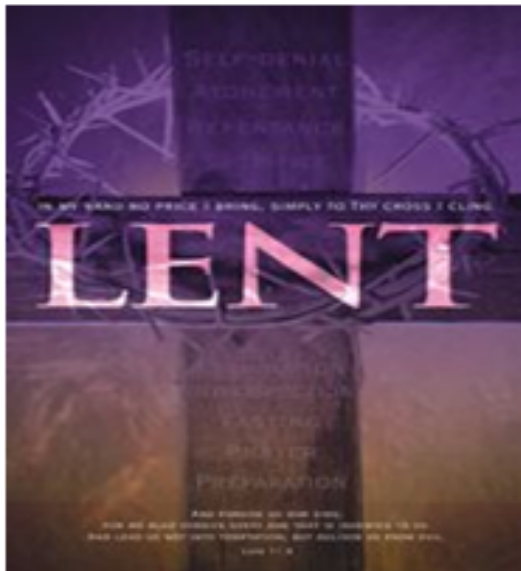


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Sunday Worship Services

- 9:00 am Family-Friendly Contemporary
- 10:30 am Blended/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

Communion

February 1, 2015 all services

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday February 18 at 7:00 pm

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, February 15, at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 pm

Night of 1000 Hams

Friday, February 27 at 6:30 pm



E-Mail

GOD'S LOSERS

We all love the prospect of winning. No one likes losing. No one likes the idea of coming in last. Winners are perceived as hard workers, losers as lazy. Winners earn their fate... so do losers. At least that's what we tell ourselves. So what about the fate of our souls?

It's tempting to believe that our salvation is dependent upon what we do to earn it. We picture someone guarding the gates of heaven giving permission for people to enter so long as they pass a test; did they do more good than bad in their lives. Did they earn their place in heaven? This is a theology of, "Jesus is for winners."

Would you pass such a test? Do you want a God who reminds you of all the bad things you did in your life? Do you want God to reject you because of a youthful indiscretion, a moment of weakness, or you just fell short of doing enough good deeds? Imagine that conversation, [Jesus says,] "Gee Bill, I'm really sorry; it says here on my list that you did more bad things than good. If you had done just two more good deeds I would let you in." Ouch!

The truth of the Gospel is that Jesus did not come for winners. *That wouldn't even make sense. Why would winners need something?* Jesus came for those in need. This theme is repeated throughout Scripture:

- "So the last will be first, and the first will be last." ~ *Matthew 20:16 (NIV)*
- When Jesus heard this, he told them, "Healthy people don't need a doctor—sick people do. I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." ~ *Mark 2:17 (NLT)*

- For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ~ *Romans 3:23 (NIV)*

Jesus was a friend to tax collectors, criminals, prostitutes and all those on the fringe of society. He brought life and healing and with that hope. Jesus doesn't expect you to be perfect. He has come to make you perfect.

In February we are starting a new sermon series called, *God's Losers*. We'll explore some of the Bible's greatest heroes. It turns out they all have something in common. They all made big mistakes. They were, at some level, losers. Yet God used them. He even changed the world through some of them.

Turns out heaven is not filled with people who earned it. Heaven is filled with people who accepted that they are imperfect and chose to accept God's forgiveness and gift of eternal life. I guess you could say that Jesus is for losers.

Join us as we learn about the love and grace of God who worked through the biggest losers in history. Who knows, you just might want to be a loser too!

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

Building and Grounds Update

The remodeling of rooms 1,2,4,5 &6 began with the start of the new year. It is wonderful to get this next phase going and to see the progress taking place so quickly. Rooms 1 and 2 (the old office and pastor's office) will become the new youth room. Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will remain the classrooms for Sunday School but will now have a new ceiling, windows, lighting and flooring, plus a new paint job. New windows have been put in rooms 1 through 6, plus the bathrooms.

In addition to this, new heating/air conditioning units have been installed in rooms 1 through 6. Now rooms 1 through 12 have their own individual units, and we no longer have to heat up 6 rooms at a time, while only using one room.

Building and Grounds really appreciates the flexibility of everyone in adjusting to rooms schedules and room use as we work around the building schedule.

We also appreciate the funds donated by all of you. We are still in need of donations and hope you will continue to give generously to this effort.



February Birthdays



Debra Johnston	1	Lillian Dunsmore	3
Tiffanie Phipps	4	Christopher Robinson	6
Jennifer Singh	7	Edith Walker	18
Bev Meier	20	Eleanor Whitney	22
Steve David	23	Johnny Whitney	24
Brian Dahms	26	Marguerite Osburn	26
Nancy Del Mugnaio	28		

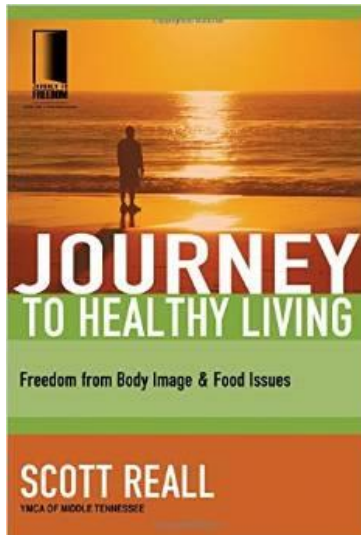
Poinsettia Thank Yous

Thank you to the following individuals for providing poinsettias for our Sanctuary and Café during the Christmas Season:

Nancy Del Mugnaio in memory of husband Jo Del Mugnaio, parents Al & Robin Winkelman, brother Jack Winkelman, and sister Noretta Winkelman McDonald; Will and Gloria Curtis in memory of mother Elsie Schaffnit; Lori Custodio in memory of Ralph Custodio and to all others who donated anonymously.

T-LIGHTS (Living Intentionally Getting Healthier Together in the Spirit)

T-LIGHTS is a small group designed for people who are working to live healthier lives. Please consider joining us in 2015 when we will be meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month for a time of discussion, study, prayer and support!! Beginning on Thursday, February 5th, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (in a room to be determined) we will be studying the book, **Journey to Healthy Living** "Freedom from Body Image & Food Issues", by Scott Reall. Contact Sue Goodwin by January 16th if you'd like us to order a book for you, or you can buy it or download through Amazon or Christian Book Distributors. We hope YOU will join us in the journey!!



Out-of-the-Box

The December Out-of-the-Box, on the 18th, was wonderful. We had a big bag of goodies, more winter clothes, a bag of home-baked cookies, and a Christmas card for everyone. Special thanks to all the bakers who made so many delicious cookies.



**Calling all “ham”sters
(Trinity folk with
unusual talents)!!
Mark your calendars
and plan to attend
Trinity’s annual
variety show (drawn
from our rich pool of
very talented
congregants) on
Friday evening,
February 27, from
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

So shine up your ol’ tap shoes, warm up your rusty pipes, and start “working up” your acts/skits now!!!! All entertainers must complete a Talent Form with your proposed act or musical entry and submit it to Debbie Johnston c/o the Church Office by Friday, February 13th.

If you’d like to lend your talents to the evening in a more practical way, we need help with set up, clean up, sound and computer tech. Please call the church office at 371-5875 if you’d like to help us make this our best *Night of 1000 Hams* ever!!!

**2015 "NIGHT OF 1000 HAMS"- Friday, February 27th
Talent Form**

I am willing to be a "Ham." My talent is _____.

My Name: _____ (please print)

E-mail: _____ Phone #

Please check one or more of the following if you are willing to help with this event:

_____ I will help w/set-up/take down _____ I will help w/comp tech for program
_____ I will help with sound set up/take down

Application Deadline: Friday, February 13th

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**2015 "NIGHT OF 1000 HAMS"- Friday, February 27th
Talent Nomination Form**

I nominate _____ to _____ (name their talent).

I nominate myself to be a "Ham." My talent is
_____.

My Name: _____ (please print)

E-mail: _____ Phone #

Please check one or more of the following if you are willing to help with this event:

_____ I will help w/set-up/take _____ I will help w/comp tech for program
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Develop Your Marriage Event!

Whether you have been married 1 day or 80 years, you are invited to this marriage development event at Trinity.

Marriage Development Agenda

Fri., February 20th

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| 6:30 – 8:30pm | Dessert & Coffee
Evening Session with Pastor Eric & Jen |
| 8:45pm | Optional movie & popcorn |

Sat., February 21st

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| 8:30 – 9:30am | Continental breakfast & Coffee
Morning session with Pastor Eric & Jen |
| 9:45 – 10:45am | Breakout sessions (choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Money & Marriage – Pastor Eric & Jen• Married with Children – Peter & Mariann Bjorkman• Retirement & Beyond – Pastor Rick & Barbara Hull |
| 11:00 – 11:30am | Closing session |

Online registration at www.trinitywestsac.org - \$20/per couple, includes childcare

Six-week couple's Bible study to follow the event on Wednesday evenings: Sacred Marriage: What if God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy?



Happening Now At Trinity

9:00 am and 10:30 am Church Services

In February we begin a new sermon series: *God's Losers; Great Heroes Who Made Great Mistakes.*

Please join us and check our website, www.TrinityWestSac.org, frequently for other church activities, meetings, small groups, etc.

Children's Ministry

This is our teaching plan through Easter. Your children are welcome to join us at the 10:30 am service for a lesson designed just for them.

Feb. 1	Fishers of Men
Feb. 8	Jesus Loves Children
Feb. 15	The Good Shepherd
Feb. 22	The Parable of the Sower
March 1	The Widow's Offering
March 8	Jesus Feeds 5,000
March 15	The Good Samaritan
March 22	Jesus Rides into the City
March 29	Jesus Prays in the Garden (Palm Sunday)
April 5	Jesus Rises From the Dead (Easter)



E-Waste and Other Donations

We received a check from Tri-Valley Recycling for your December donations in the amount of \$62.35. Everything that has been donated helps in our building remodel project. We are pleased to receive these items. Thank You!! If you have anything you wish to donate to the church (e-waste or something else), please let the office know. We currently have two things that have just been left, and we are not sure of the giver's intent. In the large storage shed in the back of the parking lot, a 3.5 gallon air compressor appeared. In Room 9 a Toshiba DVD player video player/video cassette recorder suddenly appeared. Does anyone know about these items? Please let the office know. Remember, the church is always glad to receive donations (even \$), but we want to be sure they are needed, and we need to know for what use they were given.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The next CERT academy is March 17, 19, 24, 26 and 28. Those interested can go to www.wscert.org. Also, anyone can log onto www.yolo-alert.org and www.yolocounty.org for notifications and alerts of time-sensitive messages regarding flooding, severe weather, disaster events, missing persons, and evacuations.





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Trinity's Mission Statement:
The mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church is to invite people into the family of God to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

