

CELEBRATING
OUR FIRST

60
YEARS
1958-2018



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TRINITY VIEW



490 Los Osos Valley Road (at Pine) – Free will offering accepted at the door
Original songs, a championship carrot peeling contest, and a melodrama written by Mike Eggleston

November 2018

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From the Pastor...

To the Saints that are in Los Osos,

By now I'm sure everyone knows that Autumn is my favorite time of year. I enjoy the crisp feeling that is often in the air, even if the day itself is warm. I enjoy the rhythms and celebrations of Autumn. I especially enjoy what I have called, "the slant of the light." It turns out that is actually a thing. As the earth's position moves from the Autumnal Equinox, (the day in September when day and night are the same length) to the Winter Solstice, (the date when the day is shortest and night is longest), there is a period in the middle where the angle of the sun to the earth just makes me happy... and we're in that period right now.

Autumn is also the time of harvest and ingathering. Except in bad years, that makes it a time of plenty and feasting. It is time to give thanks to God for the bounty of the earth and to prepare that bounty for winter storage. Thanksgiving has always been one of my most favorite holidays.

For some reason the Autumn is also the time I am most aware of the changing seasons. Perhaps that's because I grew up in San Diego and have lived near the coast for the majority of my life. In San Diego, and on the Central Coast, we don't have much to mark the changing of the seasons. Temperatures don't have the wide range throughout the year that they do in much of the world. In Hawaii it's even less pronounced. The Hawaiians had only two seasons - the warm dry season and the cool wet season... not even hot and cold.

I have never been given to reminiscing about the past. I haven't talked about the "Good Old Days," nor like many of my High School classmates do I keep in touch with those with whom I went to school. Today, however, I do find myself looking back. Maybe I'm just getting old and finding myself somewhere in my personal Autumn.

At any rate, I find myself lamenting the loss of the seasons, or at least the loss of seasonality. Growing up we knew that school would start in September after Labor Day and end in the middle of June with a two week break around Christmas and one week at Easter. Now one has to check three different calendars to discover the various school schedules.

I also am nostalgic for the seasonal variation we all had in food fifty years ago. When I was growing up I had to wait until it was time for watermelon, and then wait until it was time for apricots and peaches, and wait until the apples came into the store. Today of course we can usually get just about any kind of fruit or vegetable we want at any time of the year. So much is so readily available that we lose the flow of the changing seasons. While something is gained, I think something is also lost.

The fact is that seasons still matter, but with our global world we share our seasons with one another. But seasons still matter, and harvests can still be good or bad. God is still as important to the nurture of the earth as ever, but we've distanced ourselves from the earth and from God by all this instant availability. We forget that the earth is still in fragile balance – between seasons, between ecosystems, and between regions. It is even more important for us to reverence God and to understand our stewardship of the earth as our community extends across the globe. "All good gifts around us, are sent from heaven above. So thank the Lord, so thank the Lord, for all His love."

See you in church,

Pastor G

Trinity's Income/Expense Report		
	September 2018	2018 Year to Date
Income	\$23,902	\$216,259
Expense	-\$22,003	-\$230,841
Net	\$1,899	-\$14,585

Spiritual



ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS

Sunday mornings at 11:30

Classes are held Sunday mornings immediately following the worship service. Classes typically run 3-6 weeks and feature different topics and leaders.

**The next class is scheduled for December.
Watch the Trinity View and Sunday bulletins for more information.**



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

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

The **Tuesday afternoon group** meets at 3:30pm at the Eggleston/Murta home in Los Osos. This group is currently studying the overlooked, insightful and delightful letter to the Hebrews. Copies of William Barclay's commentary on Hebrews will be available for \$8 for those who wish, but attendees can also learn and enjoy Hebrews by simply coming or using resources of your choosing. Attendance at all meetings is encouraged but not necessary. Email Mike Eggleston at egglestonm@hotmail.com for questions and/or driving directions.



Music Notes

The music we hear and sing in worship is subject to trends and fads, like other aspects of our culture. When one style simply replaces another, we lose texts and tunes that still have meaning for us. But when we welcome new musical expressions, and incorporate them in our worship, we are enriched. Our hymnal includes great hymns from centuries past; they are our heritage. But new songs speak to these times, and so we have the supplemental songbooks, not to replace but to enrich. In a similar way, we have welcomed the instruments associated with contemporary Christian music, without abandoning the more traditional organ. We also really appreciate the technology and time involved in projecting our songs, while still keeping the hymn books handy. All are vehicles for worship, and we are blessed.

Barbara



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NOVEMBER 2018 SCHEDULE

UMW Executive Board: Monday, November 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Board meetings are open to any interested member.

Women of the Bible Circle: Thursday, November 8 at 2:00 p.m.



Book Club: Thursday, November 15 at 2:00 in the Social Hall. The book club does not study one book but invites participants to talk about books they have read. For more information, call Donna Asire at 805-528-0342.

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.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/01 John Peterson
11/03 Charlotte Wood
11/03 Shirley Hulin
11/03 Jora Landis
11/05 Carole Fairbanks
11/08 Hailey Pascua
11/10 Ray Bracken
11/11 Monica Rochte
11/11 Tate Wittman
11/12 Alta Hall
11/18 Catherine Topp
11/21 Linda Fortin
11/21 Alex Cushing
11/25 Owen Rochte
11/27 Karen Johnson



COFFEE HOUR

**Sundays after Worship
(Coffee, Tea, Juice & Snacks)
Meet the Trustees Committee**

The Trustees manage the resources of the congregation. They ensure that the buildings and grounds are in good repair and remain neat and clean. This is a big job for a few volunteers. Talk to the Trustees during coffee hour to find out how you can help with projects on the Tuesday Crew or All Church Cleanup days.



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.

SANDLOT BRIDGE

***The Tatton's Home in Morro Bay
Friday, November 2, 7:00pm***

What is sandlot bridge? At Trinity, it's a lot like a sandlot baseball game – hence the name. It's an informal setting in which players of all levels enjoy an easy camaraderie during an evening of card playing. Beginners receive tips from more experienced players, and seasoned players get to share their knowledge. Scorekeeping is optional. RSVP to Tom or Polly Tatton at 805-225-1888.

TURRI ROAD CLEANUP

Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m.
Turri Road and S. Bay Blvd.

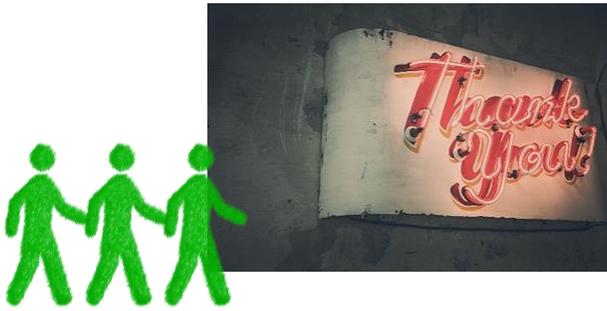
Join the folks of the Church & Society Committee in their quarterly cleanup of Turri Road in Los Osos. Trinity is a long-time sponsor of this scenic road and volunteers spend a couple of hours each quarter picking up trash and debris along the roadside. Wear comfortable shoes, gloves, and sunscreen. Meet at the intersection of Turri Road and S. Bay Blvd. to get your supplies for the cleanup.



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.



HUNGER WALK GENERATES \$\$\$ FOR OUR FOOD PANTRY

Thirty people walked a beautiful mile along the bay in Baywood Park on October 20, raising funds for the food ministries of Trinity UMC, Estero Bay UMC, St Ben's Episcopal Church, and People Helping People. Fourteen walkers were from Trinity (plus four more who raised funds but could not walk with us), ten from Estero Bay, and six from St Benedict's.

When all is deposited, Trinity will have raised about \$3000 for our food ministries, and Estero Bay and St Ben's almost \$1000 each for their work in feeding the hungry locally. For Trinity, this is slightly more than we gathered from sponsors in 2017 when the SLO Food Bank was sponsoring a walk, plus this year Trinity will be able to spend all our \$3000 on our local feeding efforts. Previously the Food Bank had received half. This year most of Trinity's \$3000 will go directly to our account with the Food Bank, and part will buy additional food locally for our pantry.

As well as our fourteen plus four walkers, another eight members of Trinity served as walk and crossing guides and registrars. Thanks to everyone who walked, guided, registered, and sponsored (some did all four), and to Crizer Construction for providing our beginning and ending site. Our walker with the most money raised this year was Jan Lloyd. Thanks to all!

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR & BAKE SALE *(presented by the United Methodist Women)* Sunday, December 2 During Coffee Hour

It's that time of year again! The UMW is holding its annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale. 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.



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING BASKET PROJECT BEGINS SOON

Trinity UMC has a long-standing tradition of providing Thanksgiving boxes to many local families. Each basket contains all the ingredients needed to make Thanksgiving dinner, including a turkey generously donated by Golden State Water Company. Spencer's Market in Morro Bay provides special pricing for the fresh and some of the canned food items. Watch your Sunday bulletin beginning November 4 for information on how you can help.

Trinity Cleaning Days Saturday, November 17 – Sanctuary 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! Sign up sheets will be available November 4 & 11.

Thank you – The Trustees



TRINITY CELEBRATES VCC SUNDAY November 18

We will celebrate the teachers from Village Children's Center during worship.

REPORT ON 2018 CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Bishop Hagiya admonished us to tell our story before taking our stand. As many of you know, I am a cultural anthropologist as well as a United Methodist.

Telling our story before taking our stand related to distinguishing between hearts at peace and hearts at war. People whose hearts are at peace tell their story which explains where they stand. They then listen to the story and stand of someone they disagree with, and if the situation demands some sort of action, work together to hammer out a solution satisfactory to both. Hearts at war may tell their story and take their stand, but don't listen to those of the opposition. They feel they must win, and the opponent must be defeated. We were also urged to work for "justice" (a vague but highly emotionally charged word, seemingly a call for hearts at war) regarding issues such as immigration, sexual abuse, and GLTB and those in attendance responded enthusiastically.

Throughout the conference references were made to an upcoming General Conference which encompasses all UMs worldwide and a likely kerfuffle over GLBT which may cause a split in the church. Our Annual Conference, as well as other U.S. conferences, stand firmly behind GLBT issues and from what was said, conferences from the American South and Africa don't.

At both the plenary session and during a small discussion period some told their stories and their stands on GLT issues, all I heard were positive.

Unfortunately, we did not hear any stories or stands from Africans, our likely opposition in the forthcoming kerfuffle, who place a much higher value on family and its extensions such as lineage and clans and a much lower value than Westerners on individualism and rights. Concepts of rights are weakly developed, the other side of the coin, duty and responsibility are emphasized. Men have an obligation to perpetuate their patrilineage, responsibility carries over into the afterlife, since ancestor spirits are looked to for help as some Christians look to saints. Women should act as women, when married their family receives a bride price payment, which in turn will be used to marry her brothers and paternal cousins. No matter how irresponsibly Americans behave, they are guaranteed inalienable "rights." For hearts at peace it would have been nice to listen to some of their stories and where they stand. Perhaps in the process both Americans and Africans could learn a thing or two. This kerfuffle has nothing to do with local churches, it is an issue at a much more abstract level. Unfortunately, a strong link was not established as to how a heart at peace should respond to a story and stand they didn't agree with on emotionally charged issues, leaving the impression when fighting for "justice" the heart at war should prevail and "winning" the goal.

It was said most members of local congregations don't care what occurs at the General Conference, although much of the conference's attention seemed focused on it. So, although Trinity members may not care, they deserve to be informed. Why else would I be expected to report back on the conference?

Bishop Ken Carter admonished local churches not to put all their eggs in one basket, which seems like good advice for local churches. Our Conference Lay Leaders told us top down leadership does not work, again good advice for local churches. Along the same line we heard apportionments are being cut because local churches are where the rubber hits the road, and this means more money will be left in their hands. When the budget was discussed, some did not like some of the cuts to various programs Bishop Hagiya pointed out you can't have it both ways, cut apportionments and maintain programs at their current levels. The decision was to cut apportionments.

Since **most** people will not come to church on their own, it is vital to get out into your community and connect with various groups. In this sense it seemed this year's conference was a continuation of last year's when we were told we know what doesn't work because we are doing it and we were urged to go where the people are, bars, prisons, etc. These points were reiterated this year.

Obviously, there was more to the conference than I have related here. Implications for Trinity were numerous. Some was reassuring. Ever since Carole and I joined Trinity in 1967 there have been GLT members. One we sponsored attended Pacific School of Religion, so on that issue we stand with our conference.

You heard my story, perhaps next year Trinity would prefer a lay delegate who was not also a cultural anthropologist. Next year's conference will be June 12 to 16 of 2019 at University of Redlands.

Thank you for choosing me to be a delegate these past two years.

Bill Fairbanks

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

Life Stories Group: 1:30pm

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

Home Group w/Mike: 3:30pm

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

November 1, 6:30pm

CCHE Potluck

November 2, 7:00pm

Sandlot Bridge

November 3, 10: 00am

Turri Road Cleanup

November 4

All Saints Sunday

November 4

Crazy Song Festival, 3:00pm

November 6

Election Day

November 7, 9:30am

Hymn Singing @ Casa de Flores &

Bayside

November 8, 2:00pm

Women of the Bible Circle

November 12

Veteran's Day Holiday

November 15, 2:00pm

Book Club

November 17, 9:00am

Sanctuary Cleanup Day

November 20, 10:00am

Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

Special Events

November 22 & 23

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 25

UM Student Sunday

Meetings

November 1

Poll Workers, 2:00pm

November 6

Missions Committee, 11:30am

November 8

Trustees Committee, 7:00pm

November 10

Church Council Meeting, 9:00am

November 12

UMW Board Meeting, 1:00pm

November 15

Emergency Prep Task Force, 10:30am

November 18

SPRC, 11:30am

November 20

Finance Committee, 7:00pm

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TRINITY VIEW DUE DATE

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