

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRINITY VIEW

February 2023





To the Saints that are in Los Osos,

February 2023

I often have trouble choosing a topic for these columns, but this month I'm using this space to share three requests and one piece of information that will be of interest.

My first, and least urgent, request is my ongoing request for Trader Joe's and Spice Hunter brand spice jars. Thank you to everyone who has saved them for me!

My second and third requests are more serious. As many of you know pastors often receive requests for various kinds of assistance, from people inside the church as well as outside. While it isn't always possible or appropriate to give assistance, often we can help. Our food pantry supplies assistance when people request food. The pastor's emergency fund is able to provide financial assistance to help buy gasoline, pay bills, or in some instances provide a night at a motel. The fund receives no money from the budget but relies on individual contributions. I would like to invite any who feel led to do so, to contribute to this fund which hasn't been replenished for a while. Thank you to those who do. (Please mark "Pastor's Emergency Fund" on the memo line).

My third request is for talent and the willingness to share it. So much of what the church does happens because of the wonderful people who volunteer for committees, task forces, and working groups. The Tuesday Crew does much to maintain the facility. The folks on the Worship Committee keep the services running smoothly, from recruiting readers and liturgists, preparing and setting up communion, changing paraments and banners, and even making sure that the candles are filled, and the wicks trimmed.

One of the most important committees in the church is the Finance Committee. This committee is responsible for setting the annual budget, running the stewardship campaign and any additional fundraising that may be necessary to see that our obligations are met, and tracking our income and spending monthly to help steer the church through the year. Since I have been here we have had three pivotal people as part of that committee. Joe Asire has chaired the committee, Bob Wacker has provided invaluable knowledge and assistance, and Bob Clover has done an amazing job as Church Treasurer. I can't adequately express my gratitude for their incredible faithfulness and skill. Unfortunately, the time has come this year when all three have found it necessary to step down from their positions. In addition, Rachel, who has served on the committee will necessarily need to step down when I retire. We have so far been unable to find other people who are willing to assume these vital positions. I am asking for your help. If you have the skills and interest to help in this area, *please* let me know as soon as possible. Also, if you can think of people who might be able to do these tasks please let us know. Thank you.

FYI from Mark Richardson, posted on Facebook on January 22, (edited for length).

This morning at the close of worship at First United Methodist Church of Santa Barbara, where I have been Senior Pastor for nearly nine years, I announced that I will be retiring this summer after 40 years of full-time pastoral ministry.... 40 years is a long time to give sustained attention to congregational life as a pastor. I need a breather!

I plan to move to Ashland, Oregon, where Dallis and I bought a house three years ago in anticipation of when I would retire.... For now, I mainly want to express my deep gratitude for all the people who have been so kind to me over the years in the many places I've served (urban, rural, desert, island, coastal, university, U.S. Air Force). I also want to mention the many colleagues/friends in the California-Pacific Annual Conference whom I admire and appreciate so much, who have always made me want to be my best.

Blessings, my dear friends, all of you, and thank you for all your prayers and caring concern that have upheld me these past few years!

See you in Church and online,

Pastor L

“HONORING OUR ELDERS” PHYLLIS HARWELL



Phyllis was born to Lewey Zornes and Eva Marshall Zornes at the Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Iowa in August, 1931. She attended elementary school in Des Moines and graduated from North Des Moines High School in the class of 1949. Her high school summer job was dipping ice cream and doing daily inventory at AC Ice Cream Company. In those early days, movies and actors were among Phyllis' interests and she enjoyed being in several high school plays.

After high school graduation, Phyllis attended St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota as a music major for a year and then worked in disbursement accounts at North Western Bell Telephone Company for a year. During the summer of 1950 she took a summer school class at Drake University in Des Moines.

In 1951 Phyllis moved to California to stay with a friend whose husband was deployed to the Korean war. What was supposed to be a few months stay turned into a year. She worked for Pacific Bell where she was once again a disbursement accounts clerk.

When her friend's husband was returning, Phyllis planned to go back to Iowa but after she learned that her parents had decided to move to California she stayed. In preparing for their move, her parents had bought a house in El Monte and she lived there until they arrived. She and a friend then went to Long Beach where she worked for Long Beach Commercial Business Services and learned to operate a comptometer calculator and also learned about data processing.

Even while working, Phyllis continued her education by taking night classes at Los Angeles City College and, later, at Long Beach City College, where she completed her AA degree. She later attended Long Beach State College in 1968 and 1969.

Phyllis worked as a project technician for the Long Beach Unified School District and Long Beach Junior College from 1955 to 1986. She began as a clerk, then a senior clerk and finally was promoted to special projects resource development. During this time, she met James Edward Harwell, a seaman, who was working for the school district between voyages. Jim and Phyllis were married May 28, 1971. They had a son, Marshall Rollins, born August 11, 1973, in a Bellflower hospital but, sadly, he died the following day in spite of being transferred to a Long Beach hospital which had a neonatal care unit.

Phyllis retired in 1986 and she and Jim moved to Los Osos in the week between Christmas 1987 and New Year's, 1988. Being a life-long Methodist, Phyllis joined Trinity UMC. She served, weekly, for many years as a teller, recording by hand all the data to process the checks for the bank deposit which included enumerating the bank numbers for each check. Very tedious.

In retirement, Phyllis' interests turned to long neglected family history. She and Jim traveled in their motorhome to Des Moines for a class reunion with family and friends still living there and also visited several other Midwest states surrounding Iowa.

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Other trips took them to Bend, Oregon and, in 2001, to Washington DC. From DC they traveled to Milford, Pennsylvania and then followed the migration of her paternal ancestors to Casey, Iowa.

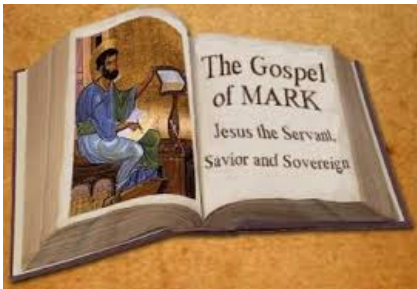
Because their first house in Los Osos did not have parking space for their motorhome, Phyllis and Jim designed and built her current house, complete with an RV garage. Phyllis' love for family history is evident in the many photos of her ancestors beautifully displayed throughout her home in addition to several pieces of family furniture inherited from predecessors. Jim died in December 2015 and Phyllis continues living in the home she and Jim built.

Photo and interview provided Eileen Murta
Edited by Alta Hall



Trinity's Income/Expense Report		
	December 2022	Year to Date 2022
Income	\$18,364.	\$248,694.
Expense	\$30,302.	\$264,414.
Net	-\$11,938.	-\$15,720.

Home Church Study of Mark February, 2023



Tuesday Home Church will be completing its tour through the earliest-written Gospel, Mark, in the first two weeks of February. We meet Tuesday from 3:30 pm until 5:10 pm via zoom (contact Mike Eggleston or Eileen Murta for the zoom number and link.) On February 7, we expect to complete Mark chapter 15 on the crucifixion, and begin on Mark 16, the Empty Tomb. On February 14, we plan to complete Mark 16.1-8, and then the second ending of Mark, meetings with the resurrection Jesus, found in Mark 16.9-20.

It has been a challenging study since we have been looking not only at Mark but at the parallel accounts to each of Mark's narratives as told by Matthew and Luke. . .and when it comes to the vital closing events of trial, crucifixion, and resurrection, we are also considering John. As with any human crisis event, the observers tell it differently, especially John.

In our day, we have videos taken of most events, and instant communication. Not so in first-century Galilee and Judea. So, it's been a challenge to read the parallel texts in the gospels, and nowhere will that be more true than when dealing with something so supernatural as the resurrection. Any and all are invited.

On February 14, we will also decide what study Home Church may undertake next. . .not necessarily from the Bible, though we have been doing Bible studies for the past five years in one form or another. In summer, we've been viewing and discussing seasons of The Chosen, a very well-told extra-Biblical series on the life of Jesus and his disciples. Watch for upcoming information from Mike who leads the group.

Submitted by **Mike Eggleston**



SPRC will be hosting Fellowship Hour for the month of February. Please thank our hosts: Scott Danielson, Bruce Powers, Charlotte Dietzel, Cathy Bonnett, Everett Shong, and Ron Rose.

The purpose of the Staff Parish Relations Committee is to establish a close relationship with the pastor and staff and to help build a good relationship with staff and the congregation so that the mission and goals of the church can be accomplished. Committee members establish liaisons with staff members to review and upgrade job descriptions and to assist them in their tasks.



LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22ND

Ready or not, the Lenten season begins the end of this month and Easter is right around the corner as well. We begin our journey through Lent with a quiet service on Ash Wednesday and conclude on Easter Sunday with a day filled with rejoicing, celebration, friends, and family. Join us for any or all of the following services:

Ash Wednesday – February 22 Evening Service, 7:00 pm
Watch for details regarding the following services.

Palm / Passion Sunday – April 2 Worship Service 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday – April 6 Worship Service TBA

Good Friday – April 7 Evening Worship Service, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunrise Service – April 9, 6:15 am at Sweet Spring Nature Preserve

Easter Celebration Service – April 9 Worship Service 10:00 am

Important Announcement from Amazon Smile



“We are writing to let you know that we have made plans to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. Until this date, customer purchases made via AmazonSmile will continue to accrue funds for your charity as normal.

After almost a decade of running AmazonSmile, we learned that with so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We will keep supporting thousands of charities across the U.S. in many ways, and focus on the areas we believe can help create an even greater impact. “

Thank you,

AmazonSmile Team



2022 TUMC ANNUAL REPORT:

Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are available. If you have a mailbox in the office, I have placed a copy in your mailbox. If you would like to have a copy emailed to you, just contact Mary Anne in the office 805-528-1649.

Extra copies are available in the narthex, as well.



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH FEBRUARY 2023

Happy February, the month we celebrate the births of presidents George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. When I consider the challenges, we have in our country today, I often think about those two presidents who served during even more perilous times. Washington led during the time when our new national government was being created and implemented—a formidable task. Lincoln’s administration preserved the unity of our nation—one nation under God.

It is also the month of Valentine’s Day, whose origins began in ancient Rome and is named after a Saint Valentine. It has become an occasion for people to send cards, flowers, and candy to those they love. It makes good business for florists and candy companies.

February has also become the month when we celebrate an almost national holiday—Super Bowl Sunday—with all the traditions that have evolved around it. Even when their teams didn’t make it to play in the game, football fans gather at parties for food and drink.

This year, UWF decided to provide some of the food for the occasion, making and selling pre-ordered pints of homemade soups for “Souperbowl Sunday” on February 12. Details about it are in another article in the Trinity View.

UWF’s next board meeting is Monday, February 6 at 1:00 in the social hall. The next general meeting is Thursday, February 9 at 2:00, also in the social hall. All women are welcome and are invited to attend.

Peace

Alta Hall



There is still time to sign up and there are open spots, reserved just for you. This year’s theme: “Living Non-violently in a Violent World”. The featured speaker is Pastor Paula Hulet. February 17-19, 2023 at St. Francis Retreat Center. A \$100 deposit is required, and the total cost for the weekend is \$325.

For more information please pick up a flyer, available in the back of the sanctuary or contact Susan McMickell.

FOOD ♥ PANTRY



The SLO Food Bank has recently not been stocking certain food items, such as canned chicken, beef, tuna, corn or beans. Therefore, Missions is asking the congregation to donate these items, if possible. If we do not receive the food donations, we will need to purchase at our local grocery stores which will come out of our budget.

Items may be dropped off in the bin located in the narthex or in the kitchen.

Thank you for your help.

Mike Lindsay

Souperbowl Sunday Pre-order

On Sunday, February 12th, UWF will be selling homemade soup, either by preorder (to be picked up that day) or bowls of soup at Fellowship Time. The cost will be \$5.00 a pint which will include rolls or cornbread muffins. The **bowl**s of soup (*no need to pre-order*) during Fellowship Hour will be available by donation. We will need to have your pre-order submitted before Friday, February 10th. You may contact Donna Asire, Alta Hall, or Mary Anne in the church office to submit your order.

Soup Choices:

1. **Split Pea with Ham**
2. **Tortilla Chicken**
3. **Beef Barley**
4. **Tuscan Minestrone (Vegetarian)**



Please Write your name and telephone number on the line and indicate your soup choice and how many pints you would like to pre-order.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Soup Choice: _____

How Many Pints? _____



Brownie Girl Scout Troop #45130 will be here on Sunday, February 12th after the worship service to sell you Girl Scout Cookies. A box of these delicious cookies is \$6.00 this year. Please support your local troop! You can also call the church office to place an order.

Raspberry Rally: These new thin cookies are crispy, infused with raspberry flavor and dipped in a chocolate coat. (**Only available online orders**)

Adventurefuls: The brownie-inspired cookie is topped with caramel flavored crème with a hint of sea salt.

Caramel Chocolate Chips: These gluten-free, chewy cookies have rich caramel, semisweet chocolate chips and a hint of sea salt.

Caramel deLites: The crispy cookie has caramel, coconut and chocolate stripes.

Lemonades: The savory shortbread cookie is topped with a tangy lemon-flavored icing.

Peanut Butter Patties: The crispy cookie is layered with peanut butter and covered with a chocolate coat.

Peanut Butter Sandwich: These crunchy oatmeal sandwich cookies come with a peanut butter filling.

Thin Mints: These crispy, chocolate cookies are dipped in a mint chocolate coating.

Toast-Yay!: Shaped as toast, the cookie is full of French toast flavor and dipped in icing.

Trefoils: The iconic shortbread cookie is inspired by the original Girl Scout cookie recipe.

All 10 flavors are kosher and halal. Vegan options include Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Patties, Lemonades and Toast-Yay! cookies.



We had a large group of wonderful volunteers show up on Saturday, January 21 for the quarterly Turri Road clean-up. Turri Road Adopt a Road Program is grateful for: Patti, Mary Anne, Vaughn & Marian, Lisa, Bruce & Colleen, the always energized Bob Mott, and community members; David, Ellen & Matthew. Thank you to our organizer and photographer Maureen.

FAIRBANKS' NEWS



January has been a month of highs and lows. On the 13 and 14th we were in Tulare to attend the CCCATC (California Community College Anthropology Teachers Conference). For the last seven or eight? years of my teaching career, I hosted the conference in San Luis Obispo. It is what Greg Castro, a Salinan Indian leader, termed an "organic organization." No bylaws, no dues, it keeps going as people step up to keep it afloat. It has accomplished some amazing things and I still help when I can.

This year they were short on presentations so I said I could fill a 20-minute time slot. I struggled with a title, as well as what I wanted to get across in 20 minutes. Some are concerned about cultural anthropology's relevancy, which I dealt with, then how anthropology is analytical and wholistic whereas other disciplines, such as psychology, are limited in scope. Being wholistic anthropologists can range across disciplinary lines providing a definite advantage, if anthropologists use it. So, I focused on how holism and analysis can teach students to think. I was a bit apprehensive, but being well organized, and having gone over it enough, I rarely glanced at my notes, so I had good eye contact, spoke in a clear voice, included some humor and held their attention start to finish. Carole said I did a good job. When returning to Los Osos we celebrated as Napoleon Bonaparte suggested victories should be, with champagne.

On the 17th, before we finished the champagne, we found our daughter Chris was in the hospital with a kidney problem. She is a type one diabetic who, just before Christmas was in the hospital with a heart problem. Medication for the heart problem had created a problem with her kidneys. When we saw her on the 20th she was much improved. Her son Garrett has a demanding job and is also doing an excellent job as his mother's primary care giver. After we returned home from church on the 22nd, we discovered Chris is now home. We feel we are fortunate knowing Trinity is rooting us on. It helps us keep confident we can get through difficult times; we appreciate all of you! During today's postlude we talked to Gary Orback about the water and landslide that hit his house. Although the damage was considerable he felt it could have been worse if it had hit during the night when people were sleeping. He and Eileen seemed to be dealing with issues every bit as serious as ours.

Garrett decided the next time we make muffins they should be lemon poppy seed. He can harvest the lemons at Rose and Bob Robertson's, and after they are finished, we'll take them some. I have no idea when Garrett will find time to make muffins again.

In between all this, we saw two Cal Poly men's basketball games, they were close, but ended in the loss column for Poly. Before the month's end we plan to see two more games.

We are looking forward to in our 64th wedding anniversary on January 24. Perhaps we should celebrate that with champagne, too.

Bill and Carole Fairbanks



The Kerstens' recently welcomed another grandson into their family. On December 22, Baby Kent Patrick Kersten was born not breathing and blue from complications at birth. He went into the ICU for babies for three days. After such great care, he came home with all normal readings. We are so thankful to God, that Baby Kent is gaining weight now and happy at home and when resting with Grandma & Papa. I guess Papa needs to have "The Talk" with the three boys about what is causing all these cherished little ones! Submitted by **John Kersten**



View from Black Mountain, between the rain storms.
Submitted by Rob Mills



Vista de Oro Disaster Relief

BBQ Tri-Tip Sandwich

Chips & Soda

10:00 am–2:00 pm

Saturday, February 4, 2023

Grocery Outlet Parking Lot—Los Osos

All profits to benefit Vista de Oro Disaster Victims

\$20.00

For tickets, please call Annie at

(805) 441–6070



You may also purchase tickets from Joe Asire.

Sunday, February 19, 3:00 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church Los Osos

“Michael Nowak and Friends Concert”

Beethoven: Sonata for Violin and Piano #8 in G

Schubert: Quintet for Piano and Strings “Trout”

Featuring Brynn Albanese, violin, William T. Spiller, piano
Michael Nowak, viola, Titus Shanks, cello, Ken Hustad,
bass.

General admission tickets \$35

Link to buy tickets: <https://my805tix.com/e/chamber-music>



Pianist John Novacek leads a Notable Insight focusing on his own work for piano, cello and clarinet called Trio *Marlenita*. In this informal event, John and the musicians will take you on a tour behind the music - teaching the audience what to listen for, discussing the musical elements of the piece, and performing some selections.

Please note that the musicians may not perform the piece in its entirety.

NOVACEK - Trio *Marlenita*

John Novacek, piano and host
Bion Tsang, cello
Burt Hara, clarinet

Friday, February 24 @ 5:30 pm at TUMC

Tickets start at \$25.00



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.



February Birthdays

Julie Mansfield-Wells 2-2
Julia Stanfill 2-2
Stefanie Wacker 2-4
Patti James 2-6
Dick Sandige 2-7
Stuart Wittman 2-7
Carole Harden 2-9
Lucia Dickey 2-10
Louise Schiebelhut 2-10
David Vrooman 2-18
Joe Asire 2-20
Robert Crizer 2-20
Polly Tatton 2-20
Easton Mohler 2-22
Shasta Clokey 2-25
Lillian Wright 2-26

We Pray For:

Liz Blake
Mollie Devine
John Green
Clytis Pitzer
Wendy Porter
Thelma Randolph
Don Rivers
Rose Robertson
Yvonne Schaeffer
Alice Stone
Upton Family
Donna Vrooman
Elizabeth Wilcox

We Pray For:

Delores Buckholz
Lisa Burbank
Dennis Cowan
Lois Cowan
Alvah Davis
Mary Davis
Scott & Debbie Evans
Bob Gale
Susie Gale
Marjorie Helseth
Chris Holstock
Joan Landis
Family of Wilma Lofgran
Bob & Laverne McDonnell
Susan Hogue Negrete
Debbie Olson
Zhazha Willow Rodriguez
Sara Schimke
Elias Shiele
Barbara Stankovits
Duane Stone
Leatrice Thurston
Jean & Family Williams
Ed Womack
Frank Wulf
Lester Zastophil



Happy Valentine's Day
Tuesday, February 14



TUMC Office will be closed on Monday February 20, 2023





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