



The People of God

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A Message From Fr. Tom



Walking in the Light

“For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.” – Ephesians 5:8 (NIV)

January often brings with it a sense of stillness. The hustle of the holidays has passed, and the days remain cold and dark. It's easy to feel the weight of the darkness of these winter months, but as followers of Christ, we are reminded that even in the darkest times, the light of God shines brightly.

The season of Epiphany, which begins on Sunday, January 5, is dedicated to the light of God. The story we most associate with Epiphany, the story of the Magi or Wise Men in Matthew 2, is all about their journey heading to the light of a star to encounter Jesus.

This Epiphany is a chance for us also to consider our own journey toward the light. As the year begins, we might ask, what does it mean for us to be “children of light?” What might that look like for us in 2025? Perhaps it means offering kindness where there is division, or perhaps sharing hope where there is despair, or perhaps trusting in God's promises when uncertainty looms. Perhaps it means we remember Jesus' words in Matthew 5:14: “You are the light of the world.” Or maybe even sharing those words with others. Many people need to be reminded that they are the light of the world.

My prayer is that your journey, my journey, and the journey of Trinity Church in 2025 will be directed toward this light. I think we will be especially needed this year to be bearers of light to the world, for divi-

sion and darkness seem to have set in, and we can be among those who bring the world something better - the light of Christ.

Epiphany is a perfect time of the year to consider how we, in our own lives, are also on a journey. Each of us, whoever we are, walks with Christ as disciples, moving from point to point in the ongoing path of faith. Often I don't think we are aware that we are on a journey of faith. But we all are. How can we examine that journey? How can we learn more about our own path as followers of Jesus? That's one of the things we want to look at this year.

I invite you to pray this January for God to show you how you are called to be light. I invite you to ask God to show you how you can best journey with Christ. Stay tuned for opportunities at our church to reflect on the light and celebrate our faith and travel together as a community of love in 2025. It would be my greatest pleasure to talk with you more, so please contact me at:

rector@trinityescondido.org.

God's blessings for the new year. May you know the hope to which you are called, and see the light of Christ before you always.

Tom+

Closing Prayer:

Lord of Light, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who illuminates our lives and our world. Help us to walk as children of light, reflecting your love and hope to all we meet. May this year be a time of renewal and growth, as we seek to glorify you in all that we do. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.





Meet Melissa Vaughan



I am honored to be welcomed by Trinity into the fold serving as a Parish Administrator. The congregation here has been nothing but welcoming and understanding, which is all anyone could ask for from a church. Besides my experience in office administration and social media management, I have a background of being classically trained in art - figure drawing, illustration, and graphic design. It has brought me joy to contribute some of these skills while working here, and I look forward to utilizing them more to spread the word about Trinity.

It is equally exciting to know that Trinity is affiliated with Interfaith Community Services. I have previously been involved with the Turk Center serving meals through Chalice UU. ICS is an essential part of Escondido's community, as is Trinity, and I am excited to become more involved through volunteering.

When I'm not in the office, I enjoy live music, anything art related like museums or attending exhibitions, crafting, internet deep dives, baking, and wrestling with my dog Shelby. Feel free to stop by and say hello!

Trinity Office Administrator

Many Thanks!!!

For All the Beautiful Music & Liturgy

When you read this our parish choir will still be singing, or re-singing, much of the lovely music we performed for Advent and Christmas. It is always nice to get a second chance to share something beautiful ... especially after many weeks of rehearsals and preparation. I am afraid that I nearly worked the choir to death in my zeal to sing as much of the music that I love before my eventual retirement. I do plan to be here for Easter and Christmas this next year, so I still have time to crack the whip! We are already planning some great classical music for Lent and Holy Week 2025.

Trinity is blessed with an amazing group of creative and talented people. It is such a joy to be "creating" together. Thank you all for giving ME that gift.

Here is a quote from the organist at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris upon the glorious reopening of the church after the 2015 fire...

"This is the true mission of an organist and choir ... to be the voice and soul of the church".

I Love Trinity,
David Lewis

De-Greening of the Church

After a lovely Advent and Christmas Season it is time to put all of our decorations away until Christmas 2025. It won't take long but we could use a little help after church on January 5th. Two trees need to be un-decorated, folded up and put back into their boxes up in the loft. Candles and wreaths go back into hibernation and the big swag on the balcony goes to bed in another big box.

The beautifully restored manger scene gets very carefully wrapped and taken up the stairs to a safe place. Thank you Ed Turrentine for repairing and painting the beautiful, hand crafted figures that have been a Trinity Treasure for many decades. This usually only takes about half an hour and we'll get it all done quickly right after coffee hour.

David Lewis

ICS Food of the Month - Please bring any non-perishable food to Trinity. The need is especially urgent. This month's highlighted item: **peanut butter**



What's Happening At Trinity

January 2025

Jan 1 (Mon) New Year's Day. Office closed.

Jan 4 (Sat) 9:30 am Prayers and Squares

Jan 5 (Sun) Celebration of Epiphany

9am Holy Curiosity: *Who were the Three Kings?*

After Church: De-greening of the church. Making Sack Lunches.

Jan 9 (Thu) 6:30 pm "Great Sermon Series during Epiphany." pt 1

Jan 12 (Sun) Epiphany Week 1

9am Holy Curiosity: *Who was the Prophet Isaiah? What did he say?*

After Church: Communications Team meets.

Jan 16 (Thu) 9:30 am Prayers and Squares

Jan 16 (Thu) 6:30 pm "Great Sermon Series during Epiphany." pt 2

Jan19 (Sun) Epiphany Week 2

9am Holy Curiosity: *What is the Annual Meeting in an Episcopal Church? What can we expect?*

After Church: Samaritan Team meeting.

Jan 20 (Mon) Martin Luther King Jr Day. Office Closed.

Jan 21 (Tue) 6:30 pm Vestry meeting.

Jan 23 (Thu) 6:30 pm "Great Sermon Series during Epiphany." pt 3

Jan 26 (Sun) Epiphany Week 4

No Holy Curiosity.

Trinity Annual Meeting, Chili cookoff and potluck.

Jan 30 (Thu) 6:30 pm "Great Sermon Series during Epiphany." pt 4

Join us for six weeks this Epiphany to watch, analyze and reflect together on six sermons from six preachers of different backgrounds. Dates: January 9, 16, 23, 30 and February 6, 13.

Great Sermons!

A series for Epiphany

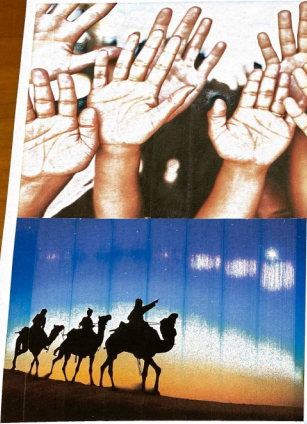
Six weeks to watch together, analyze and discuss six sermons from preachers of different backgrounds and faith traditions. Come for the discussion and leave inspired. Background materials about the texts preached on will be available.



Preachers Include: **Michael Curry**, former Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, **Nadia Bolz-Weber**, ordained Lutheran Pastor, **Martin Luther King, Jr.**, American Baptist minister and Activist, **Barbara Brown Taylor**, American Episcopal priest, **Billy Graham**, Southern Baptist Minister and American evangelist, **Gregory Boyle**, American Catholic priest of the Jesuit order

Thursday Nights at Trinity
6:30-8:00

Holy Curiosity



Holy Curiosity for January 2025
9am in the Parish Hall

January 5
Who were the Three Kings?

January 12
Who was the Prophet Isaiah? What did he say?

January 19
What is the "Annual Meeting" in the Episcopal Church. What can we expect?

January 26
No meeting. Trinity's annual meeting



Haven House/Turk Center Dinner Ministry

A Ministry By Any Other Name ...

I can't quite believe I just wrote that title above – the newsletter for **January 2025!** Wow, did 2024 fly by. But it was a great year for the Haven House Dinner Ministry. And we anticipate that 2025 will be just as great, if not even better.

I do have an update to share that also pertains to the title I wrote on this article. This will be the last time I will refer to this Ministry as “Haven House”. Instead, we will be talking about our **Turk Center Dinner Ministry** from now on.

Many of you will remember that last year Interfaith Community Services consolidated the Haven House shelter from its original location at 550 Washington Street to the Turk Center on Center City Parkway. There were many good reasons for this change, and it seems to have worked well. I have kept referring to our Dinner Ministry as “Haven House/Turk Center”, just because that was so familiar to our Trinity folks, and I didn't want to create confusion. However, it's been over a year now. The Haven House shelter no longer exists as a stand-alone shelter. Yes, there are still regular shelter residents at the Turk Center location, along with the Recuperative Care residents. But since there is no Haven House, per se, it is preferable to refer to the shelters as one entity, The Turk Center.

So that is how you will see me talking about the Dinner Ministry from now on, as The Turk Center Dinner Ministry. Just like the change of the year, out with the old and in with the new – or at least, a clarification with the new! Our Ministry is not changing, and we'll still be serving our neighbors who are without homes the same as we have been. As the title implies, “a rose by any other name ...”, is still Our Dinner Ministry, same as always!

Speaking of serving our neighbors, it's time to do that for the January dates we have at The Turk Center. We have the **second and last Thursdays of the month** as our nights to cover the dinner service and bring dessert at The Turk Center. For January, we serve dinner on **January 9th (second Thursday) and January 30 (the last Thursday)**. So **mark your calendars for those two dates, and think about the possibility of volunteering!** We need **five or six volunteers** at each of our designated dinner nights, twice a month. Our volunteers need to arrive at the dining hall at the Turk Center by 4:00 PM on our appointed day to help the ICS staff get ready for dinner. Dinner starts at 4:30pm, and goes until about 5:15pm or so. We are typically done and headed home by about 5:30 PM. It is easy, fun, and so rewarding. Watch for the sign-up email comes out about 5-7 days prior to the dinner date.

We would love to have new volunteers take part, so think about whether this sounds good to you. But in order even think about taking part, you have to be on the email distribution for the sign-up. If you aren't, and think you might be interested, get in touch with me and I will add your name to the distribution. Getting the email doesn't obligate you, it just gives you the chance to keep in touch with what's going on in this Ministry, and it gives you the option to decide if you want to join in!

My gratitude goes out to all the Trinity family who have volunteered and all those who so readily supported this Ministry with donations and other support for the past seven-plus years. We are blessed to have such great support for this Ministry. Thank you!

Peace and blessings,
Jan McDaniel, Ministry Coordinator
Jan's cell # 760-670-7455
jan.mcdaniel@gmail.com

Sack Lunches

The next Sack Lunch Sunday will be January 5th. As always, we need help with supplies. Monetary gifts are also appreciated for items such as gloves, brown paper bags, and small bottles of water. Thanks so much! Cindy Kratz





Future Opportunity from the Samaritan Team

On the horizon the Samaritan Team is looking to be a Support Congregation for the Interfaith Shelter Network (not part of Interfaith Community Services) which organizes rotational shelters among the churches of San Diego County. On Feb. 2 - Feb. 16 San Rafael Parish in Rancho Bernardo is hosting an emergency shelter for no more than 12 unhoused folks who are screened by case managers.

The opportunities to help in a support role are varied: assisting with shelter setup and take down, providing meals, transporting shelter guests, preparing sack lunches on site, overnight hosts or weekend chaperones. Donations are also helpful to cover costs such as laundering, transportation and other expenses.

We would not be the only Support Congregation for San Rafael and we will be finding out what their specific needs from us might be. We have written descriptions of the different support roles to share with anyone who feels moved to get involved. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Jan McDaniel or Helen Joline for more information of if you would like to be part of this short-term ministry. We will have more about this soon!

Jan McDaniel
760-670-7455

Helen Joline
970-946-0471

Annual Meeting and Chili Cook Off

It's that time of the new year when we gather to review the church's budget and priorities for the year. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 26th, immediately following the 10:00am service.

Don't miss this important meeting. It is also when new Vestry members and delegates to the Diocesan Convention are elected. Come to support your church and it's mission. **YOU ARE AN ESSENTIAL PART OF TRINITY!**



Mardi Gras - Save the Date!!

It is a long ways away, but Mardi Gras is coming on **March 4th** and Madame Stolichnaya will be with us again for what is surely Trinity's strangest party - **BINJO!!**

Watch the newsletters in the coming months for more exciting stories of her nefarious adventures as she travels about the world. Not to be missed!

David Lewis





Do You Know Jana Green & David Wilson?



I was born in New Mexico where my father was a 3rd grade teacher at the Sunshine School in Deming, New Mexico. We moved to Southern California a year later for my father to teach 6th grade in Blythe

California. We moved several times thereafter to other cities and towns in southern and northern California where my father retired as superintendent of schools.

When I was young, all I wanted to be was a horse ... one of those magnificent, stunning creatures of God. I had a passion then for horses and still do. I read every book pertaining to horses in the libraries where we were living and studied their habits and ways. I learned to ride at a young age at my great grandmother's ranch in West Texas the old-fashioned way, by my grandfather throwing me on a horse and me riding away by myself. Realizing at some point in my youth that I could not be a "horse", I decided that I could be a full-time equestrian and do competitive equestrian sports. However, I ended up being a part-time equestrian competing in polo, three-day eventing and dressage. I no longer own any horses, but I still sometimes think like a horse which has guided me in certain circumstances during my life.

When I was 10 years, I decided that I would become an attorney. I was one of the few women attending law school in the early 70's in San Diego. I went to law school at night and held down 3 jobs during the day to pay for it. I practiced for over 45 years mainly working for corporations and commercial developers in large scale regional shopping centers and renewable energy projects, such as wind, solar and geothermal. I am now retired as an "inactive" non-practicing attorney, and I love retirement.

I am a cradle Episcopalian but have attended other churches when there were no Episcopal churches available. My former husband (who was also an attorney)

and I were married for 45 years when he died. We have one son, Patrick, and I am now "Maime" to two wonderful grandchildren. My son, daughter-in-law and grandkids live in Iowa and are very happy there. My former husband and I raised our son in the Episcopal church, but Patrick and his family later converted to Catholicism.

We attended St. Peter's in Del Mar for 32 years and I was very active in the children's program, teaching Sunday school, founded along with others the St Tarius Children's Service Club, supporting the children's choir, wedding guild, altar guild and many other church activities.

After my husband died, I found a new Church home at Trinity. I have been with Trinity for around 7 years. I have been on the Vestry, been Junior Warden and Vestry Fellowship chair, helped with the garden, fellowship activities and Haven House. Presently, I am a Eucharist Minister and visit members who are unable to get to church as part of the Pastoral Care Ministry and on the Flower Guild. Bishop Susan once asked me what I wanted to do for God and I said, "serve others". Trinity has provided me with that opportunity, which I am very grateful.

Mother Meg married David Wilson and myself at my home in July 2020. I met David in a dance class in 2019 and we have happily been dancing ever since. We also travel quite a bit. Even though David is not an Episcopalian, he gives his time and money to Trinity, supporting Haven House, coffee hours, and the Flower Guild. David comes from a singing family; his mother and father were both singers and sang in church choirs, barbershop quartet and Sweet Adeline choir. David sang in the choir and with the praise team at his former church.





Souper-Bowl Sunday Collection Continues

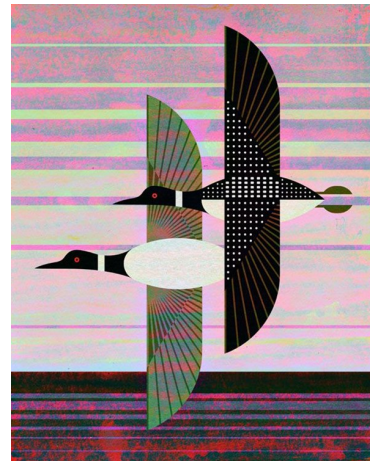
Super Bowl Sunday will be here before you know it and we are going to be ready here at Trinity. The plan is—attend church and as you leave either place a dollar or a can of soup in the container to go to those who can use a nice warm meal. We have already started our collection. There is a labeled box at the back near the Baptist Font. Let’s try to top what we gave last year. Trinity collected 800 pounds of canned soups!!!



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‘Wild Geese’ by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you
mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue
air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting -
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.



Submitted by Melissa Vaughan

Editor’s Note:

Recently I was asked how we check out books from the Dove Library. I have to admit, I have no idea and I have asked around and have not gotten an answer to this “good question” yet. If anyone out there reading this has the answer to that question, can you please give me a call. There are many good books available in the library, but at this point, we need clarification on how to go about checking them out and returning them.

Jackie Miley (760/201-6704) or jkmiley@gmail.com



**God bless the little children and ...
the Trinity ToyMakers !!!**





As we celebrate the blessing of children, we also remember there are millions around the world today who are without the permanency of a home. Please join us, today, in praying for needy children in our own community and around the world.



It's Not Too Late to Pledge

If you haven't yet submitted your pledge for 2025, please take a moment to do it now. Trinity needs your support and a timely pledge is extremely helpful to the budget committee in its planning.

Thank you for your commitment to Trinity and its ministries.



Financial Report	
Annual Budget: -\$24,158	
November 2024:	
Income (YTD)	\$272,089.45
Expenses (YTD)	\$291,652.04
YTD Net Income	-\$19,562,59



MILESTONES

January Birthdays

- 3 Charlotte Pines, Ray Gibbs
- 7 Pat Thompson, Dennis Haynes
- 8 Oliver DeLano, Christine Turrentine
- 10 Marilyn Dailey
- 15 Rhett Dabasinskas, Dylan Dabasinskas
- 16 Joy Nelson, Jeannette Martinet, Martha Sharpe
- 18 Paul DesForges
- 19 Collena Waldren
- 20 Sarah Picollelli
- 21 Deborah Sampson
- 22 Jan McDaniel
- 23 Molly Godfrey
- 24 Hokan Haraldsson, Tom Callard
- 25 Doug Oakland
- 26 Tom Tobin, Patricia Doering, Nicholas Sampson
- 27 Laurel Beale, Silvia Gibbs
- 28 Laurene Collings, Sandra Smullen
- 30 Dru Cowles, Kylee Quick, David Hoglund

January Anniversaries

- 3 David & Laurene Collings
- 9 Tom & Julie Carroll
- 30 Cliff & Pam Surko



If you don't see your special date listed here, please contact the office at 760.743.1629 or office@trinityescandido.org to give us the details.

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Senior Warden
Leila Sackfield ('25)

Junior Warden
Ron Smith ('26)

Kimberly Billman ('27)
 Boatema Boateng ('25)
 Gail Human ('25)
 Helen Joline ('27)
 Tim Miley ('25)
 Joe Stanford ('26)
 Tasha Thompson ('27)
 Mel Waterhouse ('27)
 Jonathan Cartford ('26)

Molly Smith
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Treasurer
Ange Dee

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Dave Cowles

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Joe Stanford

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Morning Service 10:00am
 In Person and Live Stream

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