

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER TRINITY VIEW



TUMC Season of Creation 2026

September 6 “Living Water” – The Rev. Les Lungren, Pastor

September 13 “Land” – The Rev. Mike Eggleston

September 20 “Forest” – The Rev. Steve Poteete-Marshall

September 27 “Wilderness” - The Rev. Rich Bolin

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: 11:00 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, Sept. 3, 2:00 pm

UWF Board Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2:00 pm

UWF Unit Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 12, 10:00 am

*TCEG Gardeners and
Board Members Meeting*

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1:30 pm

Finance Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 20, 11:30 am

Church Council Meeting

Wed., Sept. 23, 10:30 am

TLC Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 27, 11:30 am

Board of Trustees Meeting

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, September 6, 3:00 pm

Chamber Music Recital

St. Benedict's Episcopal Church

2220 Snowy Egret Lane

Saturday, September 12, 1:00-5:00

90th Birthday Bash for Bill Fortin

At the Community Center

Sunday, September 13, 12- 4:00 pm

Family Fun Fair, A Celebration of
Generations on Grandparent's Day
So. Bay Community Center

Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am

Quarterly Turri Road Clean-Up



United Methodists in Morro Bay and Los Osos Collaborate in their observance of the Season of Creation in September.

Pastor Steve Poteete Marshall of Estero Bay UMC, Pastor Les Lungren of Trinity UMC in Los Osos and two of their retired colleagues, the Reverends Rich Bolin and Mike Eggleston, will each bring messages to pulpits on both sides of the Estuary during the 4 Sundays of September. The two-congregation collaboration will also include a choir and music leadership exchange, visual arts and a midweek soup supper with a featured environmentalist speaker at Estero Bay UMC on Wednesday, September 23.

Observing the Season of Creation during the month of September is a growing ecumenical movement around the globe. The local observance is inspired by Pope Leo XIV's words "For believers [environmental justice] is also a duty born of faith, since the universe reflects the face of Jesus Christ, in whom all things were created and redeemed" and the work of the United Methodist Creation Justice Movement "The Creation Justice Movement is emerging at this kairos moment to connect and support groups within the United Methodist Church and beyond for the work of creation care, justice and regeneration."

The schedule of preachers and themes at Trinity (TUMC) in Los Osos and Estero Bay (EBUMC) in Morro Bay is as follows:

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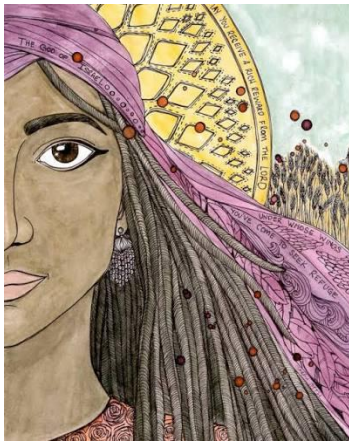


The TUMC Church Office will be closed Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

Time to welcome back the Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers!

We've missed you!

Photo credits: Mike Lindsay



Women's Bible Study

What? A study on the women in the Bible. We'll read the Bible stories out loud to each other.

Who? All females are welcome. Children are welcome too with their adult. Drop-ins are welcome anytime.

Leaders? Wendy Porter and Rebecca Ellis will be sharing leadership.

When? Starting on September 8 we'll meet weekly on Tuesdays at 3:30-5:00, for a 33-week study.

Where? In the church Social Hall. Hot water with tea, hot cocoa, and instant coffee will be available.

Bring your Bible with you. A study guide will be available for purchase, to cover copying costs.

Please RSVP to Mary Anne in the church office. This is not a requirement but helpful if you want to receive your study guide ahead of time.

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 third annual Off to College Drive is wrapping up on August 30. Many thanks to all of you who donated money and/or items! This year's recipient will be off to UC Santa Cruz in the next few weeks. She has worked hard to get where she is without a family wrapped around her. Thanks to your generosity, she will be going off to the dorms well equipped and have gift cards to use for other items she will need. What a joy it is to have a part in her coming adventures!



FINANCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

2 Corinthians 9:11

Our budget is pretty close to being on schedule with regular giving and expenses. For this we give many thanks!!! That being said, there was a bit of a dip in summer giving, which is not at all unusual, and there is plenty of time to catch up. On the equity side of our accounts, we received a sizable amount of money from the Carol Shupp estate. Almost \$90,000 was used to pay back the Maintenance Trust Fund account to get it back to where it should be after paying for the heaters and termite tenting. We have more maintenance needs that are being addressed, like fixing the flooring in the parsonage and a new roof on the VCC building. We are working with Trustees to find ways to cover these expenses.

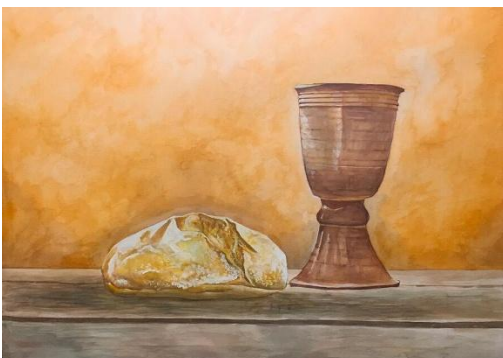
Over the summer we also did our first internal audit (at least the first one anyone can remember). We plan to do these yearly. Many thanks to David Overcashier and Lisa Purcell who went on this adventure with Susan McMickle, Mary Anne Meyer and myself. We found areas where we need to tweak our procedures to be more transparent (which the finance team will address at their September meeting), but no real problems.

Our next step will be to start looking at the 2026 budget. We will keep you posted on our progress. Thank you all for your support in keeping the lights on and programs going at Trinity UMC!

Debbie Livingston, TUMC Treasurer



On Wednesday, September 30, TUMC will once again be the host of the weekly Community Dinner. Please plan to pick up a pan to assemble a casserole on Sunday, September 27. The pans will include most ingredients needed to make the tamale pie. Questions? Please contact Beth.



COMMUNION HELPERS NEEDED

If you would like to be a communion server, we would love to add you to our roster of helpers. Please contact Debbie Wacker (wackertwin@aol.com) (805)234-2735. Thank you!



Trinity Educational Community Garden News:

The Garden Board met recently to discuss the water situation at TCEG, both the current issues and looking long term.

Currently, the water storage cubes in the garden are being depleted rapidly (every two weeks or so). The garden has had to purchase water twice in the last two months. Each delivery was 3,000 gallons of water which was pumped into the large 4,000 tank, and cost \$350, per delivery. Funds were taken from the garden account.

The board discussed long-term water supply and storage solutions, some of the ideas presented were:

- 1) to raise the annual and monthly Gardener's Fee to \$12/month or \$144/year. Scott will address this proposal with the gardeners at the next Gardener's Meeting in early September.
- 2) to purchase or ask for donation of more water storage receptacles, to increase our water capture capability.
- 3) Bob and Mike introduced the idea of purchasing a dehumidifier for the garden to harvest water from the air, a luncheon/fundraiser for our one-year anniversary.
- 4) Remind the gardeners again, to conserve water as much as possible.

All gardeners and board members are invited to an informational meeting to be held in the garden on Saturday, September 12, at 10:00 am.



Special Sanctuary & Altar Decor in September

Be sure to take a moment each Sunday in September to check out and appreciate our Altar and Sanctuary! The space will feature a different, unique design every single week throughout the month. A huge thank you to our amazing Worship Committee for their creativity and dedication in making our worship space so special.

Special thanks to Holly and Rebecca for their exceptional artistic talents!



Cheryl, Jora and Patti have been going to sing hymns for Clytis Pitzer. Some days she enjoys singing along with us, and we all have a joyful time visiting. We hope to go back soon and help her celebrate her birthday, coming up on August 31st. If you would like to visit Clytis or send her a card, call the office for her address.



Quarterly Turri Road Clean-Up

Join us for our quarterly Turri Road Clean-Up on **Saturday, September 26, at 9:00 a.m.**

Due to road work on South Bay Blvd., we'll meet at the **Chumash Trailhead parking lot** (*on the left as you travel down Turri Road*) at **10:00 am**. Bring some gloves, water and wear sturdy shoes. We'll supply the pickers and garbage bags.

Depending on the number of volunteers, we're usually finished by noon. If you haven't walked this beautiful stretch of road before, you're in for a treat. You'll be amazed by its beauty! Come lend a hand and help keep Turri Road beautiful. We'd love to see you there!



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 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, peanut butter, pasta, 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 funds generated help pay for our speaker, scholarships, crafts, food and general costs. 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. Brochures will be available soon.



Mark your calendars for our next SENIOR LUNCHEON on **October 5th**, right here at Trinity at noon. You won't want to miss the food, fun and friends! All are welcome! Hope you'll join us!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH NEWS - September 2026

United Women in Faith's summer break is over, and it is now time to get back to work.

The UWF Board will meet next week to plan programs for the remainder of the year and also to prepare for the October 24th bazaar. The bazaar is earlier than usual this year, so we encourage people to start thinking about what they would like to donate such as craft and knitted/crocheted items, plants, baked goods and so on. There will be more details in the October Trinity View.

We were saddened this summer by the death of our long-time member, Karen Shong. She was already a member of UMW when I moved to Los Osos in 2000 and continued until this year. She served as an officer a few times and always participated in the bazaar and other activities of our unit. Her joy, kindness and humor will be missed.

Dates to remember:

UWF Unit meetings: September 10, October 8, November 12 and December 10, usually at 2:00 PM in Social Hall.

Fall Bazaar: Saturday, October 24.

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

Alta Hall



WOMEN'S RETREAT RUMMAGE SALE

We want to extend a huge thank you to the hard-working volunteers who helped set up for Saturday's Rummage Sale. On Thursday morning, the team was busy sorting and organizing a wide variety of items. So many volunteers stepped up to assist, and we are especially grateful to Sandy for using her exceptional organizing skills to ensure this event is a huge success.



August 26, 2026
Travel news from John and Cathy Bonnett

Greetings from Newfoundland, Canada!
 We have traveled as far east as is possible on the mainland of North America! That easternmost point is Cape Spear. Cape Spear has a lighthouse and is just south of St. John's, Newfoundland's big city, and yes, it does seem like a big city. St. John's resembles San Francisco with colorful row houses on steep hills.

We drove endlessly through the Canadian plains, and then northward on the Trans Quebec highway and then south on the Trans Labrador highway. The Trans Quebec and Trans Labrador highways were two lanes but in decent condition because they were built for giant hydro-electric dams and iron ore mining. Most of it was paved but there was a very long gravel portion. It was rainy and buggy as we drove, and we got pretty tired of it. The scenery was hidden by the rain and maybe even by the bugs!

We took a ferry from Labrador to Newfoundland, the weather broke and we were greeted by a gorgeous sunset, our first night in Newfoundland. One surprising aspect of Newfoundland is how much history there is. We visited the site of the Vikings landing in 1000 CE. L'Anse aux Meadows is at the very northern tip of the Northern Peninsula in Newfoundland; it is a World Heritage Site and the only confirmed Norse landing site in North America. The Vikings had actually sailed from Greenland, there was an outpost community established on the point, but it didn't last for very long. It was very remote and aside from a short summer the weather was brutal.

A highlight, for me, was going to Cape Race on the southern Avalon Peninsula, still in Newfoundland. Cape Race was a thriving community built around communications. There is still a functioning lighthouse. Cape Race housed a wireless network that received the first land-based distress call from the Titanic in 1912. A 14-year-old boy was manning the network through the night house, when he received the message, he quickly got help! They went on to play a vital role in communications and organizing a rescue effort. Cape Race has been a navigation point for ships coming from Europe since the 1600s. Before modern communications Cape Race was the first point of land they could see in North America as they were navigating by dead reckoning.

Newfoundland is known as "The Rock." Sandy beaches are few, most of the shoreline is either covered with trees or very high cliffs. It is very green and rainy. Sunny days are reason for celebration! The people in Canada have been extremely friendly, helpful; and welcoming, also talkative. You can become immersed in a conversation with anyone very easily. Everyone is impressed when they hear we have driven from California and are pleased to show off their beautiful country.

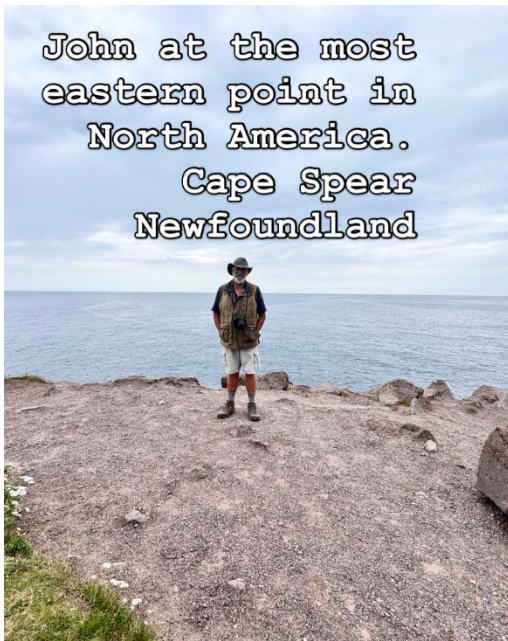
As some of you may know, I love birds. Well Newfoundland has one of the most adorable birds in the world, the Atlantic Puffin. We were able to see them up close on a sunny day, they are not afraid of people and came up to within 5 feet of us. (see picture!)

We miss you all and pray for you.

Love, John and Cathy



Camping on "The Rock" Can you find our trailer?
More pictures on the next page.



The Atlantic Puffin. This little guy was not sure what to do with the plants he pulled up. He walked around for several minutes and then flew off to a tiny island that people could not get to.



Please join us for a chamber music recital at St Benedict's Episcopal Church just down the road on LOVR, on Sunday, September 6, at 3:00 pm, featuring pianist and former Hancock music faculty member **Ann Lucas**, joined by **Hilary Clark** on cello and **Byron Mele** on clarinet. They will perform Brahms' late work Clarinet Trio Op. 114, as well as works by Chopin, Schumann, and Poulenc. All three musicians are active with local orchestras and chamber groups, and this is their first collaboration as a trio. The concert is open to the public and free of charge.



90th Birthday Bash! For Bill Fortin

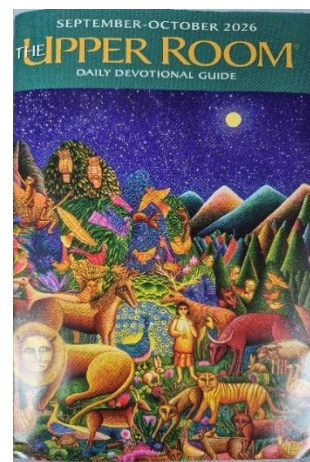
Saturday, September 12th, 2026

1:00pm to 5:00pm

South Bay Community Center

Los Osos, California

Everyone is invited!!



September/October
2026 Upper Room, Daily Devotional Guide,
are available in the narthex
for a small donation of \$3.00.



Fairbanks' News

Karen Shong's résumé at her Memorial Service made the point, a bunch of 👍, ❤️, 😊 etc. DO NOT substitute for written notes which caused me to change what I planned to write. Rich Bolin likes stories, here's mine:

My first-year teaching at Cuesta College, 1966-1967, I had a student, Sandy, who appeared well into her 50s. Having lived in the County since late Great Depression days she knew many of her age. From Bohemia her best years seem to have been World War II when she was an Army unit's sweetheart. Her knowledge of American etiquette, Roberts Rules of Order and preparation for college were weak to nonexistent.

Lonely and craving conversation she would come to the Social Science offices, seek out me or a history teacher she had to talk to for a couple of hours. Her concept of social space was inches rather than our customary four feet so to reestablish proper distance she would gradually back teachers to a wall. Knowing about social space I didn't retreat. Once sitting in my office chair, she leaned over me and dropped her cigarette in my lap, then tried to brush it off before it burned a hole in my trousers. Another time a teacher let her night school class out early, so she went to a Cuesta School Board meeting and clapped her cold hands on the ears of one of the Board members she knew and later attempted to make a motion.

After that year she gave up on Cuesta. Three or four years later I was listening to a local radio station, and she called a local radio station to say it was her birthday. I bought a birthday card at Cuesta's Book Store; all members of the Social Science Department signed it and sent it via Cuesta's mail. She called our Department Chairman, Frank Avila, who grew up in the country and thanked him for the card. When Frank, who attended church at the Mission, saw me he gave me an "indulgence." Karen was right about the importance of writing cards!

At Sandlot Bridge on the 16th Shirley Hulin returned from Europe. She and Jim Stanfill faced Cheryl Dove and me. Each one of us made a bid with good support from our partner. Although we miss Glen, it was a great day at Sandlot Bridge! Defenders attempted to prevent declarers from making their bid, so on the 23rd we worked on the opening lead, which a defender makes. It is tempting to lead an ace, but the declarer will play low cards on it, so we worked on leading a lower card of a different suit, then waited until the declarer played a high card before playing the ace. Today it worked for Cheryl and me.

Unlike chess, mentioned in today's sermon, opponents don't have the same pieces (cards) and unlike chess, neither of the two deals are the same, nor do you have a partner to work with. If you would like to learn bridge you are welcome .

Bill and Carole Fairbanks

A Letter from a Community Member:

Dear Trinity United Methodist Church,

We are John and Marisue Meza from Redlands, CA. We have attended your church a couple of times and really enjoyed the welcoming atmosphere, which reminds us very much of our home church, Redlands First United Methodist Church.

We have purchased a lot in Baywood Park (1184 1st St) and are planning to build a retirement home there. As part of the Retrofit-to-Build program (Title 19) permitting process, we are required to retrofit older plumbing fixtures in existing local properties to offset the water usage of our new build.

To comply with this regulation, we will retrofit toilets, showerheads, clothes washers, and hot water recirculation systems of homes that are in the Los Osos Community Services District Water Service Area. We need to retrofit enough plumbing fixtures to offset twice the amount of water that is estimated to be used by our new home.

We would like to ask if any church members that are within the Los Osos Community Services District Water Service Area need any plumbing fixtures upgraded within their home. I included a map from the Los Osos Community Service District [website](#) showing coverage of the various water agencies.

We would be happy to discuss the details further over the phone.

Thanks,

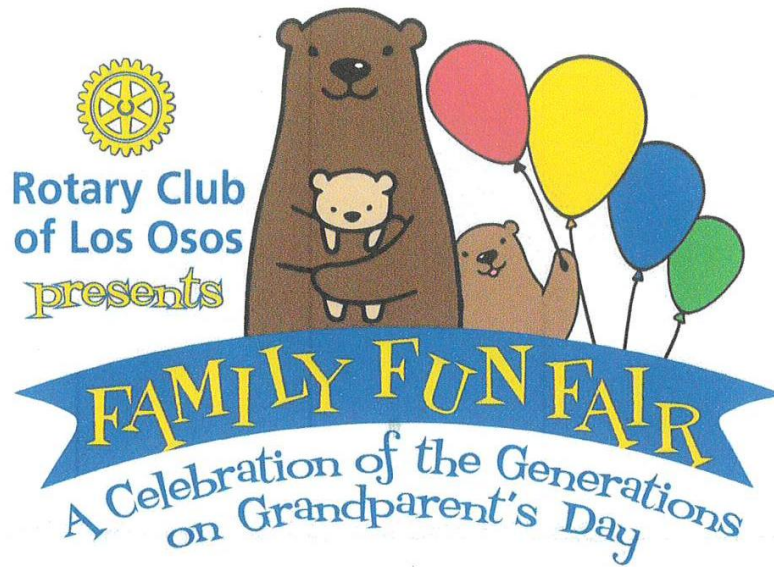
John Meza

Cell: (909) 553-2970

Work: (909) 369-1644



Take a moment to admire the beautiful blooms in front of the church. Thank you, Scott, for creating a beautiful garden!



Free Entertainment & Activities for all ages:

***Petting zoos**

***Face Painting**

***Games & Prizes**

***Youth Soccer Shoot-out Contest**

Sponsored by Dick's Sporting Goods

***Live Music 2-4pm by Groove Street**

No admission charge & Activities are free

BBQ lunch & Raffle tickets for purchase

Sunday, September 13, 2026

12 noon – 4 PM

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

Details at LosOsosRotary.org Home Page or find us on Facebook & Instagram

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.

Dot Brandt	Hilary Hopkins
Ben Eggleston	Jim & Nancy Hulin
Carole Fairbanks	Randy & Mary Jost
Joan Heinsohn	Kealin Kane
Glen Jones	Paul Klasterman
Kasey Lindsay	Joan Landis
Clytis Pitzer	Donna Laver
Bill Rodenhi	Saiorsa McCabe
Rachel Stones	Family of Dan McCabe
Linda Wagner	Chuck Mills
	Sally Peters
Ruth Asher	Marliss Peterson
Andrew Cassey	Mary Price
Amy Deneff	Marcia Samuels
Nancy Dumford	Penny & Karl Schwartz
Victor Feliciano	Randy Spears
Evelyn Ellis	Family of Meg Syfan
Matthew Fochtman	Carrie Trujillo
Debbie Geydayloo	Megan VanSant
Kit Hansen	Gracio Ward
Pam Held	

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

9/6 Lancaster UMC
 Scott UMC
9/13 First UMC of Ventura
9/20 Korean UMC of Oxnard
 Santa Maria First UMC
9/27 First UMC of Lompoc
 Saint Andrew UMC



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Pastor: The Rev. Les Lungren Lay Leader: Beth Crizer
Minister of Music/Pastor Emeritus: Rich Bolin Pastor Emeritus of Visitation: Michael Eggleston
Director of Church Administration: Mary Anne Meyer Village Children's Center 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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