



# TRINITY TALK

January 2019

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## ANNUAL MEETING



On **Sunday January 27th** 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 2019 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 Very Rev. Jeannie Martz
- Associate Rector's Report -The Rev. Annie Calhoun
- Treasurer's Report - Jack Reynolds
- Vestry Report—Cheryl Sosa, 2018 Senior Warden
- Altar Guild- Carol Reynolds
- Christian Education- Suzanne Bilodeau & Heather Anderson
- Kitchen Guild- Lisa Jewett
- Music Ministry- David Ripley
- Outreach- Pat Kress and Connie Donaldson
- 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 23, 2018** at St. George's Laguna Hills. Sr. Greta Ronningen will lead the retreat. Drawn to the monastic life of prayer and simplicity she became an Episcopal monastic in 2010 and co-founded the Community of Divine Love in San Gabriel, Ca. Greta is a chaplain to the incarcerated serving both adults at Twin Towers, the largest jail in the world, and young girls at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall in Downey. 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 2019 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*

This is my article from last January, but I don't think I could do better for 2019. I learned some things about January 1 all over again!

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: 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 Horward 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)

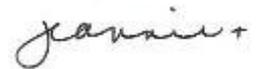
And so, tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow:

### 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.



Altar Flowers

Now is the time to offer flowers to the Glory of God in 2019. 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 1, 2019

NO MEETING! Have a great day!

Tuesday, January 15 – 11:00 AM Because of the holiday on January 1, SAS will have its usual PROGRAM MEETING and POT LUCK LUNCH on this day. The subject will be Citizenship and the speaker will be our ARLYCE UNDERWOOD who teaches for the Tustin Unified School District and the SCLC. Citizenship – How do you get it? Could you pass the test? Join us and find out!



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

**Offering Envelopes**

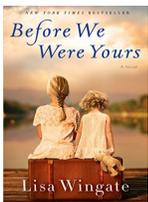


Your 2019 offering envelopes are now available. Please save postage by picking up your box of pledge envelopes that are on the table in the back of the church.



**01/10 Johnny and Irma Jaime**

**BOOK CLUB**



The Book Club took 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:*

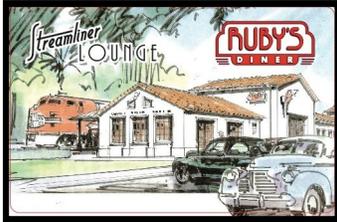
Wingate's tightly written latest (after 2015's The Sea Keeper's Daughters) follows the interwoven story lines of Avery Stafford, a lawyer from a prominent South Carolina family, and Rill Foss, the eldest of five children who were taken from their parents' boat by an unscrupulous children's home in the 1930s. With her father's health ailing, duty-driven Avery is back in present-day Aiken, S.C., to look after him. She's being groomed to step into his senate seat and is engaged to her childhood friend, Elliot, though not particularly excited about either. Though her dad is a virtuous man, his political enemies hope to spin the fact that the family just checked his mother, Judy, into an upscale nursing home while other elder facilities in the state suffer. At an event, Avery encounters elderly May Crandall and becomes fascinated by a photo in her room and a possible connection to Judy. While following a trail that Judy left behind, Avery joins forces with single dad Trent Turner, with whom she feels a spark. This story line is seamlessly interwoven with that of the abuse and separation that the Foss siblings suffer at the hands of the Tennessee Children's Home Society, a real-life orphanage that profited from essentially kidnapping children from poor families and placing them with prominent people. Twelve-year-old Rill bears the guilt of not having been able to protect her siblings while also trying her best to get them home. Wingate is a compelling storyteller, steeping her narrative with a forward momentum that keeps the reader as engaged and curious as Avery in her quest. The feel-good ending can be seen from miles away, but does nothing to detract from this fantastic novel.

## JANUARY OUTREACH CALENDAR

01/06	Ingathering Sunday—Cereal
01/06	St. Paul's Supper Program—4:30pm
01/07	Outreach Meeting—Library 6:30pm
01/24	Parish Dinner Out
01/28	Southwest Community Center



## JANUARY PARISH DINNER OUT



### PARISH DINE OUT

Looking for a good old fashioned milk shake? Look no further, as our April Parish Dine Out takes us to Ruby's Diner and Streamliner Lounge at the train depot in Orange. Enjoy yummy burgers, delicious sandwiches, and refreshing salads. Join our fellowship anytime on **THURSDAY JANUARY 24TH. Hours are from 11:30AM—8:30PM.** Be sure to take your flyer so that Trinity Outreach gets credit. Help them make their 2019 goal. Flyers will be available in your Sunday bulletins.

### OUTREACH BLESSED FOR 2018

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 2019 goals.

### SUNDAY SUPPER MINISTRY

Another year has come and gone. We are now starting our 9th year of serving our neighbors, not only with food, but friendship. In 2018, 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.

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 2019

January 6th - March 3rd - May 5th - July 7th - September 1st - November 3rd

#### 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 News

Our annual progressive dinner on December 16 was so much fun! Sixteen kids and four adults met in the youth center for appetizers and games, then drove over for dinner at the Bilodeau home and more games, and then came back to the youth center for gift exchange and dessert. We all had a great time!

Thank you to Heather Anderson and Donna Avise for providing transportation. Thank you to Suzanne, Heather and Sarah Candela for providing appetizers.

Thank you to Suzanne and Denis Bilodeau for hosting dinner!!

Thank you to Jim Brink for dessert.

## Youth Group in 2019

We will continue to meet on Sunday afternoons from 4 to 6pm in the Simpson Youth Center for building friendships and deepening our faith. See you all then!



## Stewardship

"What's in YOUR heart?" was the inspirational question for our stewardship campaign in fall. Thank you for sharing what is most important to you on the bulletin board in church and for your commitment to financially support Trinity in 2019. All the mission and ministry here at Trinity are self-funded. Thank you all so much for your generosity and having Trinity in your hearts.

If you were unable to submit your pledge card, it's never too late! Please contact the office for a pledge card.



SAS (Seniors Are Special) is a group formed nearly 20 years ago by Trinity members who, while being active members of church service projects, also felt the need of a group whose purpose is fellowship. The group meets twice monthly, enjoying programs, potlucks, and excursions or dining out.

## Vestry

The Vestry is an elected group of 12 Trinity parish members, who work hand in hand with our treasurer, a secretary and clergy to maintain the operations of the church. The group meets monthly (every third Tuesday) to discuss topics that are important to our congregation such as finances, grounds keeping and safety. Being good stewards of the gifts that God has given us is our top priority. If you are interested in participating on the Vestry, or have a question about the operations of the church, please see a current Vestry member. We greet at the side door,



## WORSHIP AND GIVING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

12/03	162	\$ 8,486
12/10	142	\$ 8, 247
12/17	173	\$ 6,171
12/23	142	\$7,120



## 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. Thank you.

## Highlighted Ministries for January

### Property Commission



The Property Committee is dedicated to maintaining and improving our church buildings and the surrounding grounds & landscape.

### Seniors are Special

# 2018 Annual Ornament Exchange



# Advent at Trinity

