

July 2016 **Trinity Press**



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, July 3

Happy 4th of July!

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Sundays at 11:15 am

Family Movie Event

Saturday, July 16th, begins at 2:00 pm

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, July 17, begins at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, July 21, begins at 6:30 pm

Family Movie Event

Saturday, July 30, begins at 2:00 pm

E-Mail *

NEW BEGINNINGS



On top of a mountain in Portland, Oregon sits a lake with a small island in its middle. That lake wasn't always there and neither was the island. In fact, at one time it wasn't even a mountain...it was a volcano.

The lake and island I'm talking about is called Crater Lake. It's what scientists call a caldera. A caldera is the result of a volcano exploding and emptying itself to the point where the top caves in. That's what happened in Portland. A volcano expelled so much magma that it hollowed out. With nothing holding the mountain up, it collapsed in on itself. Over time the giant crater filled

with water. The island in the center is actually the cone of the volcano.

There are times we all feel emptied out, as if there is nothing left to give. As Jen and I move on to other ministries, Trinity may feel empty. This is a time when you may feel you have nothing left to give. You ask, why is this happening, and what is God doing with us?

God is making room for something new; something new and exciting. He will take what Trinity is now and turn it into a new creation that displays His beauty. Crater Lake is the deepest lake in the USA and perhaps the most pristine. What seemed at first to be destructive was actually the beginning of something amazing!

If God can turn a volcano into a mountain topped by a lake with an island, just imagine what He can do with Trinity! Let the Spirit of God fill you. May His love pour into you so deeply that it can't be measured.

In this time of change when it feels like something is being removed, remember God is making room to create a new beginning for Trinity and for you.

God bless you as He fills you with His Spirit and you experience the joy and excitement of a New Beginning!

With Love,

Pastor Eric

Mercy Coalition Update

Trinity Presbyterian Church is a founding member of the Mercy Coalition of West Sacramento.

The Mercy Coalition is a partnership of faith-based institutions and others dedicated to feeding the homeless and hungry here in West Sacramento. Organized in September of 2013, they have distributed bag lunches every weekday at the bus stop, Social Services, 500 Jefferson. At approximately 1,000 lunches per month, that's nearly 30,000 distributed in 2.5 years!

The Mercy Coalition meets to discuss coalition issues once a month on the first Tuesday, from 6:30 – 7:30 pm at the Collings Teen Center, (in the small meeting room) on Merkley Avenue near the Main Post Office. Toni Sullivan always attends the meetings. You are all welcome to come to meetings (July 5, August 2, etc.) or you can volunteer to help pack and serve the lunches.

July Birthdays



Terri Davis	1
Nathan Jackson	1
Nancy Caudle	4
Rhonda Hensley	8
Shawn Singh	10
David Brooks	14
Barbara Amick	15
Richard Brown	24
Joe Goeden	28
Rick Hawkins	29
Martin Martinez	29
Betty Metcalf	29

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Thank Yous

Special thanks go to our large VBS Olympic Team. Team members included the following:

Lori Schlunegger, Sue Goodwin, Robb Perrine, Sandra Puckett, Pat Terry, Jen Keller, Pastor Eric Keller, Jill Thom, Ken Trott, Kathy Trott, Jane Gentry, Regina Gil, David Gil, Carol Davis, Jasmin Mendiola and Cousin Edgar, Karla Rasmussen, Lori Custodio, Nikki Custodio, Denise Garcia, and Maddy Reeves.

Now we pass the torch to next year!

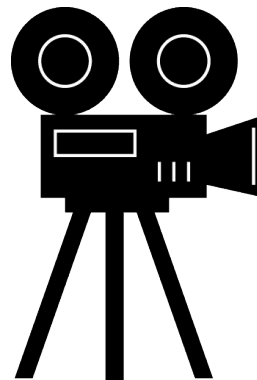
Family Picnics

The Latino Ministry family picnics are the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome. The picnics begin at 3:00 p.m. at Linden Park. For additional information, please contact Ken or Kathy Trott, or Claudia Rolon Garcia.



July Movie Event

Trinity will host two family movies Saturday, July 16 and 30, 2016, from approximately 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The movies will be appropriate for all ages. The movies are free, and we will sell treats. Treats will include popcorn, candy, and many other yummy items. Children must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older) to be admitted to the movie. The concession stand will be open during the entire film. We hope you'll join us!



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 nationwide 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.



A Very Thoughtful Donation

Kudos to Ken and Kathy Trott. They made a donation of dry dog food to Out-of-the-Box. They took the time to divide it up into large zip-lock bags and even placed a few milk bones in each bag. About twenty bags were passed out to pet owners at the May Out-of-the-Box. Thanks for this wonderful gift!



Farewell

Trinity Presbyterian Church extends thanks and blessings to Pastor Eric and Jen Keller as they embark on a new Christian Journey. God is leading them in a new and exciting direction. God is challenging them to trust him, step out in faith and pursue other ministries.

We hope they will continue to pray for Trinity, always feel welcome and comfortable visiting us, and will continue to grow in their Christian faith. We also want them to know they are always welcome to help us pack groceries the Sunday before the third Thursday!

We wish them peace, joy, love and many blessings. God be with you Jen, Sadie, and Pastor Eric!





Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the
Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.

2 Corinthians 3:17

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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.

