

# Trinity Trumpet

Good News!

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A Newsletter for Covenant Partners and friends of Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Modesto, California

## SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM Formation Education  
9:30 AM WORSHIP Service



## SUMMER OF JESUS!

- August 4** *The Rich Fool*  
Luke 12:13-21
- August 11** *The Watchful*  
Luke 12:32-40  
Communion
- August 18** *The Fire*  
Luke 12:49-56
- August 25** *The Crippled Woman*  
Luke 13:10-17



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## Tres' Take

### An Unexpected Art Class

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Tres Adams

Several years ago, I attended a conference and participated in an art class with about twenty other people. We were given the task of painting our vision of ministry on a blank canvas in roughly fifteen minutes. Each of us quickly, yet intricately, painted our vision, using a variety of colors and scenes. After about fifteen minutes, our time was up. We stopped painting and took a moment to admire our work. Then we were told to take a step to the right to our neighbor's painting. And then we were told to once again paint our vision—this time, on top of our neighbor's painting. We all hesitated as we looked at our neighbor's masterpiece. But the instructor pushed us, telling us that we had only five minutes to finish our vision. So we reluctantly started painting our vision on top of our neighbor's painting. When the time was up, we stopped painting and took another moment to admire the work we had done. Our new pictures weren't exactly what we had planned, but we were able to find places that we could see our vision shining through. At the same time, we could look back and see the vision we had painted covered and changed or painted on in ways that we never imagined. Then our instructor said, "Welcome to ministry. You will always be painting your vision on top of another's vision. And someone will paint his or her vision on top of yours."

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7 days without God  
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My one year anniversary has come and gone, and here I am, paintbrush in hand, painting away. It is interesting to watch the scene unfold, as older visions are enhanced and others are covered up. But no matter what the scene looks like while we're painting, when we take a step back to look at it, the picture is always of Jesus. Loving, serving, and worshiping Jesus with joy and thanksgiving is the vision. It may look differently up close, and the details and the textures may change, but the picture is always and will forever be Jesus.

The Holy Spirit continues to lead the "painting" at Trinity United! God is surely up to something here, and it is a joy to watch the Picture reveal His Glory. Blessed painting Family!

## Keep Yourself in the Love of God SUMMER FORMATION CLASS

*Submitted by Pastor Les Malakian*

Continuing through September Rev. Charlie Crane leads this class: "Keep yourself in the love of God". Charlie uses "The Parables of Jesus" to help illustrate moral truths as taught by the Lord. Discussion focuses on how we are to keep ourselves in God's love while we wait for the mercy of Jesus to lead us into eternity. Come and join in, you will be blessed.

God bless you,  
 Pastor Les  
 II Timothy 3:16-17

### June 2019 Finance Summary Fiscal Year = September 1, 2018 to August 31, 2019

	Actual	
	June	Year to Date
<b>General Fund</b>		
Receipts	\$ 93,269	\$ 813,031
Expenses	84,570	796,925
Receipts over Expenses	\$ 8,699	\$ 16,106

*Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,  
 a heart that forgives the worst,  
 a mind that forgets the bad,  
 and a soul that never loses Faith in God.*

# Celebrating the Ministries of Rich and Grace

Submitted by Rev. Dr. Tres Adams

When it comes to painting the picture of Jesus, we at Trinity United have been truly blessed by two master painters: our Minister of Worship, Rich Colla, and our Accompanist, and Organist, Grace Brummel. Both Rich and Grace will be retiring at the end of August, and we joyfully celebrate their ministries on Sunday, August 25, in Telle Center following the worship service.



Rich Colla joined the Trinity United staff in 1990. He was instrumental in expanding and building our music program, which included directing the Koinonia Choir and The Messengers Men's Ensemble.

Rich also led the Echoes of Joy handbell choir, Joy Bells, Tone Chimes, and branched out in forming The Hallelujah Brass Ensemble. Over the years he has connected the community through Trinity United's annual Messiah Sing-along, Habitat for Humanity and the Salvation Army's Bells of Blessing. He will continue to direct the Opus Handbell Ensemble and take the baton for the Hallelujah Brass in the community. All that Rich has done for Trinity United's music ministry has been for God's glory, and we have been truly blessed by the gifts and talents he has used in ministry among us!

The M.P. Moeller Organ with its 4-divisions, 22-stops, 29-ranks, 6-extensions and 1,750 pipes was built in 1990 and dedicated in February 1991. By the summer of the same year, Grace Brummell joined its ranks and the Trinity United



staff. She has kept those glorious organ pipes singing God's praises for Sunday Worship, and countless weddings, memorials, and concerts ever since! Along with tireless hours in rehearsal, Grace also accompanied the Koinonia Choir, One Voice Women's Ensemble, and The Messengers Men's Ensemble. In her spare time, she even learned to play with Echoes of Joy Handbell Ensemble! Every Memorial Day, Grace had led us in the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and we all enjoyed the Armed Forces Medley she would play for Veteran's Day. Many of us are in the habit of coming to worship every Sunday a little early to prepare our hearts while listening to the prelude and staying a few minutes following the benediction to soak in the postlude; a musical "Prayer" and "Amen" to our worship in glorifying God. It will be nearly impossible to replace Grace, and we are keenly aware that great organists who seek to glorify God through their talents are hard to find. We are narrowing our search for a new organist, and Grace has pledged to play the organ on Sundays and for special events until the new organist is secured.

Our celebration for Rich and Grace is not a "Goodbye." Rich and Ginger Colla and Grace and Hazen Brummel are Covenant Partners of Trinity United, so they will continue to fellowship and share in ministry with all of us. We thank God for the blessings and ministry of Rich and Grace, and may God Bless them more abundantly in retirement!



## Changes to Meeting Times

*Submitted by Rev. Dr. Tres Adams*

Most of us are busy. Whether we're retired, working, a parent of young children, or a student, our schedules seem to always be full. Recognizing that everyone has busy schedules, we are streamlining our evening church meeting times. Beginning in September, Session and the Deacons will both have their meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The Commission meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. On Wednesday nights Trinity United will be a happening place with Youth Groups, Children's Choir and BLAST every week, and MOPs and Dad's Tailgate on the first and third Wednesdays. Choir and ensemble practices will all be on Thursday evenings. The hope is that everyone will be able to give more quality time to serving the Lord and have more time to spend with family and friends.

## Training Camp

*Submitted By Rev. Dr. Tres Adams*

Are you ready for Wednesday Nights at Trinity United this Fall?! JAM, our evening ministry with children ages 4 to grade 5 will be every Wednesday night! What an opportunity to share God's love with children! Youth Groups and Children's Choir will also be on Wednesday night. On the first and third Wednesdays, we also have MOPs and MOPs Next, and we're adding Dad's Tailgate—a time for dads to hangout while their kids are and wives are busy with Wednesday night programs. Oh, we also serve dinner to everyone!

We need a large number of volunteers and dedicated staff to make Wednesday Nights happen. We have teams for cooking. We have teams for youth groups and breakouts. We have teams for JAM. And what does every good team need? A Training Camp!

On Wednesday, August 28th, from 6-8pm, we are holding a Training Camp for all of our teams to get ready and gear up for the upcoming Wednesday Night Season! There

will be food, games, and collaboration as we rally and get pumped for serving the Lord here at Trinity United! Join us! Come excited and ready to have fun!



## More from Les

### Confession Time

*Submitted by Parish Pastor Rev. Les Malakian*

I'm afraid if you had seen me this A.M. and heard me on the phone you would think . . .

My computer went on the blitz and my car satellite radio service also went on the fritz. Then you have to call someone whom you can't understand and do this and do that to get it to work if at all. I am embarrassed by my tone of voice and LACK of patience. Can any of you relate?

God gave me this verse: Ecclesiastes 7:9 which reads, "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools." I confess, I have been a "fool" this morning and I ask God to forgive me. I pray I will be more patient in the future.

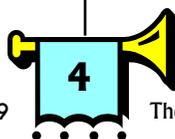
What is the lesson God has given me in this? Be PATIENT and ask the Lord to help me be such in the midst of the trial, no matter what it is. Prayerfully this will help you when you are tempted to be impatient.

God bless you,  
Pastor Les—Philippians 4:6

## NO Dinghy Mariners in August

A reminder to all our Dinghy Mariners there **WILL NOT be a meeting the month of AUGUST**. September 7, will be our next meeting and our program will be our very own Wes Hal, whose presentation will be on his experiences in Yosemite, including the "firefall"

*Hope to see you in September.*





## Duana's Downbeat

Submitted by Dr. Duana Leslie  
Director of Music Ministry

Can you believe it's August? You know what comes after August, don't you? It's the start of a new season at Trinity! With that new season comes some fruitful changes. Let me ask you a few questions. Have you ever been intimidated by another's talents? Maybe you love to sing but would never join a singing group because you can't read music or you don't want to sing out loud because everyone will hear you! You're resolved with just singing along to the hymns or songs in church safely in the pew where no one is telling you to be quiet. Side-note (The latter observation is a good sign if you get my drift.) Maybe you feel too young to sing because you're only 15 and guys don't sing in church? Haha! Maybe you feel you are too old and your voice has begun to wobble a bit and you're self conscious? Or the best yet, you tell yourself, "I'm too busy to sing- I just like to listen anyway. The people up front sound better than I do. Nobody wants to hear me." If any of this resonates with you a little or a lot and you love singing, want to improve your singing voice, or you just want to make a joyful noise (preferably in-tune) to the Lord then please sign up to sing with us here at Trinity! MEN, WOMEN and TEENS we need you! We will be singing some really fun new and old tunes in an encouraging and lively environment. You'll learn music from around the globe! The music will be simple enough for beginners and offer enough challenge for more seasoned singers. The word of the Lord says in Mark 10:43 . . . *whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant,*<sup>44</sup> *and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all.*<sup>45</sup> *For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

My goal for us, and I hope it's yours in the ensembles at Trinity, is to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness first. We can do this by being loving, enjoy getting together, serving and encouraging others to love God and be like Jesus and develop a learner's heart so we can be our best for God! The icing, so to speak, on this amazing cake is to do it all while having a blast performing some of the most beautiful music on God's Earth! I could list many more reasons but hopefully at this point you are ready to hear when all of this is starting and how to get signed up.

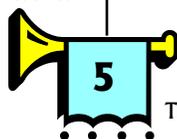
Thursday, September 5, 2019 from 5:30-8:30pm we will have our kickoff "Bring a Singing Buddy Potluck and Rehearsal," in the Telle Center here at Trinity. ALL ensembles including, handbells and the Celebration Band are invited to this event.



If you are unsure about committing to the whole season of singing in choir or ensembles please feel free to 'sit in' the rehearsals. This is also a great time for those of you who want to perform a special solo during service to join in the potluck too.

Bring your favorite dish to share and a singing buddy. If you are running late that's ok but get there quick! At the rehearsal you'll be given a list of three songs. Attendees will vote on the BEST dish. The winning chef will get to select the song the choir will sing during service on September 22. Hallelujah! Amen! Maybe it's your famous chili, key lime pie (my favorite btw), spicy deviled eggs, or your mother's spanakopita! Make it and bring it! Be sure to include a list of potential allergies such as specific nuts, chocolate, gluten, lactose and etc. on a 3x5 card next to your dish. I need a head count so please RSVP via email with your total number of people and what you plan on bringing!

If you sing or play an instrument or want to dust off one that you haven't played in years



please let me know. If you specifically would like to play in or sing in the Celebration Band please send me an email.

Sign-ups and written information for the children's Christmas program will be available Wednesday, September 11 at 6:30pm in the main sanctuary at Trinity. You can also sign up by contacting me with your child(ren) and guardians names, phone number, and child's age, along with their schedule/rehearsal conflicts. Contact me at Trinity or email me at [ddemusleslie@gmail.com](mailto:ddemusleslie@gmail.com). I so look forward to our new season together!!!



### Becky's Bridge

*Submitted by Becky Pombo,  
Minister to Children*

### Opportunities for you to serve in Children's Ministry-BLAST

God has provided us an exciting opportunity to minister to the Garrison School kids every Wednesday beginning in September. Modesto City Schools will now have "collaboration" days every Wednesday. In years past it's been at least once a month, maybe sometimes twice. School gets out at 1:35 PM. We walk down to Garrison, pick up the kids and walk them to Trinity United. Once they have arrived we feed them, play games, do crafts and Bible lessons, and just have some plain FUN! Our first quarter will be "Survivor Camp" (in the kingdom of God, we not only survive, but thrive. We will learn from famous "Survivors" how to thrive in God's kingdom.)

The hours for BLAST are 12:30-6:00 PM (12:30 PM is set up, prayer and then the kids arrive). JAM will continue after BLAST. Our first day of BLAST is September 4 and runs each Wednesday through April 2020(with the exception of Christmas break).

Last year we had six faithful volunteers and this year we would like to increase that to 12 or more. Our goal is to have a TEAM A (1st and 3rd Wednesdays) and a TEAM B (2nd and 4th Wednesdays). Cassi Torrez and I will be the consistent staff each week.

We want you to love volunteering at our church, and especially in Children's Ministry! No matter your spiritual gift, there is a place for you in Children's Ministry. No matter your passion or comfort level around kids, there is a place for you here.

Please pray about how you can be a part of this exciting ministry. If you feel led to be involved, you can contact me at (209) 534-7305 or [beckypombo@gmail.com](mailto:beckypombo@gmail.com)

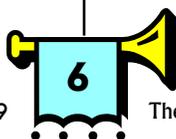
### JAM (Jesus and Me)

We are excited for JAM to begin in September and are looking forward to adding some new components to the evening. We will begin at 6:00 PM with dinner, go to kid's choir (led by our new Director of Music: Dr. Duana Leslie) at 6:30, and then at 7:00 have some large and small group time. We will dismiss at 8:00 PM.

Pastor Tres begins our Fall series, "The Playbook", and our kids will follow along with that series on Wednesday evenings. Some of our themes for the fall are: Kickoff, Special Teams, Offense, Defense, Practice, Pre-game, and Victory-Victory in Jesus. What a great opportunity we have to share with our kids that God is our "greatest coach", He has a game plan for us, and we can use His playbook (the Bible) every day of our lives.

Again, just like BLAST, we are looking for volunteers to lead our small group time. I will be giving the overall story and take away and you will be leading a small group with questions which will be prepared for you, and some prayer time with the kids in a smaller setting. Some evenings we will include games and crafts.

It takes a church to minister to these kids and their families, and I am asking you to be a part of God's plan in Children's Ministry, and be a part of the TEAM.



## Summer Fun at Trinity United

Summer has been so much fun this year! We started off the summer with Power Up VBS. We had 150 kids and 50 adults that attended throughout the week. We also had about 200 kids and their families that attended our Family Night. What a great way to start off the summer!

We've had several adventures this summer. Our first one was bringing a Waterslide on campus, with 43 in attendance. Then we celebrated our country's birthday with a Fourth of July Celebration, and 46 attended the party. Our next adventure was to the Couchman Dairy for a tour with Farmer Dave and Farmer Mary. We got to see a baby cow that was only hours old. The kids got to even bottle feed the calf. Then a BBQ and swim party, and oh of course some ice cream! That day we had 53 in attendance. We had a good old "Movie Night", with pizza, popcorn, soda and candy. We had about 33 for that event. We're off for the next several weeks as I will be out of the country, but look forward to our Back to School Swim party on August 7.

In our Summer Fun program we have had 22 new kids join us. Some have come because of VBS, but others because their friends brought them.

I'm looking forward to the Fall as we start our new programs for the kids!

## More than a Career (Luke 4:18-19)

*Submitted by Ryan Anderson*

From the time we're old enough to speak we are pressed with this question: "what do you want to be when you grow up?" Parents, grandparents, teachers, and others all plant in us the idea that we must go out and find our purpose: to find our careers. As we get older this continues, "Where are you going to college, what are you majoring in, what do you want to do with your degree or if you're not going to college, are you at least going to trade school?" Our modern day culture is so ingrained with the idea that your purpose is found in your career. We tell ourselves we

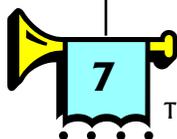
have to get a good job now, because we can't change later (which itself is a lie). We worry.

I graduated high school six years ago, dead set on getting my bachelor's degree in biology then going on to medical school. This, obviously, did not happen. Since then I have changed my mind on what I wanted to do dozens of times. If I could find the right career, I could establish myself. If I could find the right career, everything would be okay. If I could just find the right career, I could be happy. I told myself my career was my purpose, and I believed it.

Around the time I turned 20 I had run out of ideas; I had no idea what I wanted to do for a career. I was out of school and working. I was frustrated and I found myself often praying to God for direction. For some time before this, there were people in my life, pastors and friends, who suggested that I should go into ministry. Having worked closely with ministers, this sounded like a terrible idea to me. I rejected the very notion of it. During this low point, sometime after I turned 21, I picked up the book *The Purpose Driven Life*, by Rick Warren. I knew I wanted to find my purpose (which I still believed was in a career) and I thought this could be the key. However, before reading it, I told myself that I would not decide to do ministry as a result of this book. Before I could even get to the end of the book I prayed this: "God, I don't want to do ministry, but if that's what you want for my life, then I will at least be open to it." It was a weak prayer, but one that changed my life.

God began changing my hardened heart that day, steering me away from the path I had set myself on. I began more and more to accept the idea that ministry would be my life. However, my thought process hadn't changed completely. I still believed that a career was my purpose. I believed I had to find exactly what area of ministry God wanted me to serve in. As if God could only use me if I was in a specific job.

It wasn't until recently that I came to a truer understanding of what God's purpose was for me. My purpose, as is every one of





## Dates with Destiny

Director of Youth Ministry

### Change is Coming! Summer-time

I like to think that I am great with change, because I understand what change is and why we need it . . . but if I am quite honest, change can be intimidating at times especially because we are not in control of the effects that change can have. I also know that change is beautiful and necessary when God is in it and through it, so we can trust Him fully in the process. There have been a lot of adjustments for myself and others since coming to Trinity United and I am grateful for change and the newness that comes with it. If I can encourage anyone reading this: be adaptable when change comes. It will not always look how we would like it or would be comfortable with, but when we release it and give it to God- it truly is incredible to partner with. I am so glad God has changed my heart and mind to just go with what He has, because it will always be better than what I could do on my own.



### TSM Staff July 8th

I had the chance on this date to connect and pray with the youth staff. We heard testimony of the Guatemala mission trip from two of our staff and heard about one of our student's experience there too. It is exciting to know the effect that one person can have on another person's

life and how much more a team working together with the love and power of God, can accomplish and impact others. What a team I have been blessed to do ministry with, all from different walks of life and experiences to add to touching the lives of students in our community. In this meeting we began to share what youth ministry is and start the conversation of dreaming and praying with one another for what God has for Trinity Student Ministries.

### TSM Clean-Up July 9th-11th

What an outstanding group, a total of 6 students, that I got to work with during this time cleaning over these days. On the 9th we partnered with the Tuesday morning grounds crew; Wednesday we began cleaning and organizing the youth center; and Thursday we painted and gave a new look to some pieces in the youth center. One of the young adults was such a great help to us and served with us especially by hanging lights. Jon Bucknell- you are truly a blessing, thank you!!



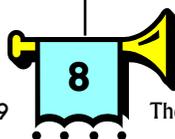
### What is to come:

#### End of Summer—August 7th

There will be a pool party at the Currie's home in place of our regular time of youth group (6-8p on Wednesday the 7th). If you or someone you know is in Jr. High or High School, contact me and let's get you to join us for a fun night! This will be our last service for the summer and right before school starts. September 4th we will kick off our Fall season with youth ministry full force.

#### Final Thoughts

Church, I hope you are ready to see God move in the youth ministry! Please be in prayer as the youth staff and I gear up for the 2019-2020 school year. God is going to do some incredible things in this group.



His followers, is found in Luke 4:18-19:

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Jesus makes our purpose abundantly clear: proclaim good news! Our purpose is to tell the world about Jesus while living like Jesus. Purpose is not found in a career. Careers are just one tool God puts in our toolbox to carry out His mission.

So what now? Do we abandon all pursuit of a career and other goals that we believe to be our purpose? No, God can use these pursuits to further His Kingdom. However we should not worry so much about these things, because our purpose is to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We don’t need to worry about establishing ourselves into a career, God promises to take care of us: “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:26). Our goal should be to follow Him, His will, and His purpose for our lives.

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

## **Fayetteville Mission Trip**

**June 23--June 29, 2019**

**PDA Fayetteville, North Carolina**

By week’s end, this year’s Trinity PDA mission trip boiled down to the smile on the face of a woman days away from reoccupying her home after a two-year absence; the hope in the eyes of a man days away from losing the grant to repair his home before our crew came to call; and a glow on the faces of tired hot, and happy Californians in blue shirts, faith recharged by work well done.

We returned to North Carolina anticipating hot, humid weather, and were not disappointed

on that front. Summer was going full blast, leading us to starting our workdays at 7AM in order to avoid as much of the late afternoon heat as possible. Our primary work site, located several miles south of Fayetteville on Cedar Creek Road, consisted of a wide array of finishing tasks, happily most of them indoors with a reasonable amount of air conditioning.

A second work site, located a few blocks away from our team headquarters at Highland Presbyterian Church, was the polar opposite of the relative comfort of the Cedar Creek project. Demolition of two rooms and the removal of decades-old insulation was followed by installation of new insulation and wallboard—hot, dirty, dusty work that tested the endurance of Trinity’s workers.

Through it all, our team’s spirit and quality of work came to the fore. By mid-week, our Fayetteville job site coordinators were soliciting a return engagement in 2020—about as high a compliment as a group of volunteers can receive.

Needless to say, the PDA team couldn’t have done it without the prayers and financial backing of our Trinity church family and friends. We look forward to sharing our Fayetteville memories with the congregation during on Sunday September 29 during the 10:10AM Formation hour. Until then, please feel free to inquire about our mission week with any team member.

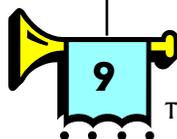
Again, thank you for your continuing support in our effort to bring hope out of chaos for our brothers and sisters in need.

### **Your Trinity PDA team:**

Liz and Ted Benson, Esther Bradfield, Jeff and Debbie Chin, Stew Harry (Advance, North Carolina), Duane LaMarr, Bert Lippert, Bob and Katie McGrew, Tony and Chris Ott, Dave Prevette, and Frank Quaresma.

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*It’s not what you gather,  
but what you scatter that tells what  
kind of life you have lived.*



# MOPS and MOMSnext

Submitted by Julia Stone

MOPS/MomsNext Summer Bunco was held on July 16th and a good time was had by all. Moms, their guests, Mentor Moms, and Bev Thomas, representing the Kitchen Crew, all enjoyed the fun filled evening; food, fellowship, shouts of rolling Bunco dice, much laughter, and prizes with Christmas theme. The Moms commented it was great to meet new people and with the rotating of tables when you play Bunco they were able to visit with everyone. Thank you for all who attended the evening. God blessed the evening and we are thankful.

MOPS/MomsNext would not be the success it is without support given by Minister to Children, Becky Pombo, who brought life and light through tablescapes, place settings, and crafts making moms feel extra special each and every month. And, the volunteers who teamed up, giving of their time, as Kitchen and Clean-up Crews all year!

The Kitchen Crew is led by Diane Leicham. Diane spends many hours planning, shopping, and preparing all of the delicious meals the Moms enjoy each 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. God has blessed Diane with her gift of cooking and organization and she is always happy to help and support Mops. These two teams of volunteers are Faithful and Fun and provide much support to the Ministry of MOPS/MomsNext. Thank you!

The Kitchen Crew consists of volunteers:  
Executive Chef, Diane Leicham

Sous Chefs: Jeanne Nelson, Patti Reed, Paula Sherman, Bev Thomas, Judy Tweedie, Char Wickman.

Clean Up Team volunteers: Liz Benson, Ted Benson, Debbie Chamberlain, Gary Chamberlain, Kathy Jepson, Don Jepson, Mike Sherman.

Thank you to the Custodial Staff for preparing the set up for the meetings and events MOPS has during the year.

We appreciate everyone and their time and talents.

May God continue to bless everyone involved with MOPS and the MOPS Ministry.



## ZEPHYR POINT Women's Retreat "Rewilding the Image of God" Featured Presenter: Mary DeJong October 4-6, 2019

100 NEW attendees expected this year!  
Register NOW to insure you have the same lodging as last year! Those of you who are new and wish to attend, please register as being from TUPC.

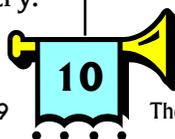
For anyone needing a ride, the Trinity United bus will be going; call the church office at (209) 529-3228 with any question or to reserve your seat on the bus.



## Resource Library

Submitted by Jenny Willmarth

The library sometimes receives books like Reader's Digest that are not strictly Christian, but can be upbeat and encouraging. I just reviewed one collection of four novels that were friendly to church influence or at least strong on loving our neighbors. "When The Men Were Gone" is based on a true story about life in Brownwood, Texas, during World War II, painting in clear colors how silly, dumb or hurtful discrimination can be, in this case against women. It also describes well the workings of a small community, for good or ill! Come check us out!





One of Trinity's Fellowship groups, the Cruisers, are hosting an all-church family Project/Work Day here at Trinity United.

We'll meet in Telle Center to help tidy up designated areas about the campus, and send out work teams to some Trinity United family homes, then return to Telle to share a BBQ lunch.

Join us for a half-day opportunity to serve and to clear out some nooks and crannies, share a little laughter and a meal too!

Sign up for both help/needs on the patio. Questions: Contact the Church Office at (209) 529-3228.



**"MME Reminder"**  
**SAVE THE DATE**

for our next gathering on

**Saturday, September 14th**

Details to follow.

Please put this on your calendar  
and invite a friend or two.

GBY—Pastor Les



**Trinity United list of Mission Support  
beginning August, 2019.**

*Submitted by Elder, Linda Silveira*

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Modesto Gospel Mission

Jason Conway

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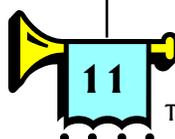
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# Reflections from a Distant Trumpet

Reprinted from July 1990

Pastor Emeritus, George Telle

## George's Jottings

### A Musical Magnet

My first Vacation Bible School was when I was six and at a Methodist church which had a pipe organ. Once, as I was leaving the church, I heard the organ, and it took all the courage I had to enter the heretofore "strange" sanctuary. That organ was a magnet that pulled me all the way to the console, where I stood transfixed until the Court House clock tolled 12. I backed down the aisle, not turning and running until the organ stopped. As an adult I chose my church for worship on the basis of a good pipe organ and choir.

On the third Sunday of October 1962, we attended First Church at 14th and "I" Streets for worship. Chris Boss at the organ was terrific! His postlude riveted us to our seats. Commenting to friends about Chris Boss, we were informed, "He plays too loudly." Honesty compelled us to say, "Not for us." When time came for First church and Trinity to merge, the organ was auctioned off. As the delegates from First Baptist, Stockton, exulted, I wept.

Always I had dreamed of being the minister of a church with a great organ. I am not the minister now, but I'll be very present when our new pipe organ is installed and dedicated.

When our new organist plays Bach's Toccata in D Minor or Widor's Toccata in F Major, they will be loud, but please remember I'm being propelled into the Holy Presence. When Jahan Alain composed his Litanies, he wrote on the score, When the Christian soul in its distress cannot find words to implore God's mercy, it repeats ceaselessly and with vehement faith the same invocation. Reason has reached its limit, faith alone can go further.

Many times that number has left me in tears. And when our organist plays soft, meditative music, I will like that, too. I'll know others are being pleased and satisfied.

## Travel/Trips

Submitted by Eugene Mould, Trip Committee



To sign up for any trip, please contact Jeanne Nelson at (209) 523-5733.

Pick up a 2019 Travel Listing from one of the information kiosks around Trinity United campus highlighting opportunities August, October and December.



## THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 San Francisco City Tour!

This NEW S.F. city tour will take you to places you might not have seen; maybe some historical sites, or popular locations from across the bay! Your tour includes morning coffee, snack, coach ride, and lunch at the Delancey Street Restaurant on The Embarcadero. Hey, you don't have to drive or park, so bring a few friends! Reserve early as space is limited to 34 travelers only.

**Cost: \$125/person**

Bus Loads: 7:00 AM

Bus Departs: 7:15 AM

Bus Returns: 6:30 PM

*All ages welcome,  
take a trip with us soon and expect a blessing!*

## Keeping Up with the Changes

**Deaths:** Betty Stroud, mother of Trevor Stroud (Verna), died on July 9, 2019.

**Faye Todd**, mother of Lynda Venturini (Chick), died on July 13, 2019.

**Larry Burchett**, husband of Reva Burchett, died on July 16, 2019.

**Paul Anderson**, husband of Twyla Anderson, died on July 20, 2019.

**Marriages:** Cindy (Jacobs) and David Tinajero were married on July 20, 2019.

Ryan Anderson and Kate (Redner) will be married on August 3, 2019.



# Trinity United Family Prayer Calendar

## AUGUST 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Ramona Dibley  Chris and Linda Dickinson	<b>2</b> Carol Dolan  Bill and Leanne Donahue	<b>3</b> Rebecca and Earl Duque  Robin Eldaly
<b>4</b> Twyla Engel  Homer Ewin	<b>5</b> Renee and Fred Fellows  Kay Fether	<b>6</b> Elvio and Susan Filippi  Frank and Betty Flaim	<b>7</b> Michele Foote  Bill and Joy Fox	<b>8</b> Dave and Diane Gallagher  Mae and Don Garrels	<b>9</b> Debbie George  Darlene Ghorso	<b>10</b> Gerri Gilleran  David and Judy Glaister
<b>11</b> Mack and Joan Goldsmith  Rita Gordon-Goss	<b>12</b> Sam and Claire Graham  Roger and Janice Gray	<b>13</b> Sarah and Chris Haberman  Dick and Teresa Hagerty	<b>14</b> Wes Hall  Suzanne and Don Hammons	<b>15</b> Jordan Hardy  Kelsey Hardy	<b>16</b> Lynnsey Hardy  Shannon Hardy	<b>17</b> T.J. Hardy  Tom and Kathy Hardy
<b>18</b> Jennifer Hari  Kevin and Alicia Hebb	<b>19</b> Larry Heckler  Alicia Heim	<b>20</b> Liz Heim  Melinda Heim	<b>21</b> Chris and Marti Hennings  Glenice Hershberger	<b>22</b> Devon and Rosalie Hill  Brian and Stacy Hoekman	<b>23</b> Lois and Rex Holm  Polly Hornberger	<b>24</b> Sue Husted  Hank and Melody Ireland
<b>25</b> Cindy (Jacobs) and David Tinajero  Rich and Sherri Jacobsen	<b>26</b> Rob Jacobsen  Don and Kathy Jepson	<b>27</b> Helen Johnson  Shantel Johnson	<b>28</b> Sharon Johnson  Pam Johnston	<b>29</b> Doris Jones  Chuck and Sandy Jostad	<b>30</b> Irma Kaelemakule  Ben Kaiser	<b>31</b> Bob and Kathy Kaiser  Michael Kaiser

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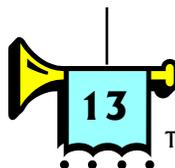
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*Pray for one of our supported Mission Families each day of the month.*

AUGUST 2019



The Trinity Trumpet



**MEN'S MORNING BIBLE STUDY**  
*Beginning August 8, 6:00 AM*  
**OLD MILL CAFÉ IN MODESTO**

### LEADERSHIP

**COMMISSIONS: ALL Meet on the 2nd Thursday each month, 6:30-8:00 PM**

#### FORMATION/EDUCATION:

- Adult Education
- Children's Ministries
- Preschool
- Student Ministries
- Worship

#### MISSION:

- Assimilation/Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Missions
- Prayer
- Senior Ministries

#### WORSHIP

**Electronic Version Online at [www.tupc.org](http://www.tupc.org)**

*See on-line "Calendar" for changes, or check with Commission*

*Elders or Committee Leaders: "Leadership Footprint."*

*Worship Services are LIVE Streamed through*

*Sunday Streams Mobile App ID = tupc*

### LEADERSHIP

#### **COMMISSIONS**

CHURCH TRIP COMMITTEE: First Monday, 10:00 AM

DEACONS: NO MEETING IN AUGUST

STAFF/PROGRAM: Tuesday, 1:30 PM/3:00 PM

#### **STUDY**

FORMATION/EDUCATION: Sunday Classes at 8:30 AM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Special Summer Programs; see WEB or APP

7TH-12TH GRADE BIBLE STUDY/SMALL GROUPS: Wed. 6:00 PM

COLLEGE GROUP: Tuesday, 7:00 PM

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Wednesday, 9:00 AM

#### **PRAISE**

COMMUNION: Sunday, August 11

WORSHIP BAND: Friday, 1:00 PM

WORSHIP: 9:30 AM ONE United Service

#### **FELLOWSHIP**

FELLOWSHIP: Sundays following Classic Worship and Formation/Education