

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

In our daily prayers, we celebrate...

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| 4 – Jim Lampe            | 15 – Mia Barnett         |
| – Gerald Lund            | – Patty Gage             |
| 9 – Fairley McCain       | – Brenden Robert Griffin |
| 11 – Corey James Griffin | 18 – Diana Grosso        |
| – Judy Jones             | 21 – Amy Feathers        |
| 12 – Fr. Ora Calhoun     | 25 – Frank Houdek        |
| – Travis Griffin         | 26 – Mike Brown          |
| 14 – Jon Stammers        | – Haley Reiff            |
|                          | 29 – Katie Toews         |



## LOAVES & FISHES

SATURDAY, 14 JANUARY

Trinity Church has the task of providing a warm, hot meal for 70+ people on Saturday, 14 January. Food items are needed as well as volunteers to cook and assemble meals. A sign-up sheet is posted on the parish bulletin board. Please contact Allison McFerrin at 367-1004 if you are interested in helping with food preparation or Judy Jones at 367-4027 if you would like to deliver meals.



## ATTENDANCE & PLEDGES

The following chart is a record of the combined attendance at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services for last month.

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>
Dec 4	51	53	61
11	49	56	64
18	49	56	65
275	89	28	75

The parish received 91.10% of the anticipated pledged income for the month of December. We have received 91.00% of the total annual pledge for the year. Many thanks for your faithful giving.

January, 2012

Dear People of God,

The coming of a new year is, of course, often a time for any number of new beginnings: perhaps more than any other time of the year, this is the season for new resolutions, a new commitment to pursue ambitious goals, or a new and more hopeful outlook on what the future might hold.

It is in this spirit of “new beginnings” and fresh opportunities that I want to encourage you to be sure to take part in the discussions that will be happening this month at Trinity. You’ll find a schedule for these discussions on the third page of this newsletter.

For the past several months, various conversations have been taking place at Trinity pertaining to our identity, mission, and ministries. The Vestry has been talking about what it would mean for us to develop a strategic plan that would enable us to pursue our goals in a focused and intentional manner. The trustees have been talking about the continued stewardship of our financial resources. And I’ve talked informally with many parishioners about one or another of the various dimensions of our life together.

This year’s annual meeting will be an opportunity for us to draw together the threads of these conversations and reflect on the pattern that emerges. In fact, we have so much to discuss this year that we’re going to have two “orientation” sessions in the weeks leading up to the annual meeting just to sort out the lumber!

Please make every effort to come and participate in these important discussions. It is now more than ever vitally important that we hear from each and every member of our community as we seek to discern the path to which God is calling us as a community of faith. And, of course, if at any point you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to share them with me.

In Christ,

Andrew+



GODLY PLAY  
JENNIFER ROLAND

Godly Play will not meet on Sunday, 1 January, New Year's Day. We look forward to gathering again January 8 when we will celebrate Epiphany.



YOU'RE INVITED

The Right Reverend Dean Elliott Wolf invites you to the ordination of Aidan Patrick Knoll Funston to the Sacred Order of Priests on Saturday, 7 January, at 10:30 a.m. at Grace Episcopal Cathedral, 701 Southwest Eighth Avenue, Topeka, Kansas. Your prayers and presence are requested. A reception will follow.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN & BEYOND

- *Sophia Center Offerings*  
Call 913-360-6151 for more information.
- \* Return to the Land of Your Soul  
Friday, 13 January, beginning at 7:00 p.m. through  
Saturday, 14 January, ending at 4:00 p.m.  
This retreat focuses on the journey home to the true self.  
Conducted by Sr. Marcia Ziska, OSB
- \* Give Beauty Back to God  
Wednesday, 25 January  
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
This retreat will visit beauty in scripture, creation,  
literature, art, and daily life.  
Conducted by Sr. Thomasita Homan, OSB



***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

ADULT FORUM

This month, we'll dedicate the adult forum to discussions pertaining to the mission and ministries of the parish. These discussions will help us prepare for our annual meeting; please make every effort to take part in these important conversations.

Later in the month, we'll begin a new four-week series dedicated to helping us in our reading and study of the Bible. This series will include reading and discussion of N.T. Wright's recent book, *Scripture and the Authority of God*.

- 1 Jan - New Year's Day - No Adult Forum
- 8 Jan - Parish Mission and Ministries  
Review of recent discussions on parish mission, strategic planning, and financial stewardship.
- 15 Jan - Parish Mission and Ministries  
Continued discussion of mission and ministries, including conversation with Canon Craig Loya.
- 22 Jan - Annual Meeting (see below)
- 29 Jan - Wright, *Scripture and the Authority of God*, chs. 1-3



ANNUAL MEETING

22 JANUARY

The annual parish meeting will be held this month on Sunday, 22 January. Please note, there will be only one service this day (beginning at 9:00 a.m.), after which there will be time for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall before the annual meeting convenes.

All members of the parish are encouraged to take part in the annual meeting. We will discuss the mission and ministries of the parish, review matters pertaining to the stewardship of our financial resources, and elect parish officers and representatives.