

## Parson to Person by Pastor Dave

November is upon us, and the Church universal girds its collective loins as we lean together towards Advent, prepare ourselves for yet another Christmas season, and, most often, also celebrate our faithfulness through an annual Financial Campaign.

I am 100% certain that the fall financial campaign is not the highlight of anybody's church year, and yet... it provides us a short, devoted time to assess our relationships with God and one another, and determine how we may give of ourselves and our resources to the enrichment of all. These kinds of campaigns seem very cut and dried, but they certainly can *also* be spiritual, and to that end, we at Trinity employ some inviolable principles:

The campaign is short – no more than three Sun-

days. We devote a small amount of time each of those days to sharing and disseminating important data, but it's not too taxing.

There is a complete absence of guilt, arm-twisting, manipulation, and other similar tactics. Your Finance Team and I feel that the body of Christ ought to be above such things.

Finally, our annual askings have a *holistic* bent to them; it's not just all about money. It is about encouraging whatever giftedness will enhance the health and welfare of the body.

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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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So, in the next few weeks all of this will be taking place, but there is one area of our stewardship that I want to discuss with you right now for a few paragraphs. This is one of the often-overlooked tributaries of our communal health; I am talking now about *volunteerism*.

Our open-hearted, voluntary leadership is what allows the Church to continue. Our financial giving keeps our staff and our building and our community obligations flush, but no church in the land can pay for everything, can hire out all of its work. A core part of our church experience is the *sharing of leadership* and odd jobs, both big and small. We are *all* aging, we are *all* getting tired, we are *all* overextended in some areas of our personal lives, and so our Sunday together times are designed, not just to glorify God, but to *refresh* us. Believe it or not, our faithful ‘helping out around the house’ can be refreshing, too.

Inviolable Principle Number 2 above *absolutely* applies to what I am about to write: I intend no guilt, arm-twisting, or manipulation, but rather a simple, factual, accurate description of the needs of our various ministries. As you are likely aware, some tasks are rather enormous, but most are quite manageable and require not much time. Can you count to eleven with-

out removing your shoes? We need money counters on Sunday mornings! Can you write a card or two to send encouragement and love to our despondent brothers and sisters? The Membership Team can use that skill. Are you outgoing and friendly? We have a job for that personality. Are you shy and quiet? We have a job for that personality, too. Are you elderly and health-compromised? Part of your healing is likely to be found in doing something good for another. We are all part of the body, friends, and we each have different functions. We learned that in Bible School, right?

So, we have planned three weeks to focus a bit on our gifts and how we might best share them. Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> is our annual Church Conference meeting, and the new slate of leaders will be voted in. Will you be on it? Please join me in giving *volunteerism* at Trinity some thought and prayer. We need each other! And before Thanksgiving, then, I suspect we will have more to be thankful for than we currently understand!

## Thank You

Louis and I wish to thank the members of the congregation who were able to attend the End-of-the-Month Potluck and 50 year marriage Celebration and Reunion of the Wacker family. We moved to Chico in 2012 and attended TUMC on the recommendation of Lorna Humphreys, who told our daughter, Kristina, what a great place this was. We have found support, friendship, care, and prayers here at Trinity. We especially want to thank all those who were able to attend the Pot Luck on Sunday to recognize our 50 years of marriage w/ hugs, cards and good food. Your fellowship has meant so much to us and we were glad we could share this moment with you all.

**Submitted by Neva Wacker**

## Book Sale

Hello! A book sale many of you are apparently unaware of as I've not seen but one or two of you patronizing it. It is the Saturday book sale open to the public at the Chico branch of the county library.

Hard cover books @\$2 and trade paperbacks @\$1.50 in like-new condition are available and duplicates are often discounted 50%. Children's books have been .25 each and sometimes even less if there is a surplus. Cook-books and magazines have been fifty cents, too. Puzzle lovers are delighted to find 100 to thousand pieces challenges also for only \$2 and DVDs .50, CDs .25.

Stan Gray, Leitha King and Lily Loughlin are church members who donate some or many Saturday mornings to set up, cashier or put away the tables and books, as well as on the first Friday afternoon of each month.

But for most of you who want to own current novels at bargain prices that ultimately allow the FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY earn money to purchase new books for circulation, this is the ultimate win-win opportunity.

**Submitted by Lily Loughlin**

## TRINITY'S DONATION TO CHAT "FOUNDERS' LEGACY CAMPAIGN"

Thanks to all those at Trinity UMC who donated to the CHAT [Founders' Legacy Campaign](#). The fund's goal was to raise \$400,000 by September 30 to maintain CHAT's many programs and housing projects. The CHAT founders are Leslie Johnson, a member of TUMC, Bob Trausch and Sheldon Praiser. At Sunday service on Sept. 28, Bob and Leslie were presented a check from TUMC for \$6000. Since then another \$250 has come in. Good work team. ☺

At a previous Church Council meeting it was agreed to encourage CHAT donations. Then, Pastor Dave suggested that the church match our donations. Wow! Donations came from individuals, Church and Society Committee (Gary's coffee, tea & chocolate sales), United Women in Faith (bazaar & rummage sales), etc.

Here's the back story. Trinity UMC got on board in 2019 to raise money for a CHAT Tiny House for a future "Simplicity Village". We collected over \$11,000 dollars (cost then for one Tiny House \$6500). There are now 20 tiny houses or "sleeping cabins" at Everhart Village located next to Butte County Behavioral Health for guests to receive services. Our members were glad to help: \$3000 from Trinity's Camp Fire account, Church and Society Committee, United Methodist Women, our new Paradise/Magalia UMC members and many more who continue to be involved.

For more information about CHAT, go to [www.chicohousingactionteam.net](http://www.chicohousingactionteam.net)

**Submitted by Suellen Rowilson, TUMC member**

## HEIFER STILL PASSING ON THE GIFT OF ANIMALS & MORE

You may still picture farm animals sent by Heifer International to small farmers and families in some 20 countries. True, but the scope has increased to help entire communities end hunger while they learn to care for the earth. Farmers are now connected to Heifer via phone in the field as well as to markets to deliver produce, dairy and tools like a shared tractor. More grants and training are available to youth to create new pathways.

You may have heard of Regenerative Agriculture that cares for the earth more intensely than Heifer's previous concept of Agroecology. Regenerative Ag is being taught at CSUChico's farm, as well as Heifer's 1200ac Ranch in Arkansas. The Ranch is also a Savory Hub of Allan Savory's Institute begun in Rhodesia (now known as Zimbabwe). Farmers visit the Ranch or learn via YouTube. Check it out at [HeiferRanch.org](http://HeiferRanch.org).

Then, there are long term outcomes of Heifer's work from its founding in 1944. Last year there was a grand "[passing on the gift](#)" from Heifer South Korea to Heifer Nepal, 50 years in the making. Local Heifer farmers were trained to care for 100 Holstein cows and 8 bulls delivered from South Korea to improve the local breeds and production of milk. For more info, google Heifer Nepal.

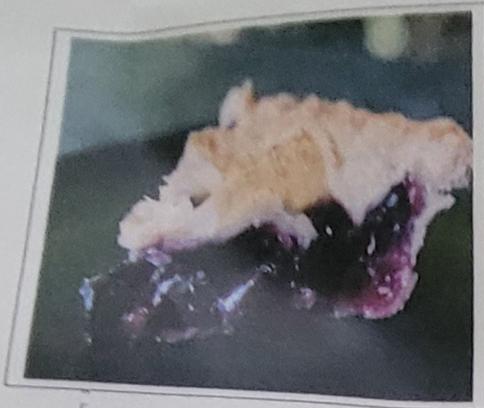
Just for Fun: Sign up for the monthly [Family Fun Pack](#) in the search box at [Heifer.org](http://Heifer.org).

Thank you for your continued giving to Heifer International, it does get [Passed On](#).

**Submitted by Suellen Rowilson**

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# HOLIDAY BAZAAR & LUNCH



**Friday, December 5**

Lunch

11:00 – 1:00

Homemade:

SOUP, SALAD & ROLLS; PIE (optional)

Cash or checks only \$10



## BAZAAR

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**Friday, December 5, 9-2:00**

**Saturday, December 6, 9-noon**

- Cinnamon Rolls Breads Cookies Candy
- Jams & Jellies Nuts Embroidered Tea Towels
- Aprons Holiday Crafts Knitted Gifts
- Plants Jewelry Next-to-New Items
- Cash or checks only

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**GROW**

**SHARE**



## **WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER**

### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 9**

This morning we reinforce our understanding of the goodness of God and our part of the covenant as inspired by Psalm 17:1-9, and the homey message “Applesauce Christianity”. Our annual Financial presentations begin today as well.

### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 16**

In 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 St. Paul presents one of the more controversial arguments in all of Christianity, one that has reared its snarling head in modern times and ways. The sermon will be called “Twisted Bread Can Be Tough.” We also continue the gentle financial talk, too.

### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 23      THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

“The Practice of Peace” is the message that frames the final Sunday of the liturgical year, our annual Thanksgiving Sunday. The spectacular text from Philippians 4:4-9 lights the way this morning. It includes some of the most memorable words in all of Scripture, leading us to gratitude and a culmination of our fall Finance campaign as well. A themed luncheon, “Thankful for You,” will be provided after the 10:30 service. Such a wonderful day will be ours!

### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 30      FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

We return to St. Matthew (24:36-44) as another Advent begins and we begin our annual journey to the stable to meet the newborn King. And since Advent *always* begins with prophetic thinking about the end times, the message is aptly entitled “Timing Is An Issue...”