

October 2012

Trinity Press



Reunion of Deacons

Saturday October 6: 2 - 4:00 pm

Terri Young's Home

World Communion Sunday

Sunday October 7: 9 and 11 am

Peacemaking Offering

Pastor Tina Preaching

Single Worship Service

Sunday October 14 - 10 am

Pastor Candidate Preaching

Congregational Meeting 11:00

Spaghetti Lunch 11:30

Join Your Trinity Family
on this very important day

Trunk OR Treat

Wednesday October 31

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Invite all your young friends!



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, 6

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of Session on September 18, 2012, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Heard a report that the Deacons are hard at work on the Deacon Reunion event.
- Heard a report from the PNC about the new pastor search and approved one combined worship service at 10:00 A.M on Sunday, October 14, 2012, so the congregation can hear the pastoral candidate preach.
- Approved calling a Special Meeting of the Congregation on October 14, 2012, immediately following worship to vote on the new pastor's call.
- Heard a report that all is ready for the Day of Service with a list of people needing services and a list of people donating services to be raffled off at the dinner.
- Heard a report that Trinity 101 will be held Saturday, Oct. 27, 2012 under the leadership of Kathy Trott. Anyone interested in becoming a member of Trinity should plan to attend.
- Heard a report that office volunteers are needed during the time Jane Gentry will be on vacation from Sept. 28 – Oct. 9.

Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session



ESQUINA LATINA - LATINO CORNER - OCT 2012

Gracias a Dios! We thank God for our Latino group, which is growing slowly but steadily, one family at a time.

Spanish Worship

We continue to meet and celebrate our Lord – in Spanish - on Sundays at 11:00 am. We also had a special Saturday worship event on Sept. 8 - a quinceñera for Penelope Campos. It was a meaningful service, attended mainly by people who had not been to Trinity before. And there were about 80 people at the reception in the Café. Since our worship leader was not available, we invited guest musicians from *Latinos Unidos en Cristo*, which meets at First Presbyterian in San Mateo. That is the church from which Tina came to us in 2009.

Combined Worship

We enjoyed worshipping together with the English congregation at the 11:00 am service on three Sundays in August. For two of them our worship leader, David Contto, led the English worship. David is totally bilingual and very versatile, and brings a great deal of Spirit-filled energy to our worship experience.

Oct 7, World Communion Sunday

On this special Sunday, we look forward to worshipping as one church, celebrating communion with churches all over the world - with brothers and sisters from every "tongue, tribe and nation."

Wednesday Spanish Bible Studies (SBS)

We continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm - to study our new series entitled "How People Change". And we look forward to Sept. 19, when we will be having supper again with our English-speaking brothers and sisters as the new mid-week gathering resumes.

English, Spanish, and Spanglish (partnering)

We continue to thank God for our Spanish-language activities and also the chances we have to fellowship with the larger congregation. On Labor Day weekend, a good number of Latino families went on the Camping Trip to the Yosemite area. For many of them, this was their first camping experience, and they are looking forward to the next opportunity to rough it in the wild.

We thank God for the privilege of partnering with our wonderful Trinity family!
Pastora Tina and the Latino Ministry Team - September, 2012

Deacons Corner

First Ever Deacon Reunion/Appreciation Day!

If you've been ordained as a deacon at Trinity or in the Presbyterian Church, you've hopefully received your invitation (in the mail) to a special event on October 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 in my backyard. Join fellow deacons for cake and coffee as we share experiences and get to know each other better.

If you were ordained elsewhere, let me know and please join us! And if you have interest in learning more about the privilege and joy of serving as a deacon, you are welcome to join us as well! Please call me, Terri Young, 371-2271, for more information.

Annual Joint Meeting

Deacons and elders know how to serve, and also know how to have a good time. We enjoyed each other's company at our annual joint meeting on Saturday morning, August 25, at Terri Davis' home. Lori Schlunegger led us in a fun ice breaker, which got us talking about things we had in common and helped us get to know each other better.

Pastor Tina then gave a presentation about the sacred sacrament of the Lord's Supper, or Communion, as we generally call it. She reminded us what a privilege and joy it is as deacons and elders to participate in this sacred sacrament. Each month, the deacons arrange for 12 deacons and/or elders to serve, six servers per service, typically on the first Sunday of the month.

Communion "To Go"

In September we had the rewarding experience of serving home communion to six of our homebound members. They are long-time members who date back to the church's roots here in West Sac...all amazing folks!

We have several communion "travel" kits, which are beautifully carved wooden boxes that hold the blessed elements (bread and grape juice) in plastic-capped cups. It was great to include these senior members of our church family on the same day we partook of this sacrament in church. (And imagine taking Communion with others around the world on October 7th; how cool is that?) We will be making the rounds monthly and encourage all deacons and elders to become involved!

If you are unable to attend church and would like to receive communion on the first Sunday of the month, please let the church office know. We look forward to serving you in this way that keeps you connected to the whole congregation.

Terri Young, Moderator

Out of the Box

I thought I would take a minute to describe some of the shopping opportunities with Out of the Box as we could use a few more shopping volunteers! Don't be afraid; we will walk you right through your first trip (and your second one as well if you would like!)

We have 3 shopping trips you can complete evenings and weekends:

Trader Joe's
Cash N Carry
Grocery Outlet

These trips take less than 90 minutes and when you finish you will have fed a grateful community in a meaningful way. Please consider trying one of these trips if your regular work schedule prevents you from taking trips to the Food Bank.

The Food Bank of Yolo County will take about 3 hours start to finish and the catch here is the Food Bank is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This trip is hard on the schedule and easy on the heart! If time permits, you will enjoy it.

For all of these trips you will pick up a check at Trinity Presbyterian office, purchase the groceries (they will be pre-assembled for you, or you will have a list), deliver the groceries to Trinity, and turn in the receipt.

Then you will be on your way with the full and proper knowledge that you gave of yourself to people you do not even know. This, my friends, is a game changer. Please consider **trying** a shopping trip, and subsequently knowing that you did not take poverty and hunger on the chin - that you did something about it.

For additional information please contact Kevin Hansen or Jesse Schlunegger.

Thank you,
Kevin Hansen (catchthehansens@gmail.com)

Bible Trivia -- Who's who?

Can you answer these 11 questions? Answers provided below.

1. The first man God created
2. The first woman God created
3. The names of the twelve disciples
4. The man who was a shepherd, a musician and the second king of Israel
5. A great prophet
6. A great prophet who learned studying with Elijah
7. The apostle, a persecutor of the church converted to a missionary
8. Mother of Jesus
9. Father of the Jewish Nation
10. Leader of the Hebrews when they exited Egypt
11. Son of God, Savior of the world

Answers

1. Adam
2. Eve
3. Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James the son of Alpheus, Thaddeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas Iscariot
4. David
5. Elijah
6. Elisha
7. Paul
8. Mary
9. Abraham
10. Moses
11. Jesus

Grace Night at Trinity

You are invited to join us for Grace Night at Trinity (formerly known as FIRE). We meet twice a month on Wednesday, and each month has a specific theme. We meet in the Café at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and fellowship, and our program begins at 6:30 p.m. The first meeting of the month features a guest speaker who shares valuable information with us. The second meeting of the month is a service project related to the information we heard at the first meeting.

We kicked off the program September 19th with a dinner and a study of 1 Corinthians 9: 24-27, focusing on our spiritual health. Our next meeting is October 10th. Our guest speaker will share information about fitness and nutrition. Our service project on October 24th will focus on this information.

Our November theme is Being Thankful and Debra Johnston will share a message with us November 14th. Our service project will be preparing goody bags for the homeless and will be completed November 28th.

Our December themes are Christmas and Promoting Reading. We will meet only once in December, on the 12th. At this meeting we will share a meal, fellowship, sing Christmas Carols and have a service project related to promoting reading.

We will recess till January 2013 when we will begin a biblical study of Ephesians.

Please join us or be in prayer for us!

Hope to see you at Grace Night!



Trunk or Treat is Coming!

October 31st, 6-8PM

More than 300 families attended Trinity's Trunk or Treat last year and we are looking forward to even more this year! There is something for EVERYONE to do to support this wonderful outreach event. Examples are provided below for your convenience.

- Find a friend and create a theme for a trunk together.
- Donate some candy.
- Help set up or break down.
- Hang signs at the businesses you frequent (with their permission of course!)
- Pass out flyers

Please sign up and help Trinity make this event a huge success.



Thank You for Caring Trinity

Toni Sullivan and Betty Hartman would like to thank Trinity Family and Friends for all the marvelous donations of clothes and items for “Toni’s Give-Away.” Approximately six times a month Toni goes to the needy people of West Sacramento waiting for food to be distributed. She drives up, unloads tubs of clothing and household items and gives it all away. Due to the generous donations of Trinity family and friends, the amount of clothing and items she is able to give away has doubled!

Additionally, all summer long, out-of-season clothing has been stored in Betty’s shed. Now Toni and Betty are looking forward to a grand October giving away this mountain of winter- wear once the weather turns cold. This is always the best and most fun time of the year for Toni and Betty.

You can bring your donations to church and leave them in the plastic tubs in the Lounge or you can leave a telephone message at 916.617.2915 and Toni will pick up any donations from a West Sacramento location. Contributions needed are clothing, small household goods, toys, shoes, books, linens, and kitchen utensils.

Again, thank you so much from Toni and Betty!

Church Chatter

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Please plan on attending worship Sunday, October 14th at 10:00 a.m. We will have a single service and the pastoral candidate selected by the PNC will be preaching. We will have a congregational meeting after worship service. The congregational meeting will be followed by a luncheon and fellowship.

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 16th, we celebrated Homecoming Sunday. This was also National Back to Church Sunday. According to the national website, last year 7600 churches participated representing 34 denominations. We were proud to participate this year and hope to continue doing this annually. We welcomed 4 new visitors, including 2 teens looking for a church with an active youth group. Total attendance including new visitors was 152. We look forward to our new visitors becoming part of our church family!

Yosemite Camping Trip

Approximately 50 Trinity family members and friends spent Labor Day weekend at Yosemite National Park. They enjoyed individual family time and spent worship time together Sunday with a heartfelt service led by our Latino Group. They also enjoyed quiet time together enjoying the evening campfire. One camper commented the scenery was breathtakingly beautiful. Everyone had fun and many look forward to the beauty and fellowship of Yosemite again.

World Communion Sunday

The first World Communion Sunday was observed in 1936 and was created by the Presbyterian Church (USA.) In 1940 the National Council of Churches began promoting this event. Congregations from denominations around the world feel a sense of global faith as they celebrate Holy Communion on the first Sunday in October. World Communion Sunday is Sunday, October 7th and our services will be multilingual (some Spanish, Hebrew, etc.)

Caring for Your Spirit: Tears in Church

by Debbie Johnston, M.Div.

When was the last time you were in a church setting when someone was moved to tears, then immediately apologized profusely for the emotional display? Tears are a biological fact of human existence, which, as far as God is concerned, *never* require an apology.

Jesus himself wept openly over Jerusalem and the death of Lazarus. Jesus cried about the sin and hard-heartedness of Jerusalem's religious leaders and the emotional pain the death of Lazarus caused his friends Mary and Martha. The book of Hebrews tells us Jesus is able to sympathize with our every weakness (Hebrews 4:15), which includes the vulnerability and confusion we feel following significant losses. Knowing Christ loves us enough to weep with us is a comfort when we are confronted by sorrow and loss.

We are very vulnerable physically during the year immediately following a significant loss. Tears and physical exercise are tools that help us release toxic stress hormones that could negatively impact our health.

Of course, human beings don't just cry when they are sad; they also cry tears of joy. Church members often express surprise when they find themselves crying during worship. The ancient church called this, "The Gift of Tears." Tears during worship were considered a sign of refreshing by the Holy Spirit of the sacrament of Christian Baptism in a believer's heart.

As with everything, there is a time to cry and a time to refrain from tears, but your Christian brothers and sisters are normally very able to receive your tears, whatever their source, and can offer comfort or rejoice with you. Tears are a gift our good God hard-wired into our physical bodies to help us maintain physical, emotional, and spiritual balance.

Yours on the Journey!

Debbie

October Birthdays



Ainsley Hallum	1	Jacob Cypress	20
Jared Lewin	3	Tammy Newell	20
Barbara Vickery	4	Samuel Small	20
Carol Davis	5	Sabrina Thalman	20
Jennifer Lewin	5	Jake Feldheim	21
Tucker Massello	6	Elise Quick	21
Fran Shriver	6	Chuck Caudle	22
Julia La Plante	7	Gary Cook	22
Al Maich	9	Amigo Friend	22
Lori Custodio	10	Steve Fonbuono	24
Linda Davis	10	Andrew Singh	24
Tirzah Dove	11	Citlalli Jimenez	25
Pat Fritchie	11	Amanda Lute	25
Monique Roybal	11	Samantha Massello	25
Addy Armijo	12	Barbara Madsen	26
Anna Perrine	13	Dick Huang	27
Shirley Tong	14	Barbara Leach	27
Yuki Zhang	14	Shelby Tiewater	28
Barbara Miach	16	Judi Chiboucas	29
Joe O'Donnell	16	Karen Metcalf	29
Margaret Sasere	16	Sauteauna Muck-Sasnett	30
Martin Barrett	18	Daniel Dew	31
Nola Goeden	19	Boris Karpuk	31
		Kassandra Martinez	31

Meet Our New Youth Leader – Glen Godfrey

Biography – Minister Glen Godfrey

I was born on July 28, 1979, in San Francisco, California, where I lived with my father, mother and 5 siblings. My father, a licensed Elder and Minister in the Church of God in Christ, passed away when I was 10 years old. Living in the inner-city, I remember walking to school with holes in the bottom of my shoes, socks turned black by the gravel and wearing the same suit to church every Sunday. Our family did not have much money, but what we lacked in finances, we made up for with love and the grace of God. I wondered as a child, is this how life will be for me, or was there an opportunity in my community, which would help change the perception of what some thought of me? There weren't many role models for me while I was growing up outside of my parents, who encouraged my interests. I didn't let that stop me from achieving my goals, and the house of the Lord was the place I looked for direction and guidance. The encouragement from my family and church family drove me to excel.

I chose to trust in the Lord with all my heart and not to lean on my own understanding. At the age of 16, the Lord used me to teach the Men's Sunday School Class at my local church. I have been a musician for 21 years, a praise and worship leader, and choir director for 15 years. I was called to the ministry and licensed in 2003. I attended Skyline College, graduating with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts and thereafter, attended San Francisco State University graduating with a Bachelor of Art Degree in Speech and Communications. No challenge was too great for me to take on with the help of the Lord.

Even with all of these accomplishments, God was not finished with me. In 2000 I became the Children and Youth Director and then went on to become the Youth Pastor for 9 years, with the opportunity to give back to the community. My passion is to help children and youth navigate life with Christian values, morals and faith in God to carry them through any obstacles in their path.

Today I feel my goal is to encourage and teach young people about the importance of education, learning about God's word, maturing spiritually, and most of all, that it is possible to be cool and popular while serving our awesome God. I truly feel my life taught me to follow my dreams, no matter what odds were against me. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Submitted By Glen Godfrey



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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.

