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GIVE THANKS
TO THE *Lord*,
FOR HE IS GOOD;
HIS LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER.
PSALM 107:1

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 24

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

Commitment Sunday

Sunday, November 6

Commitment Luncheon at 11:15 am

Adult Bible Study

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Sundays at 11:15 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Packing

Sunday, November 13, at 11:45 am

Out-of-the-Box Food Distribution

Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 pm

Advent Season Begins

Sunday, November 27



Dear Friends,

I am so thankful that it finally feels like Fall! One of my favorite things to do is to go walking-crunching and smelling the fallen leaves. (Of course, as a kid, jumping in a pile of them was even better!) With Thanksgiving right around the corner, my thoughts always begin to bounce around the many things I am thankful for – family, friends, a church home, my cats, God’s abundant love and care – just to name a few.

Psalm 92 begins: *“How good it is to give thanks to you, O Lord...to proclaim your constant love every morning and your faithfulness every night.”*

How true this is! In fact, studies have been done that point to how our whole outlook on life can be transformed by spending time each day listing the things for which we are grateful.....and then offering a prayer of thanks. It’s an amazing fact that it often doesn’t take much to have our attention pulled in other directions, and then we lose sight of all that we do have to be thankful for. Perhaps that’s why the psalmist spoke of proclaiming God’s constant love every morning and God’s faithfulness every night, so that we would surround our days with praise and remembering!

Soon we will have an opportunity to express our thanksgiving and gratitude to God as we offer our financial commitments for the coming year. **This year we are going to do this during our Consecration Sunday worship service on November 20th, during which you will also have an opportunity to fill out your Commitment (Pledge) Card – yes, in the midst of worship!** You will learn more about this during our Commitment Luncheon on Nov. 6th.

In the days leading up to the 20th, I invite you to spend time each day remembering God’s faithfulness and constant love, remembering all that you are thankful for, and offering prayers of thanksgiving. I also invite you to spend some time in prayer, considering what your faithful giving will be for 2017. Then, come Nov 20th and join with the rest of us as we offer our commitments to God and lift our voices in song, praise, and thanksgiving!

With a heart full of gratitude,

Peggy Cross

Thanksgiving and Joy

A letter from Choon and Yen Hee Lim serving as Regional Liaison for East Asia, based in South Korea

Every year the months of November and December remind me (Choon) to embrace life with thanksgiving and joy, no matter what situation I am in. This is because during this season we remember that the incarnate God, Immanuel, came to this world to liberate us from our bondage to sin. When we believe in the Son of God, thanksgiving and joy well up in our hearts as an unconditional gift. That is why we celebrate this wonderful and great season.

Jesus came to be one of us. Now we are called to go and be bearers of Christ's presence in our world.

In my life, God graciously has granted me two role models that illustrate this way of living. One is no longer here in this world and the other lives in Seoul, South Korea, now.

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The first is the Rev. Son Yangwon (1902-1950). Rev. Son was a respected educator in the time leading up to the Korean War. He was born in what is now North Korea and his father was a Presbyterian deacon. During his youth Korea was occupied by Japan and schoolchildren were required to bow before an image of the Japanese emperor. As a Christian, Son refused and was jailed as a dissident.

Son graduated from seminary in 1938 and became the pastor and schoolteacher in Aeyangwon in North Korea, an isolated community that had a church, hospital and rehabilitation facility for sufferers of Hansen's disease. From this distant pulpit, he became renowned for his deep piety, for his willingness to stand up to oppression and injustice, and for putting his own life on the line in defense of the marginalized.

He didn't leave this community even during the Korean War (1950-1953). He stayed to protect the leper patients. Furthermore, he lost two sons to the Communist forces, but adopted the man who killed his sons as his own son. He was later shot to death as well. For me, Rev. Son is the second greatest human after Jesus Christ. He is my mentor forever.

The other person is Rev. Rim Insik, who was a pastor of Noryangjin Church in the poorest area in Seoul. Rev. Rim is a former moderator of Presbyterian Church of Korea

(PCK). He is 92 years old now, but lots of churches still invite him to preach in Korea and abroad. I met him for the first time when I was serving as an associate pastor at Hanmee Presbyterian Church in Itasca, Ill. Later the PCK invited Yen Hee and me to serve their Island Medical Mission work as PC(USA) missionaries, with Rev. Rim's recommendation. At that time Rev. Rim was the moderator of the PCK.

Today Rev. Rim is one of South Korea's most respected ministers. When we have ecumenical gatherings, such as the prayer meeting last year for the reunification of Korea, Rev. Rim was invited to deliver a sermon to challenge the young pastors.

I was surprised last January 1 when he called me on the telephone, wishing me a Happy New Year. I was speechless and felt embarrassed. He is the type of man who goes beyond the strictures and formalities of Korean tradition and reaches out to people to maintain relationships with them. Because the surnames Rim and Lim are the same in Korean, many people ask me if we are related. We are not, but I tell them that even though we are not blood relations Rev. Rim has been like a father to me and I often seek his guidance and spiritual help when I confront challenges in my life. He has come to be my friend, spiritual helper, guide and mentor, and the mirror of my

soul. I want to follow his steps like I follow Jesus.

We are deeply thankful for your faithful prayers and support for our ministry throughout the year. With God's grace, and because of your prayers, this has been a fruitful year for our ministry. Please continue to support us and other mission co-workers in my region, East Asia, as we face difficult financial challenges in 2016. Jesus came to be one of us. Now you go and be one of our strong supporters so that God's mission may move forward further than ever before.

Joyful Christmas to you all!

Choon and Yen Hee Lim

Source: *The 2015 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer & Study*, p. 243

Deacons Report ...

Deacon Coat Drive on November 17th

Once again the Trinity Deacons are gathering gently used and clean coats, jackets, and sweat jackets for distribution to folks in our community who might need some warm outerwear this winter. We need all sizes for men, women, and children. Due to lack of storage space at the church, we ask that you keep your donations at home until November 14th through 16th, when they can be dropped off at the church during regular office hours. Coats will be distributed on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm, which coincides with Out of Box distribution.

Christmas Goody Bags

Once again we will be packing some everyday essential items, such as toiletries and soap, for 100 people in our area who are without permanent homes. Thanks to Laura Singh and the Hyatt Hotel, we will be using pillowcases for the items. The West Sacramento Christmas Basket Project will distribute the 100 bags during the first week of December. If you wish to contribute to the project, please make your checks to Trinity with "Goody Bags" noted on the memo line.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving...Trinity Board of Deacons

November Birthdays



Anna Gil	1
Don Brooks	2
Katie Magana	2
Gayle Andrade	11
Sa Phipps	14
Casey Hamby	17
Dale Davis	22
Pat Terry	22
Freddy Grexton	25
Vi Taylor	26

Church Budget and Commitment

Dear Trinity Family and Friends

We are reviewing our church budget and ministry commitments to plan for 2017.

Our church giving theme for 2017 is **WITH God**. **WITH** is the acronym for *Working, Investing, Teaching* and *Healing*. *Working* means we will cooperate with one another (e.g. committee work or project work).

Investing means we will give the church our time and talents; time means our volunteer hours, and talents means our spiritual gifts and financial support. *Teaching* means we will take the time to learn about God through bible study and attending church. *Healing* means we will pray for one another and our church.

We will kick off **WITH God** by having a Commitment Luncheon Sunday, November 6th. We are excited to invite you to this Commitment Luncheon titled ***The Soup Throw Down***. It will be a combination luncheon and cooking contest. We ask all chefs, or want-to-be chefs, to cook a pot of soup and submit it to the contest. Please call the church office to enter your soup. We hope to have at least 6 soups in large crockpots for the luncheon. As this is a contest, the best chef will receive a prize, a spoon to throw down and bragging rights for an entire year!

Others are asked to bring ready-to-serve items based on your last name as indicated below.

A – I Breads (cornbread, sourdough bread, crackers, biscuits, etc.)

J – O Appetizers

P – Z Desserts

We will have entertainment at the luncheon, an opportunity to fellowship, and Commitment Cards, (formerly known as pledge cards,) will be handed out. We want you and your family to have an opportunity to pray about your level of commitment prior to completing the card and returning it. Therefore; Commitment Cards are due at the worship service on November 20th. The Commitment Cards will be dedicated at this service. You may return your Commitment Card earlier to the church office if you wish. The church office will hold them and take them to the dedication service for you.

We also ask you to identify 2 or 3 ministries/projects that you would like to support with volunteer hours. There will be a section of the Commitment Card that identifies our various ministries/projects. Please take a moment to pick a few that match your interests, so we can compile a list of volunteers to call upon.

All Commitment Cards are due, Sunday, November 20th, for the dedication service.

As we move towards that date, please remember all things are possible **WITH God!**

In His service,

Your 2016 Finance /Commitment Committee Members

Don Brooks, Jane Gentry, Joe Goeden, Karla Rasmussen, and Reverend Peggy Cross



E-Waste Program

You can donate your unwanted electronics to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Go on-line to www.ewaste4good.com. You can arrange to have your items picked up at your residence. Enter "Trinity Presbyterian Church" as the non-profit to receive the funds for your contribution. Or, you can call Tri-Valley Recycling, at 1-800-317-3112 to arrange a scheduled pickup and let them know that you want Trinity Presbyterian Church to receive the proceeds. They weigh all donated items, and, based on a predetermined pay scale, provide a contribution to us. Your contributions will be used for building costs.

Some of the many items accepted for E-recycling are listed below.

All Televisions	Video Games
Computer Monitors	Computers
Fax Machines	Calculators
Desktop Copiers	Cell Phones
Telephones	Printers
Vacuum Cleaners	Speakers
Keyboards	Scanners
Mice	Laptops
Misc Wires & Cords	Small Appliances
Household Phones	Stereo Systems
Medical Equipment	Power Tools
Networking Equipment	
And many other items	

For additional information, or to schedule a pickup, please call Tri-Valley Recycling at 1-800-317-3112.

Trinity no longer accepts electronic waste due to lack of adequate space to store items. Please call Tri-Valley Recycling directly and let them know you want Trinity Presbyterian Church in West Sacramento to get credit for the donated items. Thank you for your understanding and continued participation.

Christmas is Coming Soon!

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

7:00 pm Family & Traditional
 Candlelight

11:00 Special Celebration

More information will be provided in the near future.



Mission and Outreach Ministry

- 1) **"I See You"** – Touger Vang, representative of the Yolo County Library spoke to the Team about the Library's outreach program to people experiencing homelessness. The Library is offering free weekly art workshops to the community, with a special outreach to the homeless. The Team agreed to distribute flyers on the workshops, as well as the Library's calendar of offerings, through our OOTB food distribution.
- 2) **September 18 Music Festival** – A very successful event. 150 people attended. There was consensus for M&O and the Latino Leadership Teams to do the festival again.
- 3) **Heifer Project** – The Sunday school children and adults raised \$780. Animals were purchased on World Communion Sunday October 2.
- 4) **Out of the Box Ministry** – The Yolo County Food Bank did their annual inspection of OOTB food storage and distribution practices. Jesse Schlunegger assessed the new storage and logistical arrangements for OOTB in the kitchen and serving area. He noted the main constraint

is the more limited storage allows for significantly less food reserves; i.e., food that is bought or donated in a month needs to be used that month to make room for next month's food. There is little opportunity to take advantage of bargains on needed items for future distributions.

A potential storage space has opened up in a building along West Capital Ave. Jesse and Ken will attempt to contact the owner to investigate.

November Food packing will take place on Sunday the 13th with distribution on Thursday the 17th. Bags will be prepared for 165 families.

The next school food drive will take place at Southport Elementary School on Thursday November 10. This food will be distributed in November, December and January.

- 5) **Giving Tree** – Kathy Trott and Jane Gentry will organize. Shoes and socks will be among the items that will be collected for children of the Alyce Norman School, and within Trinity.
- 6) **Shoe Box Project** – Kathy and Jane will coordinate this project with the

Giving Tree. Already they have collected toys from the Food Bank.

- 7) **Special Offering** – The Peace and Global Witness offering was collected on October 2nd. Twenty-five percent of the offering stays with Trinity to promote peace locally. The Team voted to donate Trinity's share to the Collings Teen Center.

Ken Trott, Committee Chair

Sunday October 2 was HEIFER DAY



The Year of the Rabbit

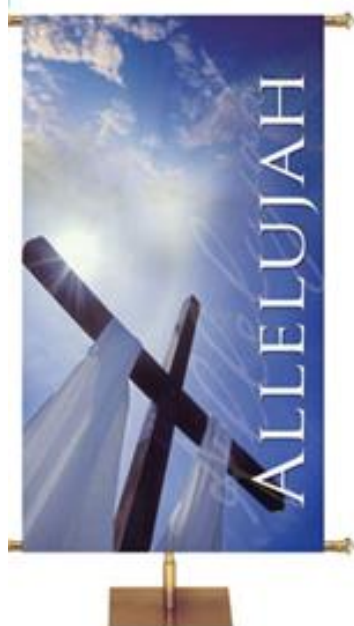
Throughout the year our Sunday School classes have been collecting an offering to purchase animals through Heifer International and tracking their collections on a thermometer. In addition an offering was collected at both worship services on Sunday September 25. All together \$780 was collected for Heifer International.

On the BIG DAY October 2, we gathered. There was excitement. We gave thanks that \$780.00 had been raised. We read the story of Beatrice and Her Goat and how a goat from Heifer International changed Beatrice's family. The family was able to provide nutritious milk to her younger brothers and sisters, and put a water-tight metal roof on their small mud home. After a time the family was able to

afford the tuition, books and uniform for Beatrice to go to school. Beatrice started school at 11 years old and had a lot of catching up to do. No only did she catch up, she excelled. She was able to go on to high school and then to university.

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 overwhelming choice for this year was rabbits. The winners in order were: rabbits, a water buffalo, ducks, pigs, a cow, and chickens.

We agreed to purchase the following: 3 trios of rabbits (\$180), a water buffalo (\$250), ducks (\$20), 2 pigs (\$240), 10% of a heifer (\$50) and chicks (\$20). There was so much excitement that we were able to purchase animals for nine families all around the world. We celebrated with animal crackers and cookies.



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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.

