



ENTOS

newsletter

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*Merry
Christmas*

What does ENTOS mean?

...behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

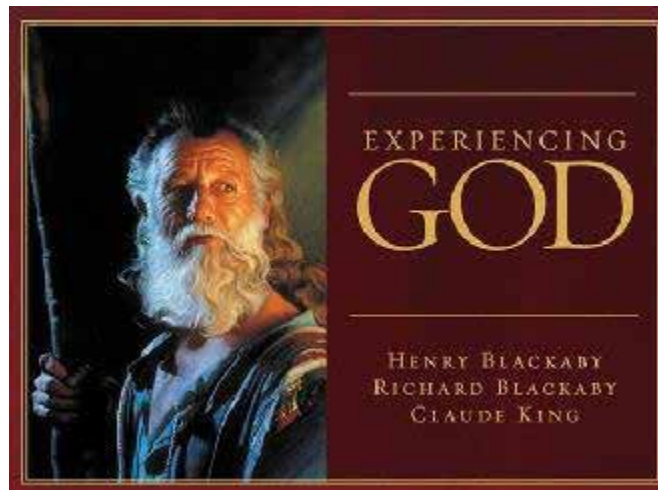
Luke 17:21

The word 'entos' is a Greek adverb meaning ***within; inside*** or ***within you; in the midst of you***. This word that we have chosen to call our church newsletter is to remind you where the spirit of the Lord resides. Christianity cannot be confined to the physical building of the church. According to John 18:36, the Kingdom of God is not of this world. The Kingdom of God is within us. It affects our spirits and pierces our souls. It has the power to change our lives, to transform our minds and to mold our hearts.

As you hear the gospel preached in our church, we pray that you apply the Word and learn more about the Kingdom of God and how to activate it in your spiritual life.

Deadline for entries in the Entos is the 15th of every month. Please **electronically** submit information about upcoming ministry programs and Trinity-sponsored events to lydia@trinityarl.org for consideration.





Beginning on Sunday, January 7, 2018, we will initiate a 12-week curriculum study entitled "Experiencing God," written by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King. The study will begin with an introductory sermon offered by Dr. Richard Blackaby, co-author of the "Experiencing God" curriculum, who will be our guest in worship on Sunday, January 7. Dr. Blackaby will also be speaking to Trinity members again in the evening on January 7. Following in the next 11 weeks, Dr. Posey will be preaching a sermon series based on the "Experiencing God" study curriculum. Trinity members and visitors will have an opportunity to join the 12-week study that is being offered by many of our adult Sunday School classes, which will be reading and studying "Experiencing God," using the series' workbook. The Sunday School class study will begin in selected classes on Sunday, January 7 as well. Those persons who are not currently enrolled in an adult Sunday School class, but who would like to participate in the study, should call the church office at 817-274-1345 as soon as possible to order the workbook. The workbook costs \$12. When you call to purchase your workbook, you will be assigned to an adult Sunday School class for the 12 weeks of the study. For more information about the "Experiencing God" study and sermon series, please call Rev. Brenda Beaver at the church office or contact her at brenda@trinityarl.org.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Terry and Jan Davis
November 11



Stop the Bleed

Wednesday, December 6
noon | Dining Room

Sign in at 11:45 a.m. RSVP by Dec. 4th at anita@trinityarl.org. A light lunch will be provided by Brookdale Arlington

Carter Blood Drive

Wednesday, December 6
1pm-3pm | Church Parking Lot

No appointment necessary.

Our Prayers

Members of Our Congregation: Laura Fiaoni - Nancy Coble - Peggy Lively - Johnny Walker - Don Haagen - Luke Morton - James Curzan - Rolf Naley - Steve Brooks - Travis Miller - Jon Black - Kathryn White - Carol Majka - Sharon Tillman - Anita Clendening - Bettye Thomas - Winston Parrish - Rhonda Weddle - Roberta Garvin - Patsy Jenkins - Joe Barranti - Suzie Hall

Members with Long-Term Needs: Bruce Betzner - Bob Blowers - Misty Castro - Joyce Cox - Claudia Damschroder - Marcia Dingler - John Elliott - Laura Fiaoni - Kevin Grubbs - Don Haagen - Evelyn Lawvere - Rowland Lollar - Doug Luttrell - Ruth McMillan - Jim Majka - Carmelo Melendez - Maralee Stapper - Bill Stapper - Karen Steer - Ron White - Chris Wiles

Sympathy to: Kevin Elliott and family, on the death of his mother, Janice Elliott, on October 24 - Phil Mitchell on the death of his brother, David Mitchell, on October 28 - Lynn Kelley on the death of her brother, Kevin Kelley, on October 28 - Jean Stephens on the death of Tom Stephens, November 11

Extended Family: Harry & Judy Liston's daughter, Laura - Audrey Iverson's nephew, Kent - Stan Walker - Linda Barton-Marlin - Mat & Lois Wisbrock's grandson, Will - Gary Turner's brother, Ralph - Dean Posey's mother, Patty - Delores Bergner's son, Brian - Sherry Cartuscillo - Sue Irwin's husband, Sam - Becky Turney's parents, Frank & Jackie - Sheila Sims' husband, L.G., and grandson, Jack - Carolyn Hodnett's sister, Barbara - MaryAnn and Worth Jackson's daughter, Beth - Scott Heusel's father, Gordon

Coming Blessings: Mike and Susan Brown (Jan) - Kelly and Melina Wouters (March)

Special Souls: Wayne & Wanda Agnew - Harriet Anderson - Wally Berndt - Jackie Bolen - Diane Boring - Betty Chancellor - Elena Cogdell - Anna Covington - June Cox - Carole Craddock - Virginia Deering - Robert DeVoe - Roberta Evans - Bill & Maryann Fikes - Jeanne Geran - Joyce Gillman - Betty Geisert - Liz Harlan - David Hopkins - Norma Hornbeek - Ray Jenkins - Curtis Jones - Francine Jones - Yvonne Kincaid - Jesse Langston - Gloria McQueen - Jim & Beverly Phillips - Gayla Robertson - Marjorie Rudig - Martha Scoville - Cheryl Seese - Wilma Shepherd - Margaret Singleton - Lita Smith - Mildred Spence - Joyce Sturgess - Martin & Glennene Turner - Lucille Ward - Jo Wentz - Lonnie Wright - Iva Mae Yeats

Those Serving Our Country: Eric Antochy - Stephen Barnett - Christopher Burgess - Kev- in Caliva Jr. - Aaron Carnahan - Tyler Cobb - Michael Craddock - Dee Daniels - Clifton Dillehay - Travis Dowty - Kyle Haubold - Matthew Hoffman - Brian Hutcherson - Taylor Kelling - Rusty McElroy - Geoffrey Miera - Michael Milburn - Danny Mitchell - Robert Monroe - Nathan Moody - Jason Moxley - Phillip Pakhizer - Devon Parrish - Rich Powell - Morgan Rasco - Dane Sasser - Marie Shidler - Wesley Smith - Morgan Smyth - Darren Strange - Adam Thornton - Austin Williams

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LYDIA CIRCLE

November 7th at 7p.m.
in room S126

There will be a planning
session for 2018.

ESTHER CIRCLE

November 15th at 5:30p.m.
in the Children's Kitchen

Current Study:
"You Have It in You"
by Sheryl Brady

DEBORAH CIRCLE

November 14th at 1p.m.

in the Dining Room
Speaker: Scott Heusel
Devotional by Ruby Shanks
Refreshments provided by
Audrey Iverson
Please remember to bring canned
goods for Arlington Urban Ministries.

Christmas Party

**December 4 | 6:30pm |
Saljo's Italian Restaurant
2229 W. Park Row, Pantego, TX 76013**

Dinner of salad, bread, lasagna, bowtie pasta will be served.

Service Project: Pack-a-Purse -- Bring a gently used purse filled with goodies to donate to a low-income assisted living facility.

Esther Circle will host a pre-dinner meet and greet at Nu2U from 5:30 to 6:15pm.

**NU2U Resale
2220-B W. Park Row, Arlington, TX
76013**

Bring your gently used purse and come fill it with Nu To You goodies.



**Saturday, December 2
7:30 AM | Dining Rm
Men of Trinity – You are
invited for Breakfast**



Happy Hearts Monthly Luncheon

December 1 | noon | Activity Center

Special guest:
Dr. Rose Mary Rumbley,
noted teacher, author, and
humorist. Senior adults, bring a dish
to share and join us for a potluck
luncheon and fellowship.

December Adult Sunday School Schedule

	Dec. 3	Dec. 10	Dec. 17	Dec. 24	Dec. 31
Class: ABC Room: A-111 (Activity Center)	Harold Elliot	Mark Woolf M.D.	Randy Draper		Robert Cupps
Class: Aldersgate Room: S-110	"Does Christmas Last?" led by Don Henderson	Guatemala led by Sue McCuiston	Salvation Army		Lunch with Seekers
Class: The Bridge Room: A-201	Young Adults discussion of current issues and life situations applied to the Word. led by Bill Bowie				
Class: Endeavor Room: A-203	"Advent Series" by Rick Warren				
Class: Fellowship Room: S-111	"Not a Silent Night" by Adam Hamilton				
Class: Foundations Room: C-208	"Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" by Adam Hamilton				
Class: Koinonia Room: A-107	<i>"The Little Things: Why You Really Should Sweat the Small Stuff"</i> by Andy Andrews				
Class: Legacy Room: C-210	1 Corinthians				
Class: Living in the Word Room: C-203	"Advent of the Savior" edited by Cindy Bunch				
Class: The Living Room Room: (meets offsite)	"The Circle Maker" by Mark Batterson				
Class: LOL (Loving Our Lord) Room: S-108 (Terrace)	"The Purpose Driven Life" by Rick Warren				
Class: New Covenant Room: C-205	"Simply Wait" led by Gretchen Greco & Chris Roser				
Class: New Horizon Room: S-126	led by Paula Harbour				
Class: Partners in Christ Room: (Meets offsite)	Cokesbury Adult Bible Series				
Class: Pathfinders Room: C-203	Short Series: "Keeping Jesus a Priority During Christmas"				
Class: Seekers Room: C-209	Don Henderson	"The Journey" by Adam Hamilton led by Jim Lee	Salvation Army		Brunch
Class: Sisters in Christ Room: S-106	"Not A Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton				

October Attendance	October Financial Update				
		Month		Year to Date	
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Elevate.....	187				
Traditional.....	405				
Oct. Avg.....	592				
SS.....	498				
	Contributions & Other Income	\$ 180,867	\$ 221,807	\$ 1,808,667	\$ 1,844,100
	Expenses	175,378	189,991	1,847,620	1,948,527
	Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,489	\$ 31,816	\$ (38,953)	\$ (100,427)

December Special Offering Recipients Methodist Children's Home in Waco AISD Operation Excel

On Sunday, December 3, we will receive a Special Offering that will benefit two very significant Christian ministries: the Methodist Children's Home in Waco and the Arlington Independent School District's Operation Excel, which is a school supply distribution event for at-risk students who are identified by the School counselors which is held every August.

The Methodist Children's Home is near and dear to the hearts of members of the Trinity family. Since 1890, the Methodist Children's Home has provided services to children and youth through residential care, foster care, and other services, and at the present time, have established 12 Family Outreach Services offices across Texas and New Mexico. The Methodist Children's Home currently serves 1,400 children and youth on a daily basis.

Operation Excel, which is an effort of several different agencies and ministries in Arlington, including AISD and the Churches of Arlington, provides backpacks and school supplies to students of the AISD who are at risk of being unable to afford start-up supplies for the beginning of the school year. The school supplies that are provided to these students are distributed each August in an event that is held at the AT&T Stadium and is hosted by the Dallas Cowboys Football Team. Please give generously to these two very worthy Christian ministries.



A very special part of our Advent/Christmas Worship experiences is the adornment of the Great Hall, Sanctuary and Activity Center with poinsettias. Families may order poinsettias at a cost of \$10 each and they may be given in honor or memory of someone special person. These beautiful plants will adorn our Sanctuary during the month of December and also beautify the Christmas Eve Services. You may take your poinsettia home to welcome the Christ child's arrival on December 24, after the 5 PM Candlelight Service.

We have a limited number of Poinsettias available, so please order early. To order, fill out the form below and return it to the church office with your check, payable to Trinity UMC with "poinsettias" in the memo.

Given by: _____ In honor of: _____

Phone Number: _____ In memory of: _____

Student Ministries



Check youth website calendar for more details

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:45 AM

Donuts will be provided. Bring your bible as we dive deeper into God's word.

Sunday Nights

"Core"

5:30-8 PM

Sunday nights will be designed around Trinity's core values.

December's Theme: "The Gift of Giving"

1st Sunday of the Month – *Connect*

2nd Sunday of the Month – *Learn*

3rd Sunday of the Month – *Grow*

4th Sunday of the Month – *Serve*

5th Sunday of the Month – *Give*

December Events

3rd	Mystery Trip Deposit Due
3rd	Christmas Party
10th	SALT Meeting
17th	Adopt-A-Family
24th	No Evening Youth
31st	No Evening Youth



Pastor Scott Heusel

Assoc. Pastor/Student and Sports Ministries



Christina Norris

Student Ministries Director



Michael Franklin

Student Ministries Director

Youth Thanksgiving Bake Sale Thank You!

The youth want to say thank you to everyone who purchased items from our Thanksgiving Bake Sale. All of the proceeds and donations we received helped our youth bless three families from Mission Arlington with a full Thanksgiving meal. The youth will also be purchasing gifts for

College/Young Adult Christmas Party December 6 | 6-8pm | Bowie Family Home

All young adults are invited to our annual Christmas Party. We enjoy a wonderful meal, time to catch up, and participate in a fun gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped \$10 gift to exchange.

Children's Ministry

Serve and Give in December

Beginning in November each child that attends Children's Ministry is encouraged to bring an offering gift and a service item to donate. Each Sunday morning that they bring an offering gift, they will receive a chip to collectively earn a group prize. Each Sunday morning that they bring a service item to donate they will receive a chip to collectively earn a group prize. After 42 chips are collected by the group, the group will earn a prize!

For our service items, we will be collecting new things to pack in Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please see below for the collection schedule:

- December --- fun items (sunglasses, flashlights w/ batteries, harmonicas, small dolls, toy cars, balls {wiffle ball size and smaller; or larger deflated w/ hand pump})
- January --- craft items (large & small popsicle sticks, binder clips, plastic spoons, clothes pins, rubber bands, quart Ziploc bags, water bottles, pipe cleaners, ping pong sized balls)

Bring your offering and your service items to the Children's Ministry area each Sunday.

Mitten and Hat Tree

TELC's Mission Project for this season is the Mitten & Hat Tree. Our Mitten & Hat tree is located in the Children's Hallway. Please consider giving to help those in our community who have very little to stay warm this winter. Put new hats, gloves, mittens, underwear and socks on or beneath the tree now through December 24th. Thank you for helping us care for others!

Advent Event: Popcorn and PJs

December 17 | 6-7:30pm |
Activity Center

Wear your PJ's and bring your favorite blanket & pillow! This is a fun family event for all ages as we watch the Polar Express movie. Hot chocolate, cookies and popcorn will be served. There will be crafts to make as you watch the movie. Rumor has it that there will even be a special visitor that drops by!

Christmas Eve for the Whole Family

Join us for a special Christmas Eve service for the entire family! You may choose from our 11:00am, 3:00pm, or 5:00pm services. Nursery care will be provided during all three services. Come ready to celebrate the season!

MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRIES



The Music Ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church presents an evening of exquisite music and worship – featuring our Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Chamber Singers, Trinity Kid’s Choir, Bells of Celebration, Canticle Ringers, Women’s Ensemble, and Sacred Pops.

You won’t want to miss this festive Christmas music experience! Invite friends and family for marvelous music, wonder, caroling, and joyful celebration.

A graphic for "Breakfast with Santa". It features a red and white Santa hat, a teal plate with the text "Breakfast with Santa", and red cutlery (fork and knife).

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 9**

8 A.M. TO NOON **\$5** PER PERSON

PANCAKES • SAUSAGE • JUICE • AND MORE!

Get your child’s professional photo taken with Santa.
Arts and crafts for children of all ages.



“Out of the Box Christmas Musical”

December 17 | 8:30pm , 11am |
Activity Center

Come enjoy hearing music performed by the Kid’s Choir to help celebrate the Advent season. We will enjoy refreshments in the Activity Center following the 11:00 worship service to preview the The Clubhouse.



Begins January 7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



SAVE THE DATE

**“Do Something” Day – MLK Jr. Day,
Monday, January 15, 2018**
Meal-Packaging Event with Rise
Against Hunger will be located in
the Activity Center, 2:00pm
Help us package at least
10,000 meals!

December Events

- Sun. **Evangelism Team**
3rd 2:00 p.m. | A-107
- Mon. **Stewardship Committee**
4th 6:00 p.m. | C-205
- Mon. **SPRC Meeting**
11th 7:00 p.m. | C-210
- Mon. **Trustees Meeting**
18th 7:00 p.m. | C-209
- Tues. **Adult Council**
19th 7:00 p.m. | C-208
- Mon. **Finance Committee Meeting**
25th 7:00 p.m. | C-209

Weekly Calendar

Prayer Room

Available Monday-Friday 8 AM-5 PM

Sundays

Childcare available 8:30-Noon

- 8:30 AM Elevate Praise & Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Sacred Pops, Choir Room
- 9:45 AM Sunday School for all ages
- 11:00 AM Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 2:30 PM GriefShare
- 2:30 PM DivorceCare
- 2:30 PM Experiencing God Teacher Training

Mondays

- 10:30 AM Women's Ensemble, Choir Room
- 1:00 PM Pickleball, Activity Center
- 6:00 PM Adult Basketball, Activity Center
- 6:35 PM Joy of Living Bible Study, S-110

Tuesdays

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study, S-108
- 9:30 AM Chair Yoga, Activity Center
- 11:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 11:00 AM Basic Yoga, Activity Center
- 6:00 PM Ladies Emmaus, S-108
- 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry Training S-110

Wednesdays

- 5:30-8:30 Youth Open Gym, Activity Ctr
- 5:45 PM Faithful Followers Emmaus, S-106
- 6:00 PM Kid's Choir, CW-05
- 6:00 PM Bell's of Celebration, Handbell Room
- 6:30 PM Alpha Course, Great Hall
- 6:30 PM Finding Your Way Home Study, C-209
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir, Choir Room
- 7:00 PM Kid's Bells, Handbell Room
- 8:45 PM Chamber Singers, Choir Room

Thursdays

- 9:00 AM Ladies Bible Study, S-110
- 9:00 AM Beginner Line Dance, Activity Center
- 10:00 AM Improver Line Dance, Activity Center
- 11:00 AM Bible Buddies (T. Wood), S-126
- 11:00 AM Intermediate Line Dance, Activity Center
- 6:30 PM Pickleball, Activity Center
- 7:00 PM Contemporary Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Fridays

- 9:30 AM Chair Yoga, Activity Center
- 10:30 AM Sisters Emmaus, S-126
- 11:00 AM Basic Yoga, Activity Center
- 10:30 AM Sisters Emmaus, S-126

Yoga will not meet Dec.19 through Jan. 2.



NU2U Resale
"Breaking the cycle of poverty, one family at a time."

Super savings on clothing for men, women & children, furniture and household items!
2220 W. Park Row Arlington 76013
Mon.—Sat. 10am—6pm 817-795-6379
Proceeds benefit Arlington families in crisis.

Trinity Member Art Display



In December, we will begin a display of handmade greeting cards by Sue McCuiston.

If any member of Trinity is interested in taking part in this display, please leave your name and contact information in the church office. Each piece of your own art work will be on display for four to eight weeks.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Does life seem difficult to carry alone? Is something affecting your health, attitude, or relationships with family or friends? If so, please consider having a Stephen Minister for support. Stephen Ministers are trained to be with you through life changes and difficult times.

For more information, please contact someone below.

Rev. Gary Turner, 817-274-1345
Sandra Talkington, 817-265-5987
or Saunda Niblack, 817-275-7455

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Dr. Dean Posey

8:30 Elevate · 11:00 Traditional

Sunday, December 3

Praying Beyond Yourself

Luke 1:5-17

Sunday, December 10

Praying the Impossible

Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 17

The Nine Month Prayer

Luke 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24

A New Beginning

Luke 2:1-20

Sunday, December 31

Praying for the New Year

1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Our Core Values

Connect

people with Jesus and one another through worship, prayer, and fellowship.

Learn

how to apply the Bible to our lives.

Grow

and share our faith.

Serve

our community and world.

Give

of our time, talent, and treasure.



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