



TRINITY TALK

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ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday January 28th** we will begin our morning by having **one service at 9:00am**. Following the service, we will convene to the Parish Hall for a continental brunch and our Annual Meeting. At the Annual Meeting we learn about the state of the Parish, elect new vestry members and delegates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. There will be childcare provided for the younger children, and activities for the youth in the Classrooms. Please try to attend this vital meeting.

During the morning you will receive reports or hear from:

- Rector's Report—State of the Parish, The Rev. Very Jeannie Martz
- Associate Rector's Report—The Rev. Annie Calhoun
- Treasurer's Report, Jack Reynolds
- Vestry Report, Carl Watson, 2017 Senior Warden
- Altar Guild, Carol Reynolds
- Christian Education, Suzanne Bilodeau & Heather Anderson
- Kitchen Guild, Lisa Jewett
- Music Ministry, David Ripley
- Outreach, Donna Watson
- Property Commission, Doug Knarr
- S.A.S., Harriet Friis

Thank you to all who contributed to our beautiful flowers and glorious music of this Christmas season. Thank you also to the endless dedication of the Altar Guild, Music Director, and Choir. We also thank the men who helped hang all the wonderful greens.



SAVE THE DATE



The annual Spiritual Retreat for women of Deaneries 9&10, will take place **Saturday March 17, 2018** at St. Paul's Tustin. Rebecca Prichard will lead the retreat with a focus on Celtic spirituality. Art, music and meditation workshops will be offered throughout the day, along with lunch and worship. It's a great time to meet and get to know people from surrounding churches. Registration forms will be included in your bulletins in February. Plan now to attend this wonderful event.



It's 2018 and the Trinity Bell Choir is ringing in the New Year! The hand bell choir generally performs the third Sunday of each month at the 10 o'clock service, and we practice once a week on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 to around 9:00. No prior musical experience is necessary, and you don't need to know how to read music to join. If you are at least fourteen years old, and if you can count to four, you can ring! If you're interested in finding out more, please talk to our director, Lindsay Whipple, or call Kimberly Ives at (714) 779-6033.

From our Rector

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

January 1 is different things to different people. For some, it's the first day of the first month in the year according to the Gregorian calendar, and therefore New Year's Day. Because it's New Year's Day, for others it's also a day to eat Hoppin' John, a low country Southern dish made with rice and black-eyed peas.

Eating Hoppin' John on New Year's Day is said to guarantee one a prosperous year ahead, with the peas representing coins, the accompanying kale or collard greens representing greenbacks, and cornbread on the side tossing in a little gold. Eating the leftovers the next day – now called Skippin' Jenny – shows that one is also frugal, which never hurts when on the road to prosperity!

While not necessarily a traditional football snack, it may well be that some of the folks sitting around on the first day of the first month of the new year ensuring their prosperity by eating Hoppin' John will also be watching the Rose Bowl Parade and Game in Pasadena – another marker of New Year's Day.

(In years like 2017, of course, those ardent Rose Bowl fans would have been eating Skippin' Jenny rather than Hoppin' John because January 1, 2017 was a Sunday – and so both the Parade and the Game took place on Monday, January 2.)

More significant by far than prosperity, but possibly less well known (at least in some circles) than Hoppin' John, January 1 is also one of the Feasts of our Lord on the liturgical calendar – specifically, the Feast of the Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

About the Feast of the Holy Name, [Holy Men, Holy Women](#) says, "The designation of this day as the Feast of the Holy Name is new to the 1979 revision of the Prayer Book. Previous Anglican Prayer Books called it the Feast of the Circumcision. January first is, of course, the eighth day after Christmas Day, and the Gospel according to Luke records that eight days after his birth the child was circumcised and given the name Jesus.

"The Law of Moses required that every male child be circumcised on the eighth day from his birth (Leviticus 12:3); and it had long been the custom to make of it a festive occasion, when family and friends came together to witness the naming of the child.

"The liturgical commemoration of the Circumcision is of Gallican [French] origin, and a Council in Tours in 567 enacted that the day was to be kept as a fast day to counteract pagan festivities connected with the beginning of the new year. In the Roman tradition, January first was observed as the octave day of Christmas, and it was specially devoted to the Virgin Mary.

"The early preachers of the Gospel lay stress on the name as showing that Jesus was a man of flesh and blood, though also the Son of God, who died a human death, and whom God raised from the dead to be the Savior (Acts 2:32; 4:12). The name was given to Jesus, as the angel explained to Joseph, because he would 'save his people from their sins' (Matthew 1:21). (The word means 'Savior' or 'Deliverer' in Hebrew.)

"Then as now, people longed to be freed from evils: political,

social, and spiritual. The name of Jesus calls to mind the true freedom which is ours through Jesus the Christ." ([Holy Men, Holy Women](#), p. 150)

January 1 can also be a day when resolutions made with the New Year in mind kick in, and to flesh this out I'm going to use words from the late pastor and theologian Howard Thurman that I shared in this space last January. As I mentioned then, the first excerpt comes from an essay entitled "The New Year" and the second is a poem whose title I have adapted. Originally called "I Will Light Candles This Christmas", I share it as "I Will Light Candles This New Year". The text of the poem is unchanged.

Thurman writes, "The New Year means for many people a time of the making of resolutions, the time of deciding that the present and the future will be lived more intentionally than in the past, and it is important, this matter of making resolutions, because it organizes the formal intent of the personality in a given direction; it is a commitment of the individual to a performance in the future based upon an intention in the present. And this is very important. Whether the individual is able to carry out in detail the resolution – whether you are able to fulfill the thing that you intend to do – there is a clear gain in being able to bring together all of one's self in a point of focus and say that this is the thing that I intend to do tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow." ([The Mood of Christmas](#), p. 185)

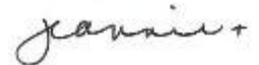
And so, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow:

I WILL LIGHT CANDLES THIS NEW YEAR

Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.

([The Mood of Christmas](#), p. 19)

Whichever January 1 is yours – and perhaps it's one I haven't listed -- I wish us all a blessed New Year filled with many, many candles.



Now is the time to offer flowers to the Glory of God in 2018. Offer your thanksgiving or memory of a family member or loved one. Please take a moment to stop by the Altar Flower Book and sign up. The book is located on the table behind the back pew. Thank you.

S.A.S. PROGRAMS

Tuesday January 02—11:00am—SAS will have a member Participation program recalling “The Best/Worst New Year’s Day I Ever Experienced!” A pot-luck will follow the revelations.

Tuesday January 16—Time to be announced—SAS will tour facilities at the Orange County Water District, courtesy of District Commissioner (and Trinity Parishioner) Denis Bilodeau. The day will include bus transportation and a box lunch. Look for Complete information in your Sunday bulletins.



01/01	Jerry Jensen	01/21	Hazel Knight
01/02	Chioma Elendu	01/23	Betsy Warren
01/04	Diane Judd		David Barrow
01/07	Grant Avise	01/24	Jack Kibby
	Charles Stevenson	01/25	Jacob Candela
01/09	Renee Weddell	01/27	Robert Morales
01/10	Don Gardner	01/29	Betsy Little
01/11	Nell Luce		Declan Anderson
01/15	Bill Owen	01/30	Toni Gavello
01/17	Amy Morales		Miguel Sosa
01/18	Chris Parmenter	01/31	Erin Wood
01/19	George Homer		

Offering Envelopes



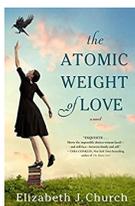
Your 2018 offering envelopes are now available. Please save postage by picking up your box of pledge envelopes that are on the table in the back of the church. Remember we have assigned new numbers, so look for your name on the envelope box.



01/01 **Stewart and Barbara Roberts**

01/10 **Johnny and Irma Jaime**

BOOK CLUB



The Book Club took December off for the holidays, but will resume **Saturday January 13th**. The group will have a discussion on the book The Atomic Weight of Love by Elizabeth J. Church. They meet in the library from 9:30am - 11:00am. Come join them for a truly enjoyable morning, and some lively literary discussions. *A short synopsis follows:*

For Meridian Wallace - and many other smart, driven women of the 1940s - being ambitious meant being an outlier. Ever since she was a young girl, Meridian had been obsessed with birds, and she was determined to get her PhD, become an ornithologist, and make her mother's sacrifices to send her to college pay off. But she didn't expect to fall in love with her brilliant physics professor, Alden Whetstone. When he's recruited to Los Alamos, New Mexico, to take part in a mysterious wartime project, she reluctantly defers her own plans and joins him.

What began as an exciting intellectual partnership devolves into a "traditional" marriage. And while the life of a housewife quickly proves stifling, it's not until years later, when Meridian meets a Vietnam veteran who opens her eyes to how the world is changing, that she realizes just how much she has given up. The repercussions of choosing a different path, though, may be too heavy a burden to bear.

Elizabeth Church's stirring debut novel about ambition, identity, and sacrifice will ring true to every woman who has had to make the impossible choice between who she is and who circumstances demand her to be .

JANUARY OUTREACH CALENDAR

01/07	Ingathering Sunday—Cereal
01/07	St. Paul's Supper Program—4:30pm
01/08	Outreach Meeting—Library 6:30pm
01/25	Parish Dinner Out—Boudin Sourdough
01/26	Southwest Community Center



JANUARY PARISH DINNER OUT



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Beginning in San Francisco, Boudin's has been making sourdough bread since the Gold Rush. We are delighted to have one of their restaurants in the Main Place Mall. Enjoy soups, salads, sandwiches and more. Thursday January 25th is the day from 11am-9pm. On your way out, you can take home a fresh baked loaf of bread. "A loaf of bread," the Walrus said, "is what we chiefly need." (Lewis Carroll.) Help Outreach meet their 2018 goal. Look for flyers in your Sunday bulletins.

OUTREACH BLESSED FOR 2017

Our Trinity Outreach is a self-sustaining commission meaning we are not included as a line item in the Trinity annual budget. All funds earned are from our yearly events and all funds are given out to our community.

Over the years we have earned an annual average of \$12,000.00 and some years have been higher. Here are a few of the groups that we have donated to:

Orange Care Givers Resource Center – Orange County Food Bank – Breast Angels – Mary's Kitchen – Senior Services – Veteran's First – Southwest Community Center – Canterbury Irvine – Multiple Sclerosis - Special Olympics - DSAOC – JDRF – Corazon – Friendly Center – Sunday Supper Ministry plus many more.

The above is accomplished by you, our Trinity Congregation, as we all are part of Trinity Outreach. We could not achieve this without you.

Please look into your hearts and volunteer an hour or two of your time to help Outreach meet our 2018 goals.

SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY

Another year has come and gone. We are now starting our 8th year of serving our neighbors, not only with food, but friendship. In 2017, Trinity has served over 800 guests (many large families) and they are so grateful not only for the hot food but the food items that they may take home, thanks to your donations.

This year we had many donations of items that are needed to help our Sunday Supper Ministry. Donations from Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (Rocky Covill) \$850.00- Piano Concert by Kathleen Bradley-Najarian \$500.00 and from our congregation. All of the donations went to help defer our raising costs.

Rocky and I want to thank all the Trinity Angels that make this Ministry a success: our Chefs- Chef helpers- Servers - Distribution of take home groceries - Clean-up - Greeters and many other helpers. A big thank you to Rev. Annie and our Youth Group for wrapping all the plastic ware that is need for each supper.

Please make it your 2018 resolution to give a few hours of your time. Sign-up board is in the back of church. This is a wonderful way to work as a family and for your children to do their Community service.

Sunday Supper Dates for 2018

January 7th - March 4th - May 6th - July 1st - September 2nd - November 4th

Chefs Needed

March - May - July - September - November
(Easy to follow menu and you will have chef helpers)

Love and God Bless—Connie Donaldson & Rocky Covill

Youth News

Youth Group meets once a month in the Simpson Youth Center for hanging out, games, snacks, Bible study and discussion, and prayer. All Trinity kids from grade 6 through 12 are invited to join in the fun!

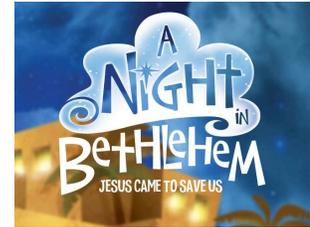
We meet on Sunday evenings from 4 to 6:30 on the following dates:

January 21, February 11, March 11, April 15, May 20 and June 10.

Generosity
changes everything

WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

12/03	164	\$ 10,550
12/10	149	\$ 6,501
12/17	155	\$ 11,294



Practicing Generosity

One Sunday in November Rev. Annie gave each child at the children's sermon either \$5 or \$10 dollars and she asked them to share that money in a way that would make Jesus happy. All the children seriously considered who should receive God's gift of money. Some gave the money to homeless people so that they could eat, some gave the money to a pregnant woman to help her buy items for her baby, one gave his to a classmate displaced by the recent fire, and a few gave the money back to Trinity in the alms basin. What considerate and generous children!

Advent Family Event

A group of children and their parents, grandparents and a few special friends visited 1st Century Bethlehem on Sunday December 10 ...right here in our youth center!

At each shop we made a craft and learned about the exciting news of Jesus' birth. The pictures tell the story of our fun night in Bethlehem best!

Thank you to all who helped make this Vacation Bible School possible...our wonderful crafts people, musician and all who support our children's ministry.

Annual Progressive Dinner



Our Annual Youth Progressive Dinner was held on Sunday December 17. Fourteen of us carpoled from Trinity to the Bilodeau's home for appetizers and then to the Sosa's home for dinner. We ended our night with dessert and gift exchange at the youth center. We had good food, lots of laughs and fun! Thank you to all who were hosts, drove and provided food.



Traveling Trinitarians

NEW YEAR, NEW HABIT



It would be very helpful to the counters, if you would put the amount of your contribution on the outside of the offering envelope. You do not need to put your name for privacy purposes, but please put the dollar amount of the enclosed.

When Mimi Grant was in New York, she attended Solemn Mass at the Church of Saint Mary the Virgin just off Times Square. Saint Mary's was founded in 1868 to be the Episcopal parish church for the new residential neighborhood, then called Longacre Square, in midtown Manhattan. A Solemn Mass is almost entirely sung including the Opening Acclamation, the Psalm, the Gospel Acclamation, the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Dismissal as well as the usual hymns.



Ornament Exchange



"A Night in Bethlehem"

