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Words from Our Pastor

During the Season of Lent that just culminated with our celebration of Jesus' resurrection, I spent some time reading *Grace Notes*, a book of excerpts from many other books by author Philip Yancey.

Among the daily readings was the following:

My pastor in Chicago, Bill Leslie, used the illustration of an old hand-operated pump. He sometimes felt like such a pump, he said. Everyone who came along would reach up and pump vigorously a few times, and each time he felt something drain out of him. Finally, he was approaching a point of "burnout," when he had nothing more to give. He felt dry, desiccated.

In the midst of this period, Bill went on a weeklong retreat and expressed these thoughts to his designated spiritual director, a very wise nun. He expected her to offer soothing words about what a wonderful, sacrificial person he was. Instead, she said, "Bill, there's only one thing to do if your reservoir is dry. You've got to go deeper."

He realized on that retreat that for his outward journey to continue, he needed to give a higher priority to his inner journey. In the record of Jesus' ministry on earth, I see only one time when he approached a state resembling anything like "burnout." In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus fell prostrate on the ground and prayed. Sweat fell from him like drops of blood. His prayers took on an uncharacteristic tone of pleading. He "offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death," Hebrews says (5:7), but of course Jesus knew he would not be saved from death. As that awareness grew inside him, Jesus felt distress. Somehow, in Gethsemane Jesus worked through that crisis by transferring the burden to the Father. It was God's will he had come to do, after all, and his prayer resolved into the words, "Yet not as I will, but as you will" (26:39).

I pray for that sense of detachment, of trust. I pray that I could see my work, my life, as an offering to God each day. God and God alone is qualified to help me negotiate the slippery path between love for others and love for myself.

As we continue our journey of faith together, I would encourage us all to "go deeper" with Jesus Christ. Deepening our close connection with Him, our prayers for others, deepening our love for one another, our care for our neighbors and surrounding community will enable us to be faithful and persevering in our call to make disciples in a healthy community of faith.

Would you also go deeper in praying for the next pastor of Trinity – that God will lead our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to the right person at the right time.

On the journey with Jesus,
Pastor Jim



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Easter Week at Trinity Church

Easter week at Trinity Church is always a special time with wonderful events. This year was no different. We've endeavored to describe them below.

Easter week began on Palm Sunday, March 25th. It was a beautiful service with the lilies, banners, and children parading down the aisles, waving palm leaves.

Tuesday, March 27th, the Prayer Walk began. From noon to 7:00 p.m. for four days, people were encouraged to take a contemplative walk through 13 stations. The purpose of the walk was to prepare for Easter and to encourage a deeper love of Jesus.

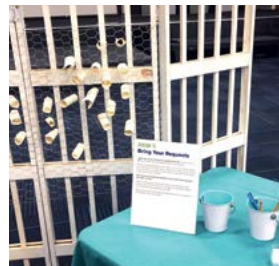
We had a moving Good Friday service prepared by Bill Coe, our Director of Music. All the participants were dressed in black. The advent wreath was set up in the middle of the stage with all the candles lit. In between selected passages from the Bible read by Rebecca DeBrau and reflections by Pastor Jim, the candles were extinguished one by one. By the end of the service, only the main candle remained lit. As Leigh Taylor sang "Were You There?," the communion table was draped in a black cloth. It was a solemn service, remembering the incredible sacrifice made by our Lord and Savior to bring us to Himself.

As is customary, we had our sunrise service. Though it was foggy and we didn't see the sunrise, we knew our Light, Jesus, had risen - He had risen indeed. Clippers provided a generous and delicious continental breakfast after the service.

In contrast to the Good Friday Service, our regular Easter service was filled with joy at the resurrection of Jesus! With beautiful worship songs and resounding hymns, a message that encouraged us to trust Jesus, communion, and a glorious rendition of the "Hallelujah!" chorus sung by the choir and congregation, Resurrection Sunday was celebrated jubilantly.



Station #1 - Letting Go
This first station asked participants to let go of those things that could hinder God speaking through the walk using bubbles or popsicle sticks.



Station #5 - Bring Your Requests
At this station, prayer requests were written on slips of paper and put in the "wall" as is done at the Wailing Wall in Israel.



Station #8 - Jesus, Servant King
Matzah, the bread served at the Last Supper, was eaten as a symbol of Jesus' body as participants reflected on the King of kings as a Servant King - giving his life for many.



Station #9 - Falling in Love
Various reflections on Jesus were taped to the cross. Using these quotes, participants were asked to write on a red heart how they spoke to their personal love of Jesus.



Station #10 - Get Out of the Boat
Participants were encouraged to write down those things of which they are frightened that keep them from getting closer to Jesus and following Him. After folding the paper, they were asked to place them in the bottom of the boat.



Station #12 - Pray for the World
On this table were photos of people from every nation except the United States. Participants were asked to pray and pick a photo. On the back of the photo was the name of the country the photo represented. They were asked to pray for that country that they would find and know Jesus.



Station #13 - Jar of Promises
This last station asked participants to pray as they picked a scripture of promise and encouragement from the jar.

Journey with Jesus

We had a wonderful time celebrating Easter Sunday here on the hill. We shared the amazing story of how Jesus rose from the dead and illustrated that point in a very yummy way by making Resurrection Rolls.

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for our Easter egg hunt. With the help of the youth group, we

stuffed over 800 eggs! The children had a great time collecting them all and, judging by the crowd that gathered, the rest of us had fun just watching.

As we move forward into April, we will be continuing our tour through Israel as we "Journey with Jesus," watching Jesus' ministry come to life. We would love to have you join us! Kids

Kingdom meets every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., and we are always looking for faithful followers of Jesus to guide the kids along their lifelong journey with Christ.

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Youth Group

The Trinity Talent Show is Coming!

March was a merry month for the Trinity youth group. We relaxed at our first movie night of the year, the girls got together for a Girl's Night In, and we had our first fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast! This fundraiser raised money for summer camp and other events.

On May 6th, we will have another fundraiser, our Trinity Dinner and Talent show. We hope you will let your inner star shine, and come out to audition for the show! The audition days will be Sunday, April 15th from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and Friday, April 20th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there!

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The SWEET Month of March

*Fear the Lord and serve Him;
remember the sweet things He has
done.* | Samuel 12:24

March has been a SWEET month at Trinity Christian School (TCS) with our annual Serve-a-Thon, the Drama Club production of “Wonka” (a Christian version of Willy Wonka from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory), a very special chapel in honor of grandparents, and ending with the TCS students celebrating the resurrection of Jesus!

The Serve-a-thon

We are thankful for the participation of the many people that made Serve-a-Thon so successful. Through the amazing generosity of caring people supporting the TCS motto of “Academic Excellence - Faith in

Action”, more than \$22,600 was raised. There were 19 corporate sponsors that supported the vision of kids serving in the community to help raise much needed funds for their school. We are also thankful for the generosity of Trinity Church members, TCS parents and families, and the donations that poured in, not just around San Diego County, but from all over the state and country.

The Drama Club Presents

The TCS Drama Club production of “Wonka” was enjoyed by everyone who attended this fabulous presentation. With over 50 TCS students involved in the after school Drama Club, there were many parents and family members from throughout San Diego County who made their way to Williams Hall on Friday evening, March 9th.

Our Grandparents Chapel

Respect and honor are two character qualities that are intentionally nurtured in our students at TCS. One of the ways we help to instill these important values is by teaching the children to honor their grandparents and show respect for the older generation. TCS students invited their grandparents and other special seniors in their lives to a very special chapel with the theme, “How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You.” It was enjoyed by all with standing-room-only in Williams Hall. It was especially enjoyed by our own Trinity Church grandparents with students in the school: Dave and Jackie VanDyne (grandson Henry); Steve and Gretchen Ballmer (grandson Jack); and Dave and Linda Shepersky (granddaughter Mya).

Sharon Axe
Principal

**Jimmie
Drummond**
Principal

“Wonka” (a Christian version of Charlie & the Chocolate Factory)



At top: The entire “Wonka” cast. At top right: Kya Taylor. At bottom right: Riley Casey.



Check out the photos from Grandparent’s Chapel and the Preschool Easter Egg Hunt on the next page.

Reflections on Easter & Our Mission Trip

I am writing this as I sit the Prayer Walk. I have the luxury of looking out the double doors of Williams Hall to a most delightful sight.

The sky is bright blue with both fluffy and windswept clouds drifting by slowly. The mountains across the valley are clear. The haze that so often dims the view of them is gone. The color all around speaks of an earth that is bright and expectant.

I find it an emotional resting place after a busy day. I sense the presence of God and His overwhelming love for me – it permeates my soul and mind.

March proved to be crazy in every way possible – physically draining, emotionally exhausting, and mentally challenging. In all of it, I found myself learning to trust God in ways I have

not previously. I saw God bring events together, solved issues, and give peace to my heart.

Our Mission Trip

Now I will begin plans on a new project – our two-week, at-home Mission Trip. We will be ministering to our Muslim neighbors in Rancho San Diego and El Cajon. In our own backyard, live the largest concentration of Middle Easterners outside of Dearborn, Michigan. Many of these immigrants consider themselves Muslims. We also have some of the best ministry training available right here.

Though plans are in the beginning stages, I hope to have a team from Trinity Church who will train, eat, pray, and minister together. We will be able

to sleep in our own beds, but our days and evenings will be spent as they would on a missions trip to some far away land.

I recently spoke to one of the primary people involved in ministry to Muslims in San Diego County. He is so excited about this project. No church in our county has ever considered this kind of dedicated outreach.

Please pray for me as I plan, pray for those to be called to this team, and prayerfully consider being part of this groundbreaking project.

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Grandparents Chapel

Trinity Church members who have grandchildren in the school:
Steve and Gretchen Ballmer (grandson Jack)
Dave and Jackie VanDyne (grandson Henry)
Dave and Linda Shepersky (granddaughter Mya)



Preschool Easter Egg Hunt



You're Invited

Cheryl Lilhanand,
daughter of

Sam Smith,
would like to invite
those of you who
knew her father to his
memorial service on
Sunday, May 20th,
at 11:30 a.m. in the
Sanctuary.

If you have any
questions, please
contact Yasmin in the
church office.

Presbyterian Women

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

- April 3 |** 9:30 a.m. - Board Meeting • Ward Center
- April 10 |** **The Gathering • Williams Hall**
9:30 a.m. Bible Study with Barbara Wells
10:30 a.m. Business Meeting
11:00 a.m. **Military Outreach Ministry**
Barbara Chavez, Director
12:00 p.m. Luncheon by Circle Three
- April 17 |** 9:30 a.m. Crafts • Ward Center
6:30 p.m. Circle 3 • Debbie Torres' home
- April 24 |** 9:30 a.m. Circle 1 and 2 • Lois Moravec's Home
- April 27-29 |** **WOMEN'S RETREAT** at Pine Valley Christian
Conference Center - **ALL money due April 8th!**



CLIPPER'S AUCTION FOR MISSIONS

Saturday, April 21, 2018

12:45 p.m. • Lunch | 2:00 p.m. • Auction

All proceeds will go to support our missionaries.

*Look, seek, and find what you can bring.
We can sell almost anything.*

*For those of you who like to bake,
Bring pie or jelly, cookies or cake.
Candy's dandy!
Host a dinner!
Be a winner!*

*Nothing new,
nothing too old,
Always bright beautiful and bold.
Auctions both silent and real,
James can surely make it a deal!*

*Words do make a song –
Going, going, going, gone!*



James Scholder, world-renowned
auctioneer, will be presiding over
the festivities.

We will meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic
1:00 p.m. potluck luncheon. *(Please
Note: This is several hours earlier than
our normal time).*

Guests are always welcome.

Please contact Debbie Torres at 916-
7803 or Venita Barry at
698-4545 for further information.

Greetings, Trinity Family!

As we worship the Lord with our financial gifts, God richly blesses us as a church in many ways. Currently, we are in the process of working in the Sanctuary, repainting and upgrading our audio-visual system. We have been able to meet all of our financial obligations for March, including our missions donations. The Finance Committee continues to be watchful and mindful of how your gifts are used to support this property and God's work.

I hope you know by now that we have started offering online and mobile giving! A few people have taken advantage of the convenience of this "set and forget it" way to give tithes and offerings. Online giving allows you to pay your tithe, bless a missionary, or donate to PW, Youth Group, Children's Ministry, or TCS right from your computer or smart phone. Also, if you want the ease of secure, automatic giving but you don't like to use computers, I have

a form you can fill out where I can process giving for you according to your instructions. If you want more information, or have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me in the church office at 619-465-3011 or at rebecca@trinitypres.org.

Blessings to you and yours as we celebrate with joy that Christ is Risen!

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	February 2017 Final	March 2018 (As of 3/29/18)	Year to Date 2018
BUDGETED INCOME	\$34,291.51	\$35,291.51	\$103,874.53
ACTUAL INCOME	\$24,174.08	\$27,552.65	\$103,151.95
DIFFERENCE	-\$10,117.43	- \$ 7,738.86	-\$ 722.58
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$18,706.92	\$37,705.55	\$103,637.26
INCOME – EXPENSE	\$5,467.16	-\$10,152.90	-\$485.31

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Come and Audition for the Trinity Church Talent Show!

We would love you to come audition for the Trinity Church Dinner and Talent Show happening Sunday, May 6th. The proceeds from this event will benefit our youth group.

If you have a song to sing, a poem to recite, a dance to perform, if you play a musical instrument, or have some other amazing talent, we'd love to have you come and audition on:

**Sunday, April 15th • 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or
Friday, April 20th • 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
in Williams Hall.

Exotic Plant Society

**We will meet Tuesday,
April 24th at 7:00 p.m. in
Williams Hall.**

All visitors are welcome.

Come discuss how to grow any kind of plant successfully. We also have a plant exchange. Please call Jackie Van Dyne or Julanna Loveberg for more information.

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