



TRINITY TALK

November 2016

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Thanksgiving Services

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday November 23rd 7:00pm

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
800 W. Cambridge Street, Orange

Bishop Peter Hickman, Celebrating
The Rev. Annie Calhoun, Preaching

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday November 24th 10:00am

Trinity Episcopal Church

Please Join Us for one of these Special Services.

Grace Filled Giving – 2017 Stewardship



"Grace-filled Giving" is our theme for our support of Trinity for 2017.

Jesus has taught us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, so we pray for God to "Pour into our hearts the spirit of your own abundant generosity so that we may gladly share with others what we ourselves have so richly received."

All we are and all we have is a gift from God. In thanksgiving for God's generosity please add your story of "grace-filled giving" into one of the hearts on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Your story can be about the when you received or when you gave and share with us your own "grace-filled" moment.

We also ask you to prayerfully consider your financial contribution to the mission and ministry of Trinity. Keeping our staff, worship, buildings, grounds, educational and service programs running takes \$425,000 in annual pledges. Together we can make our budget and continue to serve God, our neighbors and each other.

A monthly and weekly guide for percentage giving (all the math is done for you!) is on the back table. Please consult this chart as you consider your contribution for 2017. God's math always works out.... the more you give, the more you get in return. Thank you for your prayerful participation in supporting Trinity.

Please return your pledge cards with your financial commitment by Sunday November 27. Thank you so much for your support!

From our Rector

.....*The Rev. Jeannie Martz*

I'm just back from having lunch over at Panera Bread as part of our Dine Out, and have once again gotten caught in the awfulness of The Village Mall's reconfigured parking lot – where the name of the game seems to be “you can't get there from here.”

Exiting the lot and returning to Trinity was promising to be markedly less stressful than the entering had been (because now I knew which way to go) when at the four way stop next to The Habit, the driver of a black Mercedes going west decided that his stop sign was optional and barreled on into the intersection, cutting off my left turn to the west (and very nearly the front of my car) with a left turn to the south. I responded with the extensive use of my horn, and headed back to the office filled with adrenaline, righteous indignation, and ungracious thoughts -- but then I suddenly remembered a recent conversation.

As I'm a Board member for the Episcopal campus ministry at UC Irvine (Canterbury Irvine), last Sunday evening I attended a fundraising “Harvest Tapas Dinner” hosted by Suffragan Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce and her husband Steve in their home. Between Bp. Diane and her caterer Tim, the concept of tapas bites had morphed into an amazing sit down dinner, and there were several tables already prepared and decorated in the dining room to provide seating for everyone.

With me at my table were Bob Howe, a new Board member from St. George's, Laguna Hills; the Rev. Christopher Potter, Priest in Charge at Blessed Sacrament, Placentia and Board member; the Rev. Peter Browning, Vicar, St. Andrew's, Irvine (Board member) and his wife Melissa, and a gentleman (whose name I've forgotten but his wife works at the Diocesan offices) from St. Thomas', Hacienda Heights who is a retired Los Angeles PD Homicide Detective (and not a Board member).

Talkers all, we had no lack of conversation at the table – but the story I remember and that I want to pass on comes from the retired detective.

This summer, several members of St. Thomas', including the detective, participated in the Red Shirt Project for the first time. According to a link on the St. Mary's, Lompoc website, “The Red Shirt Project is a shared ministry, coordinated by the Rev. Robert Two Bulls (Director of Indian Work for the Diocese of Minnesota) and the Rev. Michael Cunningham (Rector of St. Mary's, Lompoc CA). Rev. Two Bulls is a member of the Oglala Lakota tribe and a second generation Episcopal priest. Young adults from various churches across the country and from other parts of the Anglican Communion come together to travel to Red Shirt every summer for a two week mission trip.”

This year the Red Shirt Project took place on a Lakota reservation in South Dakota, and the retired detective was able to spend quite a bit of time with Rev. Two Bulls. As often happens with mission trips, the impact on all the participants, including my dinner companion, was very powerful and they all returned home feeling like they had received far more

than they had given. (“Grace-Filled Giving” is all around us!)

The conversations that Rev. Two Bulls and the retired detective shared have proved particularly meaningful in a “spirituality of everyday life” kind of way for the detective; and the piece of spiritual advice that Rev. Two Bulls gave him and that he shared with us -- and the point of this article – is, “Be glad when someone cuts you off in traffic, because now you have an opportunity to pray for them.”

Does this sound kind of lightweight? Think of your own daily commute, your own normal driving routine. Speaking for myself and the freeways I drive, this has the potential to be a major spiritual commitment!

“Be glad when someone cuts you off in traffic, because now you have an opportunity to pray for them” is what I remembered as I drove away from my encounter with the black Mercedes, and it made sense. I mean, I was going to be speaking to God about the driver anyway, so why not make my comments positive? After all, Jesus does say, “Bless those who curse you.” Luke 6:28a)

Many of us will be on the freeways throughout the upcoming holiday season. Please share Rev. Two Bulls' advice with everyone you know so that we can all take a big bite out of road rage with blessing and prayer. Through the grace of God, let's make our roads safer, and everyone's holidays happier.

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Traveling Trinitarians



St. Paul's Cathedral



Christ Church

The Barrow's went to St. Paul's Cathedral in San Diego. They were celebrating Youth Sunday, “Homecoming,” and Commissioning of Lay Ministers. They had the youth AND adult choir (about 70 voices), two thurifers, a big pipe organ, and the priest sprinkled the entire congregation during the commissioning of the lay ministers. Clergy sang the collect, the choir sang the Psalm, everybody sang the Lord's Prayer and the Nicene Creed. It was like Christmas, Easter and Pentecost all rolled into one! We had a great time! While in New York the Morales' attended Christ Church in Hudson. Average Sunday attendance is 65. Like St. Paul's they love to sing. We had 6 hymns, sang the Sanctus, Nicene creed, Lord's prayer and Fraction anthem. The church was your typical “back East church” built in 1802. Lots of wood and grandeur with a separate small side chapel for weekday worship. The parish was warm and friendly. (above pictures of both churches)

S.A.S. PROGRAMS

November, 2016

Tuesday, November 1 – 11:00 AM AND 12:30 PM
SAS and Trinity's Parish Nurses are jointly sponsoring a presentation by Judy Osuna of the ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTER. Ms. Osuna will discuss programs such as Adult Day Health Care, Healthy Brain Aging, and Resources which are available through the Center. The congregation and the community are invited to attend her presentation at **12:30 PM. SAS will meet earlier at our usual time, 11:00 AM, for a POTLUCK LUNCH.**

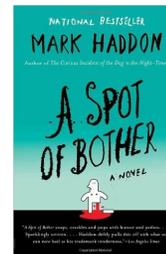
Tuesday, November 15 – **11:15 AM** Returning to one of our "international dining" experiences of previous years, SAS will visit the ROYAL THAI ORCHID RESTAURANT, 1315 N. Tustin, Suite B, located between Office Depot and Round Table Pizza. **Since parking is limited at the restaurant, please meet at the church at 11:15 AM for carpooling.**



11/03	Jessica Cobb	11/23	Derek Anderson
11/04	Dean LaCapria	11/24	Pat Cunningham
11/05	Suzanne Bilodeau	11/25	Sammy Heim
	Harriet Friis		Jordan Simpson
11/08	Joyce Yoder		Debbie Baum
11/09	Ken Kimura	11/26	Rachel Powers
11/14	Ed Calvin	11/27	Frankie Simpson
11/15	Nicholas Hubbard	11/29	Rebecca Mattson
11/20	Jack Reynolds	11/30	Frances Ross



11/05	Carl and Donna Watson
11/05	John and Kimmie Powers
11/10	Bruce and Susie White
11/10	Dave and Connie Kingsland
11/18	Chris and Sarah Candela
11/29	John and Gail Metzger
11/30	Reginald and Chioma Elendu



NOVEMBER BOOK STUDY

This month's study, **Saturday November 8th** the group will have a discussion on the book *A Spot of Bother* by Mark Haddon. They meet in the library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions. All are welcome. Each month is a different selection. *A synopsis follows:*

In *A Spot of Bother*, Haddon challenges himself by presenting us with some deeply shallow, selfish characters that for the first hundred pages are pretty severely unlikable.

First, let's meet them: there's the matriarch, Jean, who has been having an affair with a former colleague of her husband; Jamie, the gay son, who has just been dumped by the boyfriend he stubbornly refused to invite to the wedding to meet his family; daughter Katie, whose nuptials may be cancelled because she can't decide if she loves her fiancé or not; and George, the patriarch who suffers a complete mental breakdown after retirement and the appearance of a lesion on his hip (the titular spot of bother).

Jean, Jamie, and Katie start out completely insufferable, but after the first hundred pages they have been forced to re-examine their lives and become determined to be better people. They discover their softer, more human sides and set about righting the wrongs they have committed. George has the opposite problem: he has always been relatively stable, if emotionally distant. Caught up in a passed-mid-life crisis, he completely unravels. It is utterly fascinating -- and scarily realistic -- to witness his descent into madness, and it gives the family drama a powerful edge that makes it all the more resonant. Haddon paints a disturbing yet amusing portrait of a dignified man trying to go insane politely.

NOVEMBER OUTREACH CALENDAR

11/06	St. Paul's Tustin Sunday Supper
11/07	Outreach Meeting—Library 6:30pm
11/21-11/22	Barnes and Noble Book Fair
11/28	Southwest Community Center

BARNES & NOBLE BOOKSELLERS

Mark your calendars for the annual Trinity Book Fair at the Orange Barnes & Noble, November 26 through December 4th. **We have a full 8 days this time.** Here's your chance to benefit Outreach programs when you purchase books and other gifts for the holidays.

Barnes & Noble has been especially supportive of our Trinity programs, so let's have a record-setting turnout this year!

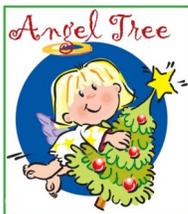
If you are not able to make it into the store you can also make purchases online by going to bn.com/bookfairs and placing your orders. Don't forget to add our fundraising number 11714953. **Online sales are valid November 26th through December 9th.**

Look for vouchers in your Sunday bulletins.

Thanksgiving Baskets



Trinity will again participate in the Friendly Center Thanksgiving Basket Program. This year we have committed to 15 baskets. Get together with other friends, family or committee members and let's make this goal. Rev. Jeannie will purchase the turkeys, if you provide a thanksgiving meal to feed 4-6 people. All the fixings (cans or boxes please) as well as decorations, napkins, etc. There will be a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board. **BASKETS WILL BE PROVIDED. We will also need a driver/drivers to deliver the baskets to the Friendly Center on Tuesday November 22nd. 8am -2pm. Please let the office know if you are available.**



The Angel Tree is coming in mid November! Be prepared to help the Council on Aging provide gifts during the holiday season for those without friends or family by taking one or more angels from the tree and purchasing a gift for the person named on the back of the angel. The angel will tell you the first name, age and gender of the recipient and what they would like for Christmas. Remember to make the gift less than \$20, age appropriate, have no dangling belts or ties, have easy access closings (i.e. large buttons, zippers with large clasps or Velcro), and warm water washable. (Please no gifts of food or drink). Try to meet as many of these requirements as possible. The unwrapped gift along with the angel tag should be put in the box at the back of the church by the first Sunday in December. Help provide a little Christmas cheer.



Many, many thanks to all who supported the Outreach Commission's Fall fundraiser, Septemberfest! Through your support, Outreach raised over \$5,500 which will go out into our community and help those in need. A special "thank you" to all who worked very hard to make this event happen! The decorations, food, silent and live auctions and our special entertainment made it a very special evening for all in attendance. Thank you all for your support!

Donna Watson, Outreach Chair



One of the most popular spots at our Advent VBS is the "store" where the children can select gifts for their families. This is a great opportunity to get rid of some of your gently used unwanted items or to "re-gift" those items you no longer want to hold onto!

Gifts for all ages are needed as the children shop for parents, grandparents and siblings. Some good ideas are: unused notebooks, coffee mugs, Christmas decorations, unopened lotion or perfume, books, vases, candles, slightly used wallets, purses or bags, potted plants, toys, etc. Thank you in advance for cleaning out your closets!!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

High School youth group meets on Sunday evenings! We are now meeting on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 5 to 6:30pm in the Simpson Youth Center. Please mark your calendars for November 13 & 27 and our Annual Progressive Dinner on Sunday December 11!

Middle School youth group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 7:30pm in the Simpson Youth Center. Please plan on joining us November 8 & 22 and for the Annual Progressive Dinner on Sunday December 11!

At both youth groups we will have time to hang out and play some games, have a snack, study the Bible and experience different ways to connect with God through prayer. Hope to see you at youth group!

Save the date! Youth Progressive Dinner 2016

Our annual youth progressive dinner will be on Sunday December 11th.

We meet here at Trinity at 5:30 pm and carpool to two homes for appetizers and main course, then back to Trinity for gift exchange. We will be finished at 8:30pm.

This year it's a "white elephant" exchange... find the strangest, craziest, most unexpected gift and be ready to be surprised with what you get to take home! All in good taste of course and at no or low cost.

We need families to host a stop on the progressive dinner and parents to drive. Please contact Rev. Annie if you can host or drive. Thank you!

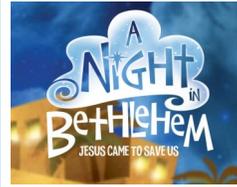
AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRIES

Ann Walker and Pat Kress will be hosting, as we once again enjoy the hand-made crafts, art, apparel, and jewelry from African Team Ministries. Do some Christmas shopping while helping Uganda AIDS Orphans. African Team Ministries provide funds for orphan and refugee relief, missions, and evangelism in East Africa. We will host on **Sunday November 13th and Sunday November 20th**. Please help by purchasing items.



WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

09/25	141	\$6,286
10/02	167	\$9,042
10/09	145	\$7,610
10/16	144	\$4,429
10/23	135	\$7,116



A Night in Bethlehem: a Bible -Times event for Everyone!

Wander through the bustling Bethlehem marketplace and discover what life was like when Jesus was born. Interact with local shopkeepers who share the Christmas story and hear about the miracle of Jesus' birth.

Saturday December 10 from 9 am to noon in the Simpson Youth Center. Everyone is invited to this multi-generational event as we visit the city gates, the metal-smith, carpentry shop, pottery shed, scribes tent, bakery and the stable. Sign up in the back of the church!



FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

Please Join Us for the **Fifteenth** Annual Ornament Exchange on **Monday December 5th** in the Parish Hall.

Bring friends, co-workers, and an ornament valued at less than \$10.00.

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

5:30pm

There will be fun, food, games and laughter.

Be sure to come!

Outreach Fall Event "Septemberfest"

