

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## JANUARY TRINITY VIEW



“God puts rainbows in the clouds so that each of us in the dreariest and most dreaded moments – can see a possibility of hope.”

Maya Angelou

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sunday

Choir Rehearsal: 9:15 am  
Worship Service: 10:00 am  
Social Hour: 11:15 am  
Sandlot Bridge: 11:30 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-noon  
AA Meeting: 12:00 pm  
Home Church: 3:00 pm

#### Wednesday

Prayer & Care Group: 11:30 am  
AA Meeting: 12:00 pm  
AA Meeting: 7:00 pm  
Trinity Ringers: 6:00 pm  
Chancel Choir: 7:30 pm

#### Thursday

AA Meeting 12:00 pm  
Literacy for Life: 7:00 pm

#### Friday

Food Box Distribution: 10-noon

### MEETINGS

**Thursday, January 8, 2:00 pm**  
UWF Unit Meeting

**Sunday, January 18, 11:30 am**  
Church Council Meeting

**Tuesday, January 20, 1:30 pm**  
Finance Committee Meeting

**Sunday, January 25, 11:30 am**  
Board of Trustee's Meeting

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am**  
Turri Road Clean-Up

Hello Trinity Family,

As we reach the final Monday of 2025, I want to pause and celebrate the incredible ways you have served in the mission field this year. Your dedication has turned vision into reality.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the Trustees of Trinity. This year, they oversaw vital improvements, including redoing the VCC plumbing and replacing our 30-year-old heating system. Thanks to their diligent study and wisdom, our facilities are now equipped to support our ministry for the next 20 to 25 years. Because of their work, Trinity remains a warm, welcoming space for members, seekers, and community partners alike.

Our vision for community beyond the sanctuary took root this year with the Trinity Educational Community Garden. Though in its infancy, we already have nine gardeners and growing interest from local neighbors and nonprofits. This outreach is more than just a garden; it is a pesticide-free source of nourishment and a place for spiritual growth.

When the government shutdown threatened SNAP benefits, Trinity's Mission Committee didn't hesitate. By opening the food pantry an extra day and providing 50 Thanksgiving boxes for struggling families, you became the hands and feet of Jesus during a time of great uncertainty.

The highlight of our spiritual work as a congregation we had five individuals baptized. This is the most we have seen in quite some time! These brothers and sisters chose to follow the Lord more closely because they saw his love reflected in *you*. Your dedication to your own spiritual journeys inspired them to begin theirs.

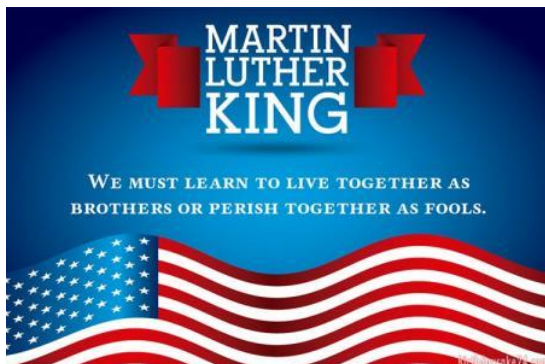
The United Women in Faith continued their vital work, supporting two foster students entering college and organizing our annual sock drive. They continue to be a beacon of hope and invite all women of the church to join them in this mission.

Every success in 2025 happened because you listened to our Savior's call to serve "the least of these."

Thank you for a wonderful year of ministry. Where Christ leads Trinity in 2026.

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**TUMC Office will be closed:**

Wednesday, December 31 office closes at noon

Office closed: Thursday, January 1 & Friday, January 2

Office closed MLK Day, Monday, January 19

Regular schedule for office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 am until 2:00 pm and on Fridays, 9:00 am until 12:30 pm.

## **Meet your 2026 Committee Members & Chairpersons**

**Lay Leader** - Beth Crizer

### **Staff Parish Relations Committee**

*Chair – Jora Landis*

*Co-Chair- Vicki Mladinich*

*Cheryl Dove, Ursula Holz, Ted Oliver*

*SPRC Emeritus – Shirley Hulin, Cathy Bonnett, Wendy Porter*

### **Board of Trustees**

**Chair- Ray Purcell**

*Bob Crizer, Karen Shong, Alta Hall, Bill Awbrey, Patti James, Janet Oliver*

### **Worship Team**

**Chair - Susan McMickell**

*Rebecca Ellis, Holly Holz, Scott Danielson, Sandy Green  
Wendy Porter, and Ministerial Staff*

### **Mission Team**

**Chair - Mike Lindsay**

*Judy Anderson, Ron Rose & Kelly Weir*

### **Finance & Planned Giving Team**

**Chair - TBD**

*Treasurer, Debbie Livingston, Mary Anne Meyer, Susan McMickell, & Debbie Wacker*

### **Village Children's Center Board**

**Co-Chairs - Lisa Purcell & Scott Danielson**

*Therese Kersten, Kym Schwenoha, Bonnie Luther, Director of VCC*

### **TLC Trinity Love and Care**

**Leaders - Sandy Green and Mike Eggleston**  
*& various caring church Members*

### **Trinity Educational Community Garden Team**

**Garden Manager: Scott Danielson**

*Assistant Garden Managers: Annie Wahler, Patti James  
Communications and Public Relations: Vicki Mladinich & Charlotte Dietzel*

*Treasurer / Secretary: Mary Anne Meyer*

*Project Managers: Joe Asire & Bob Crizer*

*Compost: Neil Lieberman*

**Turri Road Organizers: Bruce & Colleen Powers**



### **Nominations and Leadership Development**

**Chair:** Pastor Les Lungren

Lay Leader - Beth Crizer

*Charlotte Dietzel, Scott*

*Danielson, Ursula Holz, Melissa*

*Rochte, Emily Rodenhi*

### **Church Council and Missional Planning Team**

**Chair - Sandy Green**

Lay Leader - Beth Crizer

SPRC Chair – Jora Landis

Finance Chair – TBD

Treasurer – Debbie Livingston

Memorials - Elizabeth Clover

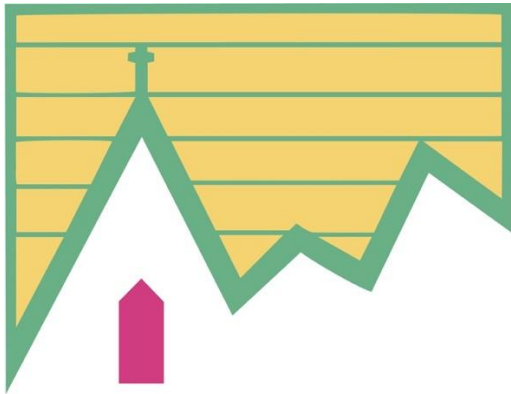
UWF Chair - Alta Hall

VCC Chair - Scott Danielson

Trustee Chair – Ray Purcell

(2) TBD - Annual Conference  
Delegates

Secretary - Mary Anne Meyer



# Church FINANCES

## Budget Update

*See, I am doing a new thing!  
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in the wilderness  
and streams in the wasteland.  
Isaiah 43:19*

We are about to embark on a new year, with new adventures, and a new budget that is balanced, thanks to all of you! We are wrapping up 2025 a little bit stronger than anticipated... our budgeted deficit was \$24,000 and it looks like we will end the year with a deficit of around \$20,000. Every little bit helps!

If you gave me a pledge after the pledge period to help restore the Music Director's salary, keep an eye out in your email. Around the first of the year, I will be sending you an update on what your current recorded pledge is for 2026. Some of you plan to add a little each month, and others want to give the extra amount at the first of the year. Whatever works for you is awesome. Thank you!

Also, in early January we will be sending out the end of year giving statements for 2025. Save these for your tax records and let me know if you see any problems. Most of all... have a Happy New Year!!!

Debbie Livingston  
Finance Committee Chair

## SAVE THIS DATE!



Plan on joining us for our Annual Women's Retreat, Saturday, February 28, 2026, here at Trinity. Our theme this year is "New Thoughts on an Ancient Tradition."

Our speaker is Pastor Kathi McShane from Paso Robles UM Church. We enjoyed Pastor Kathi so much last year we are thrilled to have her return!

We will start taking registrations in January. Pre-reading suggestions (not required) are *Daily Meditations* from the Center for Action and Contemplation. Go to their website <https://cac.org/category/daily-meditations> and have their free daily meditations sent to you to reflect upon, pray with, and contemplate.

Another suggestion is to read one of Richard Rohr's books: *Falling Upward* or *Everything Belongs*. We hope you'll plan on joining us and invite a friend.

Copies of The Upper Room for January and February 2026 are available on the cart in the narthex. The suggestion donation is \$3.00.







The TUMC 2025 Annual Report will be ready to distribute to the congregation, hopefully by the middle of January. Watch for a notice in the weekly Worship Folder when it will be available.

I'll be adding a current phone directory into the Annual Report, again this year.



Thank you, TUMC congregation, for all the generous sock donations, supporting the UWF Sock Drive.



The date for the quarterly Senior Luncheon has been changed from January to February. Watch the Sunday Worship Folders or your weekly emails, for more details.



Trinity UMC will receive a check in the amount of \$160.38 from the Ralph's (Kroger Co.) Community Rewards Program. This was for the period of September 1 through November 30, 2025. Trinity has 23 households who have linked their Ralphs cards to the rewards program. If you would like to know how to link your Ralphs card to the Rewards Program, please email the office.



## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS - JANUARY 2026

Happy New Year. We say goodbye to 2025 with its blessing, events and challenges and look forward to the clean slate of 2026. Trinity's UWF unit will continue its programs and activities, supporting missions at home, around our country and the world. As we plan programs for the next year, we keep the UWF Purpose in mind:

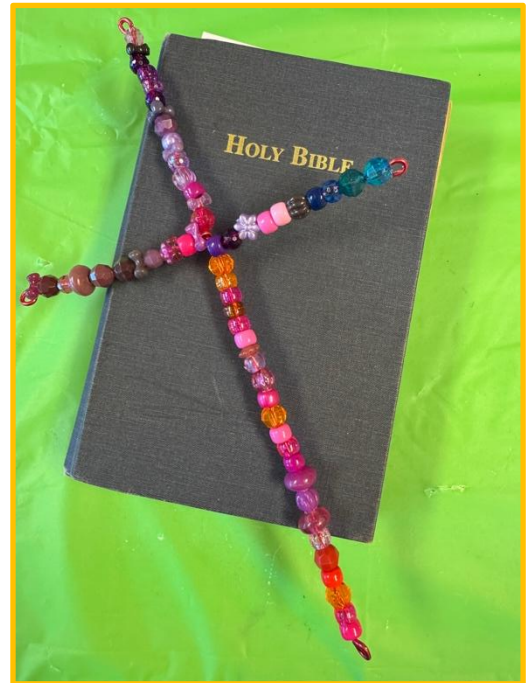
*To be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.*

We invite all women to attend our meetings and/or to participate in our activities. UWF unit meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 2:00 and are held in the church's social hall.

Peace and Blessing,  
Alta Hall

Are you ready for a safe, fun outing, while getting in your steps for the day? Please join the Turri Road Cleanup Crew on **Saturday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

See you there! (***Rain will cancel the clean-up.***)



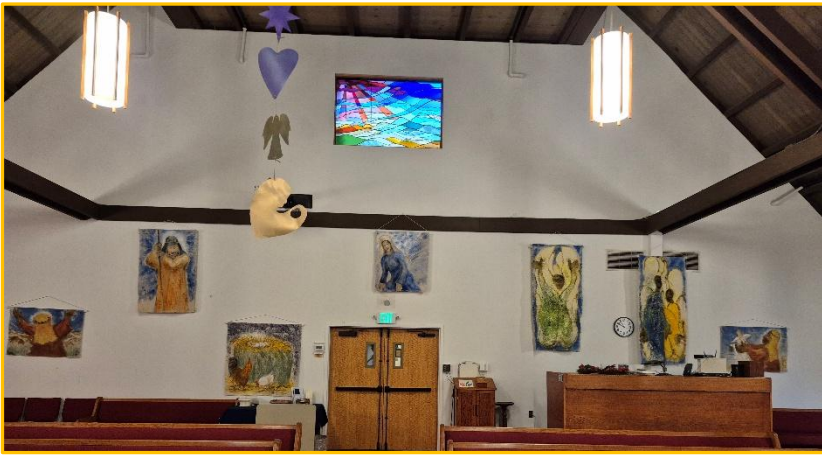
### TUMC Sunday School News

Trinity is overjoyed to have two new Sunday School Teachers! Thank you, Vera and Donna, for sharing a spiritual message for the children. The last Sunday in December the teachers had an exciting craft project for the children to create. As you can see, each one was a treasure and a work of art!



Thank you to these six wonderful volunteers (Ursula, Marj, Sandy, Susan, Cathy, & Eileen) who assembled Tamale Pie Casseroles for the Community Dinner which took place on Wednesday December 31 at the Community Center. Special thanks to Beth for organizing and Wendy, Lisa and Colleen for stepping up to be the lead, in Beth's absence. Many hungry residents were fed a nutritious dinner because of your generosity.





We hope you took a moment to admire the many pieces of artwork on display in the sanctuary during this Advent Season. Rebecca Ellis provided the canvas paintings adorning the walls in the sanctuary, Rebecca and Susan worked tirelessly on the decorations hanging from the ceiling, and Lisa Purcell provided the hand stitched banner on the pulpit. She even provided a bigger gold star each week to the banner. Oh, and Ursula and Holly provided the Advent Wreath and Candle Holder (a family treasure). They came in and freshened it up each week with new greenery. **We are grateful for the many talented artists in our congregation!**



#### ← Fairbanks Christmas Cactus & News

Rick, our son-in-Law cooked most of the Thanksgiving meal for the 12 attendees for dinner at our house. It was Thanksgiving, a great day!

On the Saturday after Thanksgiving since our grandson Matt was about 10, it has been their tradition for he and our son, Bill, to take his pickup to a Christmas tree farm in Nipomo and pick up trees for all members of the family who wanted them.

When Matt was a toddler Carole took him to breakfast at the Madonna Inn to see the Christmas decorations. It also became a family tradition, and the entire family went. This year it was more of a brunch than breakfast, with 12 in attendance.

We received a Christmas card from Jeannie and Alan Ashby, who used to be members of Trinity. They indicated Jeannie seems to be doing well, but Alan has serious health problems. One summer when I was teaching at Cal Poly, Jeannie took a class from me and sat in the front seat directly in front of me.

She said she always sat in the back, but because I was such a great storyteller, she didn't want to miss anything, so she sat in front. A Poly professor confirmed she sat in the back. My teaching career began team teaching U.S. History at Yuba City High. Our class size was around 80 and using my normal voice made my throat raw, so I used a softer voice. One of my Cuesta colleagues doing a peer review was surprised my voice was softer than when I was in my office. That might explain Jeannie sitting in front. The Ashby's now attend Atascadero UMC.

I mailed Christmas cards out, with about a week to go during Advent. When Cuesta College went to an "early start" ending the fall semester just before Christmas, I would be grading finals and figuring out grades during Advent. In one case, a woman in the Records Office gave me her home address in Morro Bay and I gave her my course grades on Christmas Eve, as her family was sitting down for dinner. Liturgically I was correct if I got my Christmas cards out during the 12 days of Christmas, and at least once I used them all, winding up on January fifth.

In Ralphs while shopping for the Social Hour layered dip, I saw Holly Holtz and her father, she gave me a big hug. It reminded me of a story Carole told how when she went into her class, our granddaughter Amanda, would always hug her. Carole asked the teacher if students teased Amanda because of the hugs. The teacher replied, no, Amanda teaches them what is proper. Holly seems to understand that, and it is great to see!

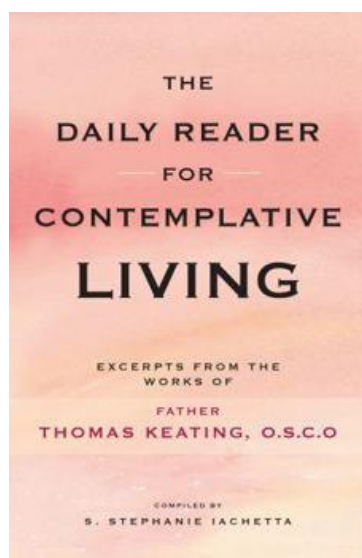
When in the kitchen with my layered dip on Christmas Music Sunday, two elementary age boys came in and asked me what they could do to help. There was nothing I needed help with and told them to ask Judy. I was happy to see they were ready to work, but they need to know who is in charge and what to do. Our children learned a great deal helping out at Trinity. We need to involve our youth above age 10 or 12.

Seven family members came to church on Christmas Music Sunday. I saw Zyra Pascua briefly, who said she is doing well at Long Beach State, which was great to hear.

The storm that hit Los Osos the 24th and 25th necessitated adjustments. Usually, we have a family dinner on Christmas Eve, this year Carole, Bill and I had leftovers. Christmas morning 12 of us gathered at our house for breakfast and opening presents and, later six of us had dinner together.

It was a vintage year for Christmas cacti. The storm could neither destroy Christmas, or the Christmas cacti!

### **Bill and Carole Fairbanks**



Come join Cathy Bonnett on a year long journey exploring Centering Prayer. There is a daily short study that we will do individually and then meet as a group once a month to discuss the month's theme. More information to come! This starts January 1, 2026, with the first meeting at the end of the month.



### 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. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks unless otherwise requested. To be removed from the list, please contact the church office, 805-528-1649.*

Family of Alfred Bonnett  
John Bonnett  
Dot Brandt  
Ben Eggleston  
Gary Dove  
Carole Fairbanks  
Clytis Pitzer  
Ray Purcell  
Rachel Stones  
Linda Wagner

Arden Beavers  
George Case  
Dani Cobb  
Evelyn Ellis  
Victor Feliciano  
Gail  
Robert Gale  
June Grillo  
Sharilyn Hamilton

Gary & Pam Held  
Brian Jensen  
Randy & Mary Jost  
Sharon Kraff  
Joan Landis  
Marge  
Scott Mace  
Dianna McFarland  
Ian Paige  
Sally Peters  
Marliss Peterson  
Mary Price  
Dana Roske  
Nancy Schneider  
Penny & Karl Schwartz  
Randy Spears  
Steinnar Sennugsen  
Meg Syfan  
Carrie Trujillo

Please pray for the following North District Churches during the month of January 2026:

- 1 4 North Hills Hispanic Mission  
Sherman Oaks UMC
- 1/11 Van Nuys UMC  
First UMC of Reseda
- 1/18 Santa Clarita UMC  
St. Matthew's UMC of Newbury Park
- 1/25 Burbank First UMC  
St. Paul's of Tarzana



- 1/1 Rachel Sidener
- 1/5 Dot Graham
- 1/4 Eileen Murta
- 1/5 Jeanne Harr
- 1/7 Rosaly Danielson
- 1/13 Dot Brandt
- 1/14 Charlotte Dietzel
- 1/14 Terri Sidener
- 1/15 Hannah Lungren
- 1/19 Daniel Tyra
- 1/22 Rachel Stones
- 1/23 Bill Rodenhi
- 1/30 Marian Kaser



Happy Anniversary

January 20<sup>th</sup>

Mike and Kathy Lindsay



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Pastor: The Rev. Les Lungren Director of Church Administration: Mary Anne Meyer  
Director of Music Ministries: Sarah Jane Scott Bell Choir Director/Pastor Emeritus: Rich Bolin  
Pastor Emeritus of Visitation: Mike Eggleston Director of Media Ministries: Kasey P. Lindsay  
Lay Leader: Beth Crizer V.C.C. Director: Bonnie Luther



## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

*We acknowledge with gratitude the yak tityu tityu yak tilhini (ytt) / the Northern Chumash People, and the Salinan Tribe / the T'epot'aha'l, "People of the Oaks," on whose ancestral homelands we gather, and whose vibrant culture continues today.*

*May we always remember that the Earth does not belong to us, that we belong to the Earth, and that we are all relatives in life. Help us to be instruments of justice and peace for all people in today's world.*



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