

# TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER TRINITY VIEW



### ***Season of Creation 2025***

**September 7 “Peace with Creation Sunday” - Rev. Rich Bolin**

**September 14 “Storms Sunday” - Rev. Les Lungren**

**September 21 “Ocean Sunday” - Rev. Mike Eggleston**

**September 28 “Community Garden & Save Cuesta Inlet”**

**Scott Danielson & Beth Crizer**

#### **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  
Trinity Ringers 6:30 pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00 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**

**Thurs. Sept. 4, 2:00 pm**  
***UWF Board Meeting***

**Thurs. Sept. 11, 2:00 pm**  
***UWF Unit Meeting***

**Sunday, Sept. 14, 11:30 am**  
***TCEG Meeting***

**Tuesday, Sept. 16 1:30 pm**  
***Finance Meeting***

**Thursday, Sept. 18, 4:00 pm**  
***VCC Advisory***

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 11:30 am**  
***Church Council Meeting***

**Wed., Sept. 24 10:30 am**  
***TLC Meeting***

**Sunday, Sept. 28 11:30 am**  
***Board of Trustees Meeting***

#### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10:00 am**  
***Turri Road Clean-Up***



## ADOPT-A-POLL PROGRAM

The Adopt-A-Poll (AAP) program serves three very important functions: It improves service to voters by increasing the number of committed precinct workers on Election Day. • It helps maintain the integrity of the elections process by providing training and support to AAP volunteers. • It offers local organizations the opportunity to raise funds while providing a vital service to their community.

It is also a wonderful team-building experience and provides participants with a great feeling of civic pride!

By organizing a group of dedicated volunteers, your group will “adopt” a local precinct on Election Day, meaning that your group will be assigned to staff an entire poll (or serve as a Precinct Board, as it is formally known). If you’re fortunate enough to have lots of willing volunteers, you can even adopt more than one poll.

On average, an organization can earn about **\$600 per precinct that they adopt**. Not only can you raise money, but you can share news of your group’s participation in the program with the greater community.

We have had great success with this program and know that the money earned is put to good use by many deserving community organizations. We also rely on these dedicated volunteers to bolster our efforts on Election Day. So thank you!

***Please click on the link provided below to apply or you can contact Eileen Murta for further details. The statewide election will take place on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.***

[www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/clerk-recorder/forms-documents/elections-and-voting/current-elections/2024-11-05-presidential-general/documents/adopt-a-poll-application](http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/departments/clerk-recorder/forms-documents/elections-and-voting/current-elections/2024-11-05-presidential-general/documents/adopt-a-poll-application)



The TUMC Church Office will be closed Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

**Welcome back choir friends!**

**We’ve missed you!**

*Photo credits: Mike  
Lindsay*



### HOME CHURCH WRAPS UP “THE CHOSEN” IN SEPTEMBER

Home Church will complete its summerlong study of “The Chosen” Season 5, on Tuesdays from 3:00 – 4:40 pm, in the Opal Room.

**September 2:** Episode 7, “The Upper Room Part 1A”

**September 9:** Episode 7, “The Upper Room Part 1B”

**September 16:** Episode 8, “The Upper Room”

**September 23:** No meeting, as Mike and Eileen will be away.

**September 30:** Wrap-up, closing review, and discussions.

Regulars and newcomers are invited weekly!

- Mike and Eileen

### Off to College Drive

*"Truly I tell you, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me".  
Matthew 25:40*

The second annual off to college drive was a huge success...many thanks to all of you who donated! Mellisa is this year's recipient, and she started Cal State Northridge this week. (so, she won't be able to attend the September UWF meeting). Mellisa has worked hard to get where she is without a family wrapped around her. Thanks to your generosity, she is well equipped and has gift cards to use for gas and other items she will need. She is so incredibly thankful for everything she received and is deeply touched by the love and care we have poured into her. What a joy it is to have a part in her coming adventures!

Melissa 

Psychology Major!



Hello everyone! The feeling I got in receiving all of these donations is indescribable. It's insane to me that you all see my hard work and blessed me with believing in me. Thank you. Thank you for more than you know. For supporting me, and my dreams. I've never felt so grateful for something. As someone who's never had much money, I will never forget this act of kindness in my life. Bless you all. Thank you.



### SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24  
3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL TUMC  
TALENT SHOW



Sarah Jane has proposed that a music suggestion box be installed in the Social Hall near the music closet. Everyone is welcome to suggest a concern, idea, or your favorite hymn, if you don't feel comfortable bringing them up in person. The suggestion box will be installed soon.





## FINANCE UPDATE

*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Luke 12:34*

Your response to my email/letter in July was wonderful. Many of you contacted me to get more information or to give me information, and some of you bumped up your giving to help. ALL is appreciated!

The Finance Committee manages the money but does not decide how to spend it... we are the "accountants." I went to the Board of Trustees in early August and will attend an SPRC meeting at the end of August to fully explain the budget and help our church leaders understand where we are financially, which will enable them to make informed decisions. While we will undoubtedly still end the year with a deficit, we have not had to draw from savings recently and hoped to end the year less in the red. I did get some questions about how we are paying for the community garden, and I am happy to report that while the community garden received a little bit of money out of the Memorials account as seed money, they have done the rest with grants and donations. Keep those questions coming! Many thanks for all your prayers, questions and support. Working together, we've got this!

Debbie Livingston  
TUMC Treasurer



## Ray Bracken's History at TUMC From former Pastor, Mack Mitchell

We owe to him much of Trinity's expanding ministry in the 1960s.

His wise counsel and generous sharing of his art talent enabled us to produce what some then believed to be significant enhancement to our wide variety of ministering to the community: A Festival of Arts and Sciences: art shows, concerts, a lecture on DNA, connection with the Sisters of Sacred Heart when they "kicked" the habit as I teased them, establishing an AA group, and my wife, Marjorie, a successful candidate to be a Sunnyside school board member. Ray was in the thick of all those things.

The church grew from 57 members to over 150 in those seven years. We weathered my opposition to the Vietnam War, the building of the parsonage and classrooms, the creation of the Village Children's center, a Hippie couple and their infant son sleeping on the dining room floor in the parsonage, my presidency of the county committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy, and the assertively shared views of a John Birch Society member who complained to Bishop Kennedy about my sermons and community connections. The bishop sent word through the DS he had received a complaint. But no comment from him other than that. Ray gets credit for imagining and supporting much of that ministry.

Ray's wife, Sonya, never missed a turn of a phrase or unusual pairing of words in my sermons. Her "Ha!" could be heard across the chancel from where she sat in the choir on the left side of the sanctuary. I found it a challenge to get "one by her notice" but never failed to elude her "Ha." A power couple.

Persevering memories.

Gratefully, Mack



There are many openings to distribute food boxes on Tuesdays and Fridays in September. 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, and canned beans.*



The Women's Retreat Committee would like to THANK everyone who donated, set-up, purchased treasures and helped us clean up and donate all the leftovers. The Abundance Thrift Shop filled 10 boxes of treasures to sell at their shop when we closed. Books were donated to MB Library, and the remaining items were donated to the animal shelter, Goodwill and Achievement House. We made \$2,930! The funds pay for our speaker, scholarships, crafts, food and general costs.

Mark your calendars for our one-day retreat, February 28th at Trinity from 9 am-4 pm with Rev. Kathy McShane. More details soon!



#### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS - September 2025**

The “lazy hazy days” of summer are almost over, and it is time to get back to “school” and back to work. UWF did not meet as a unit in July and August, but the Board met in August to plan for events and meetings in September, October and November.

The first unit meeting this fall will be on September 11. Because we in the “Way North” in the North District are too far away to attend UWF District meetings (all held south of Ventura), we have arranged for two District officers to travel here for our meeting on that day. They will be here for lunch, followed by the meeting where they will be the speakers. In addition to inviting women from Trinity, we also plan to invite another active UWF unit in the area.

The program for the October 10th unit meeting is not finalized yet. Stay tuned. Some of our attention will be on the church-wide Senior Forum on Saturday, October 15.

The annual bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, November 15. We encourage people to think about what they would like to donate, such as craft and knitted/crocheted items, plants, baked goods etc. It is our only fundraiser for the year and, as always, almost all the proceeds go to missions, both local and abroad.

#### **Dates to remember:**

UWF Unit meetings: September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11, usually at 2:00 PM in Social Hall.

Fall Bazaar: Saturday, November 15

I’m looking forward to the next few months and encourage all Trinity women to join us in our activities.

Alta Hall



Mark your calendars for our next SENIOR LUNCHEON on **October 6th** right here at Trinity at noon. You won't want to miss the food, fun and friends! More information soon--all are welcome! Hope you'll join us!

### Bill and Carole Fairbanks' News...



August began with Zyra Pascua coming to our house to discuss her first year at Long Beach State and what she could do to improve and prepare for opportunities she will have as a junior and senior. We also discussed what Trinity could do to help our high school students. Her sister will be a freshman at MBHS this fall.

On the sixth my pacemaker was replaced, so I should be good for another decade. My family was there when I needed them, my son-in-law Rick took me to the hospital and brought me home, my cousin Debbie watched Carole and brought food that provided dinner for the following five days.

At By-the-Sea Productions Carole, I and five family members saw "Proof," on the ninth. It dealt with, genius; is it inherited? Is madness? Are they the same thing? The actors are excellent. We have seen many outstanding plays there.

Mary Anne's email of the seventh said Rollie Bigbee passed away and provided a daughter's name and address. He and his wife came to Trinity along with some others when the Morro Bay Christian Church closed. I had some fond memories of him so sent his daughter a note.

It was nice Donna Hoff organized Social Hour the 17th, she grew up in Trinity. I took E.A.M.A.Y.C. (Eat as Much as You Can), a hot dip. A lot, but not all was eaten.

The 24th I did the "Young at Heart Moment" telling the story of "Coyote and His Eyes," which I heard from an elderly California Indian who said it was a true story. I wrote up some thoughts for Sunday School teachers who might want to follow up on it. Four generations of my family came to church, our seven-month-old great grandson was napping so he and his mother didn't arrive until Social Hour. Hopefully they will feel Trinity has something to offer and continue coming.

At Sandlot Bridge Carole and I seemed to have good hands. One hand she bid a ♥, I had

four ♥s and a strong hand so bid four ♥s. Carole had to play it and made it. The next

hand she bid a ♣, I had support she played the hand at ♣s and again made it. Her play was much slower than before she developed confusion disorder. Jim and Glen are very patient and understanding.

Bill and Carole Fairbanks

### September Birthdays

9-12 John Kersten  
 9-12 Jim Stanfill  
 9-12 Debbie Wacker  
 9-13 Bill Fortin  
 9-18 Rich Bolin  
 9-21 Elliott Kaser  
 9-27 Betty Rivers  
 9-28 Emily Rodenhi  
 9-28 Pastor Les Lungren  
 9-30 John Bonnett  
 9-30 Sam Crizer



### September Anniversaries

Bob and Elizabeth Clover  
 September 4th



### 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.*

Ray Bracken - Moving  
 Phyllis Harwell  
 Mary Jefferson  
 Vicki Mladinich  
 Eileen Orback  
 Clytis Pitzer  
 Rachel Stones  
 Linda Wagner

Arden Beavers  
 Johnnie Buell  
 Dani Cobb  
 Nicolas Devine  
 Victor Feliciano  
 Gail  
 June Grillo  
 Sharalyn Hamilton

Keith Hicks  
 Cleo Holz  
 Brian Jensen  
 Sharon Kraff  
 Kyle  
 Joan Landis  
 Paul Ledbetter  
 Dianna McFarland  
 Kim Brown-Montenegro  
 Ian Paige  
 Dana Roske  
 Elias Schiele  
 Nancy Schneider  
 The Scott Family  
 Cara Stewart  
 Steinnar Svernugsen  
 Meg Syfan

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

**9/7** San Luis Obispo UMC  
 Van Nuys UMC

**9/14** Santa Clarita Korean Mission  
 Santa Barbara First UMC

**9/21** Palmdale First UMC  
 ReNew UMC

**9/28** Ojai UMC  
 Pacoima First UMC







**Free Entertainment & Activities for all ages:**

**\*Petting zoos**

**\*Face Painting**

**\*Games & Prizes**

**\*Youth Soccer Shoot-out Contest**

**\*Live Music by the Neighborhood Katz**



***No admission charge & Activities free***

**BBQ lunch & Raffle tickets for purchase**

***Sunday, September 7, 2025***

***12 noon - 4 PM***

***South Bay Community Center & Park Palisades &  
Los Osos Valley Rd***

Details at [LosOsosRotary.org](http://LosOsosRotary.org) Home Page or find us on Facebook





SCAN ME!



**SUNDAY**  
**28 SEPTEMBER**  
**1:30-4:00 PM**

# ND FRIENDS & FAMILY FALL FELLOWSHIP

Join us in the northern North District for a friends & family fun afternoon. We will also introduce and launch our new Pastors & Lay Leadership Academy!

**SAN LUIS OBISPO UMC**

••• **1515 FREDERICK ST. SAN LUIS OBISPO, 93405**

All are encouraged to attend - if you can't be there in person, join DS Garth with Lay Leaders Norm & Patty Kelsey for a live (via Zoom) introduction & conversation



✓ Fellowship

✓ Food

✓ Celebration

✓ Ice Cream

✓ FUN!



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Director of Music Ministries: Sarah Jane Scott Bell Choir Director & Pastor Emeritus: Rich Bolin  
Pastor Emeritus of Visitation: Michael Eggleston Director of Media Ministries: Kasey P. Lindsay  
Lay Leader: Beth Crizer V.C.C. Director: Bonnie Luther  
*Please email or call the TUMC Office if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.*



## 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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