



Trinity Episcopal Church

The Messenger

From the Senior Warden

Note: Thank you, Bob, for your clear and thorough summary of where we are at Trinity. I commend this to everyone's reading. See you at worship and fellowship events this coming month! Fr. Bill+

Sincere thanks to our Junior Warden, Melanie Hanson, for preparing the Vestry update for last month's *Messenger*. As many of us have returned from vacations and the like, we have seen a resurgence of activity in the Parish, although those who remained "in town" know that life at Trinity never really slows down, and is truly in a period of steady regrowth.

Stewardship

Stewardship is a year round activity, but in the Fall, we gear up for renewals of our commitments of our "time, talent, and treasure" to the life of Trinity. You should by now have received a stewardship packet in the mail with a letter from Fr. Bill and me outlining our approach to stewardship this year, including a most informative set of stewardship questions and answers. The theme is ***Trinity 2026 – For all the Saints***. Your Vestry's stewardship is to manage the church's finances appropriately, and we clearly must create a budget based on anticipated income as reflected in your pledges. Please review the packet carefully and give your thoughtful consideration as to how you will be participating in Trinity's growth and progress in the coming year. In keeping with the theme, the ingathering of our pledges will be on All Saints Sunday, November 2. Our commitment to you financially is that we will always run a "tight ship". When Fr. Bill arrived as Priest-in-Charge, we were years behind on our audit process. Before we appointed him as our Rector, the audits had to be up to date, and they were. I am happy to report that, ahead of schedule, our 2024 financial review has been completed, and we meet the standards set out by the Episcopal Church.

Physical Plant

The stewardship of the generations of Trinitarians who have preceded us has blessed us with the most beautiful campus and church buildings in the Inland Empire. Your Sexton's Guild continues to monitor and maintain them following the example of the saints who have gone before. As you know our exterior painting has been completed and the church is looking beautiful, however, the repairs to the sidewalk and Fern Avenue frontage is taking time. Rest assured it will be completed in accordance with current requirements of the City. Many thanks to Matt Marnell who is diligently reviewing and negotiating what needs to be done and who will pay for what.

Steuart Goodwin continues to monitor the health of our wonderful organ, which he built. It needs tuning, and in the process of this, we will find out what additional repair and maintenance is required. Fortunately, we have a fund set aside for just this sort of need, so any expenses will not have to come from our general operating funds.

Other ongoing projects include repairs to the foundation under the Mary Chapel, replacing windows in the kitchen, redoing of the flooring in the altar area, and eventually carpeting in the rest of the church interior. We are also upgrading the internet and security systems, particularly needed after the vandalism of our Pride Flag.

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Community Outreach and related

Your generosity to our youth community is much appreciated. Please follow these projects each month as we continue to help those less fortunate. See next page for details.

We have now had three Braver Angels workshops, with attendance not only from our Parish but from other groups and individuals in Inland Empire communities. The most recent Red/Blue workshop demonstrated that those “on the other side” are not villains, but neighbors, and that we can talk civilly to each other. Braver Angels and similar organizations are so very necessary in these times of increasing polarization at all levels of our society. Stay tuned for the next Braver Angels offering. We will continue to partner with them in their effort to improve our discourse with our friends and neighbors.

Please look elsewhere in this issue for the progress of our Creation Care group. Thank you to everyone who participated in the events of September 21. If you are reading this before October 5, please be an active participant in the activities that day in the Great Hall, and of course in the care of God’s Creation going forward.

Related to this is our exploration of the possibility of installing a solar energy system on our campus. Craig Lesh has been receiving estimates of what this will cost, and then we will have to review how this can be funded, after the generous seed grant that has been provided.

Finally, our Diocese is in the final stages of the process to choose a successor to Bishop John Taylor, whose retirement is fast approaching. The election will take place at the Diocesan Convention in November. Trinity is entitled to three lay delegates. Neil Hartschuh and Doug Macomber were elected at the Annual Meeting in January. At our last Vestry meeting, Cynthia Cervantes was elected as Vestry delegate. Alternates to Diocesan Convention are Diane Schlicke and Matthew Kirkconnell (Vestry) Please continue to pray for all those who will participate in the decision making process, and if you have input or opinions, please share them with your delegates.

All members of the Vestry are available to hear your concerns at any time, and we welcome comments, questions, suggestions or any useful participation any member of the congregation may have going forward.

Bob Bourne

Books for a Brighter Future!

Boxes and boxes (and boxes) of books from our former preschool have been donated to a worthy cause!

We’re proud to help support the Inland Empire Children’s Book Project (IECBP), which distributes gently used and new books to children in the San Bernardino City and Rialto Unified school districts.



Opportunities for Service

Upcoming Opportunities

November: Canned food drive and toys for Santa Claus Inc. (see information about SCI below)

December - Shoes!

SHARED MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who volunteers and/or donates to help feed those in our city who are food insecure. **This is an especially good volunteer opportunity for our youth.** If you would like to find out about more ways to help, please contact Kathleen at office@tec-redlands.org.

It's Hoodie-tober!



Collection runs 10/01 thru 10/31 Please donate new sweatshirt hoodies (preferably black), all sizes especially adult. Benefiting Youth Hope and Shared Ministry.

Bring hoodies to church or the office - there will be tubs to drop off your donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, we will gladly do the shopping for you, simply mark an offering envelope with "hoodie", and we'll be sure to purchase items on your behalf.



<https://santaclausinc.com/index.cfm>

Santa Claus, Inc. and Youth Enrichment Services (Yes!) year-round programs are truly unique. With just one full time and two part time employees, 98% percent of those working at Santa Claus, Inc./Yes!, serving over 150,000 children yearly, are volunteers. Volunteers give thousands of valuable hours each year. Santa Claus, Inc./Yes! volunteers work together in dynamic teams to bring joy to tens of thousands of children living in dire circumstances.

The mission of Santa Claus, Inc. is to provide critical services to youth in the Inland Empire by empowering families through year-round and seasonal programs. In 2019 alone Santa Claus Inc served over 150,000 of the most needy children in San Bernardino and Riverside counties.

Donations Needed More Than Ever

Due to rising costs and new tariffs, donations haven't been coming in like they have in previous years and the need in our community continues to grow. We're asking for your support to help children from infancy to age 12. Whether it's a new item for a child in need or a \$25.00 monetary donation, every bit makes a difference.

CREATION CARE CORNER

Trinity Creation Care Collaboration Hosts an Open House September 21, 2025

by Linda Apmadoc

Did you see it? The Great Hall, filled with practical solutions to lifting the heavy load from our Mother Earth.

Did you meet our gracious and giving Trinity docent laity? Ten from our green team were at the ready to edify you on community action, composting, Scouts Sustainable Merit Badge, Solar at Trinity, Roger Baty's sustainability club, The U of R professors' hand out table.

Did you get involved? The room was in a particular buzz after the 8:00 service. Many spent time conversing over the environmentally oriented tables.

Did you commit? We did get two more households to consider Mapping Your Neighborhood- a disaster preparedness program for small neighborhood groups, AND many of you put the climate Lobby Q-R code in your phone. High hopes for some action on governmental bills.

Did you share your artistic talents for our art contest? A nice selection from the adults: Photo from Cheryl DiPretoro, a needle point from Francoise Van Horn, a chalk drawing from Joanie Murad-Haid. But the obvious winner was Ayana Harris' multi pieced acrylic featuring all the beautiful spots Mother Nature has given us right here in California. Ayana won a lovely seascape print donated by Anneli Pendley. She and Melodee Seccombe were our judges.

What about the children? Because our entry numbers were lean, we are going to give them more time to submit. Right now, our only teen winner is Grace Ezinwa. Two more prizes left, Teens! In the meantime, the younger set that remembered to get theirs in on time each got a planting bag with soil, seeds and an empty egg carton to sow some goodness. And a ribbon. Kids you can still bring your art in by Sunday, October 5.

What was the point of so many weeks' emphasis on this group and this project?

The dedication of this group exemplifies the importance of the subject of climate care. They care. As stewards of conservation, they want you to care. They are proof that if each of us tosses a stone (or idea) into the waters of possibility, it ripples and gathers more into the process. We are Trinity's NEW ministry, and we welcome more to our table. The education objective of this group will continue with more forums and study units after the New Year.

Kate Varley Alonzo, the Bishop's Creation Care Education spokesperson reminds us, "Hope is a Renewable Resource." Come, Trinity, be part of our HOPE.





**Creation Care
Open House
September 21**



Around Trinity





Life around Trinity is full of joy, connection, and meaning! From the lively spirit of Oktoberfest to peaceful sunrise fellowship- we celebrate the strength of multi-generational love & come together in honest & mutual respect with Braver Angels. Life is beautifully shared!

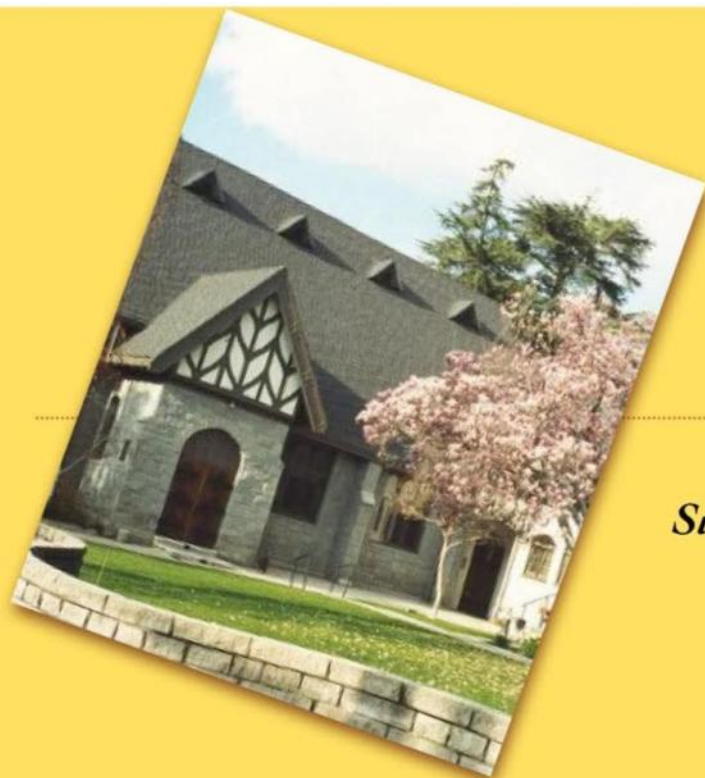




For 143 years Episcopal Women have continued to pray, give thanks, and make a United Thank Offering. The women who had a dream so long ago and started this outreach gave us a challenge. Think about your blessings, give thanks for each one, and take action by giving an offering with a grateful heart. All UTO money is given in grants and used for projects at home and abroad.

Trinity's UTO in-gathering will be Sunday, November 2nd.

Marguerite Herzog



Ensemble XXI

Jeffrey H. Rickard, director

Choral Evensong

Sunday, October 5, 2025

4:00 p.m.

Anthems by Jean Berger (“I to the Hills Lift Up Mine Eyes”), Howard Helvey (“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace”), K. Lee Scott (“God Be in My Head”), Frank Ticheli (“Earth Song”), and Charles Wood (“Hail, gladdening Light”).

Service music by Robert W. Lehman (“Preces and Responses”), Jeffrey H. Rickard (“The Lord’s Prayer” and “Blessing”), Halsey Stevens (“Nunc dimittis”), J. Michael Thompson (“Magnificat”), and the congregational hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King”.

A free-will offering is received in support of the Ensemble

Where: *Trinity Episcopal Church*

Corner of 4th Street and Fern Avenue
Redlands , California 92373

Time: *Sunday, October 5, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.*

Other: Ensemble XXI is an ensemble of select voices who specialize in unaccompanied sacred and secular choral repertoire.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**FRIENDS OF
YAPS**

Adoption Event
Trinity Episcopal Church
419 S 4th St. Redlands, CA
October 5th
2:00 P.M.

Shelter wish list




**BLESSING OF THE
Animals**



Pet Blessing with
Fr. Bill Dunn
BRING YOUR BELOVED PETS
TO TRINITY EPISCOPAL
CHURCH FOR BLESSINGS
AND FUN!

OCTOBER 05, 2025
2:00 P.M.
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
419 S. 4TH STREET
REDLANDS, CA. 92373



Murder Mystery
AT THE CATHEDRAL
OF THE INLAND EMPIRE &
HOME TO DISCO
Everyone's a suspect at this Disco

FRIDAY OCTOBER 24
6-9PM

PLEASE TEXT, CALL OR EMAIL THE FAVOR OF
YOUR REPLY BY OCT. 20 TO 909-725-5053 OR
OFFICE@TEC-REDLANDS.ORG

Can you figure out who did it?

Welcome to Trinity's Year of Community!

This year, we're celebrating the amazing groups already active around Trinity — from Chic Lits, YAP, and Theology on Tap to Contemplative Prayer, the Camp Committee, and more. These groups are gathering for study, prayer, and friendship — building up both Trinity and our wider community.

To keep the momentum going, we're launching nine special community events between September and May. These "Signature Gatherings" are intended to simply create space to connect, share, and grow in God's love. From sunrise coffee meetups to murder mystery dinners, there's something for everyone — and everyone is welcome.

Let's make this a joyful, connected Year of Community — together!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7pm Sundays Ensemble XXI 7pm Wednesday CCR	For all the Saints Trinity 2026 Stewardship Ingathering & UTO Fall Ingathering All Saints Sunday November 2		1 9am Youth Hope 11am HE with Healing Prayers 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 5pm Benedictines-Lib 6:30pm AA-Lounge	2 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 6pm Cub Scouts - GH 7:30pm Choir practice—Music Rm	3 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Youth Bible Study followed by YAP	4
5 St Francis Day 9am-noon- Creation Care Open House 8am HE Rite I 10am HE Rite II 2pm Blessing of the Animals 4pm Evensong	6 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 3:15pm Children's Catechism 6pm Contemplative Prayer 6:30pm AA-Lounge 7pm Chic'Lits-	7 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 6pm Boy Scouts-GH 6pm RAHS-Library 6pm Girl Scouts 6:30 BSA Girls-L	8 11am HE with Healing Prayers 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 6:30pm AA-Lounge	9 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 6pm Cub Scouts-GH 7:30pm Choir practice—Music Rm	10 12:15pm Noonday Prayer 5:30pm Youth Bible Study	11 3-4pm Shared Ministry
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Upcoming Events

Oct 5

Creation Care Open House 9am–noon
Blessing of the Animals
and YAPS Adoption Event 2:00pm
Ensemble XXI Choral Evensong 4pm

Oct 12

Native American Service
with Canon Mary Crist 10:00am

Oct 19

Holy Eucharist
with Special Guest Canon John Saville
Community Chorus Concert 4:00pm

Oct 24

Murder Mystery Game Night 6–9:00pm

Nov 2

For all the Saints 2026 Stewardship Ingathering
& UTO Fall Ingathering at both services

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8 AM

Spoken Eucharist-Church

8:45-11:45 AM

NURSERY OPEN

9 AM

Creation Care-Lounge

9:29 AM

Youth Huddle-Great Hall

10 AM

Choral Eucharist-Church
Sunday School-Classrooms

Monday

6 PM

Contemplative Prayer-Church

Wednesday

11 AM

Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayers-Church

Friday

5:30 PM

Youth Bible Study-Great Hall

Monday-Friday

12:15 PM

Noonday Prayer-Church

Monday—Saturday

8:30 AM

Morning Prayer-Zoom

5 PM

Evening Prayer-Zoom

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Trinity's Mission Statement

*"To bear witness of God's reconciling love, to proclaim by word and example
the Good News of God in Christ, and to seek and serve Christ in all persons."*

