Trinity Cathedral

2016

Annual Report

Trinity Cathedral is a growing community making disciples who love and serve Christ and His world.

Annual Meeting
February 26, 2017

Available at: www.trinitycathedral.org
Printed copies available upon request.
# TABLE of CONTENTS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>TITLE</th>
<th>PAGE</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Contents</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Agenda</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Prior Annual Meeting Minutes</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dean of the Cathedral</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stewardship Report</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Canon Pastor</td>
<td>7-8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Young Adult/Fresh Expressions Ministry</td>
<td>9-10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Children, Youth &amp; Family Ministries</td>
<td>11-14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adult Spiritual Formation</td>
<td>15-17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Education for Ministry</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinity Cathedral Library</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Newcomers and Volunteers</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Communications</td>
<td>20-21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cathedral Bookshop</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Outreach</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Community Dinner</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pilgrimage Sacramento</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Leataata Floyd Elementary School</td>
<td>25-26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinity Respecting Earth &amp; Environment</td>
<td>27</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Music</td>
<td>28-29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Worship</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flower Committee</td>
<td>30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vergers</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lectors</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Intercessors</td>
<td>31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Eucharistic Ministers</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stole Stitchers</td>
<td>32</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lay Worship Leaders</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pilgrimage Evening Service</td>
<td>33</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vestry Nominating Committee</td>
<td>34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>DEAN’S AWARDS</td>
<td>35</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
5:30 Dinner

6:40 Dean’s Remarks

7:00 Call to Order and Appointment of Clerk

7:00 Nominating Committee Report and Balloting

7:20 Stewardship Report

7:25 Financial Report

7:40 Senior Warden’s Address

7:45 Junior Warden’s Address

7:55 Dean’s Awards

8:05 Introductions and Election Report

Retiring Vestry Members

Newly elected to 2017 Vestry

Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Introduction of Senior Warden

8:15 The Blessing and Adjournment
Trinity Episcopal Cathedral Annual Meeting
February 21, 2016


Dean Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35

The Vestry Clerk is Laura Jestes

Nominating Committee Report and Balloting: Dean Baker presented the Vestry Nominations and Balloting: The Cathedral has 7 openings and 5 nominees at present. Dean Baker recommended filling the 2 empty positions after the open election at an upcoming Vestry meeting so as to avoid a last minute nominee who has not had sufficient discernment time.

Motion to close Nominations: Motion on the floor, seconded, and motion approved.

Motion to elect the five nominees to the Vestry by acclamation - Motion on the floor, seconded, and motion approved. The newly elected Vestry Members are: Nathan Daily, Eileen Harvey-Qualset, Bill Shane, Bud Swank, Rod Thomas - Congratulations!

Nominees for Delegates for Diocesan Convention - Tori Beck, Kirk Bone, George Henry, Charis Hill, Rod Thomas
Nominations from the floor: Pamela Anderson, David Allen, Gina Schumacher, Jerry Daszko, Jeanne Jurgens, Peter Perera, Xampi Pinkerton, Ron Reaf, Sue Clark, Mary Hustler, Robert Oakes, Susan Hotchkiss

Motion to close nominations - Motion on the floor, seconded, and motion carried.

Dean's Address - Dean Baker is completing his 10th year as Dean of the Cathedral and attending his 11th Annual Meeting. Dean Baker expressed gratitude and thanksgiving. This has been a year of stability - no staff changes and our programs are strengthened in all ministries.

Kathy Hopner spoke about Family and Youth Ministries. The Dean thanked Kevin Donohue for serving as Senior Warden.

Stewardship Report - Chris Tzimenatos presented the stewardship committee and thanked them for their service and thanked the parish for their continued support of the Cathedral.

Rod Thomas - Review of 2016 Stewardship Appeal

Financial Report - Pat Ronne, Treasurer (See handout)

Junior Warden's Address - Kevin Sanders

Presented Ed Chandler and the Trinity Cathedral Master Plan for the campus

Dean's Awards - Dean Baker presents a Dean’s Award to David Lindgren and Laura Jestes.

Introductions and Election Report - Convention Delegates: Tori Beck, Kirk Bone, George Henry, Charis Hill, Rod Thomas, Sue Clark, Peter Perera, Susan Hotchkiss, Gina Schumacher and David Allen

Alternates: Pamela Anderson, Jerry Daszko, Jeanne Jurgens, Mary Hustler, Xanthi Pinkerton, Robert Oakes, and Ron Reafs.

Retiring Vestry Members: Kevin Donohue, Chris Tzimenatos, Randy Cheek, Sue Clark, Kevin Sanders. Thank you for your service!

Newly Elected 2016 Vestry: Nathan Daily, Eileen Harvey-Qualset, William Shane, Bud Swank, Rod Thomas - Congratulations!

Introduction of Senior Warden - Jason Lyons

8:30 - The Blessing and Adjournment

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:
Laura Jestes, Vestry Clerk
The Dean of the Cathedral

The Very Rev. Dr. Brian Baker

For years Trinity Cathedral has been a community shaped by the Baptismal Covenant. We gather weekly to connect with the teachings of Jesus and be fed by the sacraments. We strive to resist evil in our hearts, love our neighbors, respect the dignity of everyone and heal the brokenness around us. We proclaim hope in the resurrection: that God creates life out of situations that look like death. When tragedy strikes, we show up and care for each other, creating networks of support that help us be resilient and less susceptible to the voices of fear.

All of this work as Christians, this slow spirituality, has helped us prepare for the conflict that is threatening our nation. We have the ability to be a community of love that advocates for justice without losing our souls in the process. We are also a diverse community that makes room for people with a wide range of social and political viewpoints. This is a critical time in our nation and I believe Trinity Cathedral is particularly poised to be a light to our wider community.

The first part of 2016 was a normal year, where we did the business of slow spirituality – showing up to pray and love one another in ways that slowly shape our souls. Then came the election and there has been a shift. While we are still doing all the ministries we were doing before, there are people coming to us wanting to hear a message of hope and love. Members are becoming more active in advocacy and are looking for ways to stay spiritually grounded.

By the end of 2016, we saw an increase in weekend attendance. We have had significant growth in younger adults and young families. 2016 was also a year in which we focused on our organizational life. The vestry created a long-term financial plan designed to make us less reliant on bequests and windfall gifts. We began a strategic planning process that will result considerable effort to strengthen our communications, our financial sustainability and our ability to invite people into meaningful engagement with ministries.

At the conclusion of 2016, we had one significant staff change. Dana Chamness, our facilities manager, resigned. Dana is responsible for the remarkable custodial program we have at Trinity Cathedral. The custodians are beloved members of the staff and extend remarkable hospitality to all who come on to our property. Dana helped shepherd this program and he will be sorely missed. Because of budget constraints, his position will not be filled.

In 2017 we will follow through with these organizational initiatives. Groups will be formed to tackle the strategic initiatives. A building committee is forming to look at how we may want to expand our physical plant. We also have new programmatic initiatives. We are introducing a Rule of Life that can help us stay spiritually grounded in difficult times. We are launching “Conversations on Race” to help us engage an important social issue. We are exploring a monthly dinner program with a nearby Muslim community. We may be expanding our “Yoga in the Cathedral” program to reach more people.

This is an exciting time for the Church. People are hungry for the kind of engaged and loving community we have to offer. I look forward to our partnership in ministry for 2017.
Pledges and Amounts since 2012

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Pledge Count</th>
<th>% Change from Prior Year</th>
<th>Amount Pledged</th>
<th>% Change from Prior Year</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>2012 at Year End</td>
<td>370</td>
<td>--</td>
<td>$ 924,562</td>
<td>--</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013 at Year End</td>
<td>380</td>
<td>2.7%</td>
<td>$ 902,652</td>
<td>-2.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014 at Year End</td>
<td>362</td>
<td>-4.7%</td>
<td>$ 923,227</td>
<td>2.3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015 at Year End</td>
<td>359</td>
<td>-0.8%</td>
<td>$ 946,941</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016 at Annual Meeting</td>
<td>312</td>
<td>-13.1%</td>
<td>$ 923,085</td>
<td>-2.5%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2016 at Year End</td>
<td>347</td>
<td>-3.3%</td>
<td>$ 978,989</td>
<td>3.4%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017 at Annual Meeting*</td>
<td>311</td>
<td>-0.3%</td>
<td>$ 881,078</td>
<td>-4.6%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2017 Year to Date#</td>
<td>311</td>
<td>-10.4%</td>
<td>$ 881,078</td>
<td>-10.0%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

26 new pledges and 285 renewed pledges.

* Compares current progress to last year at the Annual Meeting.
# Compares current progress to 2016 at Year End total.
I am currently serving Trinity Cathedral as her Canon Pastor. I have two primary areas of responsibility at the Cathedral: Worship and Pastoral Care. Worship involves preparation of the liturgies at the Cathedral—both Sundays and special events (like ordinations). Ministries under this category include setting the rota for preaching and celebrating the Eucharist, acolytes, vergers, flowers, altar guild, bread bakers, lay worship leaders, lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, Eucharistic visitors, prayers of the people, transept healing ministry and wedding coordinators. While I have oversight over these areas, the details are handled by a wonderful ministry team which includes Canon David Link, Sue Clark, Kathy Twibell, Elizabeth Kenealey, Susan Hotchkiss, Kevin Donohue, Jennifer Bianchi, Jackie McGrath, Bob Giess and Brian Kempton, Loren Weatherly and Mary Smith. And each of them has a wonderful cadre of volunteers who help carry out their various ministry.

Trinity is blessed to have a wonderful clergy staff: Dean Baker, Megan Anderson, Pamela Anderson, Kathy Hopner, and Steve Skiffington. We are also graced to have clergy who volunteer their ministries to the Cathedral in assisting both on Sunday morning and weekday liturgies. They include Anne Arthur, Bob Blumenstock, Bob Phillippi, Peter Rodgers, Diana Turner, Jesse Vaughan and Tina Campbell. We are also blessed with two seminarians: Donna Arellano and Alex Leach. Their faithful ministries allow the Cathedral to offer four services on Sunday morning and weekday services of holy communion and healing every weekday of the year.

The Pastoral Care piece of my work at the Cathedral involves oversight over the Stephen Ministry Program and the Lay Hospital Chaplains. Susan Wilson and Cherie Chamness along with other leaders train and facilitate new Stephen Ministers as well as the peer support groups for those in ongoing lay pastoral care ministries. Jennifer Bianchi leads the Transept Prayer program and trains volunteers to pray for those in our community in need of healing.

In 2016 I was able to use my background in accounting to assist the Finance Committee in providing oversight on the expense side of the budget. I will continue in that role for 2017 as well. This past summer I also stood in for Dean Baker while he went on a partial sabbatical. I will be privileged to assist Brian during the summer of 2017 as he completes this time of scheduled rest.

The highpoint of my work at the Cathedral is not in the oversight, but in seeing so many people recognize their gifts for such a variety of ministries and their willingness to share them with the larger Church. Each Sunday, as an example, we are witnesses to the poets and liturgists among us who take time to write the “Prayers of the People”. Teams of people come in each weekend to adorn the church with flowers and soon Lenten “greens” for the glory of God. Choirs and musicians make glad the hearts of God’s people. There are others who are home baking bread, scoring it carefully in quarters, that Christ’s body might be broken and known to us in ways that we can catch. People who are homebound are not forgotten, people in rough situations have companions, young people reverently tend the altar, people are greeted and made to feel welcome, and the scriptures are thoughtfully and mindfully proclaimed. 

(Continued on page 8)
The personal highpoint of this past year was getting married to my long-term partner, Pat Park. We have been together twenty-one years and were finally able to participate in the sacrament of marriage, with The Rev. Anne Arthur as celebrant. We are so full of joy and gratitude for the many, many souls who came together and worked tireless hours to make this a grand event.

Trinity Cathedral is a remarkable place. I came as a seminarian in 1994 and have remained here throughout my ministry. I am deeply grateful to you all for the joy that this place brings on a daily basis. May we continue to grow in faith and reach out to those who long to find a place of welcome and grace.

Blessings,

Lynell+

The Rev. Canon Lynell Walker+
Each year brings new programs and excitement at Trinity Cathedral. 2016 was a year marked with new community members, deep leadership development, and excitement for the future. At the start of my fourth year here, I welcomed Alex Leach to the Cathedral. Alex is an incredibly gifted seminarian from CDSP. I will continue to serve as his Field Education Supervisor until the close of the school year in May.

I continue to have the incredible opportunity to partner with the Rev. Kathy Hopner on Cathedral Youth Ministry. This year Kathy and I said goodbye to our Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Bryan, and welcomed our new volunteer Jon. Kathy and I, with the support of Alex and Jon, partner to host youth group meetings and lock-ins, teach Sunday School and Confirmation classes, and accompany youth and leaders on a weekend trips and other days of service.

Throughout 2016 I have continued to work heavily with our Wedding Coordinators to coordinate all Trinity wedding requests. I provide marriage counseling and officiate services for many couples that choose Trinity as their wedding venue. Through this ministry I have had the incredible opportunity to work with young couples and connect them with the community and ministry here.

In October I founded the Yoga in the Cathedral program. For the past 4 months, people from all different ages, backgrounds, and yoga abilities have laid down their mats in the Cathedral’s East Transept to practice yoga together. In partnership with seasoned volunteer instructors from Solfire Studio, we hosted holy space and sanctuary for a great diversity of people. Among them was a yogi in his 70s who saw our flyer at the Sacramento Food Co-Op, a millennial barista at a local coffee shop who saw our flyer at her workplace, and a Cathedral parishioner and brought along her son after hearing about it from another member. Each Sunday I welcomed between 8 and 15 people. While there were always news faces, there was also a core community that developed. At the end of the planned series participants overwhelmingly requested that we continue. With the continued support of Solfire instructors, along with instructors from Zuda Studio and others, I am happy to report that I plan on offering Yoga every Sunday! Faith, spirituality, wellness, and community are intersecting in our space in exciting ways. I am eager to see what sort of community grows from this.

Potluck Dinner Church has been holding monthly themed dinner church worship services for almost 3 years now. Potluck Dinner Church is a more casual encounter with community and communion around a shared meal and theme. Everyone contributes to the experience by bringing food or liturgical pieces. Each Dinner Church service hosts between 15 and 50 worshippers. The 2016 post Easter gathering was especially rich as we partnered with the Growing in Faith Group. Together we journeyed through a Stations of Light liturgy while hearing inspiring personal faith stories. These gatherings draw a diverse population of people from
Trinity and the wider community. I host a weekly leadership circle made up of creative individuals that plan and lead these collaborative services. Three new members, including our seminarian Alex, joined the leadership team this year.

The Trinity Young Adult fellowship and formation group has been meeting for over 3 years. This year was marked by much transition. As often occurs in young adult life, there were goodbyes and many new hellos. With this new group we decided to move gatherings to Sunday afternoons. We now meet for monthly potlucks and service activities. Additionally, we serve at some Wednesday Community Dinner nights. In partnership with this program, I routinely meet with individuals from this group for check-in’s and support.

I bought the Episcopal Church-wide Ashes-to-Go movement to Trinity 4 years ago. Each Ash Wednesday a team of lay people and clergy from Trinity and St. Paul’s offers "Ashes-to-Go," a new approach to a centuries-old Christian tradition, throughout the day at various public places in Sacramento including outside both churches, at the Rapid Transit Station, and in Caesar Chavez Park. Each year our team, outreach, and sites have grown immensely. In 2014 I launched the program with 8 ashes ministers, and in the following years we doubled that with 16. In 2016, a representative from Rio Vista joined us so that she could bring the ministry to Rio Vista in 2017. Our team joins a nationwide movement that has clergy and lay people visiting transit stops, street corners, coffee shops, and college campuses to mark the foreheads of interested passers-by with ashes and invite them to repent of past wrongdoing and seek forgiveness and renewal. I am grateful for this ministry, and I look forward to involvement this Ash Wednesday.

On Good Friday Rev. Kathy Hopner and I led the third annual Stations of the City liturgy. This service blended elements of Stations of the Cross with elements of contemporary city living. Stations of the Cross originated as a way in which Christians could take a sort of pilgrimage journey reflecting on the last moments of Jesus' life. On Good Friday we shared the story of Jesus' last hours while walking to sites in need of justice work such as River City, the hospital, and the RT station. Powerful reflections were offered at each site by lay people and clergy. Our pilgrimage of over a dozen members attracted more participants from our walk around the community.

It has been a great joy to serve in these ways and more at Trinity. I am grateful for this community and I look forward to what 2017 has in store!

Blessings,

Megan+
Children, Youth and Family Ministries
The Rev. Kathy Hopner, Director of Family Ministries

Our Family Ministry program, which serves over 130 children, youth, and their families, includes the following:

**Sunday School**, taught by our amazing Sunday School teaching teams, offers classes for all students from preschool through high school. Our curriculum during the school year includes “Heart Tugs” for preschoolers, Godly Play for kindergarten through second grade, and our Lego program as well as the Episcopal Church’s curriculum for third through fifth graders. We use a variety of resources for our junior and senior high programs, including Faith Lens, re:form, echo, and The Way of Pilgrimage. Our teachers throughout the school year work in teams – I am so grateful for the gift of their time and energy to our children!

**Children’s Chapel** is held every Sunday. After the Gospel reading, children are invited to follow the verger to the Assembly Area where we gather to sing, pray, explore a gospel story, and do a simple craft. Children’s Chapel allows children to engage more deeply in our faith stories and practices using developmentally appropriate activities. Older youth assist with this program, and we have several wonderful musicians who make our music possible!

**Our First Sunday Family Service** with art and brunch is held the first Sunday of each month in the Great Hall at 9:00 am. This interactive service is designed for children and families; we welcome children as full members and participants in this service. Elie and Ethan Wu, both high school students, are the musicians and song leaders for these services. Following the service we share a simple kid friendly brunch, and join in a variety of art activities which invite us to think about and explore the gospel story or season of the church year. This time and space also gives families time to talk and get to know one another. Come and see the wonderful art we make!

Through the care of our amazing nursery teachers, **The Nursery** offers a place to explore and play for Trinity’s youngest members! The Nursery is one of the first places new families visit at Trinity; we are blessed to have this beautiful space to offer them. Our **Moms, Pops, and Tots** program also enjoys the nursery every Wednesday morning from 10 am to 11:30.

Parenting is the most challenging and rewarding work many of us ever do! **Parenting Matters** meets on the third Sunday of each month during the school year from 10:15 – 11:15. We explore questions, concerns, and issues about parenting, faith, and families, and share the joys and challenges of raising kids.

**Special Events:** Throughout the year, we offered a variety of activities which invited children, youth and families to grow in faith and community: In August we marked the beginning of school with the Blessing of the Backpacks. We celebrated All Hallows’ Eve and All Souls Day with our Family Pumpkin night. Spectacular pumpkins lit up the church for our service, and David Link played wonderful spooky music on the organ for us! On All Saints Day we filled the church and Great Hall with our saint banners. Advent began with making Advent wreaths, and our O Antiphon banners and St. Nicholas himself highlighted our St.

(Continued on page 12)
Nicholas Sunday Family Service in December, which we followed with Advent crafts and brunch! We again held our Christmas pageant three times this year! The first one, on the second Sunday in December, gave children who would be away at Christmas the opportunity to participate in this important tradition. Then on Christmas Eve we shared our pageants with over 600 people at the 3:00 and 5:00 services. Our narrators and actors ranged from high schoolers to toddlers – many, many thanks to them and their families for the amazing work they all did!

On the Sunday before Lent, we hid our Alleluias in church, and on Shrove Tuesday we enjoyed the Pancake Supper. During Holy Week, we had a special Maundy Thursday Service for children and families, and on Easter Saturday held our wonderful Eggstravaganza with a pancake breakfast, Easter crafts, and Easter Egg hunt. On Easter Sunday our Alleluias rose again, and at the end of the 50 days of Easter, we celebrated Pentecost with piñatas.

In August we held Vacation Bible School with St. Michael’s Episcopal Church. We had an amazing week with 26 children from several Episcopal churches and the surrounding neighborhood. It was made possible with the help of youth from St. Michael’s and Trinity!

Baptisms: We also provided the baptismal preparation for 12 infant, children, and youth baptisms this year.

Many, many people – more than I could mention - make this ministry possible! I am grateful to our Sunday School teachers, aides and substitutes, Gladys Hustler, all the youth who help in Children’s Chapel, our dedicated nursery staff, Rick Kenealey, Ellie Wu, Ethan Wu, Rachel Henne-Wu. and Dale Reinhardt who are our musicians, the Men’s Group, Sue Clark, Chris Sanft, and the altar guild, Kathy Twibel and the flower committee, Randy Cheek – our venerable and amazing St. Nicholas, Tom and Lovelyn Robbins, Bob Geiss, and all those who make our special events possible and produce such incredible food, and all the teens and parents who are ready to help whenever we ask… you are amazing! Thank you!

Episcopal Youth Fellowship
Episcopal Youth Fellowship welcomes young people in grades 6th – 12th, who gather as a community to learn, serve, and have fun. We meet twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays from 12:30 – 2:30 here at Trinity, as well as gathering at other times for service projects and activities. After sharing lunch together, we then split into junior and senior high groups for our program. Rev. Megan Anderson, Alex Leach - seminarian, Jon Heimer and Bryan Oczkus – our Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network interns for 2016 and 2017, and I share leadership for this ministry.

This has been a very busy year for EYF! In addition to our regular meetings, every third Sunday of the month we work at River City Food Bank. We also held Lock – Ins, went to the movies, held our HUGS drive, and participated in Nightwatch at Grace Cathedral with members of our youth network. Watching the early morning sun come through the stained glass windows was an amazing experience! We have had several fundraisers to support our mission trip and service activities, This year we’ve offered greens for sale for the holidays, our Super Bowl pizzas, and raffle through the support of the Rotary Club. Many of our teens also serve as Children’s Chapel and Third Sunday Family service leaders; they are also acolytes, ushers, lectors and
Children, Youth and Family Ministries

(Continued from page 12)

Eucharistic ministers.

Mission trip: In summer we traveled to rural Lapwai, Idaho, just across the border from Clarkston, Washington. We spent a week serving the Nez Perce tribe; below you’ll find our reflections of that amazing experience:

Words Matter

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me. Do you remember hearing this as a child? Those words have echoed across playgrounds and backyards for generations. They came back to us again during our week in Idaho.

Six teens and two adults from Trinity Cathedral’s youth group spent the week working together on the Nez Perce Reservation in Idaho. We came to learn more about this culture, ourselves, and God. It was a busy, intense week. Our days began at 7 with breakfast prep, and ended after evening prayers at 10. We aimed for lights out at 10:45; sometimes that worked, often it didn’t. Three other church groups were here with us. Methodist, Presbyterian, and Lutheran, they were from California and Washington.

We ran an afternoon kids’ program, rehabbed houses, served at an assisted living facility and the Idaho foodbank, planted and weeded in the tribal garden, and worked on a nature trail.

Over and over we’ve realized that words matter. That childhood expression, “Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me” is a lie; words are powerful.

Words can create or destroy. Words last, sometimes longer than a lifetime. They help us express ourselves in a way actions can’t. Words can shape someone’s life. We know that when parents talk to their babies, when they use lots of different words, those babies grow up to do better in school. We know it takes a lot of encouraging works to overcome one negative one. But, we also know that one word of hope can change a life.

We’ve learned that names matter. Names have power, they come with stories. The name Nez Perce came from white hunters; the Nez Perce call themselves the Nimiipuu. In a broad sense this means the people; but this name also holds their ancient stories, which shape the way they live each day together. In their creation story the animals all offered to give up something of themselves for the survival of the new creation, humans. In turn those humans honored the gifts of all the species. They continue today, protecting the land and water, and working through their fish hatcheries for the survival of the salmon which continues to feed them. We are given the privilege of honoring God’s work of creation by serving each other; our words and opinions shape others. This is a gift we shouldn’t abuse. We need to see Jesus in all we encounter.

We know that words can stereotype us; reducing us to jokes, marginalizing us or putting us in boxes. Stereotypes strip people of their dignity and value. We’ve all been hurt by words; we know words can last beyond a lifetime. But we also know words can bring us life and hope. In John’s gospel Jesus was the Word, the living example of the power of words. Labels don’t matter to us. God’s love is endless. In the Book of Common Prayer our Morning Prayer services begin with “Lord, open our

(Continued on page 14)
Two years ago we began the **Capital Episcopal Youth Network**. Joining with the leadership from local Episcopal churches, our hope was that by doing outreach and shared events together, our youth would develop a sense of community and shared faith and mission. This year in addition to our regular overnights, service work and Vacation Bible School, we were able to host youth from around the diocese for Agents of Peace, an overnight event at Trinity during diocesan convention. This was the first diocesan youth event in five years.

**Confirmation**: Three of our youth participated in our confirmation program this year and were confirmed at the Easter Vigil. One of the highlights of this program is our trip to visit St. Gregory of Nyssa, an Episcopal church in San Francisco. St. Gregory’s liturgy is very different from what we are used to; their hospitality provides us with a profound opportunity to appreciate the diversity and community of the Episcopal Church.

**Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network (L.E.V.N.)** Over the last four years, Family Ministries at Trinity has supported the LEVN program as a part time job placement site for one of their volunteers. We provide training in work with children and youth as they explore vocations for their future. Our past volunteers are Julia Boudrye, currently at Princeton Theological seminary, who will be ordained as a Lutheran minister, Elizabeth Coldiron, Minister for Hospitality at an Episcopal church in Memphis, and Bryan Oczkus, working with junior high youth in after school programs in Sacramento. This year’s LEVN volunteer is Jon Heimer from Minnesota.

Over the past year, I have also had the opportunity to serve on the Camp Noel Porter board, and the Diocesan Youth Task Force.

I am very grateful to all of you, and most especially to our parents, who have been so supportive of all our ministries - you all make this possible! It is such a joy to serve here at Trinity – thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Kathy Hopner
What another great and inspiring year we had for Adult Ministries in 2016. I am consistently awe inspired by the talent that we have in our congregation and the depth to which people want to learn.

Here are the highlights:

Trinity Institute out of New York City offered a program entitled “Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice: Listen for a Change”. We streamed this program over a six-week period during our Lenten Season at the Cathedral. Bishop Michael Curry was the opening preacher for the event and we had 200 participants watch his stream in the Cathedral. Following that, we had 16 different small groups watch the weekly speakers and then discuss the racial concerns facing our communities and country. These were deep conversations which raised awareness and made authentic change. Additionally, Rev. Dr. Joy Johnson was a guest preacher to help launch our program. We also organized Trinity congregants to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. March and had a table at the Convention Center inviting the greater Sacramento area to participate with our Sacred Conversations program. On the final evening of our conversations, we had a facilitator from the Davis Community Church come and help us figure out what we wanted to do with all of this knowledge we had gained and how our Sacred Conversations would show up in the community. Out of an extensive exercise, our number one priority was to be a part of Christian activism and to make a difference for voices who are not traditionally heard. On April 12, over 20 Trinity congregants and clergy participated in a Sacramento ACT (Area Congregations Together) assembly meeting. The topics that were discussed were: Justice for Immigrants, Ending Mass-Incarceration and Gang Violence, Improving Schools and Mental Health Services, and Ending the Homelessness Crisis. Members of our congregation continue to participate with Sacramento ACT by making a difference in our community. I would like to say a special thank you to all of the hard work that Eileen Harvey and Loren Weatherly did to help train our small group leaders so that they could be skilled and compassionate as we embarked on this challenging, yet very important topic.

Thursday Night at the Cathedral had the following classes:
-Poetry Writing Workshop with Dennis Hock
-Metaphysics with Vaughn Wolff
-Yoga with Solfire Studio
-Soul of Money with Vaughn Wolff (Spring)
-Soul of Money with Bruce Roy and Pamela Anderson (Fall)
-“Dog Whistle Politics” by Haney Lopez facilitated by Deacon Steve Skiffington and Deacon Tina Campbell
-Comparative Eastern Religion with Andre Jensen
-Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice: Listen for a Change with Pamela Anderson and Adult Ministries Team
-The Song of Solomon Exposed facilitated by Morey Lloyd
-“For the Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings” edited by Marcus Borg facilitated by Andre Jensen
-”Heirs to the Forgotten Kingdoms: Journeys into the disappearing religions of the Middle East” by Gerard Russell facilitated by Susan Hotchkiss
-Gratitude in the Scriptures led by Rev. Robert Blumenstock and Rev. Pamela Anderson
-Bridging the Political Divide facilitated by Donna Arellano
-“Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope” by Joan Chittister facilitated by Wendy Mustain
Adult Spiritual Formation

(Continued from page 15)

-“Being Mortal” by Dr. Atul Gawande facilitated by Al Lammers
-Rick Steves’ European Christmas facilitated by Eileen Harvey complete with international desserts
-Christmas Writing Group facilitated by Bruce Roy
-Sting: A Winter’s Night (A Concert in Durham Cathedral) facilitated by Dennis Hock

Thank you to Vaughn Wolff and his team for cooking our incredible TNAC dinners.

Lunch Bunch
-“Hurt, Joy and the Grace of God: A Resurrection Story of the Episcopal Diocese of San Joaquin California” facilitated by Susan Van Dyke
-“Abundant Living: A Book Study on the Soul of Money” facilitated by Dennis Hock
-“Care of the Soul: A Guideline for Cultivating Depth and Sacredness in Everyday Life” by Thomas Moore facilitated by Dennis Hock

Sunday Mornings
-Islam 101 class with Andre Jensen
-Soul of Money with Dean Brian Baker
-Finding Peace and Joy in Troubled Times with Dean Brian Baker
-An Advent Adventure with Morey Lloyd

Women’s Retreat
The annual women's retreat was held April 29-May 1, 2016 at Mercy Center Auburn. The theme was “Finding Sanctuary: Anytime, Any Place, Any Where.” We looked at ways that we could create mental headspace in the middle of chaos to create sanctuary so that we could reconnect with God and find deep peace. There 25 participants who stayed the full weekend and 8 participants who came up for the Saturday program. The evaluations for the weekend were extremely positive.

Voices of Faith
“Ann Lee and the Shaker Religion”: led by Susan Hotchkiss
“Soul and Spirituality”: Tynya Beverly
“Change Your Hand Writing, Change Your Life”: led by Vimila Rodgers
“Vision Beyond Sight” (Blind teen uses echolocation to see) led by Sacramento Bee writer, Christopher Macias and Aquanetta Gordon
“Theology of Young Adult Fiction”: led by Kelly Mieske
“When Doves Cry: A brief look at the music and spiritual journey of Prince”: led by Derek Murray
“The Last Mountain” (movie) facilitated by TREE (Trinity Respecting Earth and Environment)
“Planet in Peril” (movie) facilitated by TREE
“Dirt” (movie) facilitated by TREE

Journey with Jesus
The Journey with Jesus formation group (catechumenate) culminated on Easter Vigil with the baptisms of Jessie Orgambide and Mathieu Gallagher. Additionally, the Journey with Jesus formation group culminated on Easter Vigil with the confirmation, reception or reaffirmation in faith for: Jan Murray, Bill Shane, Shari Dearing, Ann Arneill, Ben Larkey, Laurie Moulton, Rose Giblin-Vance, Evelyn Liberato Fulford, and Kathryn Echandia-Monroe.

(Continued on page 17)
Small Group Bible Study
Kelly Mieske led weekly Bible studies on Sunday afternoons using a teaching style called lexio divina.

Speakers
We had two outstanding speakers this year. One was Rev. Dr. Joy Johnson who is President of Sacramento ACT (Area Congregations Together). She kicked off our Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice program. Additionally, Father Michael Lapsley of South Africa spoke at the Cathedral. For years he was a strong opponent of De Klerk and the apartheid regime. In 1990 he was sent a letter bomb and lost both his hands and sight in one eye. He said he did not lose his most powerful weapon: his tongue. He is still speaking out against racism.

Fellowship Groups
In the Fall we offered new Fellowship Groups to create community. (The ones that are starred have chosen to continue and are still active.) They are as follows:

- Trivia at Track 7 with Marc and Pamela Anderson*
- “The Psalms” with Susan Hotchkiss*
- LGBTQ Christian Fellowship with Michael Donnoe
- Healing and Prayer with Ted and Elba White*
- Starbucks Fellowship with Derek Murray
- Breakfast at Bernardos with Kelly Mieske
- Potluck Dinners with Diana Turner
- Bowling League with Laurie Moulton
- Oak Park Brewery Dinners with Charles McDonald
- Hiking Group with Amy Dierlam
- Movie Group with Pamela Anderson*
- Women’s Breakfast with Susan Bush*

On Going Programs
One Bodhi Tree Buddhist Meditation continues on Wednesdays with Sam Mieske. Additionally, the Writing Group with June Gillham continues on Thursday afternoons.

In May, we had an Adult Ministries Appreciation Sunday where we gave our gratitude for all those who made the Adult Ministries program so successful for the 2015-2016. In September, we had an Adult Ministries Faire to launch all of our Fall programs, classes and fellowship groups.

Upcoming Speakers
Please put on your calendars that Rev. Dr. Shauna Hannan of the Lutheran Seminary in Berkeley will be our speaker on March 3, 2017 at 7pm. Her topic is “Hospitality: an Old Practice for a New Era.” Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber will be our speaker next year on February 23, 2018.

The Adult Ministries Formation team for 2016 consisted of Bruce Roy, Kelly Mieske, Eileen Harvey, Dennis Hock, Derek Murray, Dorothy Malcolm and Loren Weatherly. Thank you all for your faithful service and dedicated commitment to strengthening the Adult Ministries program at Trinity Cathedral.
Education for Ministry (EfM)
Submitted by Loren Weatherly

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice. The EfM program developers at the School of Theology of the University of the South believe that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a Church empowered by an active, theologically articulate laity. In the EfM group, participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together.

The EfM groups work under the leadership of mentors who have attended training and have been accredited by EfM program staff. Mentors are not expected to impart information about the Christian tradition. Instead, EfM mentors serve as guides and administrators. The mentors in 2016-2017 were Susan Loomis and Loren Weatherly.

The participant registration fee is $350 per year. Trinity Cathedral EfM alumni and parishioners have created a scholarship fund for those who need assistance. The EfM group at Trinity Cathedral currently meets every Sunday afternoon from September through May. Each year, Trinity Cathedral hosts the EfM graduation service for all EfM graduates in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California.

Are you interested in joining an EfM group? See http://efm.sewanee.edu/about-efm/about-efm, or contact Clergy Advisor Rev. Pamela Anderson, at pamela-usa@hotmail.com.

Trinity Cathedral Library
Submitted by Phyllis Ehlert, Librarian

It is disappointing to report that last year we checked out only 24 items! Our previous average was 97 so this represents a real dip. The cathedral has added even more classes on Sunday mornings so it is difficult to make it to the Library. And we are only open one Sunday each month.

What we really need is more access, to be open more days, with a goal of each Sunday. But this takes more volunteers. Are you a bibliophile looking for a useful niche at the Cathedral? Call the librarian!

We have about 1900 books in our collection, which has been developed to support denominational interests, cathedral classes and personal requests. We added 55 books this year and deleted even more because shelves were so crowded. Since we have reached maximum capacity, we have to be very selective with our acquisitions.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Ehlert, Librarian
Once again it is time for me to share with you the great fun that we have had during our Newcomer Group Meetings on Sunday mornings. We meet at 10:15 AM in Room C off of the Great Hall here at Trinity. We always have the best time meeting people new to Trinity. We have a group of individuals who have been coming to Trinity for a long time who come to meet the Newcomers and be with the Newcomers each Sunday morning as well. We all share our “stories” with each other and we try to find answers to questions we have about the church, religion, Jesus and other topics that come up. Our discussions are sometimes very interesting. You never know what you will learn at a Newcomer Group Meeting.

Most of the Newcomers come to Dean Baker’s home one Sunday afternoon. The Newcomers are able to spend time with the Dean during our afternoon meeting. It is a special time that is not like chatting at coffee or greeting each other at the end of a Sunday morning service. The Dean has the answers to the questions our Newcomers and new members have. Another time you just don’t know what you will learn being with the Newcomers.

I have also been trying to fill our Volunteer spots with our Newcomers and others. It is fun trying to keep the usher open spots filled on Sunday mornings. We have also been filling Eucharistic Minister vacancies, hospitality spots and openings for serving our homeless guests on Wednesdays evenings. We have spots on the Flower Committee and the Altar Guild and more. Volunteering at Trinity is a wonderful way to get to know those involved at Trinity and a nice way to serve our community too.

Everyone is always welcome at Newcomers. If you are a long time member you are always invited to come and meet the Newcomers, share your ministry, invite the Newcomers and visitors to join you at an event or in your ministry. Come be with us any Sunday morning at 10:15 AM in Room C. If you are new I hope you will want to join us as well.

I have said it before and I will say it again, I enjoy being the Newcomer/Volunteer Coordinator at Trinity Cathedral so very much. I enjoy being with all of you and I enjoy meeting Newcomers and Visitors to Trinity each Sunday. I am really looking forward to this coming year.

Randie Strike
Newcomer / Volunteer Coordinator
In 2016, the priorities of the Communications Coordinator continued to be:

- The ongoing development, expansion, and updating of the Trinity website,
- Improved production, enhancement, and distribution of the Cathedral Cross
- The support of ministries at Trinity, and
- The improvement of Trinity’s visibility on the Internet and within the community.

All of which serves to inform and grow the Trinity family as well as to enhance the impact of Trinity’s ministry on the parish, and within the broader community.

**Trinity Website -- trinitycathedral.org**

- The website continues to grow and serve as an important entry point for visitors seeking information about all aspects of Trinity and its mission.
- Ongoing updating of website content takes place on a weekly basis, and is a priority in order to keep our Internet presence current and inviting.
- Photo Galleries have returned to the website. Thanks to Dean Baker’s excellent photography, we are able to use photography from a variety of events to enliven the website.
- Sermons continue to be posted to the website, thanks to Jeff Zentner’s excellent volunteer work. Thank you Jeff!
- An electronic Pledge Form has been successfully updated on website, allowing an additional avenue to communicate pledges.

**Ongoing Work:**

- Utilizing Google analytics, and SEO (search engine optimization) strategies to promote Trinity’s presence on search pages. If anyone with such expertise would be willing to assist in this area of work, please contact me at wmustain@trinitycathedral.org. I would very much appreciate help in this area.
- Increased Drupal, (the Content Management System (CMS) of the website) instruction with clergy, ministry leaders and staff, so that the management of website content can be decentralized leading to a more frequent updating of content.
- The creation of electronic forms to allow electronic submission of information related to baptisms, confirmations, and weddings.

**Cathedral Cross**

- The Cathedral Cross is now distributed electronically which saves Trinity Cathedral approximately six to seven thousand dollars annually. Additionally, the turnaround time for the Cross is shortened by approximately three weeks because printing and mail time has been removed from the process of distribution. Print copies are still available upon request.

(Continued on page 21)
• The current Cross and an archive of older issues of the Cross are available on the Trinity website on the homepage under “Quick Links” on the lower right hand portion of the page. The website link for the Cross is now included in the Visitor bags distributed at services in the Cathedral.

Reminder: Please make sure your email address is current in the Trinity database!

Ongoing Work:
• Maintaining a current list of ministry leaders who can be contacted to write about their work at Trinity.
• Establishing an easy and inviting strategy for parishioners to update their email and postal addresses, phone numbers and other pertinent information.

Support for Ministries
• Printed Promotional Materials: A wide variety of flyers, posters, and informational materials have been developed for informational/promotional use in a variety of ministries.
• Website Information: There has been some growth of ministry information on the website. Increased training on Drupal (CMS) has helped this effort, though more is needed.

Ongoing Work:
• Increased use of branding on all Trinity-produced materials for posting and distribution.
• Improved informational and directional signage for meetings on the campus (especially those that take place after the office is closed).
• Update of ministry information on the website.

Visibility in the Community
• A facilities committee has been working on ideas for the upgrade of signage at the front entrance to the Cathedral. This is part of the larger work to improve landscaping, painting, and a general facelift to the existing campus. Ideas are being considered to accommodate the posting of banners and signage to publicize upcoming events and information.
• Use of Banners: A number of banners have been used in the last year to promote guest speakers, events, and communicate our core values to the community. Banner use will increase in the upcoming year.
• New A-Frame sign holders and printed coroplast signs were purchased this year to enable more visible signage for parking availability in the garage, as well as for volunteer and handicapped parking in the back of campus on Trinity Cathedral Lane. These frames/signs are also being used to promote events at the Cathedral.
• Facebook: Trinity Cathedral’s presence on Facebook is a result of the hard work of Jessie Orgambide who has assumed responsibility of this task just this year, and has done an excellent job. Thanks Jessie!

Ongoing Work:
• Explore and develop more events that serve to invite the neighborhood in to visit Trinity.
• A committee has been formed to strengthen and focus Trinity’s presence on a number of social media outlets and will be bearing fruit in the near future with links to Trinity social media accounts appearing on the website and being promoted through other avenues.

Conclusion
2016, has seen steady growth in the number and quality of communication and promotional materials. As ever, there is still much to do in order to fully communicate the opportunities connecting with, and knowing God better, as well as participating in good works to the betterment of the world through the ministries at Trinity.
The Cathedral Bookshop continued to serve our congregation, our diocese and the Sacramento community offering books, religious jewelry, decorative items and gifts in 2016. However, our service area has not been confined to Sacramento! We have “taken the bookshop on the road” several times attending clergy conferences and conventions in nearby dioceses. That, together with our thriving mail order clientele, makes us a valuable resource throughout Northern California!

I am very grateful for our faithful volunteers whose dedication and hard work make the Cathedral Bookshop a wonderful success.

- Tina Campbell
- Matt and Ruth Fitch, Off-site Meetings
- Lucia Hicks
- Lorna Griess
- Harlan King
- Kathleen Montgomery
- Candace Miller
- Mary Myrick
- Kevin Sanders
- Chris Sanft, Technical Support
- Sandy Thompson
- Susan Wilson, Bookkeeper
- Vaughn Wolff
Trinity Cathedral’s Community Dinner ministry welcomes all who are hungry, lonely, need companionship, or need shelter for a few hours. In 2016, over 900 guests enjoyed a light meal, off the streets, in a safe place, the Great Hall at Trinity Cathedral. Community Dinners are served between 6 pm and 7 pm on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th Wednesday monthly. The women and men who are our guests for Community Dinners are our sisters and brothers and God is in them. We who volunteer do so because we believe this is what Jesus would have us do. All are children of God, made in his image. Volunteers provide and prepare and serve the meal, and may work as many dinners, or as few, as their schedule allows. There are many opportunities to help. A team captain, the designated representative of Trinity Cathedral for the evening, is in charge of all aspects of the dinner. Our team captains in 2016 were Sue Clark, Lyle Gramling, Donna Howard, Constance Rubio, Rod Thomas, Loren Weatherly and alternate, John Kraynak.

All are welcome to volunteer. Young men and women 17 years old and younger must provide a signed parental consent document to the team captain before serving. Volunteers love to talk about these ministries, and we always welcome new volunteers. Please join us. Contact LyleGramling@gmail.com, Loren.Weatherly@gmail.com, Randie.Trinity@gmail.com, or any of our team captains, and we will help you get involved. We are so richly blessed by our Community Dinner ministry! We grow and live our faith, the communities we serve grow, and the volunteers live and grow with us all. God is good.
The Pilgrimage program at Trinity Cathedral (and citywide) continues to grow and flourish, providing a safe and welcoming place for our hungry and homeless neighbors. The city of Sacramento has approximately 900 folks who sleep outside EVERY night and this ministry allowed us to accommodate over 2000 guests in our Great Hall in 2016.

On the fourth Wednesday of every month our guests check in at 5:00 and can settle in for a hot, nutritionally balanced meal (lovingly crafted by Kevin Donahue and team) and an overnight stay, free from judgement and the unknown fears of being out on the dark (and often very cold) street. At each monthly event we also provide space for ELICA, a free mobile medical clinic where our guests can have a one-on-one meeting to have questions addressed, small procedures performed and even get medicine prescribed. Over 300 guests took advantage of this (otherwise unavailable) healthcare opportunity this past year and we are thrilled we could help make that happen! Before each dinner, the Cathedral is open to all with lay ministers available for group and individual prayer. This is often the only time some of these folks "go to church" and they look forward to just being in our welcoming and sacred space.

Of course this could not be done without an army of volunteers and the amazing custodial staff we have at Trinity. Many people are called to this ministry for a variety of reasons, but share the common love to serve with compassion. Approximately 50% of the volunteers we see each month come from outside our parish and it's a great way to share our Trinity family with our neighboring community.

Please continue to pray for this amazing ministry and if you are interested in joining the team (for just one time, or as a regular member) contact Jessie Orgambide at jesse@trinitycathedral.org or Randie Strike at Randie.trinty@gmail.com

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers.

John Kraynak
Jessie Orgambide
Donna Howard
Bill Shane
Trinity Cathedral has been serving Floyd School (previously Jedediah Smith) since 2001. Floyd is located at 1401 McClatchy Way, Sacramento. The name of the school was changed in September of 2012 to Leataata Floyd Elementary School. To date we have sent volunteers to help in classrooms, the writing project, the office, the school garden, the Back Snack, and Clothes Closet programs, as well as Secret Pals.

Our Clothes Closet project is going well. In 2016 we served 38 families, with some families coming seven or eight times to get clothing for their children. Not only does the Clothes Closet serve the families and children, it is a resource for the Floyd Staff. The closet helps when the children get wet and muddy in the winter months, when teachers notice that students do not have warm jackets or other articles of clothing, when younger students have accidents, or when students wear clothing that does not follow the dress code. The Clothes Closet is open to the Floyd community on the fourth Friday of the month. We focus mostly on children’s and baby clothing especially, boys pants sizes 5, 6 and 7, socks and underwear (most often asked for). Thank you to all who donate gently used clothing for this project. We are always needing more. Special thanks to Ann Hall and Josephine Hein for chairing this valuable resource at Floyd School.

Back Snacks
We are serving about 15 families, which is about 80 to 100 people, each week with snacks to see them through the weekend. With the help of many volunteers and many parishioners who donate food and give financially to the program we are able to sustain it. The River City Food Bank provides bread for our project as well as other food items from time to time. Each Friday afternoon 3-4 volunteers go to the school to pack up the backpacks for the families and pass them out. We continually need peanut butter, oatmeal packets, macaroni and cheese boxes, Raman soup, fruit cups, and granola bars. Special thanks to Dale Reinhard for chairing this project.

Welcome Back to School Tunnel
For the first time this year a group of us met at the school at 8:15 am on the first day of school. We formed a tunnel and welcomed the students back to school with high fives, and applause. Some children were a little shy first and walked through the tunnel timidly others came through a first and second time and loved it. Some of the Floyd Staff joined in and it was great fun. We wanted to send a message that school and learning are important and we care that you, the students, are coming to school. We’d love to have more people join us this next year.

Trips for Kids
One of our biggest accomplishments in 2016 was our first annual Trips for Kids Benefit Auction and Dinner on February 5. With the help of a dedicated committee we were able to raise over $11,000 to assist the sixth grade class to go on their Outdoor Science field trip for 5 days. For most of the children it was their first real a camping experience and a special time away from home. The auction also provided money for buses and admission for other classes to have field trips in the local area including the Sacramento Ballet, the Sacramento Zoo, the Crocker Art Gallery and Effie Yaw Nature Center.

Secret Pals
Since Floyd School does not have a PTA, and we know that working in a 100% poverty school is a challenge for the staff, Trinity Cathedral supports the staff with the Secret Pal Program. In September staff members fill out a form to tell about themselves. It includes, birthday, favorite authors, cookies, sports teams and hobbies.
Then each staff member is matched with a parishioner who signs up to be a Secret Pal. The Secret Pal sends notes of encouragement, (there are some really hard days) and small gifts or remembrances each month to cheer them up. At the end of the school year we have a luncheon at Trinity where Secret Pals and staff members meet. Special thanks to Mary Hustler for chairing this program.

We also had a Teacher Appreciation TGIF Luau for the teachers at the Tennyson home in May. We had authentic Hawaiian food and drink. Fun was had by all, even if we had thunder and lighting!

**Mother’s Day Gift Shop**

All of the children in the school were given gift bags to decorate for their mothers. Then the Friday before Mothers Day, the Mother’s Day Gift Shop opens at the school. Each child selects a gift for his or her mother and Trinity volunteers help wrap the gift to put in the bag for Mother’s Day. Special thanks Curves Gym on Folsom Blvd. and Anne Marie Gold and her beading group for donating items for the shop. An Extra Special Thanks to Cleo Wipff for sponsoring this very special event for the children. It is always touching to see how carefully the children select something for their mother.

**Holiday Projects**

This year Trinity Cathedral was able to provide 38 families, which included about 116 children, with Christmas gifts of clothing, toys, bikes and food. The families were from the Floyd School neighborhood. Over 55 parishioners of Trinity Cathedral helped with this project.

As a Christmas gift to each child in the school we collected items for Christmas bags. With donations from the congregation we were able to buy 350 books, stickers, Christmas glasses, socks and games. Other items that were donated: toothbrushes and toothpaste donated from the California Dental Association, candy and toys. The Sunday School classes and some individuals decorated the bags and the congregation helped fill the bags. On December 23 a group delivered the bags to the classrooms at school. Volunteers from Trinity plus Santa and his Elves helped deliver the bags to each child in each class at Floyd Elementary School. It is always a rewarding experience to see the bright faces as they open their gift bags. Thank you to Margo and Gil Hayes for purchasing the candy for the bags and Gladys Hustler for preparing materials and decorating some of the bags. A big Thank You to Marion Welch and Phyllis Ehler for buying the books and to Marion Welch for coordinating the Christmas bag project.

The Floyd School Project has been well supported by Trinity Cathedral. Some of our volunteers have persuaded other groups to help with this project. To all who contribute items, time, talents, skills and money, Blessings and Thank You!

*Canon Nancy Tennyson*
TREEmakes leadership in raising the consciousness of members of Trinity Cathedral regarding the need to care for God’s creation and the earth’s environment. We work towards protecting the earth’s ecosystems, safeguarding public health, and ensuring sustainability in harvesting the earth’s resources.

TREEmeets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6.30 pm in a member’s home. The TREE account has a positive balance of $133.00.

Active members: Rev. Tina Campbell, Ann Rothschild, Lyle Gramling, Grant Bakewell, GayAnn Barnsley-White, Anita Williams, Gail Bakewell, Michele Chouinard, Karen Olmstead, Bill Shane, Doug Dierlam.

Regular activities:
TREEmosts coffee hour for the 9 am service on 4th Sundays of even months.
TREEmhas a used battery bucket in the office and takes batteries to recycle center.
Members write monthly TREETips for E-Newsletter. Articles in the seasonal Cross are by various members of TREE.
TREEmis listed on Trinity Website under the “Connect” button. TREEpresents its ministry regularly to Newcomers' classes.
TREEmhosts a Second Harvest table every Sunday during summer months to share parishioners’ extra fruit and vegetables with other parishioners.
Members helped take tickets at Speaker Series put on by Pamela.

Actions during Year:
• Dean Baker has committed to one environmentally themed sermon a year. TREEmust furnish the inspiration.
• TREEheld its 10th Annual Earth Day Fair in April in the patio, giving free tomato plants to all.
• Will Scott of California Interfaith Power and Light came to Trinity and preached for Earth Day.
• TREEcontinues its Coffee Mug drive—selling our own mugs with the TREE logo on them, asking parishioners to bring their own coffee mugs to church and save on the disposable paper cups.
• We provided recycled paper plates for Trinity’s Summer picnic in the Garden.
• In August and September, TREEshowed several films for TNAC: The Last Mountain, Disc 2 of Planet in Peril, and Dirt, The Movie.
• TREEmembers participated in a rally at CalSTRS on June 8, organized by Fossil Free California, to lobby the Investment Committee to divest completely from all fossil fuels.
• At the Annual Diocesan Convention in November, Grant Bakewell continues to move for church divestment from oil and coal investment.
• TREENordinated Trinity’s Annual Christmas Crafts Fair.
2016 was an exciting year for the Cathedral Music program!

The complete restoration of the Cathedral’s magnificent Reuter pipe organ was completed in the Spring. The “Processional” division at the North End of the Cathedral was built by the Schoenstein Organ Builders of San Francisco, and named in honor of our beloved Reverend Canon Grant S. Carey. The completed division is visually and musically stunning, and as many people have commented… it looks like it should have always been there. A big thank you to everyone who supported this project financially. Over $200,000 was raised to make this dream a reality, and the organ sounds better than ever. The organ was dedicated by the Right Reverend Barry L. Beisner in October, and a dedicatory organ recital was played by Bruce Neswick from our sister Cathedral in Portland.

The Cathedral Choir continues to maintain a standard of singing which is the envy of many Cathedral and Parish choirs across the nation. They sing the highest quality choral repertoire week after week, always striving for excellence. The choir loves to sing Choral Evensong on selected Thursdays of most months during the choir season, keeping alive one of the most beautiful of Anglican traditions. Highlights included our annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, our Twenty-ninth Annual Diocesan Choir Festival, and a dedicatory Evensong for the Cathedral organ restoration.

The Cathedral Choir is able to share that we will be making a pilgrimage to England in July of 2020. The choir will be “in residence” at mighty Durham Cathedral, singing the daily Evensong services, and a round of three services on Sunday.

The Celebration Choir keeps me on my toes all year round, with their tremendous sense of community, worship, and humor. They always seem game for whatever I throw at them, always working with a smile. We’ve continued to add music from many traditions from around the world from Africa and Latin America, and from the world of Black Gospel music.

The Cathedral Handbell Ringers have taken a hiatus this year, with hopes to restore the budget for a paid director in 2017. Nonetheless, their members have helped the Cathedral Choir in providing handbell parts for liturgical pieces during the year.

Our small chamber choir Resurrexit sang the Office of Tenebrae during Holy Week, presenting one of the most deeply profound services of the year.

I celebrated thirty-one years as Canon for Music at Trinity Cathedral in November. I have been here at the Cathedral for more than half of my life! It has been an amazing journey, and I think that I have a few years left in me!

I am ably assisted by a dedicated and gifted part-time music staff... Mary Wiley Smith, Bernadette Rose

(Continued on page 29)
Modok, Christine Miller, Derek Keller, and Patrick Kenealey, choral scholars; and Kamilyn Davis, Director of Choristers.

Lastly, I would like to express my gratitude to the nearly seventy volunteers who put in hundreds of hours to make music at Trinity Cathedral. In addition to their choir duties, most of them participate in other Cathedral programs including Stephen Ministry, Vestry, EFM, Altar Guild, Flower Committee, and more. You are the lifeblood of our program, and your unique gifts and dedication are deeply appreciated, not just by me, but by all who worship here at Trinity Cathedral!

Canon David Link, Director of Music
Every week of the year, there is a flower committee team planning for and adorning the cathedral for Sunday services. Not only do we place arrangements at the altar, but also on the reredos, in the columbarium, and the Family Service. In addition, the entire committee makes preparations for and adorns the cathedral and great hall for Christmas and Easter. As part of our ministry, we prepare flowers for special events such as diocesan ordinations and memorials held on Friday, Saturday, or Sundays. It is easy to see how your TEC Flower Committee has amassed nearly one thousand volunteer hours.

Our budget concerns were brought under control, thanks to our very supportive congregation and the appropriate adjustments we have made to our weekly expenses. Taking a good long look at how we use our flower room resources, and noting ways to conserve and repurpose, have helped greatly.

The “Weekly Flowers Calendar,” available at the Welcome Center, reminds parishioners of a wonderful way to honor, or remember, loved ones, or special occasions. To do so, one may sign up on the “Sunday” of their choice, fill out the appropriate form and make a donation to the flower committee for that week’s flowers. Your dedication lines will appear on the front page of the Sunday’s service program. Even before that Sunday service begins, your fellow parishioners may read of, and then pray for you in your remembrance, or as you give thanks for the blessings in your life.

We continue to streamline our procedures in order to allow more time for our creative efforts. We maintain the five team format—one team for every Sunday in the month, with a fifth team covering the less frequent Fifth Sunday. As it happens, we have lost a few of our long-time members due to moves and retirement. This year we welcomed Catherine Piece and Diane Walters to the committee. We are hoping to spread the word….the flower committee is always seeking new members.

In an effort to entice those of you who might be interested in joining the flower committee…please visit with us on any one of our “workdays.” Team members meet on Friday, or Saturday mornings. But, remember though, it’s not “work” if you are surrounded by beautiful flowers; it is a blessing to be a part of a group of people who are eager to share their enthusiasm. So, although you might not otherwise think of yourself as particularly creative, would you be willing to join in as we learn from one another? We offer on-the-job training!

The flower committee looks forward to a productive 2017, as we do our very best to contribute to the sacramental life of the church by creating floral arrangements that symbolize new life, hope and the beauty of creation.

Kathy Twibell
kdtwibell@gmail.com
Chairman/Trinity Cathedral Flower Committee
Worship

Vergers

Elizabeth Kenealey, Canon Verger

Trinity Cathedral lectors are the lay people of Trinity that read the Bible lessons at the worship services. On Sundays, lay people participate in the worship service by reading the appointed lessons for the day. Lectors are scheduled a month ahead and receive their assigned readings so that they may practice as they find need. It is a wonderful way to become involved in worship. We currently have 60 lay lectors. The opportunity also exists for lay people to read lessons at any of the weekday services by merely speaking to the Celebrant for that particular service prior to the beginning of the service.

Lectors

Elizabeth Kenealey, Canon Verger

Trinity Cathedral lectors are the lay people of Trinity that read the Bible lessons at the worship services. On Sundays, lay people participate in the worship service by reading the appointed lessons for the day. Lectors are scheduled a month ahead and receive their assigned readings so that they may practice as they find need. It is a wonderful way to become involved in worship. We currently have 60 lay lectors. The opportunity also exists for lay people to read lessons at any of the weekday services by merely speaking to the Celebrant for that particular service prior to the beginning of the service.

Intercessory Prayers

Submitted by Susan Van Dyke

Intercessory prayers at Trinity Cathedral involve two separate ministries – those who pray the prayers on Sunday at each service and those who compose the prayers. The individuals who lead the congregation in prayer include David Allen and Sylvia Roach at 7:30. Jim Parsons, who served for many years, has just retired. At 9:00 Leslie Hacia, Karl Munz, Ann Rothschild and Susan Van Dyke share this privilege. At 11:15, the prayers are led by Ernie Brown, Jay Elmquist, Bruce Roy and Loren Weatherly. Composition of the prayers is done in the background as part of a silent ministry. At this time, the prayers are composed by Jean Gifford, Andre’ and Linda Jensen, Bruce Roy, Dennis Hock, Alex Leach and Susan Van Dyke. This group follows guidelines to write the prayers. It is a fluid, evolving group; anyone who wants to play a part is welcome. There is a schedule and guidelines are provided. Please talk to me if you would like to join us. We’ve had many in our community come into the group and leave it through the years. It is an honor to serve.
Stole Stitchers
Submitted by Annette Braddon-Walker

The TCSS continue to make and decorate stoles for each of our newly baptized parishioners, but now, as of Easter 2016, we are personalizing each stole with the person’s initials and date of baptism stitched on the stole. We hear from clergy that this individual touch is well liked.

Long time member Pat Menz volunteered to be our new sewer and began sewing stoles as of summer 2016. Sixteen new stoles were sewn and in August made available to the stitchers for their cross stitching.

New member Laurie Moulton recently joined the group after signing up on our “are you interested” sheet at the fall Ministry Faire.

Jeanne Jurgens, withdrew her participation (because of distance) after eagerly serving our first two baptizees with their personalized stoles.

Continuing members are Linda Aston, Sue Clark, Gina Schumacher, Joann Sprogis, Margo Hayes, Jaccie Irwin, Pat Djubek, Bobbie Yelverton, Pat Menz and myself, Annette Braddon-Walker, TCSS Coordinator.

Eucharistic Minister
Submitted by Chris Sanft

Trinity has a vibrant and active Eucharistic Minister program. Eucharistic Ministers assist in taking the bread and wine from the alter to the people in the congregation. On a normal Sunday we have 12-14 Eucharistic Ministers at 3 services. Our total number of Eucharistic Ministers is over 45. Our need is particularly great at 730. A Eucharistic Minister needs to be a baptized confirmed member and have a strong appreciation of the Eucharist. Training is offered 3-4 times a year. A Eucharistic Minister serves under the direction of the Canon Verger and the Sacristan on Sunday. If you are interested in being a Eucharistic Minister or just looking for more information, contact Randie Strike, Chris Sanft (Sacristan) or Elizabeth Kenealey (Canon Verger).
Trinity Cathedral has an active group of lay worship leaders who lead Daily Morning Prayer, Compline, and Daily Evening Prayer. The leader prepares for the service, comes to the Cathedral, opens the doors, welcomes participants, leads those present in worship, and closes the doors. In 2016, leaders were Sue Clark, Susan Hunt Hotchkiss, Susan VanDyke, and Loren Weatherly. We feel called to this ministry because it opens our hearts and minds to see worship as remembrance – of the One God, of the Triune God, of our sometimes broken relationships with ourselves and with others, of our need for healing, thanksgiving and celebration. We pray that the Holy Spirit might lead you to experience this ministry. Please contact Clergy Advisor Canon Lynell Walker at lwalker259@aol.com for more information.

Lay members of Trinity Cathedral lead an evening service of scripture and prayer for guests attending Pilgrimage (formerly called Safe Ground). Each third Wednesday, Pilgrimage dinner is served in the Great Hall at 6 pm and the service in the Cathedral begins at 5:45 pm. This evening service invites those who are marginalized, dispossessed, homeless, outcast, or alienated from God into a sacred space. Some have never been inside a church. Many, from a variety of faith traditions or none at all, have been chased away from houses of worship and told they are not welcome. Scripture and prayers in this service speak to the special needs of the women and men who are guests at Pilgrimage. At the conclusion of the service, guests may light votive candles, or kneel and pray privately, or meet with members of the Cathedral who are available for private, one-on-one prayer. There is much holiness; the presence of the Spirit fills the evening. Those who lead the Safe Ground evening service want to share this very special ministry. Come and see. Be a blessing. Be blessed. In 2016, leaders were Jean Alford, Georgianna Pfost, Susan VanDyke, Loren Weatherly, and Justin Williams. For further information, please contact Clergy Advisor Canon Lynell Walter at lwalker259@aol.com, or Susan VanDyke (svandyke59701@gmail.com), or Loren Weatherly (loren.weatherly@gmail.com), or any of the leaders named above.

When my body is weary grant me peace.
When my soul is weary grant me faith.
When my spirit is weary grant me joy. Amen.
Vestry Nominating Committee

The Vestry Nominating Committee’s primary responsibility is to recruit potential new members for the Vestry at the end of each calendar year (and any other time when a vacancy occurs). The Nominating Committee each year is comprised of the Vestry members whose terms expire that year.

Lay members of the Vestry are elected each year at the annual meeting for three-year terms. According to Cathedral and Diocesan policy, former members of the Vestry are eligible for service again after waiting one year. Vestry members are leaders of the parish and are usually recruited from the ministry teams where they serve. The Nominating Committee recruits from the entire congregation and encourages all eligible congregation members to apply. Please see http://www.trinitycathedral.org/resources/vestry-duties for the duties and responsibilities of Vestry members, and http://www.trinitycathedral.org/resources/vestry-nomination-form-2013 for the Vestry member application format. Please see http://www.trinitycathedral.org/resources/diocesan-convention-delegate-nomination-form for the Diocesan Convention Delegation application form.

Each member of the Vestry has agreed in writing to the following:

1. Have a strong personal commitment to Jesus Christ and to carrying out His ministry in our community by using their spiritual gifts.
2. Be open to guidance by the Holy Spirit.
3. Be a communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church, regular in prayer and worship.
4. Attend monthly meetings and two vestry retreats each year, paying expenses associated with Vestry retreats.
5. Serve on at least one special purpose committee – examples: Stewardship Committee, Finance Committee, Garden Committee, Nominating Committee, Building Committee, Dean’s Support Committee.
6. Be a pledger of record who is a tither or whose pledge gives serious indication of working toward a tithe.
7. Pray weekly for a segment of the parish.
The Dean’s Award is given annually to individuals who have distinguished themselves through their devotion and unstinting efforts on behalf of Trinity Cathedral & its many ministries in the parish, the diocese, & the community.

PREVIOUS YEARS RECIPIENTS:
1977  Dick Wollesen
1978  Betty Bailey, Carol Claussen, Caroline Craig, Caroline Jenkins
1979  Pat Lix
1980  Ed Hollingshead, Vicki Hollingshead, Brian Johnson, Mary Lou Johnson
1981  Phyllis Comstock, Becky Naman
1982  Robert Gaines, Charles Gray, Jr., Doug Witt
1983  Harry Katzakian, Norma Katzakian, Delores Wollesen
1984  Emma Hehn, Marsha Nemzek, Olive Whitmore
1985  Gavin Craig, Myrletta Downes
1986  Patricia Hill, Raymond Mackey, Nina Sellers, Miles Snyder, Karl von den Steinen, Susan Roman Wilson, Marge Witt, Billie Woodfin
1987  Kathryn MacFarland Cayler, Liz McClatchy, Sylvia Roach, Nancy Tennyson, Kathy Warriner, Carolyn Wiley
1988  Celeste Comings, Randie Strike, Terry Strike
1989  Anne Arthur, Jan Grader, Lonita Norris
1990  Grant Carey, Chris White
1991  Michael Crosse, Edith Fiscus, Jesse James, Paul Menz, Pat Menz, Charlotte Perry, Jackie Wynne
1992  Ernest and Susan Brown, Matt and Ruth Fitch, Claudia Woods
1993  Harry Crawford, Lucile Crawford, Edison MacFarland, Margaret MacFarland, Jean Hart, Kathleen Montgomery, Richard Moody, Roberta Moody
1994  Randy Cheek, Karen Harris, Elinor Hickey, Jim Richardson
1995  James Appleby, Rane’e Les Callett, Gina Schumacher, Wes Tennyson
1996  Noma Ratzlaff, Norma Wiley, Ted White, Hal Tindall, Frida Tindall
1997  Brian Kempton, Dolores Kistle, Eleanor Langpaap, Lori Korleski Richardson, Timothy Taylor
1998  Gladys Hustler, Jean Lacher, David Link, Joye McKetty
1999  Harriet Beskeen, Jerry Boyd, Mark Lacher, Susanne Phipps, Ken Piercy
2000  James M. Parsons, Caryl R. Learned, Nadine E. Welty, LeRoy S. Naman
2001  Timothy Menz, Michael Reichle, Patricia “Pat” Underwood
2002  Kathleen Kelly, Alan Lovett, Pat Matthias, Tina Thomas
2003  George and Esther Burns, Winifred Gaines, Ben Kenealey, Alma Mason, John Tennyson
2004  Emily Beile, Annette L. Braddon-Walker, Anne T. Braxton, Dorothea I. “Doey” Peeler
2005  Robert “Bob” Reinhard, Merrill Starr
2006  Mary Hustler, Eddie Lee, Elizabeth Kenealey, Jeanette McCracken
2007  Amy Dierlam, Rick Kenealey, Barbara Mackey, Rob Stoinoff
2008  Lynn Clifford, Tony Farina, Sally Smith, Tom West
2009  Sue Clark, Nancy Earl, Christopher Lee, Becky Naman
2010  Bob and Dale Reinhard, Chris Sanft, Anita Williams
2011  Suzanne Armer, Bill Chisum, Cindy Chisum, Dorothy Malcolm
2012  Farel Brosio, Bill Simmons, Loren Weatherly
2013  Kevin Donohue, Cheri Meadows, Robert Phillippi
2014  Nelson Lucas, Susan Wilson, Vaughn Wolff
2015  Kirk Bone, Laura Jestes, David Lindgren, Richard Trumbly