



TRINITY TALK

December 2018

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CHRISTMAS EVE	
4:00PM	FAMILY SERVICE WITH CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND HOLY EUCHARIST
8:00PM	CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH MUSIC AND STRINGS "Gift of Music" 7:30 PM
11:00PM	CANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH TRINITY CHOIR, HANDBELLS, AND STRINGS "Gift of Music" 10:30 PM
CHRISTMAS DAY	
10:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST WITH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018	
8:00AM	HOLY EUCHARIST—RITE I
10:00AM	SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE The holidays can be challenging, exhausting, and just plain sad for folks who are dealing with the pain of loss. To honor our loss, on **Wednesday, Dec. 19th** we will gather in the church at 7 p.m. for a service of Scripture, prayer, and reflection, accompanied by music and a very special lighting of the Advent wreath. If this time of year is almost more than you can bear, please plan on joining us.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Trinity Christmas Services are enhanced by the lovely music of the choir, musicians, and beautiful flowers and greens. As the request cards become available, please take a moment to fill one out and place it in the offering plate, or return to the church office. Thank you for your gift.

Carol Reynolds, Altar Guild Director

David Ripley, Music Director



From our Rector

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

In an Advent meditation called “What Are You Waiting For?” Roman Catholic priest Robert Barron suggests an interesting way to observe and honor Advent, the season of vigilance, expectation, and for many a child, just plain waiting.

Admitting that he himself hates to wait, Fr. Barron writes, “As a Chicagoan I find myself unavoidably in a lot of traffic jams, and nothing infuriates me more....I hate waiting at doctors’ offices; I hate waiting in line at the bank; I hate waiting for the lights to come back on when the electricity fails.”

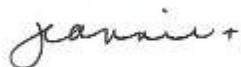
However, Barron also admits that like it or not, waiting has a firm foundation in Scripture: Abraham waiting for God’s promise of a son to be fulfilled, Joseph waiting to be released from prison, the people of Israel waiting to be delivered from bondage in Egypt, Noah waiting for the flood waters to recede – and, of course, all of us waiting for the coming of God’s kingdom and the return of Christ in glory.

He continues, “To the God who stands outside of space and time and who orders the whole of creation, our hours, days, years, eons have a radically different meaning. What is a long time to us is an instant for God, and hence what seems like delay to us is not delay at all to God. What seems like dumb and pointless waiting to us can be the way that God, in a unique and finally mysterious manner, is working God’s purposes out.”

So how can we reconcile our personal and cultural distaste for anything other than instant gratification with the slower spiritual pace of Advent? In addition to suggestions about prayer (“As you keep vigil...bring to Christ some problem or dilemma that you have been fretting over, and then pray...’Lord, I’m waiting for you to solve this, to show me the way out, the way forward. I’ve been running, planning, worrying, but now I’m going to let you work.’ Then, throughout Advent, watch attentively for signs.”), Barron has another suggestion that he himself describes as less traditional and “more offbeat”: do a jigsaw puzzle.

“Find one of those big, complex puzzles with thousands of small pieces, one that requires lots of time and plenty of patience, and make of it an Advent project. As you assemble the puzzle think of each piece as some aspect of your life: a relationship, a loss, a failure, a great joy, an adventure, a place where you lived, something you shouldn’t have said, an act of generosity. So often the events of our lives seem like the thousand pieces of a puzzle lying incoherently and disconnectedly before us. As you patiently put the puzzle together meditate on the fact that God is slowly, patiently, according to his own plan and purpose, ordering the seemingly unrelated and incongruous events of our lives into a picture of great beauty.” (In Goodness and Light: Readings for Advent and Christmas, pp. 5-15)

Not a bad idea! After all, what ARE we waiting for?



DECEMBER MINISTRIES



Join a Dynamic Ministry!

It is the purpose of Trinity Episcopal Church Outreach Commission to express the heart and intention of our faith community to follow the example of Jesus by serving those in need in our local community and by participating in activities which demonstrate our caring in a wider world.

What we do: we raise funds by which the congregation supports the programs serving those in need—we do this through social events, raffles, silent auctions, and direct appeals.

Come Join Us!

We meet the first Monday of the month—Classroom 3 at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be Monday January 7th.

Pat Kress and Connie Donaldson, co-chairs



St. Paul’s Tustin Sunday Supper Program

Please stop by and see how our Sunday Supper Ministry works.

Every Sunday at St. Paul’s Episcopal church in Tustin, we feed many neighbors in need. Trinity serves every other month on the first Sunday.

Volunteering is so fulfilling, you do not know how a few hours of your time can put a smile on many children and adult faces. We get to serve them a hot meal and get to visit with many that just need a smile and chat.

We need servers - cook helpers - grocery helpers - set up and take down tables - clean-up, all jobs take about 2 hours, please check on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church. (Your 2 hours will warm someone’s heart.)

S.A.S. PROGRAMS
December, 2018

Tuesday, December 04 – 11:00 AM Trinity parishioner LYN GOSS, a retired cardiac care nurse, will speak to us about cardiac health with an emphasis on women's concerns and how they differ from those of men. (Men should attend this program too!) Her presentation will be followed by a POTLUCK LUNCH.

Tuesday, December 18—11:30 AM SAS will enjoy its traditional Christmas lunch at the Olive Garden located on Tustin St. Please go directly to the restaurant, and note the change in time.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!



12/01	Patty Carlton	12/23	Jim Little
12/07	Roy Wojahn		Tobechi Elendu
12/08	Barbara Jensen	12/24	Pete Weidner
12/10	Charlie Wood	12/25	Priscilla Selman
12/12	Doug Omer		Arianna Jaime
12/15	Robert Bilodeau	12/28	Salina Morales
	Ian Hicks	12/30	Lydia Waterson
12/18	Betty Johnson		Chris Candela
12/19	John McCulloch	12/31	Jeannie Martz+
12/21	Micki Ireland		Victoria Knight



12/11	Martin Miguel and Cheryl Sosa
12/18	Bill and Lynda Miller
12/18	Robert and Amy Morales
12/21	Jim and Betsy Little
12/28	Fred and Anne Warburton

BOOK STUDY

The Book Club is taking December off for the holidays, but will resume **Saturday January 12th**. The group will have a discussion on the book Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate. 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:*

Memphis, 1939. Twelve-year-old Rill Foss and her four younger siblings live a magical life aboard their family's Mississippi River shantyboat. But when their father must rush their mother to the hospital one stormy night, Rill is left in charge—until strangers arrive in force. Wrenched from all that is familiar and thrown into a Tennessee Children's Home Society orphanage, the Foss children are assured that they will soon be returned to their parents—but they quickly realize the dark truth. At the mercy of the facility's cruel director, Rill fights to keep her sisters and brother together in a world of danger and uncertainty.

Aiken, South Carolina, present day. Born into wealth and privilege, Avery Stafford seems to have it all: a successful career as a federal prosecutor, a handsome fiancé, and a lavish wedding on the horizon. But when Avery returns home to help her father weather a health crisis, a chance encounter leaves her with uncomfortable questions and compels her to take a journey through her family's long-hidden history, on a path that will ultimately lead either to devastation or to redemption.

Based on one of America's most notorious real-life scandals—in which Georgia Tann, director of a Memphis-based adoption organization, kidnapped and sold poor children to wealthy families all over the country—Lisa Wingate's riveting, wrenching, and ultimately uplifting tale reminds us how, even though the paths we take can lead to many places, the heart never forgets where we belong.

DECEMBER OUTREACH CALENDAR

12/02 Ingathering Sunday—Canned meat, rice and beans



OUTREACH



FEED THE HUNGRY

ST. PAUL'S SUPPER PROGRAM

Sunday January 6th it is once again Trinity's privilege to prepare supper for our friends in need. We need volunteer slots filled. The sign up sheet is on the easel in the back along with a description of the help that we need and the time each task takes. A list of the supplies that are needed is located on the back table. Help make this rewarding program a success! Thank you.



Over \$2,500 was raised at the Holiday Boutique in support of Outreach's (your) charitable donations. When the members of the parish learned that Outreach was short-handed for this event, several people contacted me and asked, "What can I do to help?" Thanks so much to everyone who helped set up, decorate, prepare lunch, bake, clean-up, etc. and a very special thank you to the Property Commission. We could not have hosted this event without all your help.

Joan Greco

Buddy Walk Wrap Up

The Buddy Walk was awesome this year. It was a beautiful California day. Rebecca's Rebels raised \$6,000 and received the "Tres Herald" award for the most Corporate sponsors. This award has been offered for 4 years and we have received it every year thanks in part to Trinity Episcopal Church - Outreach. Thank you so much to all of your support for Becca. Rebecca's Rebels Rock!

Thanks, The Mattsons



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR SUNDAY SUPPER

January 06, 2019

- 5 6LB.6OZ. CANS OF DICED TOMATOES
- 3 6LB.6OZ. CANS OF WHOLE TOMATOES
- 2 LARGE BOTTLE S OF TOMATO JUICE
- 6 LARGE BAGS OF ELBOW MACARONI
- 1 LARGE BOX OF BREAD CRUMBS
- 1 LARGE CAN OF PEPPER
- 1 LARGE CAN OF GARLIC SALT

FOR GUESTS TO TAKE HOME

Peanut Butter - Jam - Soups - Spaghetti Sauce - Canned Vegetables-Tuna -Crackers - Instant Oatmeal - Cereal-Juice Boxes - Fruit Cups - Instant Potatoes -Tooth Brushes - Toothpaste - Bars of Soap - Sm. Hand Sanitizers - Personal size Shampoo/Conditioner

MOST IMPORTANT : 2 HOURS OF YOUR TIME - SIGN-UP BOARD IS IN BACK OF CHURCH-

ALL ITEMS MY BE PURCHASED AT SMART/FINAL OR COSTCO

THANK YOU CONNIE & ROCKY





December 24	Closed
December 25	Closed
December 26	8:30am -12:30pm
December 27	8:30am-12:30pm
December 28	8:30am-12:30pm
December 31	8:30am-12:30pm
January 1	Closed



Annual Progressive Dinner Sunday 12/16! We meet at the youth center at 5pm then drive to homes for food. Afterwards we exchange silly gifts – \$10 to \$15 per gift please. This is a really fun event and friends that have been to youth group are also invited. Please RSVP to Annie at: 949-300-8434.

Youth News

All middle school and high school students are invited to come to our Sunday evening youth group meetings from 4 to 6pm. We meet in the youth center to play games, hang out, have snacks and Bible study. We will be meeting on Sunday December 2, 9, 23 and 30.

Late Night! We are having an additional meeting on Friday 12/28 from 4 to 10pm in the youth center. We will be playing a bunch of games, having dinner, bonfire and a movie. Hope to see you then!

WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

11/04		\$ 7155
11/11		\$ 7098
11/18		\$ 7191
11/25		\$ 4177

What's in YOUR Heart? Psalm 116:12 asks "What can I give back to God for the blessings he's poured out on me?" This inspired our Stewardship theme of "What's in YOUR heart?" It has been a joy filled experience to read and share your responses on your pledge cards. God, love, family, friends, Trinity, health, hope, gratitude and pets were frequently listed as filling your hearts!

Thank you so much for prayerfully considering the amount of money you will pledge to support the mission and ministry of our church in 2019. If you haven't done so, please turn in your pledge card as soon as possible so we can create our annual budget.

May 2019 be full of all that is in your hearts!



DON'T MISS OUR TRADITIONAL CHILDREN'S PAGEANT.

The pageant will take place at our 4pm service on Christmas Eve. All children are welcome to participate in this festive occasion. Please plan on joining us.



CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

If you make any Amazon purchases through the icon on the Trinity Website, the church receives 4% of your purchase. If seven items are purchased in a month the donation increases to 7%. But you must access Amazon through the church website: www.trinityorange.org. (On the home page, scroll to the bottom and click on the Amazon logo)

Family Advent Wreath Making



