

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Church,

There's an anecdote that says that the older you get, the faster the years pass by. I feel like I've reached that stage in life. As I was talking with a church member, I realized that this December marks the start of the 3rd year that Pastor Prince and I have been serving as your interim pastors! How is that possible?! It's possible because the members of Trinity have over and over again shown that they are willing to trust their Lord and his promises and will for the church. It's possible because there is a deep care for each other and the heart of serving and sacrifice that is shown by many in the church. It is possible because Trinity is full of people who pray for each other and pray that the Gospel of Jesus enters the hearts of those who do not know him.

Will the church have a new permanent pastor this year? Maybe. I don't know. I wish I could say with a level of certainty. But if we do, I am certain that he will be exactly who God wants as the church's shepherd. And if we don't, I am certain that God will continue to work out His plan and stretch us to lean on Him and not on our own understanding! (Proverbs 3:5)

Another way that this year will feel impossibly fast is how quickly the church seasons will progress. If you look at your 2024 Calendar you will notice that Ash Wednesday is February 14th! Yes - Ash Wednesday is on Valentine's Day this year. And then Easter will be on March 31st. This means that this newsletter covers all of Epiphany, Lent, and Easter! It will almost feel too fast. Surprisingly, this is not the earliest that Lent can start. After a quick search - I found out the earliest possible day for Ash Wednesday is February 4th and Easter would then be on March 22nd. But don't worry about that happening any time soon - the next time that will happen is 2285 (thanks Wikipedia!)

In a way, it is fitting that the story of Jesus' life will feel condensed because this year, our lectionary will be based on the Gospel of Mark. I love Mark's Gospel because there is no filler. Mark always gets to the point. It is the shortest gospel of the four: there are only 16 Chapters! In fact, Mark doesn't even have an account of Jesus' birth or time as a child. It goes straight into the account of John the Baptist. The readings will feel different this year because of the brevity. But the message will still be the same: Jesus lived and died for us. And the message of the Angel is still the same: "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here! (Mark 16:6).

Finally, I want to challenge you to read the gospel of Mark in its entirety before the next newsletter. Then I encourage you to pray that God will show you someone in your life that you can then read and talk about the Gospel of Mark together. It is then they may also experience the gift of Jesus through the hearing of God's Word as it is always a good reminder that "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. (Romans 10:17)

In Christ,
Pastor Utton



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 am
*Adult Bible Class/
Sunday School*

10:00 am
Worship Service

*Holy Communion
Every Sunday*

OUR MISSION

*United in Christ we will
proclaim the Gospel,
administer the Sacraments,
and provide Christian
education to children and
adults in a supportive and
nurturing environment.*

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**The Trinity Call Committee
invites the congregation to a virtual interview
with the Rev. Eamonn Ferguson
on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 pm
in the sanctuary.**

**Please plan to arrive by 6:50 so we are ready to
begin the interview promptly at 7 pm.**

Rev. Ferguson's Pastoral Information Form (PIF) and Self-Evaluation Tool (SET) will be available in the office for your review. Please do not remove or copy these documents. Should you have any questions, please reach out to Elizabeth Baroody. We look forward to the conversation with Rev. Ferguson as we consider him to be Trinity's next under-shepherd. Thank you!



*In the event of inclement weather please visit our website at
www.trinitylutherannorfolk.org*

*and our Facebook page at TLCNorfolk for announcements
concerning any cancellations.*

*Notifications will also be sent by email to those with an
email address on file and by phone to those who do not.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are so very blessed at Trinity to have a wonderful family of brothers and sisters in Christ. On Sunday, December 31st we welcomed new members into the congregation of Trinity. A reception was held in their honor following the church service.

Gil and Amber Bostwick
 Joshua and Isabelle Carlson
 Jim and Carole Dobberteen
 Dick and Jessica Kretzschmar
 James Kuenzli
 Adam Morales
 Beth Morales
 Trevor and Renee Prokos
 w/daughters, Zoe and Scarlett
 Eleanor Turpin

Praise be to God! We thank you Lord for the fellowship we share as we gather to hear Your Word.



Board of Deacons

Sharyn Leiding

On a mild, yet windy and rainy Sunday afternoon in December, 17 people gathered in Belvedere Hall after worship for lunch. We proceeded to the homes of four of Trinity's homebound members and regaled them with Christmas carols. Chaplain Prince and Pastor Utton accompanied the group and offered up prayer at each site. Thank you to ALL who spent time Praising God and bringing Joy to our Homebound members.

Deacons were present at the November 27th funeral service for Paul Lass. (Paul's wife, Doris, served as a deacon for Trinity Lutheran Church for many years.)

Poinsettias that adorned our sanctuary and were designated to be donated, were taken by your deacons to homebound members.

How exciting it is to receive people into membership at TLC! The Board of Deacons was honored to sponsor a reception on December 31st to honor and welcome 16 new members. A special THANK YOU to the ladies of the LWML for your assistance with the reception.

Deacons continue to meet monthly, send cards and make phone calls to Trinitarians. If you have questions or concerns that relate to worship at Trinity, feel free to contact your deacon.

Board of Worship

Janice Gwin

If you think Christmas came fast, just wait and see how fast Easter comes this year. Easter will be March 31st!

Our traditional Lenten, Holy Week and Easter services will be held on:

Ash Wednesday - February 14th
 Midweek Lenten services -
 February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th
 Palm Sunday March 24th
 Maundy Thursday March 28th
 Good Friday March 29th
 Easter March 31st

Our next meeting will be on January 14th.

We again want to thank Carroll Smith for serving as Director of Music until her retirement on December 31, 2023. We have hired Jana Kuenzli for the position effective January 1, 2024.

LWML

Sharon Knorr

A blessed New Year to everyone!

Many, many thanks to the devoted women and men who have helped LWML with its events and functions this past year: suppers, luncheons, receptions, LWML rally, baked goods and crafts for Holiday Happenings, food for the Welcome Center on Sundays, decorating the church for Christmas. All were and are greatly appreciated.

As chair of the Altar Guild, thank you to all the dedicated women and men who do communion set up and clean up, candle oil filling, decorations for Christmas, Lent, and Easter, cleaning of altar linens, and flowers for Christmas and Easter. Both LWML and Altar Guild need volunteers who can help in any way. Please speak to me, Sharon Knorr, or one of the officers for LWML.

A "colossal" thank you to Lynn Hubert for her dedication as an officer of LWML and also a member of the Altar Guild for her tremendous help for both groups. Blessings to you in the future.

LWML Officers for 2024

Sharon Knorr – President

Patty Malone - Vice-President

Diane Shaver – Secretary

Anne Combes – Treasurer

Sharyn Leiding – Christian Growth

Janice Gwin – Networker

Calendar of Events

January 6th – Epiphany Luncheon 11:30 am.

Executive board meeting TBA

February 3rd – 10 am - Love Box Packing

February 13, – Tuesday at 5:30 pm - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Welcome Center.

Lenten Soup Suppers 5:30 p.m.

February 21st, 28th, March 6th, 13th, 20th

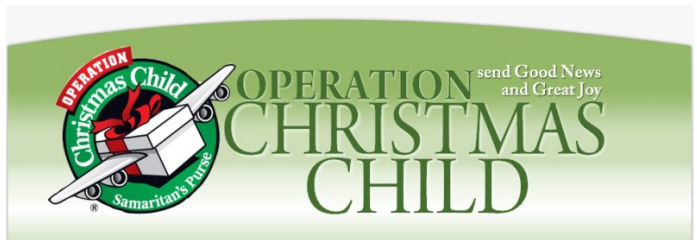
March 23rd - Saturday Cleaning of the Sanctuary - 10 am. for ladies, 9 am. for men

March 31st - Easter Breakfast 8:30 am,
LWML is the hostess

Special Ministries

Patty Malone

A big thank you to everyone who took a shoebox and filled it for *Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child*. We are still waiting to see where the boxes went...stayed tuned.



As of this writing we are still collecting birthday party items for the Tidewater Friends of Foster Care. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this worthy cause. It was nice to add a new organization to who we are able to make a difference for right here in our own community.

Lent will be here before you know it and we will be collecting snack foods for the homeless that come through St. Columba Ministries in Norfolk.

We will be collecting the following items:

Beef Jerky

Granola bars

Prewrapped pastries

Juice boxes

Water bottles

The shelter hands these out with the sandwiches to complete their lunch. A box will be put on the pew inside of the parking lot door for the collections. We will be packing sandwiches again, but not until June 2024.

I pray that 2024 will be a fantastic year for our "special ministries" at Trinity! All of which is not possible without your participation. For that we THANK YOU!!!!



Board of Stewardship

The Chief Stewards of Humanity: Mom and Dad

St. Paul tells the Ephesians that the first commandment with a specific promise attached to it is, “Honor your father and mother so that it may go well with you, and you may live long in the land” (Eph. 6:2). This promise is one indication of the importance of this commandment. The other thing that highlights the special nature of this commandment is its placement within the Ten Commandments.

The Ten Commandments are clearly organized in two big categories. The first three commandments deal with our relationship with God. This category is called the First Table of the Law. The last seven commandments, the Second Table of the Law, tell us how we should relate to other people. These two tables correspond to what Jesus calls the two greatest commandments: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind,” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:37–39).

The order of the Second Table of the Law is also important. Murder is a greater sin than adultery, which is a greater sin than stealing, or lying, or coveting. But why is the Fourth Commandment first in the Second Table, ahead of “you shall not murder”? Is disobeying your parents really worse than murder? Or maybe we should give up on thinking these commandments are ordered?

The overall effect of this order is to get us to see our parents as a connection point between our neighbors and our God. Throughout our upbringing our father and mother stand between us and God and deliver His gifts to us: God clothes us, feeds us, protects us and teaches His Word to us through our parents.

So, parents have a very high calling from God. They are called to be stewards of the greatest gift: the gift of life.

Parenting thus gives us a keen insight into all our stewardship. Parents know that they have been given a great treasure in their children, a treasure that does not belong to them, yet for which they feel a great deal of responsibility. Truth be told, every gift we have been given is like this, because everything we have — whether our own personal skills and powers or our wealth and time — is all from God. He entrusts it all to us so that we can use it all and take care of it all for His great purposes.

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As we begin the New Year, we are entering our second year of our five-year campaign — **MOVING TRINITY FORWARD** Fund. This campaign has a goal of \$250,000. This fund will help support a renovation of our heating and cooling systems, support updates to the building to cover safety and security, a renovation of our playground, and updates to our roof and wiring throughout the building. Thank you for your prayerful consideration as we continue the “*Moving Trinity Forward*” Campaign. This will enable Trinity to plan for our future, and our future looks bright! Please mark on your envelope that the donation is for the MTF Fund! If you would like a pledge card to commit to your gift or have any questions, please contact the church secretary.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper February 13, 2024 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
and please join us!**
Free-will offering

Please watch in the welcome center
for sign-up sheets for Cooking/
Preparation and Clean-Up!

We will also have a sign-up sheet
for those attending so we can plan
to purchase supplies accordingly.

ASH  WEDNESDAY

Worship Service with
Imposition of Ashes
Wednesday,
February 14, 2024
7:00 pm



**Each Wednesday evening during Lent,
a meal of soup/bread will be offered
from 5:30 to 6:30pm,
followed by a Lenten Worship Service
starting at 7:00 PM.**

**Sign up sheets for soup and bread
will be posted on the
Volunteer Board in the
Welcome Center.**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship Service
Holy Communion
Thursday
March 28th
7:00 pm



*Easter
Sunday*

Worship
Service
10:00 am
March
31st

Easter Breakfast 8:30 am

Please watch for sign-up sheets for
breakfast food donations.



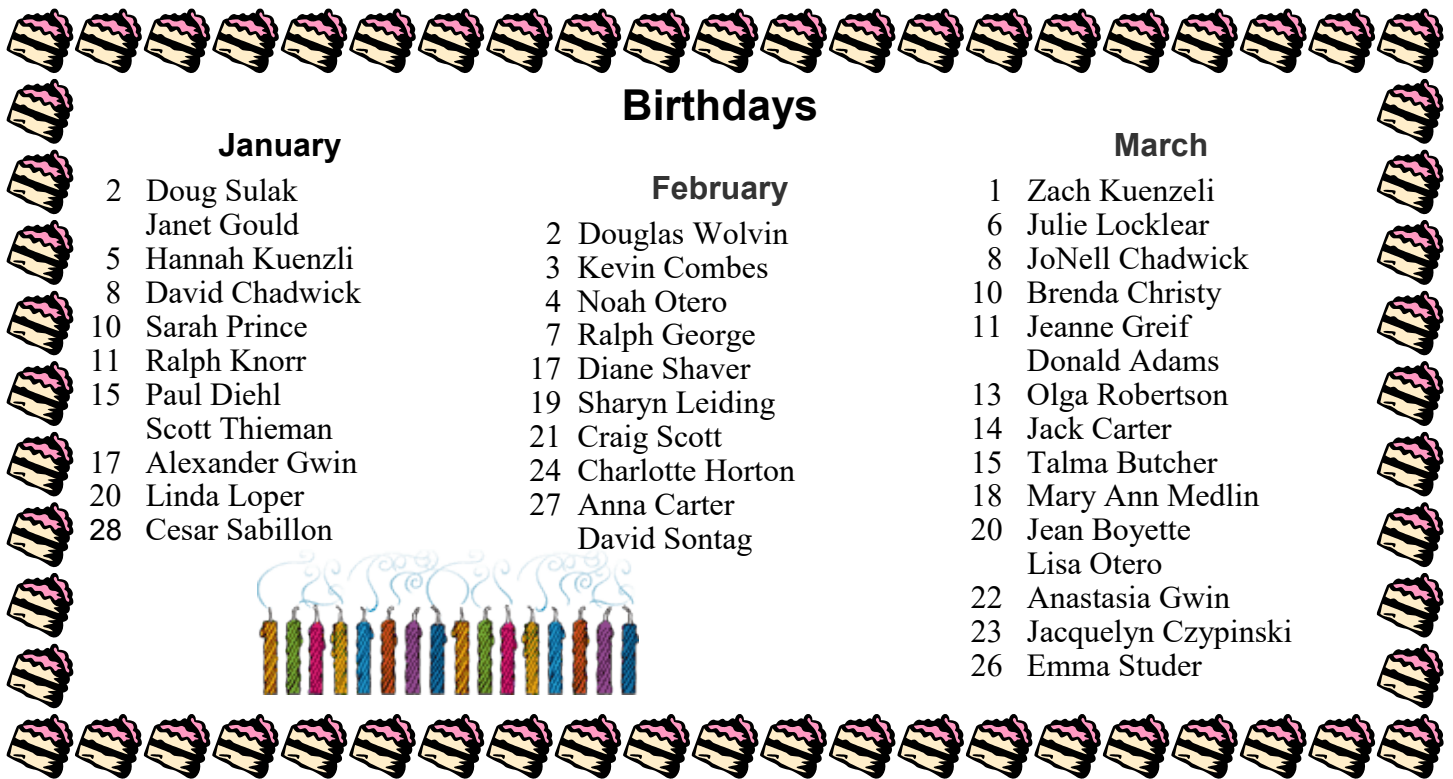
Easter Egg Hunt after Breakfast



GOOD FRIDAY


TENNEBRAE SERVICE
FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH
7:00 PM





Birthdays

January	February	March
2 Doug Sulak	2 Douglas Wolvin	1 Zach Kuenzeli
Janet Gould	3 Kevin Combes	6 Julie Locklear
5 Hannah Kuenzli	4 Noah Otero	8 JoNell Chadwick
8 David Chadwick	7 Ralph George	10 Brenda Christy
10 Sarah Prince	17 Diane Shaver	11 Jeanne Greif
11 Ralph Knorr	19 Sharyn Leiding	Donald Adams
15 Paul Diehl	21 Craig Scott	13 Olga Robertson
Scott Thieman	24 Charlotte Horton	14 Jack Carter
17 Alexander Gwin	27 Anna Carter	15 Talma Butcher
20 Linda Loper	David Sontag	18 Mary Ann Medlin
28 Cesar Sabillon		20 Jean Boyette
		Lisa Otero
		22 Anastasia Gwin
		23 Jacquelyn Czipinski
		26 Emma Studer



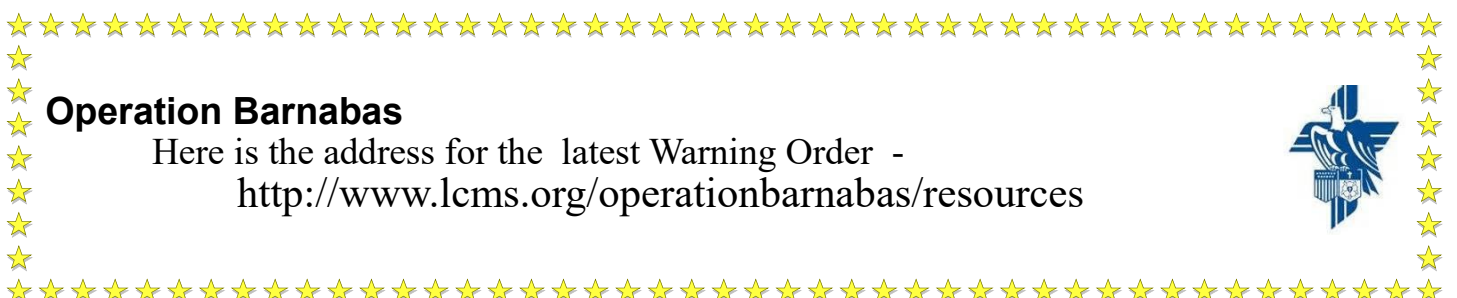

January

11 Flo ♥ Richard Ball




March

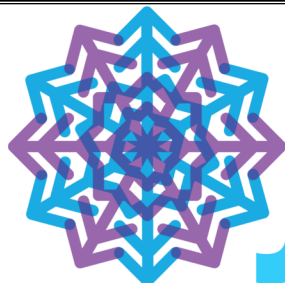
16 Jeff ♥ Terry Ingmire

Operation Barnabas

Here is the address for the latest Warning Order -
<http://www.lcms.org/operationbarnabas/resources>





JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Circumcision and Name of Jesus New Years Day <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3	4 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	5	6 Epiphany of Our LORD 11:30am LWML Epiphany Luncheon Out
7 Baptism of Our LORD 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service Undecorating of the church	8 6:30pm Bowling League	9 6:30pm Belvedere Civic League Meeting	10	11 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:50 pm Pastoral Candidate Zoom Interview	12	13
14 Second Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Bowling League	16	17	18 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	19	20
21 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Council Meeting	22 6:30pm Bowling League	23	24	25 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	26	27
28 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am LWML Bake Sale for Missions	29 6:30pm Bowling League	30	31			

JANUARY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	January 7	January 14	January 21	January 28
Greeter	John Malone	Gerry Harger	John Knickelbein	Orry Watts
Ushers	Errol Jennings Doug Sulak	Errol Jennings Anne Starke	Doug Sulak Scott Thieman	Errol Jennings Anne Starke
Lector	Cathy George	David Chadwick	Anna Carter	Carroll Smith
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	2	3 10am LWML Love Box Packing
4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service	5 6:30pm Bowling League	6	7	8 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	9	10
11 Transfiguration of Our LORD 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service	12 6:30pm Bowling League	13 5:30pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	14 <i>Valentines Day</i> Ash Wednesday 7pm Ash Wednesday Worship Service	15 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	16	17
18 First Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service	19 <i>Presidents Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> 6:30pm Bowling League	20	21 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service	22 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	23	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service	26 6:30pm Bowling League	27	28 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service	29 11:30am Ladies Bible Study		

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25
Greeter	John Malone	Gerry Harger	John Knickelbein	Orry Watts
Ushers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	Boyd Sylvester	Judy Sykes	Sharyn Leiding	Ken Leiding
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag



MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Third Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service	4 6:30pm Bowling League	5 6:30pm Belvedere Civic League Meeting	6 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Midweek Lenten Worsip Service	7 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	8	9 10am LWML Meeting
10 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service 11:30am Council Meeting <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	11 6:30pm Bowling League	12	13 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service	14 11:30am Ladies Bible Study	15 <i>Trinitarian</i> Deadline	16
17 Fifth Sunday in Lent 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18 6:30pm Bowling League	19	20 5:30pm Lenten Soup Supper 7pm Midweek Lenten Worship Service	21 11:30am Ladies Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study @ Richard Ball's home	22	23 9am LWML Cleaning of Sanctuary
24 Palm Sunday 9am Adult Bible Class/SS 10am Communion Worship Service w/ Confirmation	25 6:30pm Bowling League	26	27	28 Maundy Thursday 7pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service	29 Good Friday Office closes at Noon 7pm Tennebrae Worship Service	30
31 Resurrection of Our LORD/Easter 8:30am Easter Breakfast 9am Easter Egg Hunt 10am Family Easter Worship Service						

MARCH WORSHIP SERVER SCHEDULE

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
Greeter	John Malone	Gerry Harger	John Knickelbein	Orry Watts	Craig Scott
Ushers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Lector	Cathy George	David Chadwick	Anna Carter	Carroll Smith	Pastors
Communion Assistant	Dave Petri	John Knickelbein	Roger Medlin	Bill Sontag	Pastors

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email address has changed,
please notify the Church Office.

Thank you!



after the service Sunday, January 28th



**ALL PROCEEDS from this Bake Sale will go to support
Rachel and Susan Prince in their mission trip
to the Dominican Republic
through Greenbrier Christian Academy.**

All baked goods will be packaged to take home with you.
Please make plans to stop by the Welcome Center
and make a purchase to help support their trip.

