

# April 2012 *Trinity Press*



## **Sunday Worship Services**

9:00 am Family-Friendly

Contemporary

10:45 am Spanish Language

11:00 am Blended/Traditional

## **Child care at all Worship Services**

Nursery Care—Room 10

Preschool Care—Room 10

Sunday School Classes

Grades K-5—Rooms 4, 6

## **Holy Week Activities**

April 1—Palm Sunday

**Worship at 9 am and 11 am**

Children Parade with Palms

Children need to arrive 5 minutes early

April 5—Maundy Thursday

Seder Dinner 6:00 pm

**Worship 7:00 pm**

April 6—Good Friday

**Worship 7:00 pm**

April 8 — Easter “He is Risen”

**Sunrise Worship 7:00 am**

Pancake Breakfast 8—9:00 am

**Worship 9:00 am**

Pancake Breakfast 10-11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am

**Worship w/ Spanish 11:00 am**



## A Chat with Dr. Tom ...

This month I would like to introduce you to *Aman Cara*, a book by John O'Donohue. This wisdom was brought to my attention by Mary Elva Smith, who for two years was the Interim executive Presbyterian of the Presbytery of Sacramento. For a short time, before she moved to Louisville, KY, Mary Elva functioned as my spiritual director.

What, you may ask, is a spiritual director? Such a person enters into your life by your invitation to help guide you in your spiritual life. Spiritual Directors are trained in this discipline. I know several locally, including my wife Kathy. There is a training center in Sacramento called *The Bread of Life Center* ([www.breadoflife.org](http://www.breadoflife.org)). A spiritual director comes alongside to help in your spiritual walk with God. Not a psychotherapist -- not someone to talk to about emotional problems per se, though you might mention, for instance, that you can't seem to focus on God because of other stuff in your life. The goal of the spiritual director is to help get you re-focused on getting closer to Jesus. People usually meet with a Spiritual Director once a month, and though there is usually a negotiated cost, it is usually not very much.

From the beginning of O'Donohue's book: "In the Celtic tradition, there is a beautiful understanding of love and friendship. One of the fascinating ideas here is the idea of soul-love; the old Gaelic term for this is *aman cara*. *Anam* is the Gaelic word for soul and *cara* is the word for friend. So *anam cara* in the Celtic world was the 'soul friend.' In the early Celtic church, a person who acted as a teacher, companion, or spiritual guide was called an *anam cara*. It originally referred to someone to whom you confessed, revealing the hidden intimacies of your life. With the *aman cara* you could share your innermost self, your mind and your heart. This friendship was an act of recognition and belonging. When you have an *aman cara*, your friendship cut across all convention, morality, and category, You were joined in an ancient and eternal way with the 'friend of your soul.' The Celtic understanding did not set limitations on space or time on the soul. There is no cage for the soul. The soul is a divine light that flows into you and into your Other. This art of belonging awakened and fostered a deep and special companionship. In everyone's life there is great need for an *aman cara*. In this love, you are understood as you are without mask or pretension. The superficial and functional lies and half-truths of social acquaintance fall away, you can be as you really are. Love allows understanding to dawn, and understanding is precious. When you are understood, you are home."

As with O'Donohue, and with Mary Elva, I believe that friendship is the nature of God. The Christian concept of god as Trinity is the most sublime articulation of otherness and intimacy, an "eternal interflow of friendship." This is what Jesus had in mind when he said, 'Behold, I call you friends.' In friendship with Jesus, we enter the tender beauty and affection of the Trinity. In the embrace of this eternal friendship, we dare to be free. O'Donohue quotes a Celtic invocation:

The Sacred Three  
My fortress be

Encircling me  
Come and be round  
My hearth and my home.

Thus, love is anything but sentimental. In fact, it is the most real and creative form of human presence. Love is the threshold where divine and human presence ebb and flow into each other.

If you are ready to move deeper into your walk with Jesus, you may be ready to form a relationship with a Spiritual Director. I have always found to be true this ancient phrase: "When the student is ready, the teacher appears."

## **SESSION HIGHLIGHTS**

At the regular meeting of Session on March 20, 2012, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Heard a report from Rob Armijo, who attended Presbytery as a commissioner, that Anna Perrine was elected as a commissioner to General Assembly.
- Approved establishing a limited term fund designed to pay for travel expenses and other costs of candidates under final consideration by our PNC.
- Approved hosting a 60 minute workshop to teach older adults how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, mail fraud, check scams, foreign lotteries and telephone solicitations.
- Approved submitting volunteer job opportunity bulletins to River City High School to solicit high school students for volunteer opportunities at Trinity including, but not limited to community outreach events, church cleanup, etc
- Approved contracting with Collins Electric Co. to complete needed repairs to the church electrical system.

Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session



## ESQUINA LATINA – LATINO CORNER – APRIL 2012

**Please pray for us** as we continue to worship together, build relationships, and get to know others in the church better. We continue to ask God to give us wisdom, through the Holy Spirit, to serve and reach our Spanish-speaking neighbors with the great news of God's generous gift of salvation in Jesus Christ.

We look forward to ***Semana Santa***, Holy Week, at Trinity. And we look forward to singing along with a chorus or two in Spanish as part our combined worship on Easter morning.

And several of our kids will be part of the special Children's Program on the Sunday after Easter.

### **Ongoing**

**Spanish Sunday morning worship service.** We continue to enjoy our Spanish service, at 11:00 am in Room 12. Feel free to drop in if you'd like!

**Wednesday evening Spanish Bible studies (SBS),** 6:30 pm in Room 12. We continue to meet in conjunction with the FIRE family night, eating all together as a church and then going into our Spanish Bible Study.

**Monthly food distribution.** A great place to share God's bounty to us and just be with people and invite them to share in spiritual food as well. A real privilege to participate in this great ministry of our own Out Of The Box.

*Nos vemos pronto – y ¡qué Dios te bendiga!* See you soon – and may God bless you!

Pastora Tina Torres

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday (+ One) !!!

## Family Games

### April 15, 5:00-7:00 pm

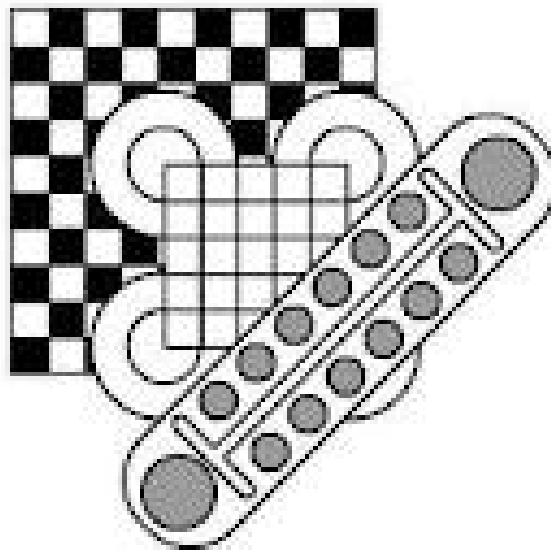
Our first 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday was a GREAT SUCCESS. 35 people shared a potluck dinner and went puzzle and game crazy. The Church Life Committee invites you to join us for our Second 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday. Second Sunday this month is Easter so we are meeting a week later and calling it 2nd Sunday + One. We are having a "Family Games Night". Bring your favorite games. We have room for lots of people and lots of games. Puzzles are also welcome as we now know we puzzle addicts.

Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> forget your taxes and come for fun at Trinity from 5-7:00 pm.

The breakout for dinner courses for 2nd Sunday + One are: A-F salads, G-M entrees, N-S desserts, and T-Z appetizers/munchies (Don't worry! We will rotate food assignments from month to month.) Plan to bring enough of your course to serve at least 6 people.

To keep our fun night "green" and "clean," please bring your own place setting.

If you would like to participate in the Second Sunday planning process to share a great idea, please contact Robb Perrine at [trinitychurchlife@hotmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchlife@hotmail.com).





## **Maundy Thursday – the Eve of the Cross**

Holy week would surely be much more fun if we skipped from the joyful parade of Palm Sunday to the celebration of Easter the next Sunday! But on our journey through Lent, we cannot fully appreciate the depth of joy in His resurrection unless we have experienced the anguish of our Savior during the preceding week.

Our Maundy Thursday experience will be a bit different this year. Shannon has graciously offered to prepare a Seder meal for us which will be served at 6:00pm. Pastor Tina will help us to understand the significance of the elements of the traditional Passover meal which Christ would have shared with his disciples on the evening of His arrest.

Around 7:00, we will enter the sanctuary for worship and communion. Through hearing holy scripture and the dramatic writings of Max Lucado, we will experience the events of Jesus' last evening with his friends – their betrayal - and His anguish alone in the garden. Our hope is that, together, we will experience these events in a fresh, new way which draws us closer to our Savior through a new appreciation of the depth of His sacrifice. Please join us on Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for the Seder meal and at 7:00pm for worship in the sanctuary.

*“On the eve of the cross, Jesus made His decision. He would rather go to hell for you than go to heaven without you.” -Max Lucado*



## **Worship Night Concert – Saturday April 28**

Boris Karpuk and the entire praise team would like to invite you to join us for our second annual Worship Night on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

It will be an evening filled with fellowship, prayer, and music. We'll worship through some of our favorite praise songs as well as traditional hymns done with our praise band's flair! Our team has already been practicing for weeks, and we are really looking forward to sharing these songs with you in worship and glorifying God together.

## **Spiritual Gifts Class is Back!**

Come and discover the unique "gifts" God has given YOU beginning on **Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** During the 4 week series (ending on July 1<sup>st</sup>), class participants will use a program called Network to help them identify their spiritual gift(s), their personal style, and their God-given passion for serving. Each person will have his/her own "workbook" for the class. Linda Whitney will be your "guide" on this gifts discovery journey.

You may sign-up for the class by calling the church office (371-5875), sending us e-mail at [adminstrator@TrinityWestSac.org](mailto:adminstrator@TrinityWestSac.org), or talking with Linda (421-0341).

### **COMING SOON: Scam Alert Workshop for Seniors**

The Yolo County District Attorney Elder Protection Unit will be hosting a workshop at Trinity Presbyterian Church early May 2012. The workshop will identify how older adults can protect themselves against crimes such as identity theft, telemarketing fraud, door-to-door and phony check/lottery scams. According to the FBI Identity Theft is now one of the fastest growing crimes in the Country and citizens may not even know they are a victim until creditors start calling.

Since fraud schemes are ever evolving, continuing education is essential to reduce the number of potential victims. Fortunately, awareness is a very effective tool in combating these types of crimes. The District Attorney's office believes that teaching older adults how to recognize and avoid these scams is an effective tool to combat crime. You will learn simple and practical ways to help reduce your exposure to things like check fraud, skimming and home invasion robbery.

Please stay tuned for additional information regarding this workshop. Tentative dates and times for the workshop are either May 9<sup>th</sup> or May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

# **FIRE - WEDNESDAY CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT**

*Family Dinner at 6pm and faith based programs at 6:30*

*From April 11 to May 16*

- Trinity Kids Choir (1-5th grade)
- Youth Group (8-12 grade)
- Prayer and Praise (Adult Program)
- Nursery Care (6mo to kindergarten)
- FUEGO- Spanish speakers

## Trinity Kids Choir Is Back! Lead by Richard March

Kids Choir is back and is being taught by Richard March on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 7:30. From April 11<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>. Richard makes singing fun with games that teach vocal exploration, Sofege (do re mi fa so la te), round singing, repertoire study, and rhythm exercises. Performance schedule to follow. Donations of \$5 per class requested.

## Prayer & Praise

*It's an hour of prayer and praise time for adults. Come be spiritually filled!*

Each week we come into Jesus' presence for an hour through worship, the Word, witnessing, and prayer 'Grace, so Amazing' is our next five week focus. We will look at how we are saved by Grace, seek understanding of God's forgiveness, God's love, receiving Grace, and finally God in us. Come for one week or the series. (Loving childcare provided for children from 6 months to kindergarten)

## **Trinity Youth Group**

A student-lead group for 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students; mentored by Dan and Paige Meyerpeter. These kids are having fun and getting closer to Jesus. After a wild activity our teens sing praise songs, lead their own Bible teaching and witness about Jesus in their lives. Additionally, teens can find out about opportunities to experience service by feeding the homeless, join a bible study, mission trip and more.

## **FUEGO**

Do you have a friend, neighbor, or co-worker whose first language is Spanish? Invite them to dinner with you on FIRE nights and introduce them to our Latino friends for a Bible study and prayer time in Spanish. (Loving childcare provided for children from 6 months to kindergarten)



## 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 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 **\$22.25** per member, which is split for the work of our General Assembly (\$6.63), the Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22), Presbytery of Sacramento (\$9.40), 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 large church. This year's total is \$4,205.25. 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 \$22.25 (\$25.00 if the spirit moves you) 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.

Elder Gary Younglove

**NEW AND IMPROVED**  
***KIDS FUN DAY AND CHURCH BAZAAR***  
**Saturday MAY 5, 2012**

This year we are trying something new-- Kids Fun Day combined with a church bazaar and yard sale. This fun event will take place on Cinco de Mayo, Saturday May 5, 2012.

**Kids Fun Day from 10:00 – 2:00** We will have fun--bounce houses, the Fire Department smoke house, face painting, crazy hair, crafts and Mexican dancers.

**Church Bazaar and Yard Sale 9:00 – 3:00** We will combine Kids Fun Day with the church bazaar that we held for many years. The bazaar will have areas for sale of craft items, kids' clothes and games, household goods, gardening things and plants, books and records, etc.

Items you are donating for the Yard Sale and the Bazaar can be brought to Trinity on May 2, 3, 4, from 9:00-6:00. The items can be placed in Rooms 4-5-6. Cora Hocker and Linda Brooks are in charge of the Yard Sale. We will also rent spaces for \$30 if you would like to sell your own items yourself. Call the office to reserve a space. They will call you back with details.

**And, of course, there will be food!** Snow cones will be free. We will be selling **Mexican Food**, it is Cinco de Mayo, and have a fabulous **Bake Sale**.

Sign up to bring yummy items for the Bake Sale in the Narthex. Gayle Andrade and Ethel Hayes are in charge of the Bake Sale.

Proceeds from the Yard Sale and Bake Sale will be added to the "Pastor's Purse" to help cover the cost's of interviewing final pastor candidates and relocating our new pastor.

Decide how you would like to do to be part of the new and improved Kids Fun Day and Bazaar! We need everyone's help for this church-wide event.



# Save the Dates!!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Trinity

June 11-15 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Invite your friends to join us for



Featuring the music of "Go Fish" and others.

Check out a preview video at

<http://youtu.be/GfMNBBrqMnU>

## Update from your *Pastor Nominating Committee* . . . .

The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has met seven times since being formed at the Congregational Meeting at the end of January. In this short amount of time using prayer, study, the information from the Holy Cow Survey and the Unlocking the Code process, the PNC was able to complete the Church Information Form.

A key summary statement from Trinity's CIF is: "We take Christ's leadership and call to service seriously. Our congregation reflects a broad age, class, ethnic, and cultural range, and we enjoy spending time with each other and supporting one another in Christ. Our leadership mirrors our congregation with a range of seasoned and new Christians willing to work together. We pray fervently, as individuals and as a body, for our church and for those whom we serve. We are firm in our beliefs yet respectful of those whose beliefs differ from ours. Trinity is a congregation truly interested in seeking God's will."

Thursday March 22 the PNC presented their work to the presbytery's Committee On Ministry (COM). The COM approved Trinity's Church Information Form, the same day, and authorized the PNC to upload the information on the PC(USA) Church Leadership Connection (CLC) website. CLC connects congregations, presbyteries, synods, educational institutions and other Presbyterian entities seeking leaders for ministry positions with pastors, Christian educators, administrators, executives and other church professionals seeking a call to service within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Jessie Schlunegger is actively putting our CIF for a new pastor for Trinity on the website. In a few days you will be able to go to:

<https://clc.pcusa.org/asp/OpportunitySearch.aspx>

If you search for California and then go the Sacramento Presbytery the complete CIF will be there. You can also call the office and ask for a copy.

The PNC will continue to pray and work to find the pastor God has already prepared for Trinity. In April we will begin to review and interview candidates.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Brooks, Chair                      Jessie Schlunegger, Vice Chair  
Wave Armijo    Kevin Hansen    Errol Summy                      Pat Terry                      Jill Thom,

## Seeing Fruit

As some of you may know, Dan and I are feeling God leading us away from Trinity. We had been praying and fasting about this for a long time, and felt God confirm it in December. We announced it to the youth group in January, which was even more difficult for us than we expected. Because of the church's financial situation, we told them we weren't sure if the position would be replaced.

A couple weeks after our announcement, a group of student leaders approached us with a proposal. They said this church is their family; it is where they have met God and where their closest friends are. They told us about the essential role the youth group has played in their lives and that they didn't want it to end. These 16 and 17 year old teens told us they wanted to continue the group with student leaders.

The teens had written out what would need to happen in order to make this happen. We told them we really didn't know what would happen, but they could try to lead themselves while we are still there.

The next week we watched the youth run themselves. We had been equipping them for this for a while, occasionally having a youth run the game or give a message, but now they were motivated to do it all. Austin gave the message on spiritual gifts, challenging each individual to help with the gifts God has given them. Ben and Jasmine ran an awesome game involving gum and whipped cream pies. The next week Katie McNeilly and Katie Magana gave a message on coping with grief, Alex ran a super bowl trivia game, Austin led worship, and they spent time praying for one another. They have also led a discussion on coping with depression, dealing with anger, and Christian Barret gave a message on the Good Samaritan. One student leader told me her bible is marked up and highlighted now.

I share this because watching them lead themselves has refreshed me. It has made me excited about the big difference this church has made in their lives. We are seeing so much fruit from God's ministry with these amazing teenagers. It's been one of the most beautiful things I have ever seen. Many teens have been afraid to pray out loud, but are now willing and eager. I want to invite you to come and observe on a Wednesday night. I am sure you will be ministered to on your visit. I also want to challenge you to pray and see if there is a way God wants you to be involved. Could you come once a month on a Wednesday night to help supervise? Could you mentor a teenager? They are certainly growing in their spiritual maturity and can lead themselves in many ways, but they need adult support. Can you commit to praying for these student leaders? I am not sure what God is going to do through all of this, but I am excited

Paige Meyerpeter

## April Birthdays



Desmond Barrett	1	Adele Lane	16
Floy Gleason	1	Georgie Newell	16
Savannah Watson	1	Lila Hanson	17
Kaitlyn Barrow-Tapia	4	Joshua Sharon	18
Clara Brisbin	4	Alannah Arias	19
Sharon Shinpaugh	4	Cora Hocker	19
TJ Fram	5	Aurelia Torres	19
Dennis Metcalf	6	Brandon Bachmeier	20
Wesley Rodrigue	6	Faith Bosley	23
Luke Schulenegger	6	Kayla Page	23
Glenda Dahms	7	Kaitlin Pitts	23
April Torres	7	Kami Rasmussen	23
Amber Berntsen	8	Kathy Trott	23
Denis Karnaukh	8	Scott Brisbin	24
Sandy King	9	Craig Davis	24
Edward Metcalf	11	Yesenia Ochoa	25
Jenny Stegman	11	Joe Sokolich	26
Liley Vogt	12	Sarah Adcock	27
John Lee Brooks	13	Alex Stanchis	27
Nina McBride	13	Janet Bagdazian	29
Ryan Badertscher	14	Tino Candelario	29
Darby Vickery	14	Victoria Cunica	30

# Second Sunday



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**CHANGE SERVICE  
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Kathy Trott &  
Jane Gentry  
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.***

