

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRINITY VIEW

May 2023



"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."
Psalm 118:23

We Need Your Help



We are looking for people who want to join the team of camera people to live film the worship services on Sundays. We will train you. Please contact Kasey P. Lindsay, kasey@alumnae.mills.edu, if you are interested. Teenagers are welcome!

We are also in need of people wanting to join the sound board/slide show operator team. We will train you. Contact Mike Lindsay mjlindsay49@yahoo.com. Teenagers are welcome!



Helpers are needed on Saturday, May 13, 2:30 - 6:00 pm, to sort donations of food in the Fellowship Hall. The annual Post Office food drive will take place on that day. The carriers will drop all of the food they collect that day, here at our church. We have planned to share with other local organizations. They will come here and pick up some of the food and we will keep the rest for our Food Pantry Ministry. If you can help out that day please contact Mike Lindsay Missions Chair at 520-334-7880 or email him at mjlindsay49@yahoo.com



The Rev. Les Lungren Appointed Pastor of Trinity UMC

On Sunday morning, April 30, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) member Cathy Bonnett shared the following announcement from North District Superintendent Melissa McKinnon:

“After much prayer, discernment, and consultation by Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank and the Cabinet, it is the Bishop’s intent to appoint Reverend Les Lungren as Pastor at Trinity UMC of Los Osos as of July 1, 2023.

As the California-Pacific Conference moves into a deliberate time of focusing intently on justice and equality, Pastor Les brings a bounty of gifts and energy that will be well-suited to the ministries of Trinity/Los Osos UMC. We pray that as your work together, all will continue to grow through the grace and joy of a deep, nurturing, and spirit-filled relationship. Please hold up Pastor Les and his wife, as all prepare for this exciting, yet unknown transition and faith-filled next step in ministry. ...”

Asked to share information for this newsletter, Pastor Lungren has sent these greetings:

Hello Trinity UMC.

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Les Lungren. I was born and raised in the Central Valley. I now live on the central coast.

I have been a United Methodist my whole life. My ministry experience is well rounded. I have been a pastor with the California Nevada Annual Conference since 1997, doing ministry all over California and Nevada. I have also served outside the church, being appointed to Claremont School of Theology as their Director of Alumni/ae Relations and Annual Giving and doing missional work in philanthropy with Arroyo Grande Community Hospital.

I am presently serving as an interim pastor for two churches in Porterville (First, UMC and Grand Ave.), stepping in for a pastor who left midyear.

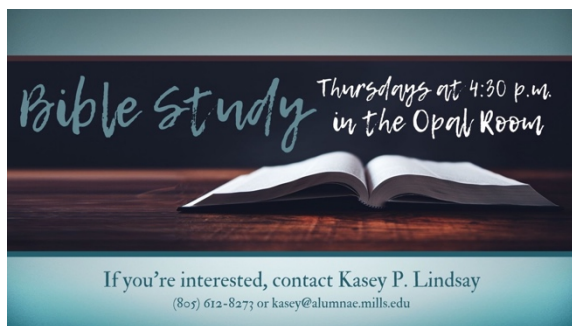
Isaiah 43:19 says, “See; I am doing a New Thing!” I can feel the Lord doing a new thing for Trinity UMC. I am excited about coming and doing ministry with all people of Trinity UMC. My hope and vision is that we can do new things together.

Thank you to the Trinity SPRC and Pastor Rich Bolin for the ministry and leadership they are providing until I can join you **on July 1, 2023**.

Shalom, Les

HOFF MEMORIAL WINDOWS TO BE DEDICATED

The Barbara Hoff memorial stained-glass windows will be dedicated in worship on Sunday May 21st. The Hoff Family will be here along with Barbara's brother Jim Lockwood-Stewart. We hope all are able to attend to see the beautiful stained-glass window, specially designed in memory of Barbara.



NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP

On April 27th, we began a new bible study class led by Kasey P. Lindsay. We meet each week on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. in the Opal Room, to look at the scriptures that will be used in the upcoming Sunday's worship service. This makes it a great group to drop into whenever you're available! For more information or to confirm your participation, see Kasey, email her at kasey@alumnae.mills.edu, or call or text (805) 612-8273.



United
Women
in Faith

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS MAY 2023

It's May, it's May, the Merry Month of May—Julie Andrews singing that song from Camelot rings in my ears. What makes it merry? Probably the lovely spring weather has an effect on people's hearts, leading them to all sorts of happiness, gayety, and fun including decorating the May Pole with ribbons. Does anyone remember the tradition of laying little May baskets filled with flowers anonymously on a doorstep of a friend? Those must have been the good old days.

I, for one, am ready for some lovely weather and good "new" days. This year's winter seemed to last too long and I am ready for lightness of spirit, leaving dark days and negativity behind. Signs of new life and hope are all around us. Let us take time to enjoy them.

The birth of babies is a wonderful sign of new life, bringing blessings to new mothers and families. As much as the babies are loved, people of low income sometimes have difficulties providing for the needs of their newborns, often requiring the services of public health nurses to assist them. For more years than I can recall, Trinity's UMW/UWF has conducted a layette drive, collecting clothing and other infant necessities to be given to the SLO County Health Department's program for low-income mothers and babies. Therefore, once again we have a table set up in the narthex for donations of baby items. The table will be there through the month of May. We appreciate any and all donations.

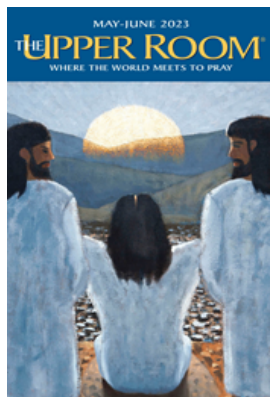
UWF's next Board meeting is Monday, May 8 at 1:00 in the social hall. The general meeting is Thursday, May 11 at 2:00. All interested women are invited to attend either meeting. If you have questions or need a ride, please call me, Alta, at 805-528-2021.

May the 4th be with you,
Alta

Honoring Our Elders
Column will return in June



Trinity's Income/Expense Report		
	March 2023	Year to Date 2023
Income	\$19,389.	\$69,149.
Expense	\$27,265.	\$73,226.
Net	-\$7,875.	-\$4,077.



The May / June edition of the Upper Room is available in the narthex for a suggested donation of \$3.00. There are large print copies as well as small print copies available.



If you would like to sign-up to bring flowers for the altar, there is a clipboard located in the narthex. Be sure to dedicate your flowers to someone or in honor of a loved one.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Our Fellowship Hour after Sunday worship is an important time for our church family to enjoy each other's company and to catch up on personal news.

Church Council has assigned committees to host each month. Some of our members are on several committees, giving them "double duty." Others of us aren't on any committees. Committee hosts, don't hesitate to call on non-committee members to ask them to bring food, serve, or clean up. A specific invitation works better than a general announcement.

We non-committee members await your call!

*Submitted by **Bob Mott***

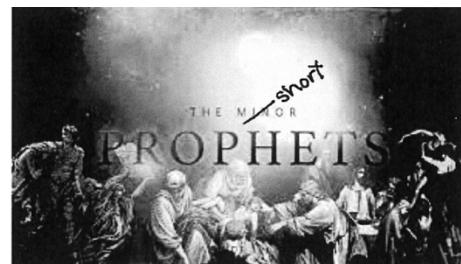


Home Church Visits Seven Short Prophets

The Old Testament Book of the Twelve holds the accounts of twelve prophets who spoke or wrote between the years of 750 - 200 BCE. They are sometimes called "the minor prophets" or "the lesser prophets," and they are not often read nor well known by Christians today.

Yet, they are not minor, nor lesser...they are simply shorter writings. So, from May 2 through June 13, Home Church will study the seven shortest written prophets, one each week. Pastor Mike will prepare and email study guides before each Tuesday meeting. We'll encounter:

Nahum, on May 2 from about 650 BCE
 Zephaniah on May 9, about 640 BCE?
 Habakkuk on May 16, about 600 BCE
 Obadiah on May 23, perhaps 580 BCE
 Haggai on May 30, perhaps 520 BCE
 Joel on June 6, perhaps 500 BCE, and
 Malachi on June 13, perhaps 360-400 BCE



All are invited to participate between 3:30 and 5:15 on Tuesdays, meeting either at the Eggleston - Murta home, or via Zoom.

Come any and or all Tuesdays: each session is its own topic.

Submitted by Mike Eggleston.



Easter Sunrise Service at Sweet Springs Nature Preserve with Pastor Rich, Rev. Mike and Music Director Sarah Jane. A lovely service!



Turri Road Clean-up took place on Saturday, April 22 and April 29. We were only able to complete half the stretch of road and will go back again the following Saturday to complete the job.

Thank you, Bob Mott, Maureen Upton, Patti James, Sandy Green, Joanne Coghlan and Mary Anne. The next clean-up will be held in August, and we hope you can join us. Watch for the date to be announced in the Trinity View or the weekly bulletin.



These ladies work tirelessly behind the scenes. They are the TUMC tellers, who are responsible for counting the weekly receipts and making the bank deposits.

Thank you, Alta, Elizabeth and Colleen, for all that you do!

Photo credits: Bob Clover



On April 15th, Matthew and I got to celebrate Easter with his family up in Lodi (near Stockton). His mother, Linda, and sister, Elizabeth, made an amazing lamb dinner that we all devoured. We watched “Life of Brian” (Linda had requested the first Indiana Jones movie, but since that’s about the Commandments and “Life of Brian” is *loosely* based on Jesus’ teachings and crucifixion, and both movies are about equally irreverent, I got her to change her mind).

But, of course, the best parts were dying eggs and the Easter egg hunt. Our nephew, Jaxsen, is the focal point of every visit we take to Lodi, and the three-year-old had a marvelous day. I highly recommend celebrating some holidays the week after they occur on the calendar: all the Easter items were 70% off at Target! Fortunately for all, Jaxsen doesn’t like candy so we filled his plastic eggs with stickers. He was dazzled by the dying of eggs and asked the next day for us to do it again. But his favorite part was the hunting. The stickers didn’t hold his attention very long, but all Saturday he gathered up the plastic eggs and asked for us adults to hide them again and again. They didn’t even have to be hidden well, and soon Matthew was just tossing eggs around the living room while Jaxsen clumsily covered his eyes and half-heartedly counted to ten.

There was no Easter Bunny, chocolates, or gifts, but love was present in abundance and joy filled all our hearts. I don’t remember ever spending an Easter feeling more connected to Jesus and the Living God.

Submitted by Kasey P. Lindsay



Joe Randolph would like the congregation to know he will be going back and forth between his home here and Diane’s home in Half Moon Bay. He will remain being a member, here at Trinity and would like to remain in contact with all of you. If you would like to have Joe’s address and/or phone number, please contact the office and I will be happy to share it with you.

FAIRBANKS' NEWS APRIL 2023



Carole and I attended the Southwestern Anthropological Association's (SWAA) annual conference in Long Beach where on Good Friday I presented a paper. Being born on a Good Friday when it fell on March 26 I consider Good Fridays my alternative birthday. Because I dealt with situations where cultural anthropologists missed opportunities to do relevant research I was a bit apprehensive. It went very well, many agreed with my analysis and I was asked to submit it for the SWAA's *Proceedings*, so now I am getting it ready to go.

Tim Wallace, President of the Association of Senior Anthropologists (ASA), emailed me saying we didn't move quickly enough to organize a session for the American Anthropological Association's (AAA) Annual Conference in Toronto, but if I did decide to attend, he would be happy to have me help him. Likely I will pass.

On the 12th I attended a lunch for emeritus Cuesta employees, as did Joe Asire. Seeing old colleagues was nice. The following day Carole and I attended a lunch meeting at the Madonna Inn of the California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA) as did Cheryl Dove. CalRTA is an association for California public school teacher grades kindergarten through Community College. Its main thrust is looking out for teachers' pension funds. If a retired teacher trusts the governor and state legislators to do right by their pension funds until they die, there is no compelling reason to join, if they have some doubts they better join. Members are invited, but not required to attend various events.

On the 17th Carole and I had lunch with Dan and Liz Krieger. We enjoy seeing them and always learn something. We also had two family dinners. We are attempting to keep as active as possible.

For me the worst of April is yet to come. Mary Anne wants this by the 27th, the day when I have an appointment with my oral surgeon. I doubt after that I will feel like writing anything.

Submitted by Bill and Carole Fairbanks



Trinity UMC offers scholarships for post-high school education in a college, university, business, or trade school. Applications and information are available by visiting our website at www.trinitylososos.org/get-involved/scholarships. Applications must be turned in to the church office or postmarked by Friday, May 19.

Who May Apply:

An applicant shall be an active member or constituent of Trinity United Methodist Church at the time of application or if away at school, be active in another church or campus ministry. By active, we mean participation in worship services, youth groups, and/or other church activities.

Applicants must, by their family or community relationships, scholastic abilities, or church participation record, have displayed qualities of leadership and good citizenship, and must indicate, by their acceptance in the school of their choice, sufficient ability to do satisfactory work.

May Birthdays

Cheryl Dove 5/2
 Bill Awbrey 5/3
 Wendy Porter 5/3
 Solomon Wells
 Sequoia Clokey 5/10
 Dawn Tyra 5/11
 Sue Bigbee 5/12
 Janet Neilson 5/13
 Jim Holz 5/15
 Jean Gandy 5/18
 Robert Johnson 5/18
 Orson Holz 5/24
 Liz Blake 5/26
 Emma Hollis 5/31

May Anniversaries

05-01 John and Cathy Bonnett
 05-07 Ron and Lucia Dickey
 05-09 Bill and Emily Rodenhi



Happy Mother's Day
 May 14, 2023



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. To be removed from the list, please contact the church office.*



We Pray For:

Charlotte Dietzel
 Mollie Devine
 John Green
 Phyllis Harwell
 Clytis Pitzer
 Family of Thelma Randolph
 Rose Robertson
 Alice Stone
 Gilbert and Rachel Stones
 Linda Wagner
 Donna Vrooman
 Elizabeth Wilcox

Family of Levi Baca
 Lisa Burbank
 Ed Cappola
 Family of Dennis Cowan
 Family of Lois Cowan
 Alvah Davis
 Chris Dicus
 Stella Dueck
 Bob Gale
 Susie Gale
 Daniel Gittens
 June Grillo
 Rocky & Liesel Juarez
 Joan Landis
 Edward McKenzie
 Debbie Olson
 Marilyn Rogers
 Adrian Jane & Baby Shong
 Barbara Stankovits
 Duane Stone



The church office will be closed
 Monday, May 29th in observance of
 Memorial Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
	2pm - Knitting Etc. Group 7pm - Literacy for Life	9am - Tuesday Crew @ 10am - Food Pantry @ 11:30am - Missions 11:45am - AA Group 3:30pm - Home Church 6:30pm - Vocal Arts	10am - Staff Meeting @ 11:30am - Prayer & Care 3:30pm - Infinite Music 6pm - Trinity Ringers 7pm - A.A. Open Door 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	11:45am - AA Group 4:30pm - Bible Study with 7pm - Literacy for Life	10am - Food Pantry @	
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