# A Place to Belong

**April 2019** 

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### **Words from Our Pastor**

s I thought about writing this article, I turned to the Internet searching for "famous farewell addresses." The top ten included speeches by General Douglas MacArthur, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Lou Gehrig, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and to my delight, the "Farewell Discourse of Jesus Christ."

The article stated that "following the Last Supper, on the night before his crucifixion, Jesus addressed his 11 faithful disciples, as described by chapters 14-17 in the Gospel of John. Briefly, Jesus told the Apostles that he would be leaving and that the Holy Spirit would be guiding them after he leaves.



**Jim Wilson** *Interim Pastor* 

"Jesus bestowed peace on his disciples and commanded that they love each other. Jesus also describes himself as the "vine" from which all life stems, with the Apostles as branches of the vine."

That's a good summary of Jesus' powerful farewell address. I want to borrow from it and convey some of my words of farewell.

Yes, I am leaving the role of Interim Pastor, but the Holy Spirit of God will guide you and encourage you and empower you to continue ministry to the glory of God. Rev. Dr. Jim Rauch will be stepping in beginning April 8th (Rev. Greg Tyree will be preaching on April 7th) to serve as a Temporary Pastor until the permanent pastor arrives. Jim is a good man with a heart for God and passion for making Jesus known.

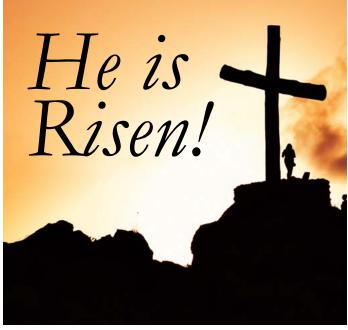
"Jesus bestowed peace on his disciples." Connie and I will continue to pray for Trinity Church and School. We have been asking for God's peace to be with you all as you enter the future God has for this congregation. "Jesus commanded that they love one another." Love for one another is a hallmark of Trinity Church. Keep up the good work of loving God, loving one another, and loving your neighbor. "Jesus described himself as the "vine ..." Abide in him, be connected to him, and draw your strength from him. Continue to trust in and follow Jesus into the next chapter in the history of Trinity Church. Be filled with the Holy Spirit and passionate about people knowing the love of God.

Thank you for loving, encouraging, and blessing us over the past two-and-a-half years.

With love and gratitude for you,

Pastor Jim





# Check out this new event in May!

If you would like to participate as a vendor or a sponsor, please see the information below. This is an event brought to you by Presbyterian Women for the benefit of our missionaries. Mark your calendar and save the date for this unique opportunity!

SD SMALL BUSINESS FORUM PRESENTS

#### TRINITY COMMUNITY VENDORS EVENT

COME AND ENJOY A DAY FULL OF FUN. A VERY SPECIAL DAY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR BEAUTIFUL MOTHERS.

SHOPPING AREA , MUSIC, KIDS ZONE, FOOD. RAFFLE PRIZES AND MUCH MORE

\*\*\*\* SATURDAY MAY 11, 2019



FROM 12 TO 5 PM 3902 KENWOOD DRIVE SPRING VALLEY CA 91977



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# We Need Candy and Such for Easter!

s we look forward, it's time once again for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 21st. If you are interested in donating wrapped candy or small toys/stickers, please bring them to the church office Sunday, April 14th.

It's also time to start thinking about VBS. This year we will be using

Shipwrecked by Group. I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to see what God has in store for us! Last year we maxed out registration and I am anticipating a strong response again this year. Please block off your calendars now for the week of July 22nd – July 26th. This is an amazing source of outreach for Trinity Church

and it's not possible without the help of an amazing group of volunteers.

#### Krista Young

Children's Ministries Director

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**Youth Ministries** 

### Joe Burke Comes on Board as Youth Director

Joe Burke teaches Physical Education at Trinity Christian School. He has a heart for kids and is excited to become a part of the Trinity Church staff in the position of Director of Youth Ministries.

he Trinity Youth Group has been having tremendous amounts of fun these last couple of weeks.

We recently went on our Spring Retreat out in Julian. We paired up with the Cloud 9 Youth Group and stayed at an AirBnB on an 11 acre property. It was the perfect atmosphere for games and fellowship. We played laser tag, stranger things tag, lacrosse, and trashcan. We spent some time worshiping the Lord and had some exciting devotionals.

On Saturday, we hiked Stonewall Peak which rises above the Cuyamaca Valley. The students enjoyed seeing all the nature around them. Next, we went to the California Wolf Center which focuses on restoring the species that they consider to be the keystone of North American environments. It was a unique opportunity for the youth to see a wolf in their natural habitat. Then, we went shopping around downtown Julian. On the way back, we stopped by Dudley's Bakery and bought some pies.

Roughly 15 students have been attending our youth group every

Wednesday. Please encourage your students to bring a friend to Youth Group.

We have an event next Friday, April 5th, called "Middle School Fun Night." This is a great opportunity for your student to bring a friend or family member to attend! They do not need to be Trinity members. We will be playing games, engaging in worship, and delving deeper in fellowship and connection. Thank you all for your prayers!

Joe Burke Youth Ministries Director joe@trinitypres.org 619-465-3011 x111







# The Serv-a-thon was a Wonderful Opportunity

e are finishing up our annual Serve-a-thon for 2019. We want to extend a BIG THANK YOU to all those who contributed to this event. It appears that over \$22,000 has been collected so far. The students enjoyed serving their community in various ways (Ronald McDonald House, Blessing Bags for homeless, letters to military personnel, beach clean up, rest home visit, Feeding America, planting trees and park clean up).

The funds will be put to purposeful use by subsidizing our STEAM Programs (Science, Technology,

Engineering, Arts, and Math). It helps to provide supplemental items that make learning more meaningful such as field trips, special speakers or presentations, equipment and resources not available through our budget. Thank you again for your gracious gift-giving. It is greatly appreciated.

April brings with it a focus on our Savior's sacrifice. It reminds us of all that Jesus suffered on our behalf and yet we can rejoice as we celebrate His resurrection. We have eternal life and our hope is in His promises. In recognition of this, Trinity Christian School will be closed between April 15th to the 26th for our Easter Break.

Kindergarten through eighth grade students will be taking their Terra Nova testing during the week of April first through fifth. Sixth grade will be away at camp during the week of April 8th to 11th. Everyone will be back to school on April 29th.

HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER as we celebrate together God's provision through His Son JESUS CHRIST.

HAPPY EASTER!

Sharon Axe Principal

Jimmie Drummond

Principal

#### **Photos from our Recent Serv-a-thon**









# What's Up with Our Missionaries?

Here is a brief update on some of the missionaries we support as a church.

#### **Betty Barnett**



Betty Barnett left about a week ago to head across the globe for the third and final module of the Author's Training School she has been co-leading over the past six months. Please pray that Betty, the other teachers, and the students will "finish well," especially those students who have significant missions books in the making! The enemy is attacking them in various areas, but God wants them to grow and lean more desperately into Him. She returns home right before Easter.

She is also leading the missions team at her church in Colorado Springs. She would appreciate prayers for wisdom as the church and the team continue to grow.

#### **Mary Hopkins**

MARY HOPKINS recently wound up a week-long writing workshop. She had five students representing four languages. All had written their language before, but three of the students had never known how to type

their language, nor had they made literature and reading materials on a computer before. All expressed that they had learned a LOT and were excited to return to their communities to teach others what they had learned.

Her next workshop on how to write lessons to teach reading and writing begins on April 15th and



runs for three weeks. It is a difficult workshop to teach, requires staff that are detail-oriented and have lots of patience, and the speakers of the indigenous languages need to be experts in writing their language. It is not for beginners. As of yet she has no staff lined up (and no students signed up so far, but it is far too early for that). Please pray for a couple of more staff to help with this workshop.

Building Bridges with Our Muslim Neighbors is fast approaching! All the speakers are lined up, brochures are printed, and online registration is set up. Please pray that God brings the right people to this unique experience.

I am continuing to get more training in dealing with people in various stages of trauma, building programs that include trauma-informed care, and furthering my Arabic/Islamic studies. Using the Qur'an as a bridge to the Gospel is an amazing experience.

#### **Chris Moyer**

CHRIS MOYER and his family live in the town of Gizors, France. He is the grandson of Harley and Betty Smith. They are in their first year; the children and Laura are in the middle of language learning. Chris already speaks French since he grew up as a child of missionaries in France.

#### Rebecca DeBreau

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### **CLIPPERS**

# **Elder Help**

# Gretchen Velhl Saturday, April 20th

Please join us on April 20th for our monthly program. Our speaker will be Gretchen Veihl from ElderHelp, an organization that provides personalized services and information that help seniors remain independent and live with dignity in their own homes. These services include grocery shopping, home safety inspections. paperwork organization, gardening, social outings, and personal visits.

We meet at 12:45 p.m. for a fantastic 1:00 p.m. potluck luncheon. GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. Please contact Norma Mondeck at 466-2367 or Nona Eichelberger at 660-0188 for further information.

# **Presbyterian Women**

Below is the April schedule for Presbyterian Women.

Remember - ALL women who attend Trinity Church are members.

April 2 | 9:30 a.m. Board Meeting • Ward Center

April 9 | The Gathering • Williams Hall

9:30 a.m. Bible Study • Williams Hall

11:00 a.m. Program - A pictorial history of PW

"Years Gone By"

12:00 p.m. Lunch by Evening Circle

April 16 | 9:30 a.m. Crafts • Ward Center

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

April 23 | 9:30 a.m. Morning Circle • Pat Palmore's house

Retreat April 26, 27 & 28 in Pine Valley!

RUMMAGE SALE IN JUNE!

#### TRINITY CHURCH & BRIDGE BUILDERS NETWORK INVITE YOU TO



Learn and grow with others during this unique two-week immersion into local Muslim communities and culture, with training and outreach opportunities to share the love of Jesus.

### June 3 - 15, 2019

First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon • Bailey Hall
500 FARRAGUT CIRCLE • EL CAJON, CA 92020



#### You will learn to:

- · Be a cultural learner.
- Interact with Muslim refugees and new immigrants.
- Experience the food, language, activities, and other cultural norms of Muslim refugee and immigrant groups.
- Understand Islam: its impact on Muslim culture and community, and Muslims' perceptions of Christianity.
- Discover needs in these communities and develop long term strategies to serve them.
- Effectively express the love of Jesus and communicate the Gospel.

A "STAY-CATION" WITH A PURPOSE

"Giving represents our response to the generosity of God." Author Unknown

#### Hello, Trinity Church Family!

In the joy of the Easter season, the resurrection of Christ gives renewed hope and peace to all of us. Your support of Trinity Church allows us to carry on the mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus. It is an

important message for our world to hear. Thank you for all the ways you support Trinity Church spiritually, personally, and financially. God will reward our faithfulness! Rebecca Casey Financial Administrator rebecca@trinitypres.org 619-465-3011 x108

	February 2019 Final	<b>March 2019</b> (As of 3/21/19)	<b>Year to Date 2019</b> (As of 3/21/19)
BUDGETED INCOME	\$ 31,383.63	\$ 31,383.63	\$ 94,150.89
ACTUAL INCOME	\$ 36,386.57	\$ 21,007.67	\$ 77,824.32
DIFFERENCE	\$ 5,002.94	- \$ 10,375.96	- \$16,326.57
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$ 31,458.47	\$ 22,627.68	\$ 90,770.08
INCOME - EXPENSE	\$ 4,928.10	- \$ 1,620.01	\$12,945.76

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# **Easter Schedule**

**April 18th - Maundy Thursday:** Seder Dinner • 5:30 p.m.

Reservations requested

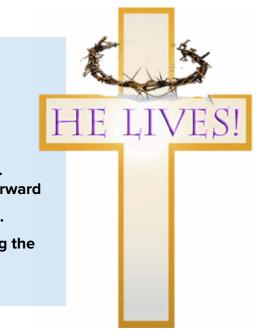
April 21st - Easter Sunday: Sunrise Service • 6:30 a.m.

**Continental Breakfast afterward** 

Regular Service • 9:30 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt • following the

regular service





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