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Greetings Trinity Family,

We all have much to be grateful for at Trinity. I continue to be amazed at the many wonderful people who faithfully work so hard for Trinity Church. Our love and faith in God is a very powerful force, it gives us strength, courage and direction in our daily lives.

So how can we be even better at helping those who are less fortunate than us? Compassion towards others is the key, we must be open to understand others and reach out to help them, especially in the holiday season. I urge all of us to make a difference, be there for someone who is hurting, confused or just needs love; I believe that this is what Jesus would like us to do.

In regard to the upcoming holidays, our Christmas worship schedule will be as follows:

On Christmas Eve (Saturday) we will have two services, with Fr. Chuck Curtis officiating, 5pm children's service and then 10pm. On Sunday, Christmas day there will be one service with Fr. Chuck Curtis at 10am. For New Year's Eve, (Saturday) there will be one service at 5pm with Dr. Val. Then on new years day (Sunday) we will have one service at 10am with Dr. Val.

On another note I would like to bring all up to date on how the search for our new rector is going. We have several outstanding candidates and your vestry and search team is working hard behind the scenes to gather all of the needed information to make the right choice. You can be confident in your team as we realize that this choice is critical for our future at Trinity.

As I have said before we are blessed to have Dr. Val to help us and Fr. Curtis and the Trinity worship team, I am so proud of what they have all done this year to keep us on track! Our future is clear to me; I hope and

pray that you will be a part of this new life at Trinity when we have a new leader.

Another item that I am happy to report is that the new sliding door for our entrance off the parking lot; IS IN AND WORKING GREAT!

So, in closing what do you have to be thankful for this Christmas season? Could it be a new TV or car, perhaps new clothes or furniture, golf clubs? All of these items are wonderful, but they are wants, not needs. Should we instead be more focused on others and their needs this season? Our belief in God gives us all strength and purpose to spread the good word to others. Let's make this Christmas the best ever with compassion and love towards others, it's the best gift that we can give! God bless you and Merry Christmas. Tom



Saint Nicholas is coming!
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Sunday December 4th.

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Last month I shared some ideas about stewardship with you. This month I'd like to talk about what the money that you pledge to Trinity supports. Our detailed budget that the financial committee is working hard on tries to anticipate any and all contingencies that Trinity will face during the year. That includes the utilities, upkeep and repair of the building; salaries, benefits and mandated costs of the staff; and support for the outreach programs that Trinity supports. Hopefully by the end of the year the amount that is taken in equals the amount that goes out. In the past few years we have taken money from the endowment fund to help balance the books. The vestry has worked hard during the past year to find areas of expense that can be reduced or eliminated to keep the money going out to the minimum. We have traced water leaks to the second floor Sunday school bathrooms and fixed the problem. We have replaced the old toilets that used 6 gallons a flush with toilets using 1.6 gallons. We continue with the repair of the stained glass windows and placing of storm windows over the stained glass. We encourage everyone who uses the buildings to practice energy conservation by keeping the temperature down and turning the thermostats to 60 degrees when they leave. We have replaced many of the bulbs in light fixtures with fluorescent bulbs. Any and all suggestions that the congregation has will be gratefully considered to help with reducing our financial outgo.

The church supports many ministries throughout the year. We host the Food of Faith and prepare and serve four meals a year at St. Pauls of Saginaw. We maintain a food pantry for the needy of Bay County. We prepare and serve several meals per year through our hospitality committee. We maintain the gardens around the church that won the beautification award this year from the Bay County Garden Club. We maintain a vibrant music program including bell choir, senior choir, choristers and Sunday school choir. We staff and maintain a Christian Formation program for the children of the parish. We have an active Bible study group. I'm sure I'm forgetting something.

Our income "streams" (as they say) remain your pledges, unrestricted bequests, occasional fees for the building, loose offerings each week, interest income, and other miscellaneous income. The financial

committee needs your pledge in order to budget for the coming year. In my next article I'll talk about how we can increase our income—more from you and more people to pledge. Thanks for listening.

...Mary K

† † † Trinity Needs You! † † †

Are you being called to ministry? Does the good stewardship of your personal Skills, talents, and time; call you to find new or additional fulfilling ways to serve Christ and your parish? Would you like to experience the joy of ministry? Trinity's Vestry may be your answer? Many lay leaders find serving on the Vestry is an adventure in faith. The ministry of the Vestry, leading a community of faith, is both challenging and rewarding.

The term Vestry originated in Great Britain and referred to the room next to the nave of the church where the sacred vessels and vestments were kept. Lay leaders conducting parish business met in this room and came to be known as the Vestry.

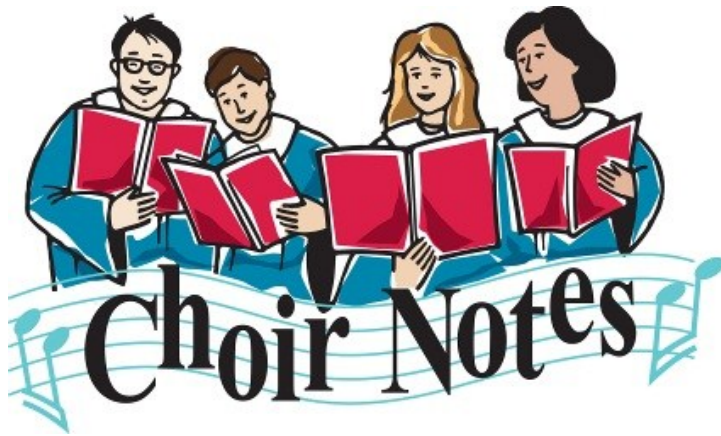
Vestry members are elected by their fellow parishioners to serve with the Rector as the leadership and governing body of the Church. Through monthly and other special meetings, the Rector and Vestry are responsible to set and oversee the vision of ministry for the Church, and to conduct the business of the Church as required by Canon or civil law. All committees, commissions, or other church groups and their ministries come under the oversight of the Vestry.

In a Biblical sense the Vestry's responsibilities are summed up in **Ephesians 4.12**: *"to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,"*

To serve on the Vestry, one must meet the following requirements:

- Be 16 years of age or older.
- Be an active communicant of the parish for at least 6 months.
- Be a confirmed Episcopalian or received by a bishop into the Episcopal Church from another Christian church.

Trinity needs to elect three Vestry members at our annual meeting in January 2012 to serve a three year term. We should have several candidates to choose from. If you would like to participate in this ministry please let any Vestry member or the parish office know. Thank You.



ORGAN PROJECT DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the organ project. We are raising funds to install a new 8 foot Giegen Principal in the choir (lowest keyboard) division of our 1963 Moller pipe organ. So far we have collected \$1,900.00 for this project. We need an additional \$400.00 to proceed with the installation.

Donors are:

Pam Bourcier

Peter Frantz

Susan Harris

Guy Moulthrop

Robert and Emilee Sabourin

Hope Shimabukuro

Frank Serresseque

Arliene Stremming

Jett and Shelley Whitehead

Thanks again for your support of this special project.

CHORISTERS

Congratulations to our new choristers who sang for 10:00 a.m. worship in October and November. We are always looking for new singers. The schedule for rehearsals is:

Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Girl Choristers

4:45 p.m. Boy Choristers

Thank you also to the parents who have made this new program a priority.

FRIENDS OF MUSIC

It has been a very busy fall for the Friends of Music, We have sponsored several very successful programs which included the David Hurd, Hymn Festival in September, the recognition Evensong in October, the Fauré "Requiem" and Thanksgiving Cantata and Evensong in November, the Advent Organ Series and the Lessons and Carols in December.

All of this is made possible because of donations to the Friends of Music. The annual Christmas donation is one of our major fund raisers for the year. If you have enjoyed our programming and support of the music department please consider a generous donation for special holiday music and ongoing support of music at Trinity.

ADVENT RECITAL SERIES.

We will begin the third season of our organ recitals in Advent on Tuesday, November 29, 2011 at 12:15 p.m. with Dr. Steven Egler. Steve is professor of organ at CMU and Artist in Residence at First Congregational Church in Saginaw.

The others recitalists are:

Dr, Mary Lou Nowicki, Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 12:15 p.m

Mr. Nicholas Schmetler, Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Carl Angelo, Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

Friends of Music will provide punch and cookies in the Guild Room following each recital. The programs are 30 minutes long and open to the public free of charge. Please help us spread the word about this recitals.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

The fourth annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be presented by Exultate Deo Chamber Choir, Robert Sabourin, director on Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity. This year we will be using readings from the King James Bible to celebrate the 400th anniversary of this important Bible.

A reception hosted by the Friends of Music will follow the hour long program. Plan on making this an important part of your holiday celebration. The program is open to the public free of charge.



December 2011

Benjamin Burnett	1
Morgan Capp-Gallandt.....	2
Marnie Syring	2
Isabella Moulthrop	4
Debra Duncan Walker.....	7
Marc Mulholland.....	7
June Swanson.....	7
Pam Bourcier.....	8
Alivia Crelly.....	8
Shelley Anderson	9
Christopher Shannon.....	11
Jeri Anker.....	12
Jameson Paetz	12
Guy C. Moulthrop.....	13
Heidi Marciniak	15
Dee Mulholland.....	17
Denise Middleton.....	19
Karen Schmidt.....	19
Rachel Garcia.....	20
Ray Luebs	20
Thomas Hiss Tabor	21
Donald Freel.....	22
Emma DuFresne.....	23
Frederick Fletcher	24
Jane Willard	26
Adam Scharich.....	27
Olivia Moulthrop.....	29
Desarae Garcia	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Francis & Cathy LaBerge Jr.	8
James & Susan Hoyle	20
Tod & Barbara Meisel	20
Dean & Jeri Anker.....	21
Gerald & Sharon Jehnsen	26
Marc & Dee Mulholland.....	28
Thomas & Sally Tabor	29



*Elizabeth (Betty) Fitzhugh
Daniel Jarvis Clarke*

St. Elisabeth's Guild

will meet on Tuesday
December 13th. At 12:30PM. For lunch at:



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Bay City
One Wenonah Park Place, 989-891 6000

We look forward to seeing you all.
St. Elisabeth's is open to
all women of the church.



"He's today's greeter."



Please remember to support Trinity by showing your Meijer card every time you shop at Meijer's. Thank you!



Food Pantry Holiday Basket Program

Trinity's Food Pantry has been asked to participate in the Holiday Basket Program for families in need. This request came from the Bay County Food Pantry Network. Our Vestry approved the request at the meeting of September 18, 2011. Our pantry will fill 15 baskets for Christmas.

To meet this goal, your help is needed, and will be greatly appreciated. Items needed are:

- Stove Top stuffing
- Instant potatoes
- Pumpkin
- Pie Crusts
- Cranberry sauce
- Corn
- Green Beans
- Apples
- Bread
- Brownie mix

I will need the items by Friday, December 12, 2011. If you prefer, a monetary donation can be made to the Food Pantry and I will do the shopping. The Bay County Food Pantry Network is providing vouchers for the families to purchase meat.

Please remember that food pantries cannot distribute food items that have passed their use by dates.

Thank you,
Jan Waldman
Pantry Coordinator

A Trinity Love Story.....

Recently the Trinity Altar Guild sent an item to the Cincinnati Plating Company for restoration through Herman Hiss & Co. Damaged from years of use, this item holds a story of love for Trinity and love between a couple who are no longer with us.

In 1923 Trinity received a memorial gift of a sterling silver communion bread box. Still used on the altar today, this little jewel was crafted for Trinity with an ornate silver lid and a tiny gold cross for a handle. Four bunches of gold grapes grace the designs on the lid and a gold shield with wheat design highlights the side of the box. On the bottom of the box is inscribed:

"I am the Bread of life: he that
cometh to Me shall never hunger;
and he that believeth shall never thirst.
And him that cometh to Me I will
in nowise cast out."
A thank offering, September 20, 1923.

There are no names on the box to tell us of the giver or the name of the person memorialized. We have only the date September 20, 1923. But the story of this precious box has been passed on through generations of Altar Guild members despite the forgotten names. The gold grapes were made from the giver's wedding ring as a remembrance of her husband. Though the names have been lost, this lovely little box is a testament to one woman's love for her husband and for Trinity and God.

There is a second love story connected to this bread box. The restoration was made possible by a bequest to the Altar Guild by Lenore "Shultzie" Schultz when she passed away in May 2011. All who knew "Schultzie" knew her love for Trinity. We will now remember her for her generosity when we see this special box on the altar.

* The breadbox will be on display in the showcase in the parish hall before returning to use.

** Help! If you know or have a clue to the identity of the giver of the breadbox or the person memorialized please call Kerry Brown at 684-3436.



Poinsettia ORDERS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS and FRIENDS OF MUSIC FUND

Donations to Trinity's Christmas Flower & Music Fund provide the flower arrangements, decorations, and guest musicians that we enjoy during the Christmas season. For the Christmas flowers please give a minimum gift of \$15.00.

DEADLINE: Sunday, December 4, 2011

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the
Trinity Christmas Flower Fund.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the
Friends of Music Fund.

Please make checks to Trinity Episcopal Church. Indicate on the check "Christmas Flowers" or "Friends of Music Fund". Please seal your check and a copy of this form in an envelope and place it in the offering plate or return it to the parish office.

Given by; Name: _____

This contribution is given: (check one)

___ In grateful thanksgiving for (e.g. blessings received, an important person in your life, an anniversary, or birthday)

___ In loving memory of:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Please indicate by the name if it is in Memory or Thanksgiving.

Advent Bible Study

For the Advent season adult Bible study with Dr. Val will take place on Tuesdays, November 29 through December 20, at 4:00 pm in the Guild Room. Our topic will be From Longing to Receiving, and we will look at the Sunday lectionary readings. Material from The Thoughtful Christian will be our study guide. There will be a few pages of reading as preparation for each session, and study packets are available at the church entrances and in the parish office.

A Renaissance Noel Comes to Wirt

The Bay County Library System presents A Renaissance Noel on Wednesday, December 9 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Kantzler Community Room of the Wirt Public Library. Welcome the Holiday Season with a festive concert of Renaissance music with the Saginaw Valley State University Early Music Collegiums directed by Dr. Eric Nisula. Enjoy spritely Renaissance dance music, and beautiful renditions of traditional and ancient Yuletide Carols played on a variety of modern and ancient instruments, including the recorder, lute, corn amuse, cello and guitar. The Saginaw Valley State University Early Music Collegiums enjoy performing Medieval, Renaissance and early Baroque music and are happy to demonstrate and answer questions about some of the more unusual instruments. The entire family will enjoy this inspirational and entertaining performance. No registration is required. For more information, please call the Wirt Public Library at 893-9566. (NOTE: Trinity's Choir member; Hal Peterson plays in the group)

"Have You Hugged An Episcopalian Today?"

Trinity's Historical Committee now has available for sale unisex bib/chef aprons with the saying on the bib, "Have You Hugged An Episcopalian Today?" The aprons are made of washable heavy cotton, tie in the back at the waist, and are red in color with white lettering. They are of a good quality that would sell for \$20-\$25, but the Historical Committee is asking only for a \$15 donation. An apron would make a wonderful Holiday, Thinking Of You, or Birthday gift! They will be for sale at Trinity on most Sundays after the 10 AM service OR by contacting Diane Rapson Gabil (989-892-3015; drapsongabil@chartermi.net) Payment is cash or check made out to 'Trinity Episcopal Church;' if shipping is desired, add \$5.

The Christmas Window

Of the many beautiful windows gracing Trinity Church, the western nave wall holds one the parish's favorite and appropriate for this holy season. For 60 years "The Christmas Window" has depicted the Incarnation - God becoming flesh in Christ Jesus, and the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Joseph stands in the background with his traditional symbol - the flowering rod. Legend tells us that Joseph put his rod or staff on the altar of incense in the temple, and it flowered - a sign that he would be betrothed to Mary. The rod is also a reference to Isaiah 11:1 where the prophet foretells that "there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots", also indicating Jesus' lineage of the house of David. The Douay-Rheims version puts it nicely: "a flower shall rise up out of his root." Since the 4th century, the flowering rod has been a symbol of both Joseph's purity and virginity. With his other hand, he holds a lantern, indicating that this tiny child is the light of the world. In front of Joseph, Mary, the young Virgin mother smiles as she presents Christ the Savior of the world. She wears her traditional blue garment and the fleur-de-lis symbolizes the Trinity and purity. The child Jesus stretches out His hands to receive all - at the end of His earthly life; He would stretch out His arms on the hard wood of the cross to bring all within His saving embrace. Protruding from the feeding trough, shafts of wheat tell us that this innocent child will feed us with the bread of life in Holy Communion. A lamb kneels before Christ reminding us that this is the Lamb of God who will take away the sins of the world.

At the bottom of the window, three wise men kneel in homage, presenting their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Although scripture does not mention their number, the early church established it as three. At that time people were only aware of three continents - Africa, Asia and Europe - and so the three gifts recorded in St Matthew's gospel were matched with the three continents, symbolizing all the then-known world making its procession of faith to God fully revealed in Christ Jesus. One should also look for three different ages of mankind - young, middle-aged and old...and we find them all represented here. In our case, one wise man also has a shield bearing the Star of David, indicating that some of His own (the Jews) would recognize Him as the Messiah.

Even window borders provide ample opportunity for detail and symbolism. Here, we find the four

evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - accompanied by their traditional symbols -angel, lion, ox and eagle. The top of our lancet window has a rich gothic canopy and shows an angel holding a star and two other angels are present. The very bottom of the window has two angels holding the years of the memorialized person's earthly life - 1849 -1927.

Created by Willet Studios of Philadelphia in the pot-metal method of medieval stained glass, the window is in loving memory of Mary Phillips Young and was executed and dedicated in 1951. Because of its theme, it has come to be known as "The Christmas Window." Willet has designed thousands of windows since 1898. Their archives contain over 29,000 symbols.

Faithfully submitted by the Historical Committee

Trinity Tours

Featuring Trinity's Beautiful Stained Glass Windows.

On Sunday December 18, 2011, the Trinity Historical Committee will be sponsoring tours featuring Trinity's beautiful stained glass windows from the hours of 1:00-3:00 p.m. If you have never taken such a tour, this is a perfect time of the year to do so. At 4:00 p.m., there will be a Festival of Lessons and Carols with the Exultate Deo Chamber Choir. Celebrate the Christmas season by attending these two special events.

**"I am bringing
you good news
of great joy
for all the
people."**

Luke 2:10, NRSV



Trinity Episcopal Church Friends of Music presents

Tuesdays
at Trinity
12:15 p.m.



an
Advent **O**rgan
Series *In memory of*
Charles White, Ruth Hahn, and Ted Meisel



November 29, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.
Dr. Steven Egler



December 6, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.
Dr. Mary Lou Nowicki



December 13, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.
Nicholas Schmelter



December 20, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.
Dr. Carl Angleo

Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.
Festival of Lessons and Carols with Exultate Deo





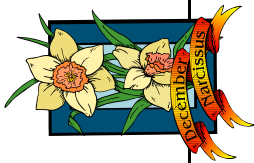
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Worship, Coffee Hour, Nursery 11:15 AM Chorister's Make-up rehearsal 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM FOF (Dore Family)	28 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM N. A. Meeting in Parish Hall	29 12:15 PM Advent Organ Series 2:00 PM Staff meeting 4:00 PM Advent bible study with Dr. Val 4:00 PM Girl Choristers 4:45 PM Boy Choristers	30 9:00 AM Goal Seekers	1 6:00 PM Schola 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	2	3 1:30 PM Chamber Choir rehearsal 5:00 PM Worship in Church
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25  10:00 AM Christmas Day Worship, Coffee Hour 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM FOF (Salvation Army)	26 6:30 PM Bell Choir Practice 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM N. A. Meeting in Parish Hall	27 11:00 AM Bridal Shower in Guild Rm. 2:00 PM Staff meeting	28 9:00 AM Goal Seekers	29 6:00 PM Schola 7:00 PM Senior Choir Rehearsal	30	31 5:00 PM New Year's Eve Worship



December 2011

Saturday/Sunday Ministry



	12/03/11 – 12/04/11 2 nd Sunday of Advent	12/10/11 – 12/11/11 3 rd Sunday of Advent	12/17/11 – 12/18/11 4 th Sunday of Advent	12/24/11 - 12/25/11 <u>The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ</u>
1 st Lesson:	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11	2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16	See RCL
Psalm:	Psalms 85: 1-2, 8-13	<i>Psalm 126 or Canticle 3 or 15</i>	<i>Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 or Canticle 3 or 15</i>	
2 nd Lesson:	2 Peter 3: 8-15a	1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24	Romans 16: 25-27	
Gospel:	Mark 1: 1-8	John 1: 6-8, 19-28	Luke 1: 26-38	
Altar Guild	Jane Moulthrop, Hope Shimabukuro & Heidi Marciniak	Jane Moulthrop, Hope Shimabukuro & Heidi Marciniak	Jane Moulthrop, Hope Shimabukuro & Heidi Marciniak	Jane Moulthrop, Hope Shimabukuro & Heidi Marciniak
5:00 PM	Celebrant: Dr. Val	Celebrant: Dr. Val	Celebrant: Nancy Mayhew	Sat 24 - 5 PM - Fr. Chuck Curtis Sat 24 – 10 PM – Fr. Chuck Curtis
L.E.M.	Daniel Levay	Leo Yacks		Denise Middleton
8:00 AM	Celebrant: Dr. Val	Celebrant: Fr. Chuck Curtis	Celebrant: Dr. Val	No Service
L.E.M	Marty Foss	Dave Maxim	Marty Foss	
10:00 AM	Celebrant: Dr. Val	Celebrant: Fr. Chuck Curtis	Celebrant: Dr. Val	Celebrant: Fr. Chuck Curtis
Lector(s)	Mickie Leibrand	Sally Skillman	Frank Serresseque & Nancy Taylor	Sat 24 – Mickie Leibrand Sun 25 – Nancy Taylor
L.E.M.(s)	Denise Middleton	Monica Borrello	Steve Beckert	Sat 24 - Jett Whitehead Sun 25 – Jeff Taylor
Acolyte(s)	Pam Middleton	Adam Culler & Madden Brady	Katie Hunsberger	Sat 24, 5 PM – Danny Middleton Sat 24, 10 PM – Pam Middleton
Ushers	Steve & Patti Anderson	Guy & Jane Moulthrop	Brian & Sarah DuFresne	5 PM Marc & Dee Mulholland 10 PM – Don & Denise Middleton 25 th – 10 AM -
Coffee Hour Host(s)	Historical Committee	Sinke's		
Counters	Steve & Rita	Shelley & Emilee	Sue & Elizabeth	Shelley & Elizabeth

SAVIOR ORNAMENT

This Christmas, celebrate Jesus' birthday by making this keepsake ornament.

What you need:

- Wooden clothespin with round end
- Black permanent marker
- White cloth or felt
- Small wooden star (available at craft stores)
- Yellow paint
- Paintbrush
- Gold glitter (optional)
- Glue gun (and an adult)
- Straw-colored raffia
- Palm-size wicker wreath (available at craft stores)
- Ribbon

What you do:

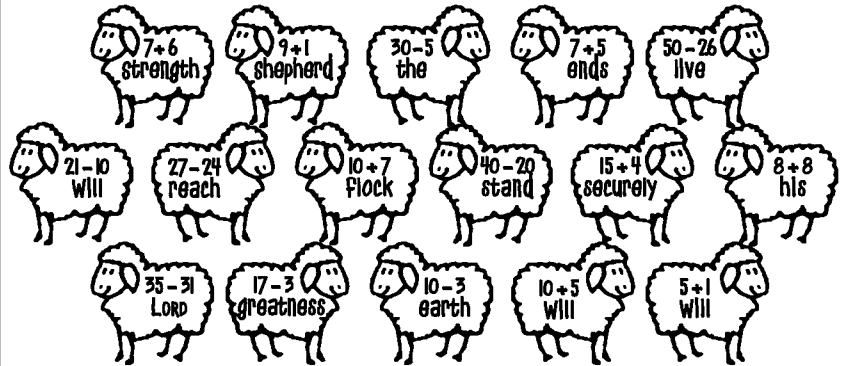
1. On the clothespin's round knob, draw two dots for eyes.
2. Wrap the white cloth around the clothespin, like a swaddled baby.
3. Paint the star yellow; add glitter, if desired.
4. With the glue gun and adult supervision, glue the raffia to the bottom inside of the wreath. Then glue the swaddled clothespin atop the raffia and glue the gold star atop the wreath.
5. Tie a ribbon around the top, near the star.
6. Hang the ornament on your Christmas tree or tie it on a gift.



A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

Directions: To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.



"He _____ and _____ his _____
 _____ 15 _____ 20 _____ 10 _____ 17
 in the _____ of the _____ And they _____
 _____ 13 _____ 4 _____ 11 _____ 24
 _____, for then _____
 _____ 19 _____ 16 _____ 14 _____ 6
 _____ to the _____ of _____
 _____ 3 _____ 12 _____ 25 _____ 7."

MICAH 5:4, NIV

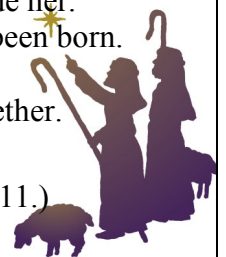
Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV



Some parts of the Christmas story, as commonly told, aren't actually recounted in Scripture. Which of the following details is recorded in the Bible?

- A. Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem, and Joseph walked alongside her.
- B. Angels announced that a Savior, the Messiah (or Christ), had been born.
- C. There were three wise men.
- D. Shepherds and wise men (or Magi) worshiped Baby Jesus together.
- E. None of the above.

Answer: (See Matthew 1:18-2:12 and Luke 2:1-20, especially v. 11.)





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