



Holy Trinity

Lutheran Church

EPIPHANY 2018

Mission Initiative: Hypothermia



HYPOTHERMIA PREVENTION AND RESPONSE PROGRAM

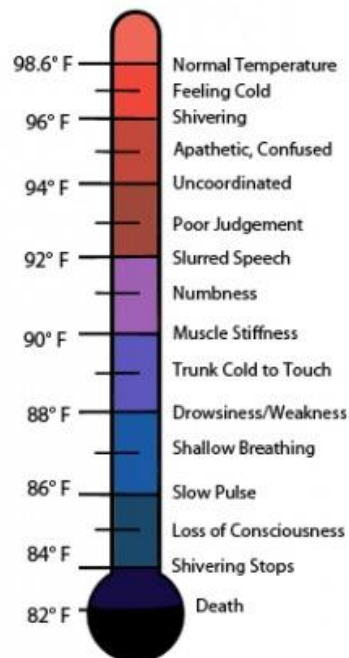
This year FACETS Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program will be operated at 31 Church locations in Fairfax County. These sites offer dinner, a warm place to sleep, professional case management services and breakfast the next morning; helping our neighbors experiencing homelessness find respite from the cold winter nights and a path to a home. This year the program runs from November 26, 2017 to April 1, 2018.

In operation since 2003, the program has evolved from solely offering a safe haven to also offering life-enhancing programs. In the 2015-2016 season, FACETS served 386 guests in our Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program. One hundred twenty five guests engaged in case management services, leading to 34 individuals being rapidly rehoused and not returning to sleeping in the woods, their cars or on the streets at the conclusion of the program.

Hypothermia week at Holy Trinity is February 25 through March 2.

Watch future bulletins for volunteer opportunities and training.

Symptoms of Hypothermia



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Looking Ahead:

Our next newsletter will cover the season of Lent and will be distributed by mid-February.

Deadline for articles is Wednesday, February 7.

Reminder: Ash Wednesday is February 14



Jazz Coffeehouse
Saturday, February 3
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Live music –Tasty snacks–Hot coffee

Come as you are. Invite a new friend to join you. All are welcome.
 Freewill donations accepted.



Pastor's Peace

Bring on the Gifts!

The Epiphany season starts with the arrival of the astrologers bearing gifts. Their gifts are ordinary gifts one



would offer to a king: gold has great value; frankincense is a perfume; and myrrh is a common anointing oil. The gifts have symbolic significance in light of the identity of the baby to whom they

are given. Gold is a symbol of kingship on earth, frankincense (used for incense) is a symbol of deity, and myrrh (an embalming oil) is a symbol of death. It makes you wonder: were the gifts brought to Jesus by the astrologers intentional for this particular baby king, or was the author of the Gospel of Matthew using these three gifts to intentionally foreshadow the events of Christ's life? Either way, gifts are important.

We just concluded the "season of giving" and you may have several new items, toys, articles of clothing or gift cards in your home. These gifts were given to you, in most cases, out of love or appreciation. Now, take a moment and do a general inventory of all the new and old items in your house. If Jesus were to arrive at Holy Trinity this Sunday and you were encouraged to bring an offering of three gifts, what would you bring?

Would the gifts be meaningful items in the hope that by sharing them with Jesus he would see your desire to give out of love from what is dear to you? Would the gifts be of significant monetary value? Would the gifts be of sentimental value? Would you create a gift or bring something that is not tangible at all?

The thought experiment is supposed to be fun and spark the imagination. The reality of our situation is, God does not desire gifts or need any stuff; rather, God simply wants to be in on this journey of life. God desires to be part of the experience, a conversation partner and a companion along the way.

You are the recipient of God's gifts in Jesus: forgiveness, grace and love. You have everything you need in Jesus, and all the leftover Christmas gifts, the items in your home, and your special talents are all icing on the cake of life we get to use to share the love we received in Jesus with the people and world around us.

So, let's change the question: If you wanted to bring three gifts to the world, in response to the love you received in Christ, what would you bring in 2018? Now, don't say world peace or something along those lines. Dig deep and prayerfully consider your gifts, abilities and resources, and then answer the question how **you personally** want to share that love with the world in 2018. Then, as a follow-up question: How can the church (a.k.a. the people who are in the same boat as you and want to share the same love in their hearts) help or act as a support/channel to make the sharing of your gift a reality?

It is wonderful to have faithful companions on our journey (both God and fellow church members). Today, at the beginning of this new year, I give thanks to God for each of you, the love God has put in your hearts, and the many different ways you will share that love in 2018.

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Council News

Happy New Year from your church council!

The start of 2018 is an exciting time for our congregation that will see the opening of our new tenant, **Building Blocks II child day care center**, in the former education wing of our building. It's the culmination of more than a year of work, from consideration and review by your council of this big step for our congregation to the many months of construction and renovation to our building, which is now complete. We expect Building Blocks to begin occupying the space in February, with the day care's formal opening likely coming in March.

Special thanks to Council Vice President Eric Chancellor for overseeing the day-to-day demands of this building work and to Dave Badge and Joan Buscher, who played key roles in coordinating the construction effort. I also want to thank, again, Marcia Ihnen, the council's immediate past president, and Anne Simmons, also a former council president, for their work on this project in the early stages – vetting this idea and all its potential implications for us and handling the paperwork for all our initial permits. Thank you, also, to Pastor Mike, who first brought the idea of Holy Trinity hosting a day care center to the church council. And thank you to all the members of Holy Trinity who participate in groups that were displaced or had to be re-arranged in terms of the space they used at the church during the construction phase of the daycare. Council greatly appreciates your support of and patience throughout this project.

Building Blocks II meets a great need in our community for infant day care – which is currently in short supply -- in addition to providing care for toddlers and preschoolers. The day care brings to our church five days a week many families with young children and allows us to share with them through fliers and other forms of notification the vibrant activities of our church community, should they be interested in participating in any of them. And, as many of you know, having the income from a major tenant like Building Blocks also helps our church community maintain its fiscal health by giving us a new source of income and off-setting the loss of revenue from long-time church members who are retiring and moving away. It seems fitting that this new venture – which brings gifts for our community and for our church – is beginning in the season of the epiphany, the celebration of the Lord's gift to his people of his son incarnate.

And speaking of helping our community, our **Hypothermia Shelter** week is right around the corner, February 25 through March 2. (Look for more information on that elsewhere in this newsletter.) If you've volunteered before – and most HT members have – we hope you'll consider doing it again and increasing your commitment this year. There's always a need for volunteers on the overnight shifts and morning clean ups.

Other news from your church council:

Brighter Lights – Did you notice a brighter church sanctuary over the Christmas holidays? That's because we recently installed new LED lights in the overhead chandeliers and repaired the backlighting on the stained glass. Some outside lighting was also repaired. Thanks to our Property Committee and Marcia Ihnen for shepherding this.

Youth and Family Ministry Review – The council is considering a proposal from Pastor Krista that would retool our youth and family ministry program to better align it with the busy lives and overcommitted schedules of today's families. The proposal – a format called "The Way" that's being adopted by some other Christian congregations – addresses faith formation as a lifelong process with key milestones along the way and intergenerational participation by the congregation.

Recent research by Pastor Krista found that, while many HT families want a church program for their children, they are not sure how to fit church commitments into their already busy lives, resulting in feelings of pressure and guilt. If you're interested in sharing your thoughts on Youth and Family Ministry at HT, feel free to reach out to Pastor Krista, Pastor Mike, or any member of our church council. Council will be reviewing Pastor Krista's proposal over the next couple of months, and you'll hear more about it soon.

As 2018 kicks in, all of us on council wish all of you much good health, happiness, and peace in this new year!

Pamela Kabati
2017-18 Council President



Youth and Family News

by Pastor Krista, Youth and Family Ministry

SNL – SUNDAY NIGHT LIFE RETURNS

Based on input throughout last fall from families, youth, and other HT members, we are making a few changes to SNL for the months ahead. We heard your concerns over trying to make a regular commitment for weekly/monthly youth groups and learning events. Yet, we still believe in offering a place for youth to gather and connect face to face with each other and with God.

January — we've planned a series of family fun activities that we hope will warm your heart on a cold winter's night. Each event is a "self-contained" style of program in **Rothenberg Hall** from **4-6 p.m.** and will include snacks but NOT dinner.

January 14

Game Night

January 21

Art/Arts & Crafts Night

January 28

Karaoke and/or Disney Sing-a-Long Night

February 4th

NO SNL — Super Bowl Sunday

February 11, 18, 25

Youth Drop-In Rec Time



February — we'll be offering **SNL as a drop-in rec time** for our older children and youth. We'll have a portable game table for things like foosball, ping pong, etc., as well as options for other recreational activities. Again, time would be 4-6 p.m. with snacks provided but no dinner. By ending at 6 p.m., there should still be time for families to enjoy a Sunday night meal together, finish homework and/or get ready for the school week ahead.



Any questions about SNL can be directed to Pastor Krista at pastorkrista@holytrinityfallschurch.org.

SHEKINAH 2018

Shekinah is the Metro DC Synod youth ministry weekend event for junior high (7th and 8th grade) youth, held annually in **mid-March** at the Northern Virginia **4-H Center near Front Royal, VA**. *Shekinah* is a Hebrew word that means that time and place when God comes to God's people in the place where they are and feels their suffering and sorrows. One goal of the weekend is for youth to realize Shekinah in their lives. This amazing weekend includes time for fellowship, service, and worship through large and small group learning experiences. Cost is **approximately \$125 per youth and the registration deadline will be early February**. Check with Pastor Krista for more information and registration forms.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING (NYG) - THE ROAD TO HOUSTON

Thanks to your ongoing support in 2017 and a generous gift from one of our members, our NYG team is just \$3,485 away from meeting our budget for the 2018 trip to Houston. Praise the Lord and pass the gravy (as they might say down south)!!

This means **we're 83% of the way there**. In other words, we've made it to the border of Louisiana but need your help to get the remaining 300 miles to Houston. Here's how you can contribute to the cause in 2018:

1. **Super Bowl Challenge** — once again this year, you will have the opportunity to vote with your dollars for the winning team. On February 3 and 4, NYG youth will be present at the Jazz Coffee House and after worship with buckets. Just place your donation in the bucket of the championship team you think will win. Then we'll see if your dollars match the outcome of the Super Bowl game itself!
2. **Spaghetti Dinner** — once again in mid-March, the youth will cook, host and serve a Spaghetti Dinner for the congregation and community. Watch February's newsletter and bulletins for date and cost information.
3. **Dessert Auction** — Watch for information about this tasty event sometime in the late spring/early summer.
4. **R2H (Road to Houston)** — By early February, we will have a visual "Road to Houston" laid out in our entry. Along that road, you will find envelopes designated with a variety of monetary denominations. It's as simple as taking an envelope, filling it with the designated gift and returning it to the church office for us to count and deposit!

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Youth and Family News (cont'd)

by Pastor Krista, Youth and Family Ministry

MAINLY MUSIC WEEKLY MUSIC PROGRAM COMING SOON TO HTLC

Started as an organization in 1990, Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents or primary caregivers to enjoy together with their young child (infant through Pre-K). Throughout the session, children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills as well as socialization with others. Children are introduced to music, creativity and more, plus families are given a chance to think about the God-part of life.



The dream we have for your Mainly Music experience is that you'll find the session a safe, nurturing space where connection occurs:

1. **You can connect with your young one.** The session is designed to be interactive – a space for you and your child. Or your child and their home-based caregiver. Or maybe Nana!
2. **You can expect to connect with others who are at the same life stage.** Sessions are full of parents – first time ones, well-versed ones, even those who have grown up kids – and connecting with adults in your week is pretty important. Think about being able to finish a conversation or even a sentence! Know you're not alone in this role of 'parent' and receive genuine encouragement during the journey.
3. **We want your child to connect with the music and more.** Sure, we're not music teachers, but we've learned how to bring out the best in most children and help them with numeracy and literacy skills, gross and fine motor skill development. They'll learn concepts and use their imagination, learn to follow instructions and lots, lots more.
4. **We'd love you to connect with the church.** Churches are more than a place of spiritual nurture; they're also a place of community and friendship. At Holy Trinity, we'll be here for you at the varying stages and experiences of life.

For more information or to volunteer with Mainly Music,
contact Pastor Krista at pastorkrista@holyltrinityfallschurch.org

VISION AND MISSION DIRECTION FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY - FROM PASTOR KRISTA

As part of my work among you, I was tasked with having conversations with parents, youth and other members of HTLC around the possibilities for strengthening and growing our ministry to the younger generations around us - both those already here within the congregation and those to whom we would like to reach out and build new connections. What did we feel was working well here? Was anything creating strain? Were we stewarding our time, talents and treasures in a wise and effective manner?

After three months of holding holy conversations, planning for and participating in SNL, working with our NYG team, praying for wisdom and guidance, leaning on my training and education and seeking direction from the Word of God - after all of this I have submitted to council a three year mission plan for our children, youth and family ministry. Our council President, Pamela Kabati, referenced this proposal in her own newsletter article and invited you to the conversation. I am available to meet for coffee, tea, lunch, dinner or just office time to answer questions, hear your thoughts and share with you what I believe the Lord has shown me. But I wanted to give you a brief summary of what is included.

I've proposed a structure that I call "The Way." Faith formation is a life-long journey of walking with Jesus and I believe our mission entails helping each other along that path from birth to adulthood. I also believe that it entails equipping our parents and homes to be the primary faith centers of a child's life.

"The Way" includes opportunities to celebrate with families and children at key milestone markers in their faith development - markers like birth, baptism, holy communion, first bibles, confirmation, entering adolescence, graduation, etc.

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Youth and Family News (cont'd)

by Pastor Krista, Youth and Family Ministry

At these junctures, short-term small groups would be offered to prepare parents and/or children for the kinds of physical, emotional and spiritual developments occurring at that particular stage of life. At the end of these small group experiences, participating parents and youth would be lifted up, celebrated and blessed within worship.

Families would be equipped to include prayer, faith conversation, scripture reading, personal sharing and other devotional practices in their homes. Such a lifestyle has been shown to be vital in helping children and youth develop inner strengths vital to navigating the public challenges they face in today's world.

We would also be looking to partner with other committees of the church to offer small group experiences connected to their call to minister - for example, working with the RIC team to build opportunities for support and learning around gender and sexual identity.

"The Way" would still include age-level appropriate opportunities for group gatherings from elementary through high school. Such gatherings could be service oriented or could be "friendship" oriented. There would still be encouragement to participate in synodical retreats and events. And of course, every three years we would offer the chance to participate in the ELCA National Youth Gathering. But most importantly, we would seek to support our middle and high school youth through the creation of a one-to-one mentoring program, partnering each 7th-12th grader with an adult who would serve as a personal resource for God-talk, prayer, and sharing the wisdom of life's experiences. Again, we hope you'll join us in this time of holy discernment and conversation.

My email is pastorkrista@holytrinityfallschurch.org if you'd like to arrange a time to meet and talk more -- or if you'd like to be part of anything you have read about here.

Reconciling in Christ

RIC Meeting for January Cancelled—The Reconciling in Christ Committee will not meet in January due to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth and Community Room.

For more info, please contact Laura Daugherty at laura.daugherty@verizon.net.

RIC Needs New Members—RIC needs your energy, your ideas, your sense of justice and, most importantly, your ability to make a monthly meeting.

We typically meet on the third Monday of each month to develop ways to make Holy Trinity a more welcoming place for members of LGBTQIA community.



Thank you to everyone who contributed many gifts to this year's FACETS Angel Tree donation drive and special thanks to our "angel coordinators", Kristi and Maureen!





Serving Our Neighbor

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month: Awareness Day is January 11

Human Trafficking Awareness Day is January 11. At the 2017 Tenth Triennial Convention, voting members passed a resolution designating January 11 through February 4 as a time of prayer in ELCA congregations to end human trafficking. On November 8, 2017, the Senate Commerce Committee unanimously passed the Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act (SESTA) through to a full Senate vote. SESTA is a narrowly focused, bipartisan bill that targets websites that knowingly facilitate sex trafficking, ensuring that those websites that violate federal sex trafficking laws are held accountable. Through websites such as Backpage.com, the internet has long since overtaken the street corner as the marketplace for buying and selling sex as well as for sex trafficking. Recently, investigations have suggested that some popular commercial websites may actually facilitate trafficking through their business practices. (Source: the National Human Trafficking Hotline monthly newsletter.)

Communities of faith have a crucial role to play in the anti-trafficking field. As integral members, faith communities are in a position to identify situations of trafficking, report tips to law enforcement, and connect victims with life-saving resources.



The Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synodical Women's Organization (SWO) is part of the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) - WELCA. At the 2014 Triennial Convention, delegates passed resolutions asking Women of the ELCA to address commercial sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Thanks to Wilma Dublin, her efforts on following Human Trafficking Awareness and activities to thwart human trafficking perpetrators continue to keep the members of our SWO aware of what is happening both locally and globally.



Our Commitment: We, the Women of the ELCA, are committed to help eradicate human trafficking by creating awareness in our communities, advocating for more protection and rehabilitation for victims, and participating in anti-trafficking campaigns in our churches, schools, and neighborhoods.

Prayers were written by people in Wisconsin to raise awareness of the crime. They are available for download on our website www.holytrinityfallschurch.org. Permission is granted to share them.

Everlasting God, human trafficking is an overwhelming and scary topic. We ask that you open our hearts and minds to better understand some of the many ways that people become vulnerable to trafficking. We know you are a God of justice and love and we pray that you will help us to keep your life-giving vision of the world in mind. Amen.

**The National Human Trafficking
24-hour Hotline
1-888-3737-888**

Text INFO or HELP to: BeFree (233733)
help@humantraffickinghotline.org

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Please contact Sandra if you know of someone who is celebrating a special occasion, having health concerns or mourning the loss of a loved one.



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To start a request or to be added to the Prayer Chain, please contact Marcia.

**Our website has a new look! Check it out:
www.holytrinityfallschurch.org**



Library News *by Mary Bowen, Librarian*

Since January is the start of a new year, it is always nice to have a few new books, and we have some this year as well.

Since this is my last month as the librarian at Holy Trinity, I am bringing a few of my favorite books to your notice as well. They will be on the small file cabinet in the library during January. Check them out!

New items:

1. "The Armor of Light," a film by Abigail E. Disney. It follows an Evangelical minister and the mother of a teenage shooting victim, who ask, is it possible to be both pro-gun and pro-life? DVD 323
2. "Our Lives Are Not Our Own: Saying 'Yes' to God" by Rochelle Melander and Harold Eppley. 240
3. "Hearing the Cries: Faith and Criminal Justice" published by the ELCA. 261.8
4. "A Lineage of Grace: Five Unlikely Women Who Changed Eternity" by Francine Rivers. Fiction.

Librarian's favorites:

1. "The Case for God" by Karen Armstrong. 211 On Faith Outside the Box shelf.
2. "Christ the Lord" and "Out of Egypt" by Anne Rice. Fiction.
3. "Home" by Marilyn Robinson. Fiction
4. "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" by Marcus Borg. 232.9 On Faith Outside the Box shelf.



IN HER OWN WORDS — An Interview by Genie Davis with outgoing HT Librarian, Mary Bowen

What is your previous experience as a librarian?

My first experience working in a library was while I was working on a master's in Spanish at the University of Texas in Austin. I was hired to index newspapers from the 1880's in the local history collection of the Austin Public Library. Once I gained that experience, I was hired by the University's Department of Spanish and Portuguese to manage the Department's small library, and to organize the personal collection of books belonging the Chair of the Department. In the early 1990's our family returned from overseas postings and I decided I wanted a career in libraries. I earned my master's in library science while working part time in the corporate library of a computer software firm. We went overseas again and came back to Virginia in 2000.

How did you come by the role at HT and how many years has it been?

In January of 2001 Alfie Rulis, who was then Holy Trinity's Director of Education, asked me if I'd like to take over as the librarian at Holy Trinity. It sounded like something I would enjoy, so I said yes. During the time I've been the librarian at Holy Trinity, I have also worked as a reference librarian in a law library, as a reference librarian at Georgetown University, as a cataloger for the book collection in an Army medical archive and as a volunteer cataloger for the library at the Jane Goodall Institute.

What changes did you make to what had existed?

The first thing I did as the librarian at Holy Trinity was to select the software for an online library catalog. I spent the next few years entering the catalog information for each book into the online catalog, printing Dewey Decimal spine labels, and shelving the books in the Dewey Decimal order. Holy Trinity's library had earlier been a member of the Lutheran Church Library Association, an organization formed to provide help to church librarians, who often have no professional library training. I arranged for Holy Trinity to re-join the organization. I also started a local chapter of the group; it was very helpful to see how other churches organize and publicize their libraries. One year I even attended a national convention of the Association in Minneapolis! Unfortunately, the national organization dissolved, and I and some of our local chapter members joined another similar association, the Congregational Library Association.

My main effort to publicize our library and encourage church member to use the library has been the newsletter articles about the library. Originally I only highlighted books for adults in the newsletter articles, but a few years ago I started highlighting children's books as well. Some years there has been a library table at Rally Day. Peg Corl provided activities for children at library's table at the 2017 Rally Day.



Connections



Welcoming and connecting with visitors of all ages at our 14th Annual Breakfast with Santa



Members of our Christus Choir, smiling and ready to sing at our December 10 Advent Concert



More Connections



Mosaic District Mission Auction and Party! December 13, 2017 at Fair Trade Winds. We raised over \$6,000. Thank you! Visit us at www.mosaicdistrictchurch.org



Excerpt from card received January 2018
*Dear Holy Trinity friends,
 Thank you for hosting my ordination service. Thank you for the beautiful green stole. I will think of Holy Trinity when I wear it, and will wear it with love and pride. Most of all, thank you for welcoming me and sharing ministry with me for over two years. I have learned many things and grown as a Christian because of my time with you. Feel free to stop by and visit us at Hope Lutheran in Clinton.*
 In Christ, Daniel

**Daniel Rinehart's Ordination Service
 December 16, 2017**





With Appreciation

Thanks to all who contributed their time and talents for all of our December events: assisting during Breakfast with Santa; providing cookies for our Cookie Concert; all of our musicians for sharing the gifts of Christmas music; our group of carolers who visited local shut-in members; our Mosaic District Fundraiser Auction donors and food chefs; all the helpers and participants who provided a truly beautiful Christmas pageant; our reception coordinators, and all who decorated and un-decorated our sanctuary, offices and Fellowship Hall for the Christmas season.

To Arnold Baker, for his years of service as the late service Usher Coordinator. Thank you to Paul Bremmer for volunteering as captain of the late service usher team. Welcome to Rob and Marc as new ushers for the late service.

Thanks to Linda Bathen, for her service as HT's coordinator for the Gifts of Hope program.

Welcome to Becca Sechrist, who joined the January Altar Guild Team.

Thank you to Mary Bowen, for her ministry and service as the HT librarian (see article on page 8).

Thank you, from the church office, to all of the volunteers who faithfully lend assistance and support for bulletin assembly and special projects (thanks Nick M!).

HT'S INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

For groups meeting at Holy Trinity, in case of inclement weather, we follow the Fairfax County school schedule for evening activities.

If worship services are cancelled, information will be sent via our ListServe.

Cancellations will also be posted on our website:
www.holytrinityfallschurch.org.



Milestones

Baptisms: Robert Morris Ihnen, son of Andrew and Colleen, brother of Charlotte, and grandson of Marcia and Jeffrey, was baptized at Holy Trinity on January 14.

New Members: Last month, we welcomed 6 new members to our community of faith: Michael Jewett, Becca Sechrist, Rod and Christine Hansen, and Rob Nichols and Marc Allsup.

Welcome back to Kathy Chelsen and to Charles and Kris Luoma-Overstreet, returning to HT after serving overseas.



Farewell & Godspeed to the Rohrer family, as Andrew has accepted his next military assignment; to Daniel Rinehart and his wife, Leslie, as Daniel begins his first call ministry as pastor of Hope LC in Clinton, MD.

In Memoriam: Former HT member, Robert (Buck) Jones. The memorial service was held in early January. Buck and his wife, Cookie have been residing in Winchester, VA.

Congratulations

- to former interim HT pastor, Tom Montgomery and his wife, Karen, on the birth of Alexander (Xander) Creel Montgomery, on January 6. All family members are doing well.

- to Greg D'Addario on receiving his certification as a National Board Teacher for Arlington Public Schools. National Board Certification is a voluntary assessment program that recognizes, encourages and rewards teachers to strive for excellence. Certification is achieved through a rigorous, performance-based assessment that typically takes one to three years to complete.

View the press release at: <http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/NqqIND8uk8vWWhtg9P7nWg~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcN8SJpORUaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuYXBzdmdEudXMvcG9zdC80Mi1hcHMtdGVhY2hlcjMtZWYybi1uYXRpb25hbC1ib2FyZC1jZXJ0aWZpY2F0aW9uLXJlbmV3YWwvVWdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAAwrmRVlrlmup>

January Birthdays: Aaron Bertrand, Katie Franke, Rachel Kaczmarczyk, Carolyn Lemens, Nicholas Lemens, Reuben Luoma-Overstreet, Bill Merkel, Nicholas Poreda, Beth Search, Anne Simmons, Ray Sparnon, Gregory Wicks

January Anniversaries: Martha and Joe Kile; Albert and Sandra Lee, Jr.



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A Reconciling in Christ
Congregation



2017-2018 AT A GLANCE

September

4—Labor Day holiday
10—Rally Sunday (service
at 10:00 a.m.)
17—Begin Two Services
8:45 and 11:15
18—WELCA Salad Supper
23—Merrifield Fall Festival

October

1—Blessing of the Animals
9—Columbus Day holiday
14—Oktoberfest @ HT
21—Organ Concert
29—Reformation Sunday

November

5—All Saints Day
Daylight Savings ends
12—Knitting Boutique Sale
19—Two services followed by
Congregational meeting
23—Thanksgiving Day
26—Christ the King Sunday

December

2—Breakfast with Santa
3—Fair Trade Shopping
10—Advent Concert/cookies
17—Two Services (Christmas
Pageant at 8:45)
24—Advent 4 Service 10 a.m.
Xmas Eve @ 4, 7, 9 p.m.
25—Christmas Day
31—Lessons/Carols 10 a.m.

January 2018

1—Office closed
7—Return to two services
Resume Sunday School
and SNL
15—MLK holiday

February

3—Jazz Coffeehouse 7 p.m.
4—No SNL (Super Bowl)
14—Ash Wednesday
19—President's Day holiday
23-24—30-Hour Famine
25-March 3—Hypothermia

March

4—Blanket Sunday
11—Daylight Savings begins
25—Palm Sunday
29—Maundy Thursday
30—Good Friday

April

1—Easter Sunday
2—Office closed
27-29—WELCA Retreat

May

6—HTLC Spring Concert
14—Sunday School, SNL end
20—Youth Sunday, Pentecost
27—Begin 10 a.m. Summer
Worship Schedule
28—Memorial Day Festival
and Parade

June

10—**Spring Congregational
Celebration & Dessert
Auction**
17—Father's Day

July

4—Independence Day
holiday

August

6—Sundae Sunday