

2026

MARCH

Trinity Times

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • CAMARILLO, CA

*"Dear children, let us not love
with words or speech but with
actions and in truth."*

1 John 3:18



Trinity Times Monthly Newsletter
March 2026, Issue No. 199

Published by:
Trinity Presbyterian Church
2304 Antonio Avenue
Camarillo, California 93010



Loving Christ

Living for Christ

Leading others to Christ

Table of Contents

Cover...1 John 3:18

2.....Table of Contents

3.....Prayers for the People & Weekly Prayer Gathering

4.....March Birthdays & Anniversaries

5.....Trinity Staff, Elders, Deacons, & Organizations on site

6-7.....From the Pastor's Desk & Lenten Schedule

**8.....Daylight Saving Time Begins, Meal Share Camarillo,
& Trinity Spring Craft Market**

**9.....March Cake on the Patio, Church Life/Happenings &
Upcoming Dates, & Financial Report**

10.....Spotlight on Missions: 43rd Annual CROP Hunger Walk

11.....March Calendar

PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

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

Kay Brethauer
 Kay Carpenter–Dorner
 Marilyn Holthouse
 Curt Luft
 Bobbie Pittman
 Sets Umeda
 DeAnn Young

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Jim Ampaya	Jerry Harman	Gerry Mann
Terry Ampaya	Pat Harman	Tom McWaid
Dona Breitbarth	Sandy Hess	Linda Packham
Arcelia Dios	Jeff Hilgaertner	Linda Riewald
Pam Egbert	Nancy Jacobs	Martha Sanders
Joyce Grasmick	Linda Kintner	Brian Smith

**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

March Birthdays

- 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
 13th Charles Heatherly
 15th Valerie Frye
 16th Tim Phares
 17th Pat Lagerstrom and Joe Swindle
 20th Kiley Hartwich, Bradley Nix, and Kirk Raymond
 22nd Esther Johnson
 25th Dora Dalglish and Jenny Graham
 28th Judy Freeman
 29th Mike Cervantes and Jeanne Spahr



Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Wendy McClary – March 14th
 Sharon & Dennis Watson – March 23rd



- 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.

Trinity Staff

Tom Straeter, Pastor: ptstraeter@gmail.com

Kim Kelley, Administrative Assistant: trinitychurchcamarillo@gmail.com

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

Gary Cobb, Organist

Linda Rhymes, Choir Director

Dan Rhymes, Bell Choir Director

Frank Vazquez, Worship Leader

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



Trinity Family,

I was very thankful that Pastor Tracy could lead the Ash Wednesday service, while Sherry and I escaped for a few days for some much needed rest. We have been taking care of her mother who, as I write, remains in critical condition at Palomar Hospital in Escondido, CA. It has been over a month that she has been in the hospital. Again, we are so thankful for your prayers. The nurses are very friendly as they attend to Jackie's needs. One nurse who knew I was a Pastor, asked if Presbyterians observed the season of Lent? Not knowing her faith background, I said, historically, Presbyterians have approached Lent thoughtfully and sometimes cautiously. The caution comes from the fact that Lent is never mentioned in the Bible, and we as Presbyterians, let the Scriptures be our guide.

If I had more time I would have said that our Reformed forebears, including John Calvin, insisted that Scripture alone governs the life and worship of the church. The Westminster Confession of Faith reminds us that God may not be worshiped according to human invention, but according to His revealed will. Because Lent is not commanded in Scripture, it must never be required of believers or treated as spiritually necessary. However at the same time, we also affirm Christian liberty. **The Heidelberg Catechism teaches that our good works flow from gratitude for salvation — not from a desire to earn it.** If a believer chooses to use this season for deeper reflection, prayer, or self-examination, that may be a meaningful and faithful expression of gratitude. But it must always remain voluntary and never binding on the conscience.

Above all, we must guard the heart of the gospel. We are justified by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. No fasting, sacrifice, or discipline can add to the finished work of Jesus Christ. Hebrews tells us that Christ offered Himself "once for all." His atonement is complete.

Continue on pg. 7

From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)



My hope is that every day we would take time:

- To meditate on Christ's suffering and obedience
- To examine our hearts in light of His holiness
- To deepen our gratitude for the cross
- To prepare ourselves spiritually for the joy of Easter

But we must never treat Lent as a spiritual ladder to climb. Our hope is not in our discipline, but in our Savior.

Finally, as Presbyterians, if we choose **to observe** Lent in some personal way, it's important that we do so in freedom and gratitude. And if we choose **not to observe it**, do so in freedom and gratitude. In all things, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Remember, *grace* is not seasonal. The cross is sufficient. Christ is enough.

Grace & Peace In Christ,

Pastor Tom

Pastor Tom Straeter



Lent



March 1st - 2nd Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 8th - 3rd Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 15th - 4th Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 22nd - 5th Sunday in Lent (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

March 29th - Palm Sunday (Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

April 2nd - Maundy Thursday (Worship Service - 6:30 PM)

April 5th - Easter Sunday (Sunrise Service - 6:30 AM &
Worship Service - 9:30 AM)

*** Holy Week (March 30th – April 3rd)**

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



**Daylight Saving Time
begins at 2:00 AM
on Sunday, March 8th
Don't forget to set your clocks
ahead one hour
on Saturday night!**

Meal Share Camarillo

Trinity is serving Meal Share on Thurs, March 5th. 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!



Trinity Spring 
Craft Market 
Saturday, March 28
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM 
SHOP 25+ LOCAL VENDORS!



Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio on Sunday, March 8th to celebrate those with March birthdays and anniversaries.

Session Highlights

- Membership is at 181 with the passing of Kay Brethauer and Marilyn Holthouse.
- Session approved Presbytery at Trinity—May 16.
 - Ed is working on new master keys.
 - Betsy is creating prayer scrolls for Lent.
 - Steve is reviewing insurance for Beacon Hill.

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates:

- Tactics Class begins – March 8 (10:45 AM)
- CROP Hunger Walk – March 8 (12:30 PM)
- Holy Week Reflection & Prayer – March 30-April 3 (12 – 12:30 PM)
- Maundy Thursday Service – April 2 (6:30 PM)
- Easter Sunrise Service – April 5 (6:30 AM)/ Worship service (9:30 AM)

Financial Report - January 2026

* Note: these numbers have not yet been approved by the Finance Committee, as there was not a quorum for the Feb. Finance meeting.

For the month ending 1/31/2026:

- Total Income for January was \$49,007.
- Total expenses for January were \$51,357.
- There was a negative operating result in January of \$2,350.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS...

Camarillo's 43rd 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 8th, 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 website www.trinitycamarillo.org Scroll down and click on "SIGN UP TO WALK HERE". Then scroll down and click on "JOIN THE TEAM".
 - 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 Walk on March 8th, or to Kris Armstrong or the church office by April 19th.

For DONORS:

- 1) Donate the easy way:
Go to the Trinity homepage www.trinitycamarillo.org and click on "DONATE HERE" To support Trinity's entire team, click on "Make a Donation." To sponsor an individual, scroll down to list of Team members.
- 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 19th.

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

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026

April 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30a Communion Service - Sanc.</p> <p>10:00a TAPCVC-FH</p> <p>11:00a HandBells - Sanc.</p> <p>1:00p Private Party - PH</p> <p>5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>9:30a Staff meeting - PO</p> <p>7:00p Brass Band - FH</p>	<p>4</p> <p>2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL</p> <p>6:00p Ladies Study-FS</p>	<p>5</p> <p>5:00p Meal Share (Trinity) - PH</p> <p>6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS</p> <p>9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY</p> <p>12:00p BH-Science Fair-PH</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30p Iglesia - FH</p>
8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.						
<p>8</p> <p>9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc.</p> <p>10:00a TAPCVC</p> <p>10:45a "Tactics" - FS</p> <p>11:00a HandBells - Sanc.</p> <p>12:30p CROPWalk-Pitts Ranch</p> <p>5:00p Iglesia-</p>	9	<p>10</p> <p>9:30a Staff meeting - PO</p> <p>1:30p Finance - FS</p> <p>6:30p Deacon's - FS</p> <p>7:00p Brass Band - FH</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:00p Ladies Study-FS</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS</p> <p>9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY</p> <p>12:00p BH-Science Fair-PH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30p Iglesia - FH</p>
8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.						
<p>15</p> <p>9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc.</p> <p>10:00a TAPCVC-FH</p> <p>10:45a "Tactics" - FS</p> <p>11:00a HandBells - Sanc.</p> <p>5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>9:00a Staff Development - PH</p> <p>9:30a Staff meeting - PO</p> <p>6:30p Session- FS</p> <p>6:30p Personnel - PO</p> <p>7:00p Brass Band - FH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:00p Ladies Study-FS</p>	<p>19</p> <p>5:00p Meal Share (NOT Trinity)</p> <p>6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS</p> <p>9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30p Iglesia - FH</p>
8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.						
<p>22</p> <p>9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc.</p> <p>10:00a TAPCVC-FH</p> <p>10:45a "Tactics" - FS</p> <p>11:00a HandBells - Sanc.</p> <p>5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8</p>	23	<p>24</p> <p>9:30a Staff meeting - PO</p> <p>7:00p Brass Band - FH</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:00p Ladies Study-FS</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:30a BH Poetry Slam</p> <p>6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS</p> <p>9:00a BH - Path Prayer - CY</p>	<p>28</p> <p>11:00a CRAFT MARKET</p> <p>6:30p Iglesia - FH</p>
8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.						
<p>29</p> <p>9:30a Palm Sunday Serv.-Sanc.</p> <p>10:00a TAPCVC-FH</p> <p>10:45a "Tactics" - FS</p> <p>11:00a HandBells - Sanc.</p> <p>5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8</p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>9:30a Staff meeting - PO</p> <p>7:00p Brass Band - FH</p>	<p>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</p>			
8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.		12:00p Holy Week Meditation & ..				

Trinity Presbyterian Church

**2304 Antonio Ave.
Camarillo, CA 93010**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

(Not for Temporarily Away)

**2304 Antonio Ave
Camarillo, CA 93010**

Phone: 805-484-0530

We're on the Web!

www.TrinityCamarillo.org