



NOVEMBER – 2017
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

We have much to be thankful for this year. People are hurting from the effects of natural disasters and violence in our country and the world. We are grateful for our close knit communities, our families and the opportunity to worship God with our church family. Celebrate with the ones you love.

FAMILY NIGHTS

A few of us dressed up for the October family night. Thanks to Hilary Blackler the parish hall was wonderfully decorated for the occasion. There were 12 people attending. Many wonderful dishes to choose from. No games just good conversation. The November family night will be a week early, on the 15th, because of Thanksgiving.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

We had two cats and fifteen dogs at the October Blessing of the Animals. There were many treats for the pets and their owners also. We enjoyed music from the Wilder band and conversation with friends. We raised \$50 that will be sent to Republic for their animal rescue.

NEW ROOF UPDATE

The new roof on the church and parish hall has been completed. Henson Roofing and Construction did a really good job. They cleaned off the parking area every night before they went home. The cost was withdrawn from Trinity's memorial investment fund with the Diocese. Keep in mind that when you leave money in your will, to Trinity, projects like the roof and keeping our church maintained are some areas that your generosity pays for.

COMMUNITY BAZAAR

The annual Community Christmas bazaar will be held Friday, Nov. 17 (5:00pm-8:00pm) and Saturday, Nov. 18 (10:00am – 2:00pm) in the Oroville Grade School gym. Trinity will have 2 spaces. So far we will have the reversible tote bags and a variety of hot pads. If anyone has handmade items to donate to the table or baked goods or candy, that would be great and much appreciated. The income from the bazaar will go towards the college scholarships. The beginning of November there will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for shifts to help set up, sell and clean up after.

WOMEN'S MEETING

There will be a women's/altar guild meeting following the service on Sunday, November 12th. This meeting is open to all the women of the church. Please mark your calendar

CALENDARS

This is just another reminder to bring all your extra 2018 calendars to church and put them in the marked basket. We send them to the Seafarers Ministry in Seattle where they will be distributed to service men and women on ships.

CONVENTION REPORT

The 53rd Annual Diocesan Convention was held on October 20, 21, and 22 at the Best Western Inn, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Rev. Marilyn Wilder and delegates Erik Bergh and Marilyn McCullough attended the convention. The theme of this year's convention was "Following Jesus Together". The convention was very well planned, and Bishop Rehberg is an excellent speaker with a great sense of humor. We were all seated at tables in a large room with huge screens so that everyone could see all the speakers better. Also, videos were shown, and one was of campers at Camp Cross. Bishop Rehberg feels Camp Cross is very important to the diocese. Three new pontoons are needed at a cost of \$75,000.00. (cont.)

(cont.) We heard reports by various speakers and announcements about the diocese. During the weekend, we were all divided into three groups, for three sessions about an hour long each to learn and share about "Following Jesus Together". On Friday evening Evensong was held along with the Bishop's address. Saturday morning there was a Healing Service for those that wanted to attend. Sunday morning there was an Open Forum with Bishop Rehberg, and anyone who wanted to ask her a question about any subject, was welcome to do so. After that we had the Eucharist service, with Bishop Rehberg giving a meaningful sermon. The music was wonderful with so many voices joining in the hymns. It was a very worthwhile weekend.

MINUTES OF THE BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEETING---OCTOBER 17, 2017

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

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: Nancy explained the report. September receipts are \$4,390.17. September expenses are \$4,700.47. The ending balance as of September 30 is \$3,000.79. The amount of \$12,300.00 was transferred from our investments account into checking for the second half of the roofing cost to be paid to Hensen Roofing & Building, LLC. The United Thank Offering (UTO) amount collected is \$594.00, and will be rounded up to \$600.00 for the donation from Trinity and given at the Annual Diocesan Convention. Alison moved we donate \$600.00 to UTO; Dennis seconded; approved.

WARDEN'S REPORT: Pia has agreed to clean the church twice a month and will be paid \$90.00 per month. Dennis moved to pay Pia \$90.00; Nancy seconded; approved. Robin Bergh will be given a gift certificate in the amount of \$50.00 to Rancho Chico for driving those that attended the Fall Regional Meeting in Ephrata. Dennis moved the gift certificate be given to Robin; Alison seconded; approved. The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18. Registration needs to be sent in to reserve two tables, in the amount of \$40.00. Our annual audit has been finished and faxed to the Diocese.

CLERGY REPORT/WORSHIP & MINISTRY: The 53rd Annual Diocesan Convention registration has been sent to the Diocese. Convention will be held from Friday, October 20, to Sunday, October 22, at the Best Western Plus Inn, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Our delegates are Erik Bergh and Marilyn McCullough. We will need to have some work days before the Christmas Bazaar. Saturday, November 11 will be a work day from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Popcorn Balls will be made on Wednesday morning, November 15, at 10:00 am.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dennis reported that Henson Roofing & Building, LLC plan to have the roof finished by Thursday, October 19. They are doing a very good job. Dennis will finish staining the fence when weather permits. Perry reported that Jeff Buckmiller has been hired to blow out the irrigation lines.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES: The next Bishop's Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, at noon. The next Friends and Family Night will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm. This will be a Halloween theme, so wear anything in the Halloween mode. In November we will have Friends and Family Night a week early, on Wednesday, November 15, because of Thanksgiving.

MISSION AND OUTREACH: Rev. Marilyn reported that three new pontoons are needed for the barges to transport those going to Camp Cross. The pontoons cost a total of 75,000.00. Rev. Marilyn requested we donate to the pontoon fund. Discussion was held, and the amount to send was tabled until our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Marilyn McCullough, Secretary

The Vicar's Notebook

Convention was great! It was loaded with learning, laughter and friends, old and new. Of course, it had many factors that made it stand out in the line of conventions past.

First, there were no resolutions or controversy on hot topics, so basically, business was absent. Secondly, it was Bishop Rehberg's first convention and anticipation brought energy to the room. We were not disappointed.

The third thing was a direct result of the Regional Gatherings. Through those meetings we have gotten to know people from other churches and shared our gifts and glitches along the way. The posters that each church displayed at convention, depicting just one of the ministries that they do, further opened our eyes to the blessings that are being implemented and shared with others.

One more pat-on-the-back for the Regional Gathering Days: They have taught us how to participate in learning together and that was evident at the convention. How else would we have been able to collectively build churches, cathedrals and people out of gumdrops and spaghetti noodles?

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