

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MAY TRINITY VIEW



*"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."*

Psalm 118:23

### 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, May 7, 2:00 pm**  
UWF Board Meeting

**Thursday, May 14, 2:00 pm**  
UWF Unit Meeting

**Sunday, May 17, 11:30 am**  
Board of Trustees Meeting

**Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 am**  
Trinity Love and Care (TLC)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, May 9, All afternoon**  
"Stamp Out Hunger" USPS  
Postal Workers Food Drive

**Sunday, May 10, Mother's Day**

**Monday, May 11, 12:00 pm**  
Senior Luncheon

**Sunday, May 17, 3:00 pm**  
San Luis Chamber Orchestra

**Saturday, May 30, 2:00 pm**  
Baby Shower for Jenna and  
Raven Feliciano in the Social  
Hall



## Whirlwind

April was a whirlwind, and while we often think of storms as problems, for Trinity, this month's whirlwind was a profound blessing.

Throughout the Old Testament, God often appears in the whirlwind to reveal power and justice over creation. I like to think of the whirlwind currently moving through our church as one of overwhelming joy and love.

You might ask: What has this whirlwind looked like for us?

It began with a heavy but wonderful Holy Week, where we engaged in ministry and mission with over 215 people. After a brief moment of rest, we moved straight into a beautiful baptism celebration.

The momentum continued as our Staff Parish Relations Committee hired Rich Bolin, one of our pastors' emeritus, as our Music Minister. To complete our music team, we also welcomed a talented new accompanist, Beverly Arnold. She brings the gift of the organ, piano, and harp to our worship and will direct the choir when Rich is away on other clergy obligations.

We also celebrated the grand opening of the Trinity Educational Community Garden, a new space where people can gather to share ideas, community, and food.

Amidst these "loving whirlwinds," we owe a debt of gratitude to the family and friends of Trinity. None of this would be possible without your support for Jesus' ministry in a chaotic world. Even when life feels turbulent—like the whirlwind of rising prices at the pump and the grocery store—goodness prevails through Christ's mission.

We especially thank those serving in our food pantry: those distributing food, preparing boxes, and traveling to SLO to collect food supplies.

Whirlwinds can sometimes be an omen, but ours has been defined by compassion, caring, and reaching beyond our walls. Let's celebrate this whirlwind of April and give thanks to everyone serving the ministry of this church, both inside and out.

Compassion, Justice, and Belonging  
Les

**Calling all the Men of Trinity!** We have a joyful "Special Assignment" just for you!

Scott is putting together something truly wonderful for Nurturing Day on May 10th, and we want you to be a part of the fun. We are looking for a few good men to help Scott and Les host a celebratory Social Hour as we honor the incredible caretakers of life in our community.

How can you help? We'd love for you to join us in the kitchen or bring a delicious dish to share. It's a beautiful way to serve, laugh together, and show our gratitude for the nurturing spirits among us.

***If you're ready to jump in and make this day extra special, please email Scott ...danielsonscotte@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.***



TUMC will be celebrating Mother's Day during Social Hour on May 10<sup>th</sup>. I wonder what some of the men of the congregation have planned to celebrate this special day. Scott is organizing this Social Hour, so if you haven't signed up yet, please contact him via email, [danielsonscotte@gmail.com](mailto:danielsonscotte@gmail.com).



**TUMC Office will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.**



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who volunteered to assemble the tamale pie casseroles and bring them back for the Community Dinner held on Wednesday, April 29. Thank you, Elizabeth, Ursula, Sandy, Marian, Jim, Eileen, and of course Beth who so graciously brings it all together for the Community Dinners. Beth and her crew served 135 dinners at last Wednesday's Community dinner.



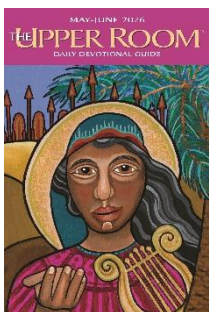
**Sunday, May 17 3:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Season Finale Concert**

**Mark Kovacs & Randy Schwalbe conducting**

**Program Theme: Music from our friends south of the border!**

**Donation at the door is requested.**



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

You're invited to our next Senior Luncheon on Monday, May 11th (the day after Mother's Day) at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a story, picture, or trinket, you would like to share, that reminds you of a woman who has made a difference in your life.



RSVP by Friday, May 8th to Sandy (805) 748-5633 or Mary Anne (805) 528-1649. We hope you will join us! You won't want to miss this luncheon!



TUMC will once again be a drop off location for the USPS Letter Carriers Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, to be held on Saturday, May 9. Food will be sorted here and shared with other local agencies. Contact the office or Mike Lindsay to sign up to help sort food and unload the donations of food from the mail trucks.



Giving statements were emailed out the beginning of April. If you need a replacement, please contact Debbie Livingston, TUMC Treasurer. You can also request your Giving Statement at any time by contacting Debbie.



## Worship Committee

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

“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, Rebecca Ellis, Wendy Porter, Holly Holz, and Pastor Les Lungren and ministry staff.

Many thanks to the many members of the congregation who volunteer each week to be worship leader, scripture 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.”



TUMC Food Pantry is asking for a little help. Over the last couple of months, we have lost a few volunteers, so now we seem to have a shortage of Food Pantry workers on Tuesdays and Fridays. If you could volunteer just one two-hour shift each month, it would make all the difference. Please contact Mike or Cheryl to sign up to be trained and volunteer.

Four dedicated volunteers picked up trash along Turri Road on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Luckily there wasn't a lot of litter along the roadway, so we made quick work of it. We need more volunteers to come out for this quarterly event. It would be a shame if TUMC would need to withdraw from the Adopt-A-Road program due to lack of interest. We will be scheduling another clean-up the end of July, possibly on a weekday afternoon. Please consider joining the next event.





## UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS - MAY 2026

Last month UWF welcomed two speakers from the Salvation Army who told us about the hands-on work they do in the area. One of the women distributes food and other items on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at Morro Bay near the Albertson's parking lot. The other is based in Paso Robles. It was very interesting, and we appreciate the work they do.

We began the annual layette drive in April, and it will continue until May 17. There is a table in the narthex for donations. As mentioned last month, items requested are diapers, baby clothing, blankets, and so on, in various size—infants to 2-year-olds.

The theme for this year's UWF unit meetings is to invite speakers from agencies whom we support with our donations. One of these is the South Bay Seniors People Helping People program. We are very pleased that Richard Margetson, the president of the organization, will be speaking at our May 14 UWF meeting at 2:00. We invite others to come to hear more about People Helping People and the many other activities and programs of the Community Center.

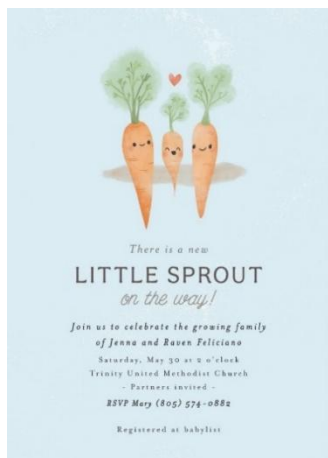
UWF's next board meeting is Thursday, May 7 at 2:00 in the Social Hall. Any interested member is welcome to attend.

UWF's next Unit Meeting is Thursday, May 14 at 2:00 in the Social Hall and is open to all. You do not need to be a member of the church or UWF to attend. All are welcome.

Peace and Blessings  
Alta Hall



UWF Annual Baby Layette Drive began on Sunday, April 19, and will continue through Sunday, May 17. There is a table set up in the narthex to donate such items as diapers, and baby layette items such as blankets, wipes, baby clothes, toys, etc. Pregnancy and Parenting Support facility on Higuera in SLO will distribute the items to their low-income clients and they appreciate your generosity.



Join us as we add another branch to the Lindsay family tree!  
Jenna and Raven Feliciano invite you to celebrate the advent of their son, Caleb.

**Saturday, May 30 at 2 PM in the Social Hall**

Partners invited

They are registered at Babylist

<https://my.babylist.com/jenna-feliciano>





## Trinity Educational Community Garden Update By Scott Danielson

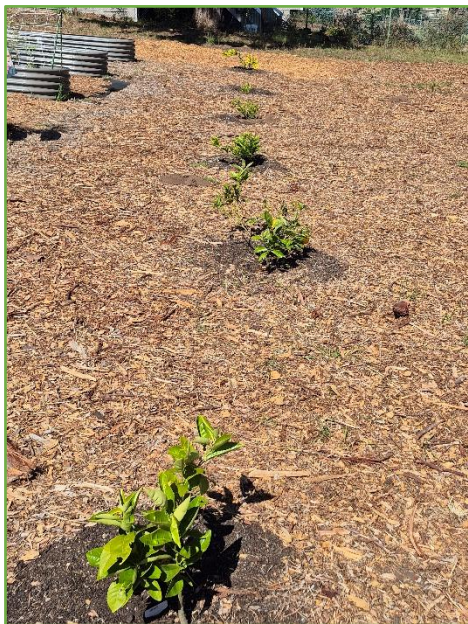
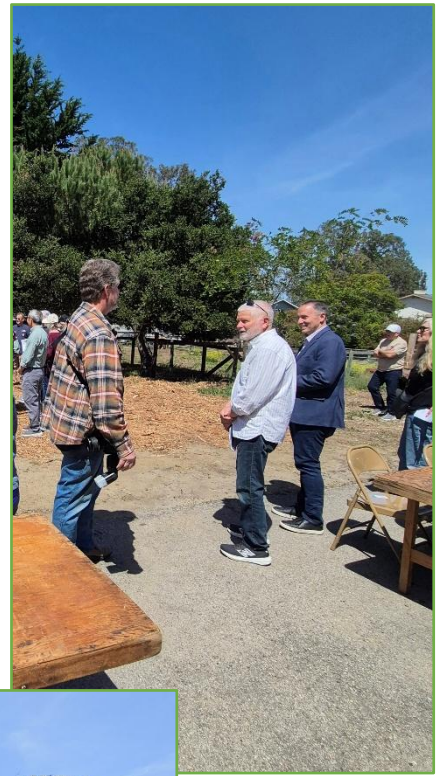
TECG held its Grand Opening on Saturday, April 18, 2026. Over 100 people attended, including TECG Governing Board members and gardeners, TUMC congregation members and others from the community.

County Supervisor Bruce Gibson, and supervisor candidate Jim Dantona were invited and were present. Pastor Les opened with a prayer, followed by Garden Manager Scott Danielson giving a presentation about the creation and components of the garden. Dean Sullivan, President of the Los Osos Chamber of Commerce conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony that was followed by a free chicken lunch. Folks toured the garden and garden member: Master Gardener Anne Newland gave an Herb Presentation onsite.

Two local newspapers, The New Times, and The Estero Bay News, published articles about the garden. While the garden is grateful to receive the publicity, some further recognition is in order. The articles did not fully convey the contributions of Bob Crizer, who not only planned the layout of the garden, but was the source of the idea of a water harvesting system that is a key attribute of the garden. Also, without the engineering skills and hours of labor by Joe Asire and the Tuesday Crew, there would be no physical garden, water harvest system, or 30 built garden beds and the drip irrigation system for the beds. Finally, a special recognition to both Mary Anne Meyer who has given untold time and effort to every detail of the garden's organization, accounting, and the Grand Opening, as well as to the devoted visionary of the garden, Pastor Les Lungren.

It is very exciting to see the efforts of so many individuals come to life after only a year and half! For more about the garden, please check out the articles in the New Times <https://www.newtimeslo.com/trinity-united-methodist-church-builds-a-garden-to-bring-the-community-together/> and Estero Bay News <https://share.google/xoPN8KguP1yFkHeQ7> and Scott's article about the History of the Garden <https://trinitylososos.org/whats-happening/community-garden>. The Cal Pac North District May Newsletter also gave a shout out to the garden... <https://mailchi.mp/calpacumc/district-newsletter-may26-10343833?e=71d676d9ef>





## Church Beautification Efforts

By Scott Danielson

Here are some photographs of areas around the church that have received some love and attention lately and some ideas for the near future.



#1 Front Steps Planter - Thank you to Vickie Conte and Elizabeth and Bob Clover for the extensive weeding and tidying of the front planter so that it was looking great for Easter Sunday.

#2 Front Window Planter - I dug up the plants in this planter when the church was tented. I gave them a new home in the parking lot islands. The tenting provided a good opportunity to give the window planter a new start before Easter Sunday, so it was my pleasure to donate and plant new plants.





#3 Rebecca's Crescent - Rebecca Overcashier has been contributing an interesting selection of plants and planting them in a crescent around the campfire area. This is going to be a beautiful area as these plants grow here.

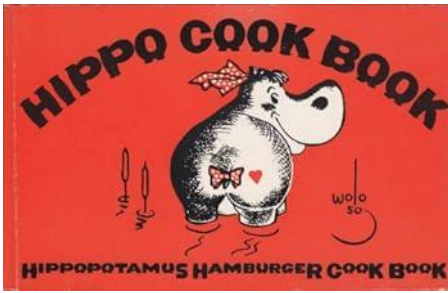
#4 Office Door Planter - I planted some foundation plants in this area some time ago, and Bill Rodenhi renovated the area with a new brick border and new, colorful plants fairly recently.



#5 The Patio Planter - This planter was planted with foundation plants and provided with drip irrigation some time ago and maintained by the Tuesday Crew. I have added some flowering plants over time and Marian and Vaughn Kaser gave the planter an extensive weeding last year.



## FAIRBANKS NEWS



This month I got off easy; I was told they had enough food for Easter and on the 19th Rev. Lungren provided the food. On the 26th using *Party Foods*, a cookbook by home economic teachers I made a recipe that called for a “four-pound bag of” frozen meatballs, but since I was told they are not good I went to the *Hippo Cookbook*, the quintessential hamburger cookbook and made California Meatballs.

On the 12th the Rotary Club had a rib barbeque. I bought four tickets from Jim Stanfill and distributed the dinners to our family.

Alan Holtz called on the 18th to say his book *The Life of Cleo* was ready and brought us a copy and we had a nice visit. Cleo’s memorial service will be at Trinity, on Thursday, June 4th.

Since 2000 I have been in a REGARDS, longitudinal stroke study, under the auspices of the University of Alabama. Its focus was on the deep south where stroke rates were high. Carole and I were asked to participate, we agreed, but they only wanted me. They call twice a year for about a half hour phone interview. Periodically they want something more difficult or time-consuming which they compensate participants for and periodic newsletters inform us what they are discovering. Now they want a new group to continue their studies. If you are 45-65 the University of Alabama may want you to participate. They sent me some cards to distribute so if you are interested, or know someone who might be, ask for a card.

Late last year they asked if I would agree to a physical, I said I would, but they didn’t have anyone in our area to give me one until a retired RN came to our house on the 21st. She advised me to stay well hydrated, which helps the brain and prevents kidney stones. Frequently people say they fell and broke a hip, often she said, their hip breaks then they fall, so keeping bone density is important.

On the 22nd REGARDS sent me an online quiz regarding what I eat, drink, my exercising and housework. Likely participants in the south and east got their physicals months ago, so the two requests were properly spaced there.

Bill and Carole Fairbanks

Some members of our congregation are a part of the Central Coast Reader’s Theatre. Please make plans to attend and support them at their performance of *The Matchmaker* on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Central Coast Readers' Theatre Presents  
(by permission of Concord Theatricals)

# The Matchmaker

By Thornton Wilder

**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm**

**St. Benedict's Episcopal  
Church, Los Osos**

(Corner of Los Osos Valley & Clark Valley Roads)

Tickets: \$10

Online at [www.StBensLosOsos.org](http://www.StBensLosOsos.org) or at the Door

Join the Cast for a Tasty  
Mother's Day Tea following the performance

Information: 805-528-0654

Production Directed by Jonniepat Mobley

## 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  
Karen Shong  
Rachel Stones  
Linda Wagner

George Case  
Nancy Dumford  
Bill Fairbanks III  
Victor Feliciano  
Debbie Geydayloo  
Pam Gray  
Sharilyn Hamilton  
Hilary Hopkins  
Jim & Nancy Hulin  
Jessica  
Randy & Mary Jost  
Kealin Kane  
Paul Klasterman  
Joan Landis  
Donna Laver

Scott Mace  
Saiorsa McCabe  
Dan McCabe  
Dianna McFarland  
Jeffrey McMickell  
Lynn Meador  
Family of Richard Perry  
Sally Peters  
Marliss Peterson  
Mary Price  
Charmian Redwood  
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 May 2026:

- 5/3 Community UMC of Pearblossom  
El Buen Pastor UMC
- 5/10 Simi Valley UMC  
Malibu UMC
- 5/17 North District Union  
North District
- 5/24 University UMC of Isla Vista  
Trinity UMC of Los Osos
- 5/31 Westlake Village UMC  
San Luis UMC

### **May Anniversaries**

- 5/1 John and Cathy Bonnett
- 5/7 Ron and Lucia Dickey
- 5/9 Bill and Emily Rodenhi



### **May Birthdays**

- Cheryl Dove 5/2
- Bill Awbrey 5/3
- Wendy Porter 5/3
- Shelley Sierra 5/8
- Sequoia Clokey 5/10
- Dawn Tyra 5/11
- Janet Neilson 5/13
- Jim Holz 5/15
- Jim Livingston 5/18
- Robert Johnson 5/18
- Orson Holz 5/24



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Pastor: The Rev. Les Lungren Director of Church Administration: Mary Anne Meyer  
Minister of Music: Rev. Rich Bolin/Pastor Emeritus Accompanist: Beverly Arnold  
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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