The BEACON

November 24, 2026

2027 MINISTRY COMMITMENTS DUE

We are reminded that 2027 Time & Talent and financial pledges are now due. Please return them to the church office, place them in the offering plates, or complete them online at www.holytrinitylynchburg.org. We are aware that there have been postal service delivery issues. Anyone who has not received a 2027 packet is asked to contact the church office.

HEAD USHER MEETING

The Head Ushers will meet Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parlor.
Please notify the church office if you are unable to attend.

SERVANT OUTREACH PROJECT

- Our **November** project is a food drive for the **Rivermont Area Emergency Food Pantry**. Grocery bags, complete with an attached suggested shopping list, are available in the narthex. We are asked to please fill and return the bags during the month of November. Monetary contributions are also encouraged. Special envelopes are available on the narthex desk.
- 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.

THANKSGIVING DAY
INTERFAITH SERVICE OF UNITY AND REFLECTION

Thursday, November 26, at 9:30 a.m.
Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church
5810 Fort Avenue



We look forward to worshiping 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 Ruth Dueñez Harrison, pastor of Church of the Covenant, will deliver the sermon.

The monetary and non-perishable food offerings are designated for the Cosby Woods Food Pantry located on Boonsboro Road at Church of the Covenant/Camp Kum Ba Yah.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

All are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 29, 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.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS NOW AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots are now available for our Holy Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting to be held Sunday, December 6, following both worship services for the purpose of electing members of Church Council and trustees, acting on a property easement for the traffic roundabout at Langhorne Road/ Rivermont Terrace/Vassar Street, and approving a 2027 Spending Plan. All confirmed members are eligible to vote. Those who are unable to be present that day may request an absentee ballot by contacting the church office.

CHILDREN'S NATIVITY REHEARSALS

Rehearsals for our Children's Nativity, which will be a part of the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, will be held Sunday mornings, December 6, 13, and 20, from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. All children are encouraged to participate.

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 the 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.



First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

The Lessons: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37
The liturgical color for Advent is blue. A coffee hour follows each service.

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 29 - DECEMBER 5

MONDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
TUESDAY,	1:00 P.M.	-	BIBLE STUDY - *Together by Grace - Psalms*
	5:40 P.M.	-	HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY,	12:10 P.M.	-	SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION
	5:30 P.M.	-	ADVENT WORSHIP SERVICE (via YouTube)
	7:00 P.M.	-	ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
THURSDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	PARISH NURSE in office (until 10:00 a.m.)
FRIDAY,	9:00 A.M.	-	STRENGTH AND BALANCE EXERCISE CLASS
	9:30 A.M.	-	CHAIR YOGA CLASS
	6:00 P.M.	-	HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE
SATURDAY,	10:00 A.M.	-	ALTAR GUILD

IN THE CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY

Hospitalized and released is **Ted Garman**.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, December 6
in-person meeting following both worship services
(The inclement weather date is Sunday, December 13.)

Our presence is extremely important as we elect five members of Church Council and two trustees, act on a property easement for the traffic roundabout at Langhorne Road/Rivermont Terrrace/Vassar Street, and adopt a 2027 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 trustees, and voting on the property easement and 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 trustees, and voting on the property easement and 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 9 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.

NEW MEMBERS TO BE RECEIVED

We will welcome new members into Holy Trinity in the coming weeks.
Please speak with Pastor Roberts if you are interested in joining our church family.

PLEASE HOLD THE NEWSPAPERS

We are asked to temporarily hold donations of old newspapers for the Lynchburg Humane Society as they transition into their expanded facility on Old Graves Mill Road in the coming weeks. Donations of old sheets and towels are still being received. Please watch ***The Beacon*** for an announcement when newspaper collections resume.



2027 ALTAR FLOWERS and CANDLE DEDICATIONS

The 2027 Altar Flower Calendar is now available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. Please note that no dates are reserved from previous years. The cost of altar flowers is $100 per week for two vases. Payment for altar flowers is requested *before the selected date* and should be made payable to *Holy Trinity*. There are no delivery fees or sales tax. Please contact the church office with any altar flower questions you may have.

The 2027 Candle Calendar is also available on the hallway bulletin board next to the church office. All are reminded of the opportunity to dedicate the candles used in worship each week to the glory of God in memory or in honor of loved ones or in celebration of special events (birthdays, baptismal anniversaries, wedding anniversaries, etc.). The tribute dedication is printed in the Sunday worship bulletins along with the altar flower dedication. Included are the altar candles, the sanctuary lamp, and candles for the *Globusleuchter*. The cost is $20 per week, with checks made payable to *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church*. Please note "Candle Fund" on the memo line. Please contact the church office with any questions.

CHILDREN'S and YOUTH MINISTRIES
THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 5

Sunday, November 29 9:30 a.m. - Advent Wreath Making
(all ages - adults are asked to attend with children to assist with the project)

THANK YOU

- Thanks to **Stacy Cravens**, **Susan** and **Peter Manion**, and **Tonda** and **Paul Ulmer** for preparing and serving food for our Friday Breakfast Series. Thanks, also, to **ALL** who helped clean afterwards.
- Thanks to **ALL** who donated delicious foods to our Harvest Food Festival; and, to **Betty Camden**, **Stacy** and **Sherman Cravens**, **Joni Pearson**, **Maria Roberts**, and **Carole Royer** for assisting with the sale. Thanks, also, to **Sally von Oesen** for the donation of her handcrafted pottery and stoneware. To date, approximately $3,000 has been raised for the Program Development Fund.

BRUNSWICK STEW & OTHER FOOD ITEMS

Holy Trinity Brunswick Stew, white chicken chili, butternut squash soup (all $10 per quart), and assorted fruit jams are still available for purchase. Payment may be made in the church office. The proceeds support our Program Development Fund.



MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16, and 23

12:10 p.m - Service of Holy Communion

A brief Evening Advent Worship Service will be released on YouTube at 5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Friday, December 4, 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.



NEW BOOK DISCUSSION TO BEGIN

Our Sunday Morning Book Discussion Group begins its exploration of *Ladder to the Light: An Indigenous Elder's Meditations on Hope and Courage* by Steven Charleston on December 6. Books are available for purchase in the church office for $16.00 each.



GERMAN LANGUAGE ADVENT SERVICE

The Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m.

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

COURT-APPOINTED-SPECIAL-ADVOCATE

CASA (Court-Appointed-Special-Advocate) is a non-profit organization that trains and supports advocates for children who have experienced abuse or neglect and are involved in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court system. The next series of training classes begins on January 21, 2027. To find out more, visit the website at cvcasa.org or contact Holy Trinity member Leslie Roberts.

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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 13**.

Given by_____ Number of plants_____

In Honor/Memory of_____
(please circle)

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

Ministers: *The People of Holy Trinity*

Organist-Choirmaster: *J. William Greene*
Parish Nurse: *Gail Midkiff*
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