



Trinity Tidings

January 12, 2018

Sundays at Trinity

- Eucharist (7:30am, 9am
11:15am, 7pm)
- Children's Chapel
(9am & 11:15am)
- Sunday School for
children and
adults (10:30am)
- Nursery 9am-12:30pm



Coming Up

- 1/20** Fr. Tom's funeral, 1pm
- 1/21** Annual Parish Meeting,
10:30 am



Sunday School for Children and Adults

Our Sunday School classes for children and for adults are from 10:30-11:10 on Sunday mornings. If you have little ones who aren't old enough for Sunday School yet, the nursery is open during this time so that you can attend classes.



Children's Choir

Children's Choir practices are Wednesday nights at 6pm, in the church. This choir is geared towards grade K-5th, but all are welcome! And if your child wants to sing, but may not be comfortable "performing," they're welcome to join for rehearsals only. For more information, e-mail Waltermusic@trinityfolsom.org.

Meet Your Vestry Candidates!

Scroll down to the bottom of this e-mail to meet one of your vestry candidates for election at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 21st!

Sunday School for Children and Adults

Sunday School classes for Children and for Adults are held from 10:30am to 11:10am; in the Sunday School for Adults, we'll continue our series on Bible stories you should know with a seriously strange story (one of several in the Old Testament!) about circumcision, rape, and revenge.

Children's Choir Rehearsal Time Change

The Children's Choir rehearsals are moving to 6pm on Wednesdays; parents, thanks for the feedback about your own schedules and how children's choir might better fit in them! While designed for children in kindergarten and elementary school, all children are welcome, and they are welcome to come to rehearsals even if singing in church on Sundays is just a bit too much for them right now.

Little Hats, Big Hearts

We collected 127 hats for the American Heart Association's Little Hats, Big Hearts program. The 79 red hats will be given out to babies born next month, and the 48 multi-colored hats will be given to Loved Twice, a charity that distributes baby clothes to newborns in need, identified by social workers and hospitals. Many thanks to Mary Ann Shuller for leading this project, and for getting the hats to the AHA and to Loved Twice!

Deacon Dave/Father Dave

In The Episcopal Church, we have two different types of deacons, vocational deacons and transitional deacons. Vocational deacons are folks whose life's calling is to serve as deacons; transitional deacons are folks who are called to priesthood, but are required by the canon law of the Church to serve as deacons for at least six months as preparation for their ordination to the priesthood. Deacon Dave is a transitional deacon, and he serves here in a non-stipendiary position during the week and about two Sundays a month, and on the other Sundays of the month, he serves at St. Jude's Cupertino, working with children with autism and their families. Deacon Dave will be ordained to the priesthood, and become Father Dave, on Thursday, February 8th, at 7pm, right here at Trinity

Folsom, so mark your calendars for what will be an important and beautiful liturgy!

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**Trinity Choirs**

The 11:15am choir practices on Wednesdays beginning at 7pm; the 9am choir practices on Thursdays beginning at 7:30pm. Both practices are held in the church. E-mail Walter [music@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:music@trinityfolsom.org) for more info.

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Tea and Talk Bible Study

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays from 11am-noon for our weekly Bible study, during which we sample some teas from my collection and study the Scripture lessons for the coming Sunday. All are welcome! There's no homework, and you'll have some good background information on the text when you hear the Sunday sermon. ~ Charlie+

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**Wednesday Night Bible Study**

If you can't make it for Tea and Talk, please join us in the Parish Hall on Wednesday nights from 7pm-8pm for Bible study. All levels of Biblical literacy are welcome and no preparation is necessary! ~ Charlie+

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Contemplative Prayer Group

Thursdays in the church from 5:30pm-6:30pm. This group begins with 5-10 minutes of discussion and education, followed by silence and contemplative prayer practice. ~ Charlie+

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**Donating Altar Flowers**

**Youth Group Laser Tag and Arcade Day**

Trinity's youth group will be heading to Roseville for an afternoon of laser tag and arcade games on Sunday, January 28th at 2pm. For more info or to RSVP, contact our youth minister Jorim at [youth@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:youth@trinityfolsom.org).

**I Was Sick, And You...(Matthew 25:36)**

One of our parishioners is in need of a little companionship. Diagnosed with cancer, part of her treatment involves suppressing her immune system, and so she has to remain in the UC Davis hospital for several weeks. Relatively new to the area, she doesn't know a lot of people here, and the hospital gets pretty monotonous and lonely. We are hoping to arrange some visitors for her. Don't know her? Doesn't matter, you just don't know her yet! We're hoping to find some parishioners who would be willing to go down to the UC Davis hospital and spend an hour with her to break up her day; bring a book and read to her, bring your knitting and spend an hour chatting and getting to know one another, bring a newspaper and discuss current events, bring a magazine and talk about movies or the upcoming royal wedding, whatever you want. The only requirements are that you be able to drive to the hospital and that you not be at all sick! If you have one hour to spare in the next two weeks, and you are willing, please contact Father Charlie at [cknuth@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:cknuth@trinityfolsom.org).

**To Sing Is To Pray Twice**

In the past, we've only needed one hymn during Communion at the 9am and 11:15am services, but because we've grown so much in the past few years, Walter has been playing the Communion hymn two or three times. Walter and I find this to be a bit silly, and there are so many great hymns that we don't get to sing as often as we would like (like two of my favorite hymns, #339 "Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness" and #664 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"), so last Sunday, we started scheduling two hymns during Communion. You're welcome to bring your hymnal up to the Communion rail with you in order to sing, and if you don't sing, that's okay, too! As in the past, sometimes instead of a second hymn, we'll have a solo by Walter or an anthem by the choir. ~ Todd+

**Volunteer Opportunity ~ HART of Folsom**

HART of Folsom's emergency winter shelter is entering its 4th week of providing meals and temporary housing for our community's homeless. For the week of January 28th-February 4th, Powerhouse Ministries is opening up their offices at 311 Market Street to those who need shelter, and they've asked for our help! Their biggest need is for Overnight Chaperones who can sleep a night (8:00PM-6:30AM) at Powerhouse, stay awake for a shift, and watch over guests. They have had very quiet nights so far. If you are interested, please email me at [cknuth@trinityfolsom.org](mailto:cknuth@trinityfolsom.org). If you want to hear stories or details about HART please come to the next membership meeting on

Each Sunday, the flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God, and in memory of the dead, or in thanks giving for living loved ones, for answered prayers, or for life events like births, graduations, weddings, and anniversaries. The suggested donation is \$50. If you're wondering what happens to the flowers, they don't go to waste! After the Sunday evening service, they are divided into smaller bouquets and taken to parishioners, and to non-parishioners in local nursing homes. You can donate altar flowers on the website: <http://www.trinityfolsom.org/online-flower-dedication/>

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January 13th at Oak Hills Church at 6:30pm. Also, check out this article from the Citrus Heights Sentinel about their HART program, which is now entering its second year! ~ Charlie+

Parking Survey

Hopefully y'all all saw the e-mail earlier this week with a link to our parking survey. We have always had limited parking here at Trinity Folsom, but as we've grown, our parking has become more difficult, especially for parishioners with mobility issues. We do have handicapped accessible parking, but there isn't enough of it; and folks with minor mobility issues (think elderly people who shuffle when they walk) have a hard time of it because sidewalks are not standard in the Historic District, and though we have wide, level sidewalks, they end at our property line. We also believe that a significant number of new parishioners with mobility issues will joining us in the near future, exacerbating our parking challenges. Your vestry and I are working on developing an effective, creative, and sustainable response, and we need some more information from you to help us find a good fit. Over 90 of you took the survey within 24 hours of it going out (wow!); if you haven't taken it yet, it takes about 5 minutes, and you can find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/trinityfolsomparking>

7:30am Acolytes

Two of the acolytes at our 7:30am moved out of state last month, and we could use a few replacements. If you attend 7:30am and are interested in learning to acolyte, or if you're an acolyte who wouldn't mind attending the 7:30am service occasionally (it's very early, but it's short and sweet!), contact Karen Keilson at karenkeilson@yahoo.com.

A New Bishop for Northern California

Bishop Barry Beisner has announced his retirement, and as part of our search for a new bishop, there are several "listening sessions" scheduled to gather information from parishioners across the diocese. The closest listening session to us is at St. John's Roseville on March 10th, from 9am to noon. The same questions for discussion will be presented at the parish level at some point in February or early March, so if you can't make it to the listening session, you will still have an opportunity to discuss and offer input. You can learn more about the Bishop Search, and the members of the Bishop Search Committee (which includes Father Todd) here: <http://www.norcalepiscopal.org/bishop-search-process>

Funeral for Fr. Tom Johnson

Father Tom Johnson's funeral will be Saturday, January 20th, at 1pm, in the church, with a reception following in the Parish Hall. We could use some help, and if you would like to volunteer to bring an appetizer for the reception, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall, or contact Janice Freeberg at janice@freebergfamily.com.

Annual Parish Meeting

Trinity Folsom's annual parish meeting will be on Sunday, January 21st, at 10:30am. We'll hear about what happened in 2017, and what we hope to achieve in 2018. You'll also see the final 2018 budget, elect three new vestry members, and elect delegates to Diocesan Convention. If you're interested in serving as a delegate to Diocesan Convention, e-mail Father Todd at tbruce@trinityfolsom.org. There should also be time for Q&A about the budget and whatever else. We'll start promptly at 10:30am, and be finished by 11:10am.

Important Financial Reminder!

If you have your bank automatically send a check to Trinity Folsom, and you have changed your pledge for 2018, don't forget to change the amount. We would love to be able to do it for you, but we aren't set up to tell your bank how much to send to us. Thanks so much!

Convention Delegates

At the Annual Meeting, we'll be electing delegates to Diocesan Convention, and I believe that these will be the delegates who will also vote in the bishop's election at a special meeting a few months later. Because our parish has grown, we now have 7 delegate spots to fill. If you're interested in serving, please contact Father Todd (tbruce@trinityfolsom.org) before the Annual Meeting!

Meet Your Vestry ~ Janice Freeberg

Janice Freeberg first came to Trinity Folsom in 1960, only a few years after the parish was restarted following several decades of not having a permanent priest or congregation. Janice's mother, Phyllis Wright, was a very devout High Church Episcopalian; due to work, the Wright family moved twenty-one times before Janice was nineteen, but no matter where they went, Phyllis always found an Episcopal church and made sure that she and the kids went to it. The Wrights left the area and Trinity Folsom in 1966, but liked it so much that almost the entire family moved back here in 1983. Janice brought back with her husband Jim, whom she married in 1974 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Valencia, and sons Thomas and Patrick. Daughter Sara was born in 1992. Jim, who has degrees in horticulture, hotel management, and business, worked in several fields before becoming a real estate appraiser, retiring in 2010. Janice, who attended Cal State-Northridge before marrying Jim, worked as an instructional aide for special education students in the Folsom-Cordova Unified School District, mostly with children with autism. When she wasn't working, Janice was volunteering; she volunteered in local classrooms and with the PTA, retiring from the Folsom-Cordova PTA Council in 2012, and she still volunteers in local programs for disabled adults attended by her sister Joanne, who also attends our Children's Chapel on Sunday mornings. In her free time, Janice, who lives in Orangevale, likes to cook, spend time with her family and her family of friends, and takes care of five feral cats, four pet cats, two cats that belong to friends, two dogs, four horses, and two pet rats.



Janice Freeberg
and Sara Freeberg

Janice and her family are very involved here at Trinity Folsom. In the past, Janice has taught Sunday School classes and led the Sunday School program, worked with the youth group, and served on vestry, including as senior warden. Currently, Janice serves on the Finance and Outreach committees, and in the St. Catherine's Guild, the group that coordinates and serves at receptions, parish events and meals, and runs the bake sales and Christmas greens sales that raise money for outreach projects. Janice also schedules coffee hour hosts and ushers. Jim is an usher at the 9am, son Patrick served on the search committee that brought Father Todd to Folsom, son Thomas is the office's go-to IT guy, and daughter Sara is often the person at the table in the Parish Hall signing you up for things or taking tickets at events.

The heart of the parish in Janice's perspective is the love of God and loving our neighbors. As an active parishioner and a member-elect of the vestry, Janice wants us to strengthen that core identity as a parish that serves the people of God and shares God's love with them, acting on our own faith to meet the needs of our neighbors. She recognizes a need to continue to grow and flourish, and to make our presence and our work in this community more widely known. This parish has a huge impact on Folsom and the surrounding area, but many people in this area don't know that we are here, who we are, and what we are doing. She also brings her years of work with children and in schools to her leadership in the parish, and is glad that the continuing growth and development of our programs for children and youth is a priority for our staff and vestry.

Janice was five when she moved here, and they stayed here for six years, so Trinity Folsom is the first church experience she really remembers, and has become for her the definitive image of a church. Having been a parishioner here for forty years, Janice has been with the parish through a lot of good times, and a lot of tough ones, too. She has seen priests come and go, programs start and finish, and remembers that it wasn't all that long ago that this parish struggled to pay its utility bills. She loves that this parish persevered, developing a spirit to rise up and meet the challenges it faced and faces, and that even as it has changed and adapted to the changes in its context, there is still a continuity with the past, and she still recognizes in it the same heart and tradition that she first encountered when she was a little girl.