



Trinity Tidings

September 18, 2020

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Prayer List - to submit a prayer request click [here](#).

Altar Flowers - if you would like to dedicate Altar Flowers click [here](#).

Stay at Home, Stay Connected

We worship on Sunday mornings at 9am [here](#).

You can find the Sunday bulletin [here](#).

There's a coloring sheet for children (or adults!) based on the Sunday lessons that you can print out at home [here](#). If you can't print at home, e-mail [Karen Van Winkle](#) and she will print a few weeks' worth and mail them to you.

We say Compline on Wednesdays at 8pm [here](#).

You can find the Compline bulletin [here](#).

Zoom meetings require a password to enter, but you should be able to bypass that by clicking on these links. The password for all Zoom meetings, except the Youth Sunday School, is trinity.

- **Young Adults** are meeting on Mondays at 7pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Altar Guild** is meeting on Tuesdays at 11am on Zoom and would love for you to join them [here](#)
- **Qi Gong**, practice of simple movements, meditations, and breathing practices, on Zoom on Tuesday at 5:30pm [here](#). We're taking next Tuesday, September 22nd, off, but will be back on September 29th.
- **Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 11am is meeting on Zoom and would love for you to join us [here](#). For next Wednesday, the lesson Matthew 21:23-32.

- **Trinity Wednesdays** is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#)
- **Thrift Shop Volunteers** meet on Zoom at 10am on Thursdays and all are invited [here](#)
- **9am & 11:15am Choirs** meet on Zoom on Thursdays at 7pm [here](#)
- **Trinity Trekkers** meets on Zoom on the first Friday of the month at 9am [here](#).
- **St. Martha's Guild** meets on Zoom on Fridays at 11am [here](#)
- And Fr. Todd is hosting a **parish-wide Social Hour** on Zoom every Friday at 5pm [here](#)
- **The children's Sunday story time video** is [here](#) and the conversation starters/questions are [here](#).
- **Youth Sunday School** for middle and high school students meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **Sunday School for Adults** meets on Zoom on Sundays at 10:15am [here](#).
- **The recording** of last Sunday's Sunday School for Adults is [here](#).

The parish office is closed. Barbara, Fr. Todd, and Mtr. Erika will be in on Sundays and occasional weekdays to take care of mail, finances, and other essential work to keep the parish running. If you need to be in touch with any of us, e-mail us or call us (Fr. Todd's mobile: 916.367.9281) or call the church office (916.985.2495), which has been rerouted to go to Barbara's mobile phone. If you e-mail us (Fr. Todd [tbruce@trinityfolsom.org]; Mtr. Erika [eessiem@trinityfolsom.org]; Barbara [trinity@trinityfolsom.org]), we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Word of the Week

Our word of the week is [introit](#). We sometimes use the term introit to refer to a choral anthem sung before our service begins, but as you will see when you read the glossary entry, that's not technically an introit. In our liturgy, the opening/processional hymn has taken the place of the introit, and what we call an introit is really an extended prelude before worship begins. .

Construction Pic of the Week



The garage behind 802 Mormon Street (the new Children's Building) has served as much-needed storage, particularly for the Thrift Shop. The shed, as we call it, was a rudimentary structure when we acquired it (802 Mormon Street was donated to the church in 1995), and Fr. Todd often grumbles about it as a money pit – it has needed occasional “propping up” in addition to regular maintenance. We explored repurposing the shed as nursery or classroom space, but

the expense of upgrading it turned out to be extraordinarily high due to utility/infrastructure improvements that would be required. Because it is not a historic structure, because of the expense of upgrading it (several hundred thousand dollars!), and because the land on which it sits is more valuable to us than the structure itself, it was torn down this week. It came down so early in the project because we need to get underneath it to work on pipes running to the Children's Building. The remains of the structure contain lead paint and asbestos, and so are being disposed of in accordance with government guidelines. The Thrift Shop will have new and improved storage in the garage of the Children's Building, and the land on which it was located will be split between the new courtyard/playground area and parking spaces – extremely valuable to us because those parking spaces helped us to meet the minimum required by code, which was one of the obstacles we faced in getting approval for the entire project.

Folsom Day of Service Food Drive

We'll be hosting a "Stop, Pop, & Go" food drive, like the one we did this spring, as part of the Folsom Day of Service. The date is this Saturday, September 19th, from 9am-4pm. You'll pull up into the parking spaces on Wool Street, and volunteers will unload your donations for the Twin Lakes Food Bank. Twin Lakes is especially looking for the following items: cans of tuna, soup, chili, ravioli, fruits, and vegetables; tomato products and pasta sauce; pasta; cereal and oatmeal; peanut butter; ramen noodles; baby wipes; and diapers – sizes 4 and 5 are most needed.

Communion Sunday ~ September 20th

Our bishop has issued new guidelines which will allow us to take Communion occasionally – we'll probably have it every other Sunday. You'll have to come to the church on Sunday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm to pick up Communion hosts (the wafers) which have been consecrated at that morning's service, and then we will broadcast a very brief service that evening on our Facebook page, during which you will consume the Communion hosts. There is a bulletin for that service; you can find it [here](#)

When you come to pick up your hosts on Sunday the 20th, you'll pull into a parking spot on Wool St, and stay in your car – Fr. Todd and Mtr. Erika will bring an envelope to you. Though the interaction will be brief, we would appreciate it if you will wear a mask, as the clergy will be doing.

To help us know how many to prepare, we're asking you to use this [sign-up](#) if you intend to take Communion on the 20th. If you need some help with it, just call the church office. If you totally forget, come pick up hosts anyway, we will make some extra.

Blessing of the Animals ~ October 4th

Our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis usually takes place on the Sunday before his feast day on the Church calendar, October 4th. It happens to fall on a Sunday this year. We've been trying to figure out a way to do the Blessing of the Animals within the constraints of the pandemic and uncertain weather (heat, fires/smoke/ash, rain). We've decided that this year, we'll bless your animals that afternoon in your car when you come to pick up Communion. On the [sign-up sheet](#) for October 4th, there's a space for how many and what kind of animal you will be bringing. If for some reason you don't want Communion, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet.

Sunday School

Sunday School for Adults meets after church at 10:15am on Zoom [here](#). This week we'll be studying a story that will make all of you who haven't gotten haircuts since March feel good about your life choices.

For our younger children, who would have attended Children's Chapel and the kindergarten and elementary Sunday School classes, Director of Children's Ministries Karen Van Winkle is hosting a story time. She'll be telling a story while she builds it out of Legos, and she'll invite the children watching to build with her – or draw, or whatever creative activity they like. This is a prerecorded video; it will be posted on our Facebook page after Sunday service and saved in the videos section of our Facebook page, or you can watch it before Sunday morning by clicking [here](#). Karen has also prepared some questions and conversation starters for you to use during or after watching the video; you can find those [here](#).

For youth in middle and high school, we're hosting a live Zoom with Karen and Mtr. Erika on Sunday morning at 10:15am [here](#). A special password is required to access this Zoom; e-mail [Karen](#) to get it.

Christmas Around Town

It is never too early to begin preparing for Christmas, especially for our annual participation in Christmas Around Town. Christmas Around Town provides the clients of Twin Lakes Food Bank and other neighbors in need identified by local non-profits to "shop" for Christmas gifts for their families. This year, as we have in the past, we are signed up to supply and staff the Women's Shop – so we get to help folks shop for their moms, wives, partners, and sisters. Everything is a little more complicated this year due to the pandemic, and instead of happening on one busy day, the event will be spread out in order to maintain physical distancing.

All of our prep work volunteer spots are filled, but **we still have several open volunteer shifts at the store on the days of the event.** It would be very helpful to us if you can sign up to volunteer very early, so that we will have time to fill the gaps. The sign-up is [here](#). Thanks so much! We're looking forward to another fun (and safe and healthy) Christmas Around Town!

Twin Lakes Food Bank Gala ~ Save the Date!

The annual Twin Lakes Food Bank Gala is going virtual this year. The Gala will be broadcast live on Friday, November 6th – “pre-game” begins at 6:30pm and the event runs from 7pm-8pm. There will be silent and live auctions (if, by the way, you have something you'd be interested in donating to the auctions – vacation home stays, gift baskets, services – let Fr. Todd know and he will connect you to the folks at TLFB); the silent auction begins online on October 30th and runs through the end of the event. For more information about the TLFB Gala, visit their [website](#) or talk to Fr. Todd, Mtr. Erika, Janice Freeberg, Tovi Abello, or Libby Vincent!

Notes from the Vestry

The vestry met again this Tuesday, September 16, and are excited to see the work on the church finally beginning! We heard updates from the Building Committee about some ways they've been able to save us money on the church bid, and some unfortunate surprises like needing a new fire alarm system for the church. We reviewed the draft budget that the Finance Committee has proposed for 2021 that Fr. Todd will be presenting to the parish next week. Knowing this is an uncertain time, we've tried to be frugal stewards of your pledges and cut costs where possible, but we still want to be ready to start resuming activities we can once construction is done in the spring. ~ Shannon Dillon, Senior Warden

Trinity Wednesdays

Trinity Wednesdays is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom [here](#). We're reading Robin DiAngelo's White Fragility; for Wednesday the 23rd, read chapter twelve. To help guide our discussion, reflect on these [questions](#). We'll be starting a new book on October 7th, and you might want to go ahead and order it and get a head start. Our next book will be Sara Miles' book [jesus freak](#).

How Can Everything Be Alright When Everything Seems All Wrong?

Even with faith in God, it can be difficult to see God in the midst of circumstances that seem to tell us God is absent. How, in the midst of our challenges, do we hold fast to faith and move forward in our lives with confidence? Come and join Deacon Libby, Mtr. Erika, and Mtr. Anne for a day of encouragement as we seek to “be alright” even when everything seems to be all wrong! We’ll be meeting on Zoom on Saturday, October 24th, from 9:30am-1pm. There’s no cost for this retreat and it is open to everyone; you can register [here](#).

Music Notes ~ Hammond Organs: A Lasting Legacy

This week I will play the Hammond organ at my house for the offertory. Beginning in 1935, Laurens Hammond created the Hammond organ as an affordable option for churches and musicians needing a practice instrument. The organ features drawbars, which control the sounds of the organ. Many of you will immediately recognize its distinct sound, often used in jazz and rock recordings. Although the Hammond company went out of business in 1985, these organs have regained popular appeal with younger musicians and audiences (try doing an eBay search to find a B-3 model, most musicians could not afford one!). Although the company has been revived under Suzuki, the older instruments hold a special place in musical circles. On Sunday, I will be playing a Hammond model H-100. This organ belonged to the father, an organist, of Trinity Folsom parishioner Lynette Porter Yoes. I will play a simple arrangement of “Nearer, my God to thee,” using the lovely Hammond tremulant, one of its signature sounds. ~ Brett Judson, Director of Music

Meet Mtr. Erika - More Dates Added!

To give you a chance to spend some time with Mtr. Erika, we’re setting up small group Zooms with her on Thursdays at 3pm. The groups will be limited to four to ten people so that it will be easier to have a conversation. You’ll need to sign up in advance [here](#) to reserve your spot, and once you’re signed up, Mtr. Erika will send you the link to the Zoom. We’ve added some more dates, and if they fill up, don’t worry, we will schedule some more. Having trouble navigating the sign up? E-mail [Barbara](#) or call her in the church office (916.985.2495) and she will help you out!

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