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June 23, 2019

Words from Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Trinity Presbyterian Church,

As we prepare to welcome a new pastor to Trinity Church, I thought it might be helpful for me to share with you a brief overview of how a person becomes a Presbyterian minister these days. Becoming a Presbyterian Minister is not an easy process. My journey through the process was so long ago that I've forgotten some of it, but I checked the current version of the Presbyterian Church Book of Order and noted these important pieces of the process:



Jim Rauch
Interim Pastor

Academic Requirements: To be a Presbyterian minister you need to complete a bachelor's degree (in practically any subject) at an accredited college or university. Then you need to complete a three or four year Master of Divinity degree at an accredited seminary or divinity school. It is preferable for Presbyterian pastors to attend one of the eleven Presbyterian seminaries in the United States. This is not always possible, and many Presbyterian pastors are being educated in non-denominational seminaries today (like Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, CA).

Ecclesiastical Requirements: The academic training is only one part of the preparation process for becoming a Presbyterian minister. Simply graduating from seminary with passing grades does not result in a person becoming a Presbyterian minister. There are significant steps carried out by the governing bodies of the churches that cannot be skipped. We call these the ecclesiastical requirements. The various presbyteries around the country are responsible for screening candidates for ministry to help in "testing" a person's call to ministry. Here are some of the requirements from the Book of Order and the local Presbytery:

Examination and acceptance into the process as an "Inquirer" by a church Session and a Presbytery.

Comprehensive psychological exam including several interviews with a licensed psychologist.

Passing grades on the nationally administered ordination exams in the areas of Reformed Theology, Worship & Sacraments, Polity (church government), Biblical Exegesis, and Bible Content. These requirements also include proficiency in both Greek and Hebrew.

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Supervised internships of at least 400 hours in at least two Presbyterian churches.

One basic unit (400 hours) of supervised Clinical Pastoral Education in an accredited chaplaincy program.

Examination and acceptance by Session and Presbytery as a “candidate” for ministry through and examination on sense of call.

Examination and acceptance by Presbytery as certified ready to circulate a resume and receive a call to parish ministry. Successful defense of a one-page statement of faith.

Final Step: A person must have a job offer (call) to an approved ministry position in a particular presbytery. If it is a call to a congregation, the congregation’s Pastor Nominating Committee and the entire congregation must vote to approve the calling and installing of the pastor. This step must also be voted on by the receiving presbytery which is also charged with examining the candidate’s faith statement and sense of call to the ministry. Until a person has a job as a pastor or chaplain, he or she cannot be ordained as a Presbyterian minister.

The local presbytery also sets minimum salary, vacation, and study leave requirements for the calling of pastors to that region. These employment obligations are referred to as the “terms of call” and they must be approved by the local congregation and the presbytery. In addition to the salary requirements of the local presbytery, there are also national requirements to participate in health insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits.

The process can be quite challenging, but it helps individuals

discern whether God has gifted them and called them to a position as a pastor. These are only the “technical” aspects of the preparation process. There is of course so much more involved, but this gives you an overview of the Presbyterian method for becoming a pastor.

Please continue to keep your new pastor and Trinity Church in your prayers over the next few months of

transition since it is both an exciting and challenging season for everyone.

I am thankful for the warm welcome that Elizabeth and I have received in our short season with all of you – and I know that you will offer the same hospitality and kindness to your next installed pastor.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim Rauch

An afternoon with the music of

Yanlin Li

featuring piano works by
J. S. Bach
Italian Concerto BWV 971

Ludwig van Beethoven
Sonata Op. 2 No. 3

Frédéric Chopin
Etudes Op. 10 No. 1, 8, & 12
Andante Spianato e Grande Polonaise Brillante Op. 22

Trinity
CHURCH
www.trinitypres.org

Saturday, June 15, 2019
2:30 P.M.
presented at
Trinity Church
3902 Kenwood Drive
Admission is **FREE**
An offering will be taken at intermission

Thank YOU! And an Update on Vacation Bible School

I want to thank each and every one of our amazing volunteers for all the help that you have given to me and to this ministry all throughout Kids Kingdom. You have volunteered for everything from helping with checking kids in, teaching Bible, helping with supervising outside, and assisting me in countless other ways. My most sincere thanks for ALL that you do!

Some tough decisions have been made about Vacation Bible School

(VBS) this year. After consulting with Pastor and a few of my volunteers, the decision has been made to offer a more limited program. We will be holding VBS Tuesday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 25th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We will also be limiting the number of attendees so if you have family members interested please register early! Thank you to those who have already spoken to me about volunteering your time but

we are still a long way from having enough help. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns.

Krista Young

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Summer is Around the Corner

The school year is almost over with only two and a half weeks left! The youth group has been working on writing encouraging letters to church members who are either injured or ill. If there are any members, who you think would benefit from such encouragement, please forward their contact information to me.

Additionally, I am looking for church members who are interested in speaking at youth group and sharing their testimony. As summer begins, I am hoping to see more youth attend

on Wednesdays. It is my goal this summer to lead the youth to Christ through guest speakers, fun games, summer camps, and exciting trips. Some upcoming events include Middle School Fun Night which is this Friday, May 31st from 6 pm to 9:30 pm, Future Quest (June 26-28th), and possibly Pine Valley Bible Conference in early August.

Finally, keep encouraging friends and family to come to Wednesday youth group and Sunday service.

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The 2018-2019 School Year Comes to an End

The 2018-2019 Trinity Christian School (TCS) year comes to an end with the eighth grade graduation to be held on Wednesday, June 12th at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be a reception for the families following the service in Williams Hall. The end of the year plans also include a 4th-8th grade drama play to be held on Thursday, June 6th in Williams Hall. You are all welcome to attend. A special Patriotic Chapel will be held on Friday, June 7th at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. Again, everyone is invited. Please come and invite friends and neighbors as this will be a wonderful way to reach out to the community!

The school office will be open during the summer months, but if you wish to come by, please call first because the hours and days will fluctuate. Registration is going well. We still have a few spots available for the

2019-2020 school year. Remember that there is a 20 percent discount afforded to all active Trinity Church members. This brings up the fact that Trinity Church has faithfully hosted the school for 50 years! It is with much appreciation and gratitude that we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of TCS next year. It has provided the surrounding communities a place where families can find small classroom sizes, strong academic achievement, positive character building and godly teachers who teach through a biblical worldview.

The school experienced a very sad loss last month with the sudden passing of Laurence "Larry" Ingraham. Larry organized and ran flag football games for middle school students. He made sure everyone got a chance to play and sportsmanship was the top priority. He developed a student

mentoring program for the eighth graders, some of whom plan to return next year to carry on the program in his honor. Larry also came along side of the eighth grade boys, especially the ones we referred to him to "speak to". He started our Watch DOGS program which involves "Dad's of Great Students" being on campus to interact with the students and staff in a wide variety of ways. The DOGS also provided another set of eyes and ears for campus security. Larry became so much a part of Trinity Christian School's culture that he will be mourned for quite a while. The service will be held at Foothills Church in El Cajon (because it has a large enough auditorium and parking) on June 9th at 2:00 p.m.

Sharon Axe
Principal

Jimmie Drummond
Principal



Upper left: **Larry Ingraham and Evan Johnson as Watch DOGS**

Lower left: **Second grade's "Camp Read-a-Lot."**



Above: **Trinity Christian School sings for Larry. The video of this performance will be shown at his memorial service on Sunday, June 9th at 2:00 p.m. at Foothills Church.**

God is Good - Always!

God is good - always! Even when situations are such that we cannot see the good, His love for us can carry us through.

The church office is rarely quiet and there is always something to do. Below are a few updates on what is (and is not) happening in my realm.

Lifewater Update

Good news! As of April 9, 2019, there are a total of 15 Healthy Homes in Kasambya Mbili and 12 Healthy Homes in Kasambya Moja. Kasambya Mbili and Kasambya Moja are the two villages we have sponsored through Lifewater.

A home is certified healthy when a family has adopted five healthy habits: washing hands with soap and water, storing and using water safely, building and using a bathroom with a roof and door, using a drying rack to keep dishes off the ground, and keeping the area around the home safe and clean.

When the 40 homes in each of the villages is designated a Healthy Home, the village will form a Water Board. This board will coordinate all further aspects of this project.

Sean Martin, our contact at Lifewater, visited Trinity Church on May 15th. He assured me that progress for each of these villages is a wonderful start. To have all the families on board with Healthy Homes will probably take a year or more. This is the most difficult part of the process because the families are asked to change habits that have been used for generations.

Meeting with Sean was a blessing for me and Barb Hughes who joined me. We had a great conversation about what to expect in the next two years or so. His passion to see others find salvation in Jesus and to help get resources to provide safe water to villages all around the world was inspiring.

On a lighter note, Sean had been playing for the worship team at Westminster Church when Pastor Jim was called. They had an opportunity to reminisce about times past.

Building Bridges

Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors was canceled due to an insufficient number of attendees. It could have been hard for me to write these words because it could mean

failure, but I have so much peace that this was one of those amazing "God-things." In order to explain all that this has meant, I would need more room than I have. Suffice it to say, God knew long before I did what He had in mind for this time. If you are curious, you are welcome to set up a time to meet and I would be happy to explain further.

I do not believe this is the end of *Building Bridges*, but merely a timing issue and look forward to facilitating this great adventure in the near future.

In Other News

Pastor Jim has been facilitating the Wednesday evening Bible study called "Christian: It's Not What You Think." I want to thank Pastor Jim for taking this on.

When this study is over, we will be taking the rest of the summer off. My prayer is that we all will sense God's working in us in this new season.

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Father's Day is June 16th!

CLIPPERS Yanlin

Saturday, June 15th

Please join us on June 15th for our monthly program. We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck dinner. Following this, we will join the rest of the congregation in the sanctuary for the Yanlin Li concert at 2:30 p.m. Please contact Pat Palmore at 444-6736 for further information.

**Check Out Page Two
for More Information
on this Concert!**

**Exotic Plant
Society
meets
June 27th in
Williams Hall**

Presbyterian Women

Below is the June schedule for Presbyterian Women.

Remember - ALL women who attend Trinity Church are members.

- June 4 |** 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting • Ward Center
- June 11 |** **The Gathering • Williams Hall**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study led by Linda Hensley
11:00 a.m. Russ and Debbie Chasteen & their Ministry
12:00 p.m. Lunch by Evening Circle
- June 18 |** 9:30 a.m. Crafts • Ward Center
6:30 p.m. Evening Circle - Debbie Torres' home
- June 19-20 |** Prepare for Rummage Sale
June 21-22 | **RUMMAGE SALE**
- June 25 |** 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle • Jackie Van Dyne's home

Trinity Church
Community
RUMMAGE SALE
3902 Kenwood Drive, Spring Valley

Friday June 21- 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Saturday June 22 -8:00 AM to NOON
SAVE THE DATE

**GET YOUR
RID OF
STUFF**

Children's items, clothes, jewelry, dishes,
furniture, books, and other gently used
items

Please bring donations to church
on Wednesday & Thursday, June 19-20, 11:00 AM
to 5:00 PM Williams Hall

**Request items be clean. furniture no larger
than midsize**

All proceeds mission dedicated

Greetings, Trinity Church Family!

We praise God that here at the end of May He has met all of our missions and ministry needs. God is good all the time.

If you find that you are behind in your giving, please catch up as soon as possible. Also, as you enjoy your summer plans, please remember

our Services and Ministries continue throughout the summer. If you will be gone an extended period of time, please consider taking advantage of our online and mobile giving options. You can use the link on our website (www.trinitypres.org), or contact me in the church office for more information. Hurry back to worship with us, you are

a valuable part of our Trinity Church family and we miss you when you are gone.

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	April 2019 Final	May 2019 (As of 5/28/19)	Year to Date 2019 (As of 5/28/19)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 31,383.63	\$ 31,383.63	\$156,918.15
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 30,968.59	\$ 23,016.07	\$ 141,202.56
DIFFERENCE	- \$ 415.04	- \$ 8,367.56	- \$ 15,715.59
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 29,854.36	\$ 27,231.07	\$ 162,750.40
INCOME – EXPENSE	- \$ 1,114.23	\$ 4,215.00	- \$ 21,547.84

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Coming **SOON!**

- **The Church picnic will be on Sunday, JUNE 30TH right after the worship service.**
- **The Vendor event (canceled due to weather) has been rescheduled for SATURDAY, JULY 6TH!**
- **The next Press will be a July/August issue. All items will be due June 23rd.**

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