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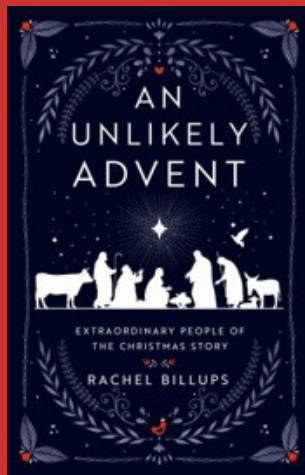
Advent study shifts focus to minor characters of Christmas

Expect the unexpected this Christmas during a four-week study entitled, "An Unlikely Advent," by Rachel Billups. We'll walk through the Nativity story focused on the experiences of four sets of often overlooked characters.

The Advent themes of hope, love, joy, and peace are explored by sharing the stories of Elizabeth and Zechariah, Herod, the Magi, and the shepherds. Each set of unexpected characters has something to teach about living faithfully on the journey to Christmas.

This study will be offered at two times. An evening group facilitated by Karyn Kazinski will meet Mondays from 6:30-8 PM in room 307 from **Nov. 30** through **Dec 21**. A morning group facilitated by Kathy Kelly will meet Thursdays from 10:30-11:45 AM in room 413 on **Nov. 19**, and **Dec 3, 10**, and **17**.

Register for either group by using the Connect Card, QR code, or by texting Kay Baxter, director of Discipleship, at 717-612-8346. Space is limited. Sign up by **Nov. 3** and books will be ordered for you. Deadline is Nov 16. Childcare is only available for the evening group.



SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

Donations needed for Promised Land project, Thanksgiving Food Drive

Kids Ministries is now collecting old bath towels for a service project to benefit the Humane Society of the Harrisburg Area. Drop donation in the bin on the fourth floor by **Thursday, Oct. 29**. Also, Kids & Youth Ministries are now holding their annual Food Drive to aid families in the Lower Dauphin School District. Donate dinner or pantry staples to the boxes on the first or second floor. To donate toward turkeys, contact Sarah Ordille, at 717-566-0252.

SAVE THIS DATE!

JINGLE JAM RETURNS!

Can't wait for Christmas? Us, too! Mark your calendar now for **Sunday, Dec. 13**, when we'll hold one combined worship service at 10 AM followed by our Jingle Jam and ham potluck dinner! We'll provide ham and desserts, everyone brings a side, and our Trinity Kids Sunday School students will present a short skit. Watch for details to come!

Trinity Snapshots

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

Every baptism is a celebration but it's EXTRA special when we get to celebrate with a former Trinity "kid" the baptism of their own children at Trinity! We've been blessed to have that opportunity now three times this year, welcoming Athena and Melody to our family of faith last Sunday! The girls' mom, Tabitha, grew up at Trinity and their "gigi," Mary, is a Praise Band singer. We loved celebrating with Tabitha and Ben the baptisms of their beautiful daughters! Welcome to the Trinity family, girls!



Above, the girls' parents, Tabitha and Ben, present Athena and Melody for baptism at our Celebration Worship. At left, Pastor Rob lets the girls test the water temperature before baptizing both.



SISTERS IN SERVICE

Our Heart Sisters small group recently left the building for a special day of group service at Mission Central, the UMC missions hub located in Mechanicsburg. The ladies had a great time working together to verify health kits for those in need. Way to go, Heart Sisters! Thank you for serving and representing Trinity so well!

