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Next Press Deadline
October 28, 2018

Words from Our Pastor

I love the feeling of fall – there's a crispness in the air, leaves are beginning to change colors, the evening shadows reach farther a bit earlier. There is something wonderful about the changes of season that seems to awaken our sense of anticipation of things to come.

This fall we are looking forward to a new season in the life of Trinity Church. I am referring to the work of our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) that has been hard at work preparing a Mission Study and condensing that down into what is known as a Ministry Information Form or MIF. That MIF includes a description of Trinity Church and our vision for ministry, the qualities we are seeking in a pastor, and other pertinent information. The MIF has been posted on a denomination-wide search database from which the PNC has already received a number of dossiers from prospective candidates. Please continue to pray for the work of the PNC and that God will lead the right person at the right time to them.

Speaking of things related to our denomination, I want to again say "Thank You!" to all who helped host the meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego on September 18th. Roughly 100 people from the 30 plus churches throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties that are in this Presbytery were on our campus. Thank you for providing a warm welcome, an amazingly joyous worship service, a sensational dinner complete with appetizers, and an atmosphere of collegiality. I have received numerous words of appreciation from pastors, elders, and Presbytery staff.

I also want to thank you for demonstrating the love of Jesus through your generous response to the opportunity to provide fresh water, sanitary toilet facilities, and hygiene training through our partnership with Lifewater International. You have given more than \$12,350. That amount gets added to a matching grant of \$12,000 which means that on October 14th, when Tyson Babayco from Lifewater International will be with us in worship, we can present our gift of over \$24,350. This means we will be able to bless four smaller villages or one or two larger villages (literally thousands of people) with life-giving water and a presentation of the gospel. Tyson will let us know exactly what villages will be blessed by our gift. Thank you again for your loving generosity.

Finally, eight people from Trinity and four from other churches have been engaged in a two-week "short-term mission trip" in El Cajon seeking to be **Building Bridges with our Muslim Neighbors**. This has been a tremendous time of understanding Muslims and how to communicate the gospel to them, understanding the challenges that refugees who are coming into El Cajon face,



Jim Wilson
Interim Pastor

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and learning to love our neighbor as ourselves. On October 28th the focus in our worship service will be on the ways God used this event in the lives of those who participated. I really appreciate all the work Rebecca DeBreau put into planning and making this happen. We who participated have gained a deep love for our Muslim neighbors and have learned how to communicate the love of Jesus to them. Most importantly this experience has dispelled our fears about Muslims in our community and has given us a deep love for the people we have met from Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and other Middle Eastern countries. What a great privilege and opportunity we have to show our immigrant neighbors the love of Jesus!

I thank God for you all, for your faith and heart for God, for the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor, and for your openness to the leading of our Lord Jesus.

In the adventure of faith,

Pastor Jim



We will be hosting Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot on Wednesday,

October 31st from 5:00 - 7:00pm

We are asking for candy donations as well as volunteers to decorate their trunks and hand out candy. Even if you are unable to participate, please consider joining us for a time of fellowship. We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs, and ask that you please bring a side dish to share!

For more information or to sign up please contact

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SEE *YOU* THERE!!

Thanksgiving Dinner will be served at
Trinity Church this year!

THE NOVEMBER PRESS WILL HAVE MORE DETAILS!

Kids' Kingdom and Trunk or Treat!

With the arrival of fall the new school year is really getting into gear at Trinity Christian School! It is such a blessing to be surrounded with the joy and laughter of the all kids on campus. Let's remember to keep the students and staff in your prayers.

Kids' Kingdom began again on September 19th. This year a very generous donation has allowed us to offer the program for free. I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the donor for your continued faith in me and the support of our childrens' ministry programs. We have been blessed the last few weeks with the presence of over 20 kids.

I am asking for your continued prayers that the Lord bless our Children's Ministry with an abundance of eager children and the volunteers to staff it! Please contact me if you feel led by the Lord to volunteer once a month (or more!) for any of our children's programs.

Thank you all for the outpouring of love, encouragement and prayers as I work to grow the Children's Ministry here at Trinity.

Coming on October 31st we will be hosting a Trunk or Treat again this year! I know many of you, myself included, were disappointed that it wasn't possible last year. We are

asking for candy donations as well as participants to decorate your trunks and hand out candy. There will be a signup sheet in the office and a box in the back of the sanctuary for donations. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

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Trinity Church's Youth Group Needs Your Help!

This past month, our youth have been busy with several activities. They've been asked the question "got fruit?" while sinking their teeth into a series on the Fruits of the Spirit. This past week, we had our car wash fund raiser. We want to give a big thank you to those of you who supported. Many of you were subject to the harsh heat and long wait time, some of you were even forced to return home without a washed car, and you still gave us a generous donation. Kindness like this has made a great impact on our youth, and we are so thankful for the kind of

people that Trinity Church has sitting in its pews.

An Upcoming Event to Look Out For!

In about a week, a couple of volunteers and I will be passing out flyers to kids in the nearby community. These flyers will advertise an event on October 14th which will include free food, football, and floral crown making. The purpose of this event is to bring in new kids to our youth group, potentially bringing in new families. Because of the importance of

this, we are asking for your help. We would love for people to donate food to keep the event free, and donate their time to interact with the kids. Please consider what you can do to help us grow!

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Fall is Here and the School is Busy

Fall has arrived and Trinity Christian School days are filled with busy staff and students. In addition to starting new grade levels and getting things underway for scheduling and academics we had emergency practices, picture days and testing to accomplish before October. Our parents also met in September with our first

Parent Teacher Fellowship and Watch D.O.G.S. groups. All in all we are off to a good start.

We look forward to our October events including such things as Mother/Son night at the Boardwalk, Parent/Teacher Conferences, School Spirit Week and Trunk or Treat. The Fall Festival will be held on

November 3rd this year. Each year the Fall Festival is looked forward to and plans are underway to create a fun, friendly and festive event.

This year's scripture verse is Philippians 4:8 - *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, whatever is excellent or praiseworthy ... think about such things"*.

May this fall season carry with it the sweet winds of God's faith, hope and love.

God bless ...

Sharon Axe
Principal

Jimmie Drummond
Principal



Apple Daze at Trinity Christian School

Exotic Plant Society

We will be meeting Tuesday, October 23rd in Williams Hall. We have a great time discussing non-native plants, their care, and any plant problems we may have. It doesn't matter if you plant in pots or plots, you will find our group is a wealth of information!

Visitors are always welcome!

Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors

I am beginning this article on October 1, 2018, one week into our two-week adventure, "Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors." I could never have imagined that it could go this well so far.

Our team of 12 participants from five churches are bonding, growing, and laughing together! God is at work in all of our lives with deep love, conviction, and grace. The speakers we have had have commented on what a wonderful group of people we are. Everyone is engaged, responsive, and I could not be more proud of them.

On Friday, September 28th, we attended the Friday Arabic prayer service (there is also one in Kurdish) at the Kurdish Islamic Center in El Cajon. I have included two photos of that

experience. After the service, we were invited to dessert with the leaders of the mosque.

I want to thank all those who gave money for scholarships, and who have been praying for us! I have felt the love from Trinity Church throughout the week. We have experienced God's goodness and grace in so many ways both personally and as a team. Please pray that we will have guidance for what comes after this incredible mission trip to an unreached people group.

On Sunday, November 4th, we will be sharing with you what God did over the two weeks of our adventure, what we learned, and what God did in and through us. Please join us for a great time of testimonies.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

On September 12th, we began a study through Philippians, *Living the Contented Life*, led by Kirk Drummond. Kirk has a God-given talent for leading us into God's word, bringing out new insights along with time-tested truths of which we need to be reminded.

Come join us for a wonderful potluck dinner, connect with old friends and make new ones, and learn from the Word of God.

Rebecca DeBreau

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To the left | The men of our team with the imam, who is Kurdish (in the white cap), and the caller or muezzin (to the right of the imam). To the left of the imam is David who has been my right hand person in developing this adventure. To the right of the muezzin, is Mark, our instructor on Islam.

To the right | The women of our team with the Iraqi women who had attended the Friday prayer service. They were all Arabic speakers and many had been in the U.S. long enough to fulfill the requirements to become U.S. citizens of which they were very proud.



CLIPPERS

**Saturday
October 20th**

Featuring
**Heartfelt Music
Ministry**

Please join us on October 20th for our monthly program, which will feature "Heartfelt Music Ministry" by "Abundant Star," Pete and Norene Cook, as they perform Gospel and Contemporary Christian music.

We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Debbie Torres at 916-7803 or Venita Barry at 698-4545 for further information.

Presbyterian Women

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

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| October 2 | 9:30 a.m. | Board Meeting • Ward Center |
| October 9 | The Gathering • Williams Hall | |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Bible Study with Linda Hensley |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Business Meeting |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Operation Christmas Child |
| | 12:00 p.m. | Luncheon by Circle Two |
| October 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Crafts • Ward Center |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Circle 3 • Deb Torres' home |
| October 23 | 9:30 a.m. | Circle 1 and 2 • Lois Moravec's house |
| October 27 | 9:00 a.m. | Sewing/Quilting |
| October 30 | 9:30 a.m. | Crafts • Ward Center |
| November 3 | 12:00 p.m. | Fall Festival • Williams Hall |

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. This program joins with local ministry partners and churches to provide shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. These shoeboxes are shipped worldwide to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine and disease, and to children living on Native American reservations in the U.S.

Following a brief presentation and lesson explaining that the greatest gift was Jesus Christ, your shoeboxes are distributed to the children. After receiving the shoebox gifts, the children are invited to enroll in "The Greatest Journey", a discipleship program. Through this program, local ministry partners are able to establish long-term relationships with the children and their families by sharing the love of Jesus Christ. Remember, the "Great Commission" can start with you, one shoebox at a time.

You can pick up your boxes in the back of the church after service or in the church office.



“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack for funds. Generosity is contagious. God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs.” - J. Hudson Taylor

Dear Trinity Family!

Thank you for your part in the fabric of faith here at Trinity Church. The Lord leads us by example and we honor Him by working together to provide for our hill, our community, and the world beyond. As you can see by the following financial report, our income has been falling short, and our expenses have increased over the last few months.

Your third quarter contribution statements have gone out in the mail. Please take time to review them for accuracy and contact me if you have any questions. If you find you are behind in your giving, please catch up as soon as possible.

Our time of stewardship and Trinity’s financial planning for 2019 is upon us. Please join us in praying for our

church finances and your partnership with us as we continue to seek God’s plan for His church on the hill.

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| | August 2018 Final | September 2018 (As of 9/29/18) | Year to Date 2018 |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| BUDGETED INCOME | \$ 35,291.51 | \$ 34,791.51 | \$ 313,123.59 |
| ACTUAL INCOME | \$ 25,668.50 | \$ 22,968.05 | \$ 285,195.10 |
| DIFFERENCE | – \$ 9,623.01 | – \$ 11,823.46 | –\$ 27,948.49 |
| CURRENT EXPENSE | \$ 34,675.88 | \$ 28,407.57 | \$304,702.27 |
| INCOME – EXPENSE | – \$ 9,007.38 | – \$ 5,439.52 | –\$ 19,507.17 |

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Coming in November and early December

Sunday, November 25th
Hanging of the Greens

Thursday, November 22th
Thanksgiving Dinner
in Williams Hall

Sunday, December 2nd
First Sunday in Advent



Trinity Church
Presbyterian Women
FALL FESTIVAL

3902 Kenwood Drive, Spring Valley

Saturday, November 3, 2018
12:00 Noon to 5:00PM

Crafts, Plants & Food Fair
Kids Carnival Games

Beautiful Handcrafted Quilt
Opportunity Drawing

Desserts, Breads, Cakes, Pies
Cookies, Jams, Jellies & Candy

Lunch
Famous Homemade Soup
Salad, Sandwiches & Beverage



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