TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# NOVEMBER TRINITY VIEW



"Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer."

**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**
Literacy for Life: 7:00 pm
**Tuesday**
Tuesday Work Crew: 9:00 am
Food Box Distribution: 10-noon
AA Meeting: 12:00 pm
Women of the Bible Study 3:30 pm
**Wednesday**
Prayer & Care Group: 11:00 am
AA Meeting: 12:00 pm
Trinity Ringers 6:00 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 pm
Chancel Choir 7:30 pm
**Thursday**
AA Meeting: 12:00 pm
**Friday**
Food Box Distribution: 10-noon

## MEETINGS

**Thursday, Nov. 5, 2:00 pm**
*UWF Board Meeting*

**Thursday, Nov. 5, 4:30 pm**
*Centering Prayer Meeting*

**Thursday, Nov. 12, 2:00 pm**
*UWF Unit Meeting*

**Saturday, Nov. 14, 9:30 am**
*Chancel Choir Rehearsal*

**Sunday, Nov. 15, 11:30 am**
*Worship Committee*

**Wednesday, Nov. 25, 10:30**
*TLC Meeting*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Sunday, Nov. 1**
**All Saints Sunday**

**Tuesday, Nov. 3**
**Statewide Midterm Election**
*TUMC is a polling place*

**Sunday, November 8, 11:30**
Consecration Sunday
Luncheon following the service
*Please return your pledge cards today, if you haven't already.*

**Sunday, Nov. 8**
**3:00 pm**
SL Chamber Orchestra Concert

**Wednesday, Nov. 11**
TUMC hosting Community Dinner at SBCC




**Bringing Joy to Life: A Call to Serve and Lead Together**

We are entering a season rich with joy—the joy of celebrating those who have shaped our lives, and the joy of coming together to share our unique time and talents to carry Jesus' ministry out into the world.

As we prepare for our upcoming Charge Conference in December and step into the season of Advent, our leadership and staff are working hard to lay the groundwork for our shared future. One of my greatest joys as a pastor is witnessing our lay leaders in action. Every week, someone steps up to make a difference. In a world that so desperately needs hope, walking into our fellowship hall and hearing the warmth, laughter, and genuine connection of this community is a gift.

Serving alongside you on committees, in worship, and in study is a true privilege. Being part of the body of Christ means discovering the joy of giving our insight and talents so we can be true **Change-Makers**—not just within our walls, but far beyond them.

To make that vision a reality, we need you! Our Lay Leadership and Nominations Team will be meeting very soon to shape our leadership roles for the coming year.

**If you receive a phone call or invitation from one of us in the coming days, please take a moment to pray about it.**

When we reach out, it's because we have recognized specific gifts and graces in you that our church truly needs right now. Each of you brings something vital to this congregation. While an enthusiastic "Yes!" would fill our hearts with joy, we simply ask that you pray, ask questions, and listen to where God might be calling you.

Together, we are called to embody the bold love of Christ—bringing peace, justice, and belonging to all people. Thank you for walking and working shoulder-to-shoulder in this ministry.

Grace and Peace,
Les

**October 27th**

**Men's Fellowship Breakfast** hosted by Pastor Les and Beth. 15 men enjoyed a hearty breakfast and fellowship in the Social Hall.







**Trinity Music Ministry Prepares a Special Offering of Anthems and Bells for December 20th**

In 1963, Harry Belafonte recorded a new Christmas song in a Caribbean style. “The Borning Day” was written by Fred Hellerman and Fran Minkoff. Hellerman was a 50’s folk singer best known for performing and writing songs with The Weavers. The song imagines Mary and her baby, lonely and hungry, being helped by neighbors who keep them company while offering peas, rice and a little ginger tea.

It is all that they have, but they offer it because they can see that Mary and the baby “are poor the same as we”. And they also sense that this is no ordinary birth. There is a star of hope in the sky … “seem to say it’s **the Borning day of better times on earth**.”
This lyric is the theme for the musical offerings (a total of 6 choral anthems) in the worship service on December 20, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The Trinity Bells and the Chancel Choir with piano, organ and guest percussionists will fill the sanctuary with music that proclaims the anticipation and the fulfillment of the Christmas story.
It is not December yet, but the rehearsals are beginning in earnest, and **the invitation is open for guest singers to join the Chancel Choir for this one Sunday, December 20. There will be two special Saturday morning rehearsals: November 14 and December 5 from 9:30 - 11:30 am.** In addition, beginning in November, the first 30 minutes of the regular Wednesday rehearsals (7:30 - 8pm) will be set aside to rehearse the Christmas music. Come and be a part of the music and share the invitation with your singing friends!
For more information and any questions, contact Minister of Music Rich Bolin richbolin@gmail.com - 310-729-2502.

## Budget Update

*"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."*
*Isaiah 43:19*

We have continued working and refining the budget. The new apportionment formula went in our favor, which meant lower apportionments. Most other bills are going up. Once the pledge drive is complete and we know our income for next year, we will make adjustments to balance the budget if needed. The budget will then go to Church Council for approval and be presented at our Charge Conference on December 14. Our new budget process, partially aided by the Charge Conference being later this year, has helped with transparency and the gift of time to make more thoughtful decisions.

Consecration Sunday is November 8, and we are hoping that we can all come together and celebrate our shared gifts, whatever they may be. If you can contribute to the potluck, please sign up on the clipboard. Thank you for all that you bring to our wonderful congregation.

Debbie Livingston
Finance Committee Chair/Treasurer

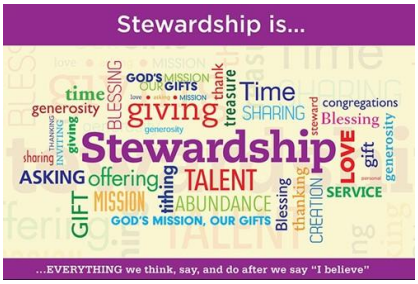
**Sunday, November 1**







Copies of the Upper Room for November and December are available in the narthex for a small donation of $3.00.




Please turn in your pledge card on Sunday, November 8th. Pledge cards are available at the back of the sanctuary if you forget to bring it. If you aren't attending church that day, you can drop your card off at the office or mail it in. The Consecration Luncheon will take place immediately following the worship service. The main dish of chicken will be provided; there are sign-up sheets in the Social Hall to bring a side dish.







Would you like to be part of the worship team on Sunday? Contact Sandy Green if you are interested in being a Worship Leader of Scripture Reader during worship service. We also need communion helpers and greeters.




Wednesday, November 11, TUMC will be hosting the Community Dinner at the Community Center. Once again, Beth will be recruiting volunteers to assemble Tamale Pie for the dinner. Pans will be set out on Sunday, November 8 to be returned on Wednesday, November 11.



Eileen would like to remind everyone that COVID is going around again. She encourages everyone to get their COVID and flu shots at your favorite pharmacy.

If you need help scheduling an appointment, please contact Eileen. You can also call the office, and Mary Anne will be happy to provide you with Eileen's contact information.



**Trinity Educational Community Garden News:**

All the storage tanks and cubes have been filled due to the recent rains! The garden just purchased a used 2000-gallon water tank, pictured. We now can store 9200 gallons of water!!
Monthly fees for a planter were raised from $10 a month to $12 a month. Gardeners receive a $12 discount if they pay for the entire year, $132. The Tuesday Crew helped place a Visqueen sheeting on the greenhouse. A couple of more adjustments and the gardeners will be able to start bringing in seedlings.

The Missions Committee has started taking reservations for their Thanksgiving Basket Project. If you are new to TUMC, each year TUMC provides Thanksgiving Boxes for community members to take home and prepare their own Thanksgiving Dinner. This year each box will contain a turkey breast, ham or a whole chicken, and all the trimmings included, to make a special Thanksgiving dinner for their families. To sponsor an entire box this year, the cost per box will be $40. Sign-up donation forms are available in the back of the sanctuary.






The number of patrons using the TUMC Food Pantry is at an all-time high and increasing each week. There is an extreme need in Los Osos to feed our community. Half of our food pantry items are purchased from our Food Pantry account which is completely funded by your donations. This account is slowly being depleted; we are grateful and appreciate those who donate money and groceries.

There are many openings to distribute food boxes on Tuesdays and Fridays in November. Log onto the “Keep and Share” Calendar to sign-up or call Mike L. or Cheryl. If you can spare a couple of hours this month, please take a moment and sign up for a shift.

*The Food Pantry can always use donations of canned fruit, oatmeal singles, peanut butter, pasta, and canned beans.*




Mark your calendars for our retreat, February 12-14 at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista.
Our speaker is Paula Huston, a National Endowment of the Arts Fellow, the author of two novels and eight non-fiction titles. Paula is an oblate at the Camaldolese Benedictine Monastic Community in Big Sur. We welcome Paula back as our retreat leader.

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS - November 2026**

Welcome to November, a month that includes two of our important holidays—Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. On Veteran's Day we honor and give thanks to the military veterans for their service in our country's military.

On Thanksgiving we give thanks for God's many blessings during the year in addition to thanks for God's presence, comfort and strength during difficult times.

UWF's Annual Bazaar was held on October 24. We had a variety of items to sell—plants, knit and crocheted items, crafts, cards, etc., plus the Wonderful Bake Sale. In addition, three of our church members had tables where they sold their art.

This year we tried something new. We had homemade soup to sell, either in containers or fresh. We had six soups to choose from and sold almost all the containers and most of the two hot soups.

Thank you to all who contributed items to be sold especially those for the bake sale. Also, thank you to those who shopped and bought. We appreciate your participation. The bazaar is our major fundraiser and the monies received go to fulfill our pledges to missions and our donations to local charities plus the church's scholarship fund and other needs as they arise.

The next UWF Board meeting will be on Thursday November 5 at 2:00 in the Social Hall. The next UWF Unit meeting will be on November 12th at 2:00 in the Social Hall. The program will include the observation of the annual Thank Offering. For those who have been saving coins this past year, please remember to bring them.

UWF meetings are always open to all interested women, and you do not need to be a member of the church to participate. All are welcome.

Autumn Blessings,
Alta Hall

UWF Annual Bazaar was held on October 24th. Judy with all her freshly baked pies and Alta making sure everything goes smoothly. Also, pictured, Jora selling her mother's beautiful artwork and Debbie our Treasurer handling the sales. Rebecca with her paintings and cards and Lisa with her creative stitchwork. Trinity has more than its share of talented artists.





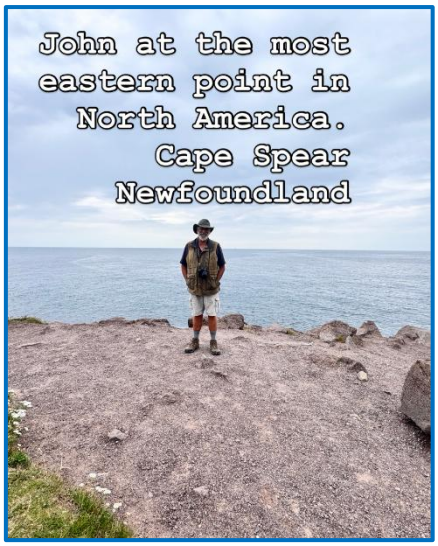


October 2026
Rolling Prairie, Indiana

Good morning church family!
We are in Indiana, visiting our son and daughter-in-law. Tomorrow, we head to Iowa to visit my closest childhood friend, and then to Santa Fe to visit John's sister and then home. We are camped out in our son's backyard, a welcome relief from campgrounds.

We had a great trip through Canada. Yes, the scenery was beautiful, but the friendliness of the people amazed us every day.

Nova Scotia is more settled than Newfoundland, has less opportunity to boondock, more towns, and less long driving days. A highlight for John was going to the easternmost point in North America, Cape Spear. All throughout Nova Scotia I was impressed with the rich history, and often with the history of collaboration between the US and Canada. Soldiers at Cape Spear were stationed there to guard St. John's harbor and protect shipping lanes in the North Atlantic during WWII.






One of my very favorite parts of Nova Scotia was visiting the Bonavista Peninsula and seeing the adorable Atlantic Puffins at the Elliston Puffin viewing site. The puffins are out to sea most of the year, but they return in the summer to nest and have their young. Elliston is special because the puffins live on an island very close to shore and come over to the mainland during the day and delight visitors with their antics.





One of our favorite memories of our Canada trip will always be our visit to Cape Anton, Nova Scotia. It is a very tiny community with a cute little park. If you camp at the park, you might be surprised by a greeting committee and a goodie bag welcome gift, complete with homemade rhubarb jam and a hand knitted potholder. This says a lot about how the Canadians and most especially the people of Nova Scotia and Newfoundland treat their visitors.









***See you soon!***

***John and Cathy***



**Fairbanks' News October MMXXVI**

It's always great seeing Rev. Mack Mitchell. Years ago, or; using Hawaiian pidgin, "before time," Mack presided when four of us joined Trinity; Carole, I, Barbara and Lowell Hoff. This month Carole, I, and Patti James were the only members from Mack's days here.

Sunday Social Hour, Carole and I sat at the same table as the Lindsays. It reminded me of a time when Kathy and I were delegates to Annual Conference. At the time I didn't know Kathy very well but remember being in a breakout session with her and when she spoke realized she was a very intelligent person. Kathy is not unique it seems frequently I am surprised by various members who are extremely intelligent.

Intelligence unfortunately can be ephemeral. My approach is to use what intelligence I possess as long as I can. Carole and I began married life as San Jose State students. In one of her classes, she was given an IQ test. At the next class meeting she was told the test only measured IQs to 140. Since she answered every question on it correctly her IQ had to be at least 160! Things have changed since that time. Of course, Carole is not the first member of the congregation to experience this decline. David Vrooman had help with his wife Donna, until COVID hit and his help was suddenly reduced to one hour per week! Then our grandson Garrett helped me make triple batches of muffins and distribute them to members of the church and others. Knowing the situation, I took more muffins to the Vrooman's than anyone else. Fortunately, as Carole's primary care giver I get a great deal of help from our family, still much of the time I have her one-on-one. Rev. Lungren's sermon, "God in the secular," makes sense, the Lord is with us. It seems a theological way of expressing the cliché; "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."

With a few more days in the month, I will see if I can carve a jack-o-lantern.
**Bill and Carole Fairbanks**






**Happy Anniversary**

**Vaughn & Marian Kaser 11/29**

**Jim & Ursula Holz 11/9**

## *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.*




Ben Eggleston
Carole Fairbanks
Joan Heinsohn
Glen Jones
Karen Christianson
Kasey Lindsay
Mike Lindsay
Eileen Orback
Clytis Pitzer
Ray Purcell
Rachel Stones
Linda Wagner
Ruth Asher
Andrew Cassey
Amy Deneff
Nancy Dumford
Evelyn Ellis
Matthew Fochtman
Debbie Geydayloo
Kit Hansen
Pam Held
Hilary Hopkins
Steve Howell
Jim & Nancy Hulin
Randy & Mary Jost
Kealin Kane
Paul Klasterman
Joan Landis
Donna Laver
Ronald Lindsay
Betty Lyle
Saoirsa McCabe
Chuck Mills
Family of Phyllis Mills
Sally Peters
Marliss Peterson
Mary Price
Marcia Samuels
Penny & Karl Schwartz
Randy Spears
Carrie Trujillo
Megan VanSant
Gracio Ward

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

**11/1** Burbank First UMC
St. Paul's UMC of Tarzana

**11/8** Altadena UMC
Holliston UMC

**11/15** Valencia UMC

**11/22** Bardsdale UMC
Camarillo UMC

**11/29** Big Pine Community UMC
Pioneer Memorial UMC

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Director of Church Administration: Mary Anne Meyer Village Children's Center Director: Bonnie Luther

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***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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