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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

Homecoming Sunday Sunday September 16

Join Our Trinity Family
Choir Returns and Sings
Sunday School 9 and 11
Summer Travelers are back
Pastora Tina Preaching
Out of the Box Packing



Trinity Day of Service Saturday September 22

8 AM - 4 PM Meet at Trinity

Church Clean-up

Community Service Activity

Odd Jobs at Family Homes

Unite and Make a Difference

5PM Taco Bar Potluck

Silent Auction of Service

Talent Show

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FROM PASTORA TINA

GO TEAM!

We are so blessed at Trinity! How many churches have gifted lay people who are willing to step up to the plate and preach – Sunday after Sunday? Not many, I'll wager.

But we at Trinity have such amazing people. Here's the lineup of our Preaching Team, in order of appearance: Robb Perrine, Debbie Johnston, Anna Perrine, Sue Goodwin, Ken Trott and Jill Whitney. With them, we are going through the book of Philippians, exploring the adventure of the Christian life through the prism of the apostle Paul.

We also thank God for our amazing Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). We are grateful for their dedication and the countless hours they have invested in this process. They have been real troopers in the search for our new senior pastor, and we are very close to finding out who that is.

And we thank God for Jane, our admirable Office Manager and her faithful volunteers in the office. And also for our elders and deacons and ministry team members, and all the other wonderful volunteers who keep Trinity in the game during this time of transition.

We know God has a plan for Trinity – a good one! And we look forward to seeing what God will do in these coming weeks and months. And all of this will be by the power of the Holy Spirit, who gives us wisdom and energy to take the next steps in fulfilling the mission that God has for Trinity.

And, as we run the race of the Christian life, let's keep the end in mind. And, like Paul, let's "press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us" (Philippians 3:14).

It's a privilege to run this race together – with our amazing Trinity Team!

Blessings/bendiciones,

Pastora Tina
Outreach

Associate Pastor for Latino

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting of Session on August 21, 2012, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Regretfully accepted Sue Goodwin's resignation from Session.
- Approved the job description for the Child Care Coordinator position.
- Heard a report on progress toward getting the web site updated with the goal being for it to be in color with clear communication and to be manageable by the office.
- Approved the concept developed at the Childcare Summit meeting for procedures and improvements in the Nursery and Preschool rooms. Three things to be further fleshed out and to be brought back for approval is a paid childcare provider, walls in the nursery and a pony wall with countertop in the pre-school room.
- Approved the Office Security Policy.
- Heard a report that Jane Gentry will be on vacation from Sept. 28 – Oct. 9. Plans have not been finalized for volunteer replacements during that time.

Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session



ESQUINA LATINA – LATINO CORNER – SEPTEMBER 2012

God is good – all the time! ; *Dios es bueno – todo el tiempo !*

Ongoing

- Spanish Sunday worship service at 11:00 am.
- Wednesday evening Spanish Bible Study (SBS), 6:30 pm in Room 3.

Upcoming - SAT, SEPT. 8, 2012 - 4:00 PM – QUINCEAÑERA – PENELOPE CAMPOS

A quinceañera – a special worship service to thank God for the 15th birthday of Penelope Campos, daughter of one of our Latino attenders. It will include lively praise songs and elements which form part of this traditional Mexican ceremony. The purpose is to celebrate Penelope's becoming a young woman who wishes to walk in the ways of the Lord. The service will be followed by a reception in the Café.

One note. The quinceañera service will be primarily in Spanish. But come anyway! The smiles and enthusiasm will transcend any differences in language.

We have also enjoyed worshipping together – English and Spanish speakers - including the times that our Latino worship leader, David Contto, led worship after the departure of Boris.

We thank God for the privilege of partnering with our wonderful Trinity family!

Un abrazo (a big Hispanic hug),

Pastora Tina (916-995-5105) and the Latino Ministry Team

Le damos gracias a Dios por nuestro grupo latino, que está creciendo, una familia a la vez. Por nuestros servicios en español, y también los servicios combinados, con la congregación de habla inglesa.

Seguimos con nuestros estudios de los miércoles, sobre Como Cambia La Gente. Y le damos gracias a Dios por las oportunidades que tenemos de tener compañerismo y trabajar con la congregación de habla inglesa. Estos incluyen el proyecto mensual de empacar y distribuir las bolsas de comida – y el viaje de *Camping* del fin de semana del Día de Trabajo (Labor Day).

sábado, 8 de septiembre, a las 4:00 pm. El servicio de adoración y gratitud por los 15 años de Penelope Campos, con recepción en el Café después de la ceremonia. ¡Vengan a celebrar con nosotros!

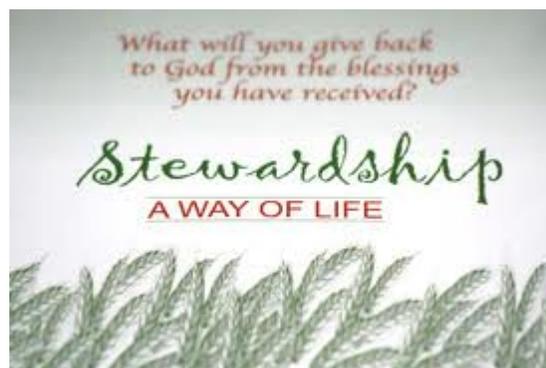
Stewardship Results

Our recently completed Stewardship Campaign resulted in fifty-seven (57) pledge cards being submitted. The pledges totaled just under \$200,000. These numbers do not include the individuals who make regular contributions but choose not to submit a pledge card. These pledges, and our estimates of the “non-pledged” giving, will allow Trinity to continue all of our basic ministries.

While the number of pledges is down from 64 last year, almost all pledges were increased; some substantially. The total pledged amount is down by only a few thousand dollars. Given the economy and the transition our Church is currently undergoing, these results were a blessing. The Trinity Family, once again, is giving to serve God and our neighbors.

We had a wonderful response to our request to identify ministries in which individuals would be willing to serve. The office was given a copy of the back of the pledge cards and has already compiled lists for each of the Elders to use in the upcoming year. Thank you to all who stepped forward in this effort to involve more of the congregation in the ministries of the Church.

Thanks to all of you, we will have the necessary resources (volunteers as well as financial) to direct to the many needs of our Church and community.



Caring for Your Spirit: Remembering Whose You Are Debra Johnston, MDiv.

For some time now Trinity has been enduring a time of change, trial and loss... During a time of testing it is especially important for Christian communities to remember to whom we belong. We have the Lord of the Universe on our side, even when we must occasionally battle the prince of this world or endure difficult challenges.

Key to living peacefully in Christian community in times of turmoil is to remember our battles are never with or about other human beings. Instead, our enemy is some broken aspect of this sin-damaged world or the collision of two or more as-yet-unhealed human sin natures. This means we can fiercely hate the sins perpetrated against us while still loving and praying for the perpetrators. And remember, nothing, not even trials and tribulation last forever!

No matter WHAT happens, we belong to Christ, & nothing will ever be able to tear us away from his love (**Romans 8:37-39**). He will be faithful to walk us through every earthly challenge we face till we are safely home in his arms.

Isaiah 49: 13-16 "13Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. 14But I [Zion] said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' 15Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I [God] will not forget you. 16See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands." ["Zion" is another name for God's chosen children (originally meaning those dwelling in Jerusalem), which now includes all Christian believers.] Our names are permanently written on God's hands; he can never forget us!

Obviously, life on earth brings many trials, even downright tragedies we may be called upon to endure for the glory of God and the encouragement of others. Although there is no denying we may suffer for a time, Jesus promises our ultimate future and wellbeing are certain in him.

In **John 16:33b** he says, "**Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world!**"

Yours on the Journey,

Debbie

Money Matters: 2012-2013 Budget

Last year Trinity switched from a calendar-year to a fiscal-year budget. Our budget cycle now runs from July 1 to June 30. Our Monetary Resources committee started working on the budget process several months ago. More recently, committees headed by Session members did the same. After our Stewardship campaign concluded, Session members came together in July to discuss and adopt a budget to guide us for the next 12 months.

In adopting the budget we faced challenges and opportunities. Following are highlights of this year's budget process:

- **Income Drops:** Income from pledges and regular giving has dropped significantly from last year's level. We evaluated our monthly income trend over the past year and the results from the Stewardship campaign to arrive at an income projection of \$264,000 (\$22,000 per month).
- **Session Reorganization:** Last year your Session was reorganized to better define each Session member's roles and responsibilities. This year's budget was tweaked to bring it in line with our current org chart. Every line item in the budget is now clearly tied to the Session member responsible for it.
- **New Head Pastor:** We are all looking forward to welcoming a new head pastor. We don't know when. We don't know the details of his or her compensation package. We do know we will have a new head pastor this fiscal year. We did our best to guesstimate that expense for a less-than-full year.
- **Childcare Coordinator:** A Childcare Coordinator position was approved to coordinate childcare for all church events where childcare is required, including: worship services, mid-week church functions and other events and activities as required. The coordinator will ensure children are cared for in a safe, loving and Christian environment.
- **Evaluate Expenses:** Session made sure funds were available in the budget for effective expenses while reducing or eliminating funding for expenses that aren't.
- **Establish a Reserve:** Given today's uncertain economy, Session felt it prudent to develop a balanced budget with a reserve. The reserve (\$5,000) should allow us to preserve approved spending levels even if our income does not meet expectations.

This is a very exciting time at Trinity. We look forward to all the wondrous things God will bring us this next year. Attached is a one-page summary of our budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Elder Gary Younglove

2012-2013 TPC Budget Summary

	2011-2012	2012-2013
Description	Actual	Budget

INCOME

Letters of Intent, Regular Contributions	266,557.85	253,500.00
Other Income	10,387.64	10,500.00
TOTAL INCOME	276,945.49	264,000.00

EXPENSES

Worship	2,312.98	4,200.00
Mission	49,516.82	56,700.00
Outreach	995.52	2,220.00
Children & Youth Ministries	8,785.79	7,896.00
Connect & Equip	457.60	3,000.00
Church Life	6,111.33	6,300.00
Care Ministries	0.00	0.00
Monetary Recourses	6,126.95	6,420.00
Personnel	128,785.34	112,950.00
Office Administration	30,280.46	32,064.00
Building & Grounds	25,129.57	27,180.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	258,502.36	258,930.00

Reserve	0.00	5,070.00
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TOTAL OVERALL	18,443.13	0.00
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DEACONS CORNER

Calling all Deacons!

Once a Deacon; always a Deacon – that's the way ordination works. The currently-serving Deacons are planning a Reunion of sorts to recognize and honor all who have served as a Deacon at any time, at Trinity or otherwise. So, **SAVE THE DATE** of Saturday, October 6, 2012, from 2:00 to 4:00 to join in the celebration. We're looking forward to hearing stories and sharing memories – and getting to know one another a little better.

And keep those cans and bottles coming in to support our Deacon's Fund. At this writing, we have less than \$200.00 in our bank account and lots of people in need. We are not a part of Trinity's budget; we depend on the recyclables and your donations, and we receive the loose money in the offering plates given during worship on the first Sunday of the month. We are all stretched in so many directions...we will appreciate any and all consideration given to Trinity's Deacons!

Terri Young
Moderator

LAWN CONCERT WRAP-UP!

"Thanks for inviting me tonight. I enjoyed sitting outside, listening to Richard while watching the birds fly over, the squirrels scamper on the wires, and the leaves blowing in the breeze. Love outdoor music!"

This was an email I received from a longtime friend after our NINTH annual lawn concert in July. What a blessing it is to share a lovely summer evening of music with our community!

Many thanks to Jill Thom for organizing, to Liz Hansen (who obtained the City permit), to Vanita Vrilakas for publicity, to all who helped set up and take down chairs, and to all who brought desserts. And a special thank you to Richard March for keeping the tradition alive and to all who attended this toe-tapping concert! I'm already looking forward to Big #10 next year!

Terri Young

Day of Service!!!

Chance to help and be helped!!!

Sept 22nd 8 AM-4 PM

Church Clean-up, Community Service

This is your chance to get some help with those odd jobs hanging over your head, or better yet, to become a member of a work crew and help someone get their jobs done!!! The way it works is that we will fill-out the "I can ... Cards" or "I need ... Cards," depending upon your needs or abilities. Next, we will develop "Honey Do" lists and create crews to take on those lists. You can volunteer your time for an hour or for the whole time. We will need all hands on deck, so we can make a real impact in the community. We hope to accomplish a nice cleaning and organization of the church, help our members complete odd jobs at their homes, and take on a couple of community projects. This is a chance to show our community the power of Christ's Body when it unites and does Christ's work. Remember, a body needs all parts to work best, so fill out your cards today!!!

If you would like to volunteer to help organize and implement the day of service, please let Jill Thom, (jillorithom@gmail.com) or Robb Perrine (trinitychurchlife@hotmail.com) know. We would love to have you on board!!!!





**Day of Service Celebration
A TFA Event (Trinity Family Activity)
September 22nd, 5 -7 PM
Church Pot Luck, Talent Show, Silent Auction!**

The Churchlife Committee invites you to our Special Taco Bar potluck, a lively Talent Show and Silent Auction, Saturday evening, September 22nd, at 5:00 PM. This event will wrap up Trinity's Day of Service. In order to make this event a success, we will need you to donate your talents, and there are many ways to do it. First, you can sign up to share a talent for the entertainment of our church family; (singing, dancing, acting, etc.); or you can donate your time, such as cooking a meal for 4, contributing yard work, lawyering, carpentry, or anything you can contribute of yourself. We are not asking for "stuff," just your talents!!! Fill out one of the, "I can ... Cards," or "I need ... Cards." This is a chance to show our community the power of Christ's Body when it unites and does Christ's work. Remember, a body needs all parts to work properly!!! So fill out your card today!!!

This months' food rotation:

A-F Beef, Chicken, or Pork

G-M Favorite Mexican Pastaría

N-S Tortillas, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Olives, Cheese

T-Z Beans, Rice, Salsa, Guacamole



Please plan to bring enough of your course to serve at least 6 people.

To keep our fun night "green" and "clean," please bring your own place setting(s). If you would like to be part of the TFA planning process or share a great idea, please contact Robb Perrine at trinitychurchlife@hotmail.com.

Fall Sunday School Program begins September 9th

All right team, it's back to school...back to Sunday School, that is! Not that we haven't had Sunday School all along, but we are kicking off our fall program September 9th, and we are very excited. When I say we, I mean Team Trinity. As usual, we need teachers. We are hoping those who have been teaching will feel called to continue. We are so fortunate to have you, and you have been doing a dynamite job. We do need others as well. It's good to have a deep roster so everyone gets to have a break. Sunday School classes convene at both services, 9 and 11. We have one class for the K-2nd graders and one class for the 3rd-5th graders at each of the services. For those interested, but who have never taught before, you are not alone. We provide the curriculum and all the support you need, and you would be teaching on a rotating basis, so it is not an every Sunday commitment. Please contact the office at (916)371-5875, or me, Nola Goeden, at (916)373-1322. Thank you in advance for all of your support and service!

What's In a Name?

The Olympic flame was extinguished as was the flame for our Wednesday night FIRE program, but we will launch a new program with a kick-off dinner Wednesday, September 19, 2012. The new program will meet twice a month, and you will receive a calendar in advance that provides a schedule for September through December. The format for the program for the remainder of 2012 will be a lecture/table exercise day followed by a service project day. Additionally, each month will have a theme. The tentative schedule, with themes, is provided below:

October's theme is Health and Fitness and the dates for the meetings are the 10th and 24th.

November's theme is Being Thankful and the dates for the meetings are the 14th and 28th.

December's Theme is Christmas and Promoting Reading with one meeting date on the 12th.

In January the format will shift slightly to an interactive lecture series focusing on the biblical book of Ephesians.

So this is where your help is needed. What should this new program be called (e.g. Wednesday Night at Trinity- WeNT)? To win a \$50 Target Gift Card, (provided by Elder Jane Gentry), please submit a name, to the office no later than September 10, 2012. A panel of impartial judges will pick the winning name, and it will be announced at the kick-off dinner!

Please stay in prayer for this new program!



September Birthdays

Melissa Garrick	2
Laura Singh	4
Lori Schlunegger	10
John Painter	11
Marilyn Allen	19
Robb Perrine	19
Carol Onalfo	20
Ethel Hayes	22
Jean Drummond	24
Evelyn Rose	24
Lee Wallinder	26
Ron Ralph	30



The School Bus Has Departed; See You Next Year!



Dearest Trinity Family and Friends, thank you so much for the school supplies and the beautiful backpacks. Once again, we had a successful campaign and were able to lovingly prepare 40 backpacks for Riverbank Elementary and 30 backpacks for our Trinity families. Many of you donated school supplies, backpacks, time and energy to make this all come together. Some of you worked quietly behind the scenes for us as prayer warriors, praying that we would be provided what we needed.

Thank you to the prayer warriors, anonymous contributors, and those listed below.

Marilyn Allen, Barbara Amick, Wave Armijo, Joel Avila, Linda Brooks, Judi Chiboucas, the Custodio family, Cathy and Dale Davis, Terri Davis, Clara Evans, Nola Goeden, Sue Goodwin, Carla Hanson and Lila, Ethel Hayes, Rhonda Hensley, Nora Legg, Patricia Roman, Karla Rasmussen, Metha McDavid, Karen Metcalf, Ed Metcalf, Kaleena Perez, Andreyra Mercado, Pete Martinez, Jill Whitney, Glenda Dahms, Laura Singh, Betty Sokolich, Debby Staley, Vi Taylor, Myrna and Errol Summy, Pastora Tina Torres, Lew Whitney, Kami Rasmussen, Kathy Trott, Maria Camarotta, Joy Ann Merwin, Pat Fritchie, Claudia Rolon, Shirley Robinson, Pat Terry, Gloria and Will Curtis, Edith Walker, Austin Elfering, Andrew McBride, Alex Dewey, Katie Magana, and Jane Gentry.



*We'll Miss You,
Boris & Lana*
With Love & Appreciation,
Your Trinity Family



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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.

