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# 2018

Happy New Year!

**MAY YOU KNOW THE ...**

**amazing love of God,  
the joy of Jesus, and the  
glorious presence of the  
Holy Spirit**

**...EVEN IN THE MIDST OF UNCERTAINTY.**

*"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things God has prepared for those who love him."*

I Corinthians 2:9

## Words from Our Pastor

Looking forward to 2018 prompted me to take on a challenge that has loomed large in my mind for years. I have determined to learn and understand the meaning of the song entitled Auld Lang Syne. For years I have been puzzled by the lyrics and their meaning. Alas, I am no longer.

A poem of the same name by Robert Burns, written in 1788, was set to the music of a popular tune of that day. *Auld Lang Syne* (best expressed as: “Long, Long Ago”) is about looking back to the past and then looking ahead to the future. Here are some of the lyrics:

*Should Old Acquaintance be forgot, and never thought upon;  
The flames of Love extinguished, and fully past and gone:  
Is thy sweet Heart now grown so cold, that loving Breast of thine;  
That thou canst never once reflect on old long syne (long, long ago).*

*On old long syne my Jo, On old long syne,  
That thou canst never once reflect, On old long syne.*

Though the poem and song are about past losses it reminds us that it’s appropriate to reflect on the times of “long, long ago.” It is also appropriate for us to reflect on the recent past. As a church our recent past has been a time of change – transitions after Pastor Randy’s retirement over one year ago, taking steps to build a healthy community of faith, and looking forward to the future God has for us.

The Session is identifying nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). This is the first step in the search process. You will vote to approve the PNC at our Annual Business meeting in January or February (date to be determined). Please pray for those who will serve on the PNC and for a fruitful search process.

I continue to be reminded of God’s word to his people as they faced 70 years of exile in Babylon:

*“I know the plans I have for you ... to give you hope and a future.”*  
Jeremiah 29:11

That’s God’s promise to Trinity Church – hope and a future of blessing our community with the love of Christ and the abundant life he gives.

I look forward to venturing with you into the new year and the new things God has for this gracious and faithful community of faith.

**Pastor Jim**



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Women's  
Retreat

### Calling all Trinity Church Women!

Please join us as we plan the 2018 retreat. We will meet in Ward Center after church on Sunday, January 14th at 10:45 a.m. When you volunteer and help plan, you make the Retreat more fun for yourself and others. We need workers for many different tasks.

**Pizza and salad will be provided.**

**Coming in February!**

**FEBRUARY 14TH**

Beginning of Lent

The children at Trinity Church have been busy this December learning the Christmas story through lessons, games, and art. At our Christmas party we decorated cookies, made a fun nativity craft, and listened to some amazing Christmas worship songs.

Looking ahead to February, we will be collecting nonperishable foods for our annual collection for "Souper Bowl of Caring." As you go shopping this month, please consider purchasing some extra food for this cause.

I hope everyone had a joyous Christmas and that the New Year will be one filled with laughter, love and God's blessings,

**Krista Young**  
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## Wednesday Nights Begin Again January 10th!

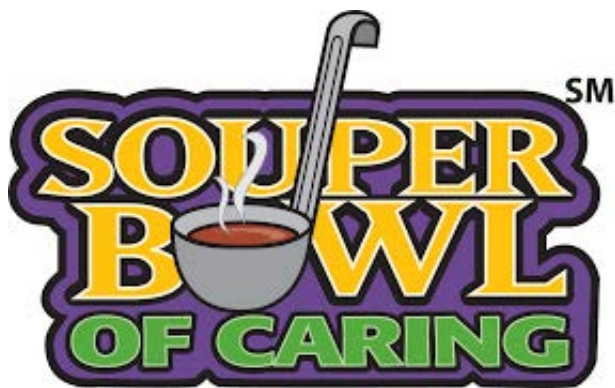
- 3:00 p.m.** Homework Club\* **OR** Sports with Coach Daniel\*\*
- 4:15 p.m.** Games/Homework Time with Pastor Russ
- 5:00 p.m.** Dinner (\$3 per teen)
- 6:30 p.m.** Worship/Teaching with Pastor Russ (ends @ 7:30 p.m.)

Contact Russ Douglass for more information about our Youth Group events!

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\* Homework Club is free. \*\*Sports with Coach Daniel is \$80 for eight weeks.



The "Souper Bowl of Caring" comes to Trinity Church the last two Sundays of January. A collection box will be in the back of Williams Hall!

Please bring boxes or cans of nonperishable food stuffs that will go to the San Diego Rescue Mission to help feed the homeless.

Our December at Trinity Christian School (TCS) was full of joy as we celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, across the campus. The month included an all-school (K-8th and preschool) performance for the Presbyterian Women on December 8th. We were blessed to be able to share the students of TCS with women from all around San Diego County.

The month of December also brought four additional Christmas performances focused on sharing the Gospel and the true meaning of Christmas. Hundreds of people from throughout the community, invited by TCS students, attended these Christmas plays.

### 2018-2019 Enrollment Begins

When we return to school after Christmas break in January, it will be our "Closed Enrollment" month. This means that Trinity Church members and students already enrolled in the school will be offered priority registration for the 2018-2019 school year. **Please remember that Trinity**

### Church members receive a 20 percent discount on tuition.

Open enrollment for the general public will begin on February 5th. We pray that the Lord would give us an opportunity to share with families, neighbors, and friends the ministry of TCS as we seek to make a positive impact for Jesus on our community.

### Our Mission

Our mission statement is: "Trinity Christian School, an outreach ministry of Trinity Church, commits to a partnership with parents to inspire academic and personal excellence in a Christ-centered environment." From this mission statement flows all of our goals and activities. Daily we seek to integrate God's Word into every facet of our accelerated curriculum.

Students are encouraged to achieve at the highest levels for the glory of God, as they recognize their gifts and talents are from the Lord. From the earliest of ages, students learn that all truth is God's truth, that Jesus Christ is central in the truth, and that the Holy Spirit is the discernor of truth.

### The Next Generation

The Psalmist, writing to God's people, summarizes the mission of Christian education, and it is a scripture that encourages us. We pray that it will encourage you as well as each of you is an important part of reaching this next generation for Jesus.

*"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power, and the wonders He has done. He decreed statutes of Jacob and established law in Israel, which He commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds but would keep His commands."*

Psalm 78:4-8

Thank you, Trinity Church, for your investment into eternity through your outreach ministry of TCS.

**Sharon Axe**  
Principal

**Jimmie Drummond**  
Principal

## PHOTOS OF THE TCS CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS



(Above) The all-school presentation for Presbyterian Women of San Diego County

(Below) The Preschool/Kindergarten Christmas Program



(Left and below) The First through Fifth Grade Christmas Play





## An Instrument for His Glory

**A** new year has begun! This year holds many opportunities for the Trinity Church family to have faith that God will provide. On the top of my list as a staff member is a permanent pastor. Shortly we will be looking for one in earnest. I hope you will join me as we pray in a new pastor to shepherd our flock.

### Two Women of God

One of my favorite duties is staying connected with the missionaries we support. Over the Christmas holiday, I had the opportunity to meet with both Mary Hopkins and Betty Barnett. For those of you who don't know, Mary Hopkins works in Oaxaca, Mexico as a trainer for Wycliffe Bible Translators. Betty Barnett is an author, teacher, and editor with Youth With A Mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

These women are true pillars of the faith for me. What an honor it was to hear what God is doing in and through them as they work to spread Jesus' gospel of love and salvation.

### An Instrument of His Glory

At the Christmas Eve morning service, I sat at the front of the sanctuary by the organ. As Shirley Woodson played



the prelude music, I began to watch her. Along with playing the keyboard, working the knobs and switches, and turning pages of music with her hands, her feet were playing the two dozen large pedals beneath her feet.

I was enthralled, not only by the music itself, but by the amazing coordination of her actions. Every part was important to the vision and emotion of the melody. Every note brought the fullness of the music to the congregation. If she had only played the melody, we would know what song she was playing, but all the other parts of the music brought the melody to a higher level of glory.

What a picture of the Church! Jesus is our "organist." As His instrument,

some of us are the keys, some are the pedals; others of us are the bells or horns. Some of us seem to be played constantly. Others of us are not used in every melody, but only with all of us being played at the right time by our great Organist will the world hear the fullness of the message of God's love, mercy, and grace through Jesus. Jesus amazes me with His coordinated playing – how He brings all the notes together to create beautiful music that the world craves to hear.

My prayer is that each of us will see the importance of our place in the music that Jesus wants played through Trinity Church. I pray we will be willing to let Jesus use us – that we will not become a sticky pedal or hesitant key.

Come; join Trinity Church as our Lord uses us in 2018.

#### Rebecca DeBreau

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(Above) The Trinity Christian School sixth through eighth grade program was presented in the sanctuary.



## CLIPPERS

Saturday • January 20th

Our speaker is  
**Nanette Herbeveux**,  
proprietor of  
**You Me and the Bees**,  
a Spring Valley company.



The goal of **You Me and the Bees** is to help spread the word about bees, help grow their population, and hopefully, get other people excited about bees!

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 for further information.

## Presbyterian Women

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

- January 9 |** 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting • Ward Center
- January 14 |** 10:45 a.m. - Retreat Planning Meeting • Ward Center  
Pizza and salad - All women are invited!
- January 16 |** **The Gathering • Williams Hall**  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Business Meeting  
11:00 a.m. **Raoul Palomino**  
*Director, Presbyterian Urban Ministries*  
12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle One
- January 16 |** 6:30 p.m. - Circle 3 • Debbie Torres' home
- January 23 |** 9:30 a.m. - Circle 1 and 2 • Ward Center

## Trinity Church Prayer Chain



If you would like to participate in the Trinity Church Prayer Chain, please call Ardis Rowland at 619.460.6239 or Julanna Loveberg at 619.466.2907. You can choose to be either on the telephone chain or text chain.

This is a great way to serve our congregation in the comfort of your own home!

## Exotic Plant Society

The Exotic Plant Society will meet Tuesday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Williams Hall. All those interested in gardening, whether in pots or plots, are welcome. We have congenial fellowship and lively discussions, with solutions to gardening problems given. We also have a plant exchange.

Please call Jackie Van Dyne or Julanna Loveberg for more information.

**Happy New Year Trinity Family**

Our God has provided for our every need at Trinity Church in 2017. As we close 2017, all of our financial obligations will be met, and all of our missionaries will be paid. As we work on the budget for 2018, may we celebrate releasing control and

embrace God’s plan for the change and growth ahead. 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 in fresh ways at

Trinity Church in 2018!  
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	<b>November 2017 Final</b>	<b>December 2017</b> (As of 12/28/17)	<b>Year to Date 2017</b>
<b>BUDGETED INCOME</b>	\$32,762.80	\$32,762.80	\$360,390.76
<b>ACTUAL INCOME</b>	\$27,878.14	\$35,845.03	\$413,335.05
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>	<b>-\$ 4,884.66</b>	\$ 3,082.23	\$ 20,181.49
<b>CURRENT EXPENSE</b>	\$31,041.32	\$28,076.49	\$333,168.35
<b>INCOME – EXPENSE</b>	<b>-\$ 3,163.18</b>	\$ 7,768.54	\$ 80,166.70

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**Beginning January 10, 2018**

**Our Mid-Week  
Gathering Continues  
with a New  
Dinner Format**

**We are going to a potluck-style  
dinner format for our fellowship  
on Wednesday evenings.**

**5:00 p.m. – Gathering**

**5:30 p.m. – Potluck Dinner**

**6:30 p.m. – Study of I Corinthians**



We will have a rotating schedule based on last names to determine whether you bring a main dish, a side dish (such as potatoes), a green or fruit salad, or a dessert. Look for more information in the weekly bulletin announcements.

Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the paper goods, drinks, and cutlery.

**If you have any questions, please contact Yasmin or Pastor Jim.**

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