

# Trinity Press

February 2026

Dear Friends,

The Beatles and Jesus both emphasized the same core truth: love is essential.

Love is a central theme in our songs, books, and movies because it touches our hearts deeply. "Falling in love" is one of life's most exhilarating and absorbing experiences—even if the eventual "fall" can be painful.

When asked which commandment in the Scriptures was the greatest, Jesus responded with love:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:34-40)

We demonstrate our love for God by loving others. While church attendance, Bible study, tithing, and prayer are important practices, Jesus makes it clear that the true measure of our love for God is how we treat our neighbors. If we do not love people, we do not love God.

I am still reflecting on our discussion last Sunday regarding the church at Ephesus. Despite their strong start and dedication to ministry, they drifted away from Jesus and "forsaken the love they had at first" (Revelation 2:4). They excelled in service and sacrifice but failed in love. In the end, a failure to love makes all other achievements inconsequential.

Our world is in desperate need of love and needs to see genuine examples of people loving one another. This month, as the topic of love surrounds us, may we rekindle our first love for the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and commit ourselves to loving one another.

My best,  
Pastor Jamie

## **MONEY MATTERS: PER CAPITA**

One of the most confusing aspects of how the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) functions is **per capita**. Each year, Trinity encourages its members to support the church by contributing to their per-capita apportionment. What is per capita? Why do we do this? Where does the money go?

### **What is Per Capita?**

One of the great strengths of our denomination is its deep interconnectedness. Trinity is tied to the larger ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and one way this connection is expressed is through per-capita support. Every Presbyterian congregation is required to pay a specific amount for each active member on its rolls to its Presbytery. Per capita is not a “bill” or “dues” charged to individual members; rather, it is an expense of the congregation. This year, Trinity’s per-capita apportionment is **\$33.48 per active member**.

### **Why Do We Pay Per Capita?**

Each governing body above the Session—Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly—has staff and operating expenses that support the life and work of the Church. These leaders and ministries do not have individual congregations to support them, yet they are essential to the mission, governance, and connectional life of the Presbyterian Church.

### **Where Does the Money Go?**

Trinity’s per-capita payment is shared among three governing bodies:

- **General Assembly (PCUSA):** \$11.26
- **Synod of the Pacific:** \$5.22
- **North Central California Presbytery:** \$17.00

If you have not yet done so, we invite you to contribute **\$33.48 for each active church member in your household** by making a check payable to **Trinity Presbyterian Church** and noting “Per Capita” in the memo line. Checks may be mailed to the church, dropped off at the church office, or placed in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

This contribution is a way we participate in the wider faith community beyond our local congregation. We recognize that not everyone is able to give this amount, and as a covenant community, we help support one another so that Trinity can fully meet its per-capita commitment.

### **Like to pay online? 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.”

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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. Or scan the QR code with your cell phone, it will take you directly to our website online giving portal. There is a 2% fee charged to the church for this service.



Get to know our volunteers!

This month's featured volunteer is **Sarah Diwan!**



Sarah has been volunteering in children's ministry for 5 years, the last two of those years at Trinity. She has helped with the teens in youth group, and she regularly volunteers in the nursery to help with the littlest kids. Her professional background is in teaching English to adults and college students. This year she is working as an ESL professor at American River College. When she has opportunity, she loves to read and travel. She has lived in both Vietnam and India. Her own children are teenagers, and she misses the baby stage a little bit. Helping in the nursery gives her that opportunity to care for young children again, and to play with them. Sarah's life motto is to Love others and Love God, and so her goal as a Children's Ministry volunteer is that the children would feel loved. Sarah, we are so thankful for you and your dedication to our children!

## Session Highlights

At the regular meeting of the Session on January 26, 2026, the following reports were heard and actions taken:

- Voted to ordain and install officers during worship on Sunday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The Clerk shared the annual report to the Presbytery with Session, and the data was voted on and approved. Anyone who would like to see this data, please see the Clerk.
- Pastor Jamie was very pleased with the attendance at the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, especially in light of the inclement weather.
- Approved Ash Wednesday worship to be held on Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M.
- Heard a report from Worship for a plan to purchase increased RAM memory for the sanctuary computer which will increase efficiency.
- Heard a report from Worship of a plan to purchase, in partnership with CLC, main speakers for the sanctuary.
- Worship will also purchase an Ellipsoidals light to replace the fixture that has already failed.
- Voted to change the policy that was previously adopted by Session to refrain from food and beverages in the sanctuary, to include “As a courtesy, please refrain from food and open beverage containers in the sanctuary.”
- Heard a report from Mission and Outreach that Cookiepalooza was a great community event with around 40 people , 2 athletic teams and a scout group, creating 150 dozen cookies.
- Buildings and Grounds requested that everyone be conscious of turning off lights and closing doors.
- The Kitchen committee has asked Elizabeth Babbitt to continue making coffee each Sunday for fellowship hour.
- Scheduled servers have been coordinated for each Sunday to serve finger food and oversee the kitchen during that day. Additional persons are needed to assist each week as well as a person is needed to be in charge on any 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.
- Heard from Christian Education that the committee is changing their meeting time from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month. And they will be meeting in person rather than through Zoom.
- Heard from Christian Education that the VBS Mission Project from last summer was featured on the Facebook page of the Giving Catalog. The project was spearheaded by Colin Schlunegger.

- Cora Hocker, Clerk of Session



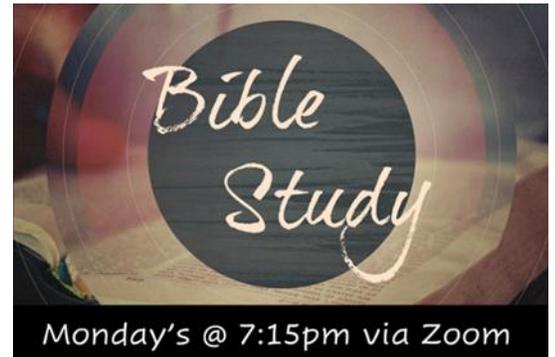
**The church voicemail is still not working.** If you need to contact the church, please call during office hours which are Tuesday – Friday 10:00-2:00 or send an email to [administrator@trinitywestsac.org](mailto:administrator@trinitywestsac.org).

## Buildings and Grounds

The kitchen is complete but there is much more to do! Although the kitchen is structurally finished it is not fitted for use.

So far here a list of completed projects.

- Organized drawers and cabinets
- Removed unneeded items
- Purchased and installed detergent dispensers
- Purchased garbage/recycle cans
- Purchased tongs for serving
- Protected drawers with drawer liners
- Purchased silverware containers
- Purchased reusable coffee cups
- Labeled drawers and cabinets
- Monogrammed towels and washcloths



Zoom link for Bible Study

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89064444594?pwd=VzkvbjlqQ1F6b0VvY3pYa0UxRjIDUT09>

A list is being compiled of needed procedures and equipment. Donations in lieu of actual items, to keep consistency in the kitchen, is preferred.

Our Sunday morning servers, Paula Baum, Nancy Del Mugnaio, Ann Watson, and Cindy Clauser have been implementing some of the new procedures. We do need a second person each Sunday. Please contact one of the ladies if you are interested.

**This is not a commercial kitchen. It will be used for church sponsored activities.**

Thank you!

- Sunday school youth emptied room 2 in anticipation of repairs.
- Mark Moniz checked all the electrical plugs and lights. He replaced two outlets and polarity on 5 outlets was corrected.
- Barbara and Darby Vickery cleaned the two candlesticks that are in the lounge.
- Lee Wallinder placed the front gate to the parking lot back on track. He also cleaned an area on the roof that collects leaves.
- Ellijah David cleaned the off the leaves on the walkways and parking lot.

- CLC has volunteered to help with the cleaning at Trinity every two weeks. They are cleaning the narthex, lounge, front 2 bathrooms, and the kitchen floor.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> cleaning – Pastora Miryam Osorio, Oneidy Hernandez, Claudia Maria Medina, Aleida Mendiola, Doris Ortiz, and Claudia Rolon-2<sup>nd</sup> cleaning – Pastora Miryam Ortiz, Orlando Alvarado, Doralba Marquez, Claudia Maria Medina, Paula Riepele, and Valeria Riepele

Future projects:

Replace the ceiling in room 2 that has fallen, add 6 can lights and paint the room - \$4,500.00

Clean the carpet in the office and sanctuary \$1,500.00

Repair the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary approximately \$6,000.00

Paint and repair the large shed and replace the ramp



- Continued prayers for Terrie Watson.
- Prayers for Bret Egbert’s mental & physical health.
- Prayers for Paula Baum’s friend who recently had eye surgery. Pray her disease doesn’t cause blindness.



**Happy Birthday To YOU!**

Debra Johnston – 2/1

Jane Ward – 2/6

Joel Avila – 2/16

Joe Podesta – 2/17

Bev Meier – 2/20

Steve David – 2/23

Nancy Del Mugnaio – 2/28

Sarah Diwan – 2/28

- Youth Group—First Wednesday of the month at 6:30
- Christian Art Fellowship – Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30
- Scout Sunday – February 8<sup>th</sup>
- Ash Wednesday service – February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00
- Youth Group – Ridiculousness at Westminster, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 -11:00
- Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Easter – April 5<sup>th</sup>





Youth Group will meet at The Blvd for bowling on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

This year Ridiculousness Night will be at Westminster on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm.

## Snacks after Worship Service.

You may have noticed that snacks are now available at the serving window of our new kitchen. Volunteers are taking turns serving various treats each Sunday immediately following Worship. They are now using serving utensils to distribute food items to help prevent the spread of germs, rather than the former “help yourself” method.

If you are interested in providing snacks for this fellowship time, please use the following guidelines:

Please bring only “ready to serve” food—NO cakes\*, pies, or other foods that will need to be cut and plated.

- Foods suggested:
  - **Cookies** (in a container or platter)
  - **Fruit** (washed and cut up, or separated in single servings, for serving.)
  - **Nuts**—individual bags, or one serving put in snack size Ziplock bags.
  - **Cupcakes or muffins**—in paper baking cups.
  - **Juice**—individual serving boxes/packets, or plastic bottles.
  - **Cheese and crackers**—two crackers with cheese or other filling in between.
- Any extra snacks will be put in the church freezer or refrigerator for use the following Sunday, or you may take any leftover snacks you brought (remind a server).
- If you bring a serving dish, please put your name on it and pick it up after fellowship. Want to volunteer as a server? Please call the church office.
- Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and water will still be “self serve”. Try one of the new reusable cups! Let us know how you like them. Our goal is to purchase more if comments are favorable.

\*If you wish to bring a cake to honor a special occasion, please contact the church office at 916.371.5875 ahead of time so servers will be prepared.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Communion - Church Service - 10:00; Sun Sch - Rm 3, 10-11 Religious Emblem Class-2-6, Rm 3; CLC Service - Noon;CLC Lunch - 1:30-4, FH HBD Debra Johnston	2 Christian Ed - 7:00, Rm 1 Zoom Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15	3 Christian Art Fellowship - 1-2:30, Rm 6 M&O Mtg. 7:00 - Zoom AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	4 Youth Group - 6:30-8, Rm 1 Prayer Mtg. - 6:30, Rm 6	5 Girl Scout Troop 447 - 6:15-8:15, Rm 3	6 Girl Scout Troop 722 - 5:6:30, Rm. 3 HBD Jane Ward	7
8 Scout Sunday - Church Service - 10:00; Sun Sch - Rm 3, 10-11 Deacon's-8:45, Rm 2 CLC Service - Noon	9 Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15	10 Christian Art Fellowship - 1-2:30, Rm 6 Personnel - 7:00, Zoom Worship Mtg. - 7:00, Zoom AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	11 PEO Mtg. - 10-1:00, Rm 1	12	13 The Henhouse Preschool Closed	14 PHW - 8:00-12, FH
15 Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00 CLC Service - Noon OOTB Food Packing-2:00	16 Presidents' Day Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15 HBD Joel Avila	17 Christian Art Fellowship - 1-2:30, Rm 6 Session - 7:00, Zoom AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3 HBD Joe Podesta	18 Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:00 Prayer Mtg. - 6:30pm, Rm 6	19 OOTB Distribution - 6:30 Girl Scout Troop 447 - 6:15-8:15, Rm 3	20 HBD Bev Meier	21
22 Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00; CLC Service - Noon	23 Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 7:15 HBD Steve David	24 Christian Art Fellowship - 1-2:30, Rm 6 AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	25	26	27 Youth Group Ridiculousness Night at Westminster - 7-11:00	28 HBD Nancy DelMugnaio & Sarah Diwan
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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*