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Trinity Church Camarillo



*“As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion  
to those who fear him.”*

Psalm 103:13

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Jim & Terry Ampaya  
George Anderson  
Marilyn Camper  
Betty Chavales  
Barbara Ewing  
Bette Giles  
Fawn Humphries

Esther Johnson  
Ted Rains  
Ed & Dorothy Vasquez  
Nancy Wolf  
Carol Young  
Grant & Kathi Yule  
Marcia Zerkel

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS  
OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Barbara Anderson  
Jackie Brooks  
Mac Dagleish  
Marilyn Holthouse  
Mati Varav  
Albert & Linda Wolfkiel

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Jim Ampaya  
Terry Ampaya  
Dona Breitbarth  
Arcelia Dios  
Pam Egbert  
Bette Giles  
Joyce Grasmick

Jerry Harman  
Pat Harman  
Sandy Hess  
Jeff Hilgaertner  
Nancy Jacobs  
Linda Kintner  
Ted Rains  
Gerry Mann

Tom McWaid  
Linda Packham  
Linda Riewald  
Martha Sanders  
Joni Swindle  
Dorothy Vasquez  
Ed 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!

#### June

1st	Fred Raniere and Rachel Wooff
3rd	Darren Hartwich
5th	Jo Ann Cork
6th	George Anderson
9th	Myra Gandia
10th	Stan Arnot
12th	Steve Michel
14th	Tom Mew
16th	Donna Herleikson
26th	Dona Breitbarth
27th	Roxanne Danielsen
28th	Janelle Roland
29th	Tim Danielsen
30th	Lloyd Friesen



### Happy Anniversary!

Ross & Kristin Nix – June 2nd  
 Ken & Dori Knipe – June 3rd  
 Mike & Susan Adair – June 12th  
 Tim & Roxanne Danielsen – June 20th  
 Jim & Sandra Henningsen – June 21st  
 Clark & Judi McKay – June 26th  
 Tom & Mary Walling – June 30th



\* If you have a June 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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**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, Joe Davis, Jorge Dios,  
Lloyd Friesen, Steve Giles, and Fred Raniere

### **Deacons**

**2027:** Janie Paulger, Karen Peters, & Brenda Schearer

**2028:** Peggy Antos, Michele Friesen, Sabrina Gilmore, & Sandra Henningsen

**2029:** Mary Dall, Elena Davis, Arcelia Dios, Ruthie Kay, & Zoe Shirley

### **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



I believe I have mentioned it to you before, but having the opportunity to disciple the 10th grade Beacon Hill Classical Academy boys has kept me on my toes. One of the truths that I have tried to help them see, as we have met together once a week throughout the school year, is the importance of understanding two central Christian mysteries, the Trinity and the Incarnation. I have used ECO's Essential Tenets for a foundation to build upon as we focused on these two truths. The following is what we believe as a denomination as we stand in the reformed tradition.

### **Trinity**

The triune nature of God is the first great mystery of the Christian faith. With Christians everywhere, we worship the only true God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - who is both one essence and three persons. God is infinite, eternal, immutable, impassible, and ineffable. He cannot be divided against Himself, nor is He becoming more than He has been, since there is no potential or becoming in Him. He is the source of all goodness, all truth and all beauty, of all love and all life, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. The three persons are consubstantial with one another, being both coeternal, and coequal, such that there are not three gods, nor are there three parts of God, but rather three persons within the one Godhead. The Son is eternally begotten from the Father, and the Spirit proceeds eternally from the Father and the Son. All three persons are worthy of worship and praise.

God has no need of anyone or anything beyond Himself, yet in grace, this Triune God is the one Creator of all things. The ongoing act of creation is further manifested in God's gracious sovereignty and providence, maintaining the existence of the world and all living creatures for the sake of His own glory. He is the Holy One, the ground of all being, whose glory is so great that for us to see Him is to die. Yet, He has made the creation to

## From the Pastor's Desk (cont.)



reflect His glory, and He has made human beings in His own image, with a unique desire to know Him and capacity for relationship with Him. Since our God is a consuming fire whom we in our sin cannot safely approach, He has approached us by entering into our humanity in Jesus Christ.

### **Incarnation**

This is the second great mystery of the Christian faith, affirmed by all Christians everywhere: that Jesus Christ is both truly God and truly human. As to His divinity, He is the Son, the second person of the Trinity, being of one substance with the Father; as to His humanity, He is like us in every way but sin, of one substance with us, like us in having both a human soul and a human body. As to His divinity, He is eternally begotten of the Father; as to His humanity, He is born of the virgin Mary, conceived by the Holy Spirit. As to His divinity, His glory fills heaven and earth; as to His humanity, His glory is shown in the form of a suffering servant, most clearly when He is lifted up on the cross in our place.

In His coming we have seen God's glory, for Jesus is the exact imprint of God's very being and in Him the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. The divinity of the Son is in no way impaired, limited, or changed by His gracious act of assuming a human nature, and that His true humanity is in no way undermined by His continued divinity. This is a mystery that we cannot explain, but we affirm it with joy and confidence.

I asked the 10th grade boys to memorize Colossians 1:15-22 because this is just one example of what the Bible says about Jesus.

God's Grace & Peace

*Pastor Tom*

Pastor Tom





### Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio on Sunday, June 14th to celebrate those with June birthdays and anniversaries

Trinity is serving Meal Share on Thurs, June 4th. Look for your email invite from Mary Walling to sign up to help. If you do not already receive the invitation to help and would like to, please email Mary at [mwalling43@gmail.com](mailto:mwalling43@gmail.com)

If you would like to work in a team of two people to help twice a year with clean-up, 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 or just to enjoy the company.  
Invite others to come too



## Presbytery at Trinity (Update)

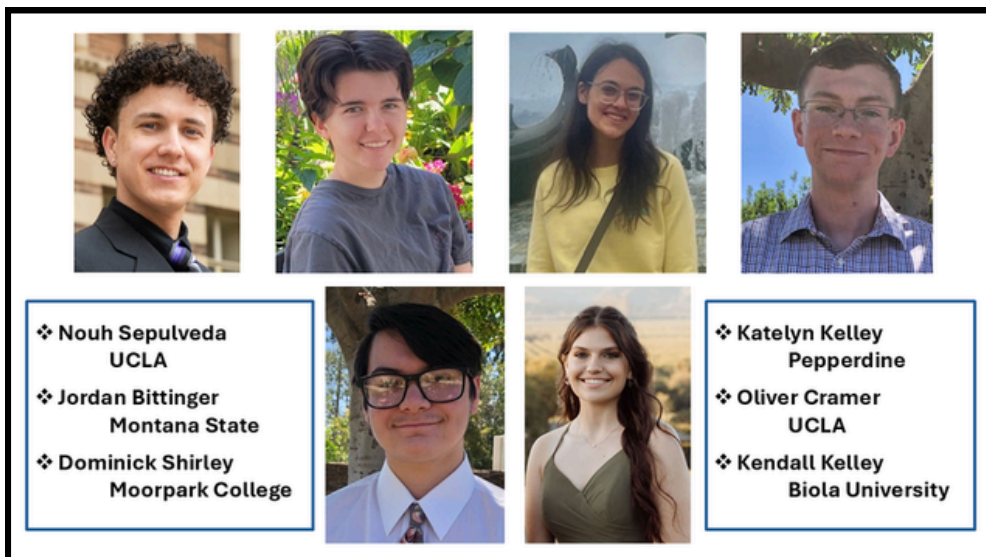
Thank you to all of those who helped with Presbytery at Trinity and made it a such a success. A special thank-you to our three point people: Kris Armstrong, Margaret Cobb, and Jeanne Spahr.

During Presbytery, we commissioned those who will be a part of IMPACT this summer. Please keep these people and their missions (pictured below) in your prayers during the next few months.



## Deacon's Scholarships

It's not too late to make a donation to the Deacon's Education Fund. Please be praying for the Deacons, as they make their final scholarship decisions for the coming school year, and please keep our students in your prayers, as well.





You are invited to the  
Celebration of Life for  
**Art & Barbara Anderson**  
on Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.  
There will be a reception with light  
snacks in Piper Hall immediately  
following the service.

\*Barbara passed away in mid-May. Since Art had passed away during the COVID lockdowns, the family was unable to have a service for him, and would like to celebrate both Art & Barbara's lives together.

There will be a Celebration  
of Life with Reception for  
**Albert & Linda Wolfkiel**  
Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup> in Piper Hall  
beginning at 1:00 PM



### Session Highlights

- Membership is at 180 with the recent passing of Barbara Anderson.
- Session voted to work with ECO to find a transitional pastor. We will be communicating with Bill Ens (ECO representative for transitional pastors) via telephone.
- Session voted to switch out of Vanguard and to go with Eclectic Associates instead, as requested by the Finance Committee.
- Session discussed Insurance Review (Church Mutual)

### Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates

- Celebration of Life (Art & Barbara Anderson) - June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM
- Celebration of Life (Albert & Linda Wolfkiel) - June 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM
- Soli using Piper Hall - June 14<sup>th</sup>
- Pastor Tom's last Sunday at Trinity - July 26<sup>th</sup>

### Financial Report - April 2026

#### **For the month ending 4/30/26:**

- \* Total income for March was \$48,482
- \* Total expenses for March were \$59,123
- \* There was a negative operating result of (\$10,641)

#### **For the four months ending 4/30/26:**

- \* Total YTD income is \$237,116
- \* Total YTD expenses are \$221,112
- \* There is a positive YTD operating result of \$16,005

## Flock Sunday Photos



Brenda Schearer's Flock



Jeanne Spahr's Flock



Playground Fun w/ Rachel



Sabrina Gilmor's Flock  
w/ Judi McKay



Mary Dall's Flock  
w/ Ruthie Kay



Zoe Shirley's Flock



Janie Paulger's Flock



Sandra Henningsen's Flock



Karen Peters' Flock



Michel Friesen's Flock



Elena Davis' Flock

## Sound of a Canon vs Sound of a Trumpet

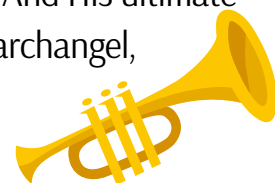
by: Don Sterrenburg

Shock waves from firing of the canon perched above and behind us, pummeled my daughter and me with an ear-piercing “Kaboom!”, almost throwing us to the ground. (I was glad to find my daughter still riding above my shoulders, and my trousers still clinging to my frame.) The canon sat atop a slope situated next to “Ye Olde Manse,” former home of American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, who wrote “Paul Revere’s Ride.”

The time was April 19, 1975, and the occasion marked opening ceremonies for the 200th celebration of the event that instigated the beginning of the Revolutionary War in Concord, Massachusetts. I had recently resituated our little family upon starting a new career in New England. And since our home was only 15 minutes north of Concord, it was an ideal time to enjoy this grand historical experience in the heart of its beginnings.

Kelli and I were the only ones in the family that agreed to brave the trip to the Old North Bridge in the creepy, cold dark of 5:00 in the morning. When we arrived at the site designated for the core of activity, we stationed ourselves on the platform of the Minute Man statue, created by sculptor Daniel Chester French, also known for his heroic monument of Abraham Lincoln in Washington DC. We no sooner were seated under the Minute Man statue than ‘Paul Revere’ came pounding down the path on a magnificent steed with a lantern swinging from one hand, yelling, “The British are coming! The British are coming!” From that point forward, one patriotic event after another surged through the dawn. Elegantly clothed militias – Minute Men and Red Coats (The Regiment of Foote) – representing both sides of the conflict, were on display. To put a cap on the ceremonies, U.S. President Gerald Ford arrived at Concord’s Old North Bridge, the place where “the shot was fired heard ‘round the world.” From there the President rendered an eloquent speech, honoring this hallmark moment in the history of our nation.

We currently stand on the threshold of celebrating our country’s 250th anniversary. Any time we pause to honor the cost of a life that fought for our country, it is a sobering experience. The idea of this kind of sacrifice probably carries far-reaching implications that exceed what anyone can grasp. Yet for those who have put their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the sacrifice He performed on the cross for mankind stretches far beyond any gratitude and appreciation we can express, let alone understand. The good news is that what He did for you and for me means life beyond the grave. And His ultimate call to us will not be with a canon, but with “a cry of command, and the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God!”



**May 2026**

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# June 2026

**July 2026**

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:45p CIH Chorus - FH	2 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	3 2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	4 7:30a KinderProm. - CY 5:00p Meal Share (Trinity) - PH 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	5 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 7:30a BH - Awards Chapel - CY & Field 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc.	6 6:30p Iglesia - FH
8:30a BH Chapel-Sanc.						
7 9:30a Communion Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	8 6:45p CIH Chorus - FH	9 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 1:30p Finance - FS 6:30p Deacon's - FS 7:00p Brass Band - FH	10 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	11 6:30p Choir Prac. - Sanc.	12 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	13 1:00p Wolfkiel Cel.of Life - PH 6:30p Iglesia - FH
14 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 10:00a Soli - PH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	15 6:45p CIH Chorus - FH	16 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 3:30p Personnel - PO 6:30p Session - FS 7:00p Brass Band - FH	17 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	18 5:00p Meal Share (NOT Trinity)	19 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	20 6:30p Iglesia - FH
21 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	22 6:45p CIH Chorus - FH	23 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	24 6:00p Ladies Study-FS	25	26 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	27 6:30p Iglesia - FH
28 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	29 6:45p CIH Chorus - FH	30 9:30a Staff meeting - PO 7:00p Brass Band - FH	<p>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</p>			

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