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"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ") Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:14-17

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PRAYERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Sandra Aanerud
George Anderson
June Arakawa
Kay Brethauer
Carolann Mann
Barbara Ewing
Jack Spencer

**PRAYERS FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
OF THE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

Donna Cole
Dennis Hipp
Betty MacDonald
Bob Paulger
Marjorie Scott

PRAYERS OF HEALING AND COMFORT

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| Shirley Abbott | Joyce Grasmick | Linda Packham |
| Jim Ampaya | John Hallisey | Ted Rains |
| Terry Ampaya | Pat Harmon | Val Rains |
| Elaine Bell | Berni Hilgaertner | Martha Sanders |
| George Blok | Marilyn Holthouse | Zoe Shirley |
| Chris Bogdan | Nancy Jacobs | Rita Scott |
| Kay Brethauer | Craig Johnson | Rita Varav |
| Kathleen Craig | Alan Kay | Nancy Wolf |
| Larry Davis | Linda Kintner | Paige Wolf |
| Valerie Frye | Carolann Mann | Grant Yule |
| Heather Graney | Tom McWaid | Kathi Yule |
| Don Grasmick | Dorothy Miller | Marcia Zerkel |
| | Sue Mooney | |

Ruling Elders (2022-2023)

Dan Bornhoeft
Elena Davis
Jorge Dios
Bret Gean
Cindy Harris
Clark McKay
Betsy Phillips
Fred Raniere

Board of Deacons**2023**

Tim Daniels, Lynne Giles, Judi McKay,
Dory Raymond and Sherry Straeter

2024

Tena Arstein, Paige Davis, Pat Lagerstrom,
Tim Phares and Brenda Schearer

2025

Peggy Antos, Arcelia Dios, Sandra
Henningsen, JoAnn Kripe and Bill Stermer

From the Pastor's Desk



The year before coming to Trinity, Sherry and I had the opportunity to visit and tour Israel. The pictures you see below are taken in Bethlehem at the Church of the Nativity. Each year around Christmas I look back over the pictures I took on that trip and reflect on how special it was to be near the place where Jesus was born.

This coming October, I along with my seminary roommate Dr. Kirk McCormick, will be leading a trip to Israel. The dates will be from October 23 to November 3rd 2023. We will have the opportunity to visit sites like, Mt. Carmel where Elijah encountered the prophets of Baal, Capernaum (Jesus' home base during his ministry years), Mt of the Beatitudes, the Jordan where Jesus was baptized, the Dead Sea, the Mount of Olives, and the City of David, and we will celebrate communion at the Garden Tomb. These are just a few of the many things we will experience. We have worked hard at keeping the costs down. Our hope is to take 25 passengers at a per person rate of \$2,949. The rate includes, all hotels and all breakfasts and dinners at the hotels. The rate does not include air-fare but we are hoping it ranges between \$1,350-\$1,500. There is a flyer and study guide packet in the church office.

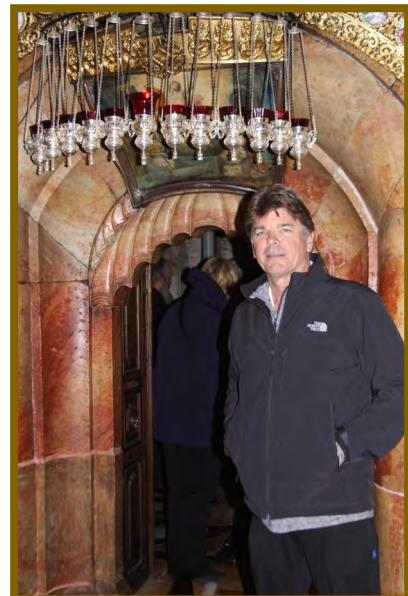
If you are interested, please contact me at church and I will give you the forms to fill out. I call it *The Trip of a Lifetime!*

May you and your family have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Tom



Advent Schedule



Sunday, December 4th

2nd Sunday of Advent - Peace (9:30 am)
Christmas Tree Lighting (4:30-5:30 pm)

Sunday, December 11th

3rd Sunday of Advent - Joy (9:30 am)
Christmas Choir Concert (3:00 pm)

Sunday, December 18th

4th Sunday of Advent - Love (9:30 am)

Saturday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service (4:00pm)

Sunday, December 25th

Christmas Day Service (9:30am)

Cake on the Patio

The Deacons will be serving cake on the patio on Sunday, December 11th in celebration of all of those with December birthdays and/or anniversaries!



Join us for prayer
in the Reflection Garden
each Thursday
from 1-2:00 PM.

Questions: Call Tena
(805) 482-1584



Please join us for our:

3rd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Gathering

Sunday, December 4th at Trinity Presbyterian Church.

We will be gathering outdoors at 4:30 PM to sing Christmas carols,
drink hot cocoa and light our tree!

Pizza Man Dan's food truck is coming again too!

Purchase a small pizza and drink for \$10.00.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors! All ages are welcome!

You won't want to miss this wonderful time
of celebration, fellowship and fun!



The Voices of Christmas

Sunday December 11th, 3 pm
in the Trinity Sanctuary

Featuring

Trinity Choir with soloists, woodwind trio, piano and narrators in
"The Voices of Christmas" by Joseph Martin and Pamela Martin

Ladies Ensemble

Trinity Handbells

Dr. Gary Cobb

Beacon Hill String Orchestra

Reception in Piper Hall with light refreshments
following the concert.

TRINITY YOUTH MINISTRIES

Sunday Schedule (December)

3:00-4:30pm in The Youth Room
(unless otherwise stated)

4th: Christmas Tree Lighting - 4:30PM

11th: Christmas Concert - 3:00PM

18th: 3:00 PM - White Elephant Gift
Exchange

25th: No Youth Group - Merry Christmas



Bible Study & Dinner

Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30pm

Drop Off Locations

December 7th - Trinity

December 14th - No Bible Study

December 21st - Trinity

December 28th - No Bible Study

Pick Up at Trinity all weeks!



Trinity Milestones

Happy Birthday!

December

- 2nd Linda Packham
- 5th Janie Paulger
- 10th Donna Mew
- 13th Vonnie Whetzel
- 15th Barbara Anderson and Karey Struckhoff
- 16th JoAnn Knipe
- 17th Val Rains
- 20th Judy Hamilton
- 26th Beckie Cramer
- 27th Gerry Mann
- 30th Carol Blok
- 31st Alan Gallagher



Happy Anniversary!



- Larry & Pam Davis – December 18th
- Pat & Jerry Harmon – December 23rd
- Angel & Natalie Rocha – December 23rd
- Grant & Kathi Yule – December 23rd
- Scott & Sandi Beattie – December 27th
- Ed & Barbara Hulac – December 28th
- Don & Tena Arstein – December 29th
- Bill & Judy Cashdollar – December 29th
- Mike & Jeanne Spahr – December 29th

* If you have a December birthday or anniversary that did not make it into the Trinity Times, please call the church office at (805) 484-0530, so we can update our database .

Share the Blessings... MEAL SHARE CAMARILLO

WE HAD OUR FIRST MEAL WITH OUR NEW NAME ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022



OUR NEXT MEAL WILL BE THURSDAY DECEMBER 1...

watch your email for an invite from [signup.com](https://www.signup.com)

to be a part of this ministry

If you know of someone who would like to be a part of this
ongoing ministry have them contact Mary Walling at:

mwalling43@gmail.com

Session Highlights - November 2022

- Membership stands at 194 (New Member Class scheduled for Nov. 20th).
- Termite dust has been found near the Sanctuary. An inspector has been called, and tenting of the Sanctuary has been recommended.
- Only certified service animals will be allowed in our facilities.
- The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held either February 5th or February 12th after the regular church service. (TBD)
- Next stated Session meeting will be Tuesday December 13th.

Upcoming Events

- Christmas Tree Lighting – Dec 4th (Iglesia will be participating).
 - Christmas Concert – December 11th at 3:00 PM

Financial Report - October 2022

For the month ending 10/31/2022:

- Total Income for October was \$70,066.
 - Total expenses were \$44,863.
- There was a positive operating result in October of \$25,213.

For the ten months ending 10/31/2022:

- **Contributions:**

Contributions over budget by \$20,479.
(due to prepayment of pledges and gifts from new givers).

- **Expenses:**

- Missions under budget by \$5,645 (paid quarterly)
- Finance over budget by \$2,786 (annual insurance paid in full).
 - HR under budget by \$11,058
- Total Expenses under budget by \$22,314 for the ten month period.

TRINITY HOSPITALITY CAFÉ

Merry Christmas to the many volunteers who faithfully provide treats every Sunday after our worship service. Thank you all for your commitment each month to ensure that we have wonderful goodies to share with our congregants. Hospitality is a God given gift, and your gifts of love and care are warm and inviting to our congregation.

We want to invite everyone to spend some time after each service to get acquainted with someone you don't know and enjoy talking with someone you do. Pastor Tom invites you to come and talk with him, as well.

The volunteer teams for each Sunday are:

Week 1: Jenny Graham, Corinne Dawson and Bobbie Pitman

Week 2: Jean Hakes, Peggy Antos, Elena Clarke and Willa Sterrenburg

Week 3: Martha Engle, Oliver Cramer, Judy Hamilton and Julie Hallisey

Week 4: Elena Davis, Margaret Cobb, Jorge & Arcelia Dios, Ruthie Kay and Betsy Phillips

Week 5: Kay Carpenter-Dorner, Brenda Schearer, Margaret Cobb and Elena Clarke

In addition to this group, we are delighted to have volunteers who will provide treats when asked and who are willing to substitute if someone is unavailable. We are very blessed to have so many committed to serve. Thank you!

♥ Jean Hakes



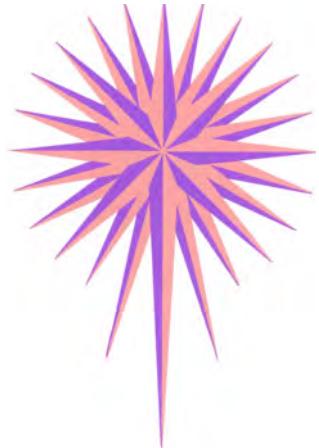
Ed Vasquez Painting



Congratulations to Ed Vasquez, who was honored and thanked by City Hall for a beautiful picture he painted of the Conejo Grade, which he donated to the city. The picture Ed painted of the Grade is being hung at Camarillo City Hall.

Christmas Market 2022

The Christmas Market at Trinity is once again online. The primary focus of the Christmas Market is to offer an opportunity for church members, as well as others in Camarillo, to purchase gifts of hope for family and friends (through donations to the more than 20 mission agencies featured in the *Giving Gifts of Hope* catalog).



We encourage you to shop online from December 1-15. If you are not comfortable shopping online, however, you may mail in your Shopping List and check prior to Thursday, December 15th, or drop them in the mail slot on the office door. The *Giving Gifts of Hope* catalog and Christmas Market Shopping List has been emailed to the congregation. You may also find the catalog and shopping list on our Trinity website: www.trinitycamarillo.org. Online donations will be made through the church's secure online payment system.

The Mission Commission's vision for the Christmas Market reflects our desire to love God and others. It is a way for us to simultaneously honor the Lord and to purchase a present with a Christ-like purpose. In choosing this type of gift giving, Christmas Market shoppers are extending kindness to strangers, which is what Jesus modeled for us. By following His example, we are extending God's love to those who need it.

Please pray for the missions and missionaries that we support and prayerfully consider purchasing gifts of love and hope from the Christmas Market 2022: *Giving Gifts of Hope* catalog.

Welcome New Members



Greg Antonovich



Jay Dyer



Jo Ann Cork



(Lloyd &) Michele Friesen



Pat & Jerry Harmon



Helen Torkelsen



Diana Wood



Betty Ericsson

Nix Family Baby Shower - Nov 6, 2022

Thank you all for your generosity and loving-kindness and for celebrating with the Nix Family on the patio.



Jennifer “Jenny” Alexandra Nix (8 lbs. 1 oz) was born November 12, 2022 at 12:55 AM.

Welcome Jenny! Congratulations Nix Family!

November 2022

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January 2023

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December 2022

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

PH = Piper Hall
 CR = Conference Room
 FS = Fireside Room
 Sanc. = Sanctuary
 LG = Lounge
 FH = Fellowship Hall
 PO = Pastor's Office
 YR = Youth Room

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| 4 9:30a Worship - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC- FH 11:00a Bells - Sanc. 4:30p Christmas Tree Lighting - grass area 5:00p Iglesia - FH | 5 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. | 6 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 9:00a BH Orch. 9:30a Staff - PO 6:30p Deacon's 7:00p BrassBand - FH | 7 1:30a BH - Farmer's Market - Patio 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble - Sanc. 5:00p Youth Bible Study - YR | 1 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 9:00a BH Orch. 1:00p Prayer- Garden 5:00p Meal Share - PH 7:00p Choir- Sanc. 7:30p Christmas Choir | 2 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc 7:00p Iglesia - Music - FH | 3 |
| 11 9:30a Worship - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC- FH 11:00a Bells - Sanc. 3:00p Christmas Concert - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia - FH | 12 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. | 13 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 9:00a BH Orch. 9:30a Staff - PO 1:30p Finance - CR 7:00p BrassBand - FH | 14 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble - Sanc. 5:00p Youth Bible Study - YR | 15 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc. 9:00a BH Orch. 1:00p Prayer- Garden 5:00p Meal Share - PH 7:00p Choir- Sanc. | 16 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 7:00a Admin.- CR 8:30a BH Chapel - Sanc 7:00p Iglesia - Music - FH | 17 |
| 18 9:30a Worship - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC- FH 11:00a Bells - Sanc. 5:00p Iglesia - FH | 19 | 20 9:30a Staff - PO 6:30p Session - FS 7:00p BrassBand - FH | 21 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble - Sanc. 5:00p Youth Bible Study - YR | 22 1:00p Prayer- Garden 7:00p Choir- Sanc. | 23 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 7:00p Iglesia - Music - FH | 24 4:00p Christmas Eve Service - Sanc. |
| 25 9:30a Christmas Service - Sanc. 10:00a TAPCVC- FH 5:00p Iglesia - FH | 26 | 27 9:30a Staff - PO 1:00p Personnel - PO 7:00p BrassBand - FH | 28 10:00a Ladies' Ensemble - Sanc. 5:00p Youth Bible Study - YR | 29 1:00p Prayer- Garden 7:00p Choir- Sanc. | 30 7:00a Men's Bible Study - FS 7:00p Iglesia - Music - FH | 31 |

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