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GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD. FOR HE IS GOOD.
FOR HIS MERCY IS EVERLASTING.

Psalm 107:1 NASB

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Living for Christ

Leading others to Christ

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Terry Ampaya	Esther Johnson
George Anderson	Ted Rains
Kay Brethauer	Nancy Wolf
Marilyn Camper	Carol Young
Barbara Ewing	Grant & Kathi Yule
Fawn Humphries	Marcia Zerkel

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

Shirley Anderson
June Arakawa
Kay Carpenter–Dorner
Curt Luft
Bobbie Pittman
Sets Umeda
Paul Wood

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Jim Ampaya	Pat Harman	Ted Rains
Dona Breitbarth	Jeff Hilgaertner	Val Rains
Lloyd Friesen	Marilyn Holthouse	Linda Riewald
Michele Friesen	Nancy Jacobs	Martha Sanders
Joyce Grasmick	Linda Kintner	Brian Smith
Jean Hakes	Gerry Mann	Ed Vasquez
Jerry Harman	Tom McWaid	Dorothy Vasquez
	Linda Packham	

**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

Trinity Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

November

- 1st Sabrina Gilmor
- 3rd Sue Mello
- 4th Debbie D'Auria
- 5th Bill Cashdollar and Ruby Hartwich
- 6th Paige Davis
- 8th Dan Bornhoeft and Judi McKay
- 11th Mona Hicks
- 14th Dave Schearer
- 15th George Hakes
- 16th Jean Hakes and Paul Stermer
- 20th Mary Louise Chamberlain
- 21st Elena Clark, Carmen Rivera, Ellie Slack, Emily Stevenson
- 27th Katie Barrett
- 28th Martha Engle
- 29th Mike McClary, Tom McWaid, Ross Nix
- 30th Doug Coe



Happy Anniversary!

Lloyd & Michele Friesen - November 17th

Dick & Linda Searl - November 24th

George & Jean Hakes - November 27th



- If you have a November 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.

Trinity Staff

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Dan Rhymes, Bell Choir Director

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Daniel Szany, Custodian

Eliseo Zavala, Custodian

Elders

Dan Bornhoeft, Ed Curtis, Lloyd Friesen, Steve Giles,
Betsy Phillips, and Fred Raniere

Deacons

2026: Ruthie Kay, Pat Lagerstrom, Dory Raymond,
Zoe Shirley, and Jeanne Spahr

2027: Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, Tim Phares and Brenda Schearer

2028: Peggy Antos, Corinne Dawson, Michele Friesen,
Sabrina Gilmor, and Sandra Henningsen

Contacts: Other organizations on site

Beacon Hill Classical Academy

Lindsay Leeds - 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

From the Pastor's Desk



Happy Thanksgiving!

Sherry and I want to thank you all for showing your appreciation for us through your cards and gifts, during Pastor's Appreciation Month. It is a privilege to serve Jesus at Trinity as well as in the community of Camarillo. Your love and support of the two of us is such a blessing, THANK YOU!

We are also appreciative of your prayers, as Sherry and I are finally back into our house. The water damage, due to a water line break, was extensive. We had to replace the lower kitchen cabinets and downstairs flooring.

It's almost been three months since we've used the kitchen and dining room. We feel like we are in a new home!



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From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)



As we prepare for the Thanksgiving Holiday, I came across this prayer that you might want to share with others on Thanksgiving Day.

Gracious and Loving God, On this day of Thanksgiving, we pause to give You praise and gratitude. You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. You have filled our lives with abundance, the gift of life itself, the love of family and friends, the beauty of creation, and the grace that saves us through Jesus. We thank You, Lord, for daily bread and shelter, for work that gives purpose, and rest that renews our strength. We thank You for moments of joy and laughter, and even for seasons of struggle that draw us closer to You. Forgive us, Lord, when we take Your blessings for granted. Help us to see Your hand in every good thing, and to respond with hearts of generosity and compassion. May our gratitude overflow in acts of kindness toward others, so that all may know the goodness of our God. We pray for those who hunger, who grieve, or who feel alone this day. Let Your love surround them, and use us as instruments of your peace and provision. Remind us that true thanksgiving is not a single day, but a way of life—living each moment in praise to You. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior, who taught us to give thanks in all things. Amen.

God's Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom



Welcome New Members/ Trinity Covenant Partners:



Sandra Fox



Sharon Watson



Janelle Roland



Mike McClary



Wendy McClary

Daylight Saving Time ENDS!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 2nd.
Please make a note to set your clocks
back one hour before going to bed
on Saturday, November 1st!

**Bobbie Pittman Celebration of Life**

You are invited to the Celebration
of Life for Bobbie Pittman
on Wednesday, Nov.12th
at 4:00 PM in the Trinity Sanctuary.
There will be a reception
and snacks in Piper Hall
immediately following the service.

Kay Carpenter-Dorner Celebration of Life

You are invited to the Celebration
of Life for Kay Carpenter-Dorner
on Saturday, Nov.22nd
at 11:00 AM in the Trinity Sanctuary.
There will be a reception and
catered lunch in Piper Hall
immediately following the service.



Holiday Cheer Craft Market—NOVEMBER 15

We are excited to once again be able to reach out to our neighbors and offer a place to help with their businesses as well as for others to find unique gifts! (A fun outdoor atmosphere with food and drinks, including Mr Softee ice cream)

Bring your family and friends for Saturday lunch in the tent!! **11am-3pm**

We will be signing up helpers for:

set up, take down, kids crafts, Trinity info booth, and more

SIGN UP ON THE COURTYARD AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE!

TRINITY CRAFT FAIR



HOLIDAY CHEER CRAFT MARKET



NOVEMBER | **15** | 11:00-3:00

AT TRINITY CHURCH CAMARILLO
2304 ANTONIO AVE



- FOOD & DRINKS
- ART
- MR. SOFTEE TRUCK

- HANDMADE GOODS
- CERAMICS

- CROCHET
- VINTAGE GOODS

- CANDLES & SOAP
- PLANTS

- JEWELRY
- CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES
- SHOP HOLIDAY GIFTS




FOOD DRIVE



Veterans Day Food Drive October 20 to November 14, 2025

Gold Coast Veterans Foundation is partnering with Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank to enable food insecure veterans from all of Ventura County to get food throughout the year.

Please donate only non-perishable items - no glass.

Suggested Food Items:

Canned pasta sauce
Canned baked beans
Hamburger Helper
Flavored Rice - Rice a Roni
Boxed mashed potatoes
Canned meat - chicken or SPAM
Canned fruit - any kind
Dry beans - one-pound bags
Condiments - mayo, mustard, ketchup
Drinks - coffee/tea, soda, hot chocolate

Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.
Use the QR code or go to
www.gcvf.org or
www.mannaconejo.org

To donate to Gold Coast
Veterans Foundation



Trinity will be participating in this food drive
for Ventura County veterans

- Look for the blue food bin on the patio on Sundays
or bring to the church office during the week.



TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Schedule

3:00-4:30 PM

November 2: Games

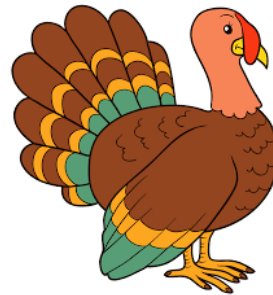
November 9: Cooking

November 16th: TIFA Gelato & Games

November 23rd: No Youth Group.

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 30th: Movie



Bible Study & Dinner

Wednesdays

November 5th – 5:30-7:30

November 12th – 5:30-7:30

November 19th – 5:30-7:30

November 26th – 5:30-7:30

Drop-off and Pick-up at Trinity



It's time to fill shoeboxes for **Operation Christmas Child!**

A small shoebox can have a big impact.

**What goes into the box is fun,
but what comes out of it is eternal!**

**Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name
through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.**



- Pick up your information packet on the patio
- Unable to shop? Simply make a donation by November 16th and our college students will do the shopping for you.
- **The deadline for collecting boxes is November 23. Monetary donations for mailing boxes can be turned in up until this date, as well.**
- Questions? Please contact Joe Davis at (805) 302-8528

Thanksgiving Donations for Those in Need

We will be collecting gift cards and monetary donations (to use towards additional gift cards for restaurants or groceries) to help feed our homeless and those in need.

Please bring donations to the church by Sunday, November 23rd.
Joe Davis, along with some of our college students
will be delivering the gift cards.

Questions: call Joe Davis or Kim (805) 484-0530.



Poinsettia Donations for Christmas

The Trinity Deacons are purchasing poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas.

They will also be purchasing poinsettia plants for those among our congregation who are home-bound, ill, or disheartened.

If you would like to make a donation to help offset the costs for the Deacons, you may write a check to Trinity Presbyterian Church with "Poinsettias" on the memo line.

Dedications will be posted in the bulletins during the month of December.

Please get donations & dedications to Kim in the church office by Sunday, Nov. 23rd.



Advent Schedule

Sunday, November 30th

1st Sunday of Advent - Hope (9:30 AM)

Sunday, December 7th

2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace (9:30 AM)

Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing (4:30 PM)

Sunday, December 14th

3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy (9:30 AM)

Saturday, December 21st

4th Sunday of Advent - Love (9:30 AM)

Monday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 PM)



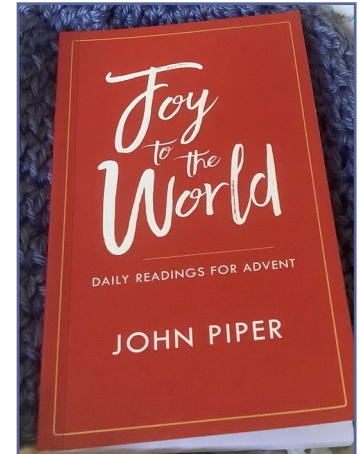
Advent Devotional

**“THIS IS THE GREATEST WONDER OF HISTORY, SOMETHING
TOO STUPENDOUS TO CELEBRATE JUST ON ONE DAY.
ADVENT IS A WAY OF LENGTHENING
THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS.”**

- John Piper

MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR COPY OF
THIS ADVENT DEVOTIONAL
TO USE BEGINNING DECEMBER 1st
AVAILABLE ONE TO EACH FAMILY
AT TRINITY FOR FREE

- pick one up at Trinity Sunday, Nov. 23 or 30th



ADVENT DECORATING FOR OUR BEAUTIFUL SANCTUARY

Friday, November 28 (9:30 -11:00 AM)

...IT TAKES A TEAM EFFORT!

Please sign up on the courtyard Sunday November 16 or 23
or email Betsy Phillips @ heartprint4u@gmail.com





Musical December!

We are excited for another musical December!
In lieu of a separate choir concert, we will again be having 4 mini concerts each Sunday during Advent, in conjunction with our Sunday morning worship Service.

Plan to join us during Advent to hear:
Trinity Choir, HandBells, Ladies Ensemble,
Channel Islands Harmony Chorus,
The Ventura Brass Band,
Pepperdine Strings, and more!

Meal Share Camarillo

Trinity is serving Meal Share on Thurs, Nov. 6th.
Look for your email invite from Mary Walling to sign up.

If you want to help and do not receive the email, please see Betsy Phillips on the patio or call her at: (805) 795-7712.

ALL are welcome to attend Meal Share.

Come for a hot meal & enjoy good company.
Invite others to come too.



Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio Sunday, Nov. 9th to celebrate those with November birthdays and anniversaries.

Session Highlights

- Membership is at 178 with the recent passing of Kay Carpenter-Dorner, Curt Luft, and Bobbie Pittman
- Session voted to promote the vision of hiring a person to focus on community outreach, with placing \$100,000 in the budget coming from the gift from Shirley Anderson.
- The Trinity Visioning Team is meeting and discussing weekly, looking at the needs of Trinity and the future needs of people. Qualifications discussed include unique ideas on services and growing the church.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- Veteran's Day Food Drive - Oct. 20th—Nov. 14th
- New Member Class - Sat. Oct. 25th (9:00 AM-12:00 PM)
- Bobbie Pittman Celebration of Life - Wed. Nov. 12th (4:00 PM)
- Holiday Craft Market - Sat. Nov. 15th (11:00 AM-3:00 PM)
- Kay Carpenter-Dorner Celebration of Life - Sat. Nov. 22nd (11:00 AM)
 - ECO National Gathering - Atlanta, GA (Feb. 2—Feb.5)

Financial Report - September 2025

For the month ending 9/30/2025:

- Total Income for September was \$56,061.
- Total expenses for September were \$66,095.
- There was a negative operating result in September of (\$10,034).

For the nine months ending 9/30/2025:

- Total YTD income is \$526,424.
- Total YTD expenses are \$545,266.
- There is a negative YTD operating result of (\$18,842).

Irretrievable: words that take flight

Don Sterrenburg

“Carl! Trash pick-up tomorrow morning! Get with the program and take the bag of garbage out to the trash before you forget!”

“On my way!”, Carl resounded, unwinding himself from the LazyBoy and the TV during Monday night football. Out to the kitchen he scurried, grabbed the bag off the counter and hurried toward the garage. Thrusting open the door, he stepped into the darkness and promptly caught his slipper on the threshold. Attempting to regain his balance, the bag shot out of his hand, sailed toward the trash can, and missed it by two feet. As it hit the concrete the bag split open, spilling its greasy entrails all over. Aghast, Carl opened his mouth, spilling forth a couple of expletives.

Scenes like these are played out all too frequently where language is spewed out carelessly, rather than yield to godly self-control. Our responses or outbursts, and how they are shaped by our language become reflections of who we are before others.

Let’s presume you are a child of God, a Christian, a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Big question: If you are truly a disciple of Christ, would you have unloaded language like Carl did? Suppose that one afternoon long ago, as a disciple accompanying Jesus, you are on your way into Jerusalem, moving along a crowded thoroughfare. As you squeeze through the crowd you accidentally brush up against a donkey. Suddenly, the perturbed animal slams a sharp hoof into your knee. How would you have reacted? What kind words would you have directed at the animal? Remember, Jesus was standing nearby.

Of course, you would be hurt, and deserve to be upset – even angry. But what would your anger look like and sound like, even if Jesus had not been standing alongside you? Do you remember the incident when Jesus entered the Temple courtyard and discovered, to His dismay, all kinds of business being conducted in that holy place (Matthew 21:12) ? Yes, He was extremely angry, but with a righteous purpose. Recall the apostle Paul’s words, “In your anger, do not sin!”

With our words, the language we use can find a multitude of expressions: frustration, joy, anxiety, cheerfulness, and the list goes on. May we have the strength and godly presence of mind to use our speech in a praiseworthy and godly manner. King David said it best: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.”



October 2025

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November 2025

December 2025

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28	29	30	31			

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 6:30p Iglesia - FH
2 9:30a Communion Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 11:00a HandBells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	3 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH 7:00p CIH Chorus-FH 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc.	4 8:00a Debbie D'Auria's Bday 9:00a Staff - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	5 10:00a Ladies' Ens-Sanc 10:00a Facilities-SL 2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL 6:00p Ladies Study-FS 8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.	6 5:00p Meal Share-PH 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	7 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 8:00a BH - Pictures - PH 8:30a K Preview - CY	8 6:30p Iglesia - FH
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30 9:30a Musical December Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 11:00a HandBells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	PH = Piper Hall FS = Fireside Room Sanc. = Sanctuary SL = Staff Lounge FH = Fellowship Hall PO = Pastor's Office YR = Youth Room CY = Court Yard OMC = Outdoor Ministry Center					

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