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COME WORSHIP AT TRINITY THIS WEEKEND

We invite you to join us at one of our **TWO** convenient worship services this weekend: Saturday at 6:30PM or Sunday at 9:30AM.

Please note the offering plate is on the table at the rear of the sanctuary, there is no passing of the peace and the continuous communion format remains in place.

Please support your church by mail, dropbox or online at TrinityAltoona.com/Give.



Trinity Altoona's **Worship and Music committee** has brought back the popular **Coffee and Cookies Fellowship** following each **Sunday** worship service during **Advent** (preceding the **6:30PM** worship service on **Saturdays**). Please join us for some festive fellowship this final weekend of Advent!

Need to get into the Christmas spirit or just need a break from all the preparation? **The Altoona Community Band** will present a **concert of Christmas music tonight at 7PM** at the **First Baptist Church in Downtown Altoona** (12th Avenue and 17th Street).

Christmas is just five days away and we invite you to celebrate the season at Trinity Altoona! As Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will be adjusting our worship schedule. We will have **one combined Sunday morning service at 9:30AM**, followed by our final "Coffee and Cookies" this Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Advent. **Our beloved Christmas Eve candlelight worship services return at 7PM and 10PM. You can also join us for our traditional pajama-friendly service at 9AM on Christmas Day.** Please come share the joy of Christmas with us!

A message from our own Debbie Garritano: *"Thank you to everyone who donated to the cost of the Christmas trees. The trees are beautiful. Also, thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church. Our church is beautiful because of all the help. I truly am thankful for each and every one of you as you help not only at Christmas but all throughout the year. We will take down the decorations and trees on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at 10AM. Again, we need your help. I am very blessed to have another family, my church family. I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."*

Start thinking of some yummy soup recipes...Trinity's Souper Bowl returns on

Sunday January 28, 2024. Donations of bread and crackers would also be appreciated. Call or text Angela Counterman for more information at 814-312-8036.

Your church still needs thee in 2023! **Consider serving as a lector, usher or Altar Guild member.** We will train you for the position of your choice. **We're also looking for volunteers to join our various church committees,** including Christian Education, Evangelism & Fellowship, Finance, Personnel, Property, Social Ministry, Stewardship and Worship & Music. It's a great opportunity to serve your church AND your community. If you're willing to help, please reach out to Pastor Eli or call the church office at 814-943-3972.

Did you know Trinity Altoona has a **YouTube Channel**? Now you can watch our daily **Out to Pastor** series (plus archived worship services and sermons) anytime on your computers, smartphones, tablets and smart TVs. [Subscribe to Trinity's YouTube channel today :\)](#)

Our **regular weekly activities** include the Sewing Group (Mondays 10AM-2PM), Adult Bible Study (Tuesdays 9-10AM, we're studying The Book of Isaiah), the Healthy You Program (Tuesdays and Fridays 10-11AM), the Prayer Breakfast group (Thursdays 9-10AM) and Sunday School (9:30AM).

Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Faith, fun and fellowship are always in season at Trinity Altoona :)

PULSE PIC OF THE WEEK: IT'S CHRISTMASTIME!



Trinity's Sunday School class performs at this past weekend's Children's Christmas Pageant. Photo courtesy Angela Counterman.

HELP WANTED!

We are working to make **The Pulse** bigger and better than ever in 2023, but we can't do it without your help.

Email your articles and photos (including who, what and where info for each photo) to thepulse@trinityaltoona.com. Be sure to include your phone number in case we have any questions.

We'd also like to share good news from our Trinity family, such as births, birthdays, graduations, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, job changes, pets, promotions, retirements, travels etc. *The Pulse* is Trinity and you are the pulse!



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