



TRINITY TALK

November 2019

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Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday November 27th 7:00pm

Trinity Episcopal Church
2400 N. Canal Street, Orange, CA 92865

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday November 28th 10:00am

Trinity Episcopal Church

Please Join Us for one of these Special Services.



Lift Up Your Heart—2020 Stewardship



“Lift Up Your Heart” is the theme and focus of our Stewardship program this year. Every time we begin Eucharist, our thanksgiving meal, the priest invites us by saying, “Lift up your hearts”. And we respond with “We lift them up to the Lord”. As we lift up our hearts in gratitude we also offer our whole selves, our whole lives back to God.

All the good that happens here at Trinity and through Trinity is because of your support of our mission and ministries. Your time volunteering and serving make a difference! Your financial support through pledging and other monetary gifts allows for the maintenance of our buildings, grounds, programs and staff. Our anticipated annual budget for 2020 of \$465,000 is funded through your generosity.

A guide for percentage giving based on your annual income is available on the back table in church. It’s an easy tool to use as you consider how you can continue to support Trinity. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge. God’s math always works out.... the more you give, the more you get in return.

Thank you for your financial contribution. Please return your 2020 pledge card by Sunday November 24. Feel free to drop it into the alms basin during services or at the parish office. Again.... Thank you so much for all your support!

Trinity Advent Event...all ages!

Sunday December 8th 4-7pm

On Sunday December 8 from 4 to 7pm, everyone is invited to join in the fun of making a “Gingerbread Crèche”. We will provide all the materials for each family to make a graham cracker Nativity Scene.

This year we are asking everyone to contribute something for the dinner. Please get creative and bring a simple but favorite dish for our festive meal. We will trust that like all church **potlucks** that there will be enough variety and quantity for all!

Various beverages will be provided. Hope you all can join in the fun!



From our Rector

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

As I write this on Halloween night I'd really like this to be a "treat" kind of article, but I'm afraid it's more of a "trick" -- and a bad one at that.

This coming Saturday night we "fall back" and move off of daylight savings time. This means that our world will be getting light earlier, but also getting dark earlier. With the number of parish groups that gather on the campus in the evening as well as the early morning, I feel I need to say a few words about our parish policy concerning transients spending the night on our property -- a policy that seems to run directly counter to our mandate to show Christian hospitality to those in need.

Once upon a time, our "overnight visitors" were more benign themselves, although we did experience several break-ins and thefts in the parish hall early on from some of the more rogue elements in town. The non-rogue transient individuals were often young, sleeping in lighted areas where they felt safe and moving on fairly quickly for the most part. They were respectful of the property, grateful for a place to spend the night, and didn't pose a security risk to anyone.

Sadly, the issues and the times have deteriorated, as has our own situation.

The number of people sleeping on the property has increased, and the amount of trash that is left behind has increased as well. With the growth of the transient population has come broken glass left in the "resting spots" of the big ficus tree that the kids climb on Sundays and other sharp objects left in the grass. When a knife fight broke out between two of the homeless individuals earlier in the year and the police were summoned by a third, as I wrote at that time, I, and we, reached the tipping point.

After that altercation and with the backing of the vestry, I signed a document that's on file with the Orange Police Department specifically saying that "overnight lodging" on the Trinity campus is not permitted and is to be considered trespassing. There are also signs posted in the parking lot that say the same thing, as is required by county ordinance.

Unfortunately, taking these steps hasn't resolved the issue. The fact that our campus is unsupervised much of the time has led to a sense of entitlement on the part of those transients who are now thinking of Trinity as "their" space. They have been observed on more than one occasion urinating in various places around the campus, and Rev. Annie, Amy, and I, as well as the Property Guys, have each cleaned up more than our fair share (if there is such a thing) of solid excrement left in various open and very obvious places. (I've even cleaned it up from UNDER one of the doors leading into the church.)

Even more potentially harmful than the disease risks, right at the beginning of our last wind event when we were literally in a red flag warning, one transient, in a quarrel with another, in broad daylight lit the other's belongings on fire in our bushes along the northeast wall of our property, halfway between the church and the street. Thank you, Jesus, a couple saw the man light the fire -- which, given the bushes, took off quite quickly -- and called the Fire Department. The St. Paul's maintenance man also arrived with a fire extinguisher, so between him and the fire fighters, what might have been an overwhelming disaster for Trinity, and possibly for the greater community as the winds blew, was averted.

(And let's not forget the young man who, one afternoon, jumped the fence between us and St. Paul's, threw a chair through one of the Youth Center windows, climbed through the broken window leaving blood and broken glass on the floor, and fell asleep on one of the couches, giving Rev. Annie a real shock when she came into the Youth Center a short time later. Thank you, Senior Warden Tim Mattson and all the Property helpers who came to board up the window and clean up the floor.)

Christian hospitality has its place -- but so does the safety and security of all of our parishioners, not to mention the safety and security of the neighbors who surround us.

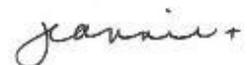
When paths between our current transients and parishioners, whether they're Vestry members, Altar Guild members, or members of other parish groups have crossed recently and these men have been told/asked to pack up and leave, the men have become surly and uncooperative, with resistance and inappropriate language tossed in as well.

What's the best thing to do if you find yourself in this situation at Trinity? Sadly, call the police. Don't engage the men in conversation or tell them yourselves to leave, because there's no way to know what their condition is in terms of recent drug use and what their response might be. Call the police and tell them that you're afraid for your safety **and** that the parish has a "no overnight lodging" letter on file with the Department.

This is what we have told the folks next door at St. Paul's to do, it's what we tell the neighbors who phone us to complain to do, and it's what we say to all of us: call the police. As with so many things in life, the abusive actions of some have led to the banishment of all.

May God give us the wisdom and the will to work together in our community to address the complex systemic issues that face Southern California, and in so doing, to bring about better days for us all!

Now that would be a treat.



S.A.S. PROGRAMS

November, 2019

Tuesday, November 5 – 11:00 AM - Trinity's ANNE WARBURTON is an “off the beaten path” traveler who will share with us her journey to the Brazilian Pantanal, a region which boasts the highest concentration of wildlife on the continent. A Pot Luck lunch will follow her presentation.

Tuesday, November 19 – 11:30 AM - COOKS' DAY OFF will find SAS at another old favorite – the Katella Grill, located at 1325 W Katella, Orange. Please go directly to the restaurant, or any who wish to car-pool may meet at Trinity at 11:15 AM.



11/01	Scott Carbaugh	11/15	Nicholas Hubbard
11/03	Harry Elliot	11/20	Jack Reynolds
11/05	Jane Abeysinghe		Tilani Samarasekera
	Suzanne Bilodeau	11/23	Derek Anderson
	Harriet Friis	11/25	Sammy Heim
11/08	Joyce Yoder		Debbie Baum
11/09	Ken Kimura	11/26	Rachel Powers
11/11	Elizabeth Blush	11/29	Rebecca Mattson
11/12	Jesse Russell	11/30	Frances Ross
11/14	Ed Calvin		

- 11/05 Carl and Donna Watson
- 11/05 John and Kimmie Powers
- 11/10 Bruce and Susie White
- 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 9th** the group will have a discussion on the book Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. 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:*

A Reese Witherspoon Book Club Pick

“Beautifully written and incredibly funny, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine is about the importance of friendship and human connection. I fell in love with Eleanor, an eccentric and regimented loner whose life beautifully unfolds after a chance encounter with a stranger; I think you will fall in love, too!” —Reese Witherspoon

No one's ever told Eleanor that life should be better than fine.

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kind of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one.

Soon to be a major motion picture produced by Reese Witherspoon, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine is the smart, warm, and uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes.....**The only way to survive is to open your heart.**

NOVEMBER OUTREACH CALENDAR

11/03	Ingathering Sunday-Canned Veggies
11/03	St. Paul's Tustin Sunday Supper
11/04	Outreach Meeting—6:30pm
11/25	Southwest Community Center

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 26th. 8am-2pm. Please let the office know if you are available.**



Please Join Us for the **Seventeenth** Annual Ornament Exchange on **Monday December 9th** in the Parish Hall.

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

Tickets: \$10.00 per person

5:30pm

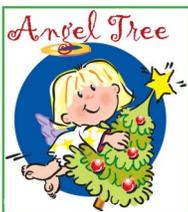
There will be fun, food and laughter.

Be sure to come!

Tickets go on sale beginning Nov. 24th

Children's Hospital of Orange County

We thank you for your continued donations to Outreach each year. Outreach is proud to support CHOC through an annual donation to the CHOC Walk as well as the organization of Trinity walkers for Team Timmaree every year. CHOC's mission statement: "To nurture, advance and protect the health and well-being of children." Many of you know that we have had a few of our parishioners' children or relatives treated at CHOC, most notably Sammy Heim who is now 12 years in remission from cancer thanks to the outstanding care she received and continues to receive at CHOC. One beautiful tenet of CHOC is no child, regardless of their ability to pay, is ever turned down for care. When you consider the many thousands of dollars critical pediatric care costs, this is commendable. You never know when or if one of your children, your family's or your friend's children will require CHOC, but isn't it great to know they are there if the need arises?



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.



WE WILL CELEBRATE OUR VETERANS ON SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH. Veterans please complete the form on the back table and place in the Alms Basin or deliver to the church office. Please feel free to wear your service ribbons on Sunday November 10th.

Youth News

Youth Group

Christmas Progressive Dinner

Our annual progressive dinner will be on Sunday December 15! This fun event is for all our middle school and high school students who are participating in youth group. We travel from Trinity to different houses for appetizers and dinner and then back to the youth center for our silly "Yankee Swap" gift exchange. Parents please consider hosting or driving....it's really fun! If you have any questions please contact Rev. Annie.

Youth Group Calendar for December

December 1: regular meeting from 4 to 6 pm in the youth center

December 8: all church Advent event so no youth group meeting

December 15: Progressive Dinner for all youth group

December 22: **NO** youth group meeting

December 29: **NO** youth group meeting

(we will resume Sunday January 5, 2020)

WORSHIP AND GIVING

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

09/29	145	\$ 5,662
10/06	155	\$ 8,375
10/13	187	\$ 6,022
10/20	153	\$ 8,768
10/27	135	\$ 3,914

Traveling Trinitarians



September 15, 2019, the Barrows attended Iglesia Anglicana Puerto Vallarta. They worship in English. There were twelve there. Four ex-pats, a family of three that spoke no English (so it was a bilingual service), David, Lauralee, a lady playing a Fender keyboard with the hymns, and the celebrant's wife and son. The rector, Jack Wehrs, summers in San Diego, so we had Eucharistic Minister Fernando Sandoval. It was the hottest, most humid time of the year, so we worshiped in a little chapel with air conditioning instead of the regular church. They use the same hymnal and prayer book as we do, but the prayer book has duplicates of each page. The left page is in English and the right page is in Spanish. It was a nice service. We went up for an anniversary blessing, but Fernando couldn't find the prayer. Neither could we! I found it after we got back and emailed it to him.



Trinity kids get to "shop" for family gifts as our annual "Kid's Shop" which will be available for them during our Advent Event on Sunday December 8 and during Sunday School sessions after that. We need your favorite but no longer wanted items (small gifted items like vases, books, un-opened gift lotion, costume jewelry, etc.

Please remember these must be in good shape and worthy of re-gifting! (Please bring items to the church office before 12/4.) Rev. Annie must approve all items. Thank you so much!



Sonseekers

All 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students are invited to come to our December 1 Sonseekers meeting. We meet in the youth center from 11:30 to 1 and have lunch together, do an activity or craft, play games and just have fun!

Pet Blessing 2019

