

November 2015

Trinity Press



Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am Family-Friendly
Contemporary

10:30 am Traditional

12:00 pm Spanish

Child care at all Worship Services

Nursery & Preschool

Room 10

Sunday School Classes

Grades K—6 Room 3

Communion Sunday

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Savings Time Ends Today

Remembrance Sunday

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, November 8

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, November 15, begins at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, November 19, begins at 6:30 pm

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26

Church office closed November 26 and 27

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, November 29



THE CHURCH OF DENNY'S



...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." ~ Mark 10:43-45

In Roseville, the city where I grew up, there is a Denny's. Open 24 hours, it serves every walk of life. People eat breakfast and grab their coffees on weekday mornings before heading off to work. Teenagers hang out on weekend nights getting ice cream with their friends. After 2:00 am when the bars close, there is a whole new group of people who arrive. Denny's is for everyone. It's a church of fellowship of sorts.

It's tempting to treat the church like Denny's. We come for our weekly "feeding" and sit at our "table." We may even have a waiter, aka usher, bring us to our seats. We see our friends and talk about the week in between Sundays. Everyone has a good time, and everyone enjoys the fellowship. After a cup of coffee or tea, we go home with the expectation of repeating the process the following week.

Please, don't misunderstand, there's nothing wrong with the fellowship of the church. Without fellowship the church just isn't the church. We need human interaction to feel human ourselves. But everything I just described can take place at Denny's. The friends, the food, the fellowship...

When you walk into your church are you ready to do more than receive? Are you ready for *yourself* to be the offering ...to give yourself over to Christ? To let him take you, not just your order or your tip, to use you to do his will? The church is a place to feed our faith, yes, but it's also a place where we go not to be served, but to learn how to serve others.

Are you ready to cancel your membership at the church of Denny's? Then put on your apron, come into the church of Jesus Christ and be his servant.

Something to think about.

Pastor Eric

Advent

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival.” During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ’s coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ’s return.

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/word/>



Christmas is Coming Soon!

Please mark your calendars now for our Christmas Eve Services. We will have three services as listed below.

5:00 pm	Family
7:00 pm	Traditional
11:00	Candlelight

More information will be provided in the near future.



Love Is Christmas

COMING SOON

Thank you for the Christmas Cards

Toni wants to say “thank you” for all of your donations of Christmas cards. Toni likes to put a Christmas card in each and every food bag for the December “Out-of-the-Box”. She signs every card, “We love you. TPC.” She has 180 cards to sign and maybe more!! The envelopes say, “Dear Friends.” That’s a lot of signing, but Toni says she’s getting an early start...

Come read a story!

Do you like to read stories to kids? Do you remember the words to “Jesus Loves Me?” Trinity’s preschoolers would love your help! We are looking for a few people who are willing to come in to the preschool class occasionally on Sundays during the 10:30 service to read a Bible story and maybe sing a simple song or say a little prayer. You don’t have to stay the entire time, and you don’t have to do anything fancy. We can provide books, or you can bring your own. Help us bring the Word to our littlest Trinity family members. Please contact Miss Sue Goodwin if you are interested.

Trinity Presbyterian Church: 3 Projects, 2 Ministries, 1 Dinner!

As we begin the cold weather and holiday season, we want to reach out to others and provide as much assistance as we can.

3 Projects/2 Ministries!

Deacons’ Coat Drive – ongoing, please bring your clean, ready-to-use coat to church on Sunday or drop off at the church office during the week. We will be accepting coats through Wednesday, November 18th. Coats will be distributed Thursday, November 19th, with our Out-of-the-Box distribution of groceries.

Mission and Outreach Book Drive – we are collecting new books for Christmas gifts for our West Sacramento homeless population: preschool through high school. Cash donations are also gladly accepted (please note *Book Drive* on your envelope). Books and cash are due at Trinity by Sunday, November 22nd.

Deacons’ Goodie Bags – we will prepare 100 goodie bags for distribution to our West Sacramento homeless population.

1 Dinner Event

Look for a flyer in the near future about our Book Drive gift wrapping/Goodie Bag preparation/Dinner Event.

Deacons' Coat Drive

Have you been cleaning out your closets this summer??? GREAT! Please save those coats, jackets and hoodies that you no longer want or use. We need all these items for our **Deacons' Coat Drive**, which will take place in the Fall. Just drop your gently-used and clean items at the church office during regular office hours. We need all sizes—adults (men and women), teens, children, toddlers and babies. Thanks!



November Birthdays



Anna Gil	1
Don Brooks	2
Katie Magana	2
Alex Reynen	4
Gayle Andrade	11
Joe Walker	12
Vanita Vrilakas	13
Sam Phipps	14
Casey Hamby	17
Jack Hansen	20
Pat Terry	22
Freddy Grexton	25
Vi Taylor	26

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday, November 8, will be Remembrance Sunday, a day to remember those who have passed away from December 2014 to the present. Please submit the names to the Church office no later than Wednesday, November 4th, so we can honor them during the service.



Stewardship Luncheon

Our annual stewardship luncheon will be Sunday, November 8th. We will have one English speaking service at 10:00 am with the luncheon beginning at 11:00 am. Our Spanish speaking service will be at noon following the Stewardship Luncheon. The Luncheon will be in the Café, and you are asked to bring the following items based on the first letter of your last name. We invite you to provide your own place setting, but we will have some paper products.

- A Paper Plates & Cups
- B – E Salads
- F – H Main Dish
- I – O Vegetable
- P – S Appetizers
- T- Z Fruit/ Desserts

A – Z Pledge Cards

Latino Ministry Report

Sunday, September 27, during worship the Latino Ministry recognized and blessed the ministry of the Jimenez Family. Arturo, Lina, Xanath, CiCi, and Yunuen have been active participants and leaders since the inception of the ministry and will be missed.

The Latino Ministry leadership team met on October 11, 2015. This meeting was recognized as the most productive and positive meeting of the team in a long time. One member exclaimed that she came out of the two-and-a-half-hour meeting with more energy than before going in.

Claudia Rolon Garcia was asked by the team to serve as team meeting facilitator. She graciously accepted but said they should occasionally rotate the role. Javier Jr. was designated as Javier Sr.'s alternate. Rosa Luna was invited and has accepted nomination to the leadership team to lead and coordinate Bible studies and to work with the interim and long-term pastors. The team approved her nomination. She will aim to start a new Spanish Language Bible study by Advent.

Doris Ortiz has agreed to serve with Marielena as part of the hospitality work group. Ramona Rodriguez will also be asked to serve on this workgroup. More fellowship events will be held.

Presbytery's Congregational Support Ministry Team is close to securing an interim pastor for October, November, December and possibly January. The Latino Leadership team has given their recommendations to Congregational Support. A committee including Congregational Support, Latino Leadership team and Trinity Session will be formed to find and retain a long-term, part-time pastor for the fellowship. The person could be an ordained pastor or a Commissioned Ruling Elder.

Claudia will work with Jane on the preparation of worship bulletins for the Spanish-language service. She will also work with her on arrangements for offering deposits in the office.

The Ministry will resume using its signage and banner, including the use of two A-frame signs (to be stored in the Latino Ministry office), if needed by another group.

The Praise Team will provide cloths of different colors to decorate the sanctuary during the Spanish Language worship, colors to be coordinated with the clothing of the Praise Team members. The cloths will bear the Celtic cross symbol. The ministry will no longer need child-care for Monday Praise Team practices.

Latino Ministry Report -continued

Javier Jr. will meet with Pastor Eric to work on the Latino Ministry page on Trinity's website. The team would like to load their worship services' videos on the website for viewing. They also want to coordinate the posting of announcements and events.

Members of the team said they will encourage congregants to participate in Trunk or Treat.

With Session's approval, the Ministry will hold a "mini-Posada" for Trinity and the larger West Sacramento community, date to be determined. There will be a play, piñata and pozole.

With Session's approval, a Christmas dinner will be held sometime during the Christmas week inviting Trinity's congregation to join with the Spanish congregation. The dinner will be potluck.

Dia de Reyes will be held January 3, early Epiphany with Rosca, hot chocolate, the Kings and photographs.

October 25 will be the monthly picnic in the park with birthday and anniversary recognitions.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Trott
Elder for Mission and Outreach

Sunday, October 4, was World Communion Sunday

For our Sunday School October 4 was HEIFER DAY!



This past year the children in our Sunday School classes have been collecting an offering each Sunday to purchase animals through Heifer International and have tracked their collections on a thermometer. Every week the thermometer would rise. When we passed the top of the thermometer, we had to start over. At the end of September there was \$350.00. On Sunday, September 20, the congregation was asked to match the children's offering and did!

On the BIG DAY we gathered. There was excitement. We gave thanks that \$700.00 had been raised. We read the story of Beatrice and Her Goat: how a goat from Heifer International changed Beatrice's family. The family was able to provide nutritious milk for her younger brothers and sisters and put a water-tight metal roof on their very small mud home. After a while

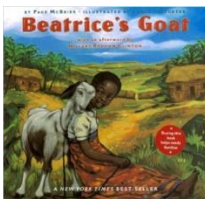
Heifer article – continued

the family was able to afford the tuition, books and uniform for Beatrice to go to school. Beatrice started school at 11 and had a lot of catching up to do. Not only did she catch up, she excelled. She was able to go on to high school and then to the university. We shared animal snacks: gold fish crackers, frosted animal cookies and circus animal cookies.

The time to vote came. Each child had ten stickers and could place them on the ballots of the animals they most wanted to purchase. The ballots were counted. The winners in order were: rabbits, a goat, a cow, chickens, pigs, sheep, a llama, a water buffalo, bees and ducks.

We agreed to purchase the following: rabbits (\$60), a goat (\$120), 20% of a cow (\$100), a pig (\$120), chicks (\$20), a sheep (\$120), and a llama (\$150). We are very proud that our Sunday School, with the help of the congregation, was able to help seven families all over the world.

Now we start again . . . we wonder how many animals we can purchase next year?



Thanksgiving Word Scramble

1. ftanlku _____
2. lyiamf _____
3. kyerut _____
4. nocr _____
5. npkpmsiu _____
6. eip _____
7. msgae _____
8. mgrlisp _____
9. isshp _____
10. cnoikog _____
11. petsoato _____
12. edarap _____
13. erdinn _____
14. tlaeb _____
15. garluthe _____
16. uinsffgt _____

Advent Coloring Page



1st Sunday of Advent is _____

2nd Sunday of Advent is _____

3rd Sunday of Advent is _____

4th Sunday of Advent is _____

5th Sunday of Advent is Jesus

Christian Word Search

Books of the Bible

J J R Z B Y S R E B M U N W F	AMOS	OBADIAH
V O Z E M T I M O T H Y I C W	CHRONICLES	PROVERBS
L E E P N O Z H A I D A B O P	COLOSSIANS	PSALMS
S L H H W E H T T A M C N K S	CORINTHIANS	REVELATIONS
N S N A I N O L A S S E H T A	DEUTERONOMY	THESSALONIANS
O S A N P R O V E R B S D S L	EPHESIANS	TIMOTHY
I N U I B G S I S E N E G B M	GALATIANS	ZECHARIAH
T A H A I R A H C E Z S T N S	GENESIS	ZEPHANIAH
A I S H S N A I H T N I R O C	HEBREWS	
L T O H O S E A S E G D U J E	HOSEA	
E A J D E U T E R O N O M Y N	JOEL	
V L M T F C H R O N I C L E S	JOSHUA	
E A E W X S N A I S S O L O C	JUDGES	
R G Y E H E B R E W S Y G B Q	MATTHEW	
A M O S S N A I S E H P E A X	NUMBERS	

Creation

- Animals
- Birds
- Coast
- Desert
- Fish
- Flowers
- Garden
- Mountain
- Plants
- River
- Sky
- Stars
- Stream
- Woman



A warm, golden-brown background with a still life arrangement of pumpkins, autumn leaves, and lit candles. The scene is softly lit, creating a cozy and inviting atmosphere. The pumpkins are in various sizes and colors, including orange and light beige. The leaves are scattered around the pumpkins, adding to the autumnal feel. Two lit candles in orange holders provide a warm glow.

Happy Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his
love endures forever. Psalm 107:1

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