

July 2013

# Trinity Press



## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly  
Contemporary

11:00 am Spanish Language

11:00 am Blended/Traditional

Child care at all Worship Services

Nursery (0—2.5 ) — Room 11

Preschool (2.5 to K) — Room 10

Sunday School Classes

Grades K-5 — Rooms 4, 5, and 6

## *Out of the Box*

### *Food Packing*

Sunday, July 14, at 12:30 p.m.

Lend a helping hand packing

## *Yolo County Food Distribution*

Tuesday, July 16, at 10:00 a.m.

## *Out of the Box*

### *Food Distribution*

Thursday, July 18, at 6:30 p.m.

Lend a helping hand distributing



## Just Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things

*E-Mail*

They don't come more ordinary than Nehemiah. He was an ordinary man, but he had no ordinary job. He was the cupbearer to the king. This meant that it was his job to taste everything the king ate in case the food was poisoned. The position of cupbearer brought an ordinary man into a rather influential position. A king has to trust his cupbearer!

This ordinary man received extraordinary news. The walls of Jerusalem had crumbled and desperately needed repair, but how can one man repair a wall around an entire city? How can any of us on our own do such extraordinary things? After all, aren't we all just... well... ordinary?

Nehemiah discovered that God had a plan for him. Though Nehemiah was just one man, he had the resources around him to build that plan: he had the ear of the king; he had his passion to serve God; and he had, of course, the God who gave him his mission.

This summer we're going to take a look at how we can discover the plan God has for each of us and how we can build them. God does have a plan for you. He will help you build it. It may not be as easy as you think; but then again, nothing worth having ever comes easy.

Are you ready to discover what God has in store for you? Are you prepared to do what it takes to build something new? God is ready. It's your move...

See you Sunday.

Blessings,

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meetings of Session in May and June, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Heard a report that the Deacons will no longer provide monetary assistance for transient motel stays.
- Heard a report that the podcast for the website is working well.
- Heard a report from Children & Youth that summer Sunday School will be a “one-room schoolhouse” at each worship service. Kids in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> will be together. At 9AM the children will be in rooms 4-6 for stories and snacks, and at 11AM they will be in the “Kids’ Café” for art. This means the Café will not be used as a worship space during the 11AM service over the summer.
- Passed a motion that any event requiring the use of the kitchen for cooking must be approved by Robb Perrine.
- Regretfully voted to approve transferring Janice Williams’ membership to Green Valley Presbyterian Church in Henderson, NV.
- Approved vacation for Pastor Eric for Aug. 21-27 and Sept. 10-16. This is a change from an earlier date.
- Approved vacation for Pastora Tina for July 8-14.
- Voted to accept a bid to repair the flat portion of the roof over the narthex.

Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session

## **New Covenant Agreement for Trinity Youth**

Greetings, it has been a great year so far, and the Youth at Trinity are embarking on giving God their best through participation at church, becoming better Christians as God leads them, and helping the next generation of young people become mature youth with spiritual purpose. On April 24, 2013, our youth at Trinity committed themselves to a Covenant Agreement between God, the church and themselves. It is a standard of how to conduct themselves in the House of God and in their personal lives. Listed below are some of the standards listed in this Covenant Agreement:

- I will respect the physical and emotional well-being of other youth and adults by “Doing unto them as I would have them do unto me (for instance, refraining from harmful practical jokes, bullying and using appropriate language/ behavior).”
- I will commit to take part fully in each Bible Study and event I attend, giving 100% of myself.
- I will not participate in behaviors that tear down an event, meeting, or any of the participants in it. I will not fight.
- I will be positive and seek to reflect who I am in Christian community in all that I say and do.
- I will not use profanity, abusive language, derogatory comments, or take negative actions. Derogatory tattoos, garments and put downs have no place in our youth group.

We want our Trinity church family to be aware of the changes that have occurred within our Youth Ministry. In order for youth to participate in Youth group, events or outings, each youth and their parent or guardian must sign the Covenant Agreement. We encourage all parents and members to invite your youth to Bible study each Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. Our Youth group is moving in a

direction led by God, to strength the hearts of us all and to become better Christians. It is our prayer that those youth who have been discouraged in the past will let go, let God mend their heart, and risk being a part of the Youth group again. We guarantee you things are not “business as usual” but rather things have changed for the better!

We would like to give special thanks to Joe and Nola Goeden for allowing the Youth group to have an End-of-the-Year-Celebration “Swim Party” at their home on June 7, 2013. The youth had a blast, and we congratulate the Class of 2013!

Watch for more Youth activities this summer.

THE YOUTH MINISTRY



## ESQUINA LATINA – LATINO CORNER

We are thankful for what God is doing in West Sacramento!



**Memorial Day Weekend Service Project** with the youth group from Calvary Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. The youth from Berkeley and our Latino youth worked all day that Saturday at a community garden on Marconi, next to a Lutheran Church that is developing it for community use. On Sunday afternoon we put on a kids' event at Garden Acres Mobile Home Park on West Capitol Avenue. Throughout the weekend, during both our singing and study time, we heard five languages - English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Japanese. It was a truly cross-cultural experience!

**Sundays and Wednesdays.** We thank God for the people God continues to bring to us on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We are starting a new series on Wednesday evenings using the DVD of “The Bible” which was first shown on the History Channel. We also enjoyed the combined service plus BBQ and concert on Cowboy Kick-Off Sunday on June 9.

**Please keep praying** for the Latino Ministry, that God will:

- raise up more people with musical gifts to assist in worship and be available to lead worship as necessary
- enable us to develop leaders and effectively disciple those whom God is sending to us
- enable us to minister effectively within difficult situations faced by some of our families

**We thank God** for the privilege of being a part of what God the Holy Spirit is doing in and through Trinity - to build up our family of faith and impact our community with the saving gospel of Jesus Christ!

**In the love of Christ - *en el amor de Cristo***

***Pastora Tina 916-995-5105 - and the Latino Steering Team - David and Carmen Contto, Arturo and Lina Jimenez, Claudia Rolon-Garcia and Diego and Angeles Camarotta.***

### **Resumen en español** (Summary en Spanish)

Le damos gracias a Dios por:

- el fin de semana de Memorial Day, y el proyecto de servicio a la comunidad llevado a cabo por un grupo de jóvenes de Berkeley y nuestros jóvenes
- el servicio combinado del 9 de junio, y el BBQ y concierto después.
- el privilegio de participar en la obra que el Espíritu Santo está llevando a cabo por medio de la iglesia Trinity - para edificar el cuerpo de Cristo y bendecir a nuestra comunidad por medio del evangelio de Jesucristo.

### ***Not a Fan Study***

Pastor Eric preached the *Not a Fan* sermon series, and we just finished our *Not a Fan* study. Pastor Kyle Idelman, the author of *Not a Fan*, challenges us to decide if we are a committed follower of Jesus or just a fan. Each week we viewed and discussed a video. The video and discussion challenged us to begin an honest diagnosis of our journey with Jesus. The study challenged us to define our relationship, decide if we are only knowledgeable about Jesus or have an intimate relationship with him, and asked if we are following Jesus or just following the rules. Many of us shared that sometimes the questions made us feel uncomfortable, but they also made us think and work on our relationship with Jesus. We agreed we still have work to do, but we are glad we heard the sermon series, participated in the study, and read the book. As a group, we are committed to asking ourselves the difficult questions and continuing our journey to becoming committed followers.

Pastor Eric's sermon series is on our website ([www.trinitywestsac.org](http://www.trinitywestsac.org)), and Kyle Idleman's book is available at many bookstores and on line (e.g. [www.cbd.org](http://www.cbd.org)). Please take the time to determine if you are just a fan or a truly committed follower!

Submitted by Elder Jane Gentry

## **We Can Move a Mountain!**

Many of us know Toni Sullivan, the heart and brains behind *Toni's Charities*. Toni attends our 9:00 a.m. service and has a wonderful story of generosity to share.

During the month of May 2013, Toni was the recipient of a special donation. Two great ladies holding a yard sale made an unusual donation to *Toni's Charities*. Toni usually receives a bag of clothes, but this time Toni received a mountain of clothes. Yes, you read that correctly; there were so many clothes they would not fit in Toni's van! One of the ladies used a mop handle to push the clothes into Toni's van so the van door could be closed.

A van full of clothes was indeed a special donation and more clothes than Toni ever imagined receiving at one time. Toni thinks of it as a message from God: See how great he is... never worry about receiving enough; it comes!

Toni also provides clothes at our *Out of the Box* Food Distribution every third Thursday of the month, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Toni gives away clothing at other West Sacramento locations throughout the month, so please check the Trinity Cafe bulletin board for *Toni's Charities* clothing-give-away schedule.

Toni is always looking for donations of clothes and small household items. You may bring your donations to church and place them in the dark blue tub in the Narthex, or you can leave a message at (916)617-2915, and Toni will pick up your donation from your West Sacramento home.

Toni also wants to acknowledge, and thank Pat Fritchie, who has knitted hundreds of wooly hats for the homeless, and is still knitting. Pat can always use donations of yarn, so please place extra yarn in the dark blue tub in the Narthex, and Toni will make sure Pat receives it.

Thank you for your past and future support!

Submitted by Toni Sullivan



## ***Job Opening***

***The Presbytery of Sacramento is now welcoming applications for a new Office Manager. This position will manage the office of the Sacramento Presbytery, be the first contact for visitors and callers to the Presbytery office (9983 Folsom Blvd), provide clerical and administrative support for the Presbytery, and work with other staff to maintain the website. This is a full-time position with benefits.***

***Applications should be sent to Al Bare, chair of the Personnel Committee, at [abare@thebares.com](mailto:abare@thebares.com). For more information, call Al Bare at 916-726-5749. Resumes will be accepted through July 15, 2013.***

## July Birthdays



Terri Davis	1	Barbara Amick	15
Nathan Jackson	1	Gretchen Mounier	18
Dave Reynen	1	Richard Brown	24
Nancy Caudle	4	Emily Jumper	24
Metha McDavid	5	Guy Gibson	27
Katherine Netherton	5	Joe Goeden	28
Rhonda Helsley	8	Rick Hawkins	29
Elizabeth Babbit	10	Martin Martinez	29
Shaun O' Donnell	10	Betty Metcalf	29
Shawn Singh	10	Connie Bachmeier	31
David Brooks	14		

***Happy Birthday!***



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#### **Trinity's Vision Statement**

*Trinity Church is a Spiritfilled, 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.*

