

# TRINITY *Press*

May 2021

## Words from Our Pastor



**Rev. Brent Barclay**  
*Pastor*

### Hello Everyone!

It's been an event-filled season in the life of our church, community, and world. We see the number of Covid cases dropping and restrictions lifting on an almost weekly basis. Just in the past month, we've seen our church reopen for indoor worship at a quarter capacity, to now being able to be at 100 percent capacity.

We've seen restaurants and movie theatres open, and even sporting events can have fans again. I can't think of anything that is still absolutely closed and barred from the public (although I'm sure some things still are restricted access). It feels as though this year-long phase of closures, restrictions, and guidelines are nearing some end. Normalcy might just be returning.

So, as we enter into this new phase of returning, reopening, and readjusting, I wanted to share a few thoughts about all of those things. Firstly, in terms of returning, return at your own pace. We can be excited about getting back into the old routine, getting back into the old places, and seeing those old faces in person. But for many of us, it's not best for our health to return. Others do not feel safe quite yet returning to public spaces, especially sitting in church for an hour or so. I want you to know, there is no pressure to return immediately, and we will not put that pressure on you. We will continue our services online on Zoom for quite a while, allowing you to participate from home until you are healthy or in a good place to return.

Of course, if you just like the idea of doing church in your pajamas moving forward, I encourage you to remember the importance of gathering together and sharing fellowship together!

As for getting back to normal, well, that's where things are not as clear. Choirs, communion, passing the offering plate, and donuts; we do not know when all those elements will return. But that's okay! We still get to gather and worship the Almighty God and have fellowship with one another.

The truth is, we might need to prepare our hearts for the reality that church might never go back to where it was before. Online, in some capacity, is here to stay.

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**Next Press Deadline**  
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## Times, They are A'Changing!

**G**od is good! We began meeting in person starting on Easter Sunday, April 4th. I loved seeing so many of you. As we open up, several changes occurred this past month as well. I want to reiterate them here.



Sunrise on Easter Sunday

### Office Hours

The session permitted the staff to continue working at home. To better serve our congregation, we enlisted volunteers who will answer the phones or provide a friendly face when you visit.

On Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., you can visit the office or call and get a human.

A number of the staff still work from home most days. Feel free to email them at any time, but understand they will not respond immediately. Please try to contact them by text or phone only during their scheduled work hours. The staff hours are as follows:

**Patty Mason**  
**Office Administrator**  
Monday-Friday  
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Rebecca Casey**  
**Financial Administrator**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Rebecca Piffard**  
**Communications Director**  
Monday & Friday  
8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday  
8:00 a.m.-noon

**Steven Lee**  
**Facilities Maintenance**  
Flexible days – For his hours, contact him at [steven@trinitypres.org](mailto:steven@trinitypres.org)

### Pastor Brent

Please DO NOT contact Pastor Brent on Saturdays unless it is an emergency. Saturday is his “sabbath” day. He is available the rest of the week, but keep in mind - he has two small children that will impact your conversation if you call early in the morning or in the evening.

### YouTube Videos and Prayer Requests

Beginning May 2nd, I will start uploading the Sunday service on Monday morning. The prayer requests and praises from each Sunday service will be sent out on Monday morning, as well.

We also want to streamline the process for prayer requests that come in throughout the week. If you send in a prayer request after Sunday, I will get it out to our text prayer chain as soon as possible. The people on this chain dedicate themselves to praying for this church and its congregation.



Additionally, an email will go out each Thursday morning with these additional requests and praises. If you send in a prayer request after I have sent out Thursday’s email, you can ask for prayer during our regular prayer time on Sunday. The deaths of members or regular attendees do not follow this protocol. We will respond to these as soon as we possibly can.

### Facilities Maintenance

Steven Lee is our new maintenance person. He works twice a week – usually either Tuesday/Wednesday or Wednesday/Wednesday/Thursday. If you need to contact him to learn his availability to help you on campus, please email him at the address listed on the left.



### In Conclusion

Your staff loves serving you and God. Please know that we are continually striving to be the hands and feet of Jesus to this congregation.

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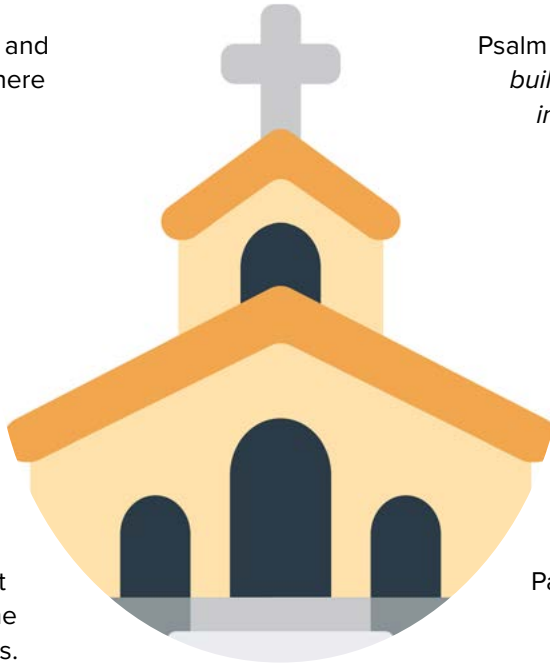
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People attending in person some weeks, and attending online some other weeks, are here to stay. Potential new members checking out our YouTube sermons before setting foot on campus is here to stay. People who remain online and never show up to our church is here to stay.

My thoughts are that although those statements reflect a radical change in how we do church, and some of us might balk at those ideas, they are not bad things. God can connect people in new and exciting ways, and we need to be open to how the Holy Spirit wants to work in this new, post-pandemic world. We need to be obedient to God and discern what God is calling the church to be in this city and in these times.




Psalm 127:1 says, *“Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain.”* We need to be rooted in trust and prayer with God as we build Trinity Church in this new season. We need to allow the Holy Spirit to do amazing things with and through us to reach our community, the next generations, and those seeking a relationship with Jesus.

Blessings,  
Pastor Brent

## Wednesday Night Bible Study Starts Up in May

# LOVE DOES

A graphic featuring several colorful balloons (orange, pink, yellow, green) and the text "LOVE DOES" in large, white, block letters. The balloons are tied together with a string.

Join us during May as Pastor Brent leads us through a video series based on the book *“Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World”* by Bob Goff. Join us on Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. for worship and fellowship. We try to finish discussion and prayer by 7:45 p.m. If you have questions, email Pastor Brent at [brent@trinitypres.org](mailto:brent@trinitypres.org).



## A Sneak Peek

Here is a sneak peek of the annual “Opportunity Quilt” that is given out during Fall Festival! Please note: It has not yet been bordered or quilted. Watch for ticket sales to begin and support our missionaries through this Presbyterian Women’s Event.



# The Children are Growing!

## Living Museum

The fifth graders presented their annual "Living Museum" on March 25th. Students dressed up as historical figures from all eras and shared a short autobiographical speech. They also made a presentation board to complement their presentation. It was a wonderful experience for both the students who performed and the students who were able to view the presentations. Thank you, fifth grade, for all your hard work.

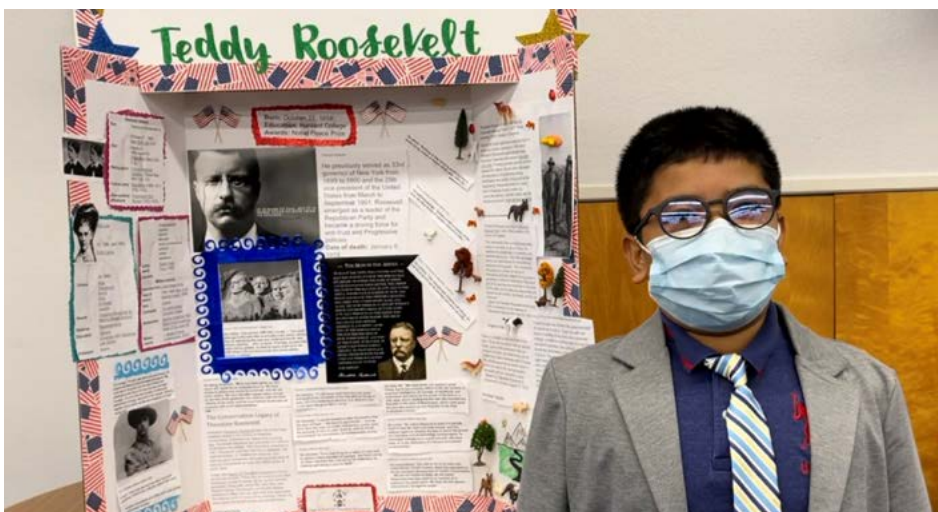
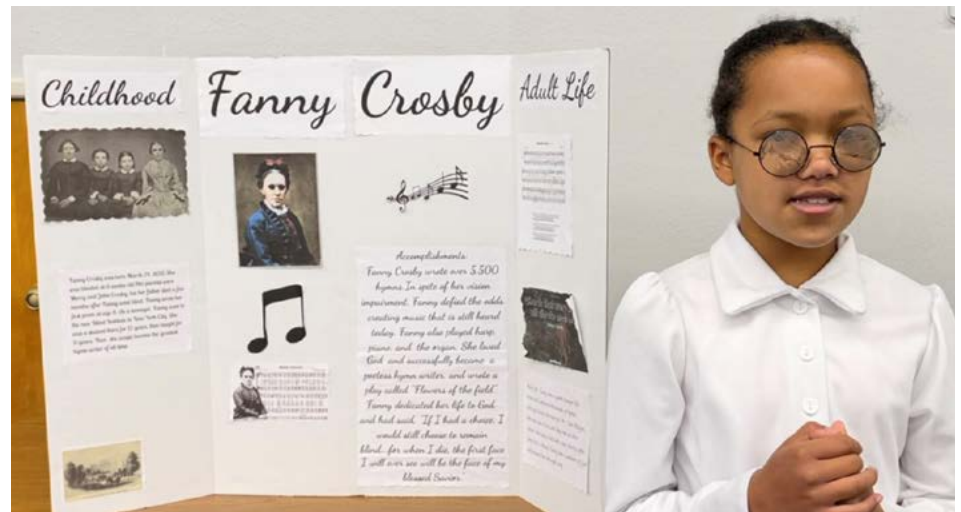


## Spring Break

TCS families enjoyed two weeks off from March 29th to April 9th. As is our tradition, we took the week before and after Easter to stop and focus on our resurrected Lord and Savior. Also, students took time to relax, go to the beach, have playdates, and travel. Trinity Christian School (TCS) had students travel to Florida, Arizona, Nevada, Texas, and beyond!

## WatchDOGS Clean Up the Campus

Our WatchDOGS were on the move over Spring Break. The guys united to clean up our facilities by weed whacking and making repairs. They used their building skills to construct a new and improved door on the preschool shed, making it safer and more accessible for the staff. Thank you, WatchDOGS, for your continued support of our school!





## Proj25

TCS, in conjunction with Urban Youth Collaborative, raised more than \$570 to bless our community workers. This opportunity was brought to us by the Landis family. Nate Landis pioneered the Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC) to reach out to urban youth. UYC launched Proj25 (Project 25), a one-day event based on the parable of the talents. The goal is to encourage students to look for a need. Then, they use the money given to them to meet that need.

At TCS, students and parents purchased Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, with the proceeds going to Proj25.



For our first year, we blessed the Helix Water District workers. Also, we gave to the San Diego County Department of Health and Human Services frontline workers. How



amazing it is to see how God can work through something as simple as selling doughnuts. Please continue to pray for this movement of our teens to share the love of Christ. Please pray for life change to take place over the blessing of “snacks.”

For more information about Proj25, please go to [proj25.org](http://proj25.org).



## Sixth/Seventh-Grade Camp

Yay! Our students were allowed to attend the sixth/seventh-grade camp this year! Twenty-five campers left Monday morning, April 19th, for Pine Valley Bible Conference Center. They participated in several science-related activities. This camp experience provided a great opportunity for our students to bond and learn. These kids get to share in some memory-making moments.





## Clippers

Ahoy Maties!

Tis grand to be back in port. We will meet in Williams Hall on Saturday, May 15th at 12:45 p.m. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be provided.

Two of our missionaries, **Travis and Lydia Klingforth**, will present our program. We will be blessed hearing from them.

We had a wonderful musical presentation for our April meeting. If you were not there, you missed a wonderful show.

Dr. **Nate Landis** is President and founder of Urban Youth Collaborative (UYC), a coalition of churches that support student leaders at over 100 middle and high schools in San Diego County. Thousands of young people share spiritual and physical food with friends each week as they discuss the big questions of life. Nate will be our speaker on June 19th.

We will not meet in July and August. September 18th will be our auction. What you don't want anymore, someone else will.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

Calling all the women of Trinity Church! On May 11th, we will resume in-person GATHERING Meetings in Williams Hall at 9:30 a.m. The children of Trinity Christian School will present our program. We will need to bring our own lunch, but PW will provide coffee and water.

The **Rummage Sale** is on June 26th-27th. Set-up will be on June 24th-25th. Start cleaning out those closets.

Two more dates for your calendar:

### **October 23, 2021 • Women's Retreat**

A one-day Retreat at Trinity Church. The guest speaker will be Gail Bones.

### **November 6th - 7th, 2021 • Fall Festival**

We will set up on November 4th-5th. We have already begun in-person crafts and will continue on the third Tuesday of each month in June in Ward Center and throughout the summer in preparation for the Festival.

We are also meeting in person for Circles. Your Circle leader will be in touch.

Blessings,  
Ardis Rowland  
Secretary • Presbyterian Women

## Missions Update

### **AFRICAN TEAM MISSIONS**

The crafts display from Africa Team Missions will be back at Trinity Church on May 9th. The display will be set up by 9:00 a.m. for early shopping and will continue after church.

This ministry meets needs in Kenya and has been hurting deeply during Covid-19. We are their first in-person display since the shutdown. In 2017 we collected \$800.00.

In case you cannot be there in person, there will be a virtual link coming out on email so you need not miss this shopping experience that will go for needs in Kenya.

### **A Visit from Betty Barnett**

Betty Barnett was in church on April 19th. Hopefully, you got to see her. Here is an update from her. "I recently gave a webinar for Support Raising Solutions. About 25 people who coach others in support raising "attended", representing 20+ missions organizations whose staff raise support ... it went really well and I got wonderful feedback from the participants."

"Please pray as I am trusting the Lord to reduce my responsibilities with my church missions team so I can increase my work on behalf of Water

for Life, that I clearly hear from him on what's most important each day for me to attend to. Again, I SOOOO appreciate the prayers and financial support of Trinity [Church] through the missions budget as well as through Trinity Presbyterian Women."

### **In Other News**

Please continue to remember the Robinsons, Moyers, Mary Hopkins, and Russ Douglass with your support and prayers.

Ardis Rowland  
Missions Elder

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.” 1 Peter 4:10

Hello Trinity Church Family!

**G**od’s grace is with us at Trinity Church. He has guided us through the trial of a pandemic, and allowed us to begin worship inside the sanctuary together.

The financial report shows that we are current with our financial obligations including missions. Since the church is open on Sundays, we will NOT

be hosting any more Trinity Church Drive-Thru’s this year. Thank you to everyone who came out each month. It was wonderful to see you in person!

If you are still social distancing and you need help getting your tithes to the church, please email me at [rebecca@trinitypres.org](mailto:rebecca@trinitypres.org). Your tithes and gifts allow Trinity Church to carry on the mission of proclaiming the

good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for all the ways you support this church spiritually, personally, and financially. God will reward our faithfulness!

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	<b>March Final</b>	<b>April</b> (As of 4/21/2021)	<b>Year to Date 2021</b> (As of 4/21/2021)
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$30,493.39	\$30,493.47	\$ 121,973.80
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 31,671.23	\$ 25,127.68	\$ 106,935.37
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	\$ 1,177.76	<b>– \$ 5,365.79</b>	<b>– \$ 15,038.43</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 29,763.35	\$ 13,269.23	\$ 108,486.37
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	\$ 1,907.88	\$ 11,858.45	<b>\$ 1,551.00</b>

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## **WE'RE TOGETHER IN THE SANCTUARY!**

- **Wear a mask!**
- **We will take your temperature.**
- **You will need to social distance.**
- **Bring your hymnals!**
- **We will continue to be on Zoom for those who are uncomfortable coming in person.**



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