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# Trinity Press



Jeremiah 29:11

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.  
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give  
you a future and a hope."*

## 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

Sunday, January 3

## Dia De Reyes

Sunday, January 3

2:00 pm

## Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, January 17, begins at 11:45 am

## Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, January 21, begins at 6:30 pm

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31, at 11:00 am

**Potluck Luncheon after the meeting**



## DON'T WORRY

### E-Mail

As we enter a New Year we may be excited about the opportunities ahead, or we may be concerned about what the future has in store for us. Regardless of what the future brings, we know that we have a God who is in it and stands by us. In fact, I've come across a message from God to encourage us. Here's what it says:

*I am God. This New Year I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help. If you happen to receive a situation that you cannot handle, DO NOT attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFJTD (something for Jesus to do) Box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours.*

*Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold on to it or attempt to remove it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution. Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest my child. If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.*

Isn't it great to know that we have a God who joins us in every New Year? God is not a god of the past. He is a God who joins us in the present and is always available. Even though he is always with us, he does tend to work in his own time. Just be patient, and he will make time for you.

I look forward to serving this God with you as we enter the New Year together!

Blessings,

Pastor Eric

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> –**

### **Dia De Reyes**

The Latino Ministry will host the Dia De Reyes Celebration (Three Kings Day) at 2:00 pm here at church. We will celebrate the arrival of the Three Kings to see the baby Jesus with this cultural celebration including photos, hot chocolate and the traditional Rosca de Reyes dessert. The event will be presented in English and Spanish! We hope you will attend!



### **Out-of-the-Box News**



#### ***Girl Scouts helping***

We had quite a few people helping with packing this month: Out-of-the-Box Ministry team members, Trinity family members and friends, and many Girl Scouts! It was crazy-full, but we managed to pack grocery bags, add home-baked cookies, break down boxes, and there were no casualties!

We are fortunate to be able to come together and accomplish the task of providing groceries for families that need a little help. We do this on a monthly basis, which makes this ministry that much more meaningful. We invite anyone who is able to come out and help pack groceries. Please check our website ([www.TrinityWestSac.org](http://www.TrinityWestSac.org)) or call the church office for packing dates and times.



### **Cookie Palooza Thank-yous**

Thank-yous are extended to the following individuals for baking cookies for our Out-of-the-Box December distribution: Edith Walker, Linda Brooks, Jen Keller, Jen Grexton, Karla Rasmussen, Lori Custodio, Nancy Henriksen, Marielena Olivares, Jill Thom and girls, Rhonda Hensley, Ester Barnes, Sue Goodwin, the Schluneggers, Kathy Trott, and Jane Gentry. Please let the church office know if we missed thanking you.

## November Out-of-the-Box Event

The November “Out-of-the-Box,” on the 19<sup>th</sup>, was a wonderful event.

Everything came together: food, coats, winter clothes, cupcakes, brussel sprout stems... It was something fantastic for all of us there.

Here are the figures for clothing given:

Sweatpants	27
Hoodies	65
Sweatshirts	82
Sweaters	111
Coats/jackets	142

Very little was left.

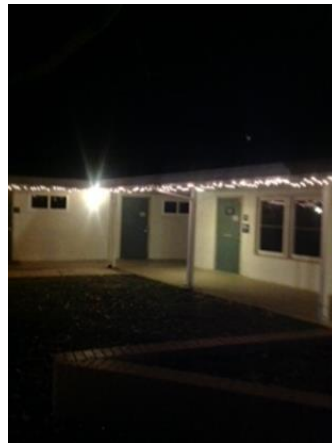
A large crowd of regulars, plus lots of new people, showed up. The spirit was with us as Pastor Eric prayed for all of us! Amen!

And all God’s children said, “Amen!”

## Christmas Lights

Special thanks are extended to the following individuals who braved the elements and worked feverishly to adorn our church with Christmas Lights this year: Cliff & Ethel Hayes; Ken Trott; Jane Gentry; Claudia Rolon Garcia; Job, Anna, Regina & David Gil; Javier, Javier Jr. & Christian Lozano, and

special thanks to Don Brooks who found them in the storage container for all of us!



## Mini-Posada

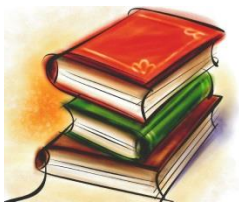
The Latino Ministry presented a Mini-Posada Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Fifty-five people attended and had a wonderful time. The food was delicious and the program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Book Drive –

We did it again! We donated approximately 225 books to the West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project. Thank you to all who donated, sorted, wrapped and prayed for the success of this project. Names of individuals who participated are provided below, but many of you participate anonymously, so thank-yous are extended to you as well.

Don and Linda Brooks, Cora Hocker, Glenda and Al Dahms, Pastor Eric and Jen Keller, Vi Taylor, Karla Rasmussen, Jane Gentry, Joe and Nola Goeden, Pat Terry and Rhonda Hensley.

An additional, thank-you is extended to Rhonda Hensley who braved the elements (heavy rain) and helped do the shopping at the very cold Scholastic Warehouse!



## Christmas Giving Tree

We have many angels here at Trinity. Many have had their giving wings for many years and continue to give each year. We partnered with Alyce Norman this year and provided gifts for 19 children. Our contacts for this partnership were Lizette Natividad and Beatriz Perez. They shared that the gifts will be greatly appreciated and that we have been angels to so many of their parents.

Thank-yous are extended to the following Trinity Angels:

Lori, Kelly, and Nikki Custodio; Rob Custudio and Nicole Ho; Pastor Eric and Jen Keller; Irene and Gary White; Cliff and Ethel Hayes; Don and Linda Brooks; Ken and Kathy Trott; Jane Gentry; Vi Taylor; Nancy Del Mugnaio; Rhonda Hensley; Luke Schlunegger; Ester Barnes; Jill Thom and Sophie and Amelia; Pat Fritchie; Joe and Nola Goeden; and Dale and Cathy Davis.



## Goody Bag Project 2015

The responsibility for this project, both financially and in execution, was assumed by the Board of Deacons this year.

Formerly, the bulk of the financial support came from the Mission and Outreach Committee.

In past years, we often spent \$500 or more on Goody Bags. Due to budget constraints we eliminated two items that had the least impact on the recipients. Another reason we spent less is that toothbrushes, toothpaste, and toilet paper were donated. There were also some cash donations.

We added white tube sox this year, suitable for men or women. In past years we used plastic grocery bags for packing. However, last year we assumed because of new state laws, plastic bags would not be available this year. Trinity Threads Together came to the rescue! Using leftover cotton fabric, the ladies of this Trinity small group made most of the 100 cloth bags needed. Some purchased bags were also donated. All worked very well—and they are reusable!

We had some leftover items which were packed in boxes and will be stored in the Deacon Closet for next year.

I know we had a lot of help, which I greatly appreciate, but I want to shout out a real special thanks to Bev Meier and Pat Fritchie for their invaluable assistance.

Submitted by Glenda Dahms



## Ladies Luncheon

Did you know that we have a luncheon just for the ladies of the church the second Friday of each month? Well, now you do! Any lady 18 and over is invited to join us for lunch. We usually meet at the church and have a wonderful lunch together. It is potluck style with emphasis on soup and salad, but we do not turn away any food! We also do not turn away anyone who would like to come but is unable to bring a dish; come anyway, as we would love to have you join us.

Each month 2 to 3 ladies host the luncheon. The hostesses plan a simple activity (e.g. name one thing that brings a smile to your face), based on the theme for the month (e.g. January - Happy New Year), and decorate, make the beverages and set the table. Ladies bring their own place settings, as this is a green event.

The luncheon begins at noon and is usually over within an hour to 75 minutes. Everyone pitches in and cleans up. We meet in the Lounge and Café Food area. We chat and get to know each other. We have announcements about upcoming church events and/or volunteer opportunities at the church. It is a meeting for fellowship and to help us grow in our faith.

We pray before each meal for the blessing of being together, for the skilled hands that

prepared the food, and for the concerns on each of our hearts. We encourage each other and have a great time laughing at funny stories and exciting moments in each of our lives.

Even if you work, consider coming for a few minutes, or maybe one month taking a few hours of vacation to join us for this wonderful fellowship opportunity. All ladies are welcome. If you forget which Friday to attend, you can check the church website calendar or call the church office.

Below is a sample of some of the fun we had this past December 2015 as Nancy Del Mugnaio opened her house to us. She and Carol Davis hosted a wonderful Christmas Party.



## Kindergartners of Lighthouse Charter School Share Some Christmas Cheer!

Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten children of Lighthouse Charter School performed for the Ladies Luncheon attendees and Pastor Eric. The children sang four songs under the direction of Dina Johnson, also known as “Miss J.” Three of the songs were from the *Christmas Teddy Bear Musical*. My personal favorite was *Dear Santa*. This song had a very catchy tune and great movements performed by the children. This song took us beyond the usual children’s Christmas giving list with the children having many specific gift demands for Santa! Soloist Miss Libby did a great job opening and closing the song *Miss My Teddy*. She had great projection and wonderful pitch.

They ended the show singing a favorite of many, *We Wish You a Merry Christmas*, with Miss J accompanying them on the keyboard. All of the children sang with enthusiasm and joy and we loved it! Nice Job Miss J!

According to Miss J, the children have been working on Solfège. Solfège is a system for singing notes. If you’re familiar with the famous Rogers and Hammerstein song “Do-Re-Mi” from *The Sound of Music*, you already know the [solfège note names](#): *do, re, mi, fa, sol, la* and *ti*. This really showed

as the children sang the notes of their songs with clarity and complete confidence.

What a great time of fellowship the Trinity ladies and Pastor Eric had with the Kindergartners of Lighthouse Charter School! We look forward to many more fellowship opportunities.





## Kudos

This month's Kudos are shared by two individuals: Barbara Leach and Marilyn Allen. Both ladies are dedicated volunteers who share the task of folding the church bulletin. They fold the bulletin and add all inserts each week. What I find amazing about both of these ladies is that they are both older than 65 (I will leave their actual ages a secret)! They are both very faithful showing up on their assigned weeks to fold the bulletin. They are always smiling and frequently let me know that if there is anything they can do, to just call them. They are both long-term members of Trinity and are committed, dedicated workers. Both bring joy and hope for a blessed future to Trinity. Thank you Barbara and Marilyn!

## E-Waste

Did you get a new TV, or anything that plugs in, for Christmas? Now what do you do with the old electronics? No worries. You can donate to Trinity by donating your old appliance online at [www.ewaste4good.com](http://www.ewaste4good.com). You can arrange to have your item picked up at your residence and enter Trinity Presbyterian Church as the non-profit to receive the funds for your generous contribution. **Or**, call **Tri-Valley Recycling**, located at 500 Richards Boulevard in Sacramento, to arrange a scheduled pickup. Let them know you want Trinity Presbyterian Church in West Sacramento to receive the

proceeds. Their telephone number is 1-800-317-3112. Small appliances may be dropped off at the church office.

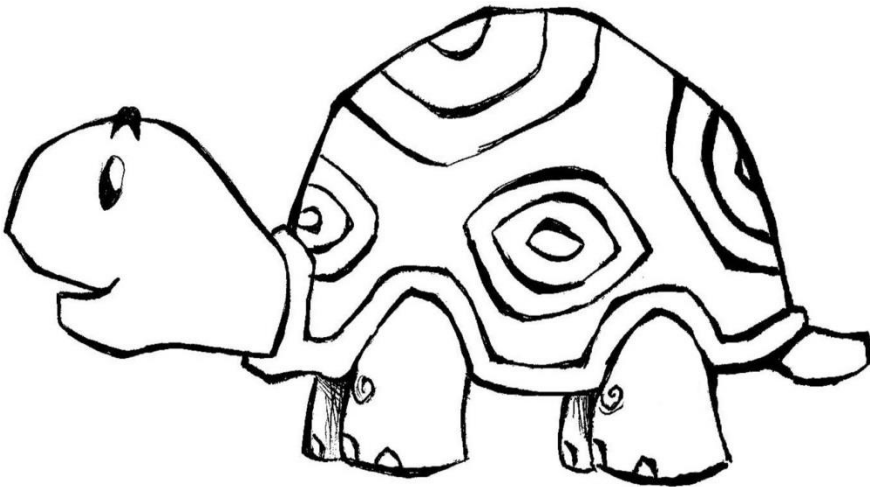
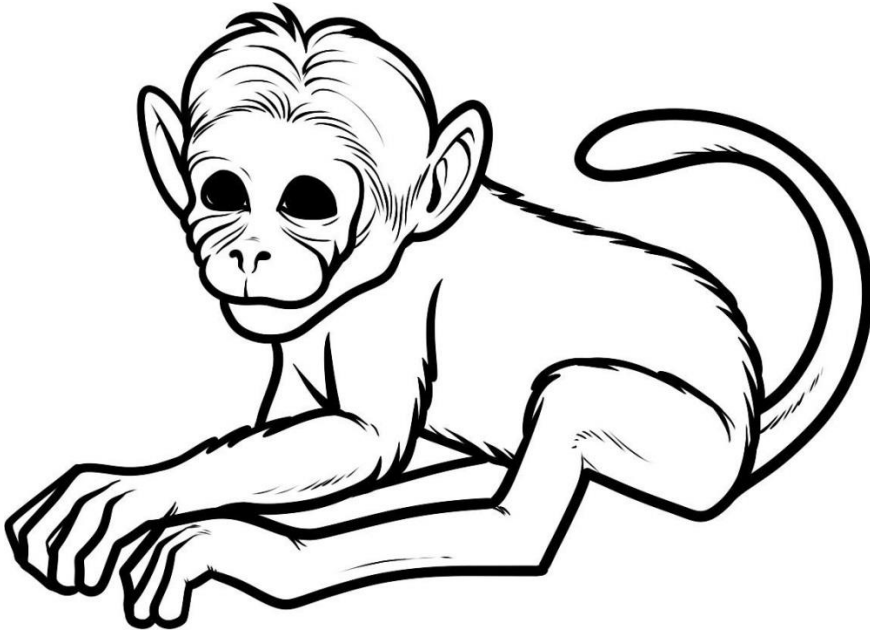
## January Birthdays



Carolyn Winqwest	6
Clara Evans	8
Terri Watson	11
James Phipps	12
Errol Summy	12
Caleb Armijo	14
Cliff Hayes	23
Pastora Tina Torres	23
Toni Sullivan	25
Jane Gentry	28
Sue Goodwin	28
Anna Grexton	29

**Happy New Year!**

**Enjoy coloring!**



# New Year

BLESSINGS TO YOU AND YOURS

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You crown the year with Your goodness...

PSALM 65:11

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