

Trinity Press

December 2024

Dear Church,

Tis the season...to be busy!

Are you busy? We sure are at the Crook home. While Paulina and I sometimes dream out loud about the season of life when we can eat a meal together that lasts longer than 10 minutes, watch a movie again, have a conversation and take a Sabbath again. What we remind ourselves over and over is to enjoy the journey. There will be a day, coming soon, when we will miss the mess and the messiness.

Christmas can be like that for many of us. It can be a hectic, overly busy, anxiety producing season. But please, let's remind ourselves to enjoy the journey.

As people of faith, may we pause to remember that this is the season where we remember and revel in God coming to us as a baby!! What? It is unbelievable really.

I often think of the words of Max Lucado in his book God Came Near describing Jesus in the manger:

“He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter....”

Meanwhile, the city hums. The merchants are unaware that God has visited their planet. The innkeeper would never believe that he had just sent God into the cold. And the people would scoff at anyone who told them the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager on the outskirts of their village. This is not what they expected...little has changed in the last two thousand years, has it?”

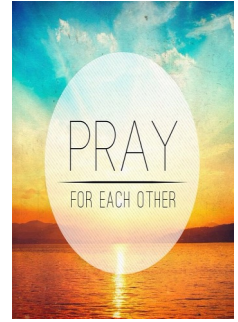
During this season, regardless of the pace of your life, may we take the time to ponder the magic of the moment – “majesty in the midst of the mundane.”

December Sermon Series - Nativity and Narnia

Movie Day – Saturday, December 7, 4:00-7:30 – The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe – chili served at 5:15 intermission.

Christmas Eve Service – One Service @ 5:00 PM. Invitation Cards will be ready soon. This will be a very meaningful service.

- ◇ Continued prayers for Karen Metcalf's nephew Hayden who has a brain aneurism and will have surgery and her father, Ed who is in a skilled nursing facility.
- ◇ Prayers for Ryan Helton.
- ◇ Continued prayers for Debra Johnston's health.
- ◇ Continued prayers for Dee Settle who is having health challenges.
- ◇ Prayers for the Goeden family as they mourn the death of Joe.
- ◇ Prayers for Brian Dahms who is having health issues and for Al & Glenda in finding ways to help Brian.



COME TO THE MOVIES

Join us for an afternoon at the movies on Saturday December 7th. Pastor Jamie will be preaching on the Chronicles of Narnia so we will be watching The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. The movie starts at 4:00 p.m. and we will pause at 5:15 to have some food and then watch the remainder of the movie.



Pat Fritchie, Glenda Dahms, and Susan Whitaker put together 100 'goody bags' for Mercy Coalition to hand out to their clients. The bags are filled with a toothbrush, tooth paste, comb, pen, notepad, wash cloth, soap, one pair of socks and a roll of toilet paper. The deacons collect all these items throughout the year.

Advent Festival—December 1 @ 11:00

Narnia movie—The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe—December 7 @ 4:00

Cookiepalooza—December 18 @ 6:00

Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00

Annual Congregational meeting & potluck—January 26

Youth Confirmation Retreat—January 24-26



Upcoming Youth group nights:

December 2

January 10

February 7

We'll meet at Trinity Church, 6:30-8, for pizza, games, and a positive message.



Statement by Mayor Martha Guerrero on the passing of Joe Goeden November 13, 2024

It is with profound sadness that we learn of the loss of West Sacramento's first city manager Joe Goeden.

From 1989 through 2002, Joe's wisdom and inspirational leadership played a pivotal role in building a strong foundation allowing a young city to grow into the community we have today---one we are so fortunate to call home.

Joe was an incredible mentor and colleague and I am deeply grateful for his friendship, insight and guidance over the years.

We send our heartfelt condolences to his family, colleagues and many, many friends.

We will all miss him dearly.



Happy Birthday To YOU!

Corinne Hamby—12/12

Jennifer Schrimsher—12/17

Amelia Blunk—12/22

Betty Barrira—12/30

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Please join us for our Christmas Eve Service. There will be music, Bible readings and a short sermon. We will end the service with carols and the lighting of candles. Bring a friend.



When worshipping in the Fellowship Hall please remember to keep the doors to the hallway and outside closed.



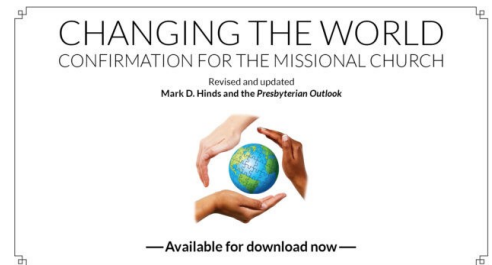
Ladies Luncheon

Ladies, the December luncheon will be on Friday, December 20th at noon in the Fellowship Room. Please bring a \$15.00 gift—either new or gently used and a picture of yourself from high school or near those years. We are encouraged to wear holiday colors too!

Confirmation Retreat Weekend This is what you are all wondering about, right? Here it is:

I would like to offer our students an opportunity to dive deeper into our Christian faith. At youth group, and even on Sunday mornings, we keep the discussion pretty light (God loves you. Be good to people.) This retreat will be a chance to really explore what we believe as Presbyterians in the PC(USA) denomination, and really give students a chance to wrestle with the ideas and think about what they believe.

We will not force anything upon the students, but we will expose them to some deeper questions, and give them space to ponder, study Scripture, and ask questions. This will not be the standard “Confirmation” class that you may have experienced as a kid in a Protestant or Catholic church. It also will not necessarily culminate in all students professing faith in front of the church, getting baptized, or becoming members of Trinity’s congregation. The focus of this program is to inspire students to become followers (disciples) of Jesus, to strengthen their identity as God’s special creation, to explore their God-given gifts, and to challenge them to look at the world with more compassion and generosity. We will also pair them with an adult mentor from the church who will continue to meet with them over the coming year, build relationship, and encourage them in their faith. We’ll be using a curriculum called *Changing the World, Confirmation for the Missional Church*. You can find out a little about this program here: <https://pres-outlook.org/product/changing-the-world-confirmation-for-the-missional-church/>.



Logistics for the Confirmation Retreat: We will rent a vacation house (or 2?) at [Zephyr Point Conference Center](#) for the weekend of January 24-26, 2025. We will spend the weekend studying together, preparing meals and eating together, and enjoying the beautiful lake in winter. There may be snow, we never know, right? We have at least three adults committed to the weekend to help with the teaching, driving, and feeding of our kids. The vacation houses at Zephyr are affordable, not extravagant, so I am confident that we can keep the cost affordable for families. As always at Trinity, we will never let money hold a student back from attending something they want to do.

Interest RSVP: Please let me know very soon if your student is interested in participating. This is not a money-down commitment, I just need an idea of how many people are interested so I can get the accommodations reserved. Then I’ll be able to calculate the cost per student. I am also opening this up to other youth groups in our area to see who want to join us.

Out of the Box Calendar 2025
Feed People Whenever Possible
 Email: outofthebox@trinitywestsac.org

Volunteer to pack grocery bags:
 Sundays at 2:00 pm
 January 12
 February 16
 March 16
 April 13
 Saturday, May 10 @ 10am
 June 15
 July 13
 August 17
 September 14
 October 12
 November 16
 December 14
 Cookiepalooza: December 17@6pm

Free Grocery Bag Distribution: 6pm for volunteers, doors open at 6:30 for clients
 January 16
 February 20
 March 20
 April 17
 May 15
 June 19
 July 17
 August 21
 September 18
 October 16
 November 20
 December 18

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For more info, follow us on Facebook at @oobtheadpeople

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



CALL FOR MENTORS

Be an adult mentor in our **Missional Confirmation program**. Build a relationship with a teenager who is learning about our faith and God's call on their life. Consider going on retreat with us!

[Complete our Interest Form to learn more!](#)

2024 Veteran's Day Parade



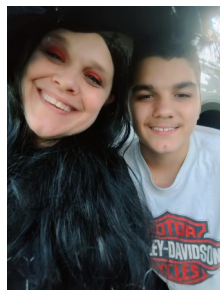
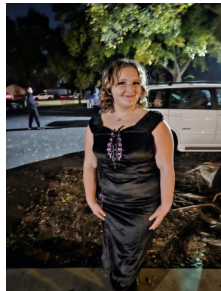
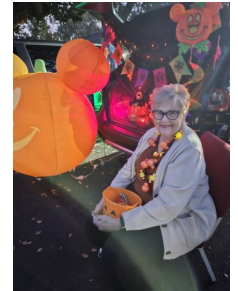
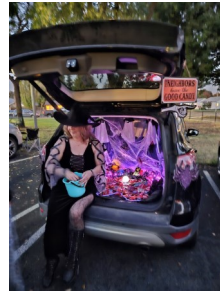
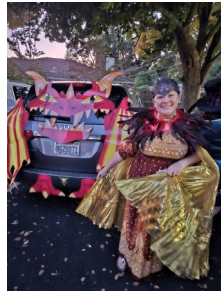
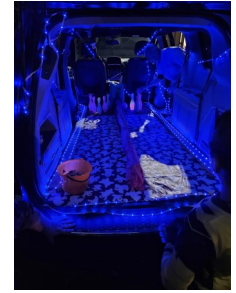
New volunteer opportunity: **Youth Confirmation Mentor**. Trinity will be hosting a Youth Confirmation program this winter. We'll be going on a retreat to Zephyr Point the weekend of January 24-26. Each student will be paired with an adult mentor, not their parent or guardian. Are you interested in mentoring a young teen? The time commitment is a minimum of 8 mentoring meetings over a 6-12month period that you would schedule with your mentee, plus the option of going on the retreat. Training and curriculum is provided. Youth protection screening is required. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Lori Schlunegger or Susan in the office.



Trinity Quilt Fundraiser

Quilt tickets are still available to sell. Remember the monies raised will go toward the kitchen project. The beautiful patriotic quilt was made by Paula Baum. Please contact Linda Brooks or the church office for tickets. We are encouraging each member to sell 20 tickets.

Halloween



Presbyterian Youth Triennium

Triennium is back! After a 6-year hiatus, our denomination is ready to welcome back thousands of high school aged youth and their adult leaders to Louisville, Kentucky, for four days of worship, recreation, Bible study, outreach, and faith formation. This will happen July 28-31, 2025. It is open to all youth, incoming 9th graders though outgoing 12th-graders. Our local presbytery is excited to send a delegation from California. Our teens have the opportunity to join other local youth, and to meet kids from all over the country!



The journey begins ... Part 5

Christianity and the world at large were launching into some important transitions in 1963, the year Rev. Archie Marston succeeded Rev. Telle as pastor at Trinity.

Among these changes was a gradual shift in philosophy among individual denominations. In West Sacramento, as elsewhere, churches of differing ideologies were finding ways to team up in their mission.

“I remember that Father Fray of the Catholic Church came to preach at Trinity,” says Rev. Marston. “At the same time I was invited to come preach at Our Lady of Grace church, which was very historical.

“Myself and Father Murphy, a young Irish priest, went to the high school and put on classes together on Christian faith and values. That was kind of unheard of.”

The ecumenical emphasis extended to the use of Trinity’s facilities. A Seventh-Day Adventist group asked and was granted permission to meet at Trinity. Later, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints did likewise for a time.

“The Church has been so fractured, and we still are,” Rev. Marston says. “But I do think there was a certain amount of healing at that time. There was a sense that we really did belong together, as brothers and sisters of Christ.”

* This article was taken from Trinity’s archives



Out of the Box Ministries
Christmas Events 2024

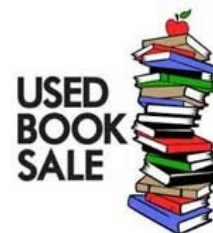
Food Packing: Sunday,
Dec. 15, 2pm

Bag delivery to West Sac PD:
Monday or Tuesday, Dec. 16
or 17, to be determined

Cookiepaloosa: Wednesday,
Dec 18, 6pm

Distribution: Thursday, Dec
19, 11:00am, 6:30pm

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Money is also being raised for the kitchen fund by selling used books. There is a bookcase in the Narthex and someone will be there each Sunday to happily take your money. Please feel free to donate books as well. You can leave them in the office or bring them on Sunday. We will raise the money needed with everyone’s help!



Like to pay on-line? We have two options available.

You can now transfer funds from your bank to Trinity's US Bank Account using Zelle®. There are no fees charged to the sender or receiver. Check to see if your bank offers Zelle® transfers at <https://www.zellepay.com/> . We are registered with the email "Treasurer@trinitywestsac.org".



If you prefer to use your credit card or bank account, you can set up donations on our website <https://trinitywestsac.org> . Stroll down to the bottom of the page and hit the Give Now button. There is a 2% fee charged to the church for this service.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Karla Rasmussen, Treasurer

We need your help!

Sign up to bring treats for after our Sunday service. There will be a signup in the Narthex and you will receive a reminder call during the week.

Suggestions of treats are finger foods if possible. Cookies, brownies, cut up fruit, vegetable trays, cheese & crackers, muffins, cupcakes. Bring on disposable plates or containers.

The church will continue to provide coffee and tea.

December 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00 Advent Festival - 11:00, FH CLC Service - Noon	2 Christian Ed - 4:00, Zoom	3 AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	4 Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15 Girl Scouts Troop 447 - 6-8, Rm 3	5 NA - 5:30-6:30, Rm 3	6 Youth Group-6:30-8, Fellowship Hall NA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	7 Narnia Movie - 4:00, Fellowship Hall NA - 12-1:30, Rm 3
8 Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00 Deacon's Mtg. - 11:30-Rm. 2; Religious Emblem Class-12-4, Rm 3 CLC Service - Noon	9 Worship - 4:00, Zoom	10 Personnel - 7:00, Zoom AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	11 PEO Mtg. - 10-1:00, Room 1 Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15	12 NA - 5:30-6:30, Rm 3 HBD Corinne Hamby	13 NA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	14 NA - 12-1:00, Rm 3 AA - 8:00-5, Fellowship Hall
15 Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00 Religious Emblem Class-12-4, Rm 3; CLC Service - Noon; OOTB Food Packing - 2:00	16	17 Session - 7:00, Zoom AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3 HBD Jen Schrimsher	18 H&C Winter Perform. Cookiepalooza-6:00, FH Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15 Girl Scouts Troop 447 - 6-8, Rm 3	19 NA - 5:30-6:30, Rm 3 OOTB Food Dist-6:30	20 Ladies Luncheon-Noon, Fellowship Hall NA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	21 NA - 12-1:00, Rm 3
22 Church Service - 10:00; Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00; Religious Emblem Class-12-4, Rm 3; CLC Service - Noon; CLC Christmas Cele - 2:00, FH; HBD Amelia Blunk	23	24 Christmas Eve Service - 5:00 AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	25 <i>Christmas</i>	26 NA - 5:30-6:30, Rm 3	27 NA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	28 NA - 12-1:00, Rm 3
29 Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00; Religious Emblem Class-12-4, Rm 3 CLC Service - Noon	30 Office Open HBD Betty Barrira	31 <i>New Year's</i> AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	1	2	3	4



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Trinity's Vision Statement:

*"We are a community being
transformed by the Love of Jesus"*

- *God is good.*
- *Nobody's perfect.*
- *Everyone is welcome.*
- *We can make a difference.*