

March 2014

Trinity Press



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

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Out of the Box

Food Packing

Sunday, March 16, at 12:30 p.m.

Out of the Box

Food Distribution

Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

Family Movie

Sunday, March 23, at 2:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

Holy Week Activities

April 13 – Palm Sunday

Worship at 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 11:00 am

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

Worship 7:00 pm

April 18 – Good Friday

Worship 7:00 pm

April 20 – Easter

“He is Risen”

Worship 7:00 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

E-Mail

At our congregational meeting, we presented a new organizational chart for our church. Our organizational chart (or “org chart”) is an attempt to show on one page how we are organized to carry out our ministries. Our new org chart (on another page) shows who is the head of our church, our leaders, and the areas that are most important to us.

To begin, Jesus Christ is the head of our church. That is why he is placed on top of the chart. Everything we do at Trinity we do in reverence to Jesus. We are led by him, his teachings, his commands, and his great commission to create disciples, baptize and teach others in his name.

The other positions; Associate Pastor, Pastor, Session and Elected Positions work together to help carry out the ministries that Jesus has called our church to do. The Associate Pastor (Tina) leads our Latino ministries, while the Senior Pastor (me, Eric) supervises the office and ministry staff. I also bring vision and leadership to our church. Tina and I work together with the Session to carry out the mission and government of the church.

New to Trinity are the Elected Positions. Historically, all Presbyterian churches elect their Clerk of Session, Treasurer and Nominating Committee representatives on a regular rotation. With respect to this historic tradition, the session and I agreed it would be wise to elect positions such as the Finance and Personnel Chairs, a Facilities Manager, and an Audio & Visual Facilitator annually. These are areas of the church that require special skills, confidentiality, and would benefit from low turnover in leadership. By having the session elect these positions we honor our representative form of government and we can place people in positions that match their gifts.

We have concentrated on six areas of ministry: Church Life, Kids, Missions & Outreach, Small Groups, Students and Worship. We don't want to be good at a lot of ministries. Why? Because good is the enemy of great. We want to be great at a few ministries. We believe these six areas are key to being a great church. We also have the resources to do them well. As we

grow in numbers and resources, we can begin to explore ways to expand. For now, we want to be great at what we do.

If you are interested in serving in one of the six areas of ministries, I would love to hear from you. You don't have to be a session member to be on one of the 6 ministry teams. Each ministry team will have a session member on it. That session member does not have to be the chair or facilitator. He or she will serve as a liaison between that team and the session. My goal is to have five people on each team. Five people who have a passion for that ministry and who want it to be great.

The goal in all of this is to create a church where people can go where their gifts are; to use those gifts to better the lives of others, to build up the fellowship and mission of the church, and most of all, to glorify and honor Jesus Christ who is the head of our church.

If you have any questions on our new org chart, please call the office to make an appointment to see me. I'm always willing to answer questions and share what I believe God is doing here at Trinity.

Blessings,

Pastor Eric



ESQUINA LATINA – LATINO CORNER

¡ Gracias a Dios !

We are excited about:

- Our continuing partnership with all of Trinity in the Lord's work
- Fellowship at coffee time after the end of second and third services
- Working with our new Director of Children's Ministries - Sue Goodwin - woo-hoo!
- God's provision for Spanish worship, from week to week, as we continue to look for a more permanent leader
- Families who are coming faithfully, Sundays and Wednesdays
- Couples event Sunday, February 9
- Beginner guitar lessons Sundays after church, led by Ken Trott
- Infant baptism and new member reception in March

And please pray for:

- New idea - to form a Latino praise team from our own group?
- leaders from outside for our Spanish worship - meanwhile
- God to strengthen our leadership team
- Children and youth.

And, if you want to practice some Spanish, please pop your head in from 10:30 - 11:00 am in the Café, to catch our worship time. You are most welcome - ***¡Bienvenidos!***

Praise God! ***¡Gloria a Dios!***

Pastora Tina, 916-995-5105

20 Something



A small group of young adults, those who graduated from our current middle and high school youth groups is forming. We will be meeting in Room 3.

The plan for the group is twofold: starting off with 30 minutes of Bible study, then building spiritual disciplines followed by 30 minutes related to building personal skills aimed towards giving, service, finding employment, financial management, etc. We will first lay a spiritual foundation and then build practical and applicable skills to lead Holy lives in a less-than-Holy world.

In His Service,

Jack Fordyce

Small Group Trinity Threads Together

Trinity Threads Together is a handy, small group of women who enjoy both getting together for fellowship as well as doing all sorts of handwork. Some knit, hand sew, crochet, embroider, cross stitch and hand quilt. There are about 10 women who meet the second Saturday of the month in various members' homes. We are also knitting prayer shawls that will eventually be given to the Deacons to distribute to members of our church who may be ill or in the hospital. We plan to have a table at the church Bazaar on May 3. Come see us!

We welcome anyone who might be interested in joining us. Please call Ethel Hayes, Cora Hocker, or Linda Brooks for more information.

Buildings and Grounds Update

The office is finished, and the move into it is starting and will be completed shortly. It is wonderful to see one room about done and then turn the page and start work on the next phase. This will be to remodel rooms 7, 8 and 9, changing them into offices for Pastor Eric and Pastora Tina, and a resource room to hold all the supplies needed for our Sunday School classes, as well as other functions of the Children's Ministry. In addition, plans are also being developed to replace the flooring and ceiling in rooms 4, 5 and 6. After these rooms are finished, the final portion of this phase will be to convert rooms 1 and 2 into a new youth room.

We have estimated that this phase will cost approximately \$40,000. As many of you know, \$20,000 has been donated with the provision that the congregation will match this dollar- for-dollar. As of February 18, nearly \$11,000 has been matched! This is so appreciated, and we have high hopes the remainder of \$9,000 will be forthcoming. We have held a cafe sale of excess furniture that provided nearly \$1000 to the fund, and on May 3 we will have our Trinity Bazaar to raise more.

We invite all of you to participate with us as we continue to remodel our church and make the space more useable and accessible. Trinity is now in it's seventieth year. Let's make it ready for the next seventy!

Linda Brooks



Session Highlights

At the regular meetings of the Session on January 21, 2014, and February 16, 2014, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Approved 2014 vacation dates for Pastor Eric.
- Approved joint English/Spanish worship services on 4/20/14 (Easter at 11:00 A.M.) and 10/05/14 (World Communion Sunday) at 10:00 A.M.
- Heard a report that the Latinos will holding a couples' lunch on Sunday, Feb. 9th, to be followed by a series on couples led by Lena Jimenez on Wednesday nights.
- Heard a report from Karen Metcalf on the meeting of presbytery during which St. Steven's (where Peggy Cross is pastor) was dissolved.
- Approved vacation dates for Pastora Tina.
- Approved reception of new members and infant baptism on March 9, 2014.
- Heard a report that church clean-up day will be April 5, 2014.
- Elected committee chairpersons as follows: Robb Perrine, AV Table; Linda Brooks, Facilities Manager; Anna Perrine, Personnel; Barbara Pennock, Finance.

At the annual meeting of the Congregation on January 26, 2014, the following business was transacted:

- Elected elders and deacons for the coming year.
- Elected nominating committee members from the congregation at large for the coming year.
- Held the annual meeting of the corporation.

- Reviewed the budget for the year 2014 as previously approved by Session.
- Approved the pastor's call package, which includes salary, housing, Board of Pensions expenses and reimbursed professional expenses.
- Reviewed the new organizational chart.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

Hospitality Works and More Hospitality Works More!

Last month Toni, encountered someone she knew while waiting in the food box line, (i.e. people lined up outside the church waiting for *Out-of-the-Box* to open), struck up a conversation.

“Oh, I come to Trinity Presbyterian Church (TPC), on Sunday now!”

“Wow, great!” said Toni.

“Yeah, I tried it once and everyone was so friendly. People talked TO ME!! I felt so welcome. When I used to go to Church X nobody wanted to talk to me. I felt like they had a private club going there, and they didn’t want new members. Here at TPC I FEEL like I can belong, be a part of what’s going on, and people will like me... They make me feel like I can be a good Christian.”

Toni replied, “You don’t know how happy that makes Me FEEL to hear you say that!”

Yes, Toni said, “I’m so proud of my fellow church members I could fall off my chair!” (This really happened and Toni is not making it up after last Sunday’s sermon on lying.)

The kitchen and buffet area is the perfect place to take the initiative and start a conversation with a new face. Make sure you encourage them to eat and drink something, as sometimes new people are hesitant. A little hospitality goes a long way... and a lot of hospitality goes further!! Each and every one of us represent TPC and are a chosen ambassador of God.

Toni Sullivan

Special Thank you for Errol Summy

Debbie Staley would like to extend thanks to Errol Summy for the help and to let us all know it is always nice when a church family member reaches out to another.

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 interconnected. 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 \$25.00 per member, which is split for the work of our General Assembly PC (USA) (\$7.02), the Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22), Presbytery of Sacramento (\$11.76), 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 will dismiss members for unpaid dues. Yes, Trinity is required to pay its per-capita to the greater church. This year's total is \$4,500.00. 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 \$25.00 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.



March Birthdays

Grace Achuff	1	Jordan Arias	18
Lucy Henry	2	Sophia Blunk	18
Jessica Bell	3	Will Sjurson	18
Jill Sylvester	3	Yele Rabago	23
Sarah Wallinder	3	Peter Wallinder	23
Jean Fentress	4	Cole Rodriguez	24
Shannon Kelley	7	Cheryl Coviello	26
Tia Khan	8	Jesse Schlunegger	26
Ken Trott	11	Linda Brooks	27
Samantha Backus	12	Michele Richardson-Phipps	27
Terri Young	12	Gary Younglove	28
John Chandley	14	Becky Clifton	29
Liam Nyberg	16	Maria Sarandi	29
Dave Dove	17	Victoria Sasere	29
Eleanor Lowas	17	Cristian Barrett	31
Sally Nickaloff	17		



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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.

