

May 2015

Trinity Press



Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10, all services

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, May 17, at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, May 21, at 6:30 pm

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary

10:30 am Traditional

12:00 pm Spanish

Child care at all Worship Services,
Nursery & Preschool
Room 10

Sunday School Classes

Grades K—6 Rooms 4, 5, and 6

Pentecost Sunday

Jazz Sunday

Sunday, May 24, all services



HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE?

A small town in Montana was having a problem of an abundance of wolves. The town wanted to address the issue without having to destroy any of the animals. It was decided the wolves would be relocated. An organization was formed that offered \$5,000 for every wolf captured alive.

Two men, Sam and Jeb, decided that this was an opportunity of a lifetime. They packed their camping gear and headed for the hills. After days of searching for wolves, they came up empty handed.

Exhausted from their efforts, they fell asleep in their tent.

Early the next morning Sam woke up first. He poked his head out of their tent and discovered that they were surrounded by a pack of wolves! Very slowly Sam pulled his head back into the tent. He carefully woke up his sleeping friend and said, "Jeb, wake up!... We're gonna be rich!"

...Sometimes it seems we are surrounded by problems, when we are really surrounded by opportunities. The Chinese word for *crisis* is a combination of the words *danger* and *opportunity*. When a crisis presents itself we can choose to be overwhelmed and treat it like a problem that needs to go away, or we can treat it as an opportunity to develop.

When Jesus sent the Church into the world to carry out his mission, he knew it wouldn't be easy because there would also be lots of opportunities. Just as we carry out our own lives, we find plenty of challenges. One thing we can be sure of is this... Jesus is with us. He said, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

No growth comes without resistance. Every time a situation arises, we have an opportunity to grow. What "opportunities" lie ahead of you?

Pastor Eric

PROJECT REPORT – April

April's Latino Ministry Leadership Team meeting was held on April 12.

Arturo served as moderator, facilitating the meeting. Each leader reported on their area of responsibility and issues that needed addressing, including worship leadership, praise team and sound, hospitality, youth, Sunday school, adult study and fellowship, and administration.

Attendance in this transition time is holding, and March was a strong month, with average attendance in worship increasing to 39 worshipers, including another new family. Many regulars are actively inviting friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to Trinity. Recent new members are already contributing to the Ministry; Santiago is now an active new addition to the praise team.

Rev. Carmen Rosales preached on Sunday, March 15th, and, by all reports, her message was well received.

On Palm Sunday we celebrated with children parading into worship with palm fronds and leading the congregation in singing, "King of Kings, Lord of Lords", in both Spanish and English. Easter was a joyous bilingual worship service with Eric preaching and Arturo interpreting in Spanish.

The first "Afternoon in the Park" was held at a nearby park. It was so well received that the event will be repeated monthly on the last Sunday of each month throughout the summer. Women's, Men's and Youth Fellowship groups will meet in the park as well.

Birthdays were celebrated on April 12 with a cake, snacks and the

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singing of both American and Mexican traditional birthday songs.

May 10 – Celebration of Mother’s Day after worship

In Christ,

Ken Trott

Elder, Mission and Outreach and the Latino Ministry Project

Upcoming Calendar:

April 17 – Immigration Workshop led by Otis Landerholm of Landerholm Immigration, APC

April 19 – Guest pastor, Rev. Tony Lopez, leads worship and offers the Sermon

Alternating Saturdays there is a morning of prayer and fasting for the ministry.

Wednesday evenings – Bible study led by Lina

Easter Lilies

Thank-yous are extended to the following individuals who generously donated Easter Lilies to adorn our church for Easter Sunday:

Glenda Dahms: To celebrate her 50th Wedding Anniversary (Congratulations Glenda and Al!),

Judi Chiboucas: In memory of her mother,

Corrine Hamby: In memory of her dad Russell Avenell,

Christine Spurgin: In memory of her grandparents Evelyn and Sam Rose,

Lori Custodio: In memory of Ralph Custodio,

Jane Gentry: In memory of her parents Clarence and Nancy Gentry and her sister Jacqueline Gentry-Jones,

Don and Linda Brooks: In memory of their daughter Amy Brooks,

and all who donated anonymously.



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 **\$27.00** per member, which is split for the work of our General Assembly PC (USA) (\$7.07), the Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22), Presbytery of Sacramento (\$13.71), 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 larger 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 \$27.00 for each active church member in your household.

Money Matters: Per Capita -cont.

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.



Did You Know?

For those of you who itemize your taxes: if you make a donation of clothes or items to Toni Charities in 2015, you can use this as a deduction on your 2015 tax return. Trinity Presbyterian is a registered non-profit, and Toni is authorized to sign a declaration (receipt) for you, if you ask her. You keep this receipt, along with an itemized list; it's up to you to estimate the dollar value of your donation. Please refer to the Internal Revenue Service website for additional information.

Toni Sullivan



Kudos to Robb Perrine

Sunday service would not be the same without our favorite techie back there making it all happen seamlessly for us. Robb Perrine is our featured Kudos recipient for the month of May.

Robb comes in smiling, even when our system does not cooperate with him. Robb has become an expert at fixing our audio and visual (AV) challenges. For example, if a microphone stops working, Robb

runs up fresh batteries, changes the batteries and runs back in time to change the sermon slide. Trinity is blessed to have Robb. He solves our AV problems and even feeds us because he is an excellent chef and barbeque master! Did I mention he is also on the roster to preach at River Bend on Sundays when we worship with them?

Robb has a can-do attitude and does it all. Thanks for being part of Trinity Robb; we love and appreciate you and everything you do!

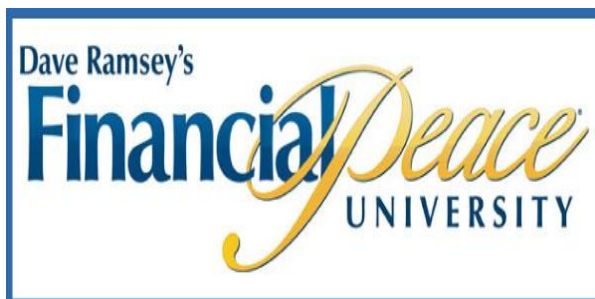
May Birthdays



Erik Jackson	19
Lilia Barrett	22
Jill Thom	22
Cathy Davis	27
Dave Bolach	29

Adele Moss	1
Gretta Moss	1
Jo Jo Brannan	13
Hilda Harrington	14
Elizabeth Robinson	14
John Robinson	14
Matthew Richardson	15

FINANCIAL PEACE!



Financial Peace University has started! There is still time to attend and not miss any classes, but you must act fast!

Contact the office or go to the church's website to register.

Spring Church Clean Up Thank You's!

Trinity is blessed to have an incredible group of warriors who showed up Saturday, March 28, and cleaned our campus prior to Easter. Individuals completed a myriad of tasks from cleaning windows, cleaning bathrooms, removing cobwebs, to cleaning and purging the kitchen. Individuals also worked outside to prune trees and clean up our garden areas, both in front and behind the church. Buildings and Grounds wants to thank all listed below, as well as all those who stayed home and prayed for a successful church clean up event.

Nola Goeden, Jo Goeden, Cora Hocker, Ethel Hayes, Cliff Hayes, Bernadette Martin, Brad Martin, Claudia Garcia-Rolon, Richard Rivas, Arturo Jimenez, Lina Garcia, Xanath Jimenez, Citlalli Jimenez, Yunuen Jimenez, Anna Gil, Job Gil, Regina Gil, David Gil, Linda Whitney, Lew Whitney, Jill Whitney, Jane Gentry, Kaleena Perez, Gayle Andrade, Carol Onalfo, Barbara Amick, Erroll Summy, Linda Brooks, Don Brooks, Diana Willington, Willy Willington, Terri Young, Anna Perrine and Ken Trott.

Sunday, March 15, 2015



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Trinity's Mission Statement:

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

