

**January Birthdays & Anniversaries** *(Please pray for them on their special day.)*

- Jan. 1 Dale Shampo
- 2 Todd Varda
- 3 Lisa Piatti
- 4 Blair Daugherty
- 5 Cameron Mulka
- 7 Henry & Ruth Ann Badini
- 9 Jack Noyce
- 10 Carolyn Harry
- 11 Kristin Fortner, Sarah Powell, Robert Waldbillig
- 12 Sierra Fortner, Gary & Kay Carlson
- 15 Michael & Charlene Hunt
- 16 Michael Laydon, Tim Yuhasey
- 22 Ken Saul
- 23 Jade Driscoll
- 24 Barbara Vaughn
- 26 Rev. Sandra Clark, Glenn Winters
- 27 Mary Ryan
- 28 Melissa Redding
- 29 Ella Fortner
- 30 Annette Cram
- 31 Henry Ruble



**Committee Information**  
**Trustees**, Monday, January 10,  
6:00 p.m., in person  
**Engaged Ministry Team**,  
Tuesday, January 11, 1:00 p.m.  
**Finance Committee**,  
Thursday, January 13, 6:30  
p.m., ZOOM  
**Church Council**, Monday,  
January 17, 6:30 p.m., ZOOM

**Congratulations** to Dale and Lucy Shampo, who have a new great-grandson. George William Ryan was born December 13 to Teddy and Zoe (Shampo) Ryan.

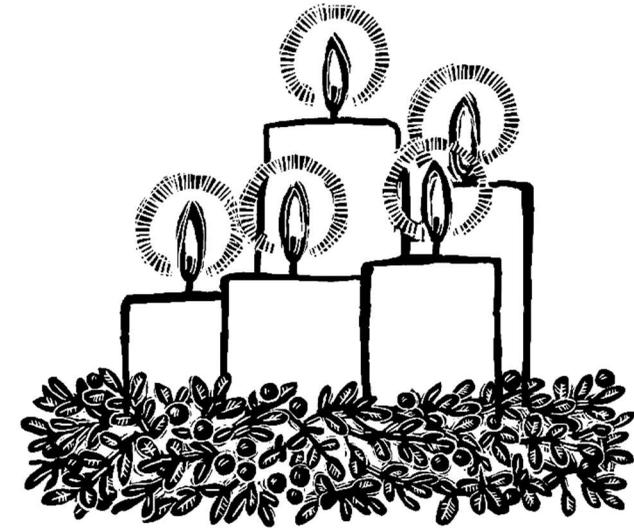
**Our prayers for consolation** at the death of Rick Thompson who was a former member of our Trustees Committee. He died September 24.

**If you'd like your offering listed on your 2021 statement, please be sure it's at the church by Wednesday, December 29.**

**2022 offering envelopes are in the Gathering Room.** Please take yours, or call the office, (906)774-2545, and make arrangements to pick them up. If you'd like envelopes and there aren't any with your name on them, please call the office.

**Facebook Live Worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**  
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/imtrinityumc>

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CHRISTMAS  
EVE

## Christmas Eve Worship

December 24, 2021 6:00 and 9:00 p.m.

### Christmas Music

#### Gathering Words and Christmas Prayer

O God, you are our Holy Light.

If there were ever a people who needed your light, it is us.

If ever there were a place where hope needed to be born,  
it is in the manger of our hearts.

If there were ever a time for your love to come alive, it is now,  
as it ever has been, in the holy birth of your Son.

We greet you with humble words of gratitude and great joy. Amen.

### Advent Wreath Lighting

#### Call to Worship—The Foretelling

6:00 Psalm 147

9:00 Isaiah 42:1 - 12

#### Christmas Scripture and Procession Luke 2:1 – 20

#### Choir Hymn: ‘The First Noel’

#### Children’s Time ‘God’s Coming to Visit’

‘Away in a Manger’ Christmas Bells

#### Christmas Message

6:00 ‘Welcome, Baby Jesus’

9:00 ‘God is Always Here’

#### Sharing of the Light ‘Silent Night’

The minister will light her candle from the Christ candle on the Advent wreath.

She will then light the candles of the first worshiper in each row.

The light will then be passed from person to person.

THE LIGHTED CANDLE REMAINS UPRIGHT

THE UNLIGHTED CANDLE IS TIPPED TO BE LIGHTED

When all the candles are lit, we will sing together as the lights are turned off.

#239 *Silent Night, Holy Night* (4 verses)

As the lights come back on, please gently blow out your candle,  
and leave it in the basket on the back pew



## Trinity Times

*Sharing God’s love with those who hunger.*

December 21, 2021

This will be the last Trinity Times for 2021. In January, we will return to monthly newsletters, with occasionally combining two months in one. For this Season of Advent, it has been our joy and honor to stay connected with you and your family through the written word. I do, of course, look forward to a time when we will see each other face to face, more and more often. In the meantime, let’s continue to be in relationship through the phone, snail mail, texts, Facebook, emails—communication in whatever form is best for you!

I have been enjoying Christmas cards a lot this year, for that very reason. It’s a great way to stay connected. Have you noticed that some of them are going a little deeper now a days? For example, here’s a beautiful one that I received.

*To a world that needs more warmth and peace...  
To people who need more compassion and hope...  
To every heart that needs more of his love,  
Christmas comes—and the world rejoices.  
Have a joyful season.*

Yes, Christmas and rejoicing come even in a pandemic year. Even in a time when there is so much arguing and disagreement. Here’s another card that was very expressive about just exactly what Christmas is.

*Every time a hand reaches out to help another...that is Christmas.  
Every time someone puts conflict aside  
and strives for understanding...that is Christmas.  
Every time people forget their differences  
and realize their love for each other...that is Christmas.  
May this Christmas bring our world closer to a spirit of caring,  
closer to the blessing of peace.*

I couldn’t have said it better myself! What I can say is that my heart is warmed by the friendships and love that I share with so many of you. My life is richer for our companionship and fellowship together. May the gifts of God’s blessings fill you, like it does me, with all hope, peace, joy and love...for Christmas and forever!

In the name of the One who Comes, Baby Jesus. *Pastor Geri*