

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL TRINITY VIEW



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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

AA Meeting: 12:00 pm

Friday

Food Box Distribution: 10-noon

MEETINGS

Thursday, April 2, 2:00 pm
UWF Board Meeting

Thursday, April 9, 2:00 pm
UWF Unit Meeting

Sunday, April 12, 11:30 am
Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, April 22, 10:30 am
Trinity Love and Care (TLC)

Sunday, April 26, 11:30 am
Church Council Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday, April 5, 6:30 am
Easter Sunrise Service at Sweet Springs Audubon Preserve

Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am
Easter Worship Service followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children, followed by Easter Brunch.

Saturday, April 18, 11:30 am
Grand Opening of Trinity Educational Community Garden

Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am
Turri Road Clean-Up

SAVE THESE MAY DATES:

Saturday, May 9th, "Stamp Out Hunger", USPS Postal Workers Food Drive

Monday, May 11th, Senior Luncheon

Saturday, May 17, San Luis Chamber Orchestra Concert



The Church Has Left the Building

Have you ever sat back and wondered: *What is the church, really?* Every day, hundreds of people drive past our campus on LOVR and Pine. They see the cross and flame, our vibrant colored doors, and the playground equipment.

But I often wonder—do they see a monument, or do they see a movement? The truth is that the true church isn't a sanctuary of wood and stucco; it is a mission in motion.

As I prepared my pastoral message for April 2026, I found myself returning to the heartbeat of this congregation: the Trinity UMC Mission Statement. Written over twenty years ago, its words remain a radical call to missional action: *To nurture one another and our neighbor in the Love of God, to serve our community, and to inspire discipleship and stewardship of God's creation.* Whenever we dream of a new ministry, we must first ask if the ministry we have envisioned will breathe life into our mission to transform the world into a compassionate, loving, and understanding place where all are safe to join in the mission of not just a building. Today, I am proud to say the answer is a resounding yes. You are living out the mission.

We are currently seeing this mission come alive through our intellectual and spiritual depth. Our new "Sacred Depths" book study, organized and inspired by Rebecca and David, explores Ursula Goodenough's *The Sacred Depths of Nature*. This is more than a reading group; it is an intentional act of nurturing our minds while learning to be fierce stewards of the world around us. I encourage you to join a house study group if you want to explore how our faith aligns with the care of creation.

That care is also taking root physically. On **April 18th at 11:30 AM**, we will celebrate the Grand Opening of the Trinity Educational Community Garden. This is ministry that is out there to build community and to learn from each other as we put our hands in God's soil. We have three Master Gardeners that are a part of this community who will soon offer public classes. We are turning a plot of land into a classroom of grace and care for a small portion of God's creation. Church, you saw a need for connection, community and stewardship, and you prayed, worked, helped, and built it for all of Estero Bay.

Soon, we will carry this message even further into the streets of Los Osos, Estero Bay, and San Luis. Kasey is currently finalizing a design for our new Trinity T-shirts: *"Trinity UMC – You are Here – Loving Kindness – Open Hearts."* These aren't just clothes; they are an invitation to the community around us to join us in the work of love and peace, that the world needs so much of right now. We will have more information soon on how you can purchase one to wear while you serve.

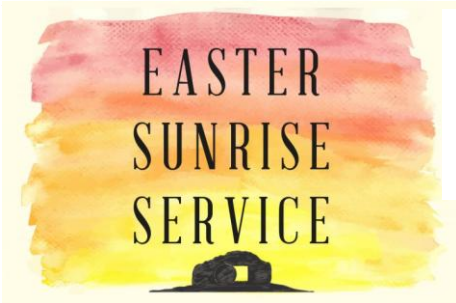
You may have also noticed the tent is finally off the mission site. While the building isn't the mission itself, it is the "hangar" from which our mission takes flight. We take care of our walls so that we can better serve those outside of them.

Trinity, you are a people in tune with the moving of God's Spirit. As we look toward the horizon, let us refuse to be stagnant. Let us return to our mission not as a static document, but as a transformational journey. I challenge you to find the part of this mission that sets your soul on fire and jump in.

Shalom,
Les



April 2, 6:30 pm



April 5, 6:30 am at **Sweet Springs Nature Preserve**
660 Ramona, Los Osos



April 5, 10:00 am
Worship Service



TUMC Office will be closed Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6.

Calla Lily Dedication Requests for Easter



Easter Calla Lily dedication request cards were available in the March 22 Sunday Bulletin and available in the back of the sanctuary. Please deliver your lily to the sanctuary anytime between 9:00-2:00 Monday through Thursday, **the week before** Easter, Sunday, April 5th. Please be sure your dedication requests are in the office by Wednesday, **April 1st**. You may also email the dedication information (In memory of...or in honor of...) to Mary Anne church@trinitylososos.org. Dedications will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. This year worship committee is requesting that the congregation bring Calla Lilies instead of Easter Lilies, because of allergies.



Please bring your flowers and greenery to decorate the cross on Easter Sunday, April 5, **BEFORE** the Worship Service



There will be an Easter brunch following the Easter service on April 5. Many thanks to all of you who signed up to bring something. It's not too late to sign-up, just call or text Debbie Livingston (530-510-5783). If you don't get the chance, you can bring something and/or someone anyway. This will be a joyous gathering that you won't want to miss!





*Good planning and hard work lead to prosperity, but hasty shortcuts lead to poverty.
(Proverbs 21:5)*

Our general giving remains fairly solid, thank you!!! While our finances are very tight right now, we are squeaking by. Our solid equity funds have allowed us to do two major projects so far this year, the heaters, and the tenting, and we are hopeful that the County will release the Shupp Estate funds sometime soon to take the pressure off the equity funds. On the budget side, we are getting by, but the flow of funds in and out are not even. Some months we have a deficit and others a surplus, but it is averaging out to be fairly close to our budget.

Debbie Livingston
Financial Chair/Treasurer

What does the Worship Committee do and who are they??



Worship Committee

“The Worship Committee supports our pastor in providing meaningful worship opportunities at Trinity which hopefully develop and strengthen a deeper relationship with God for all of us.”

Take a moment to say hello and thank these dedicated committee members: Susan McMickell (Chair), Scott Danielson, Sandy Green, Debbie Wacker, Wendy Porter, Holly Holz, and Pastor Les Lungren and ministry staff.

Many thanks to the many members of the congregation that volunteer each week to be a liturgist, reader, communion helper, usher or greeter during the Sunday services, as well.

The Worship Committee continues to strive to enhance our worship service and is hoping that all congregants will take away a spiritual lift and thoughts to ponder in their spiritual journey.”

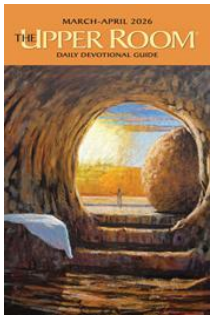


*See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43:19*

The Circle is a group of church members who meet monthly with Les; we study together and talk about the future of the church. Our purpose is to guide the church as we move forward. So far, we have led the church in reflecting on the past, present, and future by gathering sticky-notes onto posters. If you want to see the results of those sticky notes, check out the bulletin board in the back of the church. These sticky notes have told us how important our worship, music and missions are to us, and how much we like to gather together for social events. We have organized these ideas to pass on to the various church committees. In the months to come, we will provide opportunities to hear from people who are not currently in our church community, to look at ways to “cast our nets” wider and serve the greater community. We will also be exploring our mission statement to see how well it still reflects who we are, and where we are going. We hope you will all join us on this adventure, as we look to the future. Working together, we can revitalize our church and make it pertinent to generations to come.



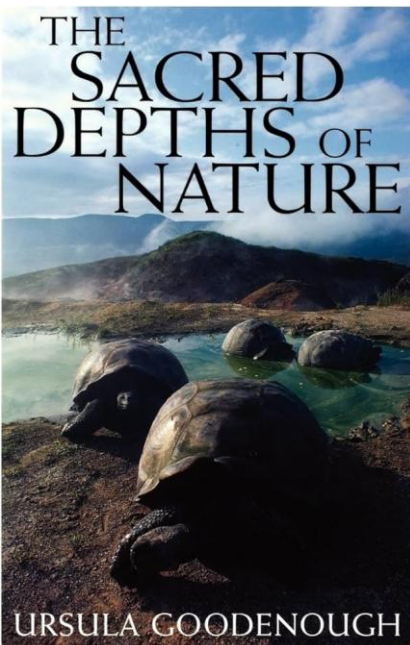
Tenting of the entire TUMC facility was completed on Thursday, March 26th. It was a huge task to complete the prep work before the tenting took place. Mike Lindsay took charge of the Food Pantry and kitchen items. He had many volunteers to help double bag and/or to remove food items and paper products. The TUMC Food Pantry was operated out of the U-Haul truck which was loaned from Bear Valley Realty for the week. After the tent was removed another crew of volunteers came in and helped put everything away and wash all of the dishes and silverware. When there is a need for volunteers, members of our congregation really step up!



Copies of The Upper Room for March / April 2026 are available on the cart in the narthex. The suggestion donation is \$3.00.



Ralph's Community Rewards program will be sending us a check for \$185.29. This is for the period of December 1, 2025, through February 28, 2026. We currently have 25 households signed up. Please go online <https://www.ralphs.com/i/community/community-rewards> to find out more information.



The Spring Book study will begin the week of April 6th and run through May 24th. If you would like to join one of the groups, please contact Rebecca. Groups will meet at the following homes:

Ray and Lisa Purcell, beginning April 17th, Fridays at 10:00 am at their home in Los Osos.

Shirley Hulin, beginning on April 9th, Thursdays at 5:00 pm at her home in SLO.

Rebecca and David, beginning April 6th, Mondays at 6:00 pm at their home in SLO.



We had a wonderful day at our yearly Women's Retreat-right here at Trinity on February 28. Thirty-five lovely ladies joined us to listen to Pastor Kathi McShane share about the teachings of Father Richard Rohr. It was a day of learning, small group sharing, incredible music, delicious food, worship and making connections with new and old friends. Thank you to the retreat team for working so hard to provide an inspiring retreat every year. The team includes Sandy Green, Marian Kaser, Susan McMickell, Wendy Porter, Cathy Bonnett, Debbie Wacker, Sally Ames, and Lynne Robinett. Joining our music team with Marian were Jora Landis, Rebecca Ellis, Linda Bomstad, and Elizabeth Clover. Our 2027 Women's Retreat will be at St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, February 12-14. Save the dates! Thank you to Mary Anne for taking our yearly photo.



TUMC rented a scissor lift so Matthew Fochtman and Mike Lindsay could replace the broken projector in the sanctuary. We are grateful for a new working projector! Thanks guys!

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, April 25**. 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.)***



UWF has a couple of events occurring this April that may be of interest to all. The first is our general meeting on Thursday April 9 at 2:00 in the Social Hall. The program will be presented by a speaker from the Salvation Army. We are all familiar with the Salvation Army and their work benefits others in so many ways. It will be interesting to hear about the local program and the specific work they do in our area. We invite all interested people to attend the program. You do not need to be a member of UWF to attend.

The second is the beginning of our annual layette drive. It will begin on Sunday, April 19th and a table will be set up in the narthex to receive donations. Items requested are diapers and baby layette items such as blankets, wipes, baby clothes, toys, etc. Pregnancy and Parenting Support facility on Higuera which distributes the items to their low-income clients appreciate your generosity.

Gratitude and Peace,
Alta



March news from Patti James:

I had a fun trip at the end of February. My daughter, Michelle, and I flew to Phoenix to see my granddaughter, Julia, who is a junior at ASU in Tempe. We did a lot in three days. The highlight of our trip was going to a Spring Training game between the Dodgers and the Giants. Giants beat the Dodgers 12 to 4.



TUMC Food Pantry operating out of the Bear Valley U-Haul Truck during tenting.



Bountiful Harvest from our Community Garden.

Los Osos Cares held a “Feathers and Fedoras” Speakeasy Gala on Monday, March 23 at the Morro Bay Theater. Many members of our congregation attended the fundraiser, and it looks as though they had a wonderful time.





FAIRBANKS NEWS

Carole and I survived “Spring Ahead,” and on the 12th our state and federal taxes.

With a big package of frozen cranberries in the refrigerator and some free time, I made a triple recipe of cranberry-orange muffins. During COVID-19 I had our grandson, Garrett’s help, now I was on my own. Mary Anne Meyer helped with distribution, as did others at church at the time, Scott Danielson, and Sandy Green.

I am hard of hearing even with hearing aids, so Mary Anne made calls for me. I don’t leave muffins unless I know someone is home. Rose and Bob Robertson didn’t answer. Edie Sandige moved to San Luis Obispo and Clytis Pitzer moved to a care home.

It brought back memories such as when I took some to Dave Vrooman during COVID-19 and Donna was suffering from Alzheimer’s; the two of them came to the door and, as I gave Dave a bag of four muffins Donna said, “Wonderful,” the last word she said to me. When I took muffins to the Shongs, Karen was sitting on their patio, so I sat, and we had a long talk.

Muffins were a good ministry, but so is Trinity’s Social Hour, which I switched my focus to after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted.

Our son, Bill, had surgery on his left shoulder on the 18th; it went well. The surgeon said it was more difficult than they expected but it went well. He is now recovering and will soon start physical therapy.

Apparently, I taught Jim Stanfill and Glen Jones bridge too well; they are now beating Shirley Hulin and me. I will have to stay more focused. Both Ken Graham and Lucia Dickey have done well the few times they have played. Ron was working on a puzzle, so Lucia had nothing to do but play bridge.

I was born on Good Friday, March 26, 1937, and my cousin Bette two days later, on Easter Sunday. When we were nine, our birthdays were again on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Our grandfather said it would never again happen during our lifetimes; then life expectancy was about 57 years and people lived only about two years after retiring. He was a very good grandfather, but next year Good Friday is on March 26, so if I can make it, I can prove grandpa wrong. Bette didn’t make it; she passed away in 1988.

Palm Sunday, celebrating Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and Easter Sunday, commemorating his resurrection, bookend Holy Week making, it a joyous time. Good Friday explains how five days after Palm Sunday the crowd/mob turns against Jesus condemning him to death. Holy Week’s joy is only made possible by ignoring reality, Good Friday.

Like Good Friday, America provides many examples of crowds quickly becoming mobs. We have a long history of lynch mobs, and now mobs insist their candidate won an election when conclusive evidence proves they didn’t.

Clarence Jordan’s “The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John”, moved Biblical events from Israel to Georgia and from 2,000 years ago to the late Jim Crow/ early Civil Rights Period. Periodically, Trinity’s scripture lesson was read from Matthew 27:11-51, concerning Good Friday, which reads like a play. Trinity could do this; someone could play Pilate, Governor of Georgia, someone as his wife, a moderator and those in church as the crowd. It would be a powerful performance!

Bill and Carole Fairbanks



Come and tour our
composting area and
worm farm.

A chance to reserve your
Community Garden bed!

\$10. per month

\$100. per year

Email us:

TCGarden2025@gmail.com

Invite your friends and
neighbors.

Enjoy a Picnic Lunch

Meet our established
gardeners and get some
gardening tips.

ALL ARE WELCOME

SAVE THE DATE

GRAND OPENING OF THE TRINITY EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY GARDEN

*Come and join us for a picnic lunch, tour the
garden and meet some of our gardeners.*

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026, AT 11:30 AM.

490 Los Osos Valley Road

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 pen. 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
Karen Shong
Rachel Stones
Linda Wagner

Arden Beavers
John Brandt
George Case
Dani Cobb
Nancy Dumford
Evelyn Ellis
Bill Fairbanks III
Victor Feliciano
Gail
Robert Gale
Debbie Geydayloo
Pam Gray
June Grillo
Sharilyn Hamilton

Gary & Pam Held
Hilary Hopkins
Brian Jensen
Randy & Mary Jost
Kealin Kane
Paul Klasterman
Sharon Kraff
Joan Landis
Marge
Scott Mace
Baby McCabe
Dan McCabe
Dianna McFarland
Lynn Meador
Sally Peters
Marliss Peterson
Mary Price
Monica Rochte
Dana Roske
Penny & Karl Schwartz
Randy Spears
Steinnar Svennugsen
Meg Syfan
Carrie Trujillo

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

4/5 First UMC of San Fernando
Woodland Hills UMC
4/12 Camarillo Korean UMC
Thousand Oaks UMC
4/19 St. Paul's UMC of Oxnard
Valley Korean UMC
4/26 Ridgecrest UMC
First UMC of Arroyo Grande

April Birthdays

4/1 Gary Dove
4/2 Scott Danielson
4/3 Colleen Powers
4/6 Jonathan Tyra
4/12 Lita Lazo
4/16 Jean Womack
4/21 Elizabeth Clover
4/21 Joanne Pascua
4/22 Carol Awbrey
4/24 Jake Crizer
4/27 Mike Lindsay



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Bishop: The Rev. Dottie Escobedo-Frank District Superintendent: The Rev. Garth Gilliam
Pastor: The Rev. Les Lungren Director of Church Administration: Mary Anne Meyer
Minister of Music: Rev. Rich Bolin/Pastor Emeritus
Pastor Emeritus of Visitation: Rev. 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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