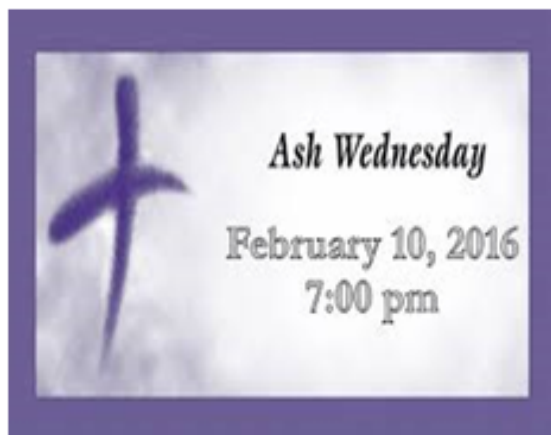


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Sunday Worship Services

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

Communion Sunday Ordination/Installation

Sunday, February 7

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 10

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, February 14, begins at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, February 18, begins at 6:30 pm



E-Mail

Find Peace this New Year

Happy New Year! That's something that we say to one another as a New Year begins. We all want happiness. There's nothing wrong with happiness. When we're happy, we feel good. Many of us are in the pursuit of happiness. It's American!

This year, I want to challenge you to go beyond happiness. To go a little deeper to something that will last longer. Happiness after all is fleeting. I'm happy when I eat a great meal or watch a good movie. Those are happy moments. But they are moments. We need something that will go deeper and sustain us.

How about peace? Peace in our workplaces. Peace in our homes. Peace with ourselves and our relationships. Peace in our finances.

We are hosting another Financial Peace University class right now. It's not too late to join. (Just go online to www.TrinityWestSac.org or call the church.) This is not about happiness. This is about peace. This is about communicating with your spouse, your children and developing a stronger relationship with God. Financial Peace University is about finding peace. Not just with your finances but in your life.

Make 2016 a year of peace. Bring peace to your life and your relationships. Bring peace to your church. Live in peace. And have a Peaceful New Year!

Pastor Eric

LATINO MINISTRY REPORT

The Latino Ministry leadership team met on January 10, 2016. Claudia Rolon Garcia chaired the meeting. Also in attendance were Javier Lozano, Marielena Olivares, Rosy Luna, Kathy Trott and Ken Trott. Guests included: Interim Pastora Maria Ibeth Holtzer, Gabriel Garcia, Manuel Ayala and Felipe Luna.

The Christmas dinner, held on December 20th, was well attended by 59 persons from Trinity's Spanish and English-speaking congregants. Forty-nine persons attended the worship service.

Sunday, January 3rd, Reverend Rick Hull administered communion. Because both Pastoras were on vacation on January 3rd, Gabriel Garcia gave the sermon for the worship service.

Dia de Reyes was celebrated after the Latino Ministry worship service, January 3. A light meal, including several Rosca de Reyes, the Kings' Cake, was served. Photographs were taken of families posed with the regally costumed three kings. Approximately 35 persons participated.

On Wednesday, January 11th, Gabriel Garcia and Rosy Luna led a new Bible study in Spanish. The study will be a foundational Bible study lasting two months. The study

will be conducted on Wednesday evenings. The curriculum was reviewed and blessed by Pastora Miryam Osorio.

Sunday, January 17th, following worship, a baby shower will be held for Aleida Mendiola.

On Saturday, January 30th, Pastora Maria Ibeth will lead a leadership development workshop.

Sunday, January 31st, will be the annual Congregational meeting. A bilingual worship will begin at 11:00 A.M., followed by a luncheon and the meeting. A special offering was approved by Session for this worship service for Sergio Valencia, an auto accident victim, and his family.

Javier Lozano, Jr. is working on the content for the Latino Ministry website and Facebook site.

Kathy Trott announced that Session approved funding to support three Trinity youth to attend the Presbyterian Church-USA's Youth Triennium at Purdue University this coming summer. She worked with the three youth, including two from the Latino Ministry, and all the applications were submitted to the Presbytery. The three youth include Cassie Morresh, Jasmine Mendiola, and David Gil. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Team will work with the

youth to organize fundraisers to help cover the cost of attending the conference.

Ken and Kathy Trott discussed Session's comments on the Latino Ministry's pastor job description. Representatives of Session, the Latino Ministry (Rosy, Marielena, Claudia and Javier Sr.) and the Congregational Support Team of the Presbytery will meet on Sunday January 24th, to clarify the long-term goals and vision for the Latino Ministry. Pending the outcome of the meeting the job description will be revised and approved by Presbytery's Congregational Support Team for posting, followed by interviews of applicants.

Calendar:

January 11 - Start of 2-month Spanish Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 P.M., Wednesdays

January 17 - Baby shower for Aleida Mendiola, 2:00 p.m.

January 30 - Latino Ministry Leadership Development Workshop, 7:30 a.m.

January 31 - Bilingual worship and Annual Congregational Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Trott, Elder for Mission and Outreach

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent with a public act of confession and contrition. Acknowledging that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we stand in solidarity as fellow creatures before our Creator; acutely aware of our mortality. In the face of our transience, we pledge ourselves anew to live unto God's Word in Jesus Christ, the eternal Word that remains forever.

Historically, Ash Wednesday was a time when penitents were presented for church discipline during Lent, culminating in reconciliation on Maundy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is also the occasion when would-be disciples of Christ (known as catechumens) were enrolled in the catechumenate, a special time of learning the basics of the faith in preparation for baptism on Easter Sunday or during the Easter Vigil. In some traditions, Ash Wednesday is a fast day, beginning the Lenten time of fasting and preparation for the Great Three Days that culminate in Easter.

A time to turn

An excerpt from the [*Companion to the Book of Common Worship*](#) (Geneva Press, 2003, 109-110)

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change direction, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life in Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one's forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures; always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Ashes on the forehead are a sign of our humanity and a reminder of our mortality. Lent is not a matter of being good, and wearing ashes is not to show off one's faith. The ashes are a reminder to us and our communities of our finite creatureliness. The ashes we wear on our Lenten journey

symbolize the dust and broken debris of our lives, as well as the reality that eventually each of us will die.

Trusting in the "accomplished fact" of Christ's resurrection, however, we listen for the Word of God in the time-honored stories of the church's Lenten journey. We follow Jesus into the wilderness, resist temptation, fast and proceed "on the way" to Jerusalem and the cross. Our Lenten journey is one of *metanoia* ("turning around"), of changing direction from self-serving toward the self-giving way of the cross.

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/ash-wednesday>

Light Removal Party

Thanks are extended to the following individuals who came out, rain and all, to remove the Christmas lights and decorations. As an added bonus, the gutters were cleaned again.

Judi Chiboucas, Carol Davis, Cliff and Ethel Hayes and Jane Gentry

We had a great time cleaning up and visiting. We look forward to more Trinity work parties this year and invite all to come join us at the next work party!

December Out-of-the-Box (OOTB): We loved Your Cookies!

The December OOTB was wonderful; everyone went away with armloads of stuff: jeans, shoes, blankets, wooly stuff, plus a great bag of food and a lot of home-baked cookies! Thanks to all the cookie bakers! There was also a Christmas card with a candy cane on it included with each bag of food. The cards said; "Dear Friends: We love you. Merry Christmas! TPC." There was even more candy! Pastor Eric spoke about Christmas and prayed with us. "And all God's children said 'Amen'."



February Birthdays



Debra Johnston	1
Lillian Dunsmore	3
Tiffanie Phipps	4
Christopher Robinson	6
Jennifer Singh	7
Ted Bagdazian	9
Edith Walker	18
Beverly Meier	20
Melody Anderson	21
Eleanor Whitney	22
Johnny Whitney	24
Brian Dahms	26
Marguerite Osburn	26
Nancy Del Mugnaio	28

Money Matters: Per Capita

Perhaps one of the most confusing aspects of how the Presbyterian Church functions is **per-capita**. Each year our church encourages its members to pay their per-capita apportionment. Why do we do this? Where does this money go?

One of the great strengths of our denomination is that it is so interconnected. Trinity is tied to the greater church in ministry. One form of that connection is through our per-capita. Every Presbyterian Church in the country is required to pay a certain amount for each active member on its roll. This money goes to support the work and ministry of the Presbyterian Church throughout the country. Each governing body above our Session has staff members and expenses that support the work of the church. These individuals have no congregation to support their ministry, but they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church.

This year Trinity's per-capita apportionment is **\$27.00** per member, which is split for the work of our General Assembly PC (USA), (\$7.12), the Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22), Presbytery of Sacramento (\$13.66), and the Presbytery's New Church Development Fund (\$1.00).

Many people have the misperception that per-capita is their annual Presbyterian membership "dues". Not true. Our church isn't a fraternal or service organization that will dismiss members for unpaid dues. Yes, Trinity is required to pay its per-capita to the greater church. If members are unwilling or unable to pay, then the money will be taken out of our operating budget to complete our per-capita obligation. This has a negative financial impact on other church programs.

If you haven't done so already, please make out a check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church in the amount of \$27.00 for each active church member in your household. Make a note on your check that it is to be used for per capita. Mail your check to the church office or simply put it in the offering plate on Sunday.



Deacons Report Trinity Press Feb. 2016

On January 24, 2016, at the 10 a.m. service, 64 new, RED pew Bibles (New International Version) were dedicated. The Deacons have been discussing the purchase of new Bibles for a while, and the generous donation from Debbie Staley's estate allowed it to finally happen. To honor Debbie, a memorial sticker was affixed to the inside cover of each Bible. Because they are red, you won't mix them up with the hymnal!

The past year was busy and productive for Deacons. In 2016, we will welcome three new Deacons to the Board. Additionally, you will soon be receiving a postcard from your assigned Deacon for 2016. Projects for this Spring and throughout the year are in planning stages—with more information forthcoming.



Trinity Threads Together Teaser

Be on the lookout for a spring fundraiser flyer! We are in our planning stages and hope to finalize a date and time soon.



Volunteer Opportunities



Greeters

If you enjoy smiling and welcoming people to church you are a greeter. Use your smile and help guests feel welcome.

Please call or [email](#) the church for more information or if you are interested. There are many more opportunities available.

The church telephone number is (916) 371-5875.

What goes on behind the scenes?

Do you ever wonder who folds the church bulletin; who maintains the flower beds, etc.? There are a number of people who are weekday and weekend warriors for Jesus! They volunteer numerous hours tending to tasks that need to be done. A list of many of these warriors is provided below. The next time you see one of these precious lambs of God, say thank you and let them know how much you appreciate them and all the work they do!

Bulletins: Marilyn Allen, Jane Gentry, Barbara Leach and Morgan Schultz

Front Planters: Don Brooks and Carol Davis

Front Herb Garden: Terri Young

Church Renovation Work: Linda Brooks, Don Brooks, Carol Davis, Rhonda Hensley, Nancy DeIMugnaio, Nola Goeden and Cliff Hayes

General Church Maintenance: Don Brooks, Cliff Hayes, Ethel Hayes and Errol Summy

Out-of-the-Box Food Delivery to School and Mobile Home Park: Jen Grexton, Errol Summy, Jen Keller, Pastor Eric Keller, Bret Egbert and Don Brooks

Out-of-the-Box Shopping: Cindy Rankin, Bill Roehr, Ken Trott, Kathy Trott, Nancy

Henrikson, John Henrikson, Jesse Schlunegger and Jane Gentry

Sunday Service Formatting on Easy Worship: Robb Perrine, Anna (Niemann) Perrine, Pastor Eric and Terri Davis

Partnering with Lighthouse Charter School (Lighthouse)

Lighthouse is in full swing. As you drive by during the week, you may notice the children playing on the front lawn or the cones on Westacre which direct the flow of traffic.

Many schools, including Lighthouse, participate in a program called *Box Tops for Education*. For each box top they clip and submit to the program, they receive 10 cents. Many staple items in the grocery store are packaged with these special box tops. If you would like to help Lighthouse earn some cash, please clip the box tops and drop them in the container located in the Lounge area.

Sample box tops are pictured below to show you what to watch for.



Let's make it a great year!

Ash Wednesday



*Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.*

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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.

