

April 2014

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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 & Preschool
(Newborn to K) — Room 10
Sunday School Classes
Grades 1—6 Rooms 4, 5, and 6

Noah Movie Event

Saturday April 5, details on website

Out of the Box – Food Packing

Sunday, April 13, at 12:30 pm

Out of the Box – Food Distribution

Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 pm

Holy Week Activities

April 13 – Palm Sunday

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

Children's Parade with Palms at 9 & 11

(Children need to arrive 10 minutes early)

April 17 – Maundy Thursday

Worship 7:00 pm with reenactment
and Communion (bilingual elements)

April 18 – Good Friday

Worship 7:00 pm
(Bilingual elements)

April 20 – Easter "He is Risen"

Sunrise Worship 7:00 am

Pancake Breakfast 8-9:00 am

Family Worship 9:00 am

Pancake Breakfast 10-11:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 am

Worship w/ Spanish 11:00 am

E-Mail

Lessons from the Carpenter



Have you ever wondered why Jesus was born the son of a carpenter? If he was born to lead people to their spiritual freedom, why would he not be born the son of a government official, a musician, a famous actor, or even a king? It seems that any of those positions would have more influence on society than that of a blue collar position. Jesus was raised by a dad who wouldn't have known famous people, let alone be invited to any of their parties. Joseph, (Jesus' earthly father) worked with his hands.

As a carpenter, Joseph would have taught Jesus how to work with his hands. To shape the wood, build a wall, to mend a fence, to level a beam. Jesus would take these traits and use them in his ministry. To shape his disciples, to build a ministry, to mend the sick, and to level the playing field between humanity and death.

Starting this Easter we're going to take a closer look at this son of a carpenter. We will explore how this son uses the lessons from his father the carpenter to carry out his ministry as the Son of God.

I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

LATINO MINISTRY REPORT



¡ Gracias a Dios!

We are excited about:

- God's leading us to form our own worship team for Sunday services
- God's provision of Javier Lozano, who is helping us to form the worship team
- Meaningful bilingual Ash Wednesday service
- Infant baptism and new member reception (Allen Ayala and mother, Marielena Olivares). Photo above shows Pastor Eric asking the English-speaking congregation the question about supporting and encouraging our new members.

And please pray for:

- Our new worship team
- God to strengthen our leadership team
- Trinity children and youth.

In the love of Christ - *en el amor de Cristo*

Pastora Tina 916-995-5105

and the Latino Steering Team - Arturo and Lina Jimenez, Claudia Rolon-Garcia and Diego and Angeles Camarotta, Kathy and Ken Trott, and Marielena Olivares

Betty's Corner: The Stained Glass Windows

The Fish Window

The middle stained-glass window, the Fish Window, was dedicated to Wilma Compton, an early long-time member of Trinity. The fish was a symbol of Christianity before Christianity was an accepted religion. People could not openly acknowledge they were Christian for fear of punishment. To let others know they were Christian, they would draw the outline of a fish in the sand to see if the other person responded. Today we often wear a cross to acknowledge our Christian faith.

The Resurrection Window

The window above the door on the right side of the Sanctuary depicts Jesus trudging uphill to his death for our sins on a cross. This is the Resurrection Window and is dedicated to the Founders' of Trinity. Think how exhausting and uncomfortable that walk must have been for Jesus, but he did it willingly for us. God loves all of us and gave his only Son as a sacrifice for our sins; this was difficult for God the Father as well. The butterfly symbolizes the resurrection, as it also goes through a metamorphosis. Each stage is more beautiful than the last. Jesus goes through a metamorphosis of his own as he is resurrected in his glorious body. The cost of this window was too much for Trinity's budget; so long-time residents Eric and Jenny Hughes donated the needed money. Bill Vogel, my second husband, was a newcomer to Trinity, but when he died unexpectedly of a heart attack, Trinity voted to dedicate the window to his memory. Bill had a very deep faith and love of God.

The William Pitt Turner Window

In 1949 we moved to West Sacramento. Everyone wanted a new sanctuary after having ignored the squeaks and groans of the metal Quonset hut for so long. One Sunday was just unforgettable. A sonic boom shook the building so hard that one of the ceiling tiles was shaken off its holders, and it came crashing down in the middle of the anthem, right in front of the choir! We decided we needed a new location right now!

William Pitt Turner (Pitt), a creative genius and Civil Engineer, drew lots of plans for a new sanctuary. Pitt negotiated a good deal for the new church property. What an exciting day it was when we gathered around as the first foundation hole was dug! The Pitt Turner window was added and dedicated to Pitt as an acknowledgement of his devotion to the church. The design is abstract, as he was a multitalented man willing to give so much of himself for the church.

Trinity Bazaar and Dirt to Dinner - May 3

Now is the time to start saving those delightful items to donate to this nearly annual event! Tools, books, furniture, kitchen and household items are so welcomed, but please, no clothing this time. We will have tables for selling baked goods, books, crafts and plants. Rumor has it that Ken Trott has started nearly 500 tomato and vegetable plants! The proceeds of these sales will go to the Building Fund.

You are welcome to begin dropping off items at the church April 30.

Any questions regarding the Bazaar, please contact Linda Brooks or Cora Hocker. If you have questions about Dirt to Dinner; please contact Jill Thom or Ken Trott.

Buildings and Grounds (B and G) Update - Turning Our Dollars into New "Quarters"

As of March 20, the response to matching the \$20,000 is marching along! After just 7 Sundays, the amount donated is \$14,000. It is so exciting to see your response and to move closer to the actual starting of Phase Two! This will affect Rooms 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9. We met with the contractor on Tuesday, March 18, to review the details and also met with the heating and air consultant. The antiquated heating and poor air conditioning quality of all those rooms needs to be addressed, and now is the time to do this.

So we wait to see the outcome, and then we start the project. I cannot wait to see the "excuse our dust" signs!

In the meantime, so many of you have asked about new flooring for the cafe and lounge, or "When do we start the new kitchen?" My hope is sooner rather than later; we will get here. Please feel free to ask any questions about our "redo" to any member of the B and G committee or to me, Linda Brooks.



Please Join Us for Lunch!

The Kids' Ministries team would like to invite parents of children (infants through 6th grade) to join us for lunch following the 10:30 & 11:00 services on Sunday, April 6th, to enjoy a meal and to share ideas.

We want YOUR input!!

Please RSVP to the church office, or contact Sue Goodwin at slgoodwin@yahoo.com

We look forward to partnering with you to plan meaningful and FUN, faith-building events for the children of Trinity!



Calling all Kids & Teens!

The time is NOW to register for summer camps at Westminster Woods!

The early registration deadline is April 1st!

If you have a second grader through high-school aged youth who might be interested in attending camp, you can register online at

www.westminsterwoods.org

Trinity even has some funds available for scholarships to help cover the cost.

Contact Sue Goodwin or the church office for more information.

New Youth Class

Greetings church family! The Youth Ministry is on the move and anticipating our new Youth Group and Sunday School class beginning April 6. Our mission is to reach all youth at Trinity and equip them with God's word in a fun environment. Starting April 6, we are adding a new Youth Group to attract additional youth who cannot attend Wednesday night. The new schedule and times are as follows:

Youth Sunday School Class for April 2014

April 6 at 10:30 am to 11:30 am

April 13 at 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Youth Group for April

April 6 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

April 13 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm



The Mercy Coalition

The “Mercy Coalition,” brainchild of Helena Helmold, was formed in 2013 to help feed the hungry in West Sacramento. Most people who use this service are ordinary people with limited resources.

Local churches were already providing midday meals on Saturdays and Sundays when the Broderick Christian Center closed down its Monday through Friday feeding operation last fall.

The Mercy Coalition, a voluntary organization of local churches and charities, was formed to step into the gap and feed lunch at 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday in the parking lot of New Discovery Church. This lunch is typically donated pizza slices, a banana, cookies, and a bottle of water.

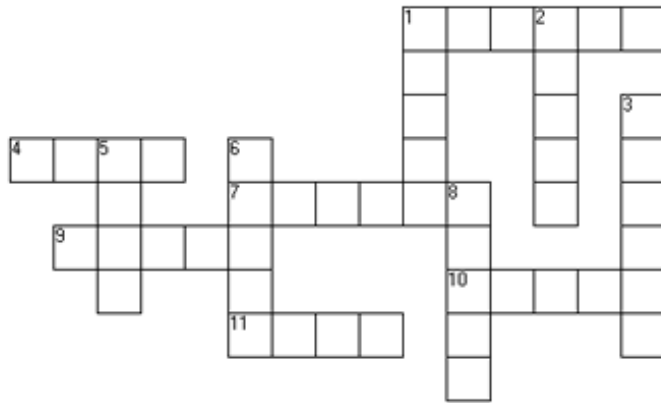
Trinity Presbyterian Church is a member of the Mercy Coalition along with New Discovery Church, The Center for Spiritual Awareness, Lighthouse Covenant Church, and others. They meet once-a-month at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Collings Teen Center located at 1541 Merkley Avenue here in West Sacramento. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. Kevin Hansen and Toni Sullivan try to be there each month.

Besides its regular Monday-through-Friday lunches, the Mercy Coalition has organized several other events. In December 2013, the Mercy Coalition hosted a free Christmas Dinner at the Collings Teen Center. They served over 100 people. Last November the Mercy Coalition organized a first-ever special event where 200 West Sacramento residents without medical insurance got to see a doctor for free. The doctors and nurses were provided by Elica Health Centers. The New Discovery Church (the old Union Hall on 5th and F streets) was turned into a clinic for a day.

Outside in the New Discovery parking lot tons of winter clothing, food, and hygiene products were distributed, free of charge, to everyone who showed up.

The Mercy Coalition is planning another Health Fair later this year in the spring.

Submitted by Toni Sullivan



ACROSS

1. The guards were _____ when they saw the empty tomb.
4. A place where the dead body of a human being is deposited; a grave; a sepulcher.
7. The day we celebrate the resurrection is called _____.
9. Jesus was crucified on the _____.
10. When the women came to the tomb, the _____ had been rolled away.
11. The angel's clothes were as white as _____.

DOWN

1. Opposite of dead.
2. The tomb was opened by an _____.
3. The angel came down from _____.
5. The name of the two women who came to the tomb.
6. The Savior of the world.
8. "He is not here. He has _____ as he said."

Mary	afraid	Easter	snow
angel	heaven	stone	cross
alive	risen	Jesus	tomb

HOLY WEEK IMMERSION

Would you like to experience Holy Week on a deeper level? Draw yourself closer to the experience of the early Christians as we following Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday into the confusion and immense pain of the week, to the empty silence of Saturday. Immerse yourself to more deeply understand the unexpected and joy-filled resurrection on Easter morning.

Jane Gentry and Kathy Trott will guide you through this spirit-filled week. We will meet six days during Holy Week. Please let the office know that you would like to come on this journey and if you need childcare. Commit yourself to the full immersion by planning to attend all or most of the sessions. Materials will be provided.

Monday April 14	6:00 – 7:20 pm
Tuesday April 15	6:00 – 7:15 pm
Thursday April 16	6:00 – 7:00 pm with worship at 7:00 pm
Friday April 17	6:00 – 7:00 pm with worship at 7:00 pm
Saturday April 19	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sunday April 20	10:00 – 11:00 am with worship at 9:00 or 11:00 am

Call Jane (916) 372-3485 or Kathy (530) 312-0100 with questions.

What's a Kids' Ministries Director?!

I am so excited to (re)join the staff at Trinity as the Kids' Ministries Director as of March 1st - I am humbled and honored by your trust in me, and I'm excited about the opportunity to reach families in this role! I will be working closely with Pastor Eric and the Kids' Ministries Team to plan and coordinate activities for children and their families (primarily infants through 6th grade.) & I'll also work with Glen to ensure a smooth transition as kids move toward youth status. Ultimately, we want children to build a firm foundation for their faith, and to experience Christ's love in a personal, developmentally-appropriate way. I appreciate your prayers as we move forward together, and as I strive to follow God's lead in this essential ministry!

The other thing I would really love is your input!! The Kids' Ministries team is currently made up of folks who are passionate about children, but who aren't currently parenting little ones. If you are a parent, we really want to hear from you!! We want to know what's on your heart, what your kids enjoy and respond to best, what ideas you have that will help us reach other parents, and on and on. Join the Kids' Ministries team April 6th after worship for lunch if you can, or give me a call, or stop me at church sometime to talk. I'd be honored if you'd share your wisdom and ideas. I am excited to see what God has in store for the children and families at Trinity as we journey onward together!

In His Service,

Sue Goodwin
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Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of the Session on March 18, 2014, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Pastor Eric received many compliments on his Pocket Lent daily devotional.
- Pastor Eric will launch a new Series at Easter titled *Lessons from the Carpenter*.
- Pastora Tina thanked Trinity for making the new members feel so welcome.
- Deacon Representative Debra Johnston thanked Trinity for making her feel so loved and part of us during her installation and praised Lori Schlunegger for her administrative and organizational skills.
- Karla Rasmussen reported that we are starting to see an increase in tithes and offerings
- Linda Brooks reported that our contractor is looking at our heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and will give us a cost for a better, more efficient system to heat and cool our facility. She is also pleased that we are within approximately \$6,000 of matching the \$20,000 donation.
- Sue Goodwin reported Pocket Lent and Sunday School classes are going well, though more help is always needed and appreciated.
- Ken Trott shared that work is underway for a scaled-down Dirt-to-Dinner in conjunction with the Church Bazaar.
- Heard a report from Karen Metcalf regarding the Disability Seminar she attended. It was time and money well spent.
- Accepted the transfer of membership for Barbara Reynolds to Parkview Presbyterian Church.
- Participated in the church's bi-annual Committee on Ministry visit with Elder Audrey Samora and Rev. Brian Spangler. We shared our thoughts regarding our church and our leadership team.
- Worked on the Church Mission Statement.

Prayerfully submitted by Jane Gentry on behalf of Cora Hocker

New Wheels for Toni Charities

On a Saturday afternoon this March, aided and escorted by Karen and Ed Metcalf, Toni Sullivan went to Fulton Avenue in search of a new cargo van before the wheels fell off her old one. Of course, God helped too! A beautiful, sleek, silver '03 "Grand" Caravan, with only 87,000 miles on it and for an affordable price, sat there waiting for them...

Toni says, "I was so happy! After two hours of getting in and out of the car without finding any suitable vans we were getting discouraged and worn out. My faith was starting to flag... then there he was; just the back of him sticking out of the garage, not ready for sale yet. I was jumping for joy as I knew God put him there for me."

"Furthermore, now I'm everybody's fairy godmother when I drive up to give away stuff... I even scared some elderly ladies when they didn't recognize me. I never could imagine doing God's work with such style, elegance and comfort!"

The new van's name is "Grendel". "Grand" means he is 8 inches longer in the back than a plain Caravan; a little more space for tubs of clothes and stuff! Grendel is 100% paid for thanks to the good advice of Dave Ramsey in *Financial Peace*. Toni sends many thanks to God, Karen, and Ed.



April Birthdays



Desmond Barrett	1	Savannah Watson	1
Kaitlyn Barrow-Tapia	4	TJ Fram	5
Luke Schlunegger	6	Dennis Metcalf	6
Glenda Dahms	7	April Torres	7
Edward Metcalf	11	John Lee Brooks	13
Ryan Badertscher	14	Kaleena Mercado Perez	14
Darby Vickery	14	Lila Hanson Ramirez	17
Joshua Sharon	18	Aurelia Torres	19
Brandon Bachmeier	20	Faith Bosley	23
Kaitlin Pitts	23	Kami Rasmussen	23
Kathy Trott	23	Yesenia Ochoa	25
Joe Sokolich	26	Eric Keller	26
Janet Bagdazian	29	Conrad Lawrence	29

Night of 1,000 Hams & Youth at Scandia



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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.

