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## Words from Our Pastor | Telling Your Story



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### Greetings Everyone!

We kicked off our Wednesday Night Bible Study this fall, looking at our stories. When I say stories, I mean our testimonies and how we came to know Jesus Christ. It was extraordinary last month to hear people's stories and discover how each of us felt the pursuit of God at some point in our lives.

I believe that every one of us has a story to tell, a story that has a beginning: what our life was like before we followed Jesus Christ.

Our story goes from there to discovering that there is a God who is pursuing us in a relationship. From there, we reflected on the season when we start to make those decisions to give our lives to Jesus, to commit ourselves to following Jesus. And then, we see how our lives changed, how

God gifted us and opened new doors to see the world differently and use our gifts and abilities to serve God.

Can I admit something? The church historically has only told the stories that make for movies and books, the rags to riches testimonies with high highs and

low lows. Most of us don't have

those stories and feel like, in comparison to those, we don't have a story to tell.

We all have a story to tell, a story about how we discovered a loving God and came to follow him. I pray that you figure out your narrative and find ways to recount it in a way that

makes you proud of your story

so it impacts others to discover that same God who is pursuing them!

Pastor Brent



# Worship Elder Report | We Have New Carpet in the Sanctuary

The crew is looking back on the carpeting job, thinking of a job well done! What does it take to organize and move the contents of a sanctuary? Let me tell you.

1. Get three bids. Getting them was no small project.
2. Meet with the session to choose a company.
3. Fill out paperwork and give a deposit.
4. Set up a schedule for Monday, October 9th - Friday, October 13th, coordinating it with the Trinity Church facility.
5. Recruit movers for the furniture, sound equipment, and instruments. Four pews were moved and stored by a company that does only that.
6. Meet with the installer to learn the installation progression. We found out the installation would probably take an extra day to finish.
7. Organize volunteers into groups to move color-coded furniture in a specific area in the narthex, cry room, and green room. Type handouts of assignments to give out on October 8th.
8. On October 8th, right after church, the volunteers began moving rooms of their furniture. I want to thank the dedicated volunteers who moved everything perfectly, packing it into the Youth Room.
9. Riley Casey and her crew cleared the entire sound booth, cords, cameras, amplifiers, and mikes out of

the area to be carpeted - an easy job to take out and a tricky, miserable job to reinstall.

10. On Monday, October 9th, the installers realized they needed more time to remove the old carpet than expected. On Wednesday, the installation began.
11. The organ was moved on Wednesday with TOSSD President Mike Williams supervising so the workers could lay the carpet. On Thursday, the organ returned to its spot. The carpet installers assisted with this challenging move.
12. Installers were finished by 1:30 p.m. on Saturday. The volunteer movers arrived at 10:00 a.m. Though few, they worked hard and took only a short time to get things back in order.

A few volunteers jumped into setting up for the worship service on Sunday, October 15th. John Barry finished the width of a sound booth step. Jim Baker and John Barry put down the Velcro tape to keep the camera cords from tripping the congregation. Kirk Drummond, John Barry, Jim Baker, Terry Becker, and Rick Calderone moved the Communion Table and pulpit off the stage onto the chancel.

***Please honor the work and cost of the new carpet by keeping food and drink outside.***

Yours respectfully,  
Carolynn Baker, Elder

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## Youth Group | We Meet Wednesdays and Sundays

**T**he Trinity Youth Group has seen a healthy amount of students attend each Wednesday and Sunday. These students are excited to hear God's word and to have Christian fellowship with one another. Since September, we have been discussing the importance of the Bible and how social media plays a role in our lives and spiritual growth. In addition, the youth have enjoyed the activities, including a corn-hole tournament, indoor volleyball, and card games.

On Sundays, we discussed what truth is and how it relates to our lives and culture. We are still in need of Youth

Group volunteers on Wednesdays or Sundays. If you are interested in volunteering, contact me, please. Our goals for Youth Group are to promote Christian fellowship, search reverently for God's truth, and to deepen each person's spiritual life.

Please be praying for continued spiritual growth for this group of students.

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## Children's Ministry | We are Looking for a Director

**W**e are looking for a Children's Ministry Director to head up this growing and fruitful part of Trinity Church. Please contact the church office if you are interested. In the interim, Lydia Barclay (yes, Pastor Brent's wife) is helping us out. Thank you, Lydia!





# Trinity Christian School | Memories are Made

## Apple Days

The Trinity Christian School's (TCS) kindergarten and first-grade students and parents eagerly gathered to celebrate Apple Days. The sweet aroma of ripe apples filled the air as the children embarked on a day of exploration and fun activities centered around this beloved fruit. In the classrooms, tiny hands eagerly peeled, sliced, and tasted different varieties of apples, learning about their colors and flavors. Apple-themed arts and crafts were a big hit among all the students as they created colorful apple crafts. Teachers and parents guided the children through interactive games and storytelling sessions, weaving together lessons about nature and nutrition.

## Operation Christmas Child

On October 20th, the school kicked off our Operation Christmas Child campaign. The campaign began with Ms. Linda Beaty giving a presentation highlighting Operation Christmas Child's significance. With creativity and compassion, the students brainstormed ideas for thoughtful gifts to include in the shoeboxes, ranging from toys and school supplies to personal hygiene items. Packing a shoebox is a privilege, knowing each item represents a gesture of kindness and God's love. Our

teachers plan to integrate lessons about gratitude and generosity into their curriculum, reinforcing the importance of empathy and understanding different cultures. As the school community comes together with Trinity Church's help, we hope to exceed our goal of delivering more boxes than we have ever donated. These boxes are a tangible way to share the love of Christ.

## Hoedown

The excitement was palpable as TCS hosted its inaugural Hoedown. We transformed Williams Hall into a rustic, western-themed haven, including hay bales, twinkling fairy lights, and the tantalizing aroma of barbecue (actually, corndogs) wafting through the air. Families and friends arrived dressed in their finest cowboy boots and hats. The evening kicked off with toe-tapping country tunes, setting the tone for the festivities - line dancing, bull riding, a greased pig contest, and a pie-eating contest. We provided an array of mouth-watering treats such as haybales (rice krispie treats), chicken feed (Chex Mix), and lassos (red vines). Children could adopt a pig, horse, or cow (stuffed, of course). The TCS Hoedown marked the beginning of a cherished tradition that will be anticipated for years to come, leaving everyone the warmth of community spirit. God Bless America!



Apple Days



Above and right: Hoedown



## Catalina

The anticipation was electric as the seventh and eighth-grade students embarked on an unforgettable three-day adventure to Catalina Island. Excited chatter filled the air as the ferry divided the waters of a super pod of dolphins! Catalina Island was not just a popular scenic destination. It became a classroom without walls, offering a unique opportunity for hands-on learning. Over the three days, the students immersed themselves in many educational activities, from marine biology excursions where they observed fascinating sea creatures in their natural habitat to guided nature hikes, exploring the diverse flora and fauna. Snorkeling adventures allowed them to witness the vibrant underwater world, fostering a deep appreciation for marine ecosystems. In addition to the educational experiences, team-building activities and campfire discussions under the starlit sky encouraged friendship and camaraderie among the students. This adventure was a transformative journey, shaping the students' understanding of the natural world and creating lasting bonds among classmates.

## Our Field Trip to Fort Cross

Our second and third-grade classes traveled to Julian to visit Fort Cross for an exciting day of farm and fun. Nestled in the heart of Julian, California, surrounded by the scenic wilderness of the Cuyamaca Mountains, Fort Cross offered our students a step back to the days of the Old West. The students engaged in candle-making and birdhouse painting, starting their day with some downhome square

dancing, imagining the lives of the early settlers. Animal encounters were a big hit as the students passed around snakes and lizards. With its intriguing blend of history, outdoor activities, and natural charm, Fort Cross captivated our student's hearts and minds, offering them a glimpse into the region's past.

## Preschool Pumpkin Patch

The preschool children embarked on an exciting adventure to the Bonita Pumpkin Patch. Laughter and excitement filled the air as the little ones, wide-eyed with wonder, explored the vibrant patch adorned with pumpkins of all shapes and sizes. The preschoolers eagerly participated in various activities, from pumpkin-picking to a corn maze. They carefully chose the perfect pumpkins to take home, attempting to carry these festive gourds to the car. Pumpkin spice and joyful giggles filled the air. Surrounded by the cheerful ambiance of the patch, the preschoolers discovered the magic of autumn. The Bonita Pumpkin Patch became a cherished experience, painting smiles on these young adventurers' faces and reminding them that the simplest moments can be wonderfully magical.

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Above and right: Fort Cross



Above, below, and right: Catalina



## Clippers



Ahoy Mates,

The good ship U.S.S. Clipper made landfall at 12:45 hours, docking at Williams Hall. Vittles were served and a good time was had by all.

The November program is one you will not want to miss! Lunch will be served

at 1300 hours (that's 1:00 p.m. for your landlubbers), after which the movie "Jesus Revolution" will be shown. Invite yer friends to see this moving and inspiring story of the the beginnings of the Jesus Movement. As always, vittles are potluck.

September saw a rousing good time as auctioneer, James Shoulder, presided over

a lively session of bidding and generous donations, all going to Clipper-supported missionaries. Captain Sue wishes to thank all swabbies for their participation.

As winter approaches, New Day Ministries is in need of mens clothing and shoes, as well as, the usual sock donations. Jackets for men and women of all ages are needed when the icy winds sweep across the decks. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

See you when we dock in November at Williams Hall.

Yer trusty signalman,  
Jack, the ancient mariner

## Presbyterian Women

Coming up in the beginning of November for Presbyterian Women is our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The festival continues on Sunday, November 5th, after the service until 2:00 p.m. In addition to craft items a wide variety of jams will be available. We will serve our customary Hamburger Soup for lunch. We are asking for homemade or purchased items for the dessert table. They can be brought to Williams Hall on Friday, November 3rd, after 9:00 a.m. or Saturday morning. Bring a friend, shop and enjoy the fellowship at lunch.

Pastor Brent will present our program at November's Gathering on the 14th, 9:30 a.m. in Williams Hall. We will also have a video bible study and lunch.

On Friday, December 1st, we will host the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery. The children of Trinity Christian School will present a musical program, and we will serve lunch. Please plan to join us for this day. There will be NO Gathering in December.

Ardis Rowland  
Secretary



# Financial Update | How Are We Doing?

*Our Lord has given each of us exactly what we need in order to pursue and fulfill the call to faithful stewardship.*

Reverend Lorenzo Small

## Dear Trinity Church Family,

Thanksgiving is on our minds and in our prayers. At this time of year, we are grateful that God has given us what we need in our lives, our homes, and our church. God blessed us with a beautiful place to meet and encourage each other in Christ.

God has been faithful to Trinity Church, and you have been faithful to show gratitude to God in your prayers and your offerings. We have paid our debts and missions responsibilities to date, and we thank God for every prayer he answers.

You will receive our annual stewardship letter and pledge card for 2024 soon. Pray for the finance committee as we begin the work of preparing the budget for next year. Help us to be good stewards of all that God provides. Also, be in prayer about how you

and your family will plan to support Trinity Church in the coming year with your time, talent, and treasures. We ask that you return your Pledge card no matter what your decision or ability.

## Pledge Envelopes

We have new pledge envelopes! Please email me if you do not have pledge envelopes and you want them for 2024. We have weekly or monthly envelopes available. If you want to OPT OUT of pledge envelopes for 2024, please let me know. Thank you.

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	<b>September 2023 Final</b>	<b>October 2023 (as of 10/24/2023)</b>	<b>Year-to-Date (as of 10/24/2023)</b>
<b>PROJECTED &amp; PLEDGED INCOME</b>	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 27,154.36	\$ 267,943.56
<b>ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED</b>	\$ 19,841.88	\$ 21,962.88	\$ 265,310.23
<b>PROJECTED MINUS ACTUAL INCOME RCVD DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>- \$ 7,312.48</b>	<b>- \$ 5,191.48</b>	<b>- \$ 2,633.33</b>
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE ACTUAL</b>	\$ 38,274.87	\$ 41,562.14	\$ 413,917.25
<b>TOTAL ACTUAL INCOME - ACTUAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>- \$ 18,432.99</b>	<b>- \$ 19,599.26</b>	<b>- \$ 148,607.02</b>



All Operation Christmas Child  
Shoe Boxes are due **SUNDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 12TH!**

# CELEBRATE FALL!

## Our Annual Fall Festival

**Saturday, November 4th &  
Sunday, November 5th**

Browse beautiful unique crafts, homemade jams and jellies, and our delectable dessert section. Purchase opportunity tickets for a chance to win one of four handmade lap quilts. All proceeds go to our missionaries.



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