

TRINITY VIEW

February 2022

Above all things
Have intense
And unfailing
Love for one another
FOR LOVE COVERS
A multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8





To the Saints that are in Los Osos,

February 2022

February is here. In many places in the Northern hemisphere, it is the coldest part of winter. It is the month of Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. Like every month it hosts lots of obscure observations as well, some more frivolous than others. For example, National Margarita Day and National Tortilla Chip Day, (February 22 and 24, respectively). These observations are not only for the US – February 5th is World Nutella Day.

There are also days with more serious messages for us to remember and think upon. February 4th is World Cancer Day and the 14th is National Organ Donor Day. There are also days of special remembrance, such as Four Chaplains Day on February 3. Their story is well worth reading but in case you don't know it, in short it tells the story of four chaplains in WWII who assisted men off a ship that had been torpedoed by a German submarine, who gave up their life jackets when the life jackets ran out, and who went down with the ship. This story has always had a great impact on me.

In high church traditions, February 2 is "The Feast of the Presentation." It commemorates Mary's purification 33 days after Jesus' circumcision (which is celebrated as The Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus), in accordance with the Law in Leviticus 12. This day is also known as Candlemas. It is the practice in Roman Catholic churches to bring all of the candles that will be used throughout the year and consecrate them. This practice is also followed by Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans and Episcopalians, and even many Lutherans and Methodists.

February 2 is what is known as a "Cross Quarter Day." There are four cross quarter days in the year, The Celts celebrated these days and had special names for them. February 2, (Imbolc); May 1, (Beltane); August 1, (Lughnasadh or "Lammas Day"), and of course Samhain – Halloween on October 31. Seasons begin on the Quarter- Days – the equinox and solstice days. The Cross-Quarter days marked the midpoint between each solstice and equinox and most of these days were believed to have ties to the weather. An old rhyme says, "If Candlemas be bright and clear / there'll be two winters in the year."

That tradition lives on in Groundhog Day. As I've said before, Groundhog Day is one of our favorite holidays for a number of reasons. In many years we have had parties to celebrate it. Among the most important events, either as part of a party or a quiet home celebration is watching the Bill Murray/Andie MacDowell movie, "Groundhog Day."

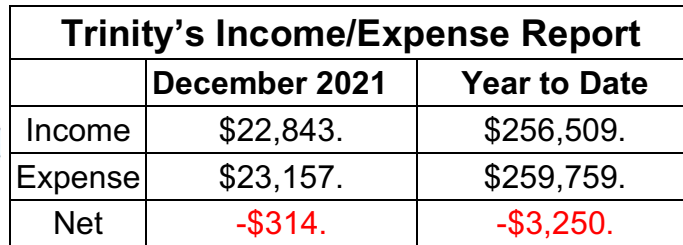
As I hope you know, Groundhog Day is about a man who is trapped in the same day over and over again and the only changes in a day are the ones that Murray's "Phil Connors" character makes. How many days is he trapped in repeating the same day? Using scenes from the movie the *absolute minimum* would be 14 days with 34 – 44 days being a more likely minimum. The writer says, "more than one lifetime," the director initially said "ten years," but later claimed it would be more like 30 – 40 years. Fans estimates range from 42 days, (six weeks, the additional length of winter predicted in the film), to 10,000 years or more.

This year I can't help reflecting that in a lot of ways we've been stuck in the same day for almost two years now. Like Phil Connors, we are feeling the weight of time in ways we probably haven't before. We're tired, we're through, but we can't get out. If this is all there were, Groundhog Day would have been a depressing and unsuccessful movie, but it is ultimately a story of redemption by personal transformation. However long Phil was trapped in that day, the life he gains on the other side has made it all worth it. I don't know how long we'll be stuck in the same day, but my suspicion is that if we learn as Phil did, to put others ahead of ourselves, we will emerge from this with good transformations.

See you in Church or Online,

Pastor L

Again, thank you to those who have collected Trader Joe's and Spice Islands bottles for Rachel and me... and yes, we can still use several more so if you have them either bring them to the office, to church on Sunday, or let me know and I'll pick them up.



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Happy Month of Valentine's Day and the birthdays of two great presidents: Washington and Lincoln. February also has the privilege of being the shortest month of the year. Sometimes I wish all months were short. In this time of Covid19 days, weeks and months seem so long when our activities are restricted. We look forward to the time when we will no longer be captive to the virus and its many variances. In the meantime, we just, gratefully, keep on doing what we do in ways that are available to us.

There were a few District UMW events in January such as the Zoom Local Leadership Training for officers, each office meeting on different days. The first I attended was for Treasurers and then Kathy Lindsay and I, on a different day, attended the session for Presidents and Vice-presidents. We got good information from both of them. My impression of the virtual sessions was that they seemed more intimate and that attendees felt freer to participate more.

We, at Trinity, will continue on Zoom until Covid's omicron variant's surge eases. Our next meeting will be Thursday, February 10 at 2:00. All women are welcome and if you would like to "attend", please either call me (805-528-2021) or email me (ahall3@sbcglobal.net) and I will send you the link.

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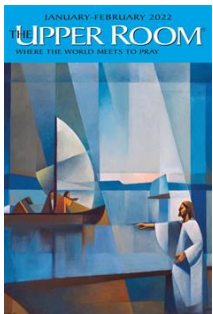
HONORING OUR ELDERS

At the beginning of 2021, we, United Methodist Women, were planning to celebrate the lives of those people in our congregation who were 90 years old and older. At that time, we were aware of at least ten people who fit the category. However, because of Covid 19, we were not able to celebrate them with a lunch and program. In 2021, four of those 90 plus died. However, three more have been added to the list, so now there are nine.

We decided that we cannot let another year go by without honoring these senior members of our church. Therefore, we plan to interview each person, write a biographical sketch and feature one or more in the monthly Trinity View. It is not the way we would have liked to show our appreciation but it is important for us to remember and acknowledge them and all they have done for our church and beyond over the years.

As mentioned, we know of at least nine people who are 90 plus. Since we don't want to miss anyone if you know someone of that age, please let a UMW member know.

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There are still copies available of the January/February Edition of the "Upper Room", on the cart in the narthex. Suggested donation is \$3.00.



Please join us for our annual Trinity Women's Retreat on February 26th, right here at Trinity!

Our theme is "Go Forth Without Fear" and we welcome our speaker Lisa Lewis, who was our speaker at our 2020 retreat. We'll meet from 9-4:30 and the \$25 registration will include a delicious lunch.

Brochures are available in the narthex and the office. We hope you will be with us!

Any questions please call our registrar Susan McMickell at (805) 748-8685 or Sandy Green (805) 748-5633



A HUGE thank you to **Mike Lindsay** and **Bob Crizer** for taking care of the absence of hot water in the parsonage. The water heater was only 11 months old, but it was able to be returned with the original receipt, and they reinstalled the new one. There was quite an increase of price to exchange because of the current supply & demand situation, and Bob Crizer graciously donated that price increase. Bob and Mike worked on the hook up and now the parsonage has hot water! Thanks, you guys!

Submitted by **John Kersten**



On December 30, Bob and Beth Crizer provided Nardonn's Pizza, salad and cookies to 63 hungry folks at the Thursday night Community Dinner. A big thank you to the members of the congregation who provided cookies for the dinner and to everyone else who helped make this such a special dinner to top off 2021! The next Community dinner that TUMC has been assigned to provide will be March 31st..



Trinity United Methodist Church Friday, February 25th at 5:30 pm

Please note that all patrons over 2 years of age are required to wear a face covering and show proof of complete COVID-19 vaccination or a negative PCR test result from the previous 72 hours prior to entry. Please review the complete Health & Safety guidelines at festivalmozaic.org/health.

Join Scott Yoo as he presents a Notable Encounter Insight about Debussy's cello sonata. In this informal, one-hour event, Scott and the musicians will discuss the history surrounding the piece, the composer's life and musical style, and perform selections from the work.

MOZART - Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, K. 493
DEBUSSY - Cello Sonata

Please note that the musicians may not perform the pieces in their entirety.

Scott Yoo, *violin and host*

Ben Ullery, *viola*

Jonah Kim, *cello*

Anna Polonsky, *piano*

Tickets start at \$25. Save when you package all three February events. Call (805) 781-3009



TURRI ROAD CLEAN-UP RECAP

Although it was an overcast day, it was still quite scenic along Turri Road on Saturday. The hills were even starting to green from the rain a few weeks ago. Thank you to these wonderful folks that came out to pick up trash; Tom and Maureen, Mary Anne, Bob M., Pastor G, Gerard and Julie, Bruce and Colleen, Tom T., and the group of three from the local 4H club. See you again the end of April!

It's almost Girl Scout Cookie time again! If you would like to place an order for cookies from a local Girl Scout, we'll have an order form available in the office sometime in February. There will be a table set up on the front patio one Sunday in early March where you can also purchase cookies after church. Or you can email or call the church office (church@trinitylososos.org) to place an order or call Eileen Murta directly.

Thank you for supporting our local Girl Scouts!



Copies of the 2021 Annual Report will be available in the narthex sometime in February. Please contact the office if you would like to have the report emailed to you.



The paraments on the Altar Table and the Pulpit were made by Letha Platt, a previous member of our congregation. Letha raised Afghan dogs and she said when she was weaving the paraments she wove some of the dog hairs into the yarn. She also dyed the yarns (all spun on her spinning wheel) herself and created the elegant textile. Letha moved to Utah to be with her son. She really had a unique gift. Now you know the history of the TUMC paraments and who made them.

Submitted by **Donna Asire**



Submitted by Rob Mills
Spectacular view from LOVR



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

February 14 - Happy Valentines Day

February 20 Orchestra Novo Concert

February 21 Presidents' Day - Office Closed

February 25 Festival Mozaic Notable Insights

February 26 Women's Retreat

March 2 Ash Wednesday

March 13 Daylight Savings time begins

March 20 San Luis Chamber Orchestra concert

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 15 Good Friday

April 17 Easter Sunday

Scholarships Available

GBHEM's Office of Loans and Scholarships provides millions of dollars in scholarships to students every year. Finances should never be a barrier to answering your calling in life. GBHEM is here to help as you follow the educational path that's right for you.

Scholarship Application Opens: December 15th – March 24th

Explore the Scholarships page to find more information on:

<https://www.gbhem.org/loans-scholarships/scholarships/>

- [Eligibility](#)
- [List of available scholarships](#)
- [How to apply](#)
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Orchestra Novo is delighted to invite you to join us for a very special all-Mozart chamber music concert featuring Michael Nowak and Friends.

Orchestra Novo Goes Small

Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 3:00 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

490 Los Osos Valley Rd, Los Osos, CA 93402

General admission \$30

Proof of vaccination OR a negative PCR COVID-19 test result within 72 hours of the event is required to attend indoor events. Masks are required for all indoor areas, regardless of vaccination status; face coverings must cover nose and mouth at all times.





On December 23rd Elgin Haynie phoned, he was a special education student Carole had taught in the late 1970s. Basically he is a good person who was producing music and promoting bands in the Hollywood area. He apparently accepted favors from “friends” who expected favors in return which landed him in an Ohio prison. His mother who lived in Sacramento and whose health had been declining passed away. When he called he was very distraught. At Christmas, as our family gathered at our house for breakfast and dinner, everyone wrote something to Elgin while unwrapping presents. The envelope was pretty plump with the notes.

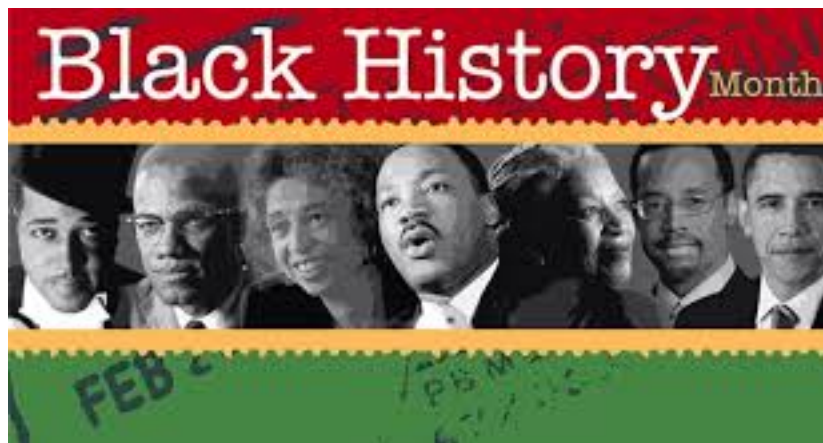
Due to my cataract surgery, and preparing for Christmas I fell behind on muffin making. Rev. Stone’s sermon on baptism January 9th, reminded me that during baptisms the congregation agrees to support and help children grow; so, although they are no longer attending church, I have taken muffins to them.

The sermon reminded me it's time to take them some more. Children like chocolate chip muffins so I got what I needed at Ralph’s; while there Carole saw some packages of cranberries left over from Christmas, we got three packages and made cranberry-orange muffins, which we had wanted to make but thought we would have to wait until next Thanksgiving. Their flavor is subtle, so I didn’t give them to the children. It turned out we had enough cranberries for a second batch, (batches are triple recipes, 36 muffins) which Garrett and I made. Next time will be the chocolate chip muffins for children, and perhaps a few adults.

Carole is still quilting Wednesdays with the three women she has quilted with for years. They used to go to a restaurant for lunch but lately they have been having lunch at the house where they are quilting. Due to COVID concern we didn’t attend the Cal Poly basketball games on December 30 and New Year’s Day, although on the 22nd I went to the Cal Poly-Hawai’i game with my son-in-law Rick Irons. We had a good time but Poly lost. Carole and I have been watching highlights of the January Sumo tournament on television which wrapped up this evening (the 23rd). It is nice seeing a sporting event without all the emotional outbursts and bickering characteristic of American sports, and referees in no other sport wear as colorful clothes as sumo gyōji!

Our wedding anniversary is tomorrow the 24th, we will have to find a restaurant open tomorrow in which to celebrate.

Bill and Carole Fairbanks



Five Ways to Commemorate Black History Month

Black History Month is one of the most widely recognized commemorations of cultural heritage around the world.

Throughout the month of February, we encourage you to celebrate the contributions made by the Black community in America while recognizing the challenges they continue to encounter. Though the coronavirus pandemic has altered some celebrations of Black History Month, organizations are still finding ways for people to commemorate it virtually. Read on for ways you can recognize the achievements of Black Americans and support the Black communities of today.

1. Participate in online events.

Many organizations across the country are planning online events in recognition of Black History Month. The Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, for example, has organized a series of free online events and programs that run throughout the month. Speakers include renowned Black historians, authors, scholars, and athletes. Read more about upcoming events and programs from the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

2. Support Black-owned businesses.

In the early months of the coronavirus pandemic, an estimated 40% of Black business owners were forced to close their doors. With the economic impact of COVID-19 still rippling through our community, we encourage you to support Black-owned businesses in our area. Giving your support now can help these businesses stay afloat until all COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

3. Make a donation to support the Black community.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the nation's oldest civil rights organization, is committed to supporting the Black community through a wide range of initiatives. If you can spare any money, we encourage you to donate. Your support will contribute to the organization's efforts to support public education, healthcare reform and economic development for Black communities across the U.S.

4. Learn about local Black history.

The African/African-American Historical Museum, located in Fort Wayne, features exhibits about the history of people of African descent in Allen County dating back to 1809. Schedule a tour to learn more about the experiences and accomplishments of the local Black community.

5. Don't stop when the month ends.

You don't have to wait until next February to learn more about Black history. Learning about the contributions and struggles of the Black community should be a year-round effort. Consider reading a book by a prominent Black author or watching a documentary by a renowned filmmaker, then share it with friends and family.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/2 Julie Mansfield-Wells
 2/4 Alexandra Beck
 2/4 Stephanie Wacker
 2/6 Stephanie Beck
 2/6 Patti James
 2/7 Dick Sandige
 2/7 Stuart Wittman
 2/9 Carole Harden
 2/10 Karen Christiansen
 2/10 Lucia Dickey
 2/10 Louise Schiebelhut
 2/18 David Vrooman
 2/20 Joe Asire
 2/20 Bob Crizer
 2/20 Polly Tatton
 2/22 Easton Mohler
 2/25 Shasta Clokey
 2/28 Tom Upton

Sequoia, Shasta, and
 Sage Clokey
 Liz Curren
 Nancy Flanders
 John Green
 Sandy Green
 Bonnie Luther
 Don Rivers
 Rose Robertson
 Donna Vrooman

Prayer List

Asking for your continued support in prayer for those in need.
If you or someone you know needs to be included on the prayer list, please email or call the office or Pastor G.
To be removed from the list, please contact the church office.

Patrick Boyd
 Martin Brown
 Alvah Davis
 Treva Firth
 Bob Gale
 Susie Gale
 Cody Gale
 Family of Jane Jaeger
 Darlene Krause
 Larissa Larsen
 Kathy Metzen
 Christian Meyen
 Barbara Mitchell
 Steve Poteete-Marsela
 Mike Schoff
 Desiree Scott
 Elias Schiele
 Tessa Shong
 Kara Stewart
 Leatrice Thurston
 Family of John Whitesell
 Phyllis Whitesell
 Emily Wold





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