

April 2016

# Trinity Press

And I am certain that  
God, who began the  
good work within  
you, will continue  
his work until it is  
finally finished  
on the day when  
Christ Jesus  
returns.

— Philippians 1:6



## Sunday Worship Services

10:00 am English

12:00 pm Spanish

Child care at all Worship Services

Nursery & Preschool

Room 7

Sunday School Classes

Grades K—6 Room 3

## Communion Sunday

Sunday, April 3

## New Member Class

Friday, April 8, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm &  
Saturday, April 9, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

## Adult Bible Study

Sunday, April 17, 11:15 am

## Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, April 17, begins at 11:45 am

## Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, April 21, begins at 6:30 pm



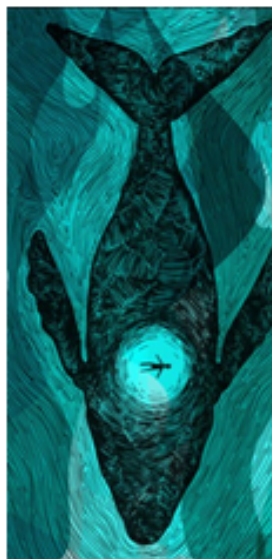
## E-Mail \*

### JONAH!

#### E-Mail

Most of us know the story of Jonah. Jonah brought a community of people together in order to build up their relationship with God. Jonah is going to do that again with Trinity.

Maria Ibeth and Miryam, the two Latina Pastoras and I are teaming together to bring the message of Jonah to the entire Trinity family. We will be preaching from Jonah starting in May. Our goal is to join our church together as one family as we hear a message from the same book each Sunday.



Please join us for service, either at 10 am in English or 12pm in Spanish as we dive into the story of Jonah and what it means for our lives today.

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

\* Pastor Eric's mail

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## Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of Session on March 15, 2016, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- We are financially sound this month due to the extreme budget cuts implemented for this coming year.
- Approved vacation for the pastor December 26, 2016 – January 3, 2017, and study leave May 24-31, 2016 and September 21-27, 2016.
- Named Carol Davis as chairperson to Children and Youth Ministries.
- The Latino Ministry Marriage Workshop was enthusiastically received and will be continued for at least two more sessions.
- The Latino Ministry will begin their monthly family picnic on April 24<sup>th</sup> and all are welcome; Spanish speaker and English speaker alike.
- Discussed the critical state of the roof which badly needs to be replaced. Also brainstormed ways to raise the needed funds. This will be discussed further at the Session Retreat in April.
- Approved continuing to have one English Sunday service at 10:00 am. The Worship Team will re-evaluate

in August and determine if we should go to two services by “Back to Church Sunday.”

- Ken Trott will begin an adult class about the Gospel Mark on April 17<sup>th</sup> following the 10:00 am service.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

## Latino Ministry

**Marriage Workshops** Pastoras Miryam Osorio and Maria Ibeth Holtzer are leading a well-received marriage workshop and breakfast. The first session was held on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Sixteen adults participated, including singles and six couples. The workshops will continue for at least two more sessions, the next being on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, with the third scheduled for Saturday, May 21. The Spanish language sessions are from 7:30 a.m. to Noon.

**A Music-Filled Worship Service** A worship service will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> built around highly-regarded Christian musician Carlos Crespo. All are welcome.

**Family Picnics** The Latino Ministry family picnics will resume on the last Sundays of each month, beginning April 24<sup>th</sup>. All are

welcome. The picnics begin at 3:00 p.m. at Linden Park.

**Bible Study** A Wednesday evening Bible study class in Spanish began in February. The class is a foundational study of the Bible led by Rosy Luna and Gabriel Garcia.

### Money Matters: Per Capita

Perhaps one of the most confusing aspects of how the Presbyterian Church functions is "**per-capita**". Each year our church encourages its members to pay their per-capita apportionment. Why do we do this? Where does this money go?

One of the great strengths of our denomination is that it is so inter-connected. Trinity is tied to the larger church in ministry. One form of that connection is through our per-capita. Every Presbyterian church in the country is required to pay a certain amount for each active member on its rolls. This money goes to support the work and ministry of our church throughout the country. Each governing body above our Session has staff members and expenses that support the work of the church. These individuals have no congregation to support their ministry, but they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church.

This year Trinity's per-capita apportionment is **\$27.00** per member, which is split for the work of our General Assembly PC USA (\$7.12), the Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22), Presbytery of Sacramento (\$13.66), and the Presbytery's New Church Development Fund (\$1.00).

Many people have the misperception that per-capita is their annual "Presbyterian membership dues". Not true. Our church isn't a fraternal or service organization that dismisses members for unpaid dues. Yes, Trinity is required to pay its per-capita to the larger church. If members are unwilling or unable to pay, then the money will be taken out of our operating budget to complete our per-capita obligation. This has a negative financial impact on other church programs.

If you haven't done so already, please make out a check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$27.00 for each active church member in your household. Make a note on your check that it is to be used for per capita. Mail your check to the church office or simply put it in the offering plate on Sunday.



## February Out-of-the-Box (OOTB)

February's OOTB was great as usual! Everyone enjoyed the event, even in the cold and dark. Toni offered eight large tubs of clothes, books and miscellaneous household items to give away. The food bags were full of surprise goodies, and people loaded up as much as they could carry away. Those with extra-large grocery carts were the envy of everyone.

A large number of people were on foot and had walked a long distance in bad weather. Some homeless people had come all the way from behind IKEA and Walmart, where there is a camp that is exposed to the elements and uncomfortable compared to in town. Let's hope our food and other items help them survive. Other homeless people walked from Social Services at 500 Jefferson, where they are allowed to shelter under the overhang and use the restrooms (as long as they are quiet and don't make a mess). It's only a few minutes away by car but is a sizeable walk on foot.

Another two women came by bus from Broderick near the river. They had to arrive early and wait, due to the bus schedule. Was there a bus that night or did they have to walk home?

Others had bicycles. It was amazing to see how they were able to balance "so many bags" on their bikes without crashing.

It was inspiring to see how many people braved the elements, and, as always, the high point of the event was when Pastor Eric stood on the planter and spoke to us! And all God's children said, "Amen."



## Out-of-the-Box Ministries

Hello Trinity family!

One of your practical local missions, **Out-of-the-Box Ministries**, just finished packing over 150 bags of groceries for the month of March. This marks our 9<sup>th</sup> year of providing food to West Sacramento Families.

Our Mission is to Feed People Whenever Possible!

**Out-of-the-Box** is a food ministry that provides a bag of groceries to every local family who comes through our doors, every month of the year. **Out-of-the-Box** operates only by volunteers. All funds received go directly to buying food or supplies necessary for distributing that food.

One **Out-of-the-Box** food bag typically provides 36 individual meals.

On Average, one **Out-of-the-Box** Bag feeds:

One person for 12 Days with three meals a day, or

A family of four for three Days; three meals a day.

This equals 5,400 meals each month or nearly 65,000 meals over a year!

Are you interested in feeding people? Would you like to help us? So what do we need most? You!

Every month we need a small army of volunteers to make it all possible.

Can you lift a can of food, fill a bag of groceries on an assembly line, and be willing to let God use you in a way that, may even change your life? Then you qualify and are invited to join us!

Please visit our Facebook page to see more and to stay up to date:

[www.facebook.com/ootbwefeedpeople](http://www.facebook.com/ootbwefeedpeople)

Blessings,

Jesse Schlunegger and the Mission and Outreach Ministry Team



## April Birthdays



Savannah Watson	1
Dennis Metcalf	6
Luke Schlunegger	6
Glenda Dahms	7
Ed Metcalf	11
Darby Vickery	14
Lila Hanson Ramirez	17
Morgan Schultz	20
Kami Rasmussen	23
Kathy Trott	23
Joe Sokolich	26
Janet Bagdazian	29

## Scrapbooking is Expanding!

Trinity has a small group of scrapbookers who meet the second and fourth Fridays of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, excluding holidays or other scheduled church activities (e.g. we do not meet on Good Friday if there is a conflict with our regularly scheduled meeting.)

We would like to expand the group to make it a scrapbooking and crafts small group. Your craft should be something that is easily portable to and from church. For example, if you make cards, paint with watercolors, or make one-of-a-kind jewelry, you may want to join us. We offer friendship, great conversation, prayer and delicious snacks. If this sounds like a small group you would be interested in joining, please plan to attend one of our meetings. We look forward to meeting you and learning about your craft!



## Meet Your Church Officers!

### Glenda Dahms – Deacon

I was born in Springfield, Missouri in 1944. My parents headed west for a new life in 1945 and settled in West Sacramento—I have been here ever since. I was baptized at about age 7 at the “Quonset hut” which is now a school district building at the corner of West Acre and Evergreen. My mother, Carrie Barber, was an early member of Trinity when it was West Sacramento Community Church. Growing up, and as an adult, I attended several different churches including Trinity.

In 1965, Al and I were married at Trinity by Rev. Archie Marston. Our daughter Kelli and husband Chris were also married at Trinity by Rev. David Templin. Both Kelli and our son Brian were baptized here. Through the years our family has developed life-long friendships with our Church Family.

My most important career was raising my family, but I also worked outside the home, both part-time and full-time. In 2000, I retired from the State Employment Development Department as a Senior Tax Compliance Representative. Yes, the dreaded tax collector.

I have been involved in many things at Trinity including Clerk of Session, Adult and

Children’s Choir Director, Choir member, small groups (currently Trinity Threads Together), Out-of-the-Box, Sunday School, Bible school, Goody Bags, Kwik Kwiltz for Kidz, Deacons (this is my second go-around), and I might be known as a general, over-all troublemaker!

This is my last year on Board of Deacons. I am enjoying working with this current Board—they have drive and determination to “get the job done.” The Lord has brought this group together not only to do the job Deacons are called to do, but to also forge new and lasting relationships with each other, our pastor, our congregation, our community, and most importantly—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

Al and I love to travel...we try to take RV trips to see this great country as much as we are able.

We also like to spend time with our family including granddaughters Carrie (15) and Kayla (12).

Blessings to all,

Glenda Dahms





## Patricia Terry – Elder

Resident of Sacramento since May, 2002. I was born and reared in Memphis, where I began attending Parkway Gardens Presbyterian Church in Memphis at the age of four. As a youth, I attended church and Sunday school regularly, as well as our Pioneer and Senior High Youth Fellowships.

As an adult, I served in various capacities: choir member, Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent, Presbyterian Women's Circle Chair, youth advisor, Bible School coordinator, and special programs coordinator. I served as an elder for the first time in 1983, and again in the mid-nineties when I was selected as Clerk of Session.

I joined Trinity Presbyterian Church in January of 2005, where I am now in my second term as an elder. I have also taught an adult Bible class, served on various sessional teams, and participated in the music ministry of Trinity.

I am a retired educator who enjoys reading, meeting new people, and spending time with my family.

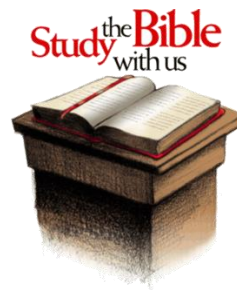


## Bible Study

A study of the Gospel of Mark is being offered this Spring. Ken Trott will be leading this study. The 45-minute study will begin April 17 at 11:15 am following our worship service. Please let Ken know if you want to participate. He may be contacted at (530) 867-3130 or [kktrott@aol.com](mailto:kktrott@aol.com).

## Mid-Day/Mid-Week Bible Study

We are currently studying the Gospel of Matthew in our study led by Debra Johnston, M. Div. Our hour-long study meets on Wednesdays from 1 – 2 p.m. in Room 5. We open the study with 15 minutes of intercessory prayer, so if you have prayer concerns but cannot attend, call Debra with your prayer requests or any questions about the study at (916) 317-7286 or email her at [deja\\_johnston@yahoo.com](mailto:deja_johnston@yahoo.com). New members are always welcome!!



## Mission and Outreach Ministry Team Update

As the Ministry Team's chair, I will be writing an occasional newsletter report of the "goings-on" in this ministry. I will try to keep it short. Please feel free to comment to me on these news items or make suggestions for this part of Trinity's ministry.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry team is made up of Jane Gentry, Jesse Schlunegger, Kathy Trott and Jen Keller. The team wants to add one more member. If you feel God calling you to mission and outreach, please contact me.

At our last meeting, we discussed our goals for the year. Among them are the following three.

- Sending Trinity youth to Triennium every three years. This summer we will be sending two youth – Cassie Morrish and David Gil. Triennium is an international gathering of Presbyterian youth for five days at Purdue University for spiritual growth, leadership development and fun. Watch for fund-raisers to help send these two youth to this event.

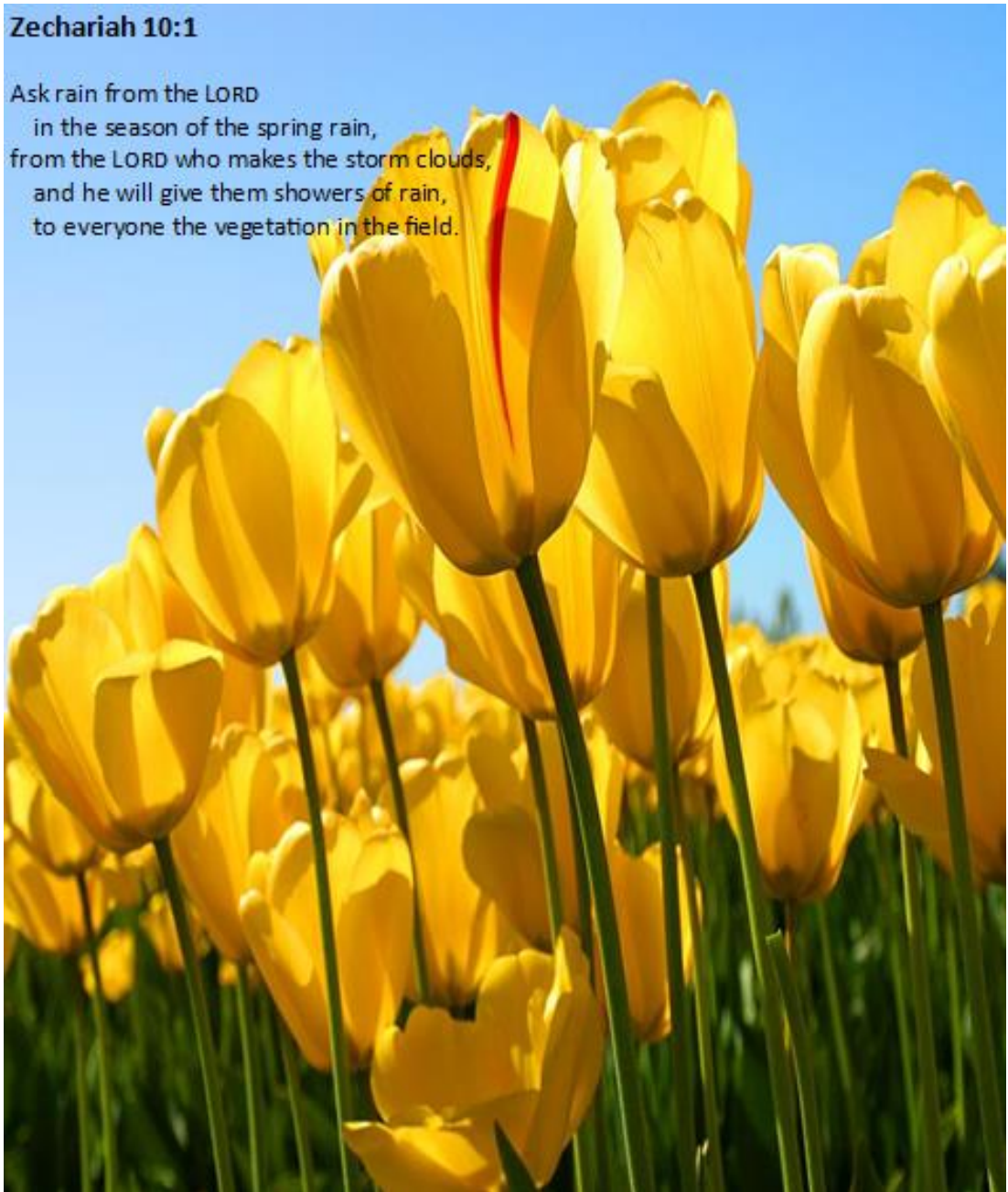
- Increasing Trinity's support of Children. This past year, we gave 19 children at the Alyce Norman preschool Christmas gifts of shoes, socks and books. We will build on our giving to these children by locating and donating all types of clothing on a more regular basis. Contact Jane to donate children's clothing.
- Increasing fresh food for Out-of-the-Box. We will work on the garden behind the church to produce vegetables; scout for fresh produce at the Food Bank and ask neighbors and others for fresh fruit from their backyards. A workday has been scheduled for the morning of April 12 for planting and installing irrigation in Trinity's vegetable garden. Contact me if you want to donate seeds, plants or your time.

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## **Zechariah 10:1**

Ask rain from the LORD

in the season of the spring rain,  
from the LORD who makes the storm clouds,  
and he will give them showers of rain,  
to everyone the vegetation in the field.



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***The mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church is to invite people into the family of God to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ.***

