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*Now may
the Lord of peace
himself give you
peace at all times
and in every way.
The Lord be with all of you.*

2 Thessalonians 3:16, NIV

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

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

**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!

December

2nd Linda Packham
5th Janie Paulger
10th Donna Mew
11th Helen Torkelsen
13th Vonnie Whetzel
15th Barbara Anderson and Karey Struckhoff
16th JoAnn Knipe
17th Val Rains
20th Judy Hamilton
26th Beckie Cramer
27th Gerry Mann
30th Carol Blok



Happy Anniversary!



Jerry & Pat Harman – December 23rd
Grant & Kathi Yule – December 23rd
Scott & Sandi Beattie – December 27th
Don & Tena Arstein – December 29th
Bill & Judy Cashdollar – December 29th
Mike & Jeanne Spahr – December 29th



- If you have a December 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.

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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

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Taiwanese-American Presbyterian Church of Ventura County

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From the Pastor's Desk



So Mary said, "Yes, I am a servant of the Lord; let this happen to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her. (Luke 1:38 NET)

Mary's faithful "yes" still echoes through the centuries. As Luke 1:38 in the New International Version puts it: *"I am the Lord's servant... May it be to me as you have said."*

During the Christmas season it is important to pause and look at all Mary went through by saying yes. Her agreeing to God's call upon her life, was anything but passive, it was courageous, thoughtful, and rooted in deep trust. When Mary said yes, she accepted the risk of misunderstanding, the strain on her reputation, and the weight of raising the Messiah.

After Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, Luke tells us that Mary *"treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart"* (Luke 2:19). She listened, watched, and reflected as God unfolded His plan before her eyes. Although Mary herself didn't send out birth announcements, news of the child's birth spread with the help of Heavenly hosts. Those who came to see the child shared testimonies that inspire us even today.

Her willingness to say "yes" made space for God's greatest gift. Our own obedience – small or large – can become part of His continuing work.

This Christmas I invite you to say "yes" to God when He calls you to be a part of His plan. Remember, just as God was with Mary, He will be with you, always!

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom



NOVEMBER WORSHIP AT TRINITY.....



- Filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child



- Collecting food for local veterans



- Enjoying gathering together to worship our Lord and Savior each Sunday



- Cafe in the courtyard after worship services



- Cake on the patio to celebrate birthdays & anniversaries

These are all forms of worship, expressing our love for God and for those around us!

TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRIES**Sunday Schedule****3:00-4:30 PM**

December 7: Christmas Tree Lighting
& Carol Sing - 4:30 PM

December 14: Movie

December 21: White Elephant
Gift Exchange

December 28: TIFA Gelato & Games

**Bible Study & Dinner**

Wednesdays

December 3rd – 5:30-7:30

December 10th – 5:30-7:30

December 17th – 5:30-7:30

December 24th – No Bible Study
Merry Christmas

December 31st – No Bible Study
Happy new Year!

Drop-off and Pick-up at Trinity

Please join us for our:

6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

Sunday, December 7th at Trinity.

We will be gathering outdoors at 4:30 PM to sing Christmas carols,
drink hot cocoa and light our tree!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors! All ages are welcome!
You won't want to miss this wonderful time
of celebration & fellowship!



Holiday Cheer Craft Market—DECEMBER 20

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

We need helpers for: set up, take down, kids crafts, Trinity info booth, and more

SIGN UP ON THE COURTYARD AFTER THE SUNDAY SERVICE!



The poster features a central illustration of a craft market stall with a blue and white striped awning, surrounded by green Christmas trees and snow. The stall is decorated with various items like a lantern, jars, and a person in a red sweater. The background is a light beige color with a subtle snow pattern.

Holiday Cheer **CRAFT MARKET**

LOCAL HANDMADE GOODS & FOOD

Saturday, December 20th

11:00AM-3:00PM

AT TRINITY CHURCH CAMARILLO
2304 ANTONIO AVE

@TRINITYCRAFTFAIR

Decorative elements include snowflakes, a red mug with a snowman, and a sleigh with gifts.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, November 30th

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

Musical December: Channel Islands Harmony Chorus
& Trinity Ladies Ensemble

Sunday, December 7th

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

Musical December: Pepperdine Strings & Trinity Soloists

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

Sunday, December 14th

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

Musical December: Trinity Choir & Handbells

Saturday, December 20th

- Holiday Craft Market at Trinity - 11:00 AM—3:00 PM

Sunday, December 21st

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

Musical December: Ventura British Brass Band

Wednesday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 PM)



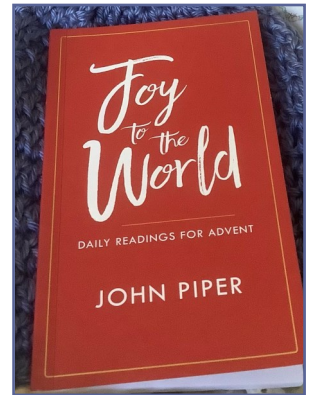
Advent Devotional

**“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

- You can still pick one up on the patio on Nov. 30th!



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 British Brass Band,
Pepperdine Strings, and more!**



Deacon's News

During the holiday season, our loving deacons plan to visit our online and homebound flock members with poinsettias and prayers. We wish you all a blessed Christmas as we worship Jesus, the perfect little baby who grew up to be our perfect Lord and Savior.



The ladies of Trinity are invited to Brenda Schearer's Christmas Potluck at her home (4889 Paseo Montelena) on Friday, Dec. 19th at 12:00 PM. Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Drinks will be provided.



Meal Share Camarillo

Trinity is serving Meal Share on Thurs, Dec. 4th. Look for the email from Mary Walling to sign up.

If you want to help and do not receive the email, please contact Betsy Phillips 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, Dec. 14th to celebrate those with December birthdays and anniversaries.

Session Highlights

- Membership is at 183 with the addition of new members: Sandy Fox, Mike McClary, Wendy McClary, Janelle Roland, and Sharon Watson.
- Session approved for this year's Special Christmas Joy Offering to go to Meal Share, Camarillo.
- Session approved the request of Soli Church to use Piper Hall on Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) from 6:00 to 6:45 PM.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing - Sun. Dec. 7th (4:30 PM)
 - Holiday Craft Market - Sat. Dec. 20th (11:00 AM-3:00 PM)
 - Christmas Eve Service - Wed. Dec. 24th (4:00 PM)
 - Jonathan Noyse Preaching (Stand to Reason) - Sun. Jan. 11th
- Kay Carpenter-Dorner Celebration of Life - Sat. Jan. 24th (11:00 AM)
 - ECO National Gathering - Atlanta, GA (Feb. 2—Feb.5)
 - Annual Congregational Meeting - Sun. Feb. 8th (10:45 AM)

Financial Report - October 2025

For the month ending 10/31/2025:

- Total Income for October was \$50,748.
- Total expenses for October were \$68,506.
- There was a negative operating result in October of (\$17,759).

For the ten months ending 10/31/2025:

- Total YTD income is \$577,171.
- Total YTD expenses are \$613,772.
- There is a negative YTD operating result of (\$36,601).

The Applause of Heaven

Don Sterrenburg

JOY! Now, here is a word almost impossible for anyone to ignore this month! When the spirit of the Christmas season begins to gain a foothold with the populace, hardly a day passes when the word ‘joy’ is not expressed in some explosive manner.

In spite of the media’s daily broadcast of dismal news that encircles the globe, here is a word that can surge through our veins like a shot of adrenalin. It has the ability to buoy us up to levels of jubilation which can brush aside all the business and anxiety that may accompany the season. Little should this surprise us, since the word *joy* originated from the Latin word *gaudere* meaning ‘rejoice.’

Several days ago, I contacted the beautiful daughter of a lifelong buddy of mine. Her name is Joy. My curiosity impelled me to ask the question, “Have you ever had an occasion, a thought, or an event happen whereby you experienced a sudden unexpected connection between your name, Joy, and something exhilarating and quite wonderful—something like a ‘discovery’ that might have brightened your life in, perhaps, some unexpected way?” She answered me immediately. I could even ‘hear’ excitement in her text message. “Yes!”, she said, “Just two weeks ago, our pastor shared something I had never heard before – that *joy* can be used as *a weapon against the enemy*. That truth hit me in such a powerful way, especially because it’s my name! It reminded me that joy isn’t just a feeling; it’s a strength we can choose, even in difficult moments. That realization truly brightened my spirit and gave my name a deeper meaning.”

Joy felt the truth of her name in that moment. True joy is the applause of heaven from within. It is God expressing His favor through our faith. It may, at first, rest quietly, but will ultimately burst forth by thought, by word, by deed or by action. Seldom is it smothered in silence.



November 2025

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December 2025

January 2026

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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH	2 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	3 10:00a Ladies' Ens-Sanc 10:00a Facilities-SL 10:00a BH-Market-CY 2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	4 5:00p Meal Share-PH 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	5 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY 10:00a BH- Class Party- field	6 6:30p Iglesia - FH
	8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.					
7 9:30a Communion -Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 11:00a HandBells-Sanc. 4:30p TreeLighting -grass 5:00p Iglesia-FH	8 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH	9 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 1:30p Finance - FS 6:30p Deacon's - FS 7:00p Brass Band - FH	10 10:00a Ladies' Ens-Sanc 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	11 8:30a BH Christmas Chapel-Sanc. 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	12 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc. 9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY	13 6:30p Iglesia - FH
	8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.					
14 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 11:00a HandBells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	15 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH	16 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 6:30p Session- FS 6:30p Personnel - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	17 10:00a Ladies' Ens-Sanc 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	18 5:00p Meal Share-PH 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	19 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY	20 11:00a Holiday Craft Market 6:30p Iglesia - FH
	8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.					
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28 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 11:00a HandBells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	29 5:30p Men's Bible Study- PH	30 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	31	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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