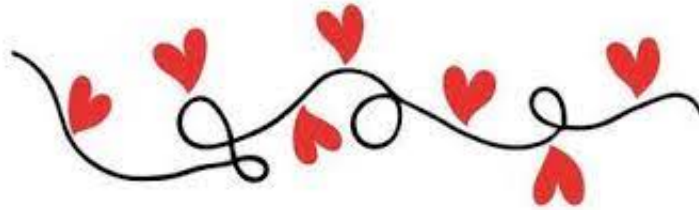
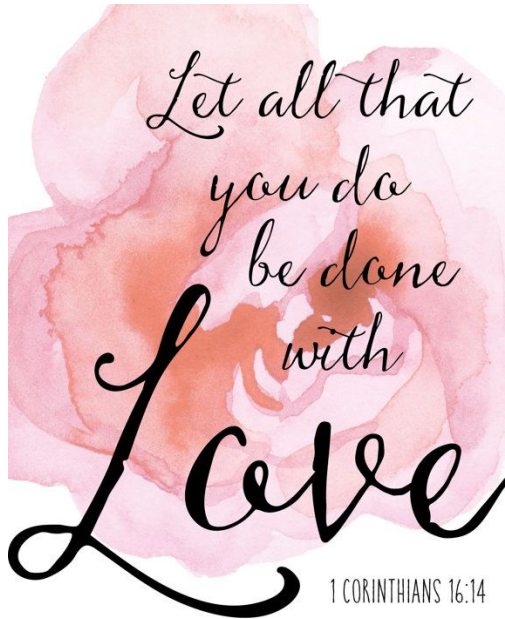


TRINITY VIEW



MEETINGS

Thursday, February 8
UWF Circle Meeting 2:00
Trustee's Mtg. 5:30

Sunday, February 11
Church Council 11:45

Monday, February 12
UWF Board Mtg. 1:00

Saturday, February 17
Guest Relations Training
Meeting 10:00 am

Tuesday, February 20
Finance Committee
1:00

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday, February 3
Turri Road Clean-up 10:00 am
Rain will cancel the event

Wednesday, February 14
Ash Wednesday Service 12:00

Sunday, February 18
Orchestra Novo Concert 3:00

Wednesdays, February 21 & 28
Lenten Study 3:30
Every Wednesday through 3/20

Thursday, February 22
UWF Presidents Luncheon 12:00

Saturday, February 24
Women's Retreat 9:00-4:30

Monday, February 26
Taizé Service 5:30 pm
Every Monday through 3/25

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday
Chancel Choir rehearsal 9:15
Worship Service: 10:00 am
Coffee Hour: 11:15 am

Monday
Knitting etc. Group 2:00 pm
Literacy for Life: 7:00 pm

Tuesday
Tuesday Work Crew: 9:00 am
Food Box Distribution: 10-12
AA Meeting 12:00 pm
Trinity Home Group 3:00 pm
Feb 6th & 13th only

Wednesday
Prayer & Care Group: 11:30 am
Trinity Ringers: 6:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 pm
Chancel Choir 7:30

Thursday
Staff Meeting 2:00 pm
Literacy for Life: 7:00 pm

Friday
Food Box Distribution:
10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Story of the Traveling Red Door

By

Rev. Les Lungren, Pastor

Back in 2000 a new campaign came about from the United Methodist Church called Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Open Doors. This nationwide campaign kicked off the life of the Traveling Red Door.

The door is red because of the red flame on the cross. Red signifies the power of the Holy Spirit coming into our lives and opening us up to a new spiritual awareness. Back in the early 2000s, The United Methodist Church saw the church declining. Church leaders thought if we had some type of new campaign and used the power of the spirit of God, a new vital church awakening would happen.

In some areas, the awakening happened. In other areas, it was business as usual: a slow and painful death of the mainline church. When I was serving in Exeter and First Porterville, we believed in the campaign. We thought if we got out into the surrounding community and used the resources of the nationwide campaign, we could see some new people coming into the church. The church did have some new people attend for a while. So, in the spirit of buying into the new campaign, I went rummaging around both churches in search of a sign of new-found openness and a symbol of invitation to invite all people on a journey with others who were struggling with why church. I thought what better symbol than a door. I found one in the basement of the Exeter United Methodist Church. I asked permission to have the door and then I went from there.

Since this was a new birth of spiritual awakening for the church, I thought the United Methodist Churches symbol of the cross and flame was incredibly fitting and symbolic. The flame on the cross represents the new birth of the church at the start of Pentecost. It is a bright red, so I then thought the door needed to be red as well. I painted the door red on both sides. As I looked upon the brilliant Red Door, I thought to myself something is missing. I thought what if we painted spiritual, meaningful pictures on the panels of the door? I am no artist mind you, but I knew of a few artists at both churches. A young lady who was struggling with the tragic loss of her father came to mind.

I went to her mother's house and talked with her mom first. I told her my thoughts and plans, and she said, "I think my daughter would love to do this for you." I came back a little later that day, and the young lady was home. I told her she had great talent, I had seen her work, and thought she would be perfect for the Red Door Spiritual Journey Project. She said that this would be great for her healing from the tragic loss of her dad. She asked if she could choose what to paint, and I said of course. I then proceeded to ask her if I could give her the words I was thinking about, and she agreed. I told her that each word picked had a significant meaning to a person's spiritual walk with the Lord. She asked me what the words were, and I told her, "life, spiritual growth, loving God, peace, and faith." She broke down in tears and said these words are perfect.

“The words,” she said, “can help me heal my relationship with the Maker and my dad.” She said, “Pastor, I am angry at my dad and at the Lord for allowing him to end his own life.” I said, “I understand your pain and anger, so take your time to journey with your art and heal as you paint.” The red door took about six weeks to complete. When the door was finished, the young lady felt renewed. She was still going to struggle with questions of why, but the Red Door Project was a way for her to begin to heal and get out what she was feeling through her art.

I am blessed to look at her work every day. I know this journey that she took dealt with anger, fear, and sadness; and it was challenging, renewing, and healing as well. I cherish that she took me up on my offer to paint sections of the Red Door. I cherish many things in life, but the door has a deep spiritual connection for me. The Red Door is for people of all walks of life to know that God is a God of love and compassion, opening doors to all people in all stages of life. Something as simple as an old antique door could change a person’s life. The Red Door was just going to be a prop for the inside of the church to push the new campaign for the United Methodist Church. Still, in the wisdom and spiritual time of meditation with the Creator, it became a tool of healing, love, openness, forgiveness, and hope.

The Red Door travels with me to all of my appointments. When I am done with pulpit ministry, I hope that my home Church of Clovis will take it and display it as a sign of one’s spiritual journey of hope, love, peace, and most of all, helping people towards spiritual renewal and healing.

For all the days that end in “why.” The door of Trinity is always open to those seeking a place to ask the safe question of “WHY.”

Peace

Pastor Les



*Trinity United Methodist Church
Lenten Activities 2024*

*Lent begins February 14, 2024, Ash Wednesday
And ends Saturday, March 30, 2024, Holy Saturday*

The TUMC Sanctuary will be open for private, self-led meditation and or prayer, Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and on Fridays from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm., during Lent.



FEBRUARY 14TH 2024
12:00 PM NOON SERVICE

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

What does the world need?
What do we need in a world torn in many different directions?
We need compassion for ourselves and others.

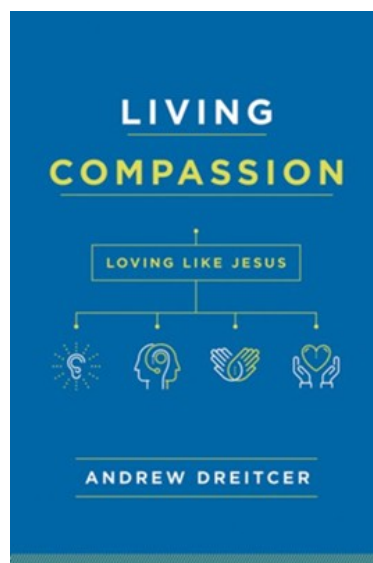
Pastor Les is offering a Lenten Book Study on *Living Compassionately and Loving Like Jesus* by Andrew Dreitcer.

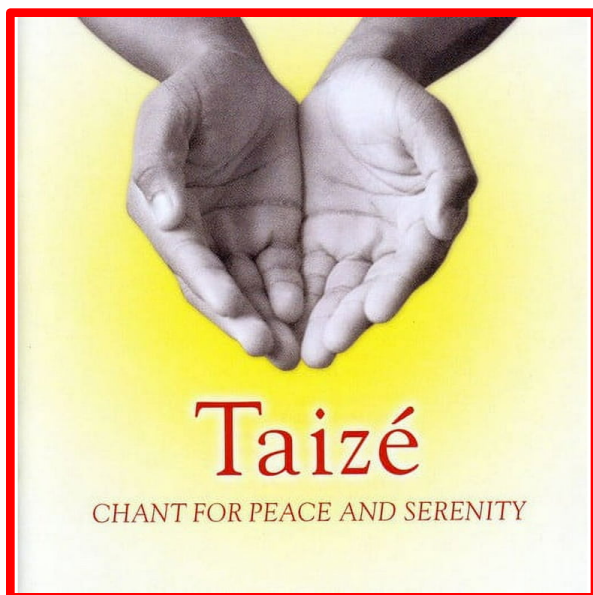
The class will begin on **Wednesday, February 21st at 3:30** in the Social Hall and will continue meeting every Wednesday, through **Wednesday, March 20th**.

You may order the book “*Living Compassion: Loving Like Jesus*” through **Amazon**

Or from **Cokesbury**

Please call the office (805-528-1649) or email church@trinitylososos.org and let Mary Anne know that you will be attending the Lenten Book Study, so Pastor Les can have materials ready for the class.





Please join us at Trinity for a series of Taizé Worship Services during this Lenten Season. It will be a time of prayers, meditation, scripture readings, chanting, singing, and silence.

The services will begin on Monday, February 26, and continue each Monday through March 25. Please join us in our worship space at 5:30 pm each Monday.



Watch the weekly worship folder for details about Palm Sunday (March 24), Maundy Thursday (March 28) Good Friday (March 29), and Easter Sunday (March 31) Worship Services.



Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) will be hosting Fellowship Hour for the month of February. Please thank these hard-working folks on the committee: Scott Danielson, Everett Shong, Ron Rose, Cathy Bonnet, Shirley Hulin, Wendy Porter, and Jora Landis.

What is the SPRC, you may ask? The SPRC focuses on building a strong relationship between the staff and the congregation, and between the congregation and the district superintendent, so that the mission of the church moves forward.

The SPRC has been busy the past couple of months updating the employee handbook, doing employee evaluations and many other exciting tasks.

Copies of the updated January 2024 Telephone Directory, are available in the Narthex. Please contact the office if you would like to have one emailed to you.





Hello friends ongoing and new coming, I've not been quite sure how to proceed with House Church studies, now that we're trying to blend the weekly Tuesday afternoon Home Church which Eileen and I have led with the seasonal Advent Lent and possibly other studies that Pastor Les will lead, I think on Mondays. But now we know he will lead a Lenten study starting on the week of February 18. So, I can announce what Home Church will study on six Tuesdays from January 9 to February 13.

February 6 - Romans 8 – nothing can separate us from the love of God

February 13 - I Corinthians 13 – Faith, hope, and love never end

We'll meet hybridly, your choice whether to meet at Mike and Eileen's home, 2350 Crest, Los Osos, or via zoom, with the same link used before which I'll also send out each Monday with a study guide. I'll also put it below. I expect it will be easier for us to manage together the in- person, the zoom, and occasional video clips from our home than it was from the Opal Room.

Format: Mike sends out study guides. We'll have an initial brief worship with song, sharing of joys and prayer concerns, and then launch into the study. Come on time if possible. Let me know as soon as possible if you can or can't come. We will have some simple beverages and munchies, also easier at our home than in the Opal Room.

After Lent and Easter, I hope we'll have enough weeks in April through June to undertake studies from John Penn's Healing Miracles in the Gospel of Mark. In summer, July through September, I think we're committed to 3 PM to almost 5 PM viewings and discussions of The Chosen Season 4. Meanwhile, our home is about two blocks directly south of the post office at 2350 Crest.



WOMEN'S RETREAT 2024

"God is our Refuge & Strength"
Guest Speaker: Pastor Paula Hulet
February 24, 2024
Trinity United Methodist Church

Brochures and Registration Forms are available in the back of the sanctuary. Or you may contact Wendy Porter to register.



**TUMC OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 19th "PRESIDENTS DAY"**



WANTED: CANNED TUNA, CHICKEN, AND SOUP

TUMC Food Pantry needs canned tuna, canned chicken and canned soup. If you see any of these on sale, pick up one for yourself and one for the food pantry.

Thanks for your generosity

Mike Lindsay

Missions Chair



We Are Enriched

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV): "You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Last fall we let you all know that our budget was strained and not well balanced... you responded with generosity. You responded to our pledge campaign with equal generosity. While our church is about relationships, it takes financial commitment to keep the lights on and do the wonderful programs we offer. Thanks to you we ended our year with a fairly minimal deficit and are starting our year in reasonable balance. Thank you, Bob Clover, for all the work you do and for completing the reports that show our success. Thank you all for your blessed generosity.

Sincerely

The Finance Committee



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS

February 2024

Because there was no Trinity View in January, a belated Happy New Year to you. UWF did have a meeting in January where we discussed goals for 2024. Among our goals are to continue to reach out to others, to share the vision of mission and to grow our membership. Thanks to proceeds from the annual bazaar and donations, we are fortunate to be able to pledge financially to UWF nationally and to contribute to several local missions.

As we do every January, we were the hosts for the after-church fellowship time. Thank you to all who helped with providing items to be served.

We are planning a special lunch and program on February 22 to celebrate our founding and former presidents. Please see the publicity, on the next page.

Our next UWF meeting board meeting is on Monday, February 5 at 1:00. This is open to all interested members. The next unit meeting will be Thursday, February 8 at 2:00 in the church social hall and all women are welcome. If you would like to attend and need a ride, please call me (Alta)—805-528-2021.

Alta Hall



UWF LUNCHEON and PROGRAM -ALL ARE WELCOME

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 at NOON

Favorite foods of some of our past presidents will be served.

RSVP REQUESTED Contact the church office or Alta

PRESIDENT'S DAY LUNCH FEBRUARY 22, 2024

The program will be presented by Mary Jefferson, a descendant of Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hennings.

Donations are requested for the lunch



Are you ready for a safe, fun outing, while getting in some exercise? Please join the Turri Road Cleanup Crew on **Saturday, February 3rd**

We will meet up at 10:00 am. at the corner of Turri Road and South Bay Blvd and we are usually done by noon.

Please contact Maureen Upton for more information 805-528-3013. See you there!

Rain will cancel the clean-up.



Guests are important to the life of the church - Guests come and guests leave, but we want them to become part of the fellowship and stay with our church family. Pastor Les invites anyone who is interested in reaching out and working with new guests to the church, to attend a **Guest Relations Training, on Saturday, February 17, from 10:00 am until noon.** Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

Peace
Pastor Les



It's Girls Scout Cookie time again! A few local Junior Girl Scouts will be attending Fellowship Hour on February 25. Please support these girls and buy a couple of boxes of cookies!
Still a bargain at \$6.00 a box

FAIRBANKS' NEWS



Shirley Hulin's Christmas card mentioned that Bob Mott and I should be proud of the role we played in revitalizing Social Hour after the COVID-19 shutdown. She learned its importance from her mother-in-law, Virginia Hulin, who considered it to be part of being a good Methodist. Without the support of all in Trinity's congregation it wouldn't have happened. It is something we should all be proud of! I wrote Bob a note passing along Shirley's complement.

He emailed back, saying he regards Social Hour "a special part of Sunday Service" for church families and he is trying to "beef up" SLOUMC's Fellowship Hour. Should Bob, Shirley and I do a program at a North District meeting on the importance of Social Hour?

Reverend Rich Bolin on January 7, noted that working side-by-side with people, beats the top-down model. On January 13, in my presentation at the California Community Anthropology Teachers Conference house, I mentioned Rich's observation when discussing my interaction with students during study sessions. A former student, who now teaches at Cabrillo College was there and said he also holds study sessions, but at a restaurant. An archaeologist at Foothill College spoke after me and identified his summer program as side-by-side. They go to a location such as Ecuador, Ireland, Hawai'i and do whatever archaeological work the locals want done. Rev. Bolin's observation is good Christianity, anthropology and democracy!

Zyra, a senior at MBHS, will go to college this fall. I agreed hold a session on transitioning from high school to college, using what I learned as a student, college teacher, and from my students. She can invite whoever she likes. She has yet to set a date. It will be side-by-side.

As a family we had a good Christmas and seven of us saw "Suite Surrender" at the San Luis Repertory Theater on the 19th. Unfortunately, Carole's confusion disorder has gotten worse.

Bill and Carole Fairbanks

ORCHESTRA NOVO

BRINGING MUSIC TO LIFE

Michael Nowak and Friends

Special guest artist Maria Jette, vocalist



Sunday, February 18, 2024 3 pm

Trinity United Methodist Church of Los Osos

Tickets \$40

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Liz Blake	Johnnie Buell	Nancy Mansfield/Staudt
Mollie Devine	Ed Coppola	Nina
Jeanne Harr	Alvah Davis	Greg Naylor
Donna McSpadden	Nicolas Devine	Marliss Peterson
Rob Mills	Rose Devine	Valerie Powell
Clytis Pitzer	Steve Giasson	Melissa Richardson
Family of Joe Randolph	Renee Gittins	Julie Rohner
Rose Robertson	Sharalyn Hamilton	Family of Alan Roske
Family of Al Schiebelhut	Marge Helseth	Desiree Scott
Rachel Stones	Family of Tennessee Graham	Justin Shong
Linda Wagner	Dillon Johnson	Maddie Schwenoha
Christy Awbrey	Family of Martha Kaser	Barbara Stankovits
Family of Gene Bath	Henry Kavanaugh	Jerrod Stotlz
	Joan Landis	Helen Wells

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 fill out a prayer request located in the pew or call the office. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless otherwise requested. To be removed from the list, please contact the church office.

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February Birthdays



2/02 Julie Mansfield-Wells
2/02 Julia Stanfill
2/04 Stefanie Wacker
2/06 Patti James
2/07 Dick Sandige
2/07 Stuart Wittman
2/09 Carole Harden
2/10 Karen Christiansen
02/10 Louise Schiebelhut
02/10 Lucia Dickey
2/18 David Vrooman
2/20 Joe Asire
2/20 Polly Tatton
2/20 Robert Crizer
2/22 Maxwell Holz
2/22 Easton Mohler
2/25 Shasta Clokey



Dear Family of Trinity UMC,

As Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank has recently shared, we are celebrating "CST Day" on February 11, 2024 across the California-Pacific Conference!

We continue to be grateful for the strong partnership that our school has enjoyed with Cal-Pac and for the many CST graduates that serve and lead all across the conference.

We thank you for your participation in the opportunity to support CST students as they are equipped to be leaders and healers for the world today, and for the world of tomorrow.

With gratitude,
Grant J. Hagiya
President
Claremont School of Theology

CST Day

Claremont School of Theology equips students for lives of ministry, leadership, and service. As the premier UMC seminary on the West Coast, CST trains and educates countless clergy and lay leaders in the congregations and church communities that you know and love. United Methodist in origin and affiliation, and ecumenical and inter-religious by design, CST nurtures a growing community of religious leaders, preachers, teachers, and reachers who leave ready to serve as agents of transformation and healing in the world.

As we continue to innovate and adapt our offerings to meet today's challenges, we are asking for your help in continuing our mission.

Please ensure your gifts today are designated for "CST Day"!

You can also scan this code with a smartphone to give directly:



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