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Trinity Episcopal Church

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FAMILY NIGHTS

There were twelve people at the November family night. It was scheduled a week early because of Thanksgiving. After a dinner of many delicious dishes, we decorated 15 gingerbread houses to sell at Trinity's table at the bazaar that weekend. The houses were beautiful with an assortment of colorful candies. Thanks to everyone that helped and stayed to clean up the mess. The next family night will be Wednesday, December 20th at 5:30pm, also a week early because of the Christmas holiday.

FOOD BANK INGATHERING

There will be the yearly ingathering for the Oroville Food Bank Saturday, December 9th from 9:00am to 4:00pm at both Akins (Princes) and Frontier Foods. Jack Hughes will provide the trucks to put the food in and where volunteers will stand and collect. There will be a paper on the bulletin board to sign up for shifts at both stores. This is very important this year as the food bank is extremely low on supplies. This is a relatively painless, maybe cold, way to support your community.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

There will be two Eucharist services on Sunday, Christmas Eve day. We will have the usual 10:00am, 4th Sunday of Advent service on the 24th of December and also the traditional 11:00pm Christmas Eve service. So for this year you have a choice.

ADVENT BREAKFAST & ADVENT STUDY

We will have our annual Advent breakfast Sunday, Dec. 3rd at 8:30am. Bettie Christian and Carol Stams will provide the ham, Cathy Stangland will make homemade applesauce and there will be pancakes. This is an excellent way to begin the holy season of Advent. Also beginning Dec. 3rd will be the Advent study following the service about 11:30am and for the remainder of Advent. We will re-visit the Advent Conspiracy (worship fully, spend less, give more and love all). It should be interesting.

COMMUNITY BAZAAR

Thank you to everyone who participated at the community bazaar November 17th & 18th. I think it went very well. We made \$700. This money will go to support our college scholarships. We had a lot of sewing work days prior to the bazaar which involved many people cutting, ironing and sewing. Many people helped decorate the gingerbread houses and make popcorn balls. Thank you also to those who worked the table, set-up, cleaned up and of course, brought items to sell. So, you see, it takes all of us doing a number of different jobs to pull off these events. Thanks for contributing.

THE VICAR'S NOTEBOOK

If you remember, as I have said in the past, Advent is my favorite season of the church. I have delved into the reasons for this but I'm thinking about it now and find many facets to this time and here they are, in no particular order of importance.

First, I do so much like the purple vestments and decorations that grace our beautiful church. I liked purple even before I was old. Next is the Advent Tree out front. I drive out of my way to be able to see it lit at night. It is beautiful. The Advent breakfast is such a wonderful way to come together to start this season of anticipation and I think 'anticipation' is the core of my affinity to Advent. For me, it is not just a reminder of a small babe who changed the world. It is the way I live my belief, knowing that there are changes and challenges, large and small, waiting to greet me along my path. These encounters are an integral part of my journey with Christ. They are not always easy, nor are they always hard, but always, there is something to be learned or appreciated and many times I am surprised by joy.

May this Advent Season be a time of thankfulness and worship for you and openness to the joy of walking with Christ.

Marilyn+

Minutes of Bishop's Committee Meeting-November 21, 2017

PRESENT: Warden, Jeannie Hires, Dennis Wilder, Alison Blackler, Treasurer Nancy Spears, The Rev. Marilyn Wilder

The meeting was called to order by Warden Jeannie Hires. A prayer of thankfulness was offered by The Rev. Marilyn. Scripture study/discussion was held while we enjoyed a wonderful soup prepared by Jeannie.

MINUTES: The minutes from the previous meeting were read. Dennis moved to accept, Nancy seconded; approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Nancy Spears. The final check to the roofers was paid. Nancy suggested, as we are in need of new checks, that we purchase from the Bradford Exchange at a much cheaper rate. All agreed. The donation to Camp Cross for the new pontoons will be delayed until next meeting as our bank balance will be, as of Nov. 30th, around \$400.00. This figure reflects the balance after all bills and the Asking are paid. Alison moved acceptance and Dennis seconded; approved.

WARDEN'S REPORT: The annual ingathering for the Food Bank will be held on Saturday, December 9th for 9AM to 4PM. There will be two-hour shifts that need a minimum of 2 people and preferably 3. There will be two trucks, one at each store (Akins and Frontier) provided by Jack Hughes. There will be a schedule sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

The Guild took in about \$700.00 at the bazaar which will go toward our Kellie McCullough Scholarship fund to help with our girls in college.

The fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve Day so there will be a 10AM Service on that day and our traditional 11PM Service on Christmas Eve.

Our big copier broke down, permanently, but Beverly Curtis kindly donated one that she had to keep us going. We are thankful.

CLERGY REPORT/WORSHIP & MINISTRY: The Advent Breakfast will be on December 3rd at 8:30AM. Carol Stams, Al Lemon and Bettie and Jim Christian have again offered to provide the ham. Catherine Stangland also has volunteered to make and bring applesauce.

Advent study will be offered after church for the four Sundays in Advent. We will be revisiting the Advent Conspiracy Study.

We welcomed a new ministry on Sunday, November 19th when Jeff Frazier first served as acolyte.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dennis reported that the back fence of the vicarage is in need of replacement. He suggested some solutions that he will look in to for estimates.

The rest of the staining of the new fence will have to wait for spring as the weather has not permitted finishing the job. Also in the spring, the corner garden will be dug and replaced with a seating area. A new light is being discussed for that area.

The light on the garage that lights parking by the kitchen door needs to be moved to the East end of Thrift Shop to illuminate a very dark parking area.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: Friends and Family Night will be held early on the 3rd Wednesday, the 20th of December. Wear your most ugly Christmas sweater if you have one. A pretty one will do too. The next Bishop's Committee Meeting will be December 19th at noon.

MISSION AND OUTREACH: The purchase of a goat through the Episcopal Relief and Development will be delayed until January.

Meeting Adjourned at 1PM.

Marilyn+, Pretend Secretary

Dear Folks,

November 26th, 2017

Each year we send a letter to you asking for support for Trinity Church and, amazing as it may seem...here it is again. Yes, another year has gone by and with your support, wonderful blessings have happened in our church and beyond our doors. They are too numerous to list, but through your newsletter you have read about many of them. But there are other ministries not mentioned that continually happen.

When we ask for your support, it is not just about money, it is stewardship: That is using wisely and generously what God has given to us, going a little beyond our comfort zone in giving and in involvement. Once we have reached beyond the fear of not having enough, we find a freedom of giving that abounds in blessings for others, strangers, friends, and family. And we are changed by that giving. It is an act of faith.

Trinity Church (the people) is small in number, but truly big of heart. Your generosity has made our ministries possible and our building available for many good purposes. With your support we can continue to grow into all that God has planned for us. I can tell you through the years of meeting with other clergy and churches, that Trinity Church is known. We are proof that you don't have to be big to be effective in bringing forth what Jesus taught. You, who pledge and give, have all been a part of that. Thank you. I would also like to say how blessed I am to be a part of this congregation. I am deeply grateful.

Rather than filling out a pledge card, just to clear your desk, take a little time in prayer and contemplation about the work we do and the blessings we share and how you choose to be a part of it. And the mundane part of this is timing; we would appreciate the return of your pledge card by December 12th which falls just before our budget meeting for 2018.

Thank you for your offering and thank you for being who you are. Blessings, Marilyn+



Trinity Episcopal Church	Pledge for 2018
In thanksgiving for God's infinite love, and in gratitude for all God has given to me, I/we pledge to return to God this portion of His bountiful gifts. \$ _____ for the year, paid ___ weekly ___ monthly ___ annually To help Trinity Church to operate and carry out the ministries of 2018.	
NAME _____	
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Please mail or return to Trinity by December 12 th : PO Box 1270, Oroville, WA 98844	