



TRINITY TALK

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TRINITY SURVEY RESULTS



We Hear You! (Survey Results)

First of all, we would like to thank each of you for your participation in the recent survey. We received over 100 responses, and we appreciate your voice!

At this point, I'm sure you are interested in the results! You can look at this in one of two ways. We are either *very* divided or *very* balanced. I choose the latter. Approximately 50% of you are very or somewhat comfortable to return to in-person services; and the other 50% are more comfortable continuing with online services for the time being.

Many of you expressed an interest in outdoor services as a safer option. This is definitely a possibility; however keep in mind...It would still involve social distancing and mask requirements.

As we originally said, Trinity is guided by State of California, CDC and Diocese requirements so at this point in time, we are continuing with the online services only. On a more positive note, we *are* moving forward to prepare for reopening once we get the green light. This includes the ordering of sanitizing products, the preparation of seating plans, the necessary signage and more.

The good news is that the online Spiritual Eucharist will continue and be available via Zoom and Facebook to view at your convenience. We have added music to our services (thanks to David and the section leaders!) and will be offering communion every Sunday beginning in August (Refer to Jeannie's message in the July 23 Trinity Next Week).

We thank you for your support and your patience! Hold on to our mantra...We are "Trinity Strong." We all look forward to the day when we can safely come together as an in-person community....And won't that be a happy day!!!

Donna Watson
Chair, Reopening Trinity Committee



Blessing Backpacks Sunday August 16

If it's mid-August, it is time to bless backpacks and bookbags! Traditionally we have asked the children to bring their school bag to church for a blessing. They and their bags are blessed for a successful new school year and are given a small cross to carry in their bags as a reminder of God's continual presence. This year we will be blessing the bags through the Internet during our Spiritual Eucharist Zoom on Sunday morning August 16.

Please have your bag with you. If you aren't using a book bag or backpack during this time of on-line school no problem... we will bless you!

From our Rector

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

Isolation fatigue. Social distance fatigue. Zoom fatigue. Mask fatigue. Anxiety fatigue. CNN fatigue. Fox News fatigue. And just...fatigue, perhaps a sign of the mild depression that some of us may be experiencing as we head into our fifth month of sheltering at home. Not quite what we had expected for the lazy, hazy days of August!

Me (on top of the fatigues listed above), I've got kitchen table fatigue, kitchen chair fatigue. I have a perfectly good home office with a nice drop front teak desk that used to belong to my dad and a well-padded desk chair, but the office is in a bedroom that doesn't have a sight line to the back door, which is the door the dogs use. Once upon a time they could go in and out at will because, weather permitting, I just left the door open for the breeze.

Now however, with two indoor cats in the family, that back door has an outer screen door that needs to be opened for the dogs. I've learned over time that if I'm tucked away at my desk, one of them, who shall remain nameless, doesn't always come to find me when she needs to go out...and so my laptop and I sit at the kitchen table facing the door, just in case.

It's actually very pleasant working here because I look out onto my patio where I can see a couple of hummingbird feeders, pots of succulents, and my three-pronged, taller-than-my-next-door-neighbor's-eaves Queen of the Night cactus. Once just a single stump passed on to me by David and Lauralee Barrow after they'd trimmed theirs, it's flowered more this year than ever before – or maybe I'm just spending more time looking at it. That could be.

These chairs are really hard though. And yes, I do have a cushion I can pull out and use. Even so, these chairs are really hard – but at least I can monitor the whole first floor.

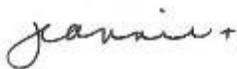
So, August. What's happening with Trinity and worship? Senior Warden and Reopening Committee Chair Donna Watson also has an article in this issue of Trinity Talk and I don't want to duplicate too much. Suffice it to say that both the State of California and the Diocese of Los Angeles are only allowing outdoor, socially distanced and numerically limited worship services at this time. As attractive an alternative as this may seem, however, outdoor worship presents logistical issues in terms of both available volunteers and do-able technology that we're still wrestling with.

In the meantime, starting on Sunday, August 2 and continuing for all five Sundays in August, Rev. Annie and I will be serving Communion from the Reserved Sacrament (bread only) outside at the church between noon and 1 p.m. Those wishing to receive Communion will be directed by an usher to remain in their cars, keep masks or other face coverings on, drive towards the back of the lot, and turn into the inner drive by the Youth Center. Driving back towards the church, one of the clergy will say the prayer for before Communion with those in the car. The other priest, up by the church, will distribute the bread while recipients, still masked and still in their cars, hold their hands out the windows. The bread will be dropped into their hands rather than placed on them.

After receiving the bread, the driver should pull forward into the front parking lot by the Friis Garden. At this point, everyone in the car can remove their masks, consume the bread, and say the prayer for after receiving Communion. (The usher will be offering take-home copies of the prayers when folks arrive. For those who would prefer to have the prayers available digitally, they will be included on the Zoom link for the morning's service.)

This may not be the August we want, but it's the August we've got – so let's praise the Lord, pass the bread, and stay safe and healthy.

Thank you, Jesus!



WORSHIP AND GIVING SUNDAY ZOOM ATTENDANCE
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07/05	74 live, 106 Facebook views	\$ 2,235
07/12	81 live, 69 Facebook views	\$ 9,716
07/19	82 live, 14 Facebook views	\$ 6,720
07/26	88 live, 18 Facebook views	\$ 7,313



- 08/08 Doug Knarr and Kimberly Ives**
- 08/12 Mike and Micki Ireland**
- 08/17 John and Lisa Jewett**
- 08/19 Ty and Megan Richter**
- 08/24 John and Carol Reynolds**
- 08/29 Darwin and Pam Kibby**
- 08/31 Rich and Pat Spencer**

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| 08/05 Nicole Brink | 08/16 Marcia Nishino |
| Joan Greco | 08/18 Ramona Richardson |
| Stephanie Worth | Linda Sinclair |
| 08/06 Anne Roberts | 08/19 Lee Ann Hilliker |
| 08/07 Arlene Whitaker | 08/27 Spencer Mattson |
| 08/11 Rosemary Gardner | Doug Knarr |
| 08/12 Griffin Stracker-Fauteux | Rocky Covill |
| 08/15 Ana Valdez | 08/29 Janette Mattson |
| | Thomas Richter |



Youth Sunday August 16

It's a Trinity tradition to recognize and celebrate the children who play an important role in our communal life. Our children participate in ministries that feed the hungry, prepare the altar for worship, and serve as Acolytes. Our children are learning the value of giving their time and energy to a ministry and making a difference for others.

Once a month all the children in Sunday School gather in the kitchen to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and pack lunches for fifty guests of Mary's Kitchen a local food distribution site. The older children make the sandwiches and assemble the lunches, and the littlest decorate the paper bags. This is supported by the supervision and help of Suzanne Bilodeau, Donna Watson and Mimi Grant.

A few of our children have joined the Junior Altar Guild. Rachel Powers and Miranda Hubbard participate in this important ministry by helping to prepare the altar. In addition, they make small flower arrangements to be shared with the home-bound who are visited by our Lay Eucharist Ministers. Millie Acevedo has joined in the fun as well. They work under the direction of Carol Reynolds and with the help of all the women in our Altar Guild.

Our Sunday morning worship team includes Acolytes. The children are a vital part of our worship, along with our priests, Eucharistic ministers, readers, ushers and choir. During the procession and exit two Acolytes carry the large candles or torches, one carries the cross and another the Gospel book. These are also brought to the center of the nave during the reading of the Gospel.

We have four Acolyte teams under the guidance and direction of Grant Avise. Team One includes Ben, Jacob and Ethan Candela, and Declan Anderson; Team Two includes Dubem, Uzo and Tobechei Elendu, and Kevin Patterson; Team Three includes Delaney Avise, Simone Bilodeau and Emma Sosa; and Team Four includes Arianna Jaime, Rachel Powers and Mia Kelley (Reynolds).

Trinity kids also read scripture during service, set up, take down and serve food at fundraising and social events, help younger kids during Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, and are a fun and loving presence with us!

All children, teens and young adults have opportunities to participate in ministry at Trinity. If your child or grandchild is interested, please have them speak with Rev. Annie. Just before we had to suspend our in-person worship there were conversations about joining a ministry with Alex, Will and Nicole Brink, and Emmerson and Millie Acevedo. It won't be long before our younger ones will be ready to join including Rebecca Powers, Nathan and Jacob Lieu, Victoria and Hazel Knight, Roman Smith, and Thomas and Shane Richter (Ok they are still too little!) but... it's never too early to look forward to joining a ministry team at Trinity!



PARISH DINNER OUT



We would like to catch up with people in the Parish. Some of us do not get a chance to attend our Sunday Zoom service, and don't get updated on the latest news. Do you have some breaking news or pictures you want to share? Please send to Amy asap, so they can be included in the September Trinity Talk. (amy@trinityorange.org)

Thank you!

COME JOIN US THURSDAY AUGUST 13TH from 5:00PM - 9:00PM as we once again go to one of our favorites, Katella Grill. The Katella Grill has been owned and operated by long time local restaurateurs for over 45 years. Enjoy such delights as burgers, salads, pasta, chicken, beef, seafood, or even the blue plate special! Help outreach meet their 2020 goal!

The Down Syndrome Association of Orange County Empowering people with Down syndrome to reach their full potential...



Outreach started supporting the DSAOC in 2004 by donating to and participating in their annual Buddy Walk with Becca Mattson. The DSAOC was founded in 1978 by a small group of dedicated parents sitting around a kitchen table. Now forty-two years later, DSAOC continues to build on those strong traditions of the past by serving more than 2,000 families in and around Orange County. The

DSAOC Center, located in Costa Mesa, is the venue for many activities, events, seminars, and support groups. In addition, much of their work includes outreach and collaboration with an expanding network of educators, healthcare providers, researchers, therapists, employers, policymakers, and many others in the community.

Down syndrome is named after Dr. John Langdon Down, an English physician who first described the characteristic features of Down syndrome in 1866. Down syndrome occurs in approximately 1 in every 733 live births. It is not related to race, nationality, religion, or socio-economic status. Nothing that a parent did or did not do during the pregnancy causes a baby to have Down syndrome. It occurs evenly in male and female babies.

For an unexplained reason in cell development, each cell obtains 47 instead of the usual 46 chromosomes. The resulting medical diagnosis for Down syndrome is Trisomy 21, which describes the presence of all or part of an extra 21st chromosome. This extra chromosome causes changes in the orderly development of the body and brain usually causing physical characteristics and delayed physical, intellectual, and language development.

People with Down syndrome are more like their typically-developing peers than they are different. They will have a full range of emotions and attitudes, are creative and imaginative in play, and grow up to live independent lives with varying degrees of support and accommodations. Individuals with Down syndrome will establish friendships, pursue interests, and be included in community activities. Children with Down syndrome benefit from the same care, attention, and inclusion in community life that help every student grow. As with all children, quality education in neighborhood schools, pre-schools, and at home is important to provide the opportunities needed to develop strong academic and social skills.