

TRINITY VIEW

SEE THE ENCLOSED BROCHURE FOR ALL THE ADVENT ACTIVITIES HAPPENING THIS MONTH

THANK YOU, TRINITY, FOR YOUR LOVE AND KINDNESS



Every now and then, if we're lucky, we find ourselves surrounded by people who lift us up and help us become more than we were when we started. The congregation at Trinity is overflowing with such people. From my first day in the office, friendly and supportive people have been around to answer questions and to provide context to some of the beloved traditions that are part of Trinity's identity. I was fortunate to be part of a large team that taught me things I didn't expect to learn in a church, like how to use a Mac computer, and that social and ecological responsibility can be expressed from a religious context. I learned that Sunday morning doesn't just happen, it takes a lot of planning, preparation, and communication every week; that the holidays that everyone looks forward to the most, i.e. Christmas and Easter, are the times when the church staff and committees are the busiest; and too many other lessons to mention.

God brought me to Trinity through a series of events that are only visible in hindsight and working here was not just a job to go to five days a week. I had the honor of being welcomed into a larger family where I was able to share in the joys and sorrows that came along each year. I was also wrapped in the loving embrace of that family when I experienced my greatest sorrow.

The past six years have been an amazing journey of personal and professional growth. The decision to leave Trinity was a difficult one, but I feel it is the right one for me. The lessons and skills that I've learned will come with me, as well as the relationships that we've built together. And I'll be leaving a piece of my heart here with you.

God bless you and keep you always,

MaryAnn

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From the Pastor...

To the Saints that are in Los Osos,

December is a time when we clergy tend to love to write our columns. Many Conservatives and moderates call us to “put the Christ back in Christmas,” while some progressives may suggest that it is more important to “put the Christ back in Christians.” Some of us periodically remind their churches that “Xmas” does not replace Christ but is an ancient and appropriate abbreviation when one understands that the Greek letter chi, (the first letter of the Greek word for Christ), looks just like the English letter “X.”

Some will claim that the phrase “Happy Holidays” is a deliberate slight to Christians and perhaps even assert that there is a “War on Christmas.” (There isn’t). At least every couple of years we rail against the commercialism that has overtaken Christmas. From across the theological spectrum we point out that Jesus does get lost in the hustle and bustle of the season. (One of my favorite seasonal jokes is the child who prays the Lord’s Prayer, (and forgive us our Christmases as we forgive those who Christmas against us.”)

Then there are those of us of a liturgical bent who sometimes write about how we no longer use the Church’s gift of Advent as a season of reflection and preparation and jump straight into Christmas the day after Thanksgiving leaving us to sick of Christmas to celebrate the twelve days.

There... I think I’ve covered most of the columns I have written in the past and most that I will read in colleague’s newsletters this year. You’ve read them before. This year I want to write a little about Advent itself. The word itself means basically, “arrival.” Traditionally we think of it as a time to prepare for that arrival. Often we focus on the arrival of the Christ child at Christmas. If we read the lectionary, that program of readings shared by millions of Christians across the globe, we find that the readings are more focused on Jesus arrival in the second coming than on the birth.

In most churches we have Advent wreaths with four colored candles that mark the progress of the season. In the majority of churches the candles, the banners, and the paraments are purple which is the color the Church uses to signify repentance and even mourning. I have always preferred the Sarum rite for Advent. The Sarum rite is what was used in England until the 16th century. In this usage, the cloths and the candles are blue, which represent hope.

Advent is a season of hope as much as of preparation or repentance. It is a reminder as it leads to Christmas that hope as well as love was incarnated in Jesus. It is a reminder that as we look forward to the second advent of Jesus that hope will meet us in the end. These reminders are meant to help us find hope right now in whatever circumstances might surround us.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13. May your Advent be filled with Hope, may your Christmas be filled with Joy, and may your New Year be filled with Peace and Love.

See you in church,

Pastor G

Trinity’s Income/Expense Report		
	October 2018	2018 Year to Date
Income	\$24,419	\$240,677
Expense	-\$31,104	-\$262,083
Net	-\$6,685	-\$21,406

Spiritual



THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS An Advent Adult Enrichment Class *Thursdays, November 29 through December 20* *2:00 p.m. in the Opal Room*

The Wonder of Christmas is a 4-week Advent experience that explores the wonder of Christmas through the lens of four elements of the Christmas story; a star, a name, a manger and a promise. If you are interested in attending this class, please contact Alta Hall at (805) 528-2021 or at ahall3@sbcglobal.net.



Mondays at 6:30pm
Tuesdays at 3:30pm

The **Monday night group** meets at 6:30pm at the Manildi home in Los Osos through mid-December. For questions regarding anything, including driving directions, email Jeff Manildi at jeff@trinitylososos.org.

The **Tuesday afternoon group** will take a break during the month of December. More information will be available in next month's Trinity View and in the Sunday bulletins. Email Mike Eggleston at egglestonm@hotmail.com for questions.

GROW OUR GIVING

"Little by little, a little becomes A LOT"

Opportunities abound to create donations to Trinity while going about your normal routine:



Drop your change into your little church at the end of each day; ask stores like Ralph's and Amazon to donate to Trinity when you shop. Contact the church office if you have questions about any of these programs.





Music Notes

Advent is our season of preparation, and it is always a very busy season for musicians. All kinds of wonderful Christmas, Holiday, and Winter concerts are happening this month, all over our county. Here at Trinity, our tradition is to present choral and instrumental Christmas music in morning worship on one of the Advent Sundays. This will happen on December 23. We hope everyone comes that day, and maybe invites a friend or neighbor. With Rich Bolin spending a year in Hawaii, the bell choir has been directed this fall by Tom Tatton, who is greatly appreciated by all of us for his generous sharing of time and talent (not to mention his Crazy Song Festival appearance). Using a tag team approach, Tom will pass the baton to me in the new year, until Rich returns next summer. We thank Tom for all that he contributes to our musical life and fellowship at Trinity.

Barbara



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

United Methodist Women's History Note

In keeping with this year's theme of presenting a bit of United Methodist Women History in each Trinity View, for December we highlight the piano recitals for students of Marian Kaser, Kim Rosen, and Lynn Robinette. The piano recitals followed the annual UMW Christmas luncheon in early December. This tradition continued for at least 20 years but was discontinued a few years ago because of UMW schedule conflicts. The children seemed to enjoy playing on the grand piano and we always looked forward to seeing the progress repeat students made from year to year.

December 2018 Schedule

UMW Executive Board: Monday, Monday December 10 at 1:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Board meetings are open to any interested member.

Christmas Luncheon: Saturday, December 15 at 12:00 in the Social Hall. Guest speaker will be Linda Quesenberry of Los Osos Cares. All women of the church and friends are invited. Please contact Alta Hall or Kathy Lindsay for details.

Book Club: There is no Book Club in December. See you on Thursday, January 17, 2019. For more information, call Donna Asire: 528-0342.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

(presented by the United Methodist Women)

Sunday, December 2 & 9

During Coffee Hour

It's that time of year again! The UMW is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. This is the only fundraiser The funds raised during this sale will be used throughout the year to benefit a variety of local, national and global ministries.

In the past, members of the congregation have helped us by donating items for the bazaar. We welcome your donations and appreciate your generosity and creativity.

Please let us know if you can help by filling out the bulletin insert and returning it to the church office or the offering plate by November 18. Please contact Kathy Lindsay at 520-975-6269 for more information.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

12/01 John Kelly
12/07 Dorothy Upton
12/10 Will Wittman
12/11 Jim Wagner
12/13 Sandy McComas
12/18 Bruce Powers
12/20 Mary K. King
12/21 Beth Crizer
12/21 Rosemary Hollis
12/29 Shaun Hobbs
12/30 Wyatt Wittman
12/31 Jim Lodge



SOCIAL HOUR

Sundays after Worship

**(Coffee, Tea, Juice & Snacks)
Meet the Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee has just completed the annual pledge campaign and is preparing to tackle the 2019 budget. Please take a moment to say hello, and perhaps offer some encouragement, as they serve us during the Social Hour in December.



Los Osos Cares Presents

FREE COMMUNITY DINNERS

Hosted at Trinity United Methodist Church
490 Los Osos Valley Road, Los Osos

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Monday of each month
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Come in, sit down, and enjoy a meal prepared by various community organizations. No reservations or sign in required. Dress is casual. Families welcome.



TRINITY CLEANING DAY

Saturday, December 8 – Social Hall/Kitchen

Help!! It's that time of year again...

The holidays are coming and TUMC needs a cleaning 😊! We'll spruce up the Sanctuary on November 17th from 9:00-noon, and the Social Hall & Kitchen on December 8 from 9:00-noon. Please plan now to lend a hand – many of them make light work! Signup sheets will be available November 4 & 11.

Thank you – The Trustees



GUEST PREACHERS
former TUMC clergy return

Rev. Dave Richardson
Sunday, December 16

The Rev. Dave Richardson returns to preach Trinity as part of our 60th-anniversary celebration. Please contact Pastor G at PastorG@TrinityLosOsos.Org if you would like to help with the coffee hour after church on Dec 16th.



GRATEFUL HEARTS

Thank you, Trinity, for celebrating Village Children's Center during your worship service on November 18. The staff at VCC appreciates the support provided by the congregation every day of the year.

The Topeka Blvd. bridge over the Kansas River; Topeka, Kansas.



SANDLOT BRIDGE

The Fairbanks' Home in Los Osos
Friday, December 14, 7:00pm

Come out and enjoy the fun with a great bunch of folks. We play bridge, teach beginners the ins and outs, and have a lot of laughs along the way. Call Bill or Carole at 805-528-0572 to RSVP and to get driving directions.



AARP MATURE DRIVER COURSE

Saturday, January 12 & 19
12:00 - 4:00, Opal Room

Space is limited for this eight-hour course that is held on two consecutive Saturdays in January. Pre-registration is required, so register early. The tuition is \$15 for AARP members, and \$20 for non-members for both days. Please call the course instructor, Bill Fitzgerald, at 805-305-1191 to register or to get more information. Some automobile insurers give a discount for completing this course.

All Day Events, Church Life, Church Meetings, Community Private Events, Community Public Events, Village Children's Center Dec 2018 (Pacific Time - Los Angeles)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
<p>Advent - Week 1</p> <p>UM Student Sunday</p> <p>9:15am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Sunday Worship</p> <p>11am - UMW Bazaar &</p> <p>11:15am - Social Hour</p> <p>4pm - 12-Steps Couples</p>	<p>2pm - Knitting, etc. @</p> <p>5pm - Community Dinner</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Home Girls</p> <p>6:30pm - Home Group -</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p>	<p>9am - Tuesday Crew @</p> <p>10am - Food Pantry @</p> <p>11:30am - Missions</p> <p>6pm - Club Scouts</p>	<p>10am - Staff Meeting @</p> <p>11am - Prayer & Care</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - A.A.</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2pm - Advent Study</p> <p>6:30pm - CCHC Potluck</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p>	<p>10am - Food Pantry @</p>	<p>9am - Social Hall Cleaning</p>
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>Advent - Week 2</p> <p>9:15am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Sunday Worship</p> <p>11am - UMW Bazaar &</p> <p>11:15am - Social Hour</p> <p>11:30am - Church &</p> <p>5pm - Family Christmas</p>	<p>1pm - UMW Board Meeting</p> <p>2pm - Knitting, etc. @</p> <p>5pm - Community Dinner</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Home Girls</p> <p>6:30pm - Home Group -</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p>	<p>9am - Tuesday Crew @</p> <p>10am - Food Pantry @</p> <p>6pm - Club Scouts</p>	<p>11am - Prayer & Care</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - A.A.</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>2pm - Advent Study</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p> <p>7pm - Trustee's Meeting @</p>	<p>10am - Food Pantry @</p> <p>4pm - Girl Scouts</p> <p>7pm - Sandlot Bridge</p>	<p>12pm - Women of the Bible</p>
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>Advent - Week 3</p> <p>Dave Richardson Preaching</p> <p>9:15am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:15am - Social Hour</p> <p>11:30am - SPRC Meeting</p> <p>4pm - 12-Steps Couples</p>	<p>2pm - Knitting, etc. @</p> <p>5pm - Community Dinner</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Home Girls</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p>	<p>9am - Tuesday Crew @</p> <p>10am - Food Pantry @</p> <p>4pm - VCC Committee @</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - A.A.</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>11am - Prayer & Care</p> <p>4pm - VCC Committee @</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - A.A.</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>Trinity View Due Date</p> <p>10:30am - Emergency Prep</p> <p>2pm - Advent Study</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p>	<p>10am - Food Pantry @</p>	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Advent - Week 4 - Music</p> <p>9:15am - Chancel Choir</p> <p>10am - Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:15am - Social Hour</p>	<p>Christmas Cookie Donation</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p> <p>2pm - Knitting, etc. @</p> <p>5:30pm - AA Home Girls</p> <p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p> <p>7pm - Christmas Eve</p> <p>9pm - Christmas Eve</p>	<p>Christmas Day</p>	<p>11am - Prayer & Care</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7pm - A.A.</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6:30pm - Literacy for Life</p>	<p>10am - Food Pantry @</p> <p>4pm - Girl Scouts</p>	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>VCC Winter Break</p>	<p>VCC Winter Break</p>	<p>VCC Winter Break</p>	<p>VCC Winter Break</p>	<p>VCC Winter Break</p>	<p>VCC Winter Break</p>	<p>VCC Winter Break</p>
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
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Weekly Events

Sunday

Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am
Worship Service: 10:00am
Coffee Hour: 11:15am
12-Steps Couples Group: 4:00pm,
1st & 3rd Sunday

Monday

Knitting, Etc.: 2:00pm
Home Girls AA: 5:30pm
Community Dinner: 5:00pm,
1st, 2nd, & 3rd Monday

Home Group w/Jeff: 6:30pm
Literacy for Life: 6:30pm

Tuesday

Tuesday Work Crew: 9:00am
Food Box Distribution: 10:00-12:00
Cub Scouts: 6:30pm

Wednesday

Staff Meeting: 10:00am, 1st Wed
Prayer & Care Group: 11:00am
Bell Choir Rehearsal: 6:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous: 7:00pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal: 7:30pm

Thursday

Literacy for Life: 6:30pm

Friday

Food Box Distribution: 10:00-12:00

CALENDAR SNAPSHOT

Special Events

December 2
United Methodist Student Sunday
December 2, 11:15am
UMW Bazaar & Bake Sale
December 6, 13, 20, 2:00pm
Advent Study
December 6, 6:30pm
CCHE Potluck
December 8, 9:00am
Social Hall Cleanup Day
December 14, 7:00pm
Sandlot Bridge
December 15, 12:00pm
Women of the Bible Circle Luncheon
December 16
Rev. Dave Richardson Preaching
December 23, 10:00am
Music Sunday
December 24, 7:00pm
Christmas Eve Family Service
December 24, 9:00pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Meetings

December 4
Missions Committee, 11:30am
December 9
Church & Society Meeting, 11:30am
December 10
UMW Board Meeting
December 13
December 16
SPRC, 11:30am
Trustees Committee, 7:00pm
December 18
Finance Committee, 7:00pm
December 19
VCC Committee, 4:30pm
December 20
Emergency Prep Task Force, 10:30am
December 20
TRINITY VIEW DUE DATE

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