

Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

As I write this I am freshly returned from Annual Conference in Sacramento and returning differently than usual this year – energized, uplifted, ready for more holy living. I have been re-appointed – beginning my seventeenth year here at Trinity! – and am genuinely excited about the possibilities ahead.

Why the change? Usually Annual Conference is something that must be endured, endless boring business sessions and not a little scolding about the myriad ways we pastors could be doing better. But there is a fresh wind of the Spirit surging through us, and much of that has to do with our ‘new’ bishop, Bishop Sandra Olewine. I have described her as a big fluffy bundle of love, but she is so much more – smart, compassionate, articulate, humorous, and

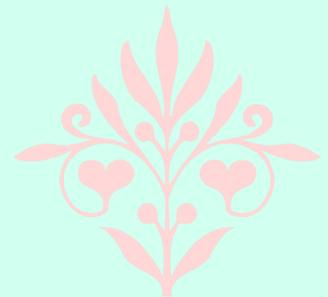
with a genuine heart for the people of Northern California and Nevada.

I just said ‘new’ in describing our bishop, and what I meant was that most of us were meeting her in person for the first time, even though she was assigned to our Conference back in September of 2024! She is actively, inexorably bringing healing and the restoration of trust that is always needed when a previous leader has caused controversy within the flock. You remember what that feels like, right? But even if you don’t, let me tell ya, it feels good, good to trust again, good to depend on one another again, good to feel friendships and relationships being restored before our very eyes.

Her opening sermon was especially wonderful,

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Our Purpose
To ENGAGE people in joyful relationships with God and with each other, so we will GROW in Christ-like compassion, and SHARE the blessings of the Holy Spirit.



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dealing with Biblical people in exile and comparing them to how we are feeling in today's world. The ancient biblical advice in that story was to put down roots and thrive despite the current melodrama, to trust in the longevity of God's plans and providence. "Dig In and Thrive" was her title and it is very encouraging to me personally in these odd and cruel days in America.

Besides the bishop, renewed friendships with the many clergy who all got launched here at Trinity was uplifting. You have sent so many good shepherds into the world! And of course we got to participate in the Rev. Molly Knappen's (we can call her that now!) ordination service on Sunday afternoon. What a time of joy!

I sincerely look forward to deepening my rootedness and thriving with you, my dear Trinity family. Thank you for your embrace over these many years...

Vacation Bible School

On June 14, a very successful Vacation Bible School was held. That success is completely a result of a great team. My thanks go to Pastor Dave, Ben Townsend, Tony Salindong, Lisa Bernal-Wood, Meghan Callahan, Scott Giannini, Rebecca Zebley, Nancy Acheson, Nancy Mayr and Linda Wolff. My thanks go to this great team.

Submitted by Rich Wolff

Notice to All Users of the Church Kitchen,

ALL inside garbage cans MUST, have liners placed in them, before you put *any* trash into it, especially coffee grounds.

Trash liner bags can be found, either in the hall supply closet (In the hallway, immediately prior to the Kindergarten room, at the end of the hall) or in the kitchen pantry (straight forward, slightly to the right, under the bottom shelf.

Submitted by Nancy Mayr

UWF (United Women in Faith)

Our visit to Little Chapman Mansion was a wonderful time for all! We had a lovely brunch in the garden shade, toured the mansion and received some interesting Chico history insights (especially about the Methodist women) from our hostess, Michelle Shover. It was a delightful way to fellowship together on a lovely summer morning! Our next meeting will be in September – stay tuned!



Christmas in July!!

**Trinity United
Methodist Church
285 E. 5th St.**

Sunday, July 27th

**10:30 "Christmas Eve" service
11:45 Songs, Dinner, Cookies**

All are welcome!!

"Join in the fun!"



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