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Matthew 2:11 ...They (Magi) entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Sunday Worship Services

- 9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary
- 10:30 am Spanish Language
- 11:00 am Blended/Traditional

Child care at all Worship Services

- Nursery (0—2.5) — Room 11
- Preschool (2.5 to K) — Room 10
- Sunday School Classes
- Grades K-5 — Rooms 4, 5, and 6

Dia de Reyes

Sunday, January 5, at 12:30 p.m.

Out of the Box

Food Packing

Sunday, January 12, at 12:30 p.m.

Out of the Box

Food Distribution

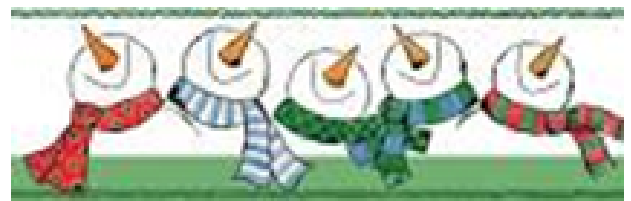
Thursday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Single Worship Service

Sunday January 26, 10:00 a.m.

Annual meeting of congregation, 11:00 a.m.

Followed by a POTLUCK in the Café



E- mail*

January 2014

This January is especially exciting for me, because it marks my one-year anniversary as pastor at Trinity Presbyterian. It has been a very exciting year for Jen and me, and I'd like to take this opportunity to reflect on our relationship so far.

My relationship with Trinity began long before I arrived. While serving my previous church, I felt God was prompting me to explore other ministry opportunities. Jen had been feeling the same thing. Together, she and I looked for other ministry options that might resonate with us. That led to us discovering Trinity. After applying, Jen and I made plans to visit family in the Sacramento area. I took a chance and called the search committee to let them know I would be in town. If they wanted to make some time to see me in person, they would not have to pay for the flight (I thought that would be a good motivator ☺). I honestly didn't know if my idea would work, and yet, I found myself interviewing with the committee a few weeks later! You know the rest of that story, because if you were here my first Sunday, you voted me in. Thanks!

Jen and I made the drive from Illinois to California during the worst snow storm in three years. We beat the weather and road closures by a matter of hours. Jen did most the driving while I sat in the passenger seat with the flu. We hadn't sold our house yet, so we started renting a place in the state streets. A month later we sold our Illinois home, but Jen was still looking for a new job. Two months later, Jen got a job at River City Bank and we started home shopping. We made an offer on a bank-owned home, but the appraisal came in much lower than our offer, and the bank would not match it. So the home search continued. This turned out to be a blessing, because we found another home which we fell in love with. Our offer was accepted and we closed in December, almost one year after we arrived in California!

Jen found another job with UC Davis and switched jobs in the middle of financing for the new home and moving. Don't you just love God's timing? We never would have mapped things out the way He has, but as we look back, we see His perfection in everything.

When I arrived, I decided I wanted to paint my office before moving in. This inspired me to contact an old friend who is an interior designer and ask her advice on setting up the

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main offices. I gave her a tour of the church, and she asked why the office wasn't in room 12? My response, "I don't know. But it sounds like a great idea." I shared Stacy's suggestion with Linda Brooks on the Buildings and Grounds Team, and now we have a building project to move the offices and make some other improvements to our space.

In our current office space, we've rearranged the furniture, written new position descriptions, and started to do file-sharing online in order to keep documents protected and organized.

In the sanctuary, we reorganized the order of service to remove distractions and improve our use of time. We rearranged the musical instruments, which improved the space and the sound. We've actually had to turn the volume down because the instruments project better! We also replaced our soundboard (which had a short) with a new digital one. And the Latino ministry has begun worshiping in the Café.

In November the Session approved a new organizational chart for the church. This new org chart gives us more flexibility to carry out the church's mission. We are still working out the kinks but will also be sharing this with the congregation so we are all on the same page.

As we enter 2014, we are beginning a search for a new Kid's Ministry Director as we reinvest in our children's and family ministries.

It has truly been a busy year, and all I can say is, I am looking forward to everything that God will bring in 2014 as we serve Him together!

Pastor Eric

*Eric's Email

Session Highlights

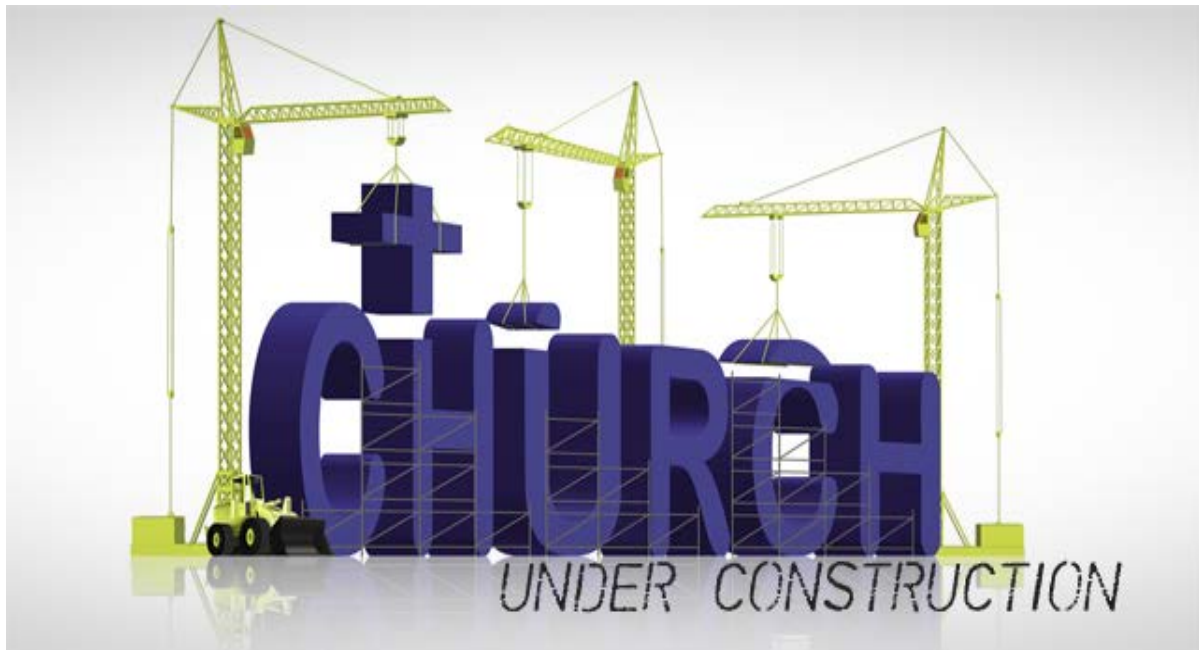
At the regular meetings of the Session on November 19, 2013, and December 17, 2013, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Heard a report on changes to the blended worship service. An additional hymn is being added.
- Approved adding a Children's Ministries Director position to the church staff in 2014 and approved the job description.
- Approved formation of a Parent's and Young Children's Support Network. Trinity will serve as a meeting place for parents and young children to gather on a bi-weekly basis with the purpose of seeking and offering peer support for parents, while the children are given a safe place to play with each other.
- Approved Cub Scouts Pack 49, Den 4, to use rooms 4, 5, & 6 for Den meetings twice-a-month on Monday evenings.
- Heard a report that Phase 1 of the remodeling project is nearing completion.
- Heard a report that the Literacy Project (books for the homeless) is nearing a successful conclusion.
- Elected Cora Hocker as Clerk and Karla Rasmussen as Treasurer for 2014. Also elected Esther Ehrlich as Treasurer Emeritus.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

Money "Stuff" from your Finance Committee

We are embarking on a plan to "Turn Our Dollars Into New Quarters". In our Building Fund as of the first week in November we had a total of \$16,240.30. The bulk of these dollars (\$12,000) came to Trinity as a bequest from the Will of our beloved Office Manager, Maxine Bosclair, who passed away in 2009. It seems only appropriate that we now use this money for a new office space. Session has agreed, and now we are on our way! More funds will be needed as we move along with the project. Please designate any funds you wish to contribute as going to the "Building Fund". Together we can make sure we will continue our mission of reaching out to the community and changing lives for Jesus Christ!



Betty's Corner

The Special Paintings

Did you ever notice the oil paintings in the Lounge on the way to the Cafe? They were painted by Ethel Barton, an unusual lady who was severally handicapped. Born with only one arm and hand, she was determined not to let her handicap hold her back from things she wanted to do, so she learned to knit by holding and pulling the needle with her foot, using her toes to guide the needle. She finished several beautifully knitted sweaters with her challenged body; buying ready-made clothes for herself was impossible.

Her very strong faith in God gave her courage to learn how to sew to adjust patterns to fit her. She always looked well-dressed in the clothes she made for herself.

Painting was a creative art she learned with encouragement from her dearly-loved husband Bart (also severely handicapped.) Ethel joined the West Sacramento Art Guild and had a new painting ready for every monthly group exhibit at the Turner Library.

The ones we have in the Lounge were deeded to the church by her family when she died. Her family knew how much she loved the church and wanted to help in some way, especially the Out-of-the Box Ministry.

Every Sunday the Bartons were in attendance. When Bart could no longer walk, he came in his wheelchair. How to transport him? They bought a van with a lift in the back. It was amazing to see Ethel cleverly guiding his chair to the rear of the van, lowering the ramp, and then making sure his head was not going to hit. She would raise the lift then jump in to belt him safely in the van. She then would close up the rear door, jump down and run around to the driver side. Then she jumped up into the driver's seat over the gears that had been modified to accommodate her height.

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With a jolt, she'd roar down Westacre Road to the Mobile Park where they lived.

Anyone wanting to buy one of her paintings full of the love and peace of God should know the money will go to the Out-of-the-Box fund.

Out of the Box

As a 40-year member of Trinity, I am happy to see the Trinity tradition of feeding the hungry continued. When we started at the Quonset Hut on Westacre and Evergreen Avenues in West Sacramento, we advertised Trinity as a family community church, and in that tiny kitchen Essie Wike and I cooked a huge spaghetti feed and invited the community to join us every Friday. The men would set up the long tables, 8 to 12 people per table, and they would always be full. The reputation of good eats being available at Trinity spread, and every week Essie and I would put on our aprons and boil up the spaghetti for a crowd.

Now, thanks to people like Kevin Hansen and Arturo Jimenez, who initiated Trinity's "Out-of-the Box" Ministry, we are still feeding the West Sacramento community, this time supplying groceries for them to cook their own meals. It is amazing to see the long line on the third Thursday evening, as the people gather to pick up their bag of groceries.

Members fill the church grocery bags in readiness for pickup. The list of helpers is a long one, and those who help out have a sense of satisfaction for their efforts. It takes a lot of helpers to cheerfully fill the bags with love and joy. Keep up the good work!

Much Love, Betty Sokolich

Operation Literacy – Book Drive



We collected 197 books for children and 31 books for adults. Wow, what a haul! Books were wrapped and delivered to Our Homeless Liaison Wednesday, December 18, 2013. Operation Literacy Helpers were Rhonda Hensley, Lisa and Rob Rankin, Karla Rasmussen, Clara Evans, Jane Gentry, Scott Thompson, Linda Whitney, Nancy Henrikson, Kami Rasmussen, and others who contributed anonymously. Extended special thanks to Kami and Karla who helped with all the wrapping and tagging. We wrapped 197 books for kids and donated 31 books for adults! Thanks team!



Color Me!



FIFTH ANNUAL "NIGHT OF 1000 HAMS"

Calling all "ham"sters (Trinity folk with unusual talents)!! Mark your calendars and plan to attend Trinity's annual hors d'oeuvres/variety show (drawn from our rich pool of very talented congregants) on Friday evening, February 28, 2014, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please save the date and look for more information in the future.

So shine up your ol' tap shoes, warm up your rusty pipes, and start "working up" your acts/skits now!!!!

If you'd like to lend your talents to the evening in a more practical way, we need help with food prep, set up/decor and clean up, sound and computer tech. Please call the church office at 371-5875 if you'd like to help us make this our best *Night of 1000 Hams* ever!



2014 "NIGHT OF 1000 HAMS" - Friday, February 28th

Talent Form

I am willing to be a "Ham." My talent is

_____.

My Name: _____ (please print)

E-mail: _____

Phone # _____

Please check one or more of the following if you are willing to help with this event:

_____ I will help w/set-up/take down

_____ I will help w/comp tech for
program

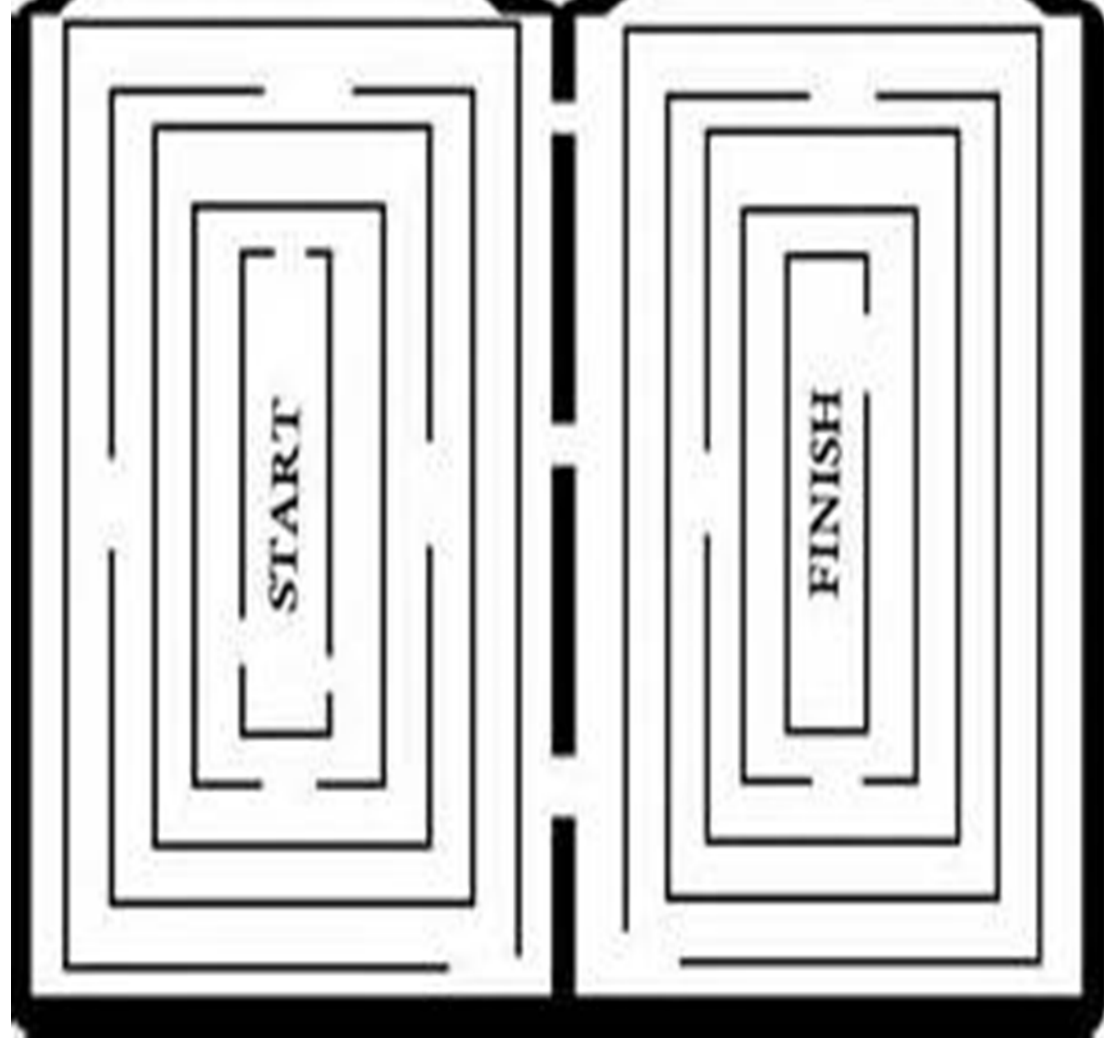
_____ I will donate an hor d'oeuvres

_____ I will help with sound set
up/take down

Application Deadline: Thursday, February 13th

Bible

Maze



Did You Know

Trinity is a hub of activity. We have church activities many nights per week, and various organizations from the community use our facility for meetings throughout the week. Our facility is desirable because it is centrally located in West Sacramento and easily accessible via freeway.

Mondays we have the Children's Chime Choir practice (recessed until January 2014). We also have Mobile Minds Tutoring using our facility to provide tutoring services to children of West Sacramento. Session just approved a proposal from the Cub Scouts (Boy Scouts of America) and beginning January, 2014, they will also use our facility.

Tuesdays we have committee meetings, Session Meetings, and the Deacons' meetings. We also allow Destiny, a 12-step support group, to meet here. The third Tuesday of the Month, Yolo County uses our facility as a grocery distribution site. Mobile Minds Tutoring uses our facility for their second tutoring session of the week.

Wednesdays we have Finance meetings, Spanish Bible Study, Youth Group, Service Projects (seasonally), Trinity LIGHTS, and our Mid-week Bible Boost. We also have San Juan Unified School District, Visions in Education using our facility as a tutoring site.

Thursdays we have Prayer Ministry, Choir Practice, Praise Team Practice, and our Out-of-the-Box Ministry distributes groceries the third Thursday of the month. The second and fourth Thursday the Girl Scouts use our facility for meetings. Mobile Minds Tutoring uses our facility for the final tutoring session of the week.

Fridays we have Scrapbooking on the second and fourth Fridays. We also have a second Girl Scout Group that meets the second and fourth Friday.

Saturdays, specifically the third Saturday of the month, our social group, M & Ms, meets for fellowship, fun, and potluck-style meals. All are welcome. Session also recently approved a proposal to allow a West Sacramento Mom's Network to meet and use our facility beginning January, 2014.

We are so fortunate to be able to provide our facility for others to use!

CHRISTMAS “ANGELS” DELIVER GIFTS!

Trinity “angels” were quite busy in December! The following angels were very generous about sharing and helped to make Christmas brighter for 21 children/youth:

Terri Young

The Phipps Family

Jane Gentry

Metha McDavid

Rhonda Hensley

Bev Meier

Jen & Eric Keller

Ethel & Cliff Hayes

Nancy & Carl Metcalf

Anna & Robb Perrine

Lila & Carla Hanson

The Sharon Family

Gloria & Will Curtis

Cathy & Dale Davis

Betty Schmidt

Lew & Linda Whitney

The Whitney/Reynen Family

Terri Davis & Dave Bolach

Lori, Nikki & Kelly Custodio

Amelia, Sophie & Jill Thom



Hospitality Ministry: Trinity Family Table

Hello Members and Friends:

Are you interested in helping out with the Hospitality Ministry? We are looking for people who have a passion for hospitality and an interest in helping in the kitchen on Sunday mornings. Starting January, our main focus will be serving beverages and asking others to bring a dish to share. Sundays you are welcome to bring whatever you would like set up and ready to serve. After the 11AM service, we need someone who will clean up the kitchen, which entails cleaning the orange juice server and the water server, as well as the coffee pots. This may sound like a lot, but it really doesn't take long. The most important thing on Sunday is that we are all spiritually fed. At present we have the same people handling the kitchen every Sunday, and that limits their opportunity to be spiritually fed. I would love to see at least two helpers per Sunday for the 9AM and 11AM service. My vision is to have a rotation of no more than one Sunday a month for any individual. The kitchen is also a great place to get connected at Trinity and have fellowship with people going to each service.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, or if you have any questions, please contact Karen Metcalf @402-3528.

Have a Blessed Holiday Season,

Karen Metcalf

Elder, Care Ministries

December 19th: A Special “Out-of-the-Box”

Careful planning went into this year’s Christmas “Out-of-the-Box” to make it special for the children and their parents! Besides the usual food and clothing, special gifts were given out by Trinity Presbyterian Volunteers after a prayer by Pastor Eric. Among the special gifts were home-baked cookies, candy canes and candy, seventeen new teddy bears (that were actually teddy “cats” and teddy “dogs”), Christmas cards in each food bag, children’s books, Christmas decorations, handmade wooly hats,... and lots of love and prayers. Good Job, volunteers!

Submitted by Toni Sullivan

Behind-the-Scenes Thank Yous

Pat Fritchie knitted and donated 75 wooly hats to Toni Sullivan for distribution to those in need.

Marilyn Allen donated a huge bag of freshly grown oranges from her yard for those in need or for those who just wanted a Vitamin C boost for the cold and flu season.

Our Christmas Lights team consisted of Sue Goodwin, Jim Phipps, Jack Fordyce, Rev. Eric, Robb Perrine, Claudia Garcia, Nola Goeden and Rick Hawkins. Thanks weekend warriors for a job well done!

Toni Sullivan donated and signed Christmas cards from Trinity for our Out-of-the-Box grocery bags. Thanks, Toni!

Don Brooks and Cliff Hayes for all the handyman services they provide to the church.

January Birthdays



Addyson Parkinson	1	Michael Serrao	21
Jack Fordyce	3	Kayley Hallum	22
Beverly Sjurson	3	Cliff Hayes	23
Leona Kreun	4	Michael-Robert Rizo	23
Caroline Winquest	6	Pastora Tina Torres	23
Cecil Cox	7	Bret Bachmeier	24
Clara Evans	8	Martha Chandley	25
Bella Heffner	8	Alisha David	27
Terrie O'Connor-Watson	11	Jane Gentry	28
Megan Stockdale	12	Sue Goodwin	28
Errol Summy	12	Katarina Jones	28
JoAnn Brooks	13	Russ Troop	28
Caleb Armijo	14	Jill Whitney	28
Mindy Potter	14	Ruby Zacharias	28
Steve Whitney	14	Anna Grexton	29
Calvin Anh	16	Anna Sealey	29
Anna Lindquist	16	Bob Hobza	31
Amy Dishman	18	Krista Penney	31
Keegan Crews	20	Glenn Perrine	31
Joshua Whitney	20	Don Selasco	31
Amanda Bolach	21	Pauline Torres	31
		Lew Whitney	31



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And Many , Many Volunteers

Trinity's Vision Statement

Trinity Church is a Spirit-filled, loving, and life-transforming community of believers, who experience Jesus Christ and grow in faith together, challenging each other to serve with compassion and creativity. In response to God's grace, we bring the hope of life in Jesus Christ to the community and the world, inviting them to join us on this journey of discipleship.

