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Next Press Deadline
February 24, 2019

Words from Our Pastor

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

A few months ago, I saw a news story about a Methodist church located in the downtown area in a major city. It was a remarkable story about change and adaptability.

The church, like many inner city churches, had declined to a small number of people in a very large facility that was expensive to maintain. The closing of the church was imminent.

However, the people prayed for God's guidance and committed themselves to follow it no matter what the cost. As they prayed, they heard God and learned of God's plans for them. The congregation raised money – not for maintaining the facility but to demolish it and turn it into a parking lot. Then they opened the lot on weekdays for downtown workers who paid to park there. On weekends the lot is the center of ministries to homeless and new people who are drawn to the "outdoor" worship services, to "concerts in the lot," and to gatherings for meals around portable tables.

I liked the pastor's statement that the congregation is free to be creative and to boldly try new things since "our largest donor never complains about the style of worship, the color of the carpeting, the length of the sermon, or anything else." (The largest donor is the parking lot.)

So, what do you think are some of the plans God has for Trinity Church? A new pastor will be on the scene in a few months. The opportunity to imagine new things is at hand. New worship venues and styles? New ways of connecting with the community – the nearby military housing, the younger families living around the church campus, and others? New ways of extending the love of Jesus to marginalized people who have had a bad experience with the church? New ways of being a church that exists for the sake of others?

God has plans for Trinity Church to serve a significant role in the growth of the Kingdom of God in Spring Valley, surrounding areas, and throughout the world.

Those plans call for seeking God, trusting Jesus, being empowered by the Holy Spirit, willingness to try new things (and to change), and a sense of adventure. But what could be more exciting?

In the adventure of faith,
Pastor Jim



Jim Wilson
Interim Pastor



Fun Times in Sunday School

Creating an awesome winter craft during Sunday School. We have a great time learning about the Bible along with other activities including a craft.

Your Trinity Church Sunday School could use your help - Volunteer Today!



Trinity Women's Retreat

April 26, 27 & 28 2019
Pine Valley Bible Conference Center CA

Join your sisters in Christ for a weekend of Bible Study, Worship, Prayer, Fun, Food, & Hikes

Speaker: Terrie Bearden

"Leaving a Legacy of Faith"

Registration will open March 3 after church service

Early registration \$140 by March 26
Later registration \$150
Saturday only \$50
All money must be in by April 20.





YOUTH GROUP

No Sleep LOCK IN

When	Friday, February 15th @ 5:00 p.m. through Saturday, February 16th @ 9:30 a.m.
Where	Trinity Church's Williams Hall
For Who	6th-12th graders
Cost	\$10
Sign-Up Deadline	Please sign your child up by February 8th so we have a head count for food and activities.

Contact Katrena Roberts to sign up and for any questions!

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February Means Kid's Kingdom is Back!

As we transition into the new year we are excited to start back up with our second session of Kid's Kingdom. We will meet on Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. beginning on February 6th. As our program continues to grow, it's become increasingly difficult to properly staff due to lack of volunteers. Our biggest need right

now is a Bible study teacher for either first - second grade or third - fifth grade.

We also need help for the first 30 minutes or so passing out snack and supervising homework and free play, as well as the last 30 minutes to help with worship and to supervise free play. Please consider even one

evening per month to help sustain our children's program!

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Youth Ministries

We are Excited for What God has for 2019

It is the new year! And so many wonderful things are already taking place for TYG! Our Christmas parties and award extravaganzas all went down with a smash, and we are excited for what 2019 has to bring us (hint: it's going to be filled with glee and new adventures!).

So far, we have had a new student visit every week to see what TYG is about. This has been very awesome for us to see, as some of you have mentioned that TYG seems to be "flourishing" with new "Spirits." We are currently in a series about Racial Reconciliation called "Colorful." It

is about not being colorblind, but seeing our brothers and sisters for every unique thing they have to offer, and fiercely loving as Christ loved us.

We have some exciting things coming up! The No Sleep Lock-In (a TYG favorite) will be held in February, and we have our Spring Retreat coming up in March.

Thank you so much for your support. Please pray for continued visits from prospective youth and for just the right youth to be able to attend our retreat. We are still in need of volunteers for our group, so if you know anyone interested in working with an average of 15 bubbly kids for free, let me know!

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The Very Busy Month of February at TCS!

God's love and grace abounds day by day at Trinity Christian School (TCS). We see His gracious blessings flow in the lives of the students, staff, and families. We are thankful!

With February arriving, closed registration comes to an end and open registration begins. Most of our students will continue attending TCS next year. However, our eighth grade class will move on to high school and several families have moved away within the past year, so there are still spots available for new students as well.

Please consider letting families know about Trinity Church's backyard ministry - Trinity Christian School. Our website can be found at trinity-cs.org or call 619-462-6440 for more

information. Tours can be scheduled at a visitor's convenience and there is a 20% discount for active Trinity Church members.

TCS will be hosting a Black History Assembly on Friday, February 1st to highlight the accomplishments of African Americans both past and present. We recognize that there are many things to celebrate that are common among all of God's children. There are also things to celebrate in our differences. In addition, we will have a multicultural/international event in the spring to celebrate the broad spectrum of students that attend Trinity Christian School.

Also during the month of February, TCS will host our annual Dad's Chapel and Father/Daughter Dance on Friday, February 8th. February 14th is always

an exciting day to exchange Valentine cards, to celebrate friendships, and enjoy a class party. Fourth grade will provide chapel on February 15th and character awards will be given out to honored students.

There is no school on February 18th in honor of Presidents' Day. February 20th and 21st are designated for school-wide lock down drills. Finally, on February 28th, the annual Trinity Christian School Speech Meet will be held in Williams Hall.

May God bless you all during this month of February with His love and grace and help us all to seek ways to love and show grace to those who come our way.

Sharon Axe
Principal

Jimmie Drummond
Principal

Trinity Christian School Peer Mentor Program

What is the Peer Mentor program?

The purpose of the Peer Mentor program is to provide positive role models on campus for all students to help create a safe, respectful and welcoming school environment. The program is designed to empower students as it encourages students to help one another work through problems.

What exactly do peer mentors do?

The primary work of a peer mentor is to serve as a leader among the student body. A peer mentor is expected to act in a respectful and responsible manner at all times. Peer mentors listen to other students and help solve problems in a positive way for everyone involved.



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God's Plans for Us Transcend Our Abilities

In his article for the Press, Pastor Jim talks about what the future might hold for Trinity Church. Over the last year, I have become much more aware of how God uses us when we are open to stepping out of our own space. For me, the song, *Oceans* (we sing it on occasion on Sundays), has been a picture of what the church is to be – willing to go out upon the water to follow Jesus with a trust in Him that is without borders. His plans for us as a church and as individuals will probably transcend our abilities - for His glory!

This last month has been one of preparation for the upcoming year. The annual report is finished, a new directory is in the works, and *Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors* is set for June 3-15, 2019.

In addition, Pastor Jim is leading us through a new Bible study series by Bob Goff entitled **Everybody, Always**, a study that will help us to love everybody the way Jesus loved them – without fear, insecurity, or restriction. I have read this book and it changed how I view the people around me. Jesus showed grace to everyone from the young rich ruler to prostitutes. If we call ourselves followers of Jesus, we are called to love as Jesus did. This book is not only deep but extremely funny - Bob Goff is a master story teller. You are welcome to join us if you haven't already.

For the January Presbyterian Women's Gathering, I shared my personal thoughts and experiences

of being a participant and facilitator of *Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors 2018*. As I prepared for this presentation, I meditated on what incredible changes have taken place over this past year and looking ahead at what promises to be another exciting year of God moving in the lives of people. I am brimming over with thanksgiving to God and to my church family for the support and love you have shown me.

The Monday Bible study (morning and evening class) has been going through the book of Colossians. I have never taught a class that has so deeply discovered what God is

saying to us as believers. I think I can speak for the other co-teachers, Linda Hensley and Bobette Barfod, that we have learned so much more from this small letter than we ever imagined.

May we all stand in God's peace as Trinity Church transitions to a new pastor and a new direction.

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This event is sponsored by Presbyterian Women. All the proceeds will be used for missions

CLIPPERS

Saturday
February 16th

Rebecca DeBreau and others *Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors*

Rebecca DeBreau along with a few participants from Trinity Church will share what they learned, how God spoke to them, and how they see their role now.

We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck luncheon. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Pat Palmore at 444-6736 for further information.

Presbyterian Women

Below is the February schedule for Presbyterian Women.
Remember - ALL women who attend Trinity Church are members.

February 5	9:30 a.m.	Board Meeting • Ward Center
February 12	The Gathering • Williams Hall	
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study • Williams Hall
	11:00 a.m.	John Barry “Music with Love”
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch by Evening Circle
February 19	9:30 a.m.	Crafts • Ward Center
	6:30 p.m.	Evening Circle - Debbie Torres' home
February 26	9:30 a.m.	Morning Circle • Lois Moravec's home

Trinity Christian School Peer Mentor Program

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Eligibility

- Must be an 8th grader
- Must have a desire to be a peer mentor to encourage and support other students
- Must maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average
- Must maintain a “G” or “O” in citizenship
- Must have a positive attitude toward school and learning
- Must be a “team player”
- Must be kind and respectful to all students, teachers, and staff
- Must be a person of honesty and integrity
- Must have the desire and ability to be a good listener and communicator

Application Process

- Submit Peer Mentor Application to the TCS principals
- Ask a TCS teacher to complete a Peer Mentor Teacher Recommendation Form
- Meet with the TCS principals and Peer Mentor Advisor for a Peer Mentor Interview



"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

Happy February, Trinity Family!

I want to thank you all for praying for God's grace on the finances of Trinity Church last year. With your help and faithfulness, we closed December 2018 meeting all of our financial obligations, as well as shouldering some unexpected expenses, and supporting some wonderful missions. As Pastor Wilson preached last

Sunday, Hebrews 11:1 reminds us to step out in faith that the grace of God will see us through all that He has for us in 2019. At Trinity Church, we are proud to serve and love each other as He loves us.

If you did not receive your 2018 annual report and you would like your

copy, please call the church office to let us know.

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	December 2018 Final	Year to Date 2018 (As of 12/14/18)	January 2019 (As of 1/28/19)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 34,791.51	\$ 417,498.12	\$52,841.88
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 46,488.38	\$405,743.74	\$12,282.36
DIFFERENCE	\$ 11,696.87	– \$ 11,754.38	–\$40,559.52
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 41,621.59	\$404,955.24	\$ 22,827.63
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$ 4,866.79	\$ 788.50	–\$ 10,545.27

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Calling All Sixth - Twelfth Graders

**Friday, March 29th -
Sunday March 31st**

***San Ysabel Nature Preserve
Residence*** (near Julian)

Price: \$100 (partial scholarships available for regular youth attendees)

What to Expect: Join TYG and Cloud Nine Youth for three days and two nights of the camp experience without the tents! That's right, we will have a home all to ourselves! We will explore Julian, do activities throughout the area, including a game of Demogorgon: Forest Edition, have daily devotionals and nightly talks embellished in worship, eat meals on meals, and build stronger bonds within our groups.

Sign Up Deadline: March 15th **Payment Date: March 29th** (day of retreat)

Contact Katrena Roberts to sign up and for any questions at katrena@trinitypres.org.

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