

Trinity Press

February 2023



Dear Church,

We are thinking about being Revived as a church.

Revive literally means to re-live. It means to bring back to life.

Life - vibrant, meaningful, robust – is what Jesus would have us experience.

“I have come so that you may have life...” John 10:10

The ReNewal Team (Cora Hocker, Lori and Jesse Schlunegger, Ali David, Joe Goeden, Don Bosley and myself) meet monthly to discuss and plan this Revival process. We are being guided by Vital Congregations which is an office within our denomination, The Presbyterian Church USA.

A Vital congregation is one that is largely defined by having 7 healthy “Marks” or what can be called “systems.”

Here are the “marks” along with questions to ask after listening to the sermon on that particular “mark.”

1. Lifelong Discipleship Formation¹.

“Am I being formed more and more into the image of Jesus? Am I growing in my faith? Is the fruit of the Spirit more evident in my life than it was 3 years ago?”

2. Intentional Authentic Evangelism².

“Do I understand that every day I am a witness to the faith? What are my top 2 styles of being a witness? Am I an effective witness? Will I take the Sharing Faith Class taught in August?”

3. Outward Incarnational Focus

“Do I have a servant attitude of others over myself?”

4. Empower Servant Leadership

“Do I know my spiritual gifts and am I using them to serve?”

5. Spirit-inspired Worship

“Do I prepare myself each week for Gathered Worship? Am I consistently inspired in Gathered Worship? Do I think? Do I feel? Do I do something different as a result of GW?”

6. Caring Relationships.

“Do I actively care for others in and outside of the church?”

7. Ecclesiastical health.

What Can you Do?

1. Attend Sunday Gathered Worship and/or listen to the sermon on the link sent out each week.
2. Bible Study – Sunday afternoon or Wednesday evening.
3. Do the Bible Studies in the bulletin.
4. Attend the Vital Congregations Luncheon in April/May (Date will be announced soon).
5. Fill out a survey (Within a few weeks).
6. Pray – please join me and the ReNewal Team is praying for the reviving of Trinity.

My best, Pastor Jamie



Trinity's Financial Update for the period January - December 2022

With thanks to our faithful congregation, 2022 ended with a smaller shortfall than what we expected. The 2022 Budget was based on a faith budget of \$37,104 shortfall for the year. However, we had only at a shortfall of \$16,244.00. This is still a big number, thankfully we have reserves to cover this loss and 2023 budget year is looking much better.

Please keep Trinity in your prayers and continue to give what you can.

Total Income \$172,781.00

Total Expenses -\$189,026.00

Net Shortfall - \$ 16,244.00

2022 was a wonderful year of giving to others. Over \$18,713.00 was raised by our congregation to help others in need.

Presbyterian special offerings to support:

One Great Hour of Sharing \$42.70

Peace & Global offering VBS \$321.09

Peace & Global offering October \$633.00

Christmas Joy \$95.00

Ukraine PDA \$155.00

The following special offering was received for Ukraine relief:

This was sent to ICF Church in Poland for housing refugees \$17,467.

Submitted by Karla Rasmussen

Treasurer

Like to pay on-line?

You can now transfer funds from your bank to Trinity's US Bank Account using Zelle®. There are no fees charged to the sender or receiver. Check to see if your bank offers Zelle® transfers at <https://www.zellepay.com/> . We are registered with the email "Treasurer@trinitywestsac.org". If you have any questions, please let me know.

Karla Rasmussen, Treasurer

Treasurer@trinitywestsac.org

Happy Birthday To YOU!

Jane Ward—2/6

Bev Meier—2/20

Nancy Del Mugnaio—2/28

Steve David—2/28

Happy February Birthday's



TTT (Trinity Threads Together) meets on the **first Saturday of the month in Room 1 from 10-12:00**. Bring a project to work on or just come for the conversation.



Ladies, join us on **Friday, February 17th at 11:45**. We will have a guest speaker from the West Sacramento Police Dept. speaking on Women and Safety.



Goodie Bags for the Needy! Deacon members purchased a variety of items throughout the year. Cora Hocker, Pat Fritchie, Nancy Del Mugnaio, and Glenda Dahms did the packing and also gathered coats and blankets. Mercy Coalition distributed the items to the local residents in need.



North Central California Presbytery Treasurer

Part-time, 20-30 hours per week.

\$30.00 per hour.

To work with Presbytery Budget and Finance Committee and outside accounting firm.

Experience with non-profit accounting desired.

Send questions, resumes to Brian Spangler, brispangler@sbcglobal.net or 916-529-0805



Did you see our new handrails in the sanctuary? Thank you Joe Lucas for your work! Joe is the grandson of former members Jack and Betty Schmidt

Ash Wednesday † 2 22 2023



MONEY MATTERS, PER CAPITA

Perhaps one of the most confusing aspects of how the Presbyterian Church functions is "**per-capita.**" Each year Trinity encourages its members to pay their per-capita apportionment. What is "per-capita"? Why do we do this? Where does this money go?

What? One of the great strengths of our denomination is that it is so inter-connected. Trinity is tied to the larger Church ministry. One form of that connection is through our per-capita. Every Presbyterian Church in the country is required to pay a specific amount for each active member on its rolls to their respective Presbytery. *Per Capita rates are not "bills" or "dues" that are "charged" to members; however, this is an expense for Trinity.* This year, Trinity's per-capita apportionment is **\$31.26** per member.

Why? Each governing body above our Session has staff members and expenses that support the work of the Church. These individuals have no congregation to support their Ministry, but they are essential to the life of the Presbyterian Church.

Where? The per-capita payments for Trinity are split 4 ways, for the work of our: 1) General Assembly PC USA (\$9.85); Synod of the Pacific (\$5.22); North Central California Presbytery (\$15.19); and Presbytery's Pastoral Emergency Care Fund (\$1.00).

If you haven't done so already, please make out a check payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church in the amount of **\$31.26** for each active church member in your household. *This is a gift we invite our congregation (not just members) to give as part of a larger faith community rather than just "our own."* Some of our members may not be able to afford this, so we can help cover each other as part of our covenantal relationship with the larger denomination. Make a note on your check that it is to be used for per-capita. You can mail your check to Trinity, drop it by the church office, or put it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

A Story of Hope...

I enjoy books written by author Lee Jackson who wrote the "After Dunkirk" series—fictional, but based on the WWII Battle of Dunkirk. In his research, he discovered miraculous stories of bravery and kindness, not usually found on the battleground. Here is one he recently related in his newsletter...

...As the Battle of the Bulge raged in the Ardennes Forest, three American soldiers, one badly wounded, were separated from their unit and lost in the snow. After three days of walking and trying to find their way back to American lines with the sounds of guns all around them, they came upon a small cabin in the woods. It was Christmas Eve. The cabin belonged to the Vincken family. The mother, Elizabeth, and her twelve-year-old son, Fritz, were alone in the cabin. Mr. Vincken was gone, serving as a civil defense fire guard. Elizabeth opened the door to a knock, only to find two American soldiers standing there, another one lying in the snow. Startled, she invited them in, knowing full-well that the penalty for giving aid to the enemy was death. The soldiers warmed themselves by the fire as Elizabeth prepared a meal. Fritz stared at the soldiers in wonder as another knock came on the door. They opened the door, thinking more American soldiers might be seeking shelter. However, four German soldiers, also lost in the snow, were standing there. She stepped outside and shut the door behind her. "There are three other soldiers inside, but they are not friends." The corporal in charge viewed her suspiciously as she said, "You are welcome to come in to be fed and get warm, but there will be no shooting in my house on this most holy of nights." She bade all the soldiers stack their rifles outside. As warmth from the fire and food aromas spread, the ambience became more relaxed. All the soldiers spent the night there. The German soldiers even showed the Americans a map how to get back to their lines, and provided them with a compass. In the morning, each group went their own way, and when out of sight of each other, the truce was over.

Years later, Ronald Reagan used this story at a ceremony to re-unify East and West Germany—"those boys reconciled briefly in the midst of war. Surely, we allies in peacetime should honor the reconciliation of the last forty years." Then, in 1996, Ralph Blank, one of the American soldiers who had come to the Vincken cabin on the Christmas Eve fifty-two years earlier, visited Fritz Vincken in the same home. "Your mother saved my life." Fritz replied, "Her courage will never be forgotten."

Praise God.

Glenda Dahms

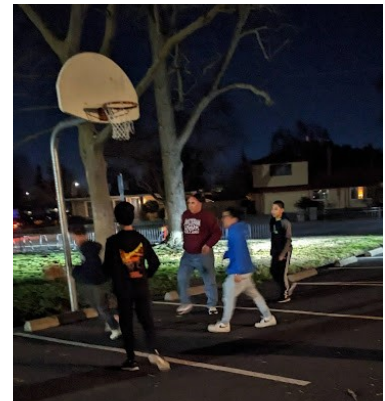


Noon Year's Eve Celebration



- ◇ Prayers for the Carol Flackus' family for the passing of an extended family member.
- ◇ Prayers for Karla & Harvey Rasmussen who have water in their house from the recent storms.
- ◇ Prayers for Steve Barry (Glenda's cousin) who had a bone marrow transplant on 1/19.
- ◇ Prayers for Deanna Palmer who has a bad heart and will be needing surgery.
- ◇ Prayers for Jenn Schrimsher for healing.
- ◇ Prayers for Ken Settle who will be having laser surgery on his left eye February 7th.
- ◇ Prayers for Myrna Summy for healing from her hip surgery.
- ◇ Prayers for Betty Barrira for strength & guidance to stay out of the hospital.

Youth Group Facing Their Fears



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<u>SUNDAY</u>	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 Office Closed Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 6:30	2 CLC - 6:30-9, Rm 1	3	4 TTT - 10-12:00, Rm 1
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00 Bible Study - 11:30-12:45, Rm 1 CLC Service - Noon	Christian Ed Mtg. - Zoom @ 4pm Cub Scouts-Steve David, 5:30-7:30, Rm 1 HBD Jane Ward	Mission & Outreach - Zoom - 7:30 AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	PEO Mtg. - 10-1:00, Rm 1 Finance Mtg.-Zoom @ 4 Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 6:30	Cub Scouts - Lori Schlunegger, 5:30-7, Rms 2 & 3 CLC - 6:30-9, Rm 1	Youth Night - 6-10:00 Fellowship Hall	
12	13 Office Open	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Office Closed	17	18
Church Service - 10:00 Sun Sch Rm 3, 10-11:00 ReNewal Team - 11:30-1:00 Deacon's Mtg. - 11:30 CLC Service - Noon OOTB Food Packing	Worship Mtg.-Zoom @ 4:00 Cub Scouts-Steve David, 5:30-7:30, Rm 1	Personnel Mtg. - 7:00 AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3	Jamie's Bible Study - Zoom @ 6:30	OOTB Food Distribution - 6:30 CLC - 6:30-9, Rm 1	Ladies Luncheon - 11:45, Fellowship Hall	AA - 8:30-4, Fellowship Hall
19	20 President's Day HBD Bev Meier	21	22 Ash Wednesday Church Service - 7-8:00	23 CLC - 6:30-9, Rm 1	24	25
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26	27 Office Open Cub Scouts-Steve David, 5:30-7:30, Rm 1	28 AA - 7-8:00, Rm 3 HBD Nancy Del Mugnaio & Steve David	1	2	3	4
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Trinity's Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers who worship God and strive to share His love as we live out Jesus' inspired ministry in our West Sacramento community by providing:

- Spiritual nourishment through biblically inspired worship
 - Support for those in need
 - Biblical education for adults and children, and
- Opportunities for community groups to use the church's facilities.

We seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as we struggle to preserve the traditions of our community of faith and to determine a path for regeneration.