



Evergreen

The Evergreen gathering for November will be a potluck luncheon at the church on Thursday, November 20th. Our program that day will be a forum with Reverend Chuck Workman, Prison Chaplain and member of our church, and Reverend Jack Oien, Founder of Pastors to Prisoners. This program will be focused on the importance of Christian ministries in

the prisons in our state and the impact they have on those incarcerated in shaping the lives of many after they are released.

Looking to the future, we are planning for our Christmas luncheon which will be a catered affair in Hashinger Hall on Tuesday, December 9th. The program will include

special music celebrating the season with our TPCC Music director, Todd Simmons accompanying his wife, Soprano Kathleen Halm. Many of you will fondly recall the marvelous work of Todd and Kathleen at the first of our concert series, *A Night at the Opera*. Their program at our Christmas luncheon is something to look forward to.

Mark Traganza's Eagle Scout Project

Mark Traganza is a member of Torrey Pines Christian Church and Boy Scout Troop 271 chartered by TPCC. He is a candidate for Eagle Scout rank, the highest rank in Boy Scouts. It requires the Scout to complete 21 merit badges, hold leadership positions, and to carry out an

major improvement in access between the parks and it benefits the hikers, joggers, and mountain bikers in the local communities of University City, La Jolla, and Clairemont communities. It gives them a trail that previously was too much trouble and dangerous to enjoy, as noted

by Ranger Janice LaValle of the City of San Diego, Tri-Canyon Parks. The bridge replaced a temporary thin wooden plank with a newly-designed permanent and stable bridge that is anchored to the ground, has hand

dards. It required 9 months of preparation, cost nearly \$900 and required nearly 300 hours of labor from 24 Scouts and 11 Adults over six separate days. They removed about 15 tons of dirt by hand, poured 1 1/2 yards of concrete, and drilled and screwed over 500 bolts and screws into over 50 pieces of lumber. The workers ate four boxes of donuts, 12 pizzas and drank over 150 bottles of water and Gatorade. The bridge was designed to support the weight and width of an ATV with a 250 pound rider, so it should last for decades.

Mark thanks all of the TPCC members that contributed to his project.



Eagle service project helpful to any religious institution, school, or community. Mark recently completed his Eagle Project. It is a wooden bridge that crosses a nine foot concrete drainage brow located between Rose Canyon and Marion Bear Parks. This was built by volunteers with Mark as the leader. As part of the project, they also had to clear out the dirt and debris underneath the bridge and trim back the tree branches hanging over and down into the concrete brow. This allows water to flow better. The bridge provided a

rails, and has a smooth concrete transition from the dirt trail to the bridge. Mark planned the project, did fundraising at Soup Plantation and by solicited donations, bought the materials, and led the construction. This was a massive project even by Eagle Scout stan-

