

August 2015

Trinity Press



Kids' Fun Day

Saturday, August 8th,
at 11:30 am—2:00 pm

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, August 16th, at 11:45 am

Yolo County Food Distribution

Tuesday, August 18th, at 10:00 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, August 20th, at 6:30 pm

*The Backpack Project has ended and
School will Begin Soon*



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

E's-mail

DON'T BE A MONKEY!



How do you catch a monkey? It's easier than you think. Here's one way: take a coconut and cut a hole in it just large enough for a monkey's paw. Then affix the coconut to a tree or something large and solid where you'd typically find a monkey. Place something sweet like a piece of fruit in the coconut and wait.

When the monkey approaches and sees the fruit, his greed takes hold of him. He'll squeeze his paw into the coconut, but once he grabs the treat inside he won't be able to withdraw his paw. When this happens the hunter can walk right up to the monkey and trap him. All the monkey would have to do is let go of the treat and he'd be free, but in his panic and greed, he holds onto the treat, and is "trapped." It's not so much that the monkey has hold of the fruit; it's that greed has hold of the monkey.

So what is in your life that your holding on to that has you trapped? Where are you allowing your greed to wrap its claws around you? Is it time to let go of it? Like the saying goes, you can't have your cake and eat it too.

Jesus said, "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it." (Luke 17:33)

Sometimes letting go of something is the best way to be set free of it.

Pastor Eric

August 2015: How We Doin'?

Toni says donations have been wonderful: Tubs and tubs full of clothing, books, and other useful items have been passed out at Out-of-the-Box distributions the last six months of 2015 - our best ever! Thanks to God for your support!!

The second half of 2015 will be too, because the pile of winter clothes set aside for cold weather has grown enormous! Toni says, "I can't remember collecting such an impressive amount of sweaters, jackets, heavy clothing, etc., and it's only the middle of summer! I'm bowled over with how it's grown over time!"

Toni says that providing winter clothes in November and December is the most important thing we do all year, clothes-wise in West Sacramento. Distributing much-needed winter wear is so much fun!



Back-to-Church Sunday

September 20, 2015

On September 20, over 30,000 churches across America are expected to join together to invite their communities back to church! Trinity will again participate in this powerful day of worship.

Back-to-Church Sunday is a campaign strategically designed to help churches reach out to invite everyone to try church again. This powerful movement encourages church attendance by inspiring and empowering church members to invite their neighbors, friends and loved ones to a special Sunday service designed just for them.

- See more at:

<http://backtochurch.com/about#sthash.Tkdplkah.dpuf>

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Are you getting a new TV or anything that plugs in? What do you do with the old electronics? *No worries; Trinity has a solution that benefits both of us! Donate your old electronics online at www.ewaste4good.com. You can arrange to have your items picked up at your home and enter "Trinity Presbyterian Church" as the non-profit to receive the funds for your generous contribution.

Or, you can call *Tri-Valley Recycling*, located at 500 Richards Boulevard in Sacramento, to arrange a pickup. Let them know you want Trinity Presbyterian Church of West Sacramento to receive the proceeds. Their phone number is **(916) 990-7053**. The great news is that your contribution will help pay for the building project here at Trinity!

The State of California recently implemented new reporting requirements. Please call the church office if you're donating a computer, laptop computer, a computer monitor, a flat-screen television, a television, or any lcd monitor. We will complete the required paperwork for you.

For additional information, please call Trinity Presbyterian Church at (916) 371-5875.

****Please bring small appliances to the church office.***

Lawn Concert

We had 51 people come out on chilly July 9th to hear jazz saxophonist Paul MacFarland, Jr. We had a great time. Thanks to all of you who came out and enjoyed the music and connected with new folks. Thank you also to everyone who contributed a dessert and prayed for a successful event.

Special thanks to the committee who did setup and cleanup (in record time, I might add!) Their names are listed below:

Karla Rasmussen, Harvey Magana, Terri Young, Ken Trott and Jane Gentry.

Some of you asked about Paul's contact information. He is on Facebook and his email address is macfapd@aol.com.

We also collected \$31 for the Backpack Project.



August Birthdays



JoyAnn Merwin	4
Myrna Summy	6
Kelly Custodio	11
Nikki Custodio	11
Job Gil	15
Carl Metcalf	15
Mallory Cypress	16
Tyler Reynen	16
Kyle Richardson	19
Jeffrey Grexton	28
Maxine Harper	31

Fireworks Booth-Wow!!

Trinity made approximately \$17,000 from our fireworks booth. It was hard, hot, sweaty work and worth every sale we made. Not only does it make it possible for us to fund some worthwhile ministries, but it also provided an opportunity for many of us to connect and get to know each other better. Some commented that it was really like a small group!

Proceeds will benefit the following ministries:

Presbyterian Mission	15%
Backpack Project	10%
Scholarships for Youth	10%
Sunday-School Curriculum	15%
Out-of-the-Box	20%
Building Needs	20%
Endowment Fund	10%

Thanks for helping us make a big impact on our church and in our community!

Kids' Fun Day and Dance Party

Kids' Day will be in a few days. Children's Ministries and Mission and Outreach are excited to host this event. Our goal is to reach out to the community by inviting them to this fun event. We are asking as many Trinity folks as possible to come out, as we would love for each of us to connect with a new family and show them some Trinity love.

Date and Time: Saturday, August 8th

Time: 11:30 am to 2:00 pm

Featured DJ: Trinity's own Richard Rivas
aka *The Raven*

Free: Food, Games, Prizes and, Waterslide!



Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

If you would like to help, please contact Sue Goodwin.

Trinity Threads Together

October 10th will be our second annual craft show. Trinity Threads Together (TTT) has been working diligently for months to craft items for this sale. We invite all of you to join us in the now-annual fundraiser for the Building Fund. In addition to our crafts, we will have some outside vendors, baked goods and a yard sale, too. So start saving those great saleable items and thinking about what you would like to add to our sale. Please contact Carol Davis, Jane Gentry or Cora Hocker with any questions you might have. More information will follow!



The School Bus is here!

We have supplied Riverbank Elementary School with 50 backpacks filled with school supplies each school year for the past few years and plan to do it again this year. We also want to provide gently-used school uniform items to Riverbank.

Due to the generous contributions of folks and the remaining backpack fund from last year, we have 7 backpacks to get us started, plus some supplies. You may contribute to this project by marking **Backpacks** on your offering envelope or by purchasing supplies. Supplies needed are listed below for your convenience:

Color crayons – 24 pack, scissors (blunt-end or pointed-end), number 2 pencils, erasers (large pink erasers and large gray erasers), colored pencils -12 pack, glue sticks, washable markers – 8 pack, single-subject wide-ruled notebooks – 70 sheets, single-subject college-ruled notebooks – 70 sheets, pencil sharpeners, ink pens (red, blue, and black), rulers and backpacks. ***We are not able to use red backpacks, but all other colors are welcome.***

As you go through your children's uniforms, please remember to pull those gently-used items aside for us to donate to Riverbank. Gently-used uniform items may be dropped off at the church office Tuesday through

Friday between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

If you need more information or are interested in helping with this project, please call or email Jane Gentry. River City High School students who help with this project can use the hours they serve as required community service hours for this next school year.

All items are due by Sunday, August 2nd, 2015. Cash donations (including checks) will be accepted throughout the year.



Charter School to Open

As of July 1, we are making room for the new Lighthouse Charter School to use many of our rooms as they open their school in West Sacramento. Trinity and the Baptist church will house them for the next two years while they work on their permanent building.

We have made every effort to work out the scheduling of room usage so as not to inconvenience any of us, but it is always a good idea to check the main calendar on-line (or check with Jane if there are unanswered questions). The school will run daily following the Washington Unified school calendar with the same vacations and holidays. School is out at 3:15, and Trinity will be running an after-school day-care program.

Once school is over, the rooms are available for our church use. Most of our meetings are in the evening hours, so this should work well. The school will have their office in Room 3. Our church office and office hours remain the same.

The ADA improvements at the church are underway. The cost, nearly \$70,000, is coming from the Charter School room use agreement and will provide us with the opportunity to update and redo many areas of the church.

We are entering an exciting time in our church life. Our hope is that we will all work together to expand our mission here at Trinity.

Buildings and Grounds, Linda Brooks

Deacons' Coat Drive

Please start saving coats for the Deacons. They will hold a coat drive again this year. Please continue to check the bulletins, weekly blasts and newsletters for more information.

Kudos to all the folks that do *A Time Mostly for Children*

This month kudos are extended to everyone who does *A time Mostly for Children*. They have to speak publicly, **and** they have to hold the attention of children. For some of us this would be an overwhelming task; for others it seems to be a spiritual gift.

They take a biblical topic and present it in such a way that it is understood by children. How many times do we as adults read the bible and struggle to understand a specific passage? So it is truly a gifted individual who can deliver a well-crafted children's message. Kudos to the following individuals:

Tyler Reynen

Jill Thom

Jill Whitney

Linda Whitney

Lori Schlunegger

Sue Goodwin

Ken Trott

Robb Perrine

Pastor Eric

The Current Sermon Series is the 10 Commandments. They are provided below for you!



LATINO MINISTRY REPORT

July 2015

The Latino Ministry Leadership Team has led the ministry for 6 months. Arturo has preached weekly with guest pastors once each month. The Praise Team under the leadership of Claudia and Javier lifts worship. Birthdays, anniversaries, graduations have all been celebrated with good food coordinated by Marielena. Lina manages the week-to-week work of the office. The team is strong.

Sunday July 12 was an important day in the Latino Ministry. Rev. Ivan Herman and three members of the Congregational Support Ministry Team of the Presbytery of Sacramento came to meet with the families of the Latino Ministry for a time of listening and learning how God is at work here. They met with many families for 15-20 minutes to hear what families like most about the Latino Ministry. What are peoples dreams for the ministry, what changes would they like to see, and what do they think is the next step for the Latino Ministry? The turnout was strong and voices were heard. God was present.

Lunch was shared. Good fellowship was enjoyed. Legos were a big hit for all ages. Pastor Miriam Osorio from the Bay Area preached that day.

The Latino Ministry is looking forward to working with the presbytery and the Trinity session to determine next steps. Keep this wonderful ministry of God in your prayers.

Submitted by,

Ken Trott, Chair

Mission and Outreach Ministry



Summertime!



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