as a part of the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, December 7, following both worship services. **Absentee ballots are available by contacting the church office.**

We are asked to vote for six persons. Those elected will be serving with the following Church Council members: Class of 2026: **Carol Barclay, Joe Fedeler, Barbara Garman, and Susan Royer**; and, Class of 2027: **Jeff Fleck, Robert Howell, Ida Proco, Deb Serio, and Teresa Weinmeister.**

The ballot order of the nominees was determined by a random drawing.



SUSAN MANION has been a member of Holy Trinity since 2011. She is a church office assistant, a Food Pantry volunteer, and serves as an usher and a greeter. She coordinates the Holy Trinity Meals on Wheels routes and oversees the Personal Hygiene bag program of the Food Pantry. She participates in our adult Christian education program and fellowship events, and assists with the Flea Market. Susan is retired Parish Administrator for Holy Trinity, and a former member of Church Council. She and her husband Peter are parents of two adult children.



GREG COCHRAN has been a member of Holy Trinity since 2024. He is an usher and bulletin folder. He participates in fellowship events, assists with Meals on Wheels, Program Development Fund events, and Holy Trinity lawn care. He is a retired attorney. He is married to Sallie, who has an adult daughter.



MARTHA KJSETH JOHNSON has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1998. She serves as a Sunday Church School teacher and assists with a variety of youth ministry activities by providing transportation and food for events as well as a chaperone. She participates in the Kids' Haven and luncheon for the visually impaired outreach ministries. She also assists with coffee hours; with food preparation for fellowship events, memorial service receptions, and Care List recipients; is a bulletin folder, and helps with the Flea Market. Martha is the Director of the Maier Museum at Randolph College. She is the parent of three children – two young adults and one high school student.



NANCY CHILDRESS has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1960. She is team captain of Usher Team One (8:30) and also serves on Team Four (8:30). She also serves as an assisting minister, a communion assistant, and an acolyte and crucifer. She is retired from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles and married to George.



WADE NEIMAN has been a member of Holy Trinity since 2004. He is a current member of Church Council eligible for reelection. He sings in the Adult Choir, assists with fellowship events, Program Development Fund events, and Brunswick Stew preparation. In the past, he has served as a trustee of the congregation. Wade is a retired obstetrician-gynecologist. He and his wife Andrea are parents of two adult children.



APRIL WHALEN has been a member of Holy Trinity since 2023. She is an usher, a greeter, a bulletin folder, and a church office assistant. She participates in fellowship activities and Program Development Fund events, helps coordinate memorial service receptions, and is the coordinator of our annual Holiday Cookie Exchange. April is retired from the Department of Social Services. She is the parent of two adult children.



LUCY SLAGLE has been a member of Holy Trinity since 1995. She is a current member of Church Council eligible for reelection. She serves as a greeter, lector, and communion assistant, drives for Meals on Wheels, and assists with the Red Cross Bloodmobile. She is a newsletter folder, and assists with Care List meal preparation, coffee hours, fellowship event food preparation and cleanup, and helps coordinate memorial service receptions. She also delivers altar flowers and provides transportation to medical appointments for our members. Lucy is retired and the parent of two adult children, one of whom is deceased.



CHRISTINE PICKLE has been a member of Holy Trinity since 2023, but active for some years before joining. She is a current member of Church Council eligible for reelection. She is a church office assistant and a newsletter and bulletin folder. She participates in our adult Christian education program, and assists with Third Sunday Program suppers, memorial service receptions, and the Harvest Food Festival. Chris is retired from Lynchburg City Schools. She and her husband Lynn are parents of two adult children.

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*

Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*

Parish Administrator: *Carol Dee Robertson*

Director of Youth and Campus Ministries: *Susan H. Williams*

Pastor: *Dennis S. Roberts*

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