

March 2015 **Trinity Press**



**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**

March 1, 2015, all services

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**

Sunday, March 8th

**Out-of-the-Box Food Packing**

Sunday, March 15, at 11:45 am

**Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution**

Thursday, March 19, at 6:30 pm

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 29, all services

Children's Parade with Palms

(Children need to arrive 10 minutes early)



E-Mail

**DON'T BE A MONKEY**



How do you catch a monkey? It's easier than you might think. Here's one way... take a coconut and cut a hole in it just large enough for a monkey to place his paw into it. Affix the coconut to a tree or something large and solid, where you'd typically find a monkey. Then place something sweet like a piece of fruit in the coconut and wait.

When a monkey approaches and sees the fruit, he'll squeeze his paw into the hole of the coconut. Once he grabs hold of the treat inside he won't be able to withdraw his paw. When this happens the hunter can walk up to the monkey and trap him. All the monkey has to do is let go of the treat, and he'll be free. But in his panic and greed, he'll hold onto the treat and be "trapped." It's not so much the monkey that has a hold of the fruit; it's the greed that has a hold of the monkey.

What is in your life that you're holding on to that has you trapped? Where are you allowing your greed to have its claws wrapped around you? Is it time to let go? Like the saying goes, you can't have your cake and eat it too.

Jesus said, "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it." (Luke 17:33)

Sometimes letting go of something is the best way to be set free.

Something to think about.

Pastor Eric

## 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 inter-connected. Trinity is tied to the larger 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 rolls. This money goes to support the work and ministry of our 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 (\$7.07), the Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22), Presbytery of Sacramento (\$13.71), 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.



## Thank you from Tina Torres

¡MIL GRACIAS! ¡A TODOS MIS QUERIDOS HERMANOS Y HERMANAS DE TRINITY!

Recibí su regalo generoso esta semana - y ¡mi corazón rebosa de gratitud! Al Señor por el privilegio increíble de servirlo en Trinity, y por cada uno de ustedes - por su amor hacia mí y por las mil maneras en que sus vidas han sido de bendición para mí.

Los sigo manteniendo en mi corazón y en mis oraciones.

Y fuerte abrazo en Cristo,

Tina Torres

6 de febrero de 2015

THANK YOU SO MUCH - TO ALL MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT TRINITY!

I received your generous gift this week - and am overcome with gratitude! To the Lord for the unbelievable privilege of serving him at Trinity, and to each one of you for your kindness to me and for the many ways in which your lives have touched and blessed mine.

I continue keep you all in my heart and in my prayers.

A big Hispanic hug in Christ,

Tina Torres

February 6, 2015

## Sacramento City College: West Sacramento Center CalWORKs

If you are a parent receiving CalWORKs county cash aid for *yourself* and at *least 1* minor, and you are interested in going to college or are a current student, come see us!

### SCC CALWORKS WEST SACRAMENTO CENTER ADDRESS

1115 West Capitol Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Phone: [916-375-5511](tel:916-375-5511)

Hours: 1<sup>ST</sup> Monday of every month- 12pm - 4pm and 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month 8am to 12 pm

(Bring your income verification/TANF from the county for services)

### SCC CalWORKs Benefits:

- Priority Enrollment
- Get brand new textbooks through our Textbook Verification services
- Monthly Attendance Verifications for Welfare-to-Work
- Work Study that won't count against your cash aid
- Computer lab
- Advocacy with county welfare
- Access to our specialized CalWORKs counselor for academic, career and personal counseling

### Important Reminders!

- SCC CalWORKs Students, you may be eligible for a \$25 Spring 2015 Supply Voucher!
- March 2-FAFSA Priority date ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov))
- March 2-California Dream Act Deadline! ([www.Caldreamact.org](http://www.Caldreamact.org))
- March 6-SCC Institutional Scholarship Deadline!  
(<https://scholarship.losrios.edu/SCCWelcome.aspx>)

For More Information Please Contact Us (916) 558-2331

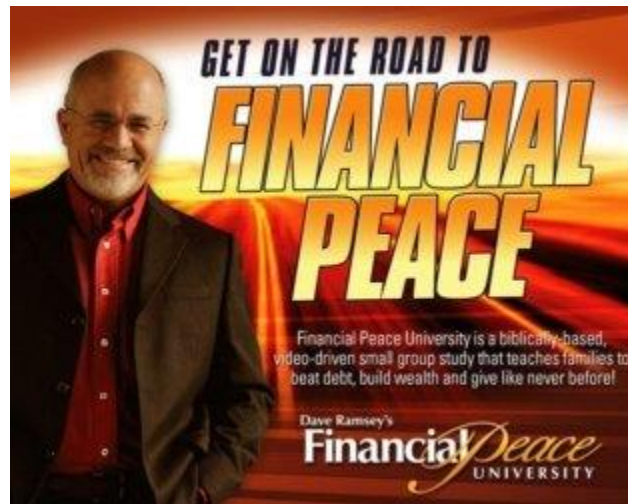


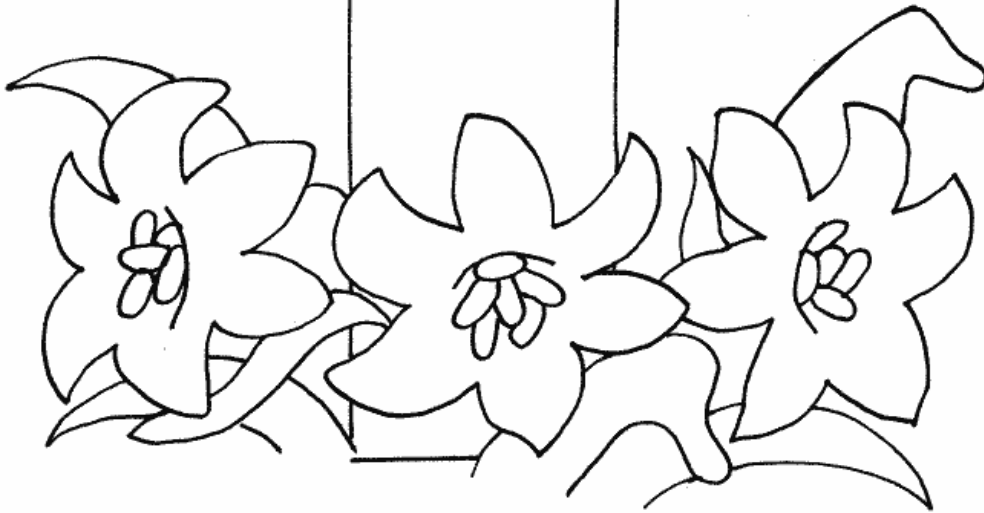
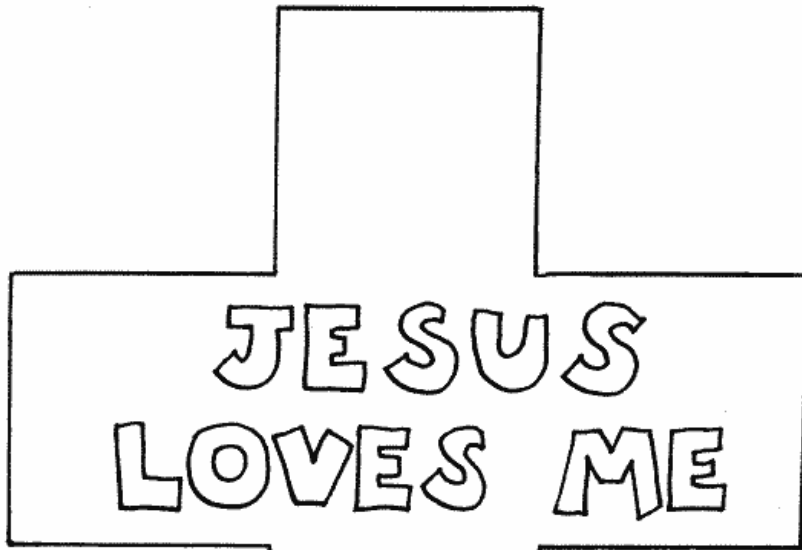
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## Save the Dates! Financial Peace University is Coming Back

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be debt free? Own your own car or house? To retire wealthy? Stop wondering and start doing. Financial Peace University will show you how. We will be hosting a course on 9 consecutive Wednesday nights starting April 29. The course is \$100 per family. (On average an FPU graduate pays off \$5,700 in debt and save \$2,700 after the first 90 days!) If you have already paid to take the course you do not need to pay again.







## Toni Charities 2015

Toni wants to thank all the generous and caring people who have donated clothes and 'stuff', and made this year's winter holiday season the best ever. "We did great! I'm so proud of all of us," she says.

"I wish you could all see what I get to see when I'm sitting outside the church when everyone is waiting before Out-of-the-Box opens its doors. I'm watching people go through the clothes tubs, and it's fantastic! The body language of the recipients speaks for their gratitude and happiness."

In the lives of many people here in West Sacramento, Out-of-the-Box is a special event they look forward to every month.

(All the out-of-season summer clothes in the donations have been separated out... a pretty big pile has already accumulated for the warm weather ahead.)

Toni says she is often asked "WHERE DO YOU GET ALL THIS STUFF??" Her answer is, "GOD puts it here, there, and everywhere I go, and in the hearts of good people!" She says, "I have to keep on my toes with my eyes peeled as I go around town. Stuff could be hanging from tree branches or right in the middle of the street....I don't dare drive over it if GOD put it there!" Amazingly it's invariably good stuff.

Right.

However, most of the time the clothes come from people like you! So thanks a lot, and keep up the good work!



## Grief Support Group

Vi Taylor is leading a grief support group that meets Sundays at Noon. As we are doing construction, please check the bulletin and weekly blast for specific room information.

Grief is how loss makes us feel and respond, especially to the loss of a loved one through death, or the loss of a relationship, job, etc. The group will focus on using the bible and the power of prayer to help with the grieving process.

The group will meet Sunday at noon. The room number will be provided later.

Please join Vi as she leads you through this powerful journey.



## March Birthdays



Misha Lute	5
Ken Trott	11
Terri Young	12
Colin Schlunegger	6 – Happy 1 <sup>st</sup> Colin!
Sophia Blunk	18
Jesse Schlunegger	26
Linda Brooks	27
Michele Richardson-Phipps	27
Victoria Sasere	29



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***The mission of Trinity Presbyterian Church is to invite people into the family of God to share the transforming love of Jesus Christ.***

