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*Yet the LORD longs to be
gracious to you; therefore
he will rise up to show you
compassion. For the LORD
is a God of justice. Blessed
are all who wait for him!*

Isaiah 30:18 NIV

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**PRAYERS FOR THE
HOMEBOUND**

**Terry Ampaya
George Anderson
June Arakawa
Kay Brethauer
Barbara Ewing
Esther Johnson
Ted Rains
Carol Young**

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS
OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

**Dale Ackerman
Jan Ackerman
Chris Bogdan
Earl Breitbarth
Fred Engle
Betty Ericsson
Franki Giffin
Don Grasmick
Sue Mooney**

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

**Jim Ampaya
Don Arstein
Kay Brethauer
Marilyn Camper
Bill Cashdollar
Jorge Dios
Pam Egbert
Joyce Grasmick
John Hallisey
Jerry Harman
Pat Harman
Jeff Hilgaertner**

**Fawn Humphries
Marilyn Holthouse
Nancy Jacobs
Craig Johnson
Linda Kintner
Gerry Mann
Tom McWaid
Sue Mello
Dorothy Miller
Linda Packham
Janie Paulger
Ted Rains**

**Linda Riewald
Martha Sanders
Rita Scott
Brian Smith
Joe Swindle
Ed Vasquez
Dorothy Vasquez
Nancy Wolf
Carol Young
Grant Yule
Kathi Yule
Marcia Zerkel**

**If you would like to be added to or taken off of this prayer list,
please call the church office, so we can keep our list accurate.**

Current Ruling Elders

Shirley Anderson, Dan Bornhoeft, Jorge Dios, Kay Dorner, Steve Giles, Cindy Harris, Betsy Phillips, and Fred Raniere

Deacons

2025

Peggy Antos, Arcelia Dios, Sandra Henningsen, JoAnn Knipe and Bill Stermer

2026

Ruthie Kay, Pat Lagerstrom, Dory Raymond, Zoe Shirley, Jeanne Spahr and Sherry Straeter

2027

Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, Tim Phares and Brenda Schearer

Deacon's Education Scholarship

Scholarships for students in our church family are an important part of the Deacons' work. Please keep our students in your prayers and remember them in your giving.



If you are a college student, parent of a college student, or are planning to start college in the fall, please inquire about the Deacon's scholarship application. Call the church office for information.

Session Highlights

The February Session Meeting was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances and has been rescheduled.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- Ash Wednesday Services - March 5 (12-noon & 6:30 PM)
 - Camarillo CROP Hunger Walk - March 9 (12:30 PM)
 - Alpha - starting March 16th
 - Trinity Spring Craft Fair - April 5 (10:00 AM—3:00 PM)
 - Cultivating Flourishing Churches: April 10—April 12
 - Palm Sunday - April 13
- Holy Week Reflection & Prayer - April 14—April 18 (12:00 PM)
 - Maundy Thursday Service - April 17 (6:30 PM)
 - Easter Sunrise Service - April 20 (6:15 AM) - Outdoor Ministry Center
 - Easter Worship Service - April 20 (9:30 AM)

Financial Report - January 2025

For the month ending 1/31/2025:

- Total Income for January was \$50,773.
- Total expenses for January were \$43,937.
- There was a positive operating result in January of \$6,836.

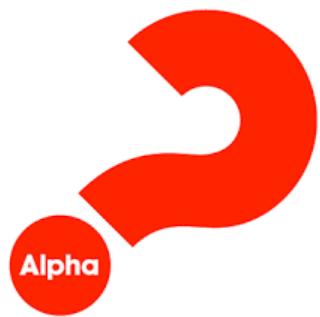
From the Pastor's Desk

The other day I came across a quote that brought a smile to my face, yet at the same time challenged me to take an honest look at myself. The quote comes from Albert Einstein and goes like this: *"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."* The quote brought a smile because just as God's love is new every morning, so is my awareness of my folly.

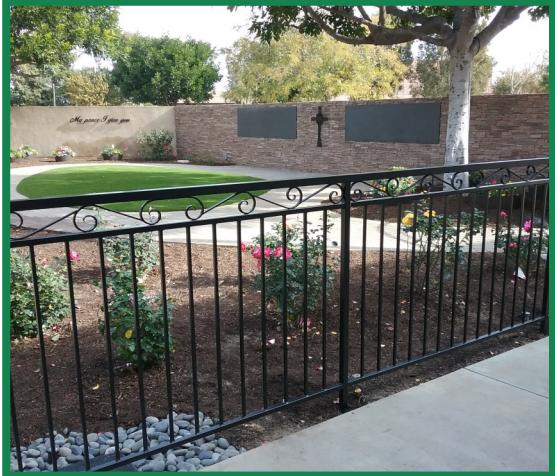
At this year's National Gathering, I sat in on a *break-out* session that focused on the importance of churches being outward focused. We spent over 90 minutes discussing the question, *"Why does our church exist?"* Although the majority of us looked to Matthew 28:19-20 as our biblical mandate, *"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"*, we concluded that most churches are more inward focused than outward focused. Most churches, by their actions and budgets, care more about the people inside their walls than the people outside of their walls. I came back from our National Gathering even more energized, knowing that this Spring a team of people at Trinity will be engaging in an outward focused program called Alpha.

What is Alpha? Alpha is an evangelistic tool that helps people to discover and develop a relationship with Jesus. Alpha helps create a space for honest conversations around some of life's biggest questions. It is designed to provide guests an opportunity to connect with one another, while providing the opportunity to share thoughts, ideas, and opinions in a safe and caring environment. Alpha helps bring people together while providing the chance to encounter Jesus. Alpha holds firmly to the biblical mandate to GO!

This is not a ministry for people inside the church but a ministry that uses the God-given gifts of believers in the church to reach out to those outside of The church. Our hope is to start Alpha on Sunday March 16th. This will be a time where we will gather for a meal, followed by a short video exploring issues of life and faith. I ask that you keep this ministry in your prayers, and if you know of people outside the church that would benefit from this special outreach please let me know.



Blessings,
Pastor Tom.



Weekly Prayer Gathering

You are invited to join us for a time of prayer in the Reflection Garden (or Fireside Room) each Thursday at 1:00 PM.

Questions: Call the church office: (805) 484-0530

Lent



March 5th - Ash Wednesday (12-noon & 6:30 PM)

March 9th - 1st Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 16th - 2nd Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 23rd - 3rd Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 30th - 4th Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

April 6th - 5th Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

April 13th - **Palm Sunday** (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

April 17th - **Maundy Thursday** (Worship Service - 6:30 PM)

April 18th - **Good Friday** (NO Service)

April 20th - **Easter Sunday** (Sunrise Service - 6:15 AM &

Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

*** Holy Week (April 14th – April 18th)**

- The Sanctuary will be open from 12:00 - 12:30 PM each day for quiet reflection and prayer.

Trinity Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

March

- 3rd Greg Antonovich
- 4th Dominick Shirley
- 5th Scott Beattie and Bette Giles
- 7th Mike Adair
- 8th Joyce Grasmick
- 10th Sharon Jones
- 11th Clarke Cramer
- 12th Ian Bornhoeft and Tom Wooff
- 15th Valerie Frye
- 16th Tim Phares
- 17th Pat Lagerstrom and Joni Swindle
- 20th Kiley Hartwich, Bradley Nix, and Kirk Raymond
- 22nd Esther Johnson
- 25th Jenny Graham
- 28th Judy Freeman
- 29th Jeanne Spahr



- If you have a March birthday or anniversary that did not make it into the Trinity Times, please call the church office at (805) 484-0530, so we can update our database.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS...

Camarillo's 42nd CROP Hunger Walk is this month!

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat . . . Matthew 25:35a

We're walking to raise funds for **Church World Service's (CWS)** programs and **local food pantries**, to help our most vulnerable neighbors around the world and around the corner. **25% of the funds raised stay in Camarillo.**



Church World Service is a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement, and disaster. Learn more and see how your support helps at cwsglobal.org.

For WALKERS:

- 1) The Walk is **March 9th, 12:30, Pitts Ranch Park, 1400 Flynn Rd.**
- 2) Get handouts & Donation Envelope at CROP table or from Kris Armstrong
- 3) You are encouraged to **Register Online** for strong fundraising. **Here's how:**
 - Go to the Trinity homepage www.trinitycamarillo.org
Or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/trinity-pres-camarillo>
 - *Tell family and friends near and far about your fundraising mission.*
- 4) If your sponsors give their donations to you, turn these in either at the Community Walk on March 9th, or to Kris Armstrong or the church office by April 28th.

For DONORS:

- 1) Donate the easy way:

Go to the Trinity homepage www.trinitycamarillo.org
Or go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/team/trinity-pres-camarillo>

 - Click on "Make a Donation" to "Support Trinity Pres Camarillo"
Or sponsor an individual by clicking "Donate" after their name on the Team Member list.
- 2) If paying by check, please make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**. Give cash or checks to a walker OR leave them at church by April 28th.

Contact Kris Armstrong OR call Kim in the Church Office for more information.

TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRIES



Sunday Schedule

3:00-4:30 PM
in The Youth Room
(unless otherwise stated)

March 2nd: Cooking

March 9th: CROP Hunger Walk
(Walk begins at 1:15 PM)

March 16th: Games

March 23rd: Movie

March 30th: Tifa Gelato &
Games (meet at Tifa)

Bible Study & Dinner Wednesdays

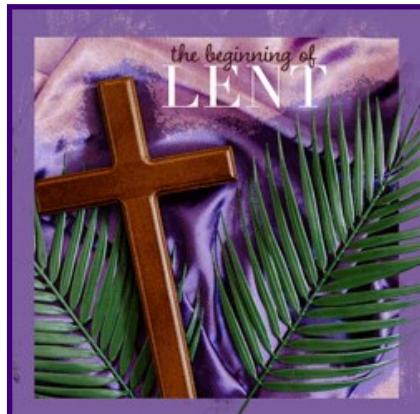
March 5th – 5:30-7:30
(Ash Wednesday)

March 12th – 5:30-7:30

March 19th – 5:30-7:30

March 26th – 5:30-7:30

Drop-off and Pick-up at Trinity all weeks



Joe Davis leads a Bible Study for college students on Zoom at 9:00 Am on Monday mornings. If you are interested in joining this Study, contact Joe Davis in the church office : (805) 484-0530 or email: youth@trinitycamarillo.org

DR. GARY COBB IN CONCERT

SUNDAY MARCH 9, 2025
4:00 PM



CAMARILLO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
291 ANACAPA DRIVE
CAMARILLO, CALIFORNIA

Organ Works by
Sweelinck, Gabrieli, Reinchen, Böhm,
Buxtehude, Bach, Burney, Heron, and Dubois

Freewill Offering
Reception to Follow

Peace in the Spotlight

Don Sterrenburg

The word *turmoil* bolts across the brainwaves immediately as one thinks about our immediate introduction to the New Year 2025: devastating fires, airplane collisions, mudslides, distresses over international borders, influenza, bird flu, resurgence of Covid, and let's not even talk about the soaring price of eggs.

Should someone dare to mention the word peace, its meaning smacks of being gutted of all significance. Ever since Eden it appears to have worn a cloak of elusiveness that few people, if any, have been able to toss aside on their own. Yet it is a genuine quality, even a quest, that is purportedly sought by nation after nation. To look at the front page of any newspaper, it seems that all of society has regularly missed the mark on this target.

Is this something that God intended us to avoid or be deprived of? Absolutely not. But looking for an answer outside of God's intentions is a fruitless search. In the hands of mankind, Peace is such a fragile thing, but in God's hands it is a thing of unparalleled strength. Where then does God begin to nourish, exercise and grow this innate quality? If you are beginning to squirm a bit, you're on to something. Yes, it begins within you and within me.

Let us be very clear about the difficulty of accessing this amazing quality. Believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are *urged* to make it a goal in their lives. At least two times in letters that the Apostle Peter wrote to us, he admonished us to, "turn from evil and do good, to seek peace and *pursue* it, ...to *make every effort* – be eager, diligent—to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with Him." Peter further explains that this requires perseverance and patience.

The author of the book of Hebrews places a marvelous capstone on this very subject as he concludes, "May the God of peace, ...equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."



Meal Share Camarillo

Trinity serves Meal Share on March 6. Watch for the invite from Mary Walling to sign up to help. We can use clean-up help from 5:45 to 6:15 PM.



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 9th

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio on March 9th in celebration of the March birthdays and anniversaries.



**Save the Date:
Trinity Spring Craft Fair
Saturday, April 5th
from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Trinity Staff

Tom Straeter, Pastor: ptstraeter@gmail.com

Joe Davis, Student Ministries: youth@trinitycamarillo.org

Gary Cobb, Organist

Linda Rhymes, Choir Director

Jonathan Meenk, Worship/ IT

Debbie D'Auria, Finance Assistant:
finance@trinitycamarillo.org

Kim Kelley, Secretary: trinitychurchcamarillo@gmail.com

Daniel Szany, Custodian

Eliseo Zavala, Custodian

Contacts: Other organizations on site

Beacon Hill Classical Academy

Lindsay Leeds - Grammar School

Asst. Administrator - (805) 389-6581

Iglesia Cristiana Reformada de Camarillo

Pastor Ricardo Aragon - (805) 482-8511

Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Ventura County

Ted Lin - contact for church - (805) 218-9340

February 2025						
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March 2025

April 2025						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:30p Iglesia - FH
2 9:30a Worship- Sanc 10:00a TAPCVC- FH 11:00a Bells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	3 8:30a BH Chapel- Sanc 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus- FH	4 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 7:00p Brass Band - FH	5 8:30a BH Chapel 10:00a Ladies' Ens.-Sanc 10:00a Facilities- SL 12:00p Ash Wed. Service 6:30p Ash Wed. Service	6 8:30a BH Chapel- Sanc. 10:00a Men's Bible Study - PO 5:00p Meal Share- PH 6:30p Choir - Sanc.	7 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 9:00a BH - Science Fair - PH	8 6:30p Iglesia - FH
9 9:30a Worship- Sanc 10:00a TAPCVC 11:00a Bells 12:30p CROP Walk 2:00p Private Party- PH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	10 8:30a BH Chapel- Sanc 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus- FH	11 1:30p Finance - FS 7:00p Brass Band - FH	12 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble- Sanc 6:00p Women's Group- FS	13 8:30a BH Chapel- Sanc. 10:00a Men's Bible Study - PO 6:30p Choir - Sanc.	14 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc.	15 6:30p Iglesia - FH
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PH = Piper Hall
 FS = Fireside Room
 Sanc. = Sanctuary
 SL = Staff Lounge
 FH = Fellowship Hall
 PO = Pastor's Office
 YR = Youth Room
 OMC = Outdoor Ministry Center

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