

December 2015

Trinity Press

Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 6

Advent Sundays

December 6, December 13, December 20

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, December 13, begins at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, December 17, begins at 6:30 pm



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

Christmas Eve Services

Thursday, December 24

7:00 pm Family Friendly Worship Service

11:00 pm Contemporary Worship Service

Church office closed Friday, December 25



FEAR NOT!

E-Mail

In the New Testament Jesus says the phrases, "fear not," "don't be afraid," and "take courage" a combined 21 times. Do you know why he said these things? Because we get afraid and need to be courageous! 😊

This is an important reminder as we enter into the Christmas season. Too often this time of year we are afraid that we won't find the right gift for that special someone. We dread traveling and visiting with people we are not comfortable with. We fear the bills that will come after the holiday is over. Let's face it, for many of us, the end of the year is a time of fears.

Let us not forget that this season we are reminded of a God who comes to us with the words, "Fear Not!" When we celebrate Christmas, we are rejoicing in a God who sets us free from our fears. We are reminded of a God who tells us to take courage. And why do we take courage?... because God is with us...*do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

This Christmas, as we celebrate Jesus who is called Emmanuel, (aka "God is with us"), let's remember his words of encouragement, "Fear Not." God has sent His Son so that we can be free!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Eric

Trunk-or-Treat Recap

Trinity family and friends, pat yourselves on the back. We had another successful Trunk-or-Treat event! Under the leadership of train conductor Lori Schlunegger, we set up trunks including a fire station with a Dalmatian, a Minion, a Star Trek-Themed trunk and a Pumpkin Palace. These amazing trunks were the creative genius of some of Trinity's own. We had Trunk-or-Treat participants vote for the best trunk with Karla Rasmussen, daughter Katie Magana and canine family member Buddy, taking first place as the Minion trunk!

Approximately 350 kids and their family members visited our trunks. We handed out candy until we ran out, but we made sure every family received candy between our posted hours of 6 to 8 pm. We also handed out a Children's Ministry brochure to families. One family has already contacted the office saying they had a wonderful time and would love to be contacted about future events!

Thank yous are extended to all who provided support: advertising the event, donating candy, putting up parking lot lighting, marking the parking spaces, decorating trunks, passing out candy and praying for the success of the event. A few pictures of the event are provided.

We hope to see you in 2016 as we "amp up" for our next Trunk-or-Treat!



Deacons Coat Drive Recap

Congratulations church! We collected and distributed approximately 195 coats, sweatshirts and hoodies.

Distribution was held the same night as our Out-of-the-Box Distribution. We handed out coats, jackets and hoodies. Special thanks are extended to Toni Sullivan for her many hours of help.



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Deacons' Upcoming Seasonal Drives...

Christmas Goody Bags...Once again we will be packing some everyday essential items, such as toiletries and soap, into reusable cloth bags for 100 people in our area who are without permanent homes. The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project will then distribute them during the first week of December. If you wish to contribute to the project, please make your checks to

Trinity with "Goody Bags" noted on the memo line. Thank you Trinity Threads Together for sewing the great bags!!!

Military Goody Box...A new project for 2016 will be putting together a box of many different items to be sent to military personnel around the world... what better way to say, "thank you," and let them know we care. We will not do just one...the plan is to send a box several times a year. We will provide lists of needed items (and what NOT to put in the box), so all of you can participate in this exciting new project. More information forthcoming...!

Other projects are planned for 2016...we will keep you posted!

Blessings...Trinity Board of Deacons



..Your Deacons – For the remainder of 2015...

Please contact any of the Deacons listed if you have questions, prayer concerns, or just want to talk...

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The Office of Theology and Worship Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Lighting the Advent Wreath in the Tradition of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; remembering the promises of God with prayer.

First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2015

We light this candle in hope. Hear God's promise of hope from Isaiah 2:2-4

Second Sunday in Advent, December 6, 2015

We light this candle for peace. Light the first and the second candle.

Hear God's promise of peace from Isaiah 11:1- 10.

Third Sunday in Advent, December 13, 2015

We light this candle in joy! Light the first, second and third (pink, if used) candle.

Rejoice! For our Lord is coming into the darkness of oppression's exile to lead us home as we hear in Isaiah 35:1-10.

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 20, 2015

We light this candle with love. We light the first, second, third and fourth candle.

Out of love for the people of God, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14.

Christmas Eve/Christmas Day

We have watched; we have waited in hope.

Light the first candle for peace.

Light the second candle in joy!

Light the third (pink, if used) candle with love.

Light the fourth candle.

Now our redemption draws near!

The Christ candle (the center white candle) is lit.

Hear the word of the Lord from Isaiah 9: 2-7.

Please join us Christmas Eve!

7:00 pm Traditional Style of Worship
with Children

11:00 pm Contemporary Style of
Worship



Southport Elementary Food Drive

We had our first food drive for the 2015/2016 school year this past Friday. Hats off to Southport Elementary! The children and their families collected 1,500 items. The classes who won prizes are listed below.

- Paye's class won for middle school
- Bozeman won for elementary
- And Bosely and Shilling were runners up

Sunday, November 15, 2015, we packed grocery bags and used about half of the donated items. We will use the remainder of the items for future packing, but we anticipate the majority of it will be used to pack December's bags.



Cookie Palooza



Calling all bakers: men, women, teens and children!

We are “amping up” for our annual Cookie Palooza. We need 200 dozen cookies. These fabulous homemade cookies will be added to our Out-of-the-Box December grocery bags. No matter what your specialty is, we would love your freshly baked cookies: gingerbread, chocolate chip, snickerdoodle, sugar, oatmeal, etc., etc., etc.

How about hosting a fun day of baking in your home as you and a few friends gather for a friendly bake-off and then donate all the cookies to Out-of-the-Box? As far as Out-of-the-Box is concerned, there are no runners up, only winners!

Or do you want to judge some cookies; maybe your culinary skills are limited, but you have a discerning palate. Why not agree to help pay for the ingredients and be

the taste tester as others bake their specialties?

Or, do you know a bakery that does a wonderful job on a specific cookie and you would like to buy a dozen and donate them? We will gladly accept those cookies as well.

So, go ahead, grab some ingredients, some friends, a warm oven and bake to your heart’s content.

Go one step further and bake at least three types of cookies, package them as assorted dozens and deliver them to church ready for distribution. Please call the church office for bags, ribbons and tags.

All cookies are due at church no later than Saturday, December 12, at 10:00 am. Stay a while and help us sort and package the cookies!

Trinity Threads Together (TTT)

This group meets the second Saturday of each month to spend time together knitting, crocheting, sewing and sharing ideas for projects to make for our annual craft sale in October of each year.

We want to express our heartfelt thank you to all of you for the great support this event has received over the last few years. It has been our purpose to raise money for the Building Fund as the work continues for updating our church. We have raised over \$5000.00 in the last two craft/garage sales! We could not have done this without you.

It is always a danger to acknowledge people who have made contributions for fear of missing some, but, we hope we have a complete list. We would like to give an additional thank you to the following for their major contributions to the craft sale:

Glenda Dahms, Cora Hocker, Rhonda Hensley, Jane Gentry, Nancy DelMugnaio, Pat Fritchie, Ethel Hayes, Carol Davis, Linda Brooks, Myrna Summy, Barbara Leach, Lori Schlunegger, and a special thank you to Nola Goeden for putting together the beautiful baskets that were raffled off.

We have already started planning for next year! If you want to join us, please call the church office and ask Jane Gentry the location of our next meeting.

Thank you, TTT

December Birthdays



Kim Sharon	5
Steve Watson	6
Corrine Hamby	12
Wilbur Curtis	17
Gloria Curtis	19
Amelia Blunk	22
Pete Martinez	23
Jesus Christ	25
Linda Whitney	27

Please Color Me!



WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE

*“And she will bring forth a
Son, and you shall call His
name JESUS, for He will
save His people from their
sins.”*

-Matthew 1:21

*Merry
Christmas*



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