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## Words from Our Pastor

*Can you identify some particularly life-impacting, perspective-altering experiences in your life?*

**F**or me, the significant event of placing my trust in Jesus as my savior and leader is one of those special experiences that changed me forever. Learning to know and love Connie is another. Seeing our three daughters come onto this world counts as yet another momentous, life-altering experience.

Then there are the significant moments that have occurred while serving as Interim Pastor here at Trinity Church – moments that have shaped my faith, changed my thinking, and deepened my trust in God. Here are a few of them:

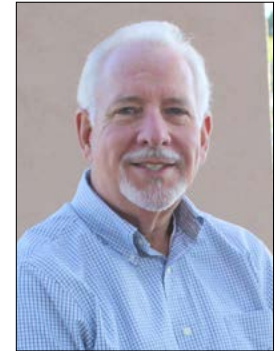
Through the two years we have spent together, I have seen God's hand on this congregation – stirring a deeper love for one another and infusing a sense of hope and anticipation for the future.

I have witnessed your trust in God that has shown itself in generous giving, major improvements to the campus, and a willingness to come together as a community of faith in one worship service and on Wednesday evenings.

Last spring, from our study of the book entitled *The Hole in our Gospel* by Richard Stearns, came a deep, heart-felt response to the need for fresh water among nearly half the world's population. You demonstrated unconditional and generous love by giving \$24,000 to provide fresh water, sanitary bathroom facilities, hygiene training, and church planting for hundreds of people in the Kakamuri District of northwest Uganda. Projects in two villages are now underway because of your generosity.

Another pivotal experience has been to participate in the *Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors*. God touched my heart through the excellent teaching and training received from people who have had years of experience sharing the love of Jesus with Muslims. But the most life-altering experience was to become friends with a Syrian family. Ahmad and Amani have four children – Nada, Salam, Ronim, and Ali. All four are carriers of muscular dystrophy. Salam who is 10 years old is in a wheelchair. My heart has been touched by this family that has endured unthinkable loss and hardship, and whose world has been turned upside-down. Please pray for this family – for their children to be healed and for their knowledge of Jesus to continue to grow.

We can all look forward to another significant experience which is the calling of a new pastor to lead Trinity Church into the future God has in store for us. The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is processing more than 80 dossiers,



**Jim Wilson**  
Interim Pastor

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narrowing that number down to the top few they will interview and get to know more fully. The PNC needs our prayers as they seek to discern the will of God.

I have an important update from Trinity Christian School. The school board voted to approve a fencing project that will provide another level of security for the school. The wrought iron fence will run from the existing wall and fence by the upper school driveway, across the front of the school entrance and exit driveways, down towards the lower part of the property along Kenwood Drive and back to the existing fencing that circles behind the school. The fence will blend well with current fence material and will enable much-needed control of who can access the school campus. If you have questions about this, you can talk with me or the principals.

Finally, we are budgeting for 2019 with the expectation of a permanent pastor coming on the scene. The budget needs to be increased approximately \$50,000 to cover full compensation for this person. A letter will be sent in early November to explain this in more detail. Please also pray for the financial challenge we face in the new year and what your role might be to help meet it.

It is an honor to journey with you in Christ.

Pastor Jim

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**Sunday  
December 2nd**  
(Last day to turn in  
toys)



**TOY  
DRIVE**



**Sunday  
December 2nd**  
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### BENEFITING MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Please remember to include new, unwrapped toys and children's gifts to your Christmas shopping list for the Military Outreach Ministries annual Christmas Toy Store.

There is a box located at the back of the Church to receive your donations. The toys and gifts will be distributed to local churches hosting the Toy Stores this year where the young military families can select Christmas gifts for their children.

Some of these children may have a parent deployed overseas this holiday season. Please help to make this Christmas a little brighter for them by showing your support and thanks for the sacrifices these families make on behalf of all of us.

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## Trinity Church Pastor Nominating Committee Update

After your Trinity Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) completed a Mission Information Form (MIF) in August which utilized input from over 80 Trinity members, our MIF was approved by our session and the San Diego Presbytery. The Trinity MIF describing our pastoral position opening was posted on the PC USA Church Leadership Connection website on September 12th. Candidates then submitted their Personal Information Forms (PIF) in order to be considered for the Trinity pastoral position.

During September and October, your PNC reviewed and rated 37 PIFs of candidates to be Trinity's next pastor. By November 1st, the PNC will narrow the list down to 10-12 individuals.

In November, all of the PNC members will be listening to at least one sermon preached by each of the 10-12 candidates. After prayerfully listening to and evaluating each sermon, your PNC will narrow down the list of those to be considered further. The PNC will then conduct Skype telephonic interviews with each of the remaining candidates.

Please be praying especially for each Trinity PNC member during this time, as well as the pastoral candidates to be guided by our Lord's discernment and wisdom in this important process. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact any one of the following of your Trinity PNC members: Bob Klein (PNC chair), Don Axe, Bobette Barfod, Jimmie Drummond, Linda Hensley, or Tom McMurry.

## “Trunk or Treat” and Thankfulness

On Wednesday October 31st at Kids Kingdom, we dressed up in our Halloween costumes and went Trunk or Treating while everyone took part in a BBQ. We shared a wonderful time of fellowship with John Barry providing live music. It was such fun to see all the creative

trunks and the wonderful costumes the kids came up with.

As the temperatures begin to drop and the air gets crisper we move into a time of thankfulness. Over the next few Wednesdays we will be celebrating our Veterans and taking

some time to reflect on what we are most thankful for.

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## Youth Group

## Over Our Heads with Fruit!

At the Trinity Youth Group (TYG), we have been in over our heads with fruit! The fruits of the Spirit that is. We have discussed Joy, Peace, and Patience, with the rest of the fruits waiting in the wings for November's messages. It is important for our youth to know the recognizable characteristics that prove we are indeed children of God. That's why our series, "Got Fruit?", has been so good.

Our, "Free Food, Football, and Faux Floral Crown," youth outreach event did not quite go as planned. With only a couple of kids coming in from the community, we felt it would have been ideal to hang out with more. However, we firmly believe that God has a reason for everything under the sun. Thank you again to all of you that supported us and continue to

support us with your time, energy, and even money.

Praise Report! TYG has received several new and awesome volunteers this month! Please be in prayer that they stick! Lastly, I am planning on partnering with Russ Douglas as he visits high schools and middle schools in San Diego in order to cultivate

relationships with youth around the city. Please be in prayer for the kids' hearts to be open to the Gospel, and maybe even a visit to our home youth group.

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## Giving Thanks

The month of November always brings with it an annual reminder to give thanks. These days it seems there are people who are not sure to whom they should ultimately give thanks to. To some Thanksgiving marks the beginning of Christmas shopping. To some it prompts a card or email sent in the direction of a loved one or co-worker. To others there is a remembrance of the first Thanksgiving and the events of U.S. history. But to Christians, it is a day that is set apart to celebrate the provisions from God through His creation and through His Son. We are thankful for His faithfulness to our Hill. Trinity Church and Trinity Christians School are a testimony of His unfailing grace and mercy. We give thanks for the privilege of serving Him and pray

for His continued guidance and help in these times in which we live and for the sake of future generations.

The annual Fall Festival is a joint event for the church and school that is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd starting at noon. There are lots of fun activities planned for the outside quad area for the children and creative shopping opportunities for the adults inside Williams Hall. A lovely lunch is available inside and a hot dog stand is available outside. Hope to see you all there.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be delivered on Friday, November 16th. The students are so blessed to be a blessing by reaching out child to child. If you are participating in this ministry we are trying to collect

the boxes by Wednesday the 14th for counting and packing.

There is no school on the 12th in honor of Veteran's Day. The school will also be closed the week of the 19th for our annual ACSI Teacher Conference held in Anaheim on Sunday through Tuesday. Wednesday-Friday marks this year's Thanksgiving break as we pause to focus on God's blessings and provision.

*"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things"*

Philippians 4:8

... And don't forget to give thanks!

**Sharon Axe**  
Principal

**Jimmie Drummond**  
Principal



The middle schoolers clean up brush, leaves, and overgrowth around the church and school grounds as a service project on October 19th.

## Big Changes Happen in Small Groups

**S**mall groups bring us together in ways large meetings cannot. We have a number of small groups here at Trinity Church. Some are more relational than others, but all of them provide the opportunity to know others and be known. It is in this atmosphere where we can be held accountable, be strengthened, and encourage one another as we follow Jesus together as Trinity Church.

On Friday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., a small group gathers at the home of Jimmie and Kirk Drummond. After a time of worship, the group participates in a somewhat informal Bible study, giving everyone the opportunity to share what God is doing in their lives, what are their concerns, and sharing how God has answered prayer. This group's

function is to grow members in their faith and develop deep lasting relationships.

A second group that helps create a small group feel is the weekly Wednesday night Bible study and potluck. Though not a true small group, some of its functions occur at the tables as we see each other on a weekly basis, share a meal, and study the Word of God together. We are looking at a few ways to create one or two small groups from this meeting in the new year.

A number of other groups provide some of the functions of a small group but have another primary mission. These include Presbyterian Women, Trinity Church choir, the Monday Bible studies, among others. As a church,

we encourage you to find a spot where you can get to know a group of fellow Jesus-followers, share your life with them and learn to love one another.

If you want to know more about what is available and what might work best for you, feel free to contact me by phone or email. I will be glad to discuss this with you.

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 Communications, and Missions*

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### Photos from Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors



**Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors (left to right):** Front Row: **Jon Hughes, Sylvia Gibson, Katrena Roberts, Linda Hensley, Bob Hensley, Connie Wilson, Jeanette Cross, and trip facilitator, Rebecca DeBreau.** Back Row: **John Fischer III, Pastor Jim Wilson, Pastor Gil Baloy, and Shirley Klein.** Not shown: **Loretta Davis**

At Right: **Picnic with Syrian refugee families.**



Below: **Syrian cooking project on the first day.**





## CLIPPERS

Saturday • Nov. 17th

Speaker

### Rudy Shappee

Rudy will provide unique insights about the "Second Immigrants," a historical look back at the first Thanksgiving. We will also have a freewill offering to help a needy Church family at Christmas.

We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Norma Mondeck at 466-2367 or Nona Eichelberger at 660-0188 for further information.

## Presbyterian Women

Below is the November schedule for Presbyterian Women.

Remember - ALL women who attend Trinity Church are members.

<b>November 3</b>	Noon	Fall Festival • Williams Hall
<b>November 6</b>	9:30	Board Meeting • Ward Center
<b>November 13</b>	<b>The Gathering • Williams Hall</b>	
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study with Linda Hensley
	10:30 a.m.	Business Meeting
	11:00 a.m.	<b>Michele Kuglitsch</b> <b>"Constitution/Christianity/Islam"</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Luncheon by Circle 3
<b>November 20</b>	9:30 a.m.	Crafts • Ward Center
	6:30 p.m.	Circle 3 • Deb Torres' home
<b>November 27</b>	9:30 a.m.	Circle 1 and 2 • Ward Center

## WE NEED YOU!

### Openings available for elders, deacons, and School Board

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the following key roles:

- Elder for Worship
- Elder for Missions
- Elder to serve as the Trinity School Representative
- Three Deacons
- One School Board Member

Elders provide leadership and oversight of all aspects of the Church. Deacons provide significant care-giving and service to the Church and community. The School Board oversees the Ministry of Trinity Christian School. Is God calling you to serve in one of these important roles?

Please contact Pastor Jim ([jjim@trinitypres.org](mailto:jjim@trinitypres.org)) or Greg Schwartz ([inspectorbub@att.net](mailto:inspectorbub@att.net)) to learn more or to express your interest.

## Operation Christmas Child



**National Collection Week**  
**November 12–19, 2018**

Operation Christmas Child National Collection Week is Nov. 12 – 19, 2018. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to Trinity Church no later than Sunday, November 11th. Be sure to include a \$9.00 check (to cover shipping & handling) in the envelope you received when you picked up your box, or if you prefer, you can donate the \$9.00 online and receive a tracking label to follow your box and discover the destination of your shoebox gift.

“Gratitude turns what we have into enough. Always enough. Jesus thanked God for the two loaves and five fish...and there was more than enough to go around (John 6:1-13).” (author unknown)

## Dear Trinity Family!

**G**od has given Trinity Church many things to be thankful for this year. When we gather together this November, let us raise our voices in gratitude that He has given us enough. Coming into this season of Thanksgiving we take stock of the wonderful ways God has shown up to bless our property and congregation.

You will notice that our actual income for 2018 is not meeting our projected income, but God is good and we have been able to cover our debts and our mission donations.

Our Stewardship and Pledge season for 2019 starts soon. ***We ask that you return your Pledge card no matter what your decision or ability.***

## Pledge Envelopes

Please contact me in the church office if you do not have pledge envelopes and you want them for 2019, or if you want to ***opt out*** of pledge envelopes for 2019.

	September 2018 Final	October 2018 (As of 10/27/18)	Year to Date 2018
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$ 34,791.51	\$ 34,791.51	\$ 347,915.10
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$ 22,968.05	\$ 32,739.78	\$ 319,943.63
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>– \$ 11,823.46</b>	<b>– \$ 2,051.73</b>	<b>–\$ 27,971.47</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$ 28,407.57	\$ 23,685.80	\$328,389.87
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	<b>– \$ 5,439.52</b>	<b>– \$ 9,053.98</b>	<b>–\$ 8,446.24</b>

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## Coming in November and early December

**Thursday, November 22nd**  
**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
in Williams Hall

**Sunday, November 25th**  
**Hanging of the Greens**

**Sunday, December 2nd**  
**First Sunday in Advent**

*Thanksgiving Dinner  
will be Served!*

**Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd**  
**at noon in Williams Hall.**

We need volunteers to help with set-up, clean up, and donating food items for our feast!

There will be a sign-up sheet available after church in the narthex. We need cooked turkeys, gravy, side dishes, salads, rolls, and desserts.

**Please contact the church office if you have questions.**

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