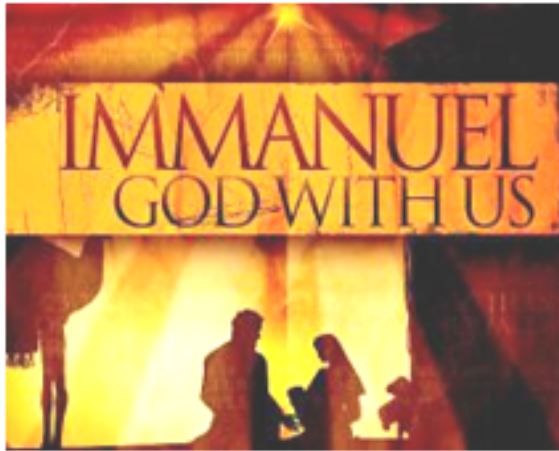


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Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary
10:30 am Blended/Traditional
12:15 pm Spanish

Child care at all Worship Services
Nursery & Preschool
Room 10
Sunday School Classes
Grades K—6 Rooms 4, 5, and 6

Communion Sunday

December 7 at all services

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, December 14, at 12:30 pm

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, December 18, at 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

Children's Program 5:00 pm

Traditional Service 7:00 pm

Candlelight Service 11:00 pm

Coming in 2015

Dia De Reyes (Three Kings Day)

Sunday January 4, 2015



E-Mail Christmas Gifts

The Christmas season is upon us and for many of us this means one thing... shopping shopping shopping.

Did you go Black Friday shopping? (Did you know there is an app for that?)

I have to admit, I did my fair share of Black Friday shopping... online that is. No I don't have the app, but I did go to the website. (Yes there is a Black Friday website.) I was anxious to see the ads online before they were printed. I also have to admit that I shopped mostly for tools. And since I'm on a roll admitting things, I am the only one in my family who wants tools. Every once in a while I thought I should really be shopping for someone else and then I'd notice a 58 piece universal socket set at half off and I'd be clicking on the description to see if that's something I really want.

Christmas has been marketed as the season for giving. We seem to be really good at giving to ourselves. And if we do find gifts for everyone in our family, then we trick ourselves into thinking that we should reward ourselves for being so good to others and suddenly we're looking at a 12 piece ratcheting wrench set with a lifetime guarantee. Metric AND standard at 60% off?!

It's hard not to be so focused on ourselves when we are bombarded by ads, sales, door busters and low prices... hey, is that a spark plug wire puller on sale? Um... we get distracted by the things we want.

God wants something too. Just like us, he's made a list. While we're busy making lists with the toys and gadgets we want, God's list has one thing on it... you! God wants you.

That's what Christmas is really about; God's gift to us. Jesus Christ, the very presence of God, came so that we can be reconciled to him. No coupons, no lines, no gift receipts. And the only returning that will take place is God's children returning home with salvation guaranteed through the gift of Jesus Christ.

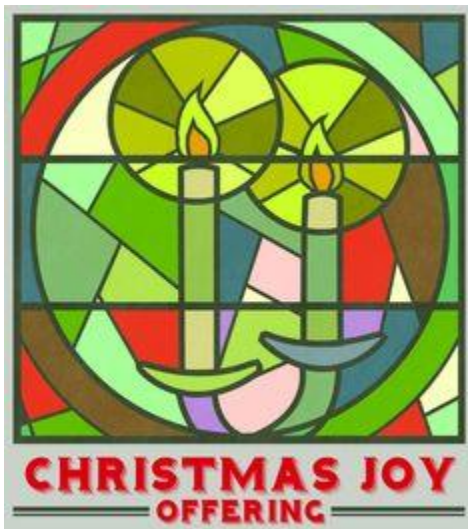
I'm not saying don't go searching for the perfect gift this Christmas. I am saying that God has done his searching already. He's decided he wants you. He has bought you (1 Corinthians 6:20). He has given himself to you. Are you ready to give yourself to him?

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Eric

Christmas Joy Offering

Each year at Christmas time, Presbyterian Churches throughout the PCUSA receive an offering for the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and the Presbyterian Racial Ethnic Schools and Colleges. The Assistance Program provides critical financial assistance to eligible workers in the PCUSA and their families and qualifying retired church workers and their families. This offering also provides opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial-ethnic schools and colleges. We will receive this offering on Sunday, December 21st.



New Help for The Homeless

Seventy-one homeless people have signed up for a never-done-before program, newly created here in West Sacramento, named “Bridge to Housing.” At this writing, they are scheduled to move into West Sacramento’s Old Town Motel, along with their pets, bicycles and belongings.

The plan is for them to stay there for three months, receiving assistance and counseling, then transition to permanent housing.

The program will start with a huge, day-long cleanup of the riverbank area north of the Broderick Boat Ramp. Also, the pets of the homeless will receive veterinary examinations, shots and be treated for fleas

“Bridge to Housing” was created by the West Sacramento City Council, Police Department, United Christian Centers, the Mercy Coalition, various Yolo County Services and others. Trinity Presbyterian Church is a member of the Mercy Coalition of West Sacramento churches, which feeds the hungry in West Sacramento.

Sacramento City College Cal Works Program

California Work Opportunity & Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) is a state-funded Welfare-to-Work program designed to help individuals on public assistance become self-sufficient. Sacramento City College’s CalWORKs program works with Yolo County to provide comprehensive services that promote self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and employment.

CalWORKs Contact Information

- Email: scccalworksl@scc.losrios.edu
- Phone: [916-558-2331](tel:916-558-2331)
- Fax: 916-558-2169
- Hours Mon – Thurs 8:00am to 4:30pm, Fri 8:00am to 3:00pm

Little Lending Library Project – Thanks for Making Children Smile!

Trinity's **"Little Lending Library"** is growing, thanks to your donations. Some of our kids have already begun to take books to read – you should see how excited they get. Our idea to have a little library at Trinity with a variety of books in it is beginning to take shape. We still need a small bookcase that we could move around easily – we can put wheels on it.

If you have books at home that you no longer need and would like to donate to this project, please bring them to church (watch for a basket in the lounge or drop them off in the church office). Books for preschoolers through middle-school students would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

Linda Whitney

Santa's Helpers Needed

Watch for our Christmas Families Tree on Sunday, December 7th. You will have an opportunity to select an ornament with suggestions for things you can buy a child to make their Christmas brighter. Then, on December 14th, bring whatever you bought to church with you (unwrapped) – some of Santa's "elves" will do the wrapping. The gifts are then distributed to families needing a little extra help this year.



Building and Grounds

Buildings and Grounds continues to focus on the rejuvenation of our church. Having completed the new office, as well as rooms 7, 8 and 9, which included the replacement of the heating system for rooms 7 through 11, we have turned our attention to the next step. It is worth noting that the total amount spent on these projects was \$62,000. Thanks to all of you, we were able to raise \$69,000. This included your gifts to the Building Fund, as well as special gifts and transfers of specific funds.

The next phase will be: 1) turning rooms 1 and 2 into the new Youth Room and 2) the Sunday School (classrooms, 4, 5 and 6). We will put new double-paned windows in all these rooms as well as in room 3 and the bathrooms. New heating units will go into rooms 1 through 6. We will finally be able to heat only the rooms in use, which should really help our heating bills. We will begin as soon as our contractor is able.

Funding continues to be a need, but with your help and that of the Finance Committee, we hope to complete this phase in a few months. Please continue to keep this project in your prayers.

Trinity Threads Together (TTT)

TTT held their Nov. meeting to review the Craft Sale they held on October 11. The group feels it was a great success and are looking forward to holding another sale next year on October 10, 2015. The amount of money raised to date is \$2,653.00, and all proceeds will go to the Building Fund. On November 29th, Cora, Myrna and Linda will open room, 2 from 9am to noon, for a last-chance sale of crafts, surplus furniture and various odds and ends.

This group meets the second Saturday of every month from 10am to noon. If interested, please call Carol Davis or Ethel Hayes. We enjoy getting together to work on our own projects and admire what everyone else is making.



HEIFER
PROJECT

Trinity has a long tradition of supporting the Heifer Project. Each Christmas, instead of purchasing and sending Christmas Cards to our Trinity Family, we purchase and write a single card and hang it on a tree in the Lounge. With the money saved, each family writes a check to Trinity PC for the money saved (or more), and the money is given directly to the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project uses your donation to provide livestock and training to underprivileged needy people around the world. So instead of just feeding the hungry, the Heifer Project helps the hungry feed themselves. Hang your card, write your check. (more info) Heifer.org

Stay tuned for more opportunities to support the Heifer Project.



321 Dinner Event

Do you like to wrap presents, or has God placed it on your heart to help fill goody bags for the homeless? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, we have an event for you.

When: Saturday, December 6th

Time: 2 to 6pm

Where: Trinity Café

Menu: A variety of soups, vegetable tray with dip, dinner rolls with butter, and desserts

All goody bags and books will be donated to the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project

For additional information, please call Jane Gentry.



Save the Date!

Marriage Development Conference

Friday night, Feb 20th, from 6:30-8:30pm, plus optional movie afterwards; and Saturday morning, Feb 21st from 8:30-11:30am. For all married couples...whether it has been 1 day or 80 years, there will be something for everyone to help you grow in your marriage. Held at Trinity with Childcare provided. Watch for further details coming soon!

Session Notes

At the regular meetings of the Session on October 21, 2014 and November 18, 2014, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Approved moving the Latino Sunday worship to the Sanctuary starting at 12:15pm, beginning Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014 and change the starting time of the 11am English worship to 10:30 am.
- Linda Brooks was elected Commissioner to Presbytery for the Nov. 6, 2014 meeting, held at El Dorado County Federated Church, Placerville, CA.
- Heard a report that the Endowment Fund has received another gift which means the minimum amount required to open an endowment account has been met.
- Approved an Elder/Deacon combined meeting on Dec. 3rd at 6pm.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

December Birthdays



Kim Sharon	5	Will Curtis	17
Steve Watson	6	Nicholas Long	18
Eric O'Connor	7	Gloria Curtis	19
Jennie Massello	9	Linda Elmore	19
Steven Faiello	12	Amelia Blunk	22
Corrine Hamby	12	Pete Martinez	23
Lydia Whitney	13	Linda Whitney	27



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