

### February 2017

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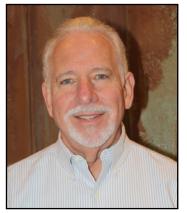
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**OFFICE CLOSED!** Monday • Feb. 20 **President's Day** 

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t is a great privilege to be able to serve as a Pulpit Supply Pastor for Trinity Church. Connie and I are blessed with the opportunity to re-connect with our church family after more than twenty years of pastoral ministry in Orange County and to be a small part of the transition Trinity is going through.

One thing for certain is that times of change can be stressful. There can be uncertainty and trepidation, but there can also be hope and new vision.

The Book of Hebrews addresses followers of Jesus who are uncertain, fatigued, stressed, and ready to turn away from Jesus. The author reminds these folks (and us) that in times like these we must pay attention all the more to who Jesus is and what he has done. We must re-commit to trusting him and to joining in his rule in this world - re-committing to live and speak and act as Jesus did and thereby blessing this world with his love, the good news of life in Christ, justice, and peace.

I will be continuing to base messages on the Book of Hebrews through the month of February. The season of Lent begins on March 1st so beginning on March 5th, I will begin a Lenten Series related to prayer.

Speaking of prayer, please continue to pray for the Trinity leaders (the Session). Pray for wisdom, guidance, and courage as they lead the church through this time of transition. Also, please pray for God's will concerning an Interim Pastor to serve Trinity. I have met with the Presbytery Executive and the Committee on Ministry Subcommittee to discuss my being received back into the San Diego Presbytery in order to serve as the Interim. The matter is still under consideration and may not be decided until as late as February 28th. Pray for those making this decision and for God's perfect will to be done.

Last week I purchased a new prayer journal that includes the words of Jeremiah 29:11 on its cover. I can't help but think these words, originally spoken to the people of Israel as they languished in captivity in Babylon, speak well to Trinity today:

"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.""

Amen! **Pastor Jim** 

### TRINITY LEADERSHIP COME TOGETHER TO LEARN, PRAY, AND GAIN NEW VISION

n Saturday, January 28, the Trinity Elders, Deacons and staff came together for a workshop with the purpose of connecting with the leaders in Trinity Church and creating vision for Trinity in 2017.

Our hostess was Bobette Barfod and she scheduled our meeting in a wonderful room at Mount Miguel Covenant Village. A great breakfast and lunch was provided by her with the help of Jill Oliver, Norma Mondeck and Nona Eichelberger. Bobette had a vision for a workshop of this kind for all of the Trinity leadership. She also led the group in a number of mixer/icebreakers that had attendees scrambling and laughing.

Pastor Jim Wilson gave encouraging words of wisdom and promise, with scriptures that described the kind of leadership we need to serve God. He also led us in prayer for Trinity - its future, it's people and for wisdom to serve our church.

Bill and Kathy Coe led worship which helped to focus on the reason for coming together - to better serve our Lord Jesus and look to Him for wisdom in leading Trinity Church.

After lunch, with instruction from Kathy Cronin, the group was split up into three vision teams – Faith, Hope, and Love. Each team was tasked with creating visions, using their respective roles to guide the church. These ideas started the creation of Vision Boards. Each vision team will find images, quotes and verses that pertain to the direction and vision discussed.



On February 12th, these teams will meet once again to finish up their Vision Boards. They will then present their visions at the congregational meeting that is scheduled for Sunday, March 5, 2017.

A great atmosphere of love and unity with a common purpose - to serve God and Trinity Church - pervaded the whole workshop. The members of Trinity staff, the Session and Deacon Board had a chance to come together in fellowship, learning and praying.



### **Children's Ministry**

### God is On the Move...

s we start this New Year, let our hearts feel and know just how amazing that movement is! God has tasked me to help lead our Children's Ministry and I could not be happier to listen and serve Him, in this awesome way. Our children, the children of our future, God's children turn to us to help guide them, teach them and love them the way God loves us. I am so blessed to be a part of their journey to knowing and loving our amazing Lord.

Here at Trinity, that journey begins at the youngest of ages, in our Nursery. I am excited for the Word of God to enter their little hearts and minds as they grow. Whether through music, creative play, Bible story time, crafts, activities or Bible videos, our littles ones will come to know God in a fun and nurturing environment.

As our kids grow, so will their need for God. It is with this in mind, that our Sunday School is lead. Each Sunday our kids will be introduced to God's Love, Mercy and Word, in a way they can best relate; through activities, games, music, videos, crafts and outdoor activities.

Going even further to reach our young kids, we are so blessed to continue to have Kidz C.L.U.B. on Wednesday afternoons. This is such a great place to come together during the week and continue that journey to knowing God's Love. Where families can come join together and enjoy a home cooked meal, Fellowship, music and best of all... some quality family time.

If you would like to help with our Children's Ministry, we have plenty of opportunities and are always so thankful for an extra set of hands. We are currently in need of a 2nd -5th Grade Bible Study Teacher for our Wednesday Kidz C.L.U.B. program. Please contact me if you are interested.



"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

This is a time in a child's life when their understanding of God is to be nurtured and protected the most. With the help of all our wonderful staff, teachers and volunteers we look forward to helping your child grow in Christ.

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### **KIDZ C.L.U.B. Schedule for February**

#### **FEBRUARY 8**

Valentines Party Wear red and pink!

MENU: Spaghetti • salad • brownies

The children will be making 67 Valentine's Day Cards for the residents at Brighton Place.

Volunteers are needed and greatly appreciated.

#### **FEBRUARY 15**

**Nerds for God's Word** 

Dress like a nerd get candy for Bible verses

MENU: Pile-ups • salad • dessert

Kids will be making gifts for their teacher of choice to give them on Teacher Appreciation Day (Feb 22)

Volunteers are welcomed.

#### **FEBRUARY 22**

**Teacher Appreciation Day** 

Invite your teacher to dinner

MENU: Don's Famous Lasagne salad • dessert

#### Trinity Christian School



Jimmie Drummond

rinity Christian School is accredited with both WASC and ACSI and offers before and afterschool care and a variety of after school programs. Small classroom sizes, highly gualified teachers and Christ centered instruction are at the heart of the school. In addition our program includes such things as computer, music, Spanish, Latin, library and physical education instruction throughout the week. There are additional enrichment opportunities as well. Open registration for the 2017-2018 school year begins Wednesday, February 1st. Please share this good news with friends and family. The website can be reached at: www.trinitycs.org. Interested families may call 619-462-6440 to make an appointment for a tour and to answer any questions. Remember that Trinity Church members are afforded a 20% discount!

Thank you for helping us to collect *Box Tops for Education* 

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." 1 John 4:7



**Sharon Axe** 

this past year. Should you want to help with this effort, there is a drop box next to the school office where the box tops can be delivered or left in the office. Another big thank you goes out to those who participate in the Scrip program. Neither of these things cost you any money but assists the school with its needs. Contact us if you would like more information. Your prayers and support are always greatly appreciated as well.

Our mission week will begin March 6th through March 10th. This is a school wide event that starts by looking at missions around the world with a focus on Mexico this year. Throughout the week the students will learn about the culture including such things as foods, dress, homes and life style. By the end of the week, each class will be adopting a mission closer to home. They will experience hands-on service such as: providing and delivering stuffed animals for Children's Hospital; making and delivering

Blessing Bags for the homeless; writing and delivering letters to military families through MOM's; beach clean-up event; visiting, making crafts and sharing snack with the elderly at Country Manor; local park clean-up effort; participating with Feeding America; assisting with projects at Indian Hills and Tecate Christian School (Tecate Mission International). The Serve-athon kick off will start February 21st. Students will secure donations to sponsor them in this endeavor of service on March 10th. Ten percent of the proceeds will go towards Tecate Mission School the remainder will help to subsidize our visual and performing arts program. (This will include improving lighting and sound in Williams Hall).

February also hosts a wide variety of events: A Father/ Daughter Dance on the 3rd, Father's Chapel on the 10th, Sixth grade camp (13th-16th), and 4th grade chapel presentation on the 17th. School will be closed in observance of Presidents Day on the 20th.

#### Sharron Axe Jimmie Drummond

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# **God is Working!**

od is working in this church - that is a promise from God. As we worship God, we give Him permission to use us as individuals and as a church. As we worship God, we are given the strength to live a life of trust and hope. As we worship God, we understand more fully what Jesus did for us.

A number of things were accomplished in January. I attended the Casa de Oro Alliance meeting and will continue attending their bimonthly business meetings. This gives me the opportunity to interact with many in the community, as well as, see how Trinity Church can be involved.

On January 1st, we had an amazing time of worship at Brighton Place. We had nearly 20 residents worshiping God with us. We definitely made a joyful noise! We all knew that God had made His presence known that day.

As you can tell from the new look of the Press, I have been

busy updating this publication. I hope to include more photos and create a more organized newsletter. A color version will be available on the Trinity Church website.

Regarding the website, it had nearly 1,500 hits this month. This is the highest number of hits on our website in one month since it was first uploaded.

More than 30 Trinity folks joined together for dinner at The Edge on Sunday, January 29th. We had great food and wonderful fellowship. We will be heading to Tiramisu Trattoria on Sunday, February 26th.

On February 8th, Kidz C.L.U.B. will make Valentines Cards for the residents at Brighton Place. I will be taking them down on February 14th. If anyone would like to join me, you are certainly welcome to do so.

For the Easter season in April, a number of events are planned. Servolution will be on Saturday, April 8th. Servolution is when we



as a congregation prepare the church grounds for Easter - a kind of spring cleaning. A light breakfast and delicious lunch will be served. We will also plan on having a Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. Further details for both these events will be in the next Press.

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# **Uniting as One**

Recently we have had several Sundays with one service. A number of you have expressed that you have been blessed by joining the services to worship together. With the approval of Session, we will bring our two services to worship as a unified church once a month on Communion Sunday for the next several months. We will worship together in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. on February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, and July 2.

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# **Clippers**

Saturday February 18

# Please join us on for our monthly program.

Our speaker will be Rachel Becker, granddaughter of Margy and Terry, who will share her Arabic trip and her work with Arabic refugees in San Diego.

We meet at 5:45 p.m. for a fantastic 6 p.m. potluck dinner. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

Please contact Pat Palmore at 444-6736 or Lois Moravec at 469-0337 for further information.

## **Presbyterian Women**

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

Feb. 7	7-9:30 a.m. • Board Meeting • Ward Center				
Feb. 14	The Gathering • Williams Hall 9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Linda Hensley 10:30 a.m. Short Business Meeting				
	<ul> <li>11:00 a.m. All About Our Wonderful Organ</li> <li>Presented by Mike Williams</li> <li>President, Theatre Organ Society</li> <li>12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Two</li> </ul>				
Feb. 21	9:30 a.m. • Crafts • Ward Center 6:00 p.m. • Circle 3 Bible Study Debi Torres' home				
Feb. 28	9:30 a.m. • Circle 1 and 2 Bible Study Ward Center				
Last Saturdays of the month in Ward Center • 9:00 a.m 3:00 p.m. • Crafts, sewing and quilting.					

All are welcome!

# A note of thanks...

Dear Trinity Members friends and family;

I hardly know where to start to thank all the great folks that have done so many loving things to help give Sue, my beloved wife of 52 plus years, a great send off. I very much appreciated every thing that all of you did. As I started to write this letter for the church Press, I was overcome by grief because I miss her so much. One thing I count as an eternal blessing was that God granted me the privilege of holding my beloved in my arms as she began her eternal life with Jesus. Thank you, God, for that moment I will always treasure.

There are so many of you who helped with all the details of the memorial and the service, it is hard to name all of you. I know staff at church, the Deacons, Trinity Christian School, church members and friends and family all worked together to make her day wonderful. I loved the worshipful and uplifting service. Thank you all!

In His Love,

Win, Todd, Samantha, and Tim and Sonja

**appy January Trinity Family** • I want to thank you all for praying for God's grace on the finances of Trinity Church this year, His mercy has seen us through many changes, with many more on the horizon for 2017. With your help and faithfulness, we closed December 2016 meeting all of our financial obligations. We continue to strive to be faithful stewards of what God has given us, as we work to set the 2017 budget. By the grace of God we walk forward together in 2017, serving and loving each other as He loves us.

#### **Rebecca Casey**

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	December 2016 Final	Year to Date thru 12/31/ 2016	<b>January 2017</b> To Date 1/20)	Year to Date 2017
BUDGETED INCOME	\$36,729.45	\$448,878.44	\$32,762.76	\$32,762.76
ACTUAL INCOME	\$44,808.16	\$448,683.48	\$21,103.54	\$21,103.54
DIFFERENCE	\$ 8,078.71	- \$ 194.96	<b>-</b> \$ 11,659.22	<b>-</b> \$ 11,659.22
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$23,204.90	\$396,312.12	\$ 13,184.34	\$ 13,184.34
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$ 21,603.26	\$ 52,371.36	\$ 7,919.20	\$ 7,919.20

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**Shirley Woodson** Organist

### FAMILY DINNER OUT

Sunday | February 26 6:00 p.m.

### TIRAMISU TRATTORIA

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Check out their menu at www.tiramisutrattoria.com. They have asked to have us give them a heads up as to what we would like to order. So if possible, let the office know.

# **Coming in March**

Wednesday, March 1 Lent Begins

Sunday, March 5 Congregational Meeting ONE Service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Sunday, March 5 Jayakumar, Pastor from India 6:00 p.m. in Ward Center

Wednesday, March 22 Last day of KIDZ C.L.U.B. and Simply Church

Sunday, March 26 Press deadline

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