



**JANUARY - 2018**

**TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
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### **FOOD BANK**

The food bank ingathering day went very well. Gail Frazier, the organizer, thought there was around \$3200. worth of food and money donated. When the items collected were taken to the food bank, the people in charge were extremely grateful and surprised. Thank you to Jeff and Gail Frazier for organizing everything, Jack Hughes for donating 2 trucks, one at each store to put all the items into and to Trinity Church members for volunteering to stand in the cold collecting and for doing the shopping. Trinity also had a special offering at the Christmas Eve service which collected \$186. for the food bank.

### **FAMILY NIGHT**

Our Christmas family night, December 20<sup>th</sup>, was a joyous and festive gathering. There were 21 people enjoying wonderful food and each other. Many people dressed in Christmas themed ugly (and pretty) sweaters, Santa hats and colorful light-up jewelry. Thank you to Hilary Blackler for decorating the parish hall. There was an interesting and lively game of Pictionary which followed the dinner. The next family night will be Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This will be the first of three bingo nights. If you want to play, please bring a white elephant prize or two in paper bags.

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following the service. This is a planned potluck with the meat provided so please bring a side dish, salad or dessert. This is a good opportunity to find out what has been going on in 2017 and what plans there are in 2018 and, of course, discussion of the budget and any input or concerns you may have.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

There are a couple of things coming up that you need to put on your calendar. Applesauce Sunday will be Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> following the service. We cut up and cook the applesauce for the pancake feed which is Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We need a lot of volunteers for both of these events.

### **VALENTINE COOKIE BOXES**

This may seem early, but in case the February newsletter isn't out in time, please bring cookies or candy for the Valentine cookie boxes that we send to our college and military kids. You can bring them February 4<sup>th</sup> to church and anyone who wants to help fill and wrap the boxes for mailing, we will do that Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. The kids really look forward to this every year.

### **FACEBOOK PAGE**

This is a reminder to anyone who doesn't already know, that Trinity has a facebook page. Go to... Trinity Episcopal Church Oroville Wa... to read about the activities we've been doing and look at lots of great pictures.

### **PLEDGE CARD REMINDER**

Please remember to turn in your pledge card as soon as possible as we will plan our budget for 2018 soon and it is helpful to know what to expect. If you didn't receive a letter in the mail go to Trinity's web site ([www.oroilleepiscopalchurch.com](http://www.oroilleepiscopalchurch.com)), go to newsletter and click on last month's newsletter (will be December's), on page 3 is a pledge card to print off, cut out and mail back to us. The address is on the card.

## THANK YOU

Hilary Blackler would like to thank all who participated in the poinsettia decorations. These special flowers in memory of someone or in celebration of something were so beautiful and greatly enhanced the spirit of the Christmas season.

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Every Sunday through Advent we sang a song titled "Stay Awake". It worked for thirty-one people who managed to do just that and make it to the Midnight Christmas Eve Service. What a special gathering ending with "Silent Night" sung to violins and candlelight. The luminaries outside and the purple Advent Tree that magically turned to white for Christmas, added to the night. Those who made the sacrifice of sleep and inconvenience were most certainly blessed with this poignant reminder of the birth of Jesus.

## MINUTES OF THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING -- December 19, 2017

The meeting was held at noon, with Jeanne providing a delicious lunch. The Rev. Marilyn began the meeting with a prayer. The Rev. Marilyn also read a scripture for our reflection and discussion.

PRESENT: The Rev. Marilyn Wilder, Dennis Wilder, Jeanne Hires, Perry Blackler, Alison Blackler, and Marilyn McCullough.

MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Dennis moved the minutes be accepted; Alison seconded; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy was unable to attend the meeting because of bad road conditions. She gave the report to Jeanne, who passed out the November budget. November receipts are \$3,231.10. November expenses are \$16,229.58 (part of this amount is the second half of the roofing payment). The ending balance as of November 30 is \$2,367.08. Perry moved the report be accepted; Alison seconded; approved.

WARDEN'S REPORT: The annual meeting will be held after church service on Sunday, January 28. Our Christmas Eve service will be held on Sunday, December 24, at 11:00 pm.

CLERGY REPORT/WORSHIP & MINISTRY: The Rev. Marilyn made suggestions for helping others, including sponsoring a cherry camp cabin, which are used as temporary shelters for the homeless. The cabins need various furnishings, and The Rev. Marilyn will check into what is needed. Another suggestion is to make "Life Packs", which are gallon Ziploc containers filled with non-perishable food for the homeless and hungry people.

Gail Frazier estimated that the funds and food donated at our Food Bank Collection trucks that were parked at Akins Grocery and Frontier Foods, brought in \$3,200.00.

The Rev. Marilyn suggested that the Christmas Eve offering be donated to the Food Bank.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dennis reported that Walt Hart donated a beautiful brass outdoor lantern to be mounted on a pole in back of the church above Hilary's cutting garden.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, at noon. The next Friends and Family Night will be held on Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 pm. This will be a Christmas theme. If you have an ugly Christmas sweater, wear it.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP: The annual budget meeting will be held next month.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Marilyn McCullough, Secretary

# *The Vicar's Notebook*

For those of you who were there on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, which accidentally became the "Sunday of No Sermon" you heard me mention Phillips Brooks. He was a renowned Episcopal Priest (1835 – 1893), Bishop and an inspired preacher. I have had the good fortune of one of his books to appear in my life. Dennis found it in a box in the garage and brought it to me saying "You don't want to put this in the yard sale, do you?" Having no idea what it was I had him leave it with me so I could look through it later. What a blessing! It is titled "Phillips Brooks Year Book" and it is like a hardbound "Forward Day by Day". Almost all of the daily entries end with poetry. Sunday I tried to paraphrase a poem that I found to be right to the point but here it is in its entirety written by Dinah Muloch Craik:

Why do we heap huge mounds of years  
Before us and behind,  
And scorn the little days that pass  
Like angels on the wind?

Each turning round a small sweet face  
As beautiful as near;  
Because it is so small a face  
We will not see it clear:

And so it turns from us, and goes  
Away in sad disdain:  
Though we would give our lives for it,  
It never comes again.

I think this speaks to the very heart of Christianity. Every day, every action and response bears witness to our walk with Christ. One of Brooks quotes I found on-line (Yes. You can look him up) is; "Character may be manifested in the great moments, but it is made in the small ones." Our spiritual character is built in the same manner; day by day.

*Marilyn+*