



Trinity Tidings

January 19, 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

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## Coming Up

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

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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.

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## 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](mailto: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 this Sunday!

## Funeral for Fr. Tom Johnson

Father Tom Johnson's funeral will be this Saturday, January 20th, at 1pm, in the church. Father Tom's ashes will be buried in the churchyard immediately after the service, and his family invites you to join them for a reception following in the Parish Hall.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Sunday School for Children and Adults

This Sunday, the Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall at 10:30am. We have activities planned for the kids while adults are in the meeting: 4th-12th graders, meet in the Annex, and K-3rd graders, meet in the Children's Chapel room.

## 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 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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### 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).

### 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). ~ Charlie+

### 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](mailto:karenkeilson@yahoo.com).

### Meet Your Vestry ~ Connie Buckley



Even though she had just moved here, when Connie Buckley joined Trinity Folsom in 2011, she was really returning to her roots. Connie was raised in the Presbyterian church, and had attended Roman Catholic churches for forty years, but her father's family were Episcopalians. No matter which church she was attending, she has always felt the presence of God in her life and has developed a strong faith. When she was a young girl in a Presbyterian Sunday School, she had so many questions that a teacher finally said to her, sweetly, "you have to realize that some of your questions can't be answered right now, but God will help you understand it one day," and with that in mind, she has been asking questions, seeking answers, and accepting mysteries her entire life, always sure of God's goodness and love.

Connie graduated from UC-Santa Barbara, studying biology and sociology, and while a student there, met Tim Buckley, whom she married in 1968. After two years in Germany with Tim when he was drafted into the army, Connie taught elementary school in Los Gatos while Tim studied law at Santa Clara University. Daughter Alison was born during their time in the Bay Area, and son Steven followed after they moved to Hanford, where Tim joined a legal practice. In

## **Donating Altar Flowers**

Each Sunday, the flowers behind the altar are given to the glory of God, and in memory of the dead, or in thanksgiving 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/on-line-flower-dedication/>

Hanford, Connie, who had been an amateur equestrian for many years, became a partner in an equestrian training business. Tim was a Roman Catholic, so the Buckleys attended a Roman Catholic church in Hanford. Tim worked as a lawyer and then a judge, retiring as an Associate Justice for the Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate District. Connie became a judge while they were in Hanford, too - a licensed United States Equestrian Federation judge. She also volunteered on the local school board and was a member of the Valley Children's Hospital Guild. Alison, her wife Nina, and their daughter live in Midtown Sacramento, and Steven, his wife Samantha, and their three children live in Rocklin, so Connie and Tim decided to move to the Sacramento area in 2011, landing in Folsom. They decided that they wanted to attend a more inclusive church, and decided to try a few local churches before settling on one. Having known Episcopalians in Hanford and having been impressed by the amount of charitable and community service work that church did, they decided to try the closest Episcopal church first, and ended up liking it so much on their first visit that they decided to come back for a few Sundays before trying another church. Though she has faithfully attended church for decades, Connie says that this is the first time she has become more involved and invested in her church community, that she's excited to come to church on Sunday mornings and for the first time sees it as "a privilege instead of an obligation." Connie and Tim attend the 9am service, and Connie is part of the Wednesday morning Bible Study and serves on the Altar Guild and the Outreach Committee, and as a volunteer each year for Christmas Around Towne. Outside of her church activities, Connie stays busy running equestrian clinics and serving as an equestrian judge, serves on the board of the Northern California Hunter Jumper Association, and spends a lot of her time with her four grandchildren. One of the reasons that Connie and Tim decided to join Trinity Folsom is because it is one of the only churches in the Folsom area that is fully welcoming and inclusive of all people. She believes that there are more people out there looking for a church like ours, and so it is important that we continue to develop a strong, healthy, and welcoming church community, and that we develop our programs, ministries, and facilities to be able to accommodate the people who will want to join us, while maintaining the warmth and intimacy that makes this community feel like a family. Connie believes that maintaining that warmth and intimacy has less to do with how big we are, and is instead dependent on our intentionality in creating that community, and putting programs and structures in place to foster it. She's excited by the number of young families that have joined us in recent years, the emergence of new outreach ministries to serve our neighbors, and the development of new Christian education programs for adults, like the Sunday School for Adults on Sunday mornings and the mid-week Bible study groups. She's grateful that we were here so that she and Tim could find a church community that would support and nurture their faith, and hopes that we will continue to be ready to welcome more people for generations to come.