



# TRINITY TALK

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The Outreach Commission Presents:

*Glitziest  
Most Glamorous  
Non-Event  
Ever!*

The Outreach Commission would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for your participation in our “Glitzy Non-Event!” Over \$13,000 has been raised! **You are all Amazing!**

It is your continuing support that has provided us with the opportunity to fulfill our 2020 commitments. The local non-profits in our community needing our help in these challenging times certainly appreciate your donations; and honestly, the members of the Outreach Commission are overwhelmed with your generosity! **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**



## Stewardship & Annual Pledges for 2021

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. – 1 PETER 4:10*

This year has reminded us in so many ways of the strength and closeness of Trinity. Even in the months in which we were physically distant and unable to gather in person, the Spirit kept us together, connecting us. The doors may have been closed but our church never was! We continued to follow the Gospel call to live in love with our neighbors, serve Christ in all people and worshipping together.

Our theme for Stewardship this year is “Faith Filled Generosity”. Over the next few weeks you will hear about the many ways you and other members of Trinity have continued to be faithfully generous with your money and time. Here are just a few examples-

Your generosity of spirit overwhelmed us with your financial donation to the Outreach “Non-event” fund raiser. Your generosity brought in more money than imagined and the entire fundraising budget was met in one event! This allowed Trinity to continue to support over ten local programs including The Friendly Center of Orange, CHOC, Mary’s Kitchen, Sunday Supper, Southwest Community Center, The Multiple Sclerosis, Down Syndrome, Juvenile Diabetes foundations, Breast Cancer Angels, and The Episcopal Campus Ministry at UC Irvine.

Some of you made additional donations to Rev. Jeannie’s and Rev. Annie’s discretionary accounts. With these additional gifts we were able to help many in our community facing the challenges of reduced work and reduced income. These were joy-filled moments when we could pass on the love of Christ with practical financial help.

These examples speak to the love you have for each other and the world around us. As we look forward to 2021, we are more committed than ever to the ministry and love we share with our community and our neighbors. All of the mission and ministry activity at Trinity is funded through the gifts of its members — your generous offerings given in grace and love.

We will be hearing messages of Faith-Filled Generosity as we move through the weeks of this year’s stewardship season. The Gospel is rich with examples of how our faith kindles our love for each other and our Christian responsibility to share our love with the world. Thank you for being a part of Trinity Orange and for your faithful, faith-filled gift to our annual campaign. More to come!

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

## WORSHIP AND GIVING AND SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

- 10/03 Mike and Kim Donaldson**
- 10/16 Brian and Becky Messenger**
- 10/25 Pat and Ann Walker**

09/06	87 Online, 9 views, 45 communions	\$ 4,465
09/13	93 online, 14 views, 52 communions	\$ 13,240
09/18	Diocesan Service, 40 communions	\$ 9,485
09/27	90 online, 2 views, 52 communions	\$ 5,375



Daylight savings ends Sunday November 1st at 2am. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday October 31st before you go to bed. Be on time for church!



Fall, the traditional season of harvest, is just the time for all of us to participate in Trinity Outreach Commission's gathering of non-perishable foods for a Friendly Center food drive. With Covid-driven economic insecurity on the rise in Orange, our community's stellar family resource organization, Friendly Center, has put out a plea for assistance in meeting the need for food supplies to aid hungry families during this difficult time.

At the September zoom meeting, Outreach voted to hold a Fall food drive for the Friendly Center.

Here's how you can help:

Bring your "harvest" when you come to 9AM in-person church on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18. There will be a table in the back of the church for your food gifts.

You may also bring items when you come to drive-thru Communion on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 from 12-1pm.

Outreach members will also be in the church parking lot to receive food on TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 from 11am to 1pm and on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 from 11am to 1pm.

Here are the food items Friendly Center suggests:

- Rice and dried beans
- Pasta and sauces
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Shelf-stable milk
- Cereal and oatmeal
- Stuffing and dry potatoes
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Canned tuna and meat

May we have a bountiful harvest in this most unusual year!

And, thank you, Trinity, for your faithful support of Outreach projects..

Questions? Contact co-chairs: Pat Higgins 714-998-8968 or Judy Lehman 714-532-5041

## From our Rector

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

Not long before his tragic death from colon cancer at age 43, actor Chadwick Boseman, known for his portrayals of Jackie Robinson, James Brown, and Thurgood Marshall, as well as superhero “Black Panther”, sent this text: “Inhale and exhale this moment, and thank God for the unique beauties and wonders of the day. We should take advantage of every moment we can to enjoy the simplicity of God’s creation, whether it be clear skies and sun or clouded over with gloom.”

As we head into our planned reopening of Trinity for in-person worship, we would do well to heed Boseman’s words. We would do well to “inhale and exhale” all our moments, thanking God for the beauty and wonder of COVID-19 numbers improving, of more people getting healthy, more people staying healthy, more people observing safety precautions for the sake of each other’s safety.

Inhaling and exhaling, we thank God that Orange County has gotten to the point where Trinity can in fact have a limited reopening. We thank God for Trinity’s Senior and Junior Wardens, Donna Watson and Robert Morales, and their ongoing dedication to our parish’s safety and wellbeing.

We thank God for our parishioners and Vestry members who have been serving on our Reopening Committee and its adjunct, our Logistics Committee. We thank God for our Parish Nurses, our HazMat and safety experts, our frontline Ushers (and all our Ushers, for that matter!), and everyone who has been, and is willing to continue, volunteering their time and expertise to make our reopening possible.

We thank God for our computer and sound experts and volunteers, our Music Director (yay, David!) and our Section Leaders who have worked diligently to enhance and make possible our current online worship, and who will continue to enrich our worship by sharing their gifts with us.

We thank God for Rev. Annie and her weekly preparation of the Power Point deck for our worship, for her work with the weekly readers and intercessors, and for her ongoing ministry of “Techno-911”, helping those of us who are stuck get online when Zoom has other ideas!

And so now we move forward, out of the new place that has become comfortable and into the new place that will be different, AGAIN.

For those of us who feel comfortable worshipping in person at this time, the service won’t be two things: (1) it won’t be like it was before coronavirus; (2) it won’t be like what we’ve gotten used to at home.

For those of us who remain more comfortable worshipping at home, the service still won’t be like what we’ve gotten used to in recent months.

It’s going to be weird, not the least because of the masks and the seating and the temperature check and the “I’m really sorry, but no, at this point you can’t sit where you usually do.” It’s just going to be weird.

**GOOD NEWS: THE PEWS ARE REMAINING IN THE CHURCH AND COUPLES WILL BE ABLE TO SIT TOGETHER ALONG THE SIDE AISLES, AS THE TOTAL SPACE CAPACITY ALLOWS.**

**AGAIN, AS THE TOTAL SPACE CAPACITY AND THE MATH THAT FITS US INTO IT ALLOW, FAMILIES WILL BE ABLE TO SIT TOGETHER IN DESIGNATED AREAS – but the number of these areas is limited.**

Which brings me to a new point: families (which, based on our own current parish realities, we’re calculating as five persons or more living under a single roof; smaller family units being able to be accommodated in the general seating), might need to take turns as to which week they worship in person versus virtually.

Yes, there will be glitches as we transition to a dual form of Sunday worship. We pray that everyone will inhale and exhale, realizing that we and all our volunteers are doing the best we can at a given moment in a stressful time.

Yes, there will be glitches for those of us who are more comfortable continuing to worship at home, because our Zoom platform is now moving into the church itself. We’ll all be worshipping at the same time, but none of us will be having the experience that we’ve gotten used to.

Main differences, other than that Rev. Annie and I won’t be in our kitchens?

We'll be wearing masks while we preach.

We'll be wearing masks while we celebrate.

None of us is going to like it, and Rev. Annie and I will be first in line as we try not to hyperventilate!

Many of us in both the actual and the virtual congregations will find the sermons difficult to hear – so please, please check out our sermon texts online on our Facebook page, “Trinity Orange”, or in the hard copy email from the Trinity office.

Most of all, inhale and exhale the grace of God, and bring the love and the tolerance of our community to the table on October 18 and after. We love each and every one of you, and this is a work in progress! Some glitches we won't know about until we've given in person worship a shot.

And don't forget the “for sures”:

October 4 – Drive through Pet Blessings at Trinity between noon and 1 p.m.

October 11 – Bishop Diane Jardine Bruce as our VIRTUAL Episcopal Visitor, Preacher, and Celebrant – Zoom as usual, the office will send out the link.

October 18 – BRAVE NEW WORLD, DEO GRATIAS.

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### An Update from the Reopening Trinity Committee

Yessssss!!!! The Moment has Arrived!!! The COVID-19 stats in Orange County continue to move in a positive direction; and as of this writing, we are allowed to hold indoor services at 25% capacity. This means that 63 of us can gather together within our church walls. Mark your calendars...The first in-person service is scheduled for Sunday, October 18, at 9:00 am.

Keep in mind that in order for everyone to be safe, we will continue down this path in baby steps...Masks will be required, temperatures will be taken, and social distancing will be maintained.

For those who are not comfortable with the in-person service, you will get the next best thing. The service will be livestreamed via Zoom. You will see the sanctuary, hear the readings, enjoy Jeannie's and Annie's sermons, and not have to deal with a mask! There's always a silver lining, isn't there!

We still have a ways to go before we get back to “normal” (whatever that means!). We need to all continue to be cautious for ourselves and for everyone around us. So I'll close the same way I did last month...Stay tuned, stay safe, and Stay Trinity Strong!

Donna Watson



Youth Group has been meeting via Zoom in September. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students are meeting as a group and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade through High School students are in a separate group. We meet for 30 minutes to check in, hear good news and struggles, discussion and prayer. There has been lots of laughs as they change their background and post funny photos of me! If your student wants to join in, please email Rev. Annie: [annie@trinityorange.org](mailto:annie@trinityorange.org)

Sunday School

Our Sunday School curriculum offers quite a bit to work with at home. We are putting together a weekly set of Bible story with discussion questions and a craft. If you would like the curriculum sent to you weekly please contact Rev. Annie: [annie@trinityorange.org](mailto:annie@trinityorange.org)

<b>10/01</b>	<b>Barbara Roberts</b>	<b>10/19</b>	<b>Jim Evans</b>
<b>10/03</b>	<b>Dean Gavello</b>		<b>Paul Weddell</b>
<b>10/05</b>	<b>Mikki Hoffman</b>	<b>10/22</b>	<b>Lauralee Barrow</b>
<b>10/06</b>	<b>Heidi Crabbs</b>	<b>10/23</b>	<b>Dan Patterson</b>
<b>10/07</b>	<b>Rev. Annie Engstrom</b>		<b>Catherine de Strakosch</b>
<b>10/09</b>	<b>Pat Branstetter</b>	<b>10/24</b>	<b>Ray Waterson</b>
	<b>Jim Hansen</b>	<b>10/28</b>	<b>Pam Kibby</b>
<b>10/13</b>	<b>Kim Donaldson</b>	<b>10/29</b>	<b>Carl Watson</b>
<b>10/16</b>	<b>Bill Miller</b>		<b>Jim Wood</b>
<b>10/17</b>	<b>Kristi Hubbard</b>		