

TRINITY TIDINGS

November 2011

Trinity Episcopal Church, Folsom CA

The Rev. Michael Kerrick, Interim

“And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

- Luke 2:7

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Coming in December - The Incarnation

By the time you receive the December tidings we will have finished our pledge drive for 2012. If you have not done so please take a few minutes and prepare your pledge card and either mail it to the office and put it in the offering plate on Sunday. Unless we have pledge cards in hand and have a reasonable look at our resources for the coming year we can only fund what we have the pledge for. Since we are required to prepare a budget before the calendar year expires we need your cards to move forward. Enough of finances and on to theology.

When I am asked what defines my theology I normally respond that I define my Christian beliefs largely through the incarnation. I am always stunned that God formulated a plan to become human in order to redeem us and reconcile us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This was the foundational act that made all things which followed possible. No incarnation; no Easter; no Easter; no resurrection; no resurrection leaves sin/death prevailing and we are left living under the law with no hope. Our entire Christian belief system pivots upon this single act of unbelievable love and grace.

So, as we prepare to enter this season of joy I look forward to our traveling this journey back to Bethlehem and Jerusalem together. We will remember with Joy

Mary's great leap of faith when she is visited by the angel of the Lord and told of great things to come. We will sing the Magnificat and realize that the Lord has done great things for us as well. On Christmas we will be stunned as we stand before a manger and see the Word had become flesh and did and does dwell among us. Our heritage as Christians begins here. We would not be here if it were not for the fertile soil of our Jewish ancestors but our belief in a Triune God takes on flesh at this moment. The world underwent a transformative change at the birth of Christ and nothing has been the same since. The reason I don't see Advent as a penitential season is because I don't see it as a form of repentance or turning back to the Lord. This was/is new ground never before encountered in our collective history of humanity. God was with us in a way we could not have possibly imagined- Emmanuel was a new born baby. No greater joy has the world known than the birth of the savior and redeemer of the world. The hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel" calls us to "rejoice, rejoice". That says it all. AMEN



Fr. Mike

From Our Senior Warden

By Kathy Burdick

December is a very busy month with many extra activities and events; we spend time with family and friends anticipating and sharing the magic of Christmas Day and the Christmas season.

In the Diocesan program of Grateful, Glad and Giving, we celebrate the birth of our Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ. We are grateful for this most precious Gift. Many in the Trinity Family will share their abundance with those in need by providing gifts to Angel Tree children, or the Christmas Basket Toy Ingathering, or the Food Bank or any of a number of similar programs. May we all share a most Blessed Christmas.

Trinity Search Finance Committee

For those who were not at one of the services on November 13th, our Committee wants to bring you up to date on the financing needed for the search for our new rector. Our goal is to raise enough funds for a nationwide search. We want to cast the net as wide as possible so that we can find the best match for the parish. The Profile Committee will complete their work sometime in December and we will be ready to post the position in early January. The cost of the search can range from \$10,000 to \$25,000 depending on where the candidates are located. We now have about \$4,500 in the fund, which means our goal now is to raise another \$20,000. For the approximately 120 families in the parish, this averages out to \$160 per family which in turn breaks down to \$3 per week over the next year, the cost of a small McCafe Latte. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to the fund – there are bright (and we do mean bright) yellow envelopes in the pews for your use. Our parish has a history of pulling together with those who can give more and those on more restricted budgets giving what they can. Every nickel donated is precious and puts us that much closer to our goal. So start a coffee cup fund in your homes and empty your spare change into it, or add a few dollars to your weekly pledge and note on the check or envelope that it goes to the Search Fund. Give us your ideas and participate in the fundraisers we will have over the next few months. As Fr. Mike said last week, we are the church and this decision will affect all of us – this could be the priest who officiates at the wedding of one of your children, or baptizes one of your grandchildren, or who is called to help with a family crisis.

Graham Breck, Nancy Kendall-McHenry,
and Judy Pinney

Trinity's Thrift Shop

By Sue Mack



Christmas is in every corner of the Trinity Thrift Shop now. We have trees, garlands, wreaths, lights, stockings, ornaments, holiday clothing, jewels, gifts and much more. Now is the time to bring us your unwanted Christmas goodies, so that they can find a place in a new home. We are very short on jewelry for all occasions. Consider taking a few minutes to begin cleaning out your jewelry boxes and drawers. In fact, start spring cleaning now and as you look for those Christmas gifts you bought all during the year. Fill a couple of bags and/or boxes with items you no longer need. We are looking for coats, bedding, towels, snow equipment that you no longer use and other bits of warm clothing for our customers.

Where will be more in the annual report about how well you and we did in 2011. We served many new and long-time customers and it is thanks to the gift of your generosity.

God's blessing at this joyous time of the year.

Sunday School News

By Leslie Haglan



December: The Sunday School Program will be collecting coats and blankets to deliver to St. Matthews.

Please drop donations off during to any of the three Sunday School classrooms or contact Leslie Haglan at ivyhaglan@att.net.

December 4: The Jr. High group will be selling lunch following the 9:00 a.m. service during the Christmas Bazaar.

December 24: Christmas Eve Christmas Pageant is looking for participants. Please sign up in the Parish Hall or contact Michelle Derr at mmderr@sbcglobal.net.

Young Adult Study Group

By Jared Kwek

The Young Adult Group at Trinity is disbanding for now as two out of the three regular members are leaving the state by the end of the year. It would be possible to start it up again in the future if there is interest.

On behalf of the rest of the Young Adult Group, I'd like to thank the church for their support of this group over the last 3 years. It has been an enriching spiritual journey for us that has helped us to grow in our faith.

Trinity's 16th Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar is coming:
Sunday December 4th
8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



St Martha's Guild will have their crafts; come see what's new this year and do your Christmas shopping at unbelievable PRICES.

Our annual Bake Sale tables will be spread with enticing goodies for your table. Proceeds from the Bake Sale and St. Martha's Guild go toward the Christmas Basket Project!!

Christmas Greens will be ready for pick up if you ordered them. There will be extra greens available for sale if you didn't order any.

The Thrift Shop will be open for those additional little treasures and decorations.

Breakfast is served from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. with proceeds going to the St Catherine's Guild.

Lunch is served from 12:00 -1:30 p.m. prepared and served by the Sunday School Middle Class.

Menus

Breakfast will be served 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Quiche & Muffin --OR-- Pancakes & Sausage
 (Served with spiced Apples, Orange Juice, Milk or Coffee)

Adults:	\$4.50
Seniors:	\$3.50
Children:	\$2.00 (11 & under)



The Works... Quiche, Sausage & Pancakes
 (Served with spiced Apples, Orange Juice, Milk or Coffee)

Adults:	\$6.00
Seniors:	\$4.50
Children:	\$3.50 (11 & under)



Lunch will be served 12:00-1:30pm

Hot dogs	\$2.00
Chili dogs	\$4.00
Bowl of Chili	\$5.00
Soda	\$1.00
Chips	\$.50



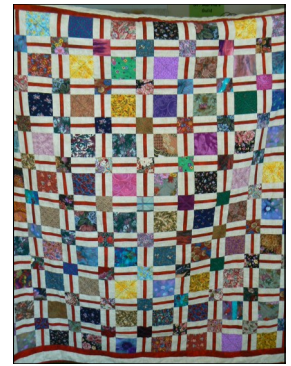
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I'm sorry Santa. I know that you've got a good health plan and you give out free gifts and all, but Jesus really does have a much better plan.

St. Martha's Guild

This year St Martha's Guild is hosting their Craft Fair on Sunday December 4th on the raised platform (stage) area. Come check out all the gift items; find out what is the hot seller this year. Start your Christmas Shopping or just buy something to spruce up your home for Christmas. Don't forget to purchase your



raffle tickets for their fabulous quilt this year... made from the many fabrics that Evelyn Burnstad left to St Martha's Guild.

Bake Sale

Our Christmas Bake Sale provides money for the Folsom Christmas Basket Project, yummy baked items for the congregation to purchase and inexpensive gifts for the office, school etc.



The Outreach Council would like to thank everyone that donates baked goods, those that purchase baked goods and especially Georgiana Carmody who coordinates this activity.

Christmas Greens

Greens are still available from St Catherine's Guild. They will be taking orders until everything has sold (wreaths and centerpieces are available) since we had to purchase whole cases to help us make a profit. The proceeds are used to purchase Christmas gifts for teens, which is then donated to the Christmas Basket Project. This year the middle school Sunday School Class will be doing the shopping.



Greens will be available for pick-up Sunday December 4th During the Bazaar.

Questions? Contact Janice Freeberg 989-5551 or Janice@freebergfamily.com

Recycling Program for Wind Youth Services



The Outreach Council continues to collect recyclables and donate the money to Wind Youth Services. Wind Youth provide services for homeless youth and foster children that have aged out of the system. Don't forget to bring your recyclables on Sundays. We collect aluminum cans, plastic drink bottles (anything with a CRV) and glass drink bottles. The last cash-in for all the recyclables was \$78.00 donated to Wind. Keep those recyclables coming!

Outreach Committee

By Janice Freeberg

The Outreach Council is seeking new members... our group has shrunk to just five. The Council meets about 4-6 times a year to set goals and prioritize which organizations we can support. They then communicate this to the congregation, promote giving and collect items. We have several yearly projects and more hands are needed. Interested? Contact Janice Freeberg, 989-5551; Cathy Vento, 989-5867; Marilyn Moncado, 725-7946 or Jennifer Gillies, 761-3275.

Monthly Food In-Gathering

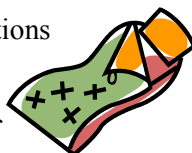
The Twin Lakes Food Bank is currently serving over 2700 clients a month.

The second Sunday of every month is our food in-gathering. There is a list in the first Sunday bulletin flyer of suggested food items. We try to provide the basic food items. This month we are collecting canned meals, meats, stew, chili & beans, hearty soups, raviolis, canned beans and large dry goods such as rice and beans (they will divide the bulk items into smaller bags). Please bring your donations to the church or parish hall... *monetary donations are always appreciated.*



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

For December, we will be collecting donations of gently used coats, sweatshirts, sleeping bags, tarps, ponchos etc. Think warm! The cold wet weather has arrived (think of the homeless).



St. Matthew's is in need of non-perishable food items for their Christmas dinners: mashed potatoes, canned yams, canned fruit, stuffing mixes, gravy mixes, canned vegetables, money for turkeys, or pies (just write St Matthew's Christmas in the memo of your check). They are so appreciative when we deliver our gifts to them.

Angel Tree Christmas Party

Trinity has been asked to provide mashed potatoes for the Children's Angel Tree Christmas Party on December 10th. A \$15 donation will pay for a pan of Cheesy Mashed Potatoes.

Anyone interested in working at the dinner can follow these instructions: This is an online volunteer system and has all the volunteer opportunities listed. Anyone can volunteer as long as they meet the age requirements for each position. The website is phmfolsom.org. Volunteers will need to click Get Involved, Volunteer Info, Logon to Volunteer Central, Angel Tree Dinner, then complete the form to volunteer. Call or email Janice Freeberg, 989-5551; Janice@freebergfamily.com.

Parish Profile Committee

Profile Committee is in the process of writing Trinity's profile. We are to presented a rough draft to the Vestry at the November meeting.

Meanwhile the survey results are available on the church's website: www.trinityfolsom.org/. Simply scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on Parish Survey.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Jill Spencer, Jennifer Gillies, Adam Harvey, Linda Holderness, Tom Kempster, Palma Lower, John Mack and Kiki Okeke

"With guidance by the Holy Spirit, we seek to present an accurate profile of our congregation that expresses the hopes and expectations for the parish's future."

Our prayer as we continue to prepare will be: *Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Grateful,
Glad &
Giving*



Grateful for Christ! We Celebrate Our Redeemer

In this season of dark nights and holy guiding light, of paradox and mystery, we await, then celebrate, Christ's birth. *"For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, the whoever believes in him will not perish, but will have everlasting life."* thanks be to God for the Christ child come among us: our Savior and Redeemer is born!

Quick, easy, and economical "mini-stries" this month to enrich our own gratitude for Christ.

1. Neighborhood Christmas Caroling
2. Christmas Cookie Baking Party, or cookie exchange
3. Advent Soup Supper
4. St. Nicholas, Good King Wenceslaus, and the Little Drummer Boy: Discussion group on practicing Christian charity.
5. Change for Change: Episcopal Community Services Advent Appeal. The Mission of Episcopal community Services of the Diocese of Northern California is to help local congregations to develop programs to serve children, the elderly, the poor and others in need. www.esdnc.org.

Calendar and Events

Services and Worship

Sunday Holy Eucharist

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Contemplative Prayer and Healing

Service, 7:15 p.m.

Holy Eucharist - Second Sunday

Christmas Services:

12/24 4:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; 10:30 p.m.

12/25 10:00 a.m.

Meetings and Groups

Christian Believer's Class

Resumes Wednesday, January 18th

C.S. Lewis Study Group,

December 10th 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Facility Council Meeting, 9:00 a.m.

3rd Saturdays, Trinity House

St. Martha's Guild Meeting,

2nd & 4th Fridays - 9:30 a.m.,
Trinity House or Parish Hall

Trinity Choir Rehearsals

Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in the church

Vestry Meeting, 7:00 p.m., 4th

Monday each month, Trinity House

Activities

Thrift Shop hours

Mondays for donations only:

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Tuesdays for donations and shopping:

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays,

donations and shopping:

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2nd Sundays, for donations and shopping

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Twin Lakes Food Bank Ingathering,

2nd Sundays of each month:

December 11; January 8

Coming Events

12/4 Annual Christmas Bazaar

12/4 Angel Gifts due

12/10 Women's Choral Concert

12/11 Christmas Basket Toy Ingathering

12/24 Christmas Eve Services

4:00 p.m. Children's service

8:00 p.m. Family service

10:30 p.m. Choral prelude and

Holy Eucharistic Mass

12/25 Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. service

12/26-30 Office Closed

Birthdays in January



1	Gary Mattalucci
3	John Lunday
4	Wyona Hagerty
6	Addison Mouriski
9	Kristin Moore
9	Zachary Mansfield
10	Susan Sharpe
10	Bob Spencer
11	Tom Groome
11	Mary Patten
12	Bob Lucas
14	Mary Ann Shuller
15	Autumn Derr
17	Kathy Burdick
20	Nancy McLoughlin
21	Charlotte Donnermyer
21	Morgan Mouriski
23	Lenore Dean
23	Norma Ross
29	Cale Crawford
29	Scott Crawford
29	Fr. Mike Kerrick
29	Petra Mouriski

Christmas Basket Project

The Christmas Basket Project helps provide families with toys, Christmas turkeys or hams and all the trimmings for a Christmas dinner.

We do the easy part: collecting. The food bank and the Folsom Police Department distribute toys to the children and do the heavy lifting!

Twin Lakes Food Bank is busy preparing for the annual Christmas Basket Program. Last year, 763 families received Christmas Baskets including new toys for the kids, in conjunction with the Folsom Police Department. Many of our senior citizens, children & families are experiencing first-hand the reality of hunger in our local communities. Making a lasting difference in their lives is something we are called to do. After all, hard times can happen to anyone and your support gives HOPE and helps the young, the old and the working poor. Will you join Trinity Outreach Council and open your heart to make a difference? We are collecting canned vegetables, packaged potato dishes, Jello/fruit cocktail,



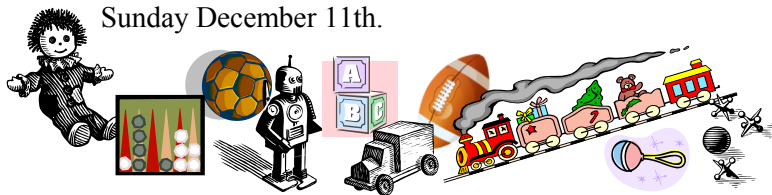
marshmallows, canned fruit, yams, dessert mixes, olives, canned soup, sugar/brown sugar, party crackers/chips, stuffing/Stove Top.

Bring an UNWRAPPED Toy to Church with you on Sunday December 11th. Fr. Mike will bless our offerings (toys or monetary donations) to the Christmas Basket Project

Your generous contribution will help share the joy and love of Christmas!

"Because of the scope of hunger, many people feel there is nothing that they can do. People often think hunger is too large for one person's action to be effective. That simply is not the case. Each of us can make an impact on behalf of our hungry brothers and sisters."

Donation Deadline for the Christmas Basket Project is Sunday December 11th.





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December 2011

Merry Christmas
to all!



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Sunday Services: 7:30 & 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Family Service & Holy Eucharist, Childcare available
7:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer & Holy Eucharist

Christmas Services:

12/24 4:00 p.m. Childrens Pageant;
8:00 p.m.; 10:30 p.m. Choral Mass
12/25 10:00 a.m.

Bishop of Northern California:

The Right Rev. Barry Beisner

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The Rev. Michael Kerrick

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The Rev. Patricia Kempster

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