



March 2016

Trinity News

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

Words from Pastor

As we get ready for our Palm Sunday Service on March 20 and our Easter Celebration March 27th, it's time for each of us to reflect on what this last year was like. Did you grow a little in your faith in 2015 than where you left 2014? Are you growing in your faith and service to the Lord this year? I see, as we transition into ECO, a new beginning in Trinity's life. Do you remember the reason you became a Presbyterian? For me, it was the denomination I grew up in, and the one I decided to become a pastor in.

Did you know that Jesus has a really big house? When I joined, I discovered there were people like Peter Marshall, his wife, Catherine, and their son Peter Marshall, Jr. There were people like Robert and Edie Munger, Henrietta Mears, Earl Palmer, and Ken Bailey who all wrote books that changed my life. Then there was Lloyd Ogilvie, who encouraged me to go to seminary, and there I met Roberta Hestenes. I can't forget Richard Halverson and Dale Bruner. So many faith-filled Presbyterians!

Let me say that is what it felt like as I went to ECO's national convention in Newport Beach. We worshiped together, and listened to three different speakers that challenged us to think of new ways of reaching out to the Lost. We held a national meeting, and what will be our Presbytery meeting. I have never laughed so much, and still got all the business done in two and a half hours. The feeling there was contagious-people wanting to help the lost come to Jesus. It was infectious and a blessing, and I felt like I had come home. This is what the

Presbyterian Church was like when I joined some 50+ years ago.

John Ortburg, pastor at the Menlow Park Presbyterian Church, said this, "Imagine God were to launch a movement of Spirit-led, Jesus-centered churches, where pastors and leaders took seriously the biblical injunction to become teachers of the nations, so our world and culture could hear again there is such a thing as moral and spiritual knowledge that can guide human lives. Imagine that the claims of Jesus were to receive a fresh hearing in our day because they were being expressed in thoughtful, winsome, non-churchy, literate ways by Jesus' followers who had wrestled, and studied, and prayed, and sought to follow Jesus with all of their hearts.

Imagine these churches were places where anybody could come, where people who read, and had convictions and thoughts about science and culture and evolution and history, people who had doubts, people who had suffered, could come and receive, not glib Christianese formulas, and empty clichés, and in-house apologetics, not vaguely religious, kind of hopeless skepticism, but a clear, confident, humble expression of the wisdom of Jesus for our day."

He goes on to say that ECO is the new thing God is raising up. I am so happy that we are going to join them.

In His Adventure,

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Words from our Financial Administrator

Dear Trinity Family,
Due to health and family obligations beyond my control, I am unable to provide you with a financial update at this time. I assure you our debts are paid, and your tithes deposited. Thank you for your understanding. The Lord willing, I will resume reporting next month, as usual. Blessings to all of you.

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Words from our Young Adult Ministries Director

We had a wonderful time going on our family dinner night out to the Ackee Tree. After our meal, it was a privilege for those there to pray over the owners of the restaurant and shower them in love. Then some of the group continued the night by heading to a Yogurtland for dessert. What an incredible time of fellowship and continued growth as the community of Christ we have had at these events.

Our next Family Dinner night out is going to be a little different. The focus will be **Dessert**. So please join us at the number one ice cream place in San Diego on March 20th, Hammond's Gourmet Ice Cream, 3077 University Ave, San Diego, CA 92104, between Illinois St. and 31st St. There is a parking lot with easy parking for \$5 behind the ice cream shop and Urban restaurant next door. I know this is not dinner, but we will meet at 6:45p.m. for ice cream. I would encourage you to find a restaurant on one of the streets nearby beforehand. There is a Craze Burger, Swami's, Burkley Pizza, Lucha Libre Taco Shop, and lots more.

For our young adult ministry, we had an amazing Sunday talk as we looked at the overflowing, fully-immersing, never-ending love that God wants to pour onto us. We shed some tears, we laughed, we tasted whipped cream through a demonstration of

God's love, and saw how good God really is. We have a night out coming on March 5th as we get food, have some fun and enjoy a night together. For more information, give me a call. Anyone looking to join our merry band of imperfect Christ-followers is more than welcome to join the Bible Study on Sundays during second service, and also join us for lunch each week. Yes, Andrea Fry this is a personal invitation, just for you, for the rest of your life, to always join us.

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Words from our Youth Director

For the month of February, Inside Out Youth Ministry continued with our Alpha Youth series on Wednesday nights. This has been a great time of honesty and reflection for the students and staff. The series has provided some great analogies and illustrations that have really connected with each person, and with the group. We have started to utilize our students leaders, as well, with leading games and co-hosting Alpha. Bryan Browne has also returned to youth staff, and he is in charge of games alongside one of our student leaders. On 02/24/16, we are having a "Fun with Friends" night, which means playing lots of games, and encouraging the students to bring friends along for some fun. On Saturday, 02/27/16, we are having the first lock-in of the year! There will be lots of games and activities, paired with some of the videos from the Alpha series. Lastly, Session has approved our group to go on local Mission Trip (San Diego) through Youthworks. We will be completing projects with a local church, such as putting on a VBS, partnering with San Diego Rescue Mission and St. Vincent's to serve meals, pack food bags at a food bank, or sort through donations. We will also be able to explore more of our city such as having a church service in Balboa Park, visit Mt. Soledad, have a community cookout, and have some time at the local beaches. The youth are going to start fundraisers and sponsorships to raise the \$289 per person needed for the week-long trip. If you have

any questions and/or are interested in supporting our group, please contact me! We appreciate your support and prayers.

For the Love Thy Neighbor Project, our group grew this month, and with the cards and baggies made by Kids' Kingdom, we were able to bless numerous people with Valentines! Seeing the gratitude of the residents at Brighton Place and the surprise of the homeless when they received their Valentine really made our monthly trips worth the effort. We were probably more blessed by the reaction! Again, thank you to everyone who has been donating to our outreach fund, and also donating clothing. It was such a blessing to be able to make hygiene packs from donations! The youth group continues to be the ones who sort and package donations and some of the kids from Kids' Kingdom are able to join us for outreach at Brighton Place. For the month of March, we are requesting donations of shoes and socks, preferably men's sizes. Thank you also to Clippers, for allowing me to attend your February Meeting, and give information about how the donations are used, as well as eat from a great spread at the potluck! I was able to learn a little about the history of Clippers, and everyone was very welcoming. I enjoyed spending some time with you! Again, donations can be dropped off in the breezeway in the blue bin or in front of Room 1, which is located by the gate on the side of the church. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

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Children's Ministries Director

"Souper Bowl of Caring Update": Trinity Church and School did a great job bringing in canned goods and money for the San Diego Rescue Mission. Together, we collected over 3,500 pounds of nonperishable goods and over \$220.00! Thank you so much to those who participated in making this collection a success.

Easter Candy or Small Toys Needed: Once again, Children's Ministry will have our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 27th. If you would like to help, please bring wrapped, non-chocolate candy, small toys, and stickers to the church office or give them to me by Sunday, March 20th.

Kids Kingdom Update: Last month, we enjoyed dinner with our teachers, celebrated Valentine's Day, dressed like our favorite Bible hero, and earned Nerds if we memorized God's Word! This month's themes are Noah's Ark, Pizza at the park, Store Night and Parent Dinner. I am blessed to have wonderful volunteers who help on Wednesdays, but we are always looking for more volunteers. Let me know if you would be interested in joining our team!

Preschool Sunday School Teacher and Helper Needed: We are in need of help with our wonderful preschool children during first service on Sunday morning. Please let me know if you feel the Lord calling you to help with this special group!

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Words from our Principals

We are looking forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! School will be closed from March 21st until April 4th to honor His re-birthday.

The following are March events that anyone is welcome to attend:

- TCS speech meet will be held in Williams Hall on Tuesday, March 10th throughout the day.
- Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15th (6:00-7:30 p.m.) Please feel free to come and invite others as well.
- Grandparents' Chapel is on the calendar for Friday, March 18th at (11:15 a.m.)

Lunch will be available following Grandparents Chapel on March 18th. You will find flyers in the bulletin that should be turned in with your order so that the school will get a percentage of the profit. It's always a joy to share a meal with family and friends.

- This month our “dinner out” (lunch) event will be held at Fuddruckers in La Mesa.

We have enjoyed welcoming two Russian students to TCS in February; a third grade boy named Gleb and fifth grade girl named Maria. They will be here through April. It is amazing how well they have fit in at school and how well they have been able to cross the language barrier so far. Both the TCS students and the visitors have experienced the joy of making new friends.

Registration is underway and going well. Several classes are full while others still have spots available. We would like to remind you that church members are afforded a 20% discount on their tuition. Please let people know about Trinity Christian School. There is information in the kiosk in Williams Hall and in the office. The website is trinitycs.org.

God bless... “He has risen indeed!” Happy Easter!

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EXOTIC PLANT SOCIETY

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 22nd, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room. Every one interested in growing plants indoors or out is invited to attend. There is often an interesting program, always a discussion of successes and problems, and a plant exchange. For more information, please call Julanna (619)466-2907.

NEXT PRESS DEADLINE IS:
SUNDAY, March 27th!
 You can send your articles via
 e-mail to: yasmin@trinitypres.org
 Thank You!

In His Service,
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PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

ALL TRINITY WOMAN ARE PRESBYTERIAN WOMAN

March 1st

At 9:30a.m. we will be having our monthly Board Meeting in Ward Center.

March 5th

Train Ride, Call Sue Walters for reservations.

March 8th

2nd Tuesday Gathering
 Bible Study & Business Meeting Program:
 “Looking Good & Feeling Good, Physical and Spiritual Fitness”

12:00

Luncheon by Circle 3, You are invited!

March 15th

At 9:30 a.m. Crafts in Ward Center
 Circle 3 at Debbie Torres' Home at 6p.m.

March 22nd

at 9:30a.m. Circles 1 & 2
 TBA

March 29th

Crafts in Ward Center

RIDE IN A CLASSIC 1926 RAIL CAR SANTA FE #1509 CAFE/LOUNGE CAR



In appreciation for letting them use the church classrooms on multiple occasions, the Pacific Southwest Railway Museum has donated the use of one of its charter cars, ATSF 1509, to Trinity on March 5, 2016. The Women's Association is handling the arrangements.

The train will leave Campo Depot at 11:00 A.M., it is suggested that you arrive in Campo at least 30 minutes prior to departure. The ride lasts a little over one hour.

The Museum's display area will be open from 9 to 5, so arrive as early as you want or stay later. Bring your own food to eat on the 1509!

For tickets, \$10.00 each, contact Sue Walters: tigersu@cox.net or 619-286-9013

For more information on the car or the ride, contact Jim Baker, the Conductor, : jimbaker2353@cox.net or 619-670-7441. Jim should be able to give a private tour of the Museum after the ride.



Trinity Women's Retreat

April 1, 2, 3

Pine Valley Bible Conference Center CA

- Join your sisters in Christ for a weekend of Bible Study, Worship, Prayer, Fun, Food, & Hikes
- Speaker: Gail Bones
- "Constant Change, Constant God"
- Sign up in Williams Hall between church services
- Early registration \$135 by March 13
Later registration \$140
- Saturday only \$50
- All money must be in by March 20.



MILITARY OUTREACH MINISTRY:

Thanks to your generous donations (in part,) the Toy Stores serve approximately 1,200 children of the enlisted personnel, giving 4-5 new toys for each child in December! During the Christmas season, 574 families participated in the MOM programs. Gift cards for meals were distributed at some of the Toy Stores.

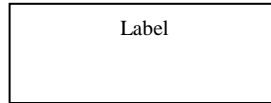
For the Easter outreach, MOM will be hosting an egg hunt for the children at the Distribution Center, Saturday, March 5, at 1:00.p.m. Trinity Children has been asked to contribute candy-filled eggs. Please pray for this outreach, that these young military may see the meaning of Easter. For information, call Trinity Church, Representatives Michele Woodard (619) 469-4598 or Cherie Klaiber (619) 463-7123. For more details visit www.sandiegomom.org or call the MOM office at (619) 461-4164 9:30a.m. – 1:30p.m.

Trinity Clippers

Please join us on March 19th for our program. Our speaker will be Elizabeth Van Dyne M.D., Dave & Jackie Van Dyne's daughter, who will share her endeavor to improve the health and quality of life for the children of Malawi, a small, poverty-stricken country in southeastern Africa.

We meet at 5:45 p.m. for a fantastic 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Norma Mondeck or Julie Wolfe at (619)466-2367 for further information.

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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.**

