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“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.”

Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Terry Ampaya
George Anderson
Marilyn Camper
Betty Chavales
Barbara Ewing
Bette Giles
Joyce Grasmick
Esther Johnson
Linda Packham
Ted Rains
Ed Vasquez
Dorothy Vasquez
Nancy Wolf
Carol Young
Grant Yule
Kathi Yule
Marcia Zerkel

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:

Jim Ampaya
Barbara Anderson
Bob Diehl
Fawn Humphries
Velma Mincy

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

Terry Ampaya
Dona Breitbarth
Pam Egbert
Hazel Facciano
Lloyd Friesen
Valerie Frye
Sabrina Gilmor
Jerry Harman
Pat Harman
Sandy Hess
Jeff Hilgaertner
Nancy Jacobs
Esther Johnson
Linda Kintner
Beth MacArthur
Ted Rains
Joe Swindle
Gerry Mann
Tom McWaid
Linda Packham
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!

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
9th Lyle Salugao
11th Mona Hicks
14th Dave Schearer
15th George Hakes
16th Jean Hakes and Paul Stermer
20th Mary Louise Chamberlain
21st Elena Clarke, Carmen Rivera, Ellie Slack, and Emily Stevenson
24th Heather Williams
27th Katie Barrett
28th Martha Engle
29th Mike McClary and Ross Nix

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 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

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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 Gilmor, & Sandra Henningsen
2029: Mary Dall, Elena Davis, Arcelia Dios, Ruthie Kay, & Zoe Shirley

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The Gregorian Post: The Long Way Home

Honored to Be Here

Dear Trinity family and friends,

I want to begin with a simple word: thank you. It is a genuine honor to be your transitional pastor, and in these first weeks you have made Kay and me feel welcomed and at home.

So far I have sat with you in over 11 flock gatherings, in living rooms and in our Fireside Room. I have enjoyed lingering conversations on the patio after worship, and I have spent good, honest hours with our Session and staff. In every one of those settings I have heard stories of God's faithfulness, love for this congregation, and a deep hope for what lies ahead. I am grateful for every story you have shared.

What I Heard From You

One longing came up again and again: you want to see young families, children, and youth at Trinity. You also want more chances to simply be together, through social events that build friendship and spiritual events that deepen our walk with Christ.

That longing comes with an honest reality, and I want to name it with love. Over the years we have slowly declined in number, and our congregation has grown significantly older. That is not a cause for shame. It is the faithful church that stayed, prayed, and kept the doors open. But it is a reason to pay close attention.

Every System Is Perfectly Tuned

Sociologists like to say there are no dysfunctional systems. Every system is perfectly tuned to give us the results we are getting. If we want different results, more children in the nursery and more teens in the youth room, we will need more than a new program. We will need a change in the system itself: how we welcome, how we gather, and how we spend our time, energy, and resources.

Church leaders describe a church life cycle. A congregation launches, grows with momentum, and builds strategically toward sustained health. If nothing renews it, it gradually slides into maintenance, preservation, and finally life support. The good news is that the slide is not destiny. A church anywhere on that curve can be renewed and turned back toward health, and that is exactly the road we want to walk together.

The Long Way Home

Times of transition can feel like the wilderness. In Exodus 13, God led Israel out of Egypt, but not by the short coastal road. He led them “by the roundabout way” through the wilderness, because that is where they would be formed. There they received the law, the Sabbath, daily manna, and the pillar of cloud and fire. The wilderness was not a punishment. It was preparation.

As we move from our past toward what lies ahead, I invite us to carry the bones and leave the garlic (for reference, see my sermon at Trinity on Oct. 4th). Moses carried Joseph’s bones, honoring the promises and faithfulness that came before. Yet the people also longed for Egypt’s garlic and onions, romanticizing a past that could not lead them forward. Let’s honor Trinity’s rich history while refusing to let nostalgia keep us from where God is leading.

Following the Pillar Together

God didn’t give Israel a five-year plan. He gave them His presence, and they moved when He moved. That is my prayer for us. Above all, we want to be led by God’s desire for Trinity, not by our preferences or our fears.

In the months ahead, Session, staff, and I will keep listening, praying, and inviting you into the conversation. Please pray with us, dream with us, and come to the table. The long way may not be the easy way, but with God leading, it is the way home.

With gratitude, hope and excitement for the road ahead,

Greg : -)
Rev. Dr. Greg Hughes
Transitional Pastor



Movie Night & Popcorn with Friends!

You are invited to come watch
Jesus Revolution at Trinity Church
on Friday, Nov.13 at 6:30 PM in Piper Hall.
Invite your friends, family members,
and neighbors to come too!

Daylight Saving Time ENDS!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Nov. 1st. Please make a note to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st!



Operation Christmas Child

Good news. Great joy.



Visit the Operation Christmas Child table on the patio to pick up empty shoeboxes. Pack and return your box along with a $10 shipping donation by Nov. 15, or see below to build a box online for $30, to reach children in less accessible areas of the world.

Scan the QR code with your Smart Phone to go to Trinity's page for building a box online, or go to the Trinity website www.trinitycamarillo.org and click on "Build a Shoebox Here"
This is a great opportunity to share the love of God with children all over the world.
See Kim on the patio or call the church office for more information.

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Session Highlights

- Membership stands at 183.
- Session voted to adopt a new Statement of Purpose as well as new Guiding Values. ***Purpose: We exist to empower lives and enrich lives by: *Connecting people to God, *Connecting people to the family of God, *Connecting people to the call of God in their lives.**

  Guiding Values: *Jesus-Centered: Jesus is the core of our existence and the reason we gather. We praise him for who he is and what he has done. We are a biblically based church. The joy of the Lord is our strength. ***Religion Free:** Christianity is primarily what God has done and is doing for us, not what we do for God! It is a relationship with a living, loving, leading and empowering God, ***Adventurous:** We are called to live courageously in the world. We are on an adventure, playing it safe is not our purpose. ***Messy:** We are not a perfect church filled with perfect people. We are family that is messy, informal, and desires to be changed into Christ's loving image. All are welcome, because nobody is perfect, and anything is possible with Jesus!

Church Life/ Happenings & Upcoming Dates

- Trinity serves for Meal Share - Thurs., Nov.5th at 5:00 PM
- Thanksgiving - Office Closed - Thurs., Nov. 26th
- Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing - Wed., Dec. 9th at 4:30 PM
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Thurs. Dec. 24th at 4:00 PM

Financial Report - September 2026

For the month ending 9/30/26:

* Total income for September was $45,585
* Total expenses for September was $51,367
*There was a negative result of ($5,782)

For the nine months ending 9/30/26:

*Total YTD income is $518,164
*Total YTD expenses are $545,736
*There is a negative YTD operating result of ($27,572)

Meal Share Camarillo

Trinity will be serving Meal Share again on **Thursday, Nov. 5th.** Be sure to sign up if you want to help. Look for your email invite from Mary Walling to sign up. If you do not receive the invitation to help and would like to, please email Mary at mwalling43@gmail.com

Meal Share Camarillo

ALL are welcome to attend Meal Share. Come enjoy a hot meal and good company. Invite others to come along too.

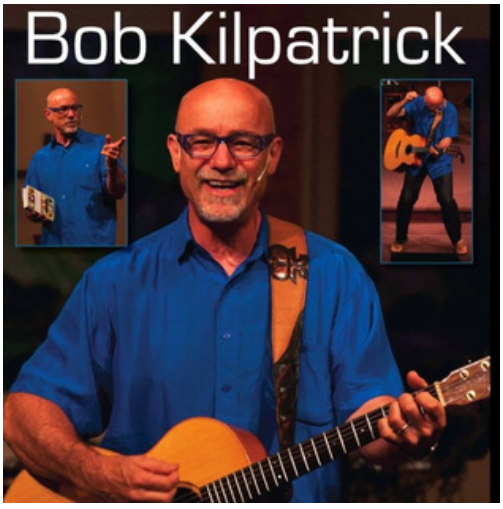
A Special Morning of

Music & Inspiration

with Bob Kilpatrick

Singer ~ Songwriter ~ Author ~ Speaker

Sunday, November 22 at 9:30 AM (Trinity Church)



Best known as the writer of the beloved worship song *"In My Life Lord, Be Glorified"*, Bob has shared his faith around the world through music, storytelling, and teaching. He also carries a deep heart for the people of Ukraine. - putting faith into action alongside those facing extraordinary hardship.

Bring a friend, invite a neighbor - **everyone is welcome!**

Cake on the Patio

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



GOLD COAST VETERANS FOUNDATION

Veterans Day Food Drive

Trinity Church has again been invited to participate in the Gold Coast Veterans Foundation Veterans Day Food Drive.

GCVF is proud to partner with Manna Conejo Valley Food Bank to support veterans and their families facing food insecurity throughout Ventura County. Many of the veterans we serve are homeless, recently housed, elderly, disabled, or experiencing financial hardship.

This year, they are collecting nonperishable food and personal care items through Friday, November 13, 2026. Most needed items include pasta and pasta sauce, canned soup and beans, canned chicken and tuna, cereal, oatmeal, coffee, paper products, and personal care items. Please, no glass.

How can Trinity help? We have been asked to participate starting Monday, Oct. 26th and can make donations through Tuesday, November 10, 2026. This is a great way for us to honor our veterans and help provide much needed food and essentials to those who have served our country. Your participation and generosity make a meaningful difference in the lives of local veterans and their families.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, Nov. 29th
1St Sunday in Advent - Hope (9:30 AM)

Sunday, Dec. 6th
2nd Sunday in Advent - Peace (9:30 AM)

Wednesday, Dec. 9th
Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing (4:30 PM)

Sunday, Dec. 13th
3rd Sunday in Advent - Joy (9:30 AM)
in conjunction with our Christmas Joy Choir Concert

Sunday, Dec. 20th
4th Sunday in Advent - Love (9:30 AM)

Thursday, Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (4:00 PM)



Save the Date: Christmas Joy Choir Concert

Trinity will be having a mini choir concert in conjunction with our Sunday worship service on Dec. 13th at 9:30 AM. Invite your friends and family to come enjoy worship that morning and delight in our "Christmas Joy Choir Concert"!

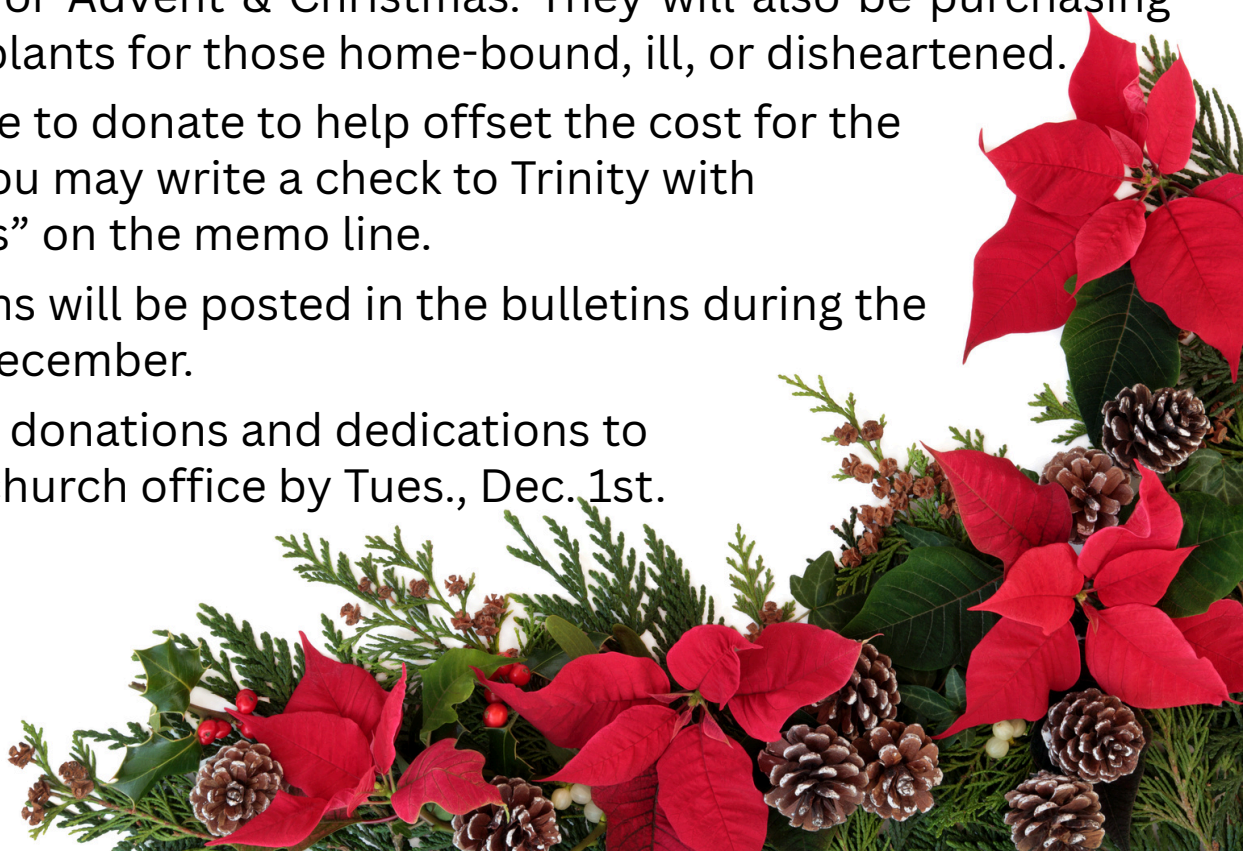
Holiday Gift Baskets

We will be collecting grocery and restaurant gift cards, as well as money to go towards gift cards (from Nov. 15th to Dec. 17th) to bless our homeless members for the holidays (Thanksgiving & Christmas). If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you may visit the Holiday Gift Basket table on the patio, drop your gift card(s) or money in the offering basket, or bring them to the church office.

Poinsettias for Advent

The Trinity Deacons are purchasing poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for Advent & Christmas. They will also be purchasing poinsettia plants for those home-bound, ill, or disheartened.

- If you'd like to donate to help offset the cost for the Deacons, you may write a check to Trinity with "Poinsettias" on the memo line.
- Dedications will be posted in the bulletins during the month of December.
- Please get donations and dedications to Kim in the church office by Tues., Dec. 1st.



Stage right: enter, the shepherd

Don Sterrenburg

In the northeast corner of Ireland, some connoisseurs of distant destinations say that there lies the best kept secret of world travel. The area they speak of is commonly known as the North Antrim Coastline. Peppered across its rugged cliffs are inviting settings such as Dunluce Castle, the basalt columns of Giant's Causeway, and the Carrick-a-rede rope bridge (not a transitory walk recommended for the faint of heart).

Of course, the thirty-seven shades of lush Eire green are a constant companion that forever wrap their charms around the awestruck traveler. These rich succulent settings are also home for an abundance of well-fed sheep. One American couple, recently touring this coastal gem of the country, halted on the side of the road midday to enjoy lunch inside their car. A light rain curtailed their view of the road, so they enjoyed a brownbag of fish and chips while overlooking the hillside as dozens of baby lambs scooted up close to the ewes, comfortably nestled next to mamas' sheltering wool. A beautiful sight!

The ongoing life of the sheep, however, is not something they can safely conduct or sustain on their own. No matter the range of age, be it lamb, ram, or ewe, they not only need to find locations where ample nourishment is available, but also be protected from a variety of dangers: toxic vegetation, hostile animals of prey, hilly rock formations, and other types of unnavigable terrain.

Stage right: enter, the shepherd. Here is the person that performs functions designed to keep not just one sheep safe and healthy, but guides them as a herd and assists them in growth to maturity. It should be no wonder to us, as congregants at Trinity, that the word of God has chosen this coupling of shepherd and flock as an excellent example of the Lord Jesus Christ in His relationship to the children of God. In the animal world, described previously, the sheep pay attention to what the shepherd says; they know who he is by the tone of his voice and the way he provides instructions; they become accustomed to his leadership. Jesus expressed the power of this exchange when He said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me..."

The word "pastor" is a very old Latin word which means "one who grazes sheep", out of which came the word 'shepherd'. In early October we welcomed our new transitional pastor, Rev. Dr. Greg Hughes to our 'pasture'. This is a man that God has amply endowed with the gift of preaching. It was very apropos that one Sunday later he would preach from Psalm 23 with the opening words, "The Lord is my shepherd...".

Hello, fellow brothers and sisters: Are we listening, understanding, and putting to use what the Holy Spirit wants to accomplish in our lives as the 'sheep of His pasture'?



October 2026

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November 2026

December 2026

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30a Communion Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 10:45a Bell Practice-Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	2 6:00p Ladies Study-FS 6:45p CIH Chorus-FH 8:30a BH Chap -Sanc.	3 9:30a Staff meeting-PO 7:00p Brass Band-FH	4 8:00a Debbie's Bday 10:00a Facilities - SL 2:00p Cust.Mtng-SL 5:30p College/ Youth-YR	5 5:00p Meal Share (Trinity) - PH 6:30p Choir Practice - Sanc.	6 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 10:00a BH K-Preview - Sanc.	7 9:30a Warm Hugs - PH 6:30p Iglesia - FH
8 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 10:45a Bell Practice-Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	9 6:00p Ladies Study-FS 6:45p CIH Chorus-FH 8:30a BH Chap -Sanc.	10 9:30a Staff meeting-PO 1:30p Finance-FS 6:30p Deacon's-FS 7:00p Brass Band-FH	11 9:00a Office Closed - Veterans Day	12 11:00a BH Lunch-PHCY 6:30p Choir Practice - Sanc. 8:30a BH Chap -Sanc.	13 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 6:30p Movie Night "Jesus Revolution"-PH	14 6:30p Iglesia - FH
15 9:30a Worship Serv.-Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC-FH 10:45a Bell Practice-Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia- FH, SR, Rm 8	16 6:00p Ladies Study-FS 6:45p CIH Chorus-FH 8:30a BH Chap -Sanc.	17 9:30a Staff meeting-PO 3:30p Personnel-PO 6:30p Session-FS 7:00p Brass Band-FH	18 5:30p College/ Youth-YR	19 8:00a BH SpeechSlam-Sanc. 5:00p Meal Share (NOT Trinity) 6:30p Choir Practice - Sanc.	20 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS	21 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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