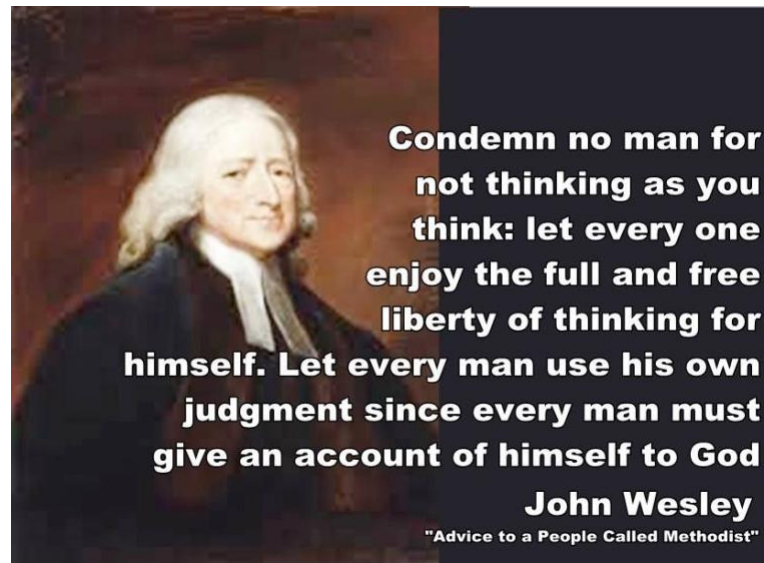


TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# TRINITY VIEW



**August 2020**

*Messages and pictures submitted by your TUMC Friends and Family*

## **Re-opening Update, dated July 14, 2020**

Dear Fellow Trinity UMC Community Members,

As I write this, the Governor has just ordered most public places, including churches, to close down all indoor operations as the state, as well as San Luis Obispo County, experiences a substantial rise of COVID 19 cases. As a church community, we and all churches have been praying for just the opposite. We pray for a time when the number of cases is going down and we may once again worship together in person. Sadly, however, the virus is still gaining ground. Accordingly, we in the leadership of our church expect that it will likely be months, not weeks, before we can safely hold public worship in the sanctuary in a manner that will meet the guidelines set forth by the State and by our Conference and, more importantly, protect all those who participate in a worship service.

In the interim, we are working to find innovative ways to engage and nourish our church community. Along with the Worship Committee, a task force is exploring a variety of opportunities for you to be involved. We are busy preparing the sanctuary for use during recorded worship not only in the near future but for the time when we can again worship together. Many people have expressed appreciation for the offering of on-line worship and many will prefer this option even after we are able to meet in person. In addition to online communication and Zoom gatherings, we are also looking at using phone recordings and even outdoor, distanced gathering as possibilities. If you have ideas that you think we could employ or needs that are not being met, please contact Pastor G at 805-439-2599 or [pastorg@trinitylososos.org](mailto:pastorg@trinitylososos.org)

I know many of you are weary from all this but are faithfully continuing to practice safe distancing, wearing masks, and limiting your exposure to situations that are high risk. We are resilient and we are dedicated to caring for one another in this way right now for as long as it takes until we can worship together again as we once did. We will send more updates as time goes by.

Grace & Peace,

**Bob Wacker, Church Council Chair**



To the Saints who are in Los Osos,

August 2020

“God is good all the time. All the time God is good.” This column is the saga of the computer... not just my computer but computers in general. When I was in Jr. High School our science department received an old calculating machine. It was about four feet square and consisted of a series of relays that were wired together. Being a science kid, I was among those allowed to work on the rewiring to bring it back to a working condition.

We also got a calculating machine. It was about a foot and a half square and about six inches tall. It was a far cry from a computer – more like a programable calculator. One of my friends programmed it to print out all the prime numbers to the limit of its memory. The last one came out in five figures and the program ran overnight taking about 36 hours to complete.

When I was in High School two computer-related things happened. The prices of calculators had dropped enough that for about 20 (1971) dollars I was able to purchase a calculator! It would add, subtract, multiply, and divide but didn't even have a memory function – and it ate batteries like they were potato chips. The other thing is that I joined an Explorer Post that was based around computers. Our mentor was an engineer at Control Data Corporation. On Monday nights we were allowed to use the three in-house computers. They were huge, like in older movies, in a climate-controlled room, with discrete tape units, core memory, teletype terminals, card readers, line printers, etc. and filled the space of a very large living room. The prime computer was 16K. (That is about 8 times the capacity of the computer that took Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin to the moon). I learned how to write FORTRAN programs and punch data cards.

By the time I had graduated from Seminary, I was able to put a 16K computer in my home as an Apple II+ computer with two external floppy drives and a dot matrix printer. At that church, the pastor had to print the bulletin – on a ditto graph machine no less. Ditto masters didn't work with a dot matrix printer so we bought an IBM memory typewriter for 2,000 (1981) dollars that I could type the bulletin and correct it on paper and then automatically retype it on the ditto master... as long as the electricity stayed on for the whole time.

Over time I switched from Apple computers to PCs and went through many upgrades. I often built my own computers out of discrete components. I went through a number of computers in my time in Hawaii. For some reason computers, (and other electronic devices) failed in the parsonage with alarming regularity. Maybe it was Menehune, (mischievous Hawaiian spirits, or maybe the house was over an ancient Hawaiian graveyard or something but the electric company could never find anything wrong.

When I got to Lompoc UMC in 2010 I knew I needed a computer that I could work on at home. There was a man in the congregation who owned a computer business. He had a massive and powerful tower he called King Kong. He built my custom computer which I christened “God-zilla.” That computer has served me well for 10 years. With Microsoft removing support for my operating system I have had to nurse it along sometimes, but throughout the shutdown, it has enabled me to provide a worship service at least by the 10 a.m. hour. This week it got very sick. Despite its age, the disks and hardware seem to be fine but a software problem has locked me out and it needs to go into the shop.

I began this column with “God is good” because this was the week that we moved to video worship. As of August 2, we have a team in place creating what you see so it doesn't all happen on my computer. If my computer had gone down a week earlier we wouldn't have had a service that week. I truly feel that was providential.

We've come a long way from computers that took up a whole climate-controlled room and five-megabyte drives that were the size of a small car. There is a meme going around that shows a Radio Shack ad from the 1970's with all of the things that they offered that points out that all of those items are contained in one device that you probably have near you right now: your cell phone contains a scientific calculator, radio, phone, portable music player, tape recorder, camcorder - add to that a PDA, a calendar, a GPS, a video player, a text messaging service, a camera, not to mention instant access to literally a world of information on the internet.

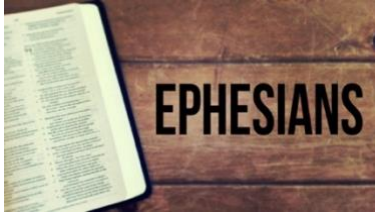
It may not be true for some of our older members, but for folks my age and under we almost can't remember a world without computers and don't really know how to live without them. (If you have trouble relating, imagine a world without running water). I'm writing this on my laptop – another very sophisticated device but I will be going through withdrawal until I get my desktop computer back. This computer doesn't have many of the capabilities of that computer and I've lost my email lists so for a while you'll be getting my emails forwarded through the church office. I may have bemoaned computer issues, but God-zilla got me through until the next phase was ready to take over.

See you in (virtual) church,

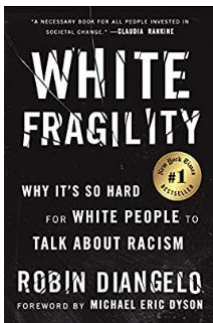
Pastor L



<b>Trinity's Income/Expense Report</b>		
	<b>June 2020</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Income	\$20,768.	\$148,545.
Expense	\$15,578.	\$115,449.
Net	\$5,190.	\$33,096.



The Tuesday Ephesians Bible Study Group has ended and will take the month of August off. They are planning to restart on Tuesday, September 1st from 3:30-5:00 via Zoom. Material and subject matter TBD.



The White Fragility Book Discussion will be ending on August 24th. There will not be a meeting on Aug. 17th and they hope to have a guest speaker on Aug. 24th. Everyone is welcome, please contact Cathy Bonnett for further details.



*If you would like to add your name to the list of Scripture Readers, please contact Sandy Green.*

#### **Scripture Readers:**

August 2 Nancy Flanders  
 August 9 Jan Carpenter  
 August 16 Donna McSpadden  
 August 23 Beth Crizer  
 August 30 Elizabeth Clover  
 September 6 Kay Bolin  
 September 13 Jan Carpenter  
 September 20 Beth Crizer  
 September 27 Sandy Green



Thursday, July 30th, Beth Crizer and a friend cooked and served 82 dinners to community members at SBCC. Thank you, Beth, for making this happen!! TUMC will be hosting another dinner on October 29th. Also, if you need someone to do your personal grocery shopping, TUMC has volunteers available to assist you. Please contact the office at 805-528-1649. If you are unable to shop or don't feel safe doing so, please let us know. We are here for you.



The Bay Osos Kiwanis Club will be hosting community-wide drive-thru Tri-Tip BBQ on August 8th from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, 490 Los Osos Valley Rd. The menu will consist of a complete Tri-Tip and a loaf of garlic bread, ready for the broiler. The proceeds are going to our Scholarship fund for seniors at Morro Bay High School. The tickets are pre-sale for \$45.00 and must be purchased by August 6. Any Kiwanian will be willing to sell you a ticket.

You may purchase a ticket directly from Joe Asire, by calling him at 805-528-0342. Hope to see you at the drive-thru.

**Joe Asire**





## **TURRI ROAD CLEANUP**

Took place on Saturday, July 18th  
The weather was perfect and so were the volunteers. Many thanks to Tom and Maureen Upton, Tom and Polly Tatton, Bill Fairbanks, Mike Lindsay, Debbie Wacker, Mary Anne Meyer and (not pictured) Community Member Annette Sheely



## **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS AUGUST 2020**

Greetings once again from my “sheltering-in-place” place. It is getting a bit old and a lot monotonous, though. To relieve the monotony, I have spent a little more time working in my yard, reading, organizing various things, researching family history and so on but my car really wants to go for a long ride. I filled the tank about June 20<sup>th</sup> and it is still half full. I’m beginning to think it wouldn’t be bad to be in one of those science fiction capsules that people are put in for space travel and just be woken up when we get there-somewhere on the other side of COVID19. Oh well.

On the bright side, ten of us were able to attend the UMW Zoom meeting on July 9<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to see each other’s faces and to be together, even though it was just virtual. This is the reality we will be living in for a while. We discussed how we can support UMW’s purpose to support ministries for women, youth, and children without the funds we generate from the annual bazaar. Several suggestions were made and we plan to implement some of them in the next few months.

The book club meeting was another bright spot. Donna arranged it and, again, it was wonderful to see each other and to talk about what we have been reading.

So, please put the following dates and times on your calendar: Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 for UMW Circle meeting and Thursday, August 20 for Book Club. You will receive reminder emails or phone calls as the times draw closer.

Peace and Hope to you all.

**Alta**



## Music Notes

Many years ago, I was discussing church music with an organist visiting from out of state. He asked me what sort of selections I chose to play in church, and I replied that, in addition to hymn arrangements and contemporary Christian tunes, I often played music by Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, and other classical greats. He said, "I used to think those were appropriate before I was saved." I have to say this floored me at the time and has stayed in my memory ever since.

A few years later, here at Trinity, we had a Jazz worship service, featuring a wonderful band in town for the Pismo Jazz Festival. That joyous and energetic worship experience cost us several members, upset by the "inappropriate" style of the music. Once again, I was struck by how we can put narrow limits on the ways we can receive the endless blessings of God's creative gifts. Music, in its many forms and styles, explicitly religious or not, can give expression to our human condition and spiritual nature.

J.S. Bach ended many of his compositions with the notation, "to the glory of God." When we play or sing music in church, it is an offering, an act of worship. I like to think that we can welcome musical offerings in diverse styles, both contemporary and historic.

## Barbara



Village Children's Center, one of our TUMC missions, has been providing care for preschool children of essential workers throughout the Covid19 crisis. In order to keep everyone safe, VCC staff needs to use lots of sanitizing supplies daily, some of which are hard to find and costly to provide in large quantities. If you would like to support VCC by providing any of the needed supplies, it would be very much appreciated.

They especially need: Clorox disinfecting wipes, Lysol disinfecting spray, hand sanitizer (at least 70% isopropyl alcohol), paper towels, and gallon Ziploc bags. If you want to donate any of these items, please put them in the church narthex in the box labeled VCC donations." The narthex will be unlocked from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon on Tuesdays and Friday mornings. Please call Colleen at 805-528-3179 if you have questions.

Thank you

**Colleen Powers**

The Estero Radio Club held its annual field day again this year in Los Osos at TUMC June 26-28. This year, because of the virus, we were actually in two physical locations: the church and one member's house near the bay. Thanks to the Church and all that contributed to the event. We had much fun, as usual. 25 hours, 8 Operators, Emergency power 350 contacts, 4 Countries, 28 States, 5 provinces.

Submitted by **Mike Lindsay**





A walk around the neighborhood  
Submitted by **Jan Carpenter**



Cayucos Dog Beach- **Rob Mills**



High Tide from the Elfin Forest  
**Rob Mills**





Carole and I have been “sheltering in place” and like many, miss social contact. On July 3rd Carole called Liz Krieger to tell her she had made two quilts for her. At the California Mission Foundation (CMF) Annual Conference in Monterey in February, Liz asked Carole to make a quilt for a friend who was adopting an Afro-American baby. Carole agreed but said she wouldn't do it for pay, but as an act of friendship. At the conference Liz and her husband Dan, said they were planning to adopt a 15-year-old girl from a dysfunctional family. Dan and Liz who have never had children, are approximately our age, Dan is an emeritus History Professor from Cal Poly and Liz a retired (?) Children's Librarian from San Luis Obispo. They are active members of Mission San Luis Obispo. Carole also decided to make a quilt for their new daughter. I had lemon poppy seed muffins which I planned to give the Krieger's' also. Carole said we could bring the quilts and muffins by in the early afternoon, but Liz said come at 5:30 and have dinner with them on their patio, where we could social distance and talk.

As we walked through the house on the way to the patio we saw two or three library carts loaded with children's books in the living room. Liz is working with teachers at an elementary school who identify children who don't have any books at home. They come to the Krieger's, and select five books from her collection which she gives them. A few weeks earlier Liz, Dan and their new daughter, Isabella, (Izzy) drove to Redwood City, where a library was closing. They made the drive to obtain children's books.

Izzy is a very intelligent, poised girl, she helped Liz get things around on the patio and although from a Spanish speaking family her English is perfect. She was never read to in Spanish nor did she learn to write it, however when tested for high school Spanish she tested at the fourth-year level, which she is taking on line, and had to complete her final that night. She was working on her final so after dinner she went to her computer in the kitchen to work on it. Dan said the irregular verbs are posing a problem for her.

On the fourth we received a thank you call from Liz for the quilts and the conversation. When discussing the imbroglio over the police killing George Floyd, I looked at how although there is still racism in America; it is now on the defensive of course pockets still exist, some even in police departments. Liz said they appreciated exposing Izzy to a more analytical approach, rather than simplistic generalizations, such as Americans are racists, period. Liz also said after we left, she and Dan went into the bedroom but didn't turn on the TV, but read, so as not to disturb Izzy as she was working on her final. Although they waited close to 80 years to begin parenting, it appears they are doing an excellent job.

Carole and I have had no experiences this month that top this example of Christian love at it's very best!!

**Submitted by Bill and Carole Fairbanks**



Until TUMC is ready to open for in-person worship services, communion packets will be available in the narthex, on Tuesday and Friday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm., the **week before the first Sunday of each month.**



The year was 1950, and I was about to enter St. Lukes School of Nursing in Chicago. My mother Hallie, graduated there in 1925, and I had hopes of continuing the tradition. The picture is of me as a “probie”. For six months we went through the grueling process of learning to give shots, treat wounds, make a proper bed, change incontinence, proper sanitation, give enemas, (ugh) chart properly, as well as book learning. About half of the class dropped out, but I made the grade and could now wear the traditional white uniform and hat.

In 1953 I graduated as an RN, got married, and worked in the surgery department until I became pregnant. The story moves on, I had five girls, lived in five different states, always happily being able to find a Methodist Church in each locale.

I worked part time at a retirement center after the girls were older and that experience helped me greatly when my husband developed Alzheimer’s. It is a strange disease, which I never encountered as a young graduate. We simply called an elderly person with mental problems “senile” and treated them with care. If they were too “senile” the doctor ordered a tranquilizer. The treatment of the disease has made tremendous strides, as well as promoting care groups to attend.

I will close now, always trying to remember the Golden Rule “Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.”

Submitted by  
**Nancy Flanders**



The Tuesday Work Crew has been meeting every Tuesday from 9:00 am until noon doing what needs to be done, keeping the grounds looking well kept. Some of the specifics: applied 30 gallons of roof tar on the flat area of the sanctuary roof, cleaned out most of the planters and filled them with wood chips, trimmed trees in the parking lot, maintained some needed repairs for VCC, and weeded around the church sign. We would like to plant more colorful plants around the sign so if anyone can recommend some or even donate, bring them by on a Tuesday. ***The Magnificent Seven plus One*** can get them in the ground.

The Seven are: Bruce Powers, Bob Traver, Mike Lindsay, Vaughan Kaser, Bill Rodenhi, John Kersten, Joe Asire and the ***Plus One*** is Everett Shong with his tractor.

Submitted by **Joe Asire**

**Team work makes the dream work!**





### **Happy 68<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Joe and Thelma Randoph**

Joe and Thelma were married on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 1952 at the chapel at Cal Poly-Voorhis Unit in San Dimas, California. At the time Joe was a student and Thelma was the office manager at Cal Poly.

Great big thanks to Joseph Centoni for submitting these lovely pictures of his grandparents.

Hello Church Family!

Bob and Beth Mott have been enjoying the pictures and articles each month in the Trinity View. We are both well – and active while sheltering.

Beth has been developing children's online art projects and posting them weekly on the SLO Museum of Art website. Her Global Ministries team at SLO UMC continues to support missionaries and local projects. One project is Knit for Kids. Over the years her local team has knit several thousand sweaters for youngsters. After Beth shipped the latest 36 sweaters she decided to switch to caps pictured here.

Bob schedules weekly programs for the Zoom Coffee group of 30 - 40 men. He hikes daily, usually on one of the Johnson Ranch trails, but sometimes on the trail to Mission High School's "M" on Cerro San Luis, or on neighborhood walks. He leads the SLO RAM Hikers twice a month. Pictured are recent hikes up Valencia Peak in Montaña de Oro and on Stenner Creek to the "Eucs", a bicycle playground on the slopes of West Cuesta Ridge. His first hike in August is the Ocean View Loop in the Irish Hills, 7 miles, 1000 ft. elevation gain.

Each afternoon we enjoy a latte and several mini muffins, either Polly Tatton's recipe for Oatmeal Minis plus raisins, or a flourless Oatmeal/Zucchini Mini with chocolate chips, pictured here. Who needs Starbucks's?

Submitted by **Bob and Beth Mott**





8/1 Phyllis Harwell  
 8/1 Karen Shong  
 8/6 Melissa Rochte  
 8/7 Cathy Bonnett  
 8/8 Richard Glodo  
 8/8 Sandy Green  
 8/10 Jason Tyra  
 8/15 Evelyn Kane  
 8/18 Edie Sandige  
 8/19 Albert Schiebelhut  
 8/22 Ted Martin  
 8/24 Bob Mott  
 8/25 Felix Holz  
 8/25 Everett Shong  
 8/26 Juliane Mittman  
 8/26 Tim Rochte  
 8/28 Mollie Devine  
 8/31 Clytis Pitzer  
 8/31 Gilbert Stones



8/2 Bruce and Colleen Powers  
 8/25 Rich and Kay Bolin  
 8/30 Joe and Thelma Randolph



Length, Depth, and Breadth

Lord, You are the alpha and the omega, infinite.  
 All of our lives are not even a blink of Your eye,  
 yet You still love us.

You created the universe in all its enormity and wonder.  
 We are a tiny part if that creation, yet You chose us.

You fashioned creatures in wondrous diversity, yet You made us in Your image. You gave us the ability to reason and to love. When we warred with each other and sinned without shame, You sent us your beloved son to live among us, to teach us, to heal us, and to forgive us. We were not worthy of this grace, yet You gave us grace from Your boundless love.

Lord, let us live our lives in love and peace and worship so that when it is time for us to depart this life, we may do so without regret, but with the joyous anticipation of being in Your presence forever.

Submitted **anonymously from a member of our congregation.**



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