

TRINITY TALK

January 2026

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A Message From Fr. Steve:

Dear Trinity Family,

As we welcome the promise and possibilities of a new year, I've found myself reflecting on what 2026 might hold for us here at Trinity. While I continue to be filled with hope, I also recognize that the journey ahead may include some rough patches. That's not a message of discouragement—but one of preparation.

Because when we anticipate challenges, we're given the opportunity to meet them with strength. And strength, I believe, begins with a firm foundation.

In uncertain times, one of the most stabilizing and life-giving choices we can make is to return to what is familiar—to what grounds us. This year, I invite you to embrace a theme of reconnection. Rather than setting rigid resolutions that may quickly fade, let your intention for 2026 be one of meaningful, lasting reconnection.

Reconnection is about more than reaching out—it's about returning to the heart of who we are and the ties that sustain us. It's about belonging. And from that place of belonging, our hope, faith, and purpose can flourish.

Here are a few ways to weave reconnection into your year:

Reconnect with Ourselves in Christ

Often in the busyness of life, we drift from the still, small voice of God. Let this be a year of return—to prayer, to Scripture, to solitude with the Lord. Make room for God's voice through journaling, worship, and silent reflection. Revisit the gifts and passions God placed in you. Practice godly self-care by listening to your body and spirit, knowing you are fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14).

2. Reconnect with Others through Community

God created us for relationship. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us to not forsake gathering together, but to encourage one another. Reach out to those you've lost touch with. Seek deeper conversations that reflect Christ's love. Commit to a small group or volunteer in a ministry—these are powerful ways to experience the Church as the body of Christ.

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3. Reconnect with God's Purpose

Align your daily life with God's calling. Ask: Lord, what do You want from me today? Choose activities that further the kingdom of God, not just your to-do list. Let small acts become sacred moments. Celebrate each faithful step, knowing your labor in the Lord is never in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

As a community of faith, we are uniquely positioned to walk this path of reconnection together. I pray that 2026 offers you a renewed sense of belonging—to yourself, to those around you, and to the miraculous grace of God that holds us all.

May this new year be full of grounding strength, sacred restoration, and life-giving connection.

God's Blessings upon you and our Trinity family as we enter into a New Year together!

Fr. Steve



Outreach Dine Out

Rodrigo's

Date: TENTATIVE
January 14, 2026
Time: 11:30am-9pm

1230 E. Katella Ave.
Orange, CA 92867

Enjoy some tacos and
enchiladas and support
Outreach!

Bring this flyer with you!
TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



2026



Feb. 13-14,
2026



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I WANT YOU

*TO COME TO THE NEXT TRINITY
PLAYERS SHOW!!*

*Trinity
Junction* ... **Take Two!**

It's Trinity Players history! We are going back in time to the very first Trinity Players show and updating it for 2026! It's also American history; the year ... 1943. You are in the audience of the opening of a new radio show:
Trinity Junction!

Friday, February 13th and Saturday, February 14th: - SHOW ONLY - Starts at 7:30 p.m.
Adults \$10; Children 6 to 11 - \$3; Children 5 and under - free



Saturday, February 14th: DINNER AND SHOW (**MAKE IT A VALENTINE'S DAY DATE!**) -
Dinner @ 6pm, show @ at 7:30 p.m.
Adults, \$20; with preferred show seating, \$25; Children 6 to 11, all seats \$8;
Children 5 and under - free.

Are you interested in trying something new this year?



Shirts N' Skirts Square Dancing Class with teacher Phil Farmer starts back up on January 14th.

Classes take place in the Youth Center on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. The first class is free, and the cost for each class after is \$6.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Harriet Whelpley at (714)904-9885

New Year, New Habits, New Opportunities

- Please write your name on the back of the board if you need help setting up your Simple Church account or if you have any questions about it. We are more than happy to help you resolve any questions you may have.
- When writing your checks with your pledges and other donations, please make sure to state in the memo if it is for your pledge or if it's for a specific ministry. We want to be as exact as possible when inputting the information.
- Would you like to receive our Weekly Newsletter and a Zoom Service invitation through email? Please contact the office and we can make that happen!



- Interested in trying something new this year? Become a Reader, LEM, acolyte, usher, or a member of our Altar Guild! Please contact the office and we can make it happen!

If you have any questions please contact the office.

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Sunday Supper is Coming!

Trinity will be hosting Sunday Supper on January 4... What a great way to begin your new year! Sign up sheets are available in the back of the church so pay them a visit!

Sunday Supper



Communities Coming Together

Questions?

Contact co-managers Donna Watson (714.745.1015 – dwatson@designer-mouse.com) or Elizabeth Blush (714.319.1452 – buzzyblush@gmail.com)



SAS Encore Presents

BINGO PARTY

Come one and all to win prizes
and to have a delicious lunch!

Thursday, January 22nd

Doors open at 11am

Please sign up on the
sheet posted in the back
of the church!

Thank you!

Trinity Episcopal Church
2400 N Canal St. Orange, CA



The Book Club

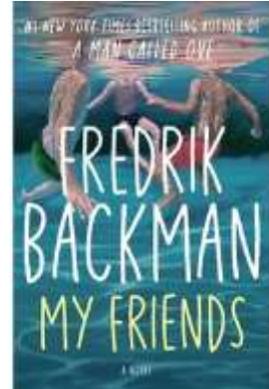
January 10, 2026 at 9:30am

The book club meets in the Library from 9:30-11:00am the 2nd Saturday of each month. Come join everyone for a truly enjoyable morning and some lively literary discussions. Interested? Please contact Laurie McKinnell at mckinnell4@aol.com.

January

My Friends by Fredrik Backman

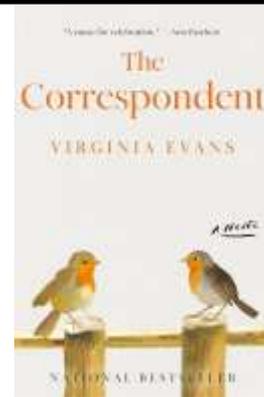
Most people don't even notice them—three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an aspiring artist herself, knows otherwise, and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.



February

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

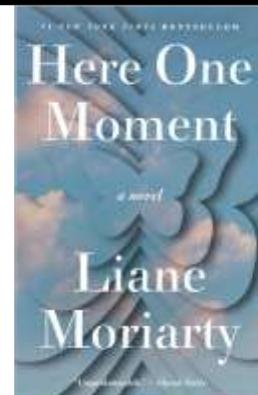
Filled with knowledge that only comes from a life fully lived, *The Correspondent* is a gem of a novel about the power of finding solace in literature and connection with people we might never meet in person. It is about the hubris of youth and the wisdom of old age, and the mistakes and acts of kindness that occur during a lifetime.



March

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty

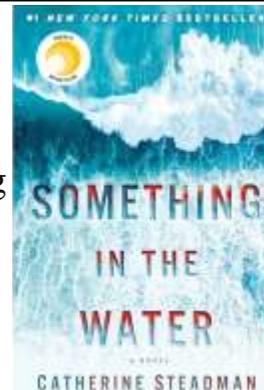
Aside from a delay, there will be no problems. The flight will be smooth, it will land safely. Everyone who gets on the plane will get off. But almost all of them will be forever changed.



April

Something in the Water by Catherine Steadman

Erin is a documentary filmmaker on the brink of a professional breakthrough, Mark a handsome investment banker with big plans. Madly in love, they embark on a dream honeymoon to the tropical island of Bora Bora. While scuba diving in the crystal blue sea, they find something in the water. . . .



Get to know a Parishioner!

Ann Walker

I was raised Catholic in a small town in upstate New York. I have always been a wanderlust and wanted to exit the cold and snow so I attended the University of Kentucky in Lexington receiving my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. After college I came to California with two sorority sisters and have loved living here ever since. Professionally, I worked at several SoCal hospitals, but my 12 years working in the ER at Hoag was my dream job and that is where I met my husband, Pat, when he was a paramedic. I finished my career of 39 years by working in outpatient surgery at the Orthopedic Specialty Institute in Orange.

Pat and I started attending Trinity in 2001 after being invited to attend a service by previous members of Trinity, Katherine & Terry Runnels. After having searched for several years, we found the perfect fit at Trinity. As a member of our congregation, I have served on many ministries through the years including Outreach, Southwest Community Center lunch program, Sunday Supper, Parish Nurse, Altar guild, Vestry twice including one year as Senior Warden, and most recently as a LEM. I have loved all these ministries as they are the heart of Trinity.

My favorite hobby by far is traveling and participating in medical missions all over the world. Africa has a special place in my heart, but I also love to travel to Mexico and Hawaii.

Sushi, sushi, sushi is my favorite food!!



We currently have a Maltipoo doggie named Abby and she is the queen of our household.

My favorite season is spring when everything is fresh and green and all the flowers start to bloom and the birds start to sing.

It's God's creation at its best!

Fun Fact: I played the trombone in our high school symphony band and was the soloist baton twirler in our marching band.

AED Location Reminder!!! **(Automatic External Defibrillator)**

As many of you know Trinity has a third AED due to the bountiful generosity of Hoag and their Faith Community Nurse Program. Our newest AED is located in the Little's Room (formerly named Brides's Room) in the sanctuary on the left wall as you immediately enter the room. Its location is marked with a three-dimensional AED sign just outside the Little's Room door. The new AED is encased in an alarmed cabinet that will sound like a siren when opened but will turn off once the cabinet door is closed. This alarm will help to deter theft as well as alert everyone of an emergency if the door is opened. Please familiarize yourself with this new defibrillator as well as our two other AEDs located in the church office and the large kitchen in the parish hall. The use of these devices is critical to saving lives in the event of a sudden cardiac arrest. Everyone at Trinity needs to know of their location. Any of your nurses will gladly show you where the devices are located and answer any questions you may have. In our certification class we are instructed to use three commands if we encounter an apparent cardiac emergency, "You call 911, you get the AED, and come right back." We all can be members of a life-saving team. Let's all do our part to be prepared.

Ann, Yvonne, Chioma & Dennis

We are in need of Acolytes, Ushers, LEMs, and Altar Guild Members

Trinity is hoping we could have some new members of each!



Please contact the parish administrator and she can help you with next steps!

Altar Flower Donations

Flowers for the Altar provide a lovely way to offer a thanksgiving or remembrance of a loved one or a special event. More than one acknowledgement may be given on a Sunday. You may offer flowers as often as you wish. Each Sunday's Altar flowers cost \$160. Any amount towards the expense is very much appreciated! Please make the donation by whichever means you choose, just make sure you indicate that it is for the Altar Flowers.

Will you support the Chapel Votive Candles?

The Altar Guild kindly invites you to support the Chapel Candle Stand each time you light a candle in remembrance — whether it's in honor of a loved one, a birthday, a special moment of joy, or during a time of sadness.

We encourage you to place a donation in the box located on the wall above the matches. Your contribution helps cover the ongoing costs of candles, holders, and matches. Thank you for your generosity and support.



-Altar Guild

Happy Birthday!

John Funk— January 1
Chioma Elendu—January 2
Dianne Judd—January 4
Grant Avise—January 7
Charles Stevenson—January 7
Renee Weddell—January 9
Don Gardner—January 10
Nell Luce—January 11
Amy Morales—January 17
Chris Parmenter—January 18
George Homer—January 19

Patricia Spencer—January 19
Hazel Knight—January 21
David Barrow—January 23
Faith Goldman—January 23
Jack Kibby—January 24
Jacob Candela—January 25
Robert Morales—January 27
Declan Anderson—January 29
Betsy Little—January 29
Sean Gavello—January 30
Toni Gavello—January 30
Miguel Sosa— January 30

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Johnny & Irma Jaime — January 10

Advent

First Sunday of Advent



Second Sunday of Advent



Third Sunday of Advent



Fourth Sunday of Advent



SAS ENCORE





Ornament Exchange



Christmas Eve





Christmas





Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols



January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Trinity Players Storage 7:00am Altar Guild Team 4 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	29 Trinity Players Storage	30 Trinity Players Storage 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	31 <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	1	2 Trinity Players Storage 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	3 Trinity Players Storage 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
4 Trinity Players Storage 7:00am Altar Guild Team 1 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SUNDAY SUPPER 4PM</div>	5 Trinity Players Storage 6:00pm Trinity Players 2026 Show 6:30pm Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Railroad Society	6 Trinity Players Storage 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	7 Trinity Players Storage Skirts - Advanced Class	8 Trinity Players Storage 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 6:30pm Orange Historical Society 7:00pm AA Meeting	9 Trinity Players Storage 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting 7:00pm OC Recorder Society	10 Trinity Players Storage 8:30am Debtors Anonymous <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">BOOK CLUB 9:30am</div>
11 Trinity Players Storage 7:00am Altar Guild Team 2 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 9:05am Spiritual Classes 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	12 Trinity Players Storage 6:00pm Trinity Players 2026 Show	13 Trinity Players Storage 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	14 <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">DINE OUT-RODRIGOS (tentative)</div> 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	15 Trinity Players Storage 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 11:30am Outreach Dine Out - Rodrigues 7:00pm AA Meeting	16 Trinity Players Storage 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	17 Trinity Players Storage 8:30am Debtors Anonymous 1:00pm DA Workshop
18 Trinity Players Storage 7:00am Altar Guild Team 3 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 9:05am Spiritual Classes 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">OFFICE CLOSED</div>	20 Trinity Players Storage 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous 6:30pm Vestry Meeting	21 Trinity Players Storage 7:00pm AI-anon Information Service Board 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	22 Trinity Players Storage 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service <div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">SAS ENCORE 11AM</div>	23 Trinity Players Storage 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	24 Trinity Players Storage 8:30am Debtors Anonymous
25 Annual Meeting Trinity Players Storage 7:00am Altar Guild Team 4 8:00am Holy Eucharist- Rite I 10:00am Holy Eucharist - Rite II	26 Trinity Players Storage 6:00pm Trinity Players 2026 Show	27 Trinity Players Storage 5:30pm Overeaters Anonymous 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous	28 Alzheimer's OC Celebration Trinity Players Storage 7:00pm Shirts & Skirts - Advanced Class	29 Trinity Players Storage 10:00am Eucharist Healing Service 7:00pm AA Meeting	30 Trinity Players Storage 9:00am Property Commission 10:00am Bible Study 12:00pm AI Anon Meeting	31 Trinity Players Storage 8:30am Debtors Anonymous