

October 2016

Trinity Press



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

Bilingual Worship Service 11:00

Collecting the Peace & Global Witness Offering

Children will select Heifer Animals

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

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 2

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Sundays at 11:15 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, October 16, at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, October 20, at 6:30 pm

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, October 30, all services

Trunk-or-Treat

Monday, October 31, at 6:00 pm



Dear Friends,

It is so very wonderful to be in ministry with you, once again! It has been fun to renew old friendships and to begin to make new ones. Interesting, isn't it, how God often brings things full circle? For those of you who don't know, I began my ministry in 1978, at Trinity, working with the Rev. Boyd Stockdale, first as a Seminary Intern, and then as an Assistant Pastor. I'm even back in the room/office in which I began – although it looks much nicer and is no longer stuffed with all of the Christian Education supplies!

I will be serving as your Pastor, through January 2017, while your Session begins the important work involved in taking the steps towards a new pastor. During the months ahead, they, and you, will be involved in a discernment process, seeking to understand more fully, who you are as a church family, and what God is calling you to do and be in this time and place. I'm excited about the work ahead!

As I am only working part-time (average of 20 hours per week,) I want to be sure you know how to reach me. I will usually be in the office Tuesday afternoons, and on most Sunday mornings. I will also be around other times, on a flexible schedule, and am happy to make an appointment with you for other times.

Please feel free to contact me directly, or through Jane Gentry, our Church Administrator. My email address is pastor@trinitywestsac.org and my cell phone number is (916) 956-9741. Just know that it may be a day or two before I get back to you.

Trinity has always been a strong and faithful church. That strength and faith can be seen now, especially, in your church leaders and you, as you worship together and continue in the important ministry of this church. I know that God is by your side and that our Lord will continue to lead and guide this congregation into the future.

Serving Christ together,

Peggy Cross

Latino Ministry Report

The Latino Ministry Leadership Team met on September 4, 2016. Claudia Rolon Garcia chaired the meeting. In attendance were Marielena Olivares, Kathy Trott, Ken Trott, Javier Lozano, Jr., Javier Lozano, Sr., Rosy Luna, and Gabriel Garcia.

Quinceañera. A traditional Mexican celebration of Jasmine Mendiola's 15th birthday will be held at the church on Saturday, September 24. The celebration will be in Spanish. Pastoras Holtzer and Osorio will preside and read selected Bible verses. The sanctuary will be decorated Friday night, with decorations left up for Sunday worship per consultation with Worship Ministry Team.

September 18th Musica De Festival/Music Festival. A Huge Success. A warm and music-filled afternoon was had by all. The Latino Ministry prepared amazing food for the event. Kids from 3 – 16 enjoyed the bounce house. The Latino Praise Team, Trinity Praise Team and special guest musician Carlos Crespo filled the air with music. 150 people celebrated the coming of fall.

Heifer Project. It was confirmed that the Heifer Project offering will be collected on September 18th at both English and Spanish worship services, with the children selecting animals to purchase with the offering at a joint Sunday school class on October 2.

Prayer and Fasting. A prayer and fasting service will be held on October 29th.

Marriage Workshop. Following the prayer and fasting service on October 29th, the Pastoras will be conducting the workshop in Spanish.

Bible Study. Gabriel and Rosy are continuing Bible Study on Wednesday nights, but are considering shifting the time to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays, before worship.

Respectfully submitted,

Elders Ken Trott and Claudia Rolon Garcia

A Busy Fall Season for Deacons...and YOU!

As the weather turns from hot to warm and the days get short, we are reminded that holidays are just around the corner. It is also a reminder that rain (hopefully) and COLD winter weather will be along too. Sounds good for all of us with a roof over our head, a heater to crank up, and a coat to put on...hey, that brings us to our next topic...THE TRINITY DEACONS COAT DRIVE! Each year, Deacons distribute coats, jackets, sweat jackets, raincoats, etc. to local men, women, teens, children, and tots who otherwise might not have warm outerwear.

Once again, the distribution will be held in conjunction with Out-of-the-Box on **November 17th**. Please save your clean, gently-used outerwear items (for any age or size) for this worthwhile ministry. Since the church does not have a lot of storage we are asking that you keep these items at home for now. As the time nears, you will be asked to either bring the coats to the church or to call for pick up if you are unable to bring them yourself. We are fortunate this year to also have some warm neck scarves to give out.

Can you spare a half hour on the 4th Sunday of the month for our monthly Riverbend service? We continue to provide a message and music, followed by conversation with the residents. They appreciate the service and we are blessed by the experience too. Join us on **Sunday, September 25th**

at **2:00 p.m.** Talk to a Deacon if you want directions or a ride.

And remember...there will be several Board of Deacon vacancies at the end of this year. Please consider volunteering to serve in this ministry.

Deacon Mission Statement:

"With God's guidance, we serve, support, and comfort our Trinity family and our community."

Blessings from your Board of Deacons,

Morgan Schultz, Pat Fritchie, Rick Hawkins, Vi Taylor, Bev Meier, Ann Watson, Laura Singh, Glenda Dahms

coats and jackets



overcoat



raincoat



denim jacket



leather jacket



anorak



body warmer

Liturgical Arts.

Do you like to play with different cloths, colors and objects? Would you like to help create different worship settings in our sanctuary? (Like the one I set up with the different cloths and clay objects, or the cloth that is currently on the communion table.)

If you are interested, please let me know! I would like to begin a "Liturgical Arts" team that will work with me to find various ways to make visible some of our worship themes and seasons. No regular meetings! We will only meet periodically and as needed in order to brainstorm and plan who will do what.

I look forward to hearing from you!
Peggy Cross

Session Update

At the regular meetings of the Session on September 20, 2016, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Continued in depth reflection and discussion about what needs to be done to move forward and approved forming a team to work with Pastor Peggy on designing the process.

- Approved moving the next Session meeting to Tuesday, October 25th.
- Approved assigning the 1st Sunday loose plate money to the Deacons.
- Heard a report from Finance and Stewardship that the Stewardship luncheon will be Nov. 6th between the English and Spanish worship services.
- Heard a report from Latino Ministry that the Music Festival was a great success and they hope we will have more events of this sort.
- Heard a report from Children and Youth Ministries that the Youth Group will begin their Fall meeting schedule on Sunday, September 25th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Carol Davis and Brad Martin will be leaders.
- Had a discussion regarding coordination of Hospitality on Sundays and will be making contact to make that happen.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

Trinity PRESENTS!

NOW THROUGH OCTOBER 9th

2016 All Charities Raffle

Tickets are \$10 each!

The church earns \$9 for each ticket sold

**Buy tickets and earn chances to win
The following prizes**

Hawaii, Maui for 1 week

Mystery Vacation

Englebright Lake House

San Francisco Getaway 1 week

\$100 Grocery Outlet (Vacaville)

Whitey's for a Year

Basketball Signed by the Kings

Char Broil Gas Grill

Date Night Dinners

Grand Slam Weekly

His & Her Bikes

Wine & Wine Fridge

\$500 – Gasoline Card

**Buy tickets in the lounge after service
or in the Church Office during the week**

All proceeds go to the Roof Fund

Trunk or Treat 2016

Monday, October 31st

From 6:00 to 8:00 pm

Halloween is just around the corner, and Trinity will once again be hosting our ever-popular Trunk or Treat. This event is always a big community outreach opportunity. We always have hundreds of people come to our church to enjoy fun displays and get yummy candy! We need volunteers, and we hope to get the entire Trinity family involved!

How can you help?

- Donate candy: a bag a week for the month of October
- Decorate your trunk: Your imagination is your Limit! All you really need is a pumpkin and a lawn chair.
- Assist with set-up, clean-up, and other tasks.
- Assist with the Best Trunk contest.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the Welcome Center. For questions or more information, please contact Sue Goodwin at (916) 717-5299 or by email at slgoodwin@yahoo.com.

What's Up? Mission and Outreach Ministry Team

- 1) **Coat Drive and OOTB.** Our Out-of-the-Box hunger ministry is teaming with the Deacons to provide both food and warm coats to those in need. Donate coats by November 6.
- 2) **Music Festiva.** The September 18th Music Festival was a wonderful success with three hours of live music from our praise teams and a guest artist, and plenty of tasty Mexican foods. We estimate that 150 people attended, with proceeds going to our roof project.
- 3)
- 4) **OOTB.** Trinity continues to feed the hungry in our community. We distributed 170 bags of food in September. We need your help. The next food grocery bag packing will be on Sunday the 16th after worship, with distribution on Thursday the 20th of October at 6:00 P.M. Come and help and be a blessing.
- 5) **Shoe Boxes.** We will be filling 25 to 30 shoeboxes with gifts for children in need of a joyful Christmas. These

boxes will be sent around the world to Christian children in partnership with Operation Christmas Child, to do this. See Jane about donating gifts by November 6.

- 6) **Goodie Bags.** As part of the Deacon's Christmas Goodie Bags, Mission and Outreach is contributing winter scarves.
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October Birthdays



Barbara Vickery	4
Carol Davis	5
Samantha Sowers	9
Lori Custodio	10
Linda Davis	10
Pat Fritchie	11
Anna Niemann (Perrine)	13
Nola Goeden	19
Jacob Cypress	20
David Perez	21
Chuck Caudle	22
Steve Fonbuena	24
Andrew Singh	24
Barbara Leach	27
Judi Chiboucas	29
Karen Metcalf	29

Donate Furniture

If you have large furniture items to get rid of: usually beds, tables, chairs, chest of drawers, desks and bookshelves.

St. Vincent de Paul, the charity arm of the Catholic Church, is our local West Sacramento Ministry that provides free furniture to the needy. They work out of Holy Cross Church, Todhunter and Anna Streets, in Bryte. Call (916) 373-3318 for pick-up and to donate. To receive free furniture go to Social Services, 500 Jefferson Street, for a referral.

Pets

Pet spay/neuter assistance is available! Call the spay hotline at 808 –SPAY. For updated information, press the pound key (#) to leave a message for a call back. If you have unneutered feral cats in your yard or neighborhood, leave a message for TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) and/or try “Kitties of the Night” at (916) 376-9397.



Question: "What does the Bible say about pets?"

Answer: In Western society, pets have never been more popular. Many homes are graced with the presence of a cat or a dog—or a hamster, turtle, goldfish, chinchilla, newt, parakeet, or gecko. Everything from albino pythons to hissing cockroaches are caged and kept as pets. The Bible does not address the issue of keeping pets, nor does it contain an example of a pet owner. But we can still draw some conclusions based on what the Bible says on other topics.

[Psalm 147:9](#) tells us that God is concerned for all His creation, including the animals He created: "He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call." In [Psalm 104:21](#), we see that "the lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God"; it is implied that God feeds them. Also, in [Luke 12:6](#) Jesus says, "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God."

If God cares for the animals, so should we. In fact, it is God's care for animals that most fully explains our desire to have pets. God created mankind in His image ([Genesis 1:27](#)), and we have inherited the part of God's nature that cares for the animals. At the very beginning, God blessed the people He had made and commanded them, "Fill

the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground" ([Genesis 1:28](#)).

When a child maintains an aquarium, for example, he or she is reflecting the nature of God, to a certain extent. An aquarium is creation in microcosm. The child creates the environment for the fish to live in, maintains the habitat, and feeds and cares for the creatures in the tank. The fish depend fully on the child to meet their needs, much like all of creation depends on God. Keeping a pet, then, is a weighty responsibility—it is modeling the Creator and exercising dominion over a portion of creation.

Many parents introduce a pet into their home to teach their children responsibility and other positive character qualities. Such life lessons are definitely biblical. Pets also provide companionship, amusement, and unconditional love. It's why pets are taken to hospitals and nursing homes to interact with people in need. Any animal that helps us show love more freely is a good thing.

Those who have pets should love them, provide for them, and care for their needs. Loving an animal is not wrong, as long as we love people more. The care we show an animal entrusted to us is a gauge of personal integrity: "A righteous man cares

for the needs of his animal” ([Proverbs 12:10](#)).

<http://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-pets.html>

Peace & Global Witness Blog Post

Setting the table of peace

Every day, we are witnesses to conflict. We read news stories of violence and supposedly irreparable divides. Angry rhetoric fills our airwaves, inboxes, and social media feeds. We see conflict tear apart communities, families, even people we know. Surrounded by this strife, it’s easy to see the world through a dark lens of discord. We may even come to share the doubt expressed in Psalm 78:19: “Can God spread a table in the wilderness?”

Yet our faith tells us despite our doubts, sins, distrust, or even anger, God not only sets a table, but invites us to join it and partake in an abundance of peace.


The Peace & Global Witness Offering challenges us to look at the world not as a place where conflict is inevitable, but where Christ’s peace is possible. The programs supported by the Peace & Global Witness Offering to help bring people tables of

peace, justice, and reconciliation even in the wilderness of war, violence, and division. In places of abiding conflict, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports the work of Presbyterian mission co-workers to bring together former enemies and begin healing the spiritual wounds of war. In congregations closer to home, support from the Offering enables efforts to turn back the tide of gun violence that claims too many American lives. In other communities, it’s facilitating a transformative dialogue about the difficult subject of race to find new common ground. And everywhere, this Offering supports witness, because by sharing the abiding love and mercy of Christ, more people can find their way to a seat at God’s table.

Your support of the Peace & Global Witness Offering acknowledges that a wilderness of conflict may surround us, but we are not abandoned there. If we open our eyes to the possibilities of peace, we see God has set a table for anyone willing to take a seat.

Please give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering:

Through your congregation
Text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10



There is a time for
everything, a season for
every activity under heaven.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1 (NLT)

Todo tiene su tiempo, y todo
lo que se quiere debajo del
cielo tiene su hora.

ecclesiastes 3:1

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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.

