

A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!

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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING • Sunday, Jan. 27th

Following our service, we will meet in Williams Hall for our annual meeting. Please bring six sandwiches and a dish to share.

Next Press Deadline
January 27, 2019

Words from Our Pastor

During the Christmas season I received an email greeting from a colleague in Orange County. The one-page "card" cited the numerous ways in which his and his family's lives had been transformed in 2018. He took a new ministry position in a new church plant. His wife changed nursing jobs. His son became a teenager, and his daughter began a new quest to become a musician.

Transformed. That's God's goal for you and me as we continue to trust in Jesus. Transformed. The Holy Spirit continues to shape our character – making us more

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Jim Wilson
Interim Pastor

Lifewater Update

Kasambya-Moja village, Uganda

Edisa is stern, hard-working, and she dotes on her seven children. Despite her care and dedication to their success, unsafe water is stunting their growth.

Like most of her neighbors, Edisa Tushemerirwe and her husband grow beans and corn on their farm in Kasambya-Moja village. Edisa brings her harvests to the local market and trades for tomatoes, cabbage, and other foods.

Each morning before school, Edisa's children walk for three hours to get water from a pond in another village. Their school is 10 miles from their home, and they are exhausted by the time they get to class.

"It makes me sad when they miss

school because they are unable to return from fetching water in time," Edisa said. "I work very hard to keep

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Christmas with Children's Ministries

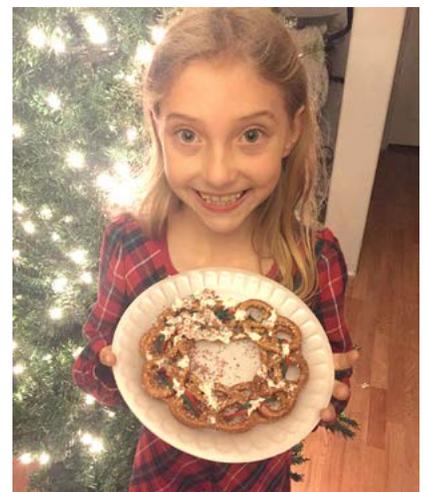
What a busy December it was here in Children's Ministry! First we successfully wrapped up our first session of Kid's Kingdom by donating toys to those in need. We had an amazing group of 30 kids and I can't wait to see what our second session holds when we start back up in February. Next we wanted to offer a little holiday help to the parents of Trinity Christian School! We love those kids and are so blessed to have such an amazing ministry sharing our hill.

For the first time in recent years (maybe ever!), we sponsored a pizza lunch and showing of *The Polar Express* on the last minimum day before Christmas break. It gave parents a few extra hours to do some Christmas shopping, run some errands, or finish up at work. My volunteers were sparse in number but they all had a mighty heart and did a fantastic job as we had 70 kids in attendance! I would love to make this a yearly tradition but I can't do it without the help of the congregation.

Lastly we wrapped up the season with our traditional Happy Birthday Jesus party in Sunday School. We did crafts, decorated cookies, and talked about how Jesus is the greatest gift of all. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year!

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The Holidays with the Youth Group

Happy New Year, church fam! It has truly been a holly, jolly holiday for our TYG kids! Between Christmas parties and fun outings, our kids have been drenched in the holiday spirit. We had our *Girl's Night In* late last month, and the girls had the best time (this night included spa treatments, pillow fights, and pool plunges in below 60 degree weather).

We recently went ice skating as a group, and had our end of the year *Christmas Bash*. It was a smash! At the bash, we were able to watch a picture slide show and look back at our 2018 year. It was so fun-filled, and we learned many new lessons.

One thing is for certain, we are so thankful for the support of our church family. Behind every one of our successes and blessings, is a person

and prayer. We so look forward to this new year and what it has to offer. Be on the lookout for winter camp information.

With good tidings and gratitude,

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Girl's Night In



Christmas Bash



Ice Skating

A Christmas to Remember



Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think about such things.

Philippians 4:8

God's faithfulness to Trinity Christian School (TCS) has been evident throughout 2018. We look forward to how He will facilitate the TCS journey in 2019. Your prayers and support have been greatly appreciated. Christmas break will be December 21st to January 4th. "Happy New Year!"

All five TCS Christmas Programs were well attended and enjoyed by all. Each program had a different theme and was age appropriate. The first program was presented for our Trinity Presbyterian Women who hosted the annual Christmas luncheon for the San Diego Presbyterian Women's Association. This was the only daytime program and featured each grade preschool through 8th grade. The second was performed by preschool, the third was K-2nd grade, the fourth was 3rd-5th grade, and the fifth was presented by the middle school. Hope you were able to see one of them. Over the course of these programs, there were several hundred people on the Trinity hill to be blessed by these wonderful Christmas programs that each had the message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It was wonderful to welcome two TCS families, the Zaleskis and Storeys, into our church family in the last few weeks. We look forward to what the Lord has for Trinity hill in the new year. We continue to pray for who the Lord will bring as our new pastor and trust that His love will cover all that transpires.

Sharon Axe
Principal

Jimmie Drummond
Principal



Looking Back at 2018

Happy New Year to you! During this time of year, many of us make resolutions for the new year in the hopes of changing our behavior - going to the gym, eating better, learning a new skill, discontinuing a bad habit. I have never been one to adopt resolutions for the new year.

I do set up goals for the new year however. Similar to resolutions, goals can be left by the way side, but I have tended to view them more seriously and, therefore, actually accomplish something.

As this new year was approaching, I began to think about what my goals as a Christian and a Trinity Church staff member would be for 2019. As I began to work on goals, I looked

back at the by gone year. What did I accomplish? What was left undone? I spent time thanking God for all that was achieved in 2018.

In this past year, Trinity Church replaced aged signage and added new signage where none had existed. Nearly all of the communications that Trinity Church puts out were properly branded and updated.

Our Wednesday night Bible studies provided the opportunity to grow. The "Hole in Our Gospel" book led to a \$24,000 gift to provided water, toilets and other hygiene benefits to two villages. You can read about one of these villages in the article that begins on the front page of this newsletter.

Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors came to fruition. Little did

we know what an amazing impact this idea would have. The lives of the participants were significantly changed, relationships with two Syrian refugee families continue to grow and flourish, and we are provided more opportunities to show the love of Jesus. Now the plan for a *Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors 2019* is in the works.

Please pray that as we gain a new pastor, that God will lead your staff to do those things that will bless Him and strengthen this wonderful body of believers.

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Words from Our Pastor

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like Jesus and better able to impact the world around us. Transformed.

God's transforming work within Trinity Church will also continue in the new year. A significant transition will take place when the new permanent pastor arrives. Aspects of the life and ministry of Trinity Church will be transformed, and that is something wonderful to look forward to.

Transformation implies a willingness and eagerness to change on our part. God is best able to mold and shape us when we are malleable and receptive. At the recent annual Elder-Deacon meeting we discussed

what the future of Trinity Church would look like. Deacon Ruth Sunday made a profound statement that went something like this: "If we truly want God to transform Trinity [Church] and use us to serve our community, we will have to be open to change."

She is very right. Transformation suggests the need for change and the willingness to set aside our "sacred cows" so that God can bring about something new that will better enable Trinity Church to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Are you willing to be transformed?
Are you eager to see Trinity Church

transformed in the months and years to come? Are you open to change – even if it means you have to change? These are tough questions for most of us to answer. I pray we will allow the Spirit of God to transform our hearts, our attitudes, our dreams for Trinity Church's future, and our commitment to this church, so that many people in the communities around us will be blessed by knowing Jesus, trusting Him, and being used by Him for the glory of God.

Wishing you a very blessed and "transforming" New Year.

Pastor Jim

CLIPPERS

Saturday
January 19th

Author

Lisa Shapiro

*“No Forgotten Fronts, from
Classrooms to Combat”*

This book is a compilation of letters sent by San Diego State students who were serving in World War II to their former professor, who then started a monthly newsletter for his former students. One of the most prolific writers was our own Bob Wade.

We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck luncheon. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Pat Palmore at 444-6736 for further information.

Presbyterian Women

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

January 8 | 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting • Ward Center

January 15 | **The Gathering • Williams Hall**

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast • Williams Hall

10:30 a.m. Business Meeting • Williams Hall

11:00 a.m. **Rebecca DeBreau**

**“Building Bridges with Our
Muslim Neighbors”**

12:00 p.m. Lunch by Morning Circle

January 22 | 6:30 p.m. Evening Circle - Debbie Torres' home

January 29 | 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle • Ward Center

Lifewater Update

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my children in school, and when they cannot go, it feels like a loss.”

Unlike so many families in Kasambya-Moja village, Edisa boils the water before drinking it. The practice has reduced water-borne diseases in her family, but not completely.

The children still fall ill from the contaminated water and have to be treated at the local clinic for a high price.

Edisa's daughter, Kemirembe, is 10 years old, and she is at the top of her class. She loves science and math and always races to get home from the pond to get to school on time.

“Kemirembe has enormous potential,” her mother said. “I hope she will be a doctor!”

Lasting change means more than just building a well. Local Lifewater staff will work house by house to teach healthy habits and share the love of Christ with everyone. With clean water, children can spend more time in school and less time walking for contaminated water.



Happy January, Trinity Family!

Our God has provided for our every need at Trinity Church this year. As we closed 2018, all of our financial obligations were met, and all of our missionaries were paid.

Statements have been sent out so you can “review” your giving for 2018.

If you have any questions, please let me know. On behalf of the Finance Committee, I want to express our appreciation for your generous and faithful support over the past year. May God give us hearts of joy to watch Him at work through Trinity Church in 2019!

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	November 2018 Final	December 2018 (As of 12/14/18)	Year to Date 2018 (As of 12/14/18)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 34,791.51	\$ 34,791.51	\$417,498.12
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 30,358.99	\$ 24,824.04	\$384,079.40
DIFFERENCE	-\$ 4,432.52	- \$ 9,967.47	-\$ 33,418.72
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 35,077.02	\$ 14,254.48	\$ 377,588.13
INCOME – EXPENSE	- \$ 4,718.03	\$10,569.56	\$ 6,491.27

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Do you know about Scrip?

TRINITY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL hosts a year round fundraising program called *Scrip*. It provides “gift cards” at a dollar for dollar amount.

There are over 750 different gift cards available through this program.

These transactions result in a profit of up to 16 percent for the school at no extra cost to the person purchasing the cards.

A VERY SMALL Sample of the Cards Available

Albertsons	Walmart	Outback
Sprouts	Target	“NO Fee” Visa
Vons	Chili’s	
Arco	Applebee’s	

HOW IT WORKS: If someone pays \$50 for a gas card they will get a \$50 ARCO, Shell or Chevron card. Likewise, \$50 for food would be exchanged for a Vons, Sprouts or Albertsons card. If preferred, purchases can be made online.

Cards for food, gas, gifts, restaurants, movies, as well as nonspecific “no fee VISA” and Amazon cards are available. The “gift cards” are not just for gifts, they are a way of making purchases for yourself.

If you want one of the more popular cards, they are kept in the school office but call first to check to be sure they are still available. If you know what you want to order ahead of time, you can call the school office at 619-462-6440 to order them by 9:00 a.m. on Monday. The cards will be sent to the school and can be picked up by the following Friday.

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