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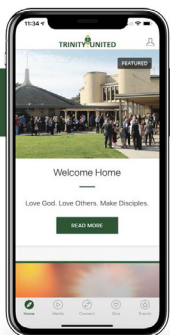
SUNDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM OUTDOOR WORSHIP
9:15 AM ADULT EDUCATION
10:00 AM ONSITE AND ONLINE

OVERCOMING fear

New Sermon Series: May 30 thru July 4

- MAY 30** **LIFE/fear**
John 3:1-17
- JUNE 6** **FAMILY/fear**
Mark 3:20-35
- JUNE 13** **FAITH/fear**
Mark 4:26-34
Communion
- JUNE 20** **COURAGE/fear**
Mark 4:35-41
Father's Day
- JUNE 27** **CHRIST/fear**
Mark 5:1-20
- JULY 4** **FREEDOM/fear**
Mark 6:1-13
Independence Day!



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Tres' Take

OVERCOMING Fear Sermon Series

Fear is real. Fear can be debilitating. Fear can be paralyzing, stifling, even crushing. All of us have had to deal with fear. Some of us are suffering under the weight of fear as we read this newsletter. Beginning on May 30th, we are going to openly talk about our fears and how we overcome them in the presence of the Lord. In our next sermon series, "Overcoming Fear" we will explore how God, through life, family, faith, courage, Christ, and freedom is strengthening and equipping us to move forward, in spite of fear, to love and serve Him in all ways. None of us is without fear. But greater than our fears, none of us is without God's love and mercy. This will be a great series to invite your friends and family to join us, either in person or online. God will see us through and together we will indeed overcome our fears!

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makes one weak.

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on the fourth Tuesday
of each month.



**More
from Les**

"Fear"

Submitted by Parish Pastor Rev. Les Malakian

Pastor Tres has just started a new sermon series on "Fear"; how timely. We have had several comments anxious to hear what we are going to say from the pulpit on this subject. Of course, fear is a normal part of life, but when we let it take hold of us, grip us in its clutches, then it is time to face it head on. You have heard the phrase, "God's got it." Well, does He or doesn't He? Who is in control of your life, is it God or fear? I don't want to oversimplify this subject, but let's be real, is God in charge or not? Is He in control or not? Do you believe 1 John 4:4, "He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world?" If you don't, then turn to God in Christ Jesus and allow Him to dissuade your fears!

Here are some great Bible verses to lean on when fear, regardless of the source, is taking control of you: Isaiah 41:10, Joshua 1:9, 2 Timothy 1:7, Psalm 34:4, Philippians 4:6-7, and of course, Psalm 23:4.

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Pastor Les

PS: One of my favorite hymns is "Victory in Jesus"; now, let's claim it!

April 2021 Finance Summary

Fiscal Year = September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021

	ACTUAL	
	April	Year to Date
GENERAL FUND		
Receipts	\$ 83,720	\$ 720,300
Expenses	75,750	587,264
Receipts over Expenses	\$ 7,970	\$ 133,036



Melissa's Music Notes



New Beginnings

Submitted by Melissa Montez, Director of Music Ministry

There have been a lot of changes lately; in the world, in our lives, in our community, at Trinity United, and within our staff. One of these changes is forefront in my mind because it directly affects the Music Ministry and our church community. Wade Patton, Director of Young Adults and Modern Worship is leaving to pursue another ministry opportunity. He has been an integral part of everything we do here at Trinity United: young adults ministry, leading the Celebration Band, serving in the small ensemble, serving on the AVT tech committee and being an important and valuable asset to our staff! He will be greatly missed! I want to take this opportunity to thank him for his service and dedication to the Music Ministry and wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors!

What does the Music Ministry look like going forward? I am constantly striving to formulate, improve and implement my vision for the Music Ministry here at Trinity United. I see a thriving music program that includes a variety of music styles including traditional hymns, choral anthems, modern praise and worship songs, piano, organ, and handbell music. I plan on continuing my leadership of the Celebration Band and keeping a mixed service that includes various styles of music, new and old. I am hoping to expand the small group back to a full mixed choir as more and more people become comfortable rejoining the ensemble and singing with us. New members will be welcomed into this group as

well. I would like to reformulate our Echoes of Joy handbell ensemble. Many music programs are starting from scratch after the COVID restrictions during the pandemic. It will be a building year, but I am confident that I can draw people in and get them involved in making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

I love hearing your thoughts about the music for worship. When members of our congregation let me know that they enjoy the music it makes my day. I also appreciate your hymn requests and will work them into the service as appropriate. Pray for our staff here at Trinity United as we reformulate our roles and responsibilities and please keep the Music Ministry in prayer!

Seek to serve the Lord with a joyful heart!

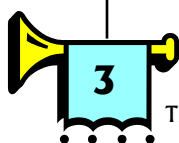


Dates with Destiny

Director of Youth Ministry

Fearless + AUTHENTIC Ladies Tea May 15th

The first annual Ladies Tea for the youth was a success! Wait, did I just say first annual? YUP. Around the large table we had generations of ladies, some moms and grandmothers sitting with our teen girls. Leading up to this event, I will be transparent and say I doubted if I should continue to do it on this date or postpone, as our church campus was busy and many girls in our youth as well as others outside of our group who looked forward to this day, had to cancel. Most of the cancellations were actually things that made me smile: graduation parties, family gatherings, school sports that had a late season start, etc. All these reasons gave me a sense of joy because it finally pointed to life happening again. I believe every girl and





woman that joined us was there for such a time as this. For a God-ordained purpose. Each were loved, laughed and ate some yummy food, and sipped some tea together. It was a true success as I know we glorified God in it all, as generations communed with one another.

Thank you to all those who played a special part in this event, to those who came out that day, to those who let me borrow things, to those who encouraged me and to those who lifted this time in prayer: thank you!

Summertime

I look forward to summer with great anticipation. Summer is not my favorite season by any means, as the heat sets in drastically. BUT, summer provides plenty of fellowship opportunities, especially for the youth who are out of school for the summer. Pool parties, late nights, times of serving, game nights, spontaneous trips, fireworks, and oh, of course my favorite: CAMP!! Camp has always been something that I have looked forward to as I have had the joy of counseling, pastoring, co-leading and directing summer youth camps. Both as a student and as a leader, I have experienced some of the best times of laughter, games, worship, team-building, creativity, encouragement, challenging messages, as well as friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. My heart is to continue to create opportunities each year for campers to experience the same. This is the heartbeat of our camp's theme this year: "Friends." Every person who walks this earth will have different relationships with various

people, and our heart for our TSM Camp is to teach and empower campers to learn and grow in the array of relationships with others they have. We are praying this camp will be one that students look back on and know they built lasting friendships and acquired the skills to begin and strengthen relationships.



Camp will be in Arnold, CA from July 18th-July 22nd. Join the leaders and me in prayer as we continue to prepare for this time that is sure to remain with the students and leaders for years to come.



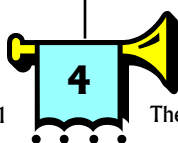
Cassi's Corner

Submitted by Cassi Torrez
Trinity Preschool Director

Hi there family and friends,

"The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us." —Psalm 118:27

As our school year comes to an end, we have much to be grateful for. We are grateful to God who has continued to bring families to our center for us to provide care. We are grateful for our Pre-K class students who have learned all they need to know to enter kindergarten in the fall. We are also grateful for all of Trinity Preschool's staff who continue to give unconditional love in their care of our students.



Due to COVID we will not be having a Pre-K graduation, but will be celebrating with cap and gown pictures, a diploma and a few special memorabilia to take home. Our school age classroom is almost finished with school and will be entering into our summer camp program. All the kiddos are looking forward to summer camp and all the fun activities it will bring.

The first week of May was Teacher Appreciation Week and our parents, students and commission board made all of us here at Trinity Preschool feel loved and appreciated. Thank you to those who gave a sweet gesture to our teachers. We appreciate all our families and board members!

We are looking forward to summer and the sunshine!

As always please continue to keep Trinity Preschool in your thoughts and prayers.

Many Blessings,
Cassi Torrez



Elder's Edge

Elder
Peggy Long-Prevette

Clover and Our Prideful Nature

I have a confession to make: I am not a gardener. There. I admitted it. Why don't I feel any better? Where is the relief that's supposed to come from being open about one's short comings!? I've never successfully raised a tomato crop on my own. Come to think of it, I haven't even managed to raise zucchini without gardening intervention. People often tell me that "anyone can raise

zucchini". It appears that I'm not just anyone.

My skills in the yard are different. I have a kneeling bench. Some folks think it's a gardener's support cushion, but I know differently. My family gave me this bench as a gift to be used as I move about the dirt, rearranging it, taking out uninvited plants and those plants that are past their prime, placing something fresh in their stead. While on my knees, it happens without my knowing...I begin to pray...not just that the Lord will allow me to stand again, but for my neighbors, family, friends. I listen to God's voice whispering His nudgings in my ear. As I pray, I often hear hymns and songs of praise in the background. I begin to remember the Scriptures, sometimes accurately.

While in the front yard, I meet others from within the neighborhood at large. Most of whom I don't know by name, or even which house they live in, only their habits. There's the lady with three small dogs, each one walked separately throughout the day. There's the couple who, while older than myself, speed-walk. Several canines in the area walking different humans from their home. The umbrella lady who likes to cook with rosemary. The darling aged couple who shuffle along, holding hands, taking turns with the leash, smiling with the joy of another day. The siblings, riding their bikes and scooters around 3 p.m. every school day. The young adults pushing strollers, pulling wagons, cajoling toddlers to stay on the sidewalk and not wander into the street. The grandparents who insist on holding the toddlers' hands. I get to pray for them all!

As I reach to follow that clover whose vines are choking plants that I set in place on purpose, I remember Jesus telling us, "I am the vine, you are the branches." Yes, I know that He was speaking of grapes and how we're to serve Him by producing fruit, but I'm in the moment. Consider the irony that clover is. Clover is helpful, as it provides nitrogen to the earth. It's edible, providing fruit for tea or jelly. It's also invasive and will rule the yard if allowed to run free, taking

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no prisoners (wasn't Paul in prison over two years?), leaving destruction of even the heartiest drought tolerant grasses in its wake. Clover may serve as an analogy of our prideful nature, even if it's well-intended in service to our Lord (Pharisees and Sadducees?).

How have I learned these and many other references? The same way you do. Daily. I spend purposeful, meaningful time in the Word; considering the messages and the history of my faith in God through Jesus Christ. If you haven't created a daily habit of reading your Bible, you can start today. Happy weeding!

My Spiritual Journey—God's Miracle Touch

Submitted by Elder Chris Currie

Dear Church Family,

God has been very active in my life over this past month and a half.

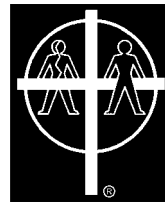
I got a positive result from a FIT test after 10 years of negative results. The colonoscopy was on April Fools' Day and then I found out on Easter Friday that I had rectal cancer. Easter Saturday I had a little pity party and was quite down, but by Easter Sunday my spirits were up and I felt an overwhelming peace that God can get me through this. I kept that positive spirit up throughout the tests and surgery and now just before Pentecost Sunday I am celebrating the cancer is gone.

I know that God is good, I know that God conquers all evil, I know that I need not fear because I have a God that stands beside me always and forever.

I want to thank all my Church family who have been praying for healing, I am truly grateful and love each and every one of you. I also know that God performs miracles every day and I can now exclaim to the world that I am one of God's miracles. To go from being diagnosed with rectal cancer to having all my prayers and the prayers of my friends and family for complete healing answered to being completely cancer free is truly a miracle from God. Praise be His name.

Quite a spiritual journey for me, which I know is not over for sure.

Chris Currie



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"Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

—Galatians 6:2

FOR INFORMATION,
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Liz Benson: 522-2390

Sharing Our Concerns

DEATHS: Pauline Atherstone died on May 1, 2020. Her celebration of Life service will be held here at Trinity United on Saturday, June 26, 2021 at 11:00 AM followed by a reception in Telle Center.



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We Covet Your Prayers

Submitted by Mary Couchman

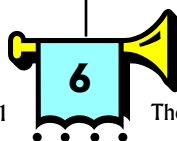
The Guatemala Team would like prayer for:

- Travel safety to and from Guatemala and the work sites

- Work safety
- Prayer for the families that we minister to be open the Good News of accepting Jesus as Savior and Lord.

- Our hearts to be filled with sacrificial Love and Grace.

*Sometimes in the winds of
change we find true direction.*





Oroville Mission Trip

PDA Oroville, California

June 6-12, 2021

Submitted by Ted Benson

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” —Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

It happens every time the wind blows down from the mountains.

Melissa’s blood runs cold as she remembers the awful morning of November 8, 2018 when the sky east of Paradise turned black. Wind speeds up to 50MPH drove a blowtorch of death into Paradise and the neighboring towns of Concow and Magalia. “We didn’t wait for the evacuation notice to drive out through flaming trees,” she recalls. “We just got in the car and left.” As a result, Melissa and her family were able to find lodging in nearby Chico. Other residents of Paradise weren’t so lucky. 86 residents eventually died in the holocaust. Nearly 95% of the town’s structures—nearly 19,000 including 14,000 homes—were destroyed.

Named after Camp Creek Road, where a faulty electrical transmission line triggered the blaze in the Feather River Canyon 12 miles east of Paradise, the Camp Fire eventually covered 239 square miles to become the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California history. The total damage was estimated at \$16.5 billion, of which \$4 billion was uninsured.

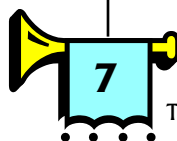
Nearly a month passed before Paradise residents were allowed back in town to see

what was left. “It looked like World War III,” Melissa recalled. At the height of the post-fire clean up, debris trucks ran constantly for 16 hours a day. While some people decided to leave, the majority of Paradise citizens opted to return. Melissa went to work coordinating relief efforts at the Alliance church in Paradise. Two and a half years later—long after Paradise dropped off the map of media scrutiny—rebuilding is underway.

Earlier this spring, an advance party of Trinity United Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteers journeyed to Paradise for a look at the work awaiting our team during the week of June 6. Your PDA team will be working out of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Oroville, PDA’s host site for projects in the Paradise area. We’ll be showering, sleeping, and cooking our meals at the church while commuting to various work locations in Butte County.

The Hope Crisis Response Network will coordinate our work projects. A faith-based Indiana humanitarian organization established in 1999, Hope Crisis has followed a path similar to PDA’s, dealing with man-made and natural disasters across the United States. With a mission to “Rebuild Homes and Restore Lives,” Hope Crisis approaches recovery from a holistic viewpoint, addressing physical damage as well as emotional and spiritual needs in the communities it serves. The group emphasizes the importance of a person’s faith as only God heals wounds. Partnering with FEMA, Hope Crisis provides help to families that may or may not be eligible for federal assistance. Families receiving help agree to work with a case manager, and all services are provided free of charge or discrimination.

A real pioneering spirit permeates Paradise in 2021. Hope Crisis began rebuilding homes this spring, with sites in Paradise and Magalia. In addition to construction, our PDA team anticipates jobs doing debris removal, cutting logs, helping in a soup kitchen, and working with other service agencies. While we’re trading water for fire in terms of the damage we’ll be addressing, our work will be much the same as in previous years. We won’t know our



assignments until we get to Oroville, but we do know one thing: we're back in business! After the turmoil of the past year, it's great to see "normal" coming back to life.

As we begin our 14th mission trip over the past 15 years, we give thanks for another opportunity to bring hope out of chaos for people whose lives have been disrupted by nature's wrath. After 13 years on the road, from the Gulf Coast of Mississippi and Louisiana to Tennessee, Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and North Carolina, it's a blessing being able to "take care of our own" in northern California.

Once again, we gratefully reflect on the amazing support we have received from the Trinity family since 2007. Our team has never ceased to be amazed by the financial backing we've received over the years. Miraculously, that support has continued, despite the disruption of 2020's "lost year."

Above all, we thank you for the prayer support you have provided us over the years. The work isn't easy. We face a number of challenges, starting with warm weather. Oroville can be hot in early summer, and we expect to get sweaty and dirty. When our energy ebbs and the projects seem most demanding, the power of your collective prayers renews our spirits.

We look forward to bringing that strength to Paradise.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." —Romans 12:12 ESV



"I downloaded them from a cloud."

Grace's Pantry

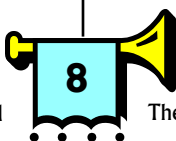
Mission Commission Dedication



Grace's food pantry stands just inside the narthex in front of the "Bride's Room". You can help fill the pantry with non-perishable food items (please be mindful of expiration dates on each product) and when full, those items are taken to a larger local food pantry for distribution.

Mission Commission is still looking for volunteers to transport the food that is collected and take it to the larger food pantry for distribution. If you can help please contact Tony Ott at (209) 571-9020.

*When you harbor
bitterness, happiness
will dock elsewhere.*



Trinity United Family Prayer Calendar

JUNE 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Margaret Wolfe David and Vicky Wolff	2 Deidre Wolfley Chris and Lynne Wilkinson	3 Adelle and Joseph Yonan Jim Young	4 David and Cindy Zellman Twilla Zellman	5 Miriam Acevedo Bob and Tippy Achterberg
6 Andrew and Marie Andersen Cameron and Stephanie Anderson	7 Jeff and Julie Anderson Randy and Doreen Anderson	8 Ryan and Kate Anderson Twyla Anderson	9 Harry and Donna Bakker Jimmy and Amy Bauer	10 Diana and David Beal Krista Beal	11 Martha Beasley Rob and Susan Beasley	12 Robert Beltran Cynthia Belyeu
13 Ted and Liz Benson Virginia Berry	14 Mona and Kevin Bettencourt Barbara Bianchi	15 Joyce Blank Elizabeth Blixt	16 Jim Boucher Esther Bradfield	17 Phillip Bravard Clayton Bray	18 Dennis and Michele Bray Emily Bray	19 Shirley Brooks Marilyn Brown
20 Dale and Thea Brummel Grace Brummel	21 Elizabeth Bucknell Jim and Monique Bucknell	22 Lee and Sandy Bucknell Reva Burchett	23 Justine Campbell Greg Cash	24 Mike and Barbara Cash Mike and Kim Caskey	25 Debbie Chamberlain Karen Chamberlain	26 Jeff and Debbie Chin Joseph and Kate Christensen
27 Lauren Clause Rich and Ginger Colla	28 Karrick and Carole Collins Loi Collins	29 Hal and Lucy Conkey Walt and Leslie Cooley	30 David and Mary Couchman Marty and Karen Cox			
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Pray for one of our supported Mission Families each day of the month.



WORSHIP WITH US!

8:30 AM Outdoor Lawn
10:00 AM Onsite and Online

LEADERSHIP

COMMISSIONS: ALL meet as scheduled.

FORMATION/EDUCATION:

Adult Education
Children's Ministries
Preschool
Student Ministries
Worship

MISSION:

Assimilation/Evangelism
Fellowship
Missions
Prayer
Senior Ministries

WORSHIP:

Music/AVTeam

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Elders or Committee Leaders: "Leadership Footprint."

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LEADERSHIP

DEACON Meeting June 1, 6:30 PM

STAFF/PROGRAM: Tuesdays, 1:00 PM

STUDY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: BLAST—Wednesdays, 2:00-5:00 PM

7TH-12TH GRADE BIBLE: Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 PM

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Sunday, 5:00-8:00 PM

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP: Texting

PRAISE

PRAYER MEETING: M-F, 1:00 PM—ZOOM

COMMUNION: Sunday, June 13

FORMATION: Sundays, 9:15 AM

WORSHIP ONSITE and ONLINE: Sundays, 10:00 AM

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: 8:30 AM

FELLOWSHIP

During COVID-19 fellowship has been happening via zoom, parking lot distancing gatherings and drive-bys. Stay connected to Trinity United family via a phone call, text, messenger, instagram, FaceBook or a card.