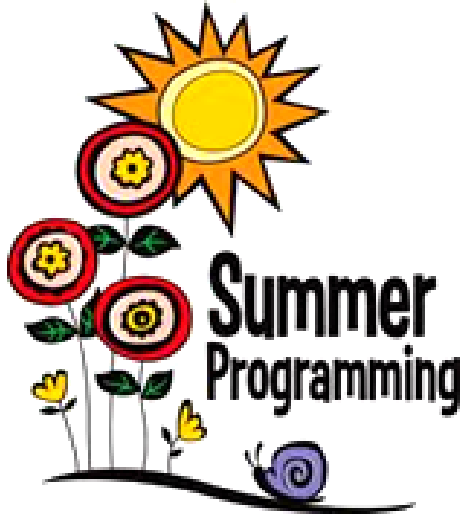


June 2012

Trinity Press



VBS June 11-15, 6-8:00 PM

Sunday June 10

9 AM Worship at Trinity
11 AM Worship Discovery Park
Baptisms
Picnic, Games, Fun
Family Together

Sunday June 17

9 & 11 AM Worship
Guest Preacher
"God's Abundance"

Sunday June 24

10 AM Single Worship Service
Dedication of 2012-13 Pledges
Potluck Celebration Follows

Summer Book Club
Spiritual Gifts Class

Lawn Concert June 27 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary
10:45 am Spanish Language
11:00 am Blended/Traditional

Child care at all Worship Services

Nursery Care—Room 10
Preschool Care—Room 10
Sunday School Classes
Grades K-5—Rooms 4, 6

A Chat with Dr. Tom

The response to my various 'systems' oriented missives each month has been, to say the least, underwhelming. My goal has been to instruct and avoid the usual pabulum I see in such monthly church newsletters.

In fact the church culture at Trinity is relatively healthy. I don't hear of much murmuring or backbiting. People in general seem relatively comfortable in the knowledge that people make mistakes. Overall I think this church has a gracious spirit. I believe Trinity is a welcoming place.

That said it's also true to say that Trinity is in a transition period. Pastor Steve's last day was at the end of June, 2011. We sorted ourselves out over the summer and had a leadership event with Session and Core Values event with the congregation. We envisioned our current staffing model and reorganized Session committees and ministry teams in a functional manner. New approaches to the All Church Nominating Committee changed the way we select new elders and deacons, all to the better. We struggled through existing office management issues. We implemented a streamlined process to move toward new pastoral leadership -- the Holy Cow CAT mission study survey, a writing team to begin work on the Church Information Form, the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee, and coordination with the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry which led to our Church Information Form (our church's resume for a prospective new pastor) going live as of April 1. Going from a departing pastor to a Church Information Form and an active PNC in nine months is lightening speed in the Presbyterian Church!

In the early days after Pastor Steve's departure, the church leadership made the assumption that giving levels would continue, which would lead to a healthy financial reserve (based on the large compensation differential with our current staffing model). But as you probably understand by now, this assumption proved to be inaccurate. One result of this was the departure of our Youth Director, and the re-visioning of that position into a significantly reduced hourly job. Many years for the return of a Children's Ministry Coordinator, or perhaps for a combined Children's/Youth position, but that's simply not possible at this time.

A number of talented people have been working hard on a new, spirited Stewardship program. I have been preaching some sermons on stewardship themes, and we will focus more on raising financial resources in June. We have some new, regular attenders, but as is probably obvious, attendance has been trending down, and the economy overall has not been trending up. The faithful that define Trinity remain and people are generally doing a great job in ministries. Overall morale is very good but there are cracks in the seams here and there.

My 'systems oriented' monthly chats are leadership oriented. My goal has been to instruct and encourage you to develop even stronger ligaments and muscles in our church body. Since it's true that 'people don't know what they don't know' there is always value in learning something new if that something helps strengthen and build. Since I believe that 'truth is in order to goodness,' I think it's always helpful to speak the truth, albeit with love. We will continue to do this at Trinity.



ESQUINA LATINA – LATINO CORNER – JUNE 2012



Big Cinco de Mayo/Kids' Day/Rummage sale event!

A great success! And we made and sold 700+ tamales. It was truly a team effort, with: Kathy Trott who found the teacher and bought the ingredients; the group of English- and Spanish speakers who put the tamales together; Terri Young who arrived at 6:00 am that morning to help start cooking them; our own Latina experts – Vicky & Estela and Lina - who helped cook & pack orders; and those who sold the tamales (Kaleena Perez) and nachos (thanks to Rob Perrine for that). This was truly a community- and team-building activity! Now we can start to talk about selling tamales between services, on a regular basis, in order to bring in funds for our programs.

Ongoing

- **Spanish Sunday morning worship service** in Room 12 – with our wonderful worship director, David Contto.
- **Wednesday evening Spanish Bible studies (SBS)**, 7:00 pm in Room 12. We plan to continue meeting, even while FIRE is on break.
- **Friday evening Latino “movie nights”** in homes – once or twice a month.
- **Monthly food distribution.** Help to pack and distribute.

Summer Plans

We look forward to **Sunday, June 10**, when our regular 11am worship service will move outside – to **Discovery Park!** We'll have baptisms, including several Latinos, and a picnic afterwards.

We also plan to have at least **one outing a month**, mainly on Sunday after worship service. This would be to a park or similar outdoor space, or to Pastor Tina's house for a BBQ and some ping pong.

Please pray with us as we look forward to what God continues to do at Trinity - and for the ongoing and future ministry that God has for us, led and empowered by God's Holy Spirit. We want to share the good news of God's generous gift of salvation in Jesus Christ with anyone who wants to hear it!

Pastora Tina Torres and the Latino Ministry Team

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of Session on May 15, 2012, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

Heard a report that a core group is attending the Sunday morning Spanish worship service on a consistent basis and more than 700 tamales were made and sold during the Cinco de Mayo/Rummage Day sale event.

By consensus agreed to pursue a different way of looking at the budget process.

We heard a report that the summer book read signups is going well with 18 books being ordered as a group. There is still time to signup however.

We heard a report that Trinity 101 will be Saturday, May 19th from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon to be followed by a special meeting of session to receive new members.

We voted to call a special meeting of session on July 17th to deal with the budget.

We voted to designate the \$2500.00 earned at the bazaar/rummage sale to the Pastor's Purse.

Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Update

The PNC committee wishes everyone to know we are working diligently. We have received an abundance of Pastor Information Form referrals from Pastors across the country who are interested in our church. While this is absolutely wonderful, it does cause us to treat each one with the interest and time it deserves. We are so grateful for the continued patience of each and every member of Trinity and hope you will pray for this committee and for the wisdom to recognize the pastor that God has chosen for us.

Linda Brooks, Chair

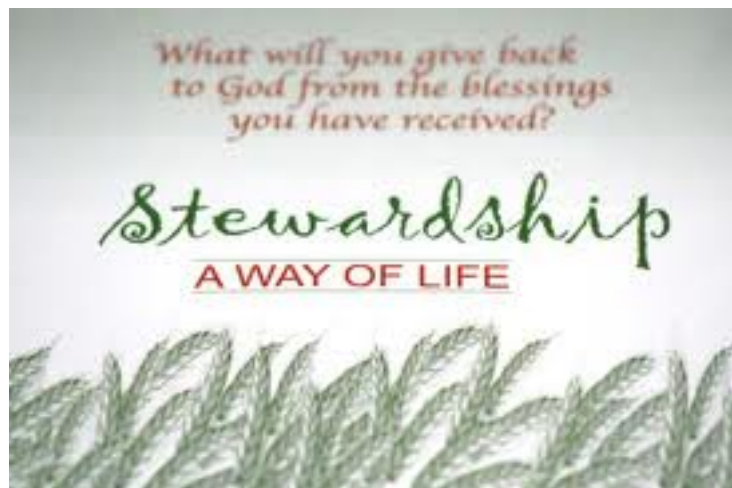
June is Stewardship Month

“Love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength;
and your neighbor as yourself”
(Mark 22:37-39)

Stewardship Moments for the past several Sundays have reminded us of the tremendous impact we are having on people’s lives. Each of the Stewardship Moments is presenting one of our ministries. Kevin Hansen talked of feeding the needy and the heartfelt thanks he receives. Jill Thom talked of our children’s ministries and the impacts we are having on the children. Claudia Rolon talked of the Christian home she found in Pastora Tina’s Latino Ministry. Terri Davis spoke of the worship committee’s efforts to provide worship services that reflect our love of the Lord.

In June, Rob Perrine and Kim Sharon (Youth program) and Carl Metcalf (Trinity’s traditions/DNA) will be presenting the Stewardship Moments. Pastor David Ratcliff will take Dr. Tom’s place for our Sunday services on June 17th. He will be sharing a very powerful message about giving from abundance. Dr. Tom, who has also delivered some great sermons on Stewardship, will return on June 27th to consecrate our pledges. This is also the final Sunday of the Stewardship campaign and we are planning a single service (10:00 am). Our church family will gather for potluck lunch following our worship service.

Trinity welcomes each of us and ministers to our spiritual needs. We are similarly called to ensure this tradition continues. Please help us share the abundant love of this Church. Pledge cards are available in the Narthex and can be completed and placed in the offering plate or given to the office anytime during June. All the pledges will be gathered together and consecrated to God on Sunday June 24 at our 10:00 single worship service. For the potluck on Sunday June 24 please bring: A-F Dessert, G-P Main Dish, Q-Z Salad



Second Sunday June 10th

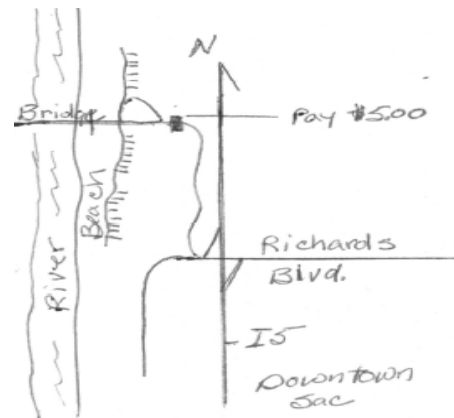
9:00 Worship at Trinity
11:00 Worship at Discovery Park
Worship on the River, Baptisms
All Trinity Picnic, Fun and Games
The Trinity Family Together



Put on your shorts, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen. Grab a lawn chair or a blanket and head to Discovery Park. Worship with a message from Dr. Tom, music led by David Contto, baptisms in the river – Wow what a morning! Cold cuts, cheese and drinks will be provided. Bring your own table service.
A-C Bring bread or rolls and a condiment (mayo, mustard, pickles, onion . . .)
D-M Bring a salad to share
N-S Bring a dessert to share
T-Z Bring an appetizer (chips, dip, etc.)
Bring a beach game

Directions to Discovery Park

Take I-5 north or south and exit at Richards Blvd. Go West toward motels one short block. Make a hard right onto frontage road just before La Quinta Motel. Follow road to the gatehouse into the park. There is a \$5.00 day use fee per car to enter the park. Parking is limited so carpool. Make an immediate right after gatehouse (don't cross the bridge) and follow Jiboom St. around and under the bridge. Park wherever you find a space. The beach is on your right. We will mark our spot with balloons.



Please note if you bring a child, you are responsible for that child's safety at all times.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Trinity
June 11-15 from 5:30-7:30 pm
Invite your friends to join us for



Featuring the music of "Go Fish" and others.
Check out a preview video at
<http://youtu.be/GfMNBBrqMnU>

Contact Sue Goodwin (sue@TrinityWestSac.org or 916.359.3970) if you
can help.

Thank You to Our Sunday School Teachers!

On **Sunday, June 3rd** at the **11:00 service**, our dedicated Sunday School Teachers will be recognized for their outstanding work over the past year. We are very grateful for their efforts to share their faith and their love with our children and youth!

Labor Day Weekend Camping trip to Yosemite

We are full, but accepting wait list additions to our church group camping trip to Yosemite for two nights beginning Saturday, September 1st (Labor Day Weekend)! Hodgdon Meadow group campground is located in breathtaking Yosemite National Park in Central California's rugged Sierra Nevada Mountain Range. The site is 25 miles from Yosemite Valley at an elevation of 4,875 feet. This site is for tent camping only and is a developed site (flush toilets and running water). The cost is only \$5 per adult, however we are limited to thirty adults (and all the kids we are willing to be responsible for that weekend). There is an entrance fee to the park of \$20 per car. This entrance fee is valid for unlimited entries to Yosemite for seven days, and includes all occupants of the car. RSVP with payment to Wave Armijo (wave.armijo@gmail.com; 916-373-1330).

First Summer Lawn Concert

We will host our first 2012 summer lawn concert on Wednesday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m. Our featured musicians will be the Trinity Praise Team who will deliver a concert that will have you worshipping and praising!

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket to the concert as limited seating will be available. If you are able, please bring a dessert. Desserts should be delivered to the church between the hours of 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm, but we will not refuse your delicious dessert if you bring it later than 6:15 pm.

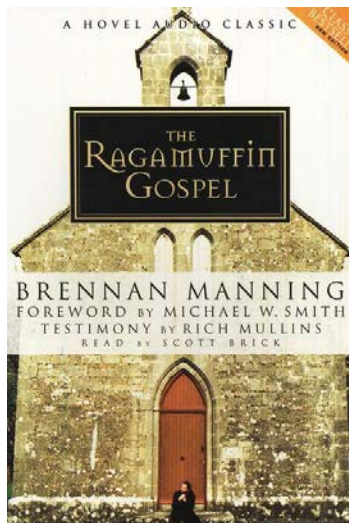
If you are able to help set up please be at the church by 5:30 pm. Cleanup will begin immediately following the concert. All help will be greatly appreciated. See you at the concert!



Get ready for summer with a good read: *The Ragamuffin Gospel* by Brennan Manning

For more than 15 years, Manning's bestseller *The Ragamuffin Gospel* has reminds us that Jesus did not come for the pretty, pious and powerful. Instead, he came for the "bedraggled, beat-up and burnt-out" ragamuffins who desperately need his grace. Dispelling the myth that you must work to receive God's gift of grace and joy, Manning, a fellow ragamuffin, reveals the true nature of a freely-given and unrelenting grace that's available to all. Drop the burden of never measuring up and revel in the comfort of a God who loves you for who you are - not for who you think you should be.

The book can be found through most major book distributors so it's not too late to join our community book project. Just get your own copy of the book and contact Wave Armijo (wave.armijo@gmail.com or 373-1330) or the church office to be included in correspondence about our upcoming book discussions. We will be contacting those who signed up with our special group discounted price when the books come in and send out information about discussion group dates and times.



TECH TEAM & GREETER TRAINING

Interested in [helping out in worship services](#)?

Training will be Saturday, July 7th from 9 a.m. to Noon in the sanctuary

We will train volunteers to help with:

Easy Worship/Computer, Video Camera, Sound System, and to learn to be a Greeter and an Usher.

It's fun and easy! Please RSVP to laura.singh@yahoo.com to let us know you are interested. **Donuts and Coffee will be provided**

Spiritual Gifts Class Begins on June 10th

Although June is a very busy month, hopefully you will be able to spend 2 hours a week exploring the unique "gifts" God has given YOU. Because of the church picnic, our first class will be from **3:00 to 5:00 on Sunday, June 10th**. During the 4 week series (ending on July 1st), class participants will use a program called Network to help them identify their spiritual gift(s), their personal style, and their God-given passion for serving. Each person will have his/her own "workbook" for the class. Linda Whitney will be your "guide" on this gifts discovery journey.

You may sign-up for the class by calling the church office (371-5875), sending us e-mail at adminstrator@TrinityWestSac.org, or talking with Linda (421-0341). Thank you to those who have already signed up for this class!

Senior Scam Workshop – Grandma It's me!

The Senior Scam Workshop was attended by ten trinity members and friends. Immediate feedback from the majority of the attenders was that it was an hour well spent. The presenter, Dave Edwards of the Yolo County District Attorney's Office, was engaging, funny and informative. He shared the most recent scams with us and showed us how the Internet and US mail are used by criminals. He told us to trust our intuition; if it seems odd or too good to be true, it probably is. He also encouraged us to call him with questions and to share new scams we hear about or personally experience so he can investigate them and add it to his future presentations. Some tips given are provided below.

- Always use gel pens when writing checks as they soak through all layers of the check. This makes it impossible for criminals to wash the checks and change the amounts.
- If someone calls you asking you to send money to receive money it is a scam.
- The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) does not send emails requesting information; the IRS always sends letters.
- If you receive an email that looks official (IRS, government agency, etc.), use your local telephone directory to call and confirm they have sent an email before taking any action.

Trinity will host another Senior Scam Workshop in the fall. If you missed this one, you will want to be sure to attend the next workshop!

Welcome New Members

We continue to grow as we welcome new members. Fourteen individuals completed Trinity 101 and became members of Trinity by letter of transfer, confirmation of faith, reaffirmation of faith, and profession of faith. We are so excited to welcome these new members to our church family. Between the teachings of Pastora Tina Torres and Dr Tom Smith, they each learned what it means to be a Presbyterian, how the Presbyterian Church is structured, how Trinity is structured, what is the DNA and Culture of Trinity, how to discern God's vision for their lives, and tools for communicating and resolving conflict. They learned about the roles of Pastors, Elders, and Deacons and which responsibilities come with each of those titles. They also learned what being an active member of Trinity Presbyterian Church means and have agreed to be an active member. Praise God!

The names of our new members are listed below. Please take time to greet them, get to know them, and welcome them to our church family.

Maria Camarotta
Diego Camarotta
Mauricio Garcia
Diana Juarez
Andreyra Mercado
Estela Pena
David Perez
Kaleena Perez
Barbara Reynolds
Claudia Rolon
Trisha Roman
Jessica Tellez
Kathy Trott
Ken Trott



June Birthdays



Shellie Wallinder	1	Adam Phipps	20
Amanda Doughty	2	Dana Bolach	21
Lana Karpuk	2	Nancy Metcalf	21
Wendy O'Donnell-Penlesky	2	Cameron Davis	22
Tammy Sifers	2	Dan Meyerpeter	22
Ester Barnes	3	Lauren Young	22
Sarah Sealey	3	Janice Fram	23
Bradley Phelps	4	Michael Johnston	23
Kevin Hanser	7	Ari Burgeson	24
Nayeli Kojima	7	Maria Karnaukh	24
Nicole Long	8	Kimberli Bautista	25
Paige Miesen	11	Betty Davis	26
Keith Penney	11	Allie Lacefield	26
Shirley Robinson	11	Emilie Lacefield	26
Shane Massello	12	William Cochran	27
Cora Hocker	13	Carol Herbert	27
Vanessa McBride	14	Anne Hudgins	28
Majel Small	16	Karla Rasmussen	28
Tim Summy	17	Koop Zylstra	28
Evelyn Walker	17	Reece Rosenquist	30



Jesus
Loves
Me

May 5th Was a Big Success!

Cinco de Mayo was a terrific day at Trinity! The Bazaar/Rummage Sale was a big success, and Kids' Fun Day was, indeed, lots of fun. If you looked closely, you could spot Spiderman, the Hulk, ladybugs, butterflies, and all sorts of interesting faces – many of them with multi-colored hair! The following people helped to make the day so successful:

Ben Batchelder	Toni Johnston	Katie Magana	Austin Elfering
Paula Khan	Gayle Andrade	Gloria Curtis	Will Curtis
Laura Singh	Andrew Singh	Richard Jacinto	Sean Hough
Satinder Bains	Amendep Singh	Diana Juarez	Mauricio Garcia
Kathy Trott	Ken Trott	Jessica Tellez	Kaleena Perez
Andriya Mercado	Demetrius Wallace	Ethel Hayes	Cliff Hayes
Cora Hocker	Nola Goeden	Lee Wallinder	Terri Young
Myrna Summy	Jane Gentry	Errol Summy	Gary Younglove
Anna Perrine	Alex Reynen	Tyler Reynen	Dave Reynen
Jill Whitney	Nancy Henrikson	Lew Whitney	Joshua Sharon
Elise Quick	Yicse Beuno	Kim Sharon	Kami Rasmussen
Misha Lute	Kathy Macias	Arturo Jimenez	Lina Jimenez
Citlalli Jimenez	Job Gil	Victoria Arellano	Estela Pena
Shellie Wallinder	Peter Wallinder	Linda Whitney	Esther Ehrlich
Kelly Custodio	Nikki Custodio	Don Brooks	Linda Brooks
Tina Torres	Robb Perrine	Rick Hawkins	Michael Sharon
Jill Thom	Amelia Blunk	Sophie Blunk	Sue Goodwin
Joe Goeden	Terri Davis	Carol Onalfo	Rhonda Hensley
Diane Younglove	Metha McDavid	West Sac. Police K-9 Unit	West Sac. Fire Dept.
Mexican Folk Dance Group	Trinity Bakers & Tamale Makers	Nora McDowell	(W.Sac Police Dept. Fingerprinting)

THANK YOU to all those listed above and EVERYONE else who brought donations or helped in any way! It took everyone working together to make it such a wonderful day.

Out-of-the-Box

First and foremost, I would like to thank the donors and volunteers who contribute varied and significant resources to make Out of the Box happen month after month. And I would also like to share a beautiful story made possible by your generosity. Last month we were short on help the night we distributed the groceries, so I had the opportunity to deliver groceries with Jen Grexton to Garden Acres Mobile Home Park on the first warm and light evening of the year.

We were greeted like heroes by teenagers having water fights, thankful mothers - smiles and friendship everywhere. Best part? We had a group of 6-8 year old girls following along, helping us deliver groceries while munching on apples and pears provided by farmers who contribute to the Food Bank and purchased by us. Words cannot describe one of the most beautiful and touching events I have experienced while working with Out of the Box. They knew us and we matter to them. I was there to experience it, and I am thankful. None of this happens in a vacuum - the welcome, the friendship; those smiles belong to every person who does work for Out of the Box - and you deserve it!

Kevin Hansen



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Interim, Interim Rev. Dr. Thomas Smith

Rev. Tina Torres, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Boris Karpuk, Music & Choir Director

Jane Gentry , Office Admin

Karen Metcalfe & Carol Onalfo
Office Volunteers

Trinity Press Co-Editors
Kathy Trott &
Jane Gentry

And Many , Many Volunteers

Trinity's Vision Statement

Trinity Church is a Spirit-filled, loving, and life-transforming community of believers, who experience Jesus Christ and grow in faith together, challenging each other to serve with compassion and creativity. In response to God's grace, we bring the hope of life in Jesus Christ to the community and the world, inviting them to join us on this journey of discipleship.

