



December, 2016

Trinity News

Trinity Church of Spring Valley, California
News of Events on the Hill



(What Is Advent?)

For many [Christians](#) unfamiliar with the liturgical year, there may be some confusion surrounding the meaning of the Advent season. Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think that it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

(The History of Advent)

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word "adventus," meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word "parousia." Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus ([Matthew 2:1](#)), his baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist ([John 1:29](#)), and his first miracle at Cana ([John 2:1](#)). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

By the 6th century, however, Roman Christians had tied Advent to the coming of Christ. But the "coming" they had in mind was not Christ's first coming in the manger in Bethlehem, but his second coming in the clouds as the judge of the world. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ's first coming at Christmas.

(Advent Today)

Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. At that time, the new Christian year begins with the twelve-day celebration of Christmastide, which lasts from Christmas Eve until Epiphany on January 6. (Advent begins on the Sunday that falls between November 27th and December 3rd each year.)

Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these "last days" ([Acts 2:17](#), [Hebrews 1:2](#)), as God's people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God's past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ's coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ's kingdom when He returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the

Words from our Financial Administrator

Blessings Trinity Family-

It's time to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

2 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV)

Thank you to everyone who took the time to return your Pledge card for 2017. Every reply is valuable to us. We are still accepting pledge cards, if you haven't sent yours in yet. The Offering Envelopes for 2017 will be ready to pick up in December. Look for them in the back of the service you attend. In early December. I will be sending out a statement of your giving for 2016. Please take the time to review your statement and contact me as soon as possible if there are any changes or corrections. Finally, if you find you are behind in your giving, I would like to encourage you to catch up before December 31st. Have a wonderful December.

<u>October 2016</u> (Final)	<u>November 2016</u> as of 11/17/2016	<u>Year to Date</u>
Budgeted Income: \$36,729.45	\$36,729.45	\$ 412,148.99
Actual Income: \$39,825.84	\$17,310.72	\$ 385,833.88
Difference - \$ 3,096.39	-\$19,418.73	-\$ 26,315.11
Current Expense: \$16,899.08	\$18,183.35	\$ 355,159.51
Income - Expense: \$22,926.76	\$ 872.63	\$ 30,674.37

Financial Administrator
Joyfully in Christ, Rebecca Casey
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Staff Meeting Minutes **Monday, November 28th, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rebecca Casey, Yasmin Hampton, Rebecca DeBrau, Jimmie Drummond, Principal, & Sharon Axe, Principal.

Yasmin Hampton

1. Calendar for this week
2. PreCept Class 9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. (Monday)

3. TCS- Christmas Program Practice 9-3 Monday-Wednesday
4. Kidz Club (Wednesday)
5. All PW women decorating on Thursday (Williams Hall)
6. PW Program 8am-3:00pm (Friday)
7. AlAnon 10am in Ward Center (Friday)
8. Home Fellowship in Williams Hall @ 6:30pm (Friday)
9. Bill Coe will have rehearsal in the Sanctuary from 10-1 with the Orchestra on Saturday, December 3rd.
10. Second Sunday of Advent Torres' Family (Purple Candle)
11. Third Sunday of Advent Mathistad Family (Pink Candle)
12. Fours Sunday of Advent Barcenas Family (Purple Candle)
13. Christmas Eve Hampton/Dueño Family (White Candle)
14. Christmas Day DeBrau Family (White Candle)
15. Christmas Program 12/9 at 7pm (Sanctuary)
16. Christmas Program 12/11 at 3pm (Sanctuary)
17. Our Staff Christmas Party will be on January 4th, 2017 at 12:00 at Yasmin's house.
18. Peggy Watkins will get back with me as to when we will be ordaining & installing Elders & Deacons.
19. Also, Peggy is working on pastors for the month of January and possibly February.
20. Rebecca Casey will contact Session so they can give us a date as to when our next Congregational Meeting will be in January to report on 2016 and to approve the budget for 2017.

Rebecca Casey

Working on sending out statements, budget , wrapping up stewardship & getting ready for Annual Review. David Van Dyne & Kathy Cronin will be helping next week on Annual Review.

Principals:

12/8 Christmas Programs School Performance at 1:30pm & 6:30pm for the families.
12/13 Christmas Program School Performance at 2:00pm. and 6:00 & 7:00pm for families.
TCS Christmas Store will open from 12/5-12/9.
Home Fellowship Christmas Party will be at the Drummonds' house on the 16th of December at 6:30pm . We are ALL invited!

**NEXT PRESS
DEADLINE
IS
SUNDAY, January 22nd!**

Please send your articles to:

yasmin@trinitypres.org

Thank You!

Words from our Interim Missions/Outreach Director

November proved to be a very busy month. I organized and coordinated Pastor Randy's going away party. With the help of the Deacon Board and many volunteers, we were able to give our retiring Pastor a beautiful send-off. I know he was blessed by the outpouring of love we gave him.

I have also been redesigning the website. I hope you all who have internet access have had a chance to see the new look. I continue to update the website at least weekly, and I will keep revamping it as I am able.

Sunday, December 4th, we will be headed down to Brighton Place for our monthly visit. You are all welcome to join us as we sing and visit these needy ones.

Looking toward the future, I have been brainstorming outreach ideas for this coming new year. I may be asking some of you to meet with me to discuss options for outreach to our community. I do not want to be a lone soldier in reaching out in this way.

I pray you all have a most blessed Christmas. It is in Christ alone that we can live a life pleasing to God. He is our rock, our fortress, and our strength in times of difficulty. His promises are true and His love for us unending.

In Christ alone,

Rebecca DeBreau
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EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY

The exotic plant society will not meet in December. We will resume in January 2017

Have a very merry Christmas and
Any questions, please contact
Julanna Loveberg 466-2907.

Children's Ministries Director

The beginning of Advent...A time to prepare our hearts and minds for the blessing of God's grace in our lives through His Gift of Emmanuel, our Savior. With the many changes happening here at Trinity, this time of year brings wonderful themes of

Advent to focus on:

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.
Join us on Wednesday evenings
for a family dinner for only \$3
donation. It is a wonderful time of
fellowship.

A special thank you to the Elf that left bags of Advent Calendars in my office, I handed them out to the children and they all loved them!

A special thank you to Larry Ingraham for your much needed assistance this week. And thank you to all the volunteers who continue to give of their time and talents for the mission of Kidz Club Ministries. Thank you to all the Sunday School Teachers who prepare great lessons for the children and the nursery workers, who have worked a bit extra this month. Thank you to Brie Barcenas for all your extra hard work and help you've given to Children's Ministry. And thank you to my daughter, Morgan, who is willing to fill in any time she is needed to help out with Sunday School at a moments notice. (And we really appreciate your beautiful singing!)

May the joy of the Christmas Season fill your hearts this month.

May God bless all your families this
Holiday Season,
Merry Christmas,

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Words from our Principals

We would like to encourage you to attend Women's Association on Friday, December 2nd. The students from TCS will present a Christmas Program around 10:30 in the Sanctuary with lunch following in Williams Hall.

Two hundred + Operation Christmas Child Boxes were collected from Trinity's church and school. They were delivered to the collection station and are on their way to destinations around the world. Thank you so very much for participating in this mission of love.

Closed registration for the 2016-2017 school year will start in January for those families who already attend school at TCS and church members. Open registration will begin in February for those who are in the community. We want to remind you that church members are afforded a **20%** discount on their tuition and may also **register during January** with returning TCS students. Please let people know about Trinity Christian School. There is information in the kiosk in Williams Hall and the church and school offices.

The website is trinity-cs.org. Visitors are welcome!

We pray that this Christmas Season brings Christ's joy, peace and love to each household represented on the hill. We trust that it will spill out into our community and on into the world... This prayer is said in the name of Jesus, through the power of His Holy Spirit to the glory of God... "Merry Christmas"

Trinity Christian School Principals
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**A BIG THANK YOU
FROM
HYEEUN AND JOSIAH
FOR THE WEDDING**

CARD & GIFTS!

Caring for our Care Givers

A Ministry of Trinity Church

Purpose:

To provide assistance to care givers of ailing loved ones. Due to these emotional, physical and spiritual strain on caring for an aging and/or disabled love one, we have created a program whereby care givers can receive respite. This respite would be provided by volunteers of our congregation to members/regular attendees of Trinity Church where either the member/regular attendee is the care giver or the ailing loved one.

This would allow the actual care giver the opportunity to care for their own personal needs – visit with friends, schedule medical appointments, attend to grooming needs, and/or participate in fellowship meetings at church to remain spiritually connected.

This can prevent care giver "burnout" and will allow the individual to function better in their role as primary care giver.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,
PLEASE CONTACT OUR
CHURCH OFFICE.
(619) 465-3011**



Betty Barnett will be here on Sunday, December 4th. Betty is *with Youth With A Mission* is a global movement of Christians from many cultures, age

groups, and Christian traditions, dedicated to serving Jesus throughout the world. Also known as YWAM (pronounced “WHY-wham”), we unite in a common purpose to know God and to make Him known.

Back when we began in 1960, our main focus was to get youth involved in missions. Today, we still focus on youth, and we also involve people aged 9 to 90. We currently work in more than 1,100 locations in over 180 countries, with a staff of over 18,000.

One of the joys of participating in YWAM is to work with people from many nations. YWAM’s staff (known as “YWAMers”) come from over 130 countries, including places like Indonesia, Nepal, Mozambique, and Colombia.



MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY

This ministry is the only faith-based agency to care for the military here

and the ministry is grateful for the support of Trinity. To learn more about MOM visit www.sandiegomom.org. MOM will once again distribute toys for our military families for Christmas.

We are asked to contribute toys for children of every age – from infancy thru early teens. Of course, financial gifts are always welcome and are tax deductible. Checks should be made out to San Diego Military Outreach and mailed to San Diego Military Outreach, PO Box 4259, La Mesa CA 91944-4259. Any questions please call Cherie Klaiber at 463-7123.

Invite your family and friends!



One Service

At 7 p.m.

In

The Sanctuary





Christmas Worship at Trinity

7 p.m. Friday December 9
3 p.m. Sunday December 11

Cookie fellowship following

featuring Leigh Taylor
Riley Casey
Heather Riggs
plus The Von Wallace Family Ringers!

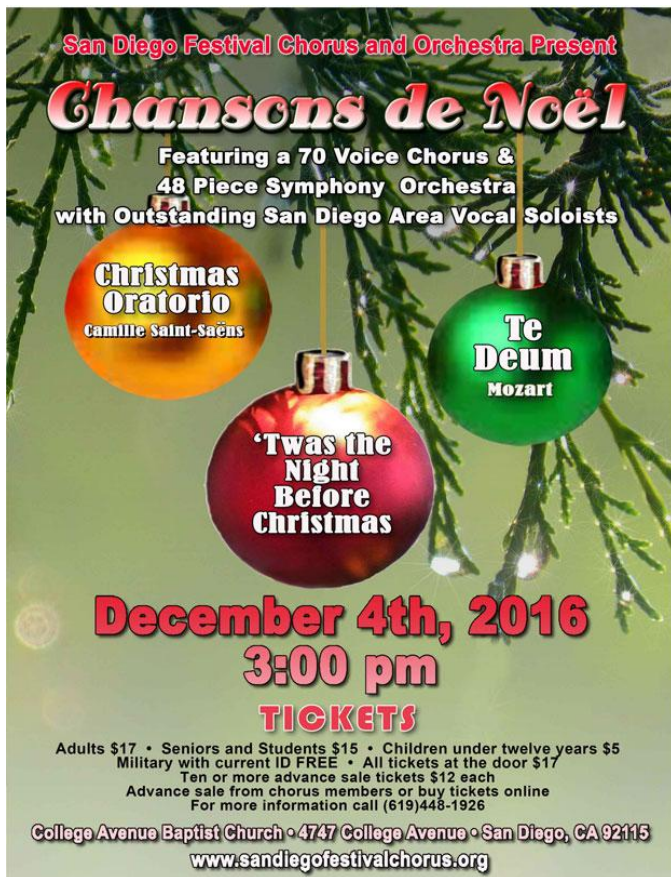
Choir & Orchestra

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FREE Admission!



OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Do you need one-on-one prayer? Do you feel called to pray with others?

- Come forward for prayer after Sunday morning services
- Come to the Thursday evening Prayer Group 6:30 p.m. in the Conference Room
- To become part of the Trinity prayer ministry. Please contact Yasmin Hampton (619) 465-3011

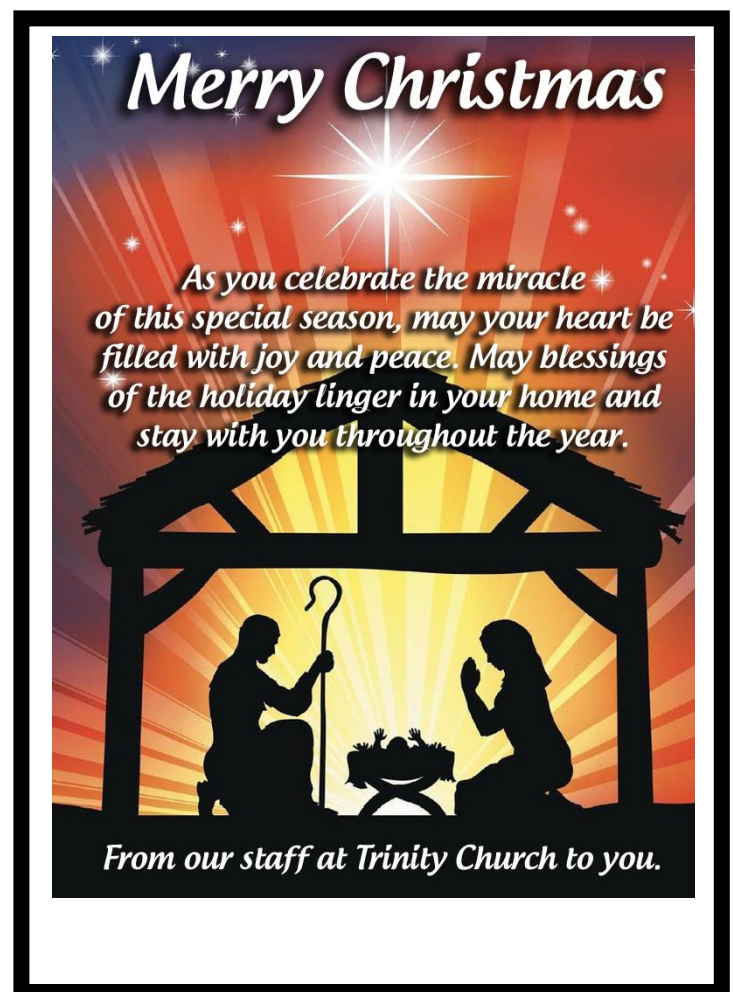


As the year 2016 comes to a close we need to remember all of our missionaries around the world. The financial crisis we are now facing here in the United States is

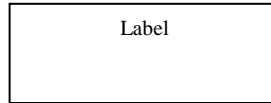
also impacting our Missionaries. As the value of our dollar decreases and many Americans are being laid off of work, added to the higher cost of supplies needed to exist, there are a greater number of requests for more funding for our Missionary families. "MAF" is being hit with high prices for fuel for all their aircraft. Fuel costs also directly effects the costs for international travel. The entire world is affected by the current financial crunch.

If these trials are to test our faith, we know the Lord will provide. Please keep praying.

Please keep all the missionaries and those they serve, who are now being persecuted in many parts of the world, in your prayers. This way we can meet some of their desperate needs.



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TRINITY'S MISSION

The mission of Trinity Church is to introduce people of East County
To Jesus Christ and together experience the living presence of God.

