



# Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

“Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the GOSPEL of JESUS CHRIST.”

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REV. JOHN MEANDE  
Pastor  
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Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary -  
we encourage you to  
wear your mask as you  
feel comfortable.

FB live, YouTube

New Seekers Faith  
Meeting  
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room

Pastor-led Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays  
Zoom room

Church office phone  
210-684-0261  
Mondays—Thursdays  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
(or call for an  
appointment)  
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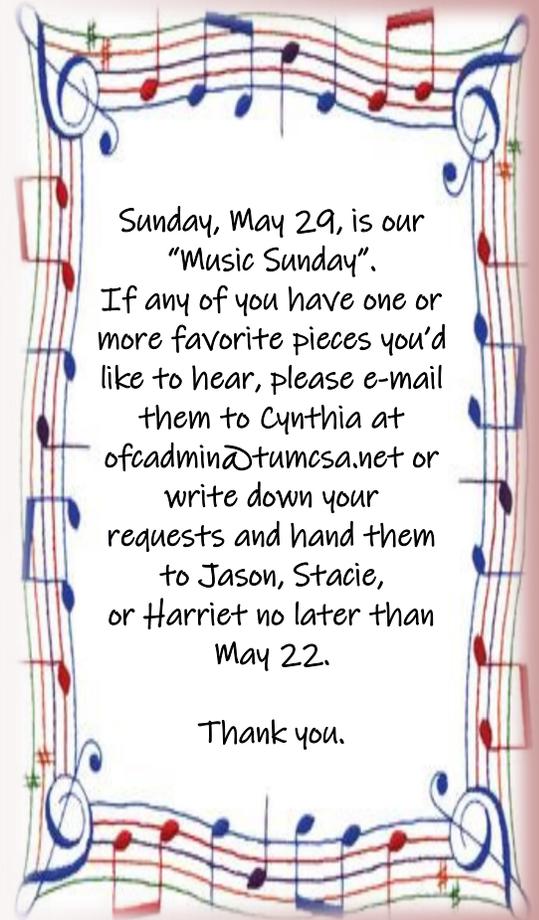
## It's Spring

Thank you, Lord, for pretty flowers  
blooming in the spring.

Thank you, Lord, for sunny days,  
and tiny birds that sing.

The animals are waking up—  
the earth is fresh and new.  
And everything that you have made  
is giving praise to you.

Song of Solomon 2:11-12



Sunday, May 29, is our  
“Music Sunday”.  
If any of you have one or  
more favorite pieces you'd  
like to hear, please e-mail  
them to Cynthia at  
ofcadmin@tumcsa.net or  
write down your  
requests and hand them  
to Jason, Stacie,  
or Harriet no later than  
May 22.

Thank you.



## 2022 Missions - MAY 2022

4th Sunday “Above and Beyond” Special Offering (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)  
**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**



“Do All the GOOD you can in ALL the PLACES you can” - John Wesley  
“Serve each other according to the gift each person has received,  
as good managers of God's diverse gifts” - 1 Peter 4:10



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# Photo Gallery 😊



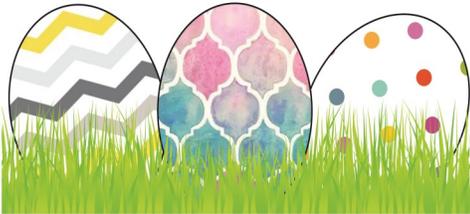
Wonderful lunch served by the Presbyterian Church in Cameroon, SA for our Wednesday group!  
Thank you!



## Fun Day at Trinity!



## EASTER EGG HUNT



**W**e are looking for someone who is competent and capable of selling merchandise on-line. This could be through Facebook Marketplace, or other sites. We have some surplus materials around the church that perhaps someone else could use. There is no sense in these items' gathering dust around the church when they could be used by someone. Hopefully this person would also be able to research the best price to ask for these materials.

Thank you.

Julie Vincent, Board Chair



**Join us for Fasting and Prayer Day here at Trinity on Thursday, MAY 19th, from 6am-12noon. Pastor John's cell phone will be open for prayer during those times.**

## APRIL 2022

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

#### IN THE SANCTUARY -

APRIL 24	41
APRIL 17	105 (MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY)
APRIL 10	44
APRIL 3	44

FACEBOOK LIVE—(Engagements: engagement is any action someone takes on your Facebook Page or one of your posts. The most common examples are reactions (including likes), comments and shares, but it can also include saves, viewing a video or clicking on the link.)

APRIL 24	50
APRIL 17	166 (MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY)
APRIL 10	73
APRIL 3	97

### TITHES & DONATIONS

(Report taken from only the counters; not including online and text giving)

APRIL 24	\$2,154
APRIL 17	\$2,572 (\$600 EASTER MUSIC)
APRIL 10	\$4,710
APRIL 3	\$5,995

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

CHERI DANCAK	1-May
JOANNE BENTON	3-May
COLLEEN KROLL	7-May
JASON BROWN	7-May
CHRISTOPHER CALK	9-May
MIRIAM MAY	9-May
CATHY McFEATERS	11-May
AUSTIN BURGE	12-May
MATTHEW SETTLES	14-May
BONNIE SMITH	14-May
FOHN D. GOANEH	15-May
PATSY HARDIN	15-May
THOMAS SETTLES	15-May
ANDREW KHAN	18-May
JONATHAN LOPEZ	19-May
EMILY CALK	23-May
TINA LOPEZ	23-May
JAN IRETON	24-May
TWILA ICENOGLA	27-May
DORCAS GOANEH	28-May
NICK BENTON	31-May

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

JEFF & CAROL WILSON	16-May
JAMES & DR JOANNE SMITH	17-May
DON & NORMA KETCHUM	25-May
BRENT & SHADIA PHILLIPS	31-May

The other day I was watching some people running the yearly “Mount Cameroon race of Hope”- a marathon. I have never tried one, even as a teenager. Maybe I was scared of my output, or I just got connected to team sports more than individual sports. But marathons seem tough and longer, and it seems the mental toughness equates the physical to be able to start and end in record time.



However, I like watching marathons, maybe because it is a yearly event in my home town where over a thousand athletes from around the globe gather once every February to run up and down “the chariots of the Mountain of God,” as the Cameroon Mountain was named by the Portuguese in the fourteenth century. The starting point of this race is about 18 miles from the sea level, with the athletes running to the summit of the mountain that stood above sea level at 13,353 feet and back.

The race is expected to take approximately 8 hours, with runners passing through the city, before disappearing into the thick equatorial forest, the mountainous vegetation and the snow as they climb up the slope to the summit of the mountain. In about 4hrs and 32 minutes from the start as I watched, the champion appeared from the forest, tired and weak, and slowly running down the slope of the mountain into the presence of the first group of crowds. The drums beat, the flutes sang and the spectators danced.

His family and friends began to run with him on the sidewalk, offering him water to rehydrate and cheering him up. Then he gained speed and accelerated down the slope with strength. The police and the media swamped him on both sides as he ran the last three miles unchallenged to the finish line in the stadium amidst thunderous applause from the spectators. After the first 20 athletes made it to the stadium, the euphoria began to die down gradually as some of the athletes came almost unnoticed by even their friends and families.

What captivated my attention was one family that waited at the edge of the forest until their loved one, though tired and wiped out, appeared almost 7 hours after the start of the race. The pump and celebration generated by the friends and family drew the attention of the cops and the media and got the crowd to re-engage as they ran alongside this athlete with placards reading “This is our champion” and “This is our hero” These people were not discouraged that their son was among the last athletes to finish the race, but were excited that he did finish the race.

Jesus too is waiting at the edge, not bothering about when we shall finish, but is excited that we are on course and will finish this Christian race, because we are his champion and we are his hero.



Together for Christ,  
*Rev. John N. Meande*



## Weekly Recurring Meetings:

- Prayer meeting is every Monday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- Pastor-led Bible study is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.; please join us via zoom.
- New Seekers faith meeting meets on Thursdays at 3:00pm via zoom.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links.

## Trinity is asking for volunteers to ...

**This**  
**N**  
**That**

- ..... usher on Sundays at our worship services.
- ..... help in the church office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.
- ..... broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).
- ..... help with the Family Life Committee. They are responsible for our social activities, e.g. July 4th luncheon and sing-along, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, and Super Chili Bowl Cook-off.

If you are led to serve in these areas, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.

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## **JOIN THE NEW SEEKERS (N' FIPS)**

NEW SEEKERS/FIPS LUNCHEON MEETINGS ARE EVERY SUNDAY (EXCEPT 5TH SUNDAYS)  
AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

1ST SUNDAY - JASON'S DELI, 5819 NW LOOP 410

2ND SUNDAY -ROYAL INN, 5440 BABCOCK

3RD SUNDAY, BILL MILLER BBQ, WURZBACH @ BANDERA

4TH SUNDAY - SEA ISLAND, 5959 NW LOOP 410

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**TRADER'S**  
**TOWN**  
**COUNTRY**  
**MARKET**

*Farmers' Market*  
*Here at Trinity!*

(Parking Lot facing Wurzbach)

MAY 4	3:00-8:00PM
MAY 7	9:00AM-3:00PM
MAY 25	3:00-8:00PM
MAY 28	9:00AM-3:00PM

## *"The Peace of Christ Be With You"*

**H**ow many times do we say this to each other? Since I usually lead it, I know it is every Sunday. Do we say empty words, or do we really mean it? I truly believe that most of us do wish for the peace of Christ for each other and for ourselves. Think how stressful life is for most people. Just knowing that Christ is always with us and that God is taking care of us should give us enormous peace!

I know we all have been hearing about the war in Ukraine since February 24th. Surely, no one there is really at peace, but I know there actually are people there who trust God implicitly and don't worry about the future. (They are probably few and far between, but I know they are there). How many of us have that kind of trust in God?

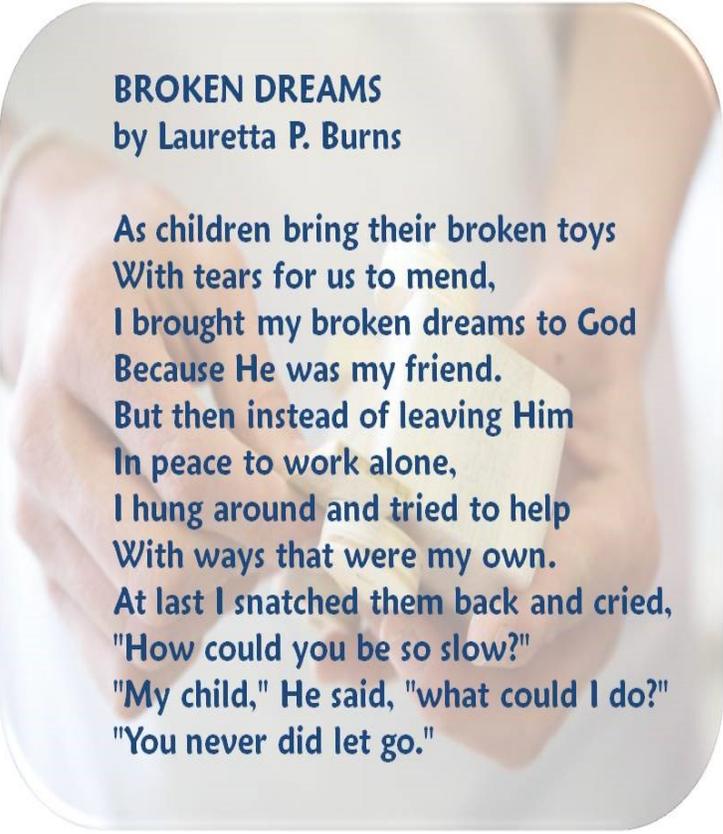
So very many people are just "stressed out" these days. We have constant worry about our jobs, our families, our health, and/or our world, in general. Don't misunderstand me - I believe they are legitimate worries; I know we want to trust God, but we just aren't sure. We trust God to a certain point, but we try to take care of things, ourselves, just in case. There is a poem, which I will attach to this, that basically implies that God can't do what we ask because we keep trying to do the task, ourselves. Do we trust in God, or not?

I know I have said it before, but I will say it again - my paternal grandmother believed that it was a sin to worry because it meant we didn't trust God. There is a lot of truth to that! As an employer, when you give someone a task, do you leave it to the

employee to get it done; or do you check up on the work and even try to do it, yourself, because you're not sure it will be done right? When you give ANYONE a task, do you leave it to be done without helping, or do you try to help more than is really needed. Don't give the assignment to someone if you don't trust him/her to do it - including God!!

Even Jesus' disciples had to be told repeatedly, "Peace be with you." They knew Jesus better than anyone, and, yet, they were still uneasy about the future. Are we as insecure as they were? Of course, we are at times, but I hope we trust in Him most of the time.

### **BROKEN DREAMS** by Laretta P. Burns



As children bring their broken toys  
With tears for us to mend,  
I brought my broken dreams to God  
Because He was my friend.  
But then instead of leaving Him  
In peace to work alone,  
I hung around and tried to help  
With ways that were my own.  
At last I snatched them back and cried,  
"How could you be so slow?"  
"My child," He said, "what could I do?"  
"You never did let go."

..... continued

If we ARE secure, then, we need to pass that offering of peace to those who are not so secure. When you visit someone in the hospital, please pass that peace to him/her. If you have a need to visit someone in jail or prison, please let him/her know that he/she is not alone, that you will be praying for him/her and that God will not forsake him/her.

Comforting words from us may be just what these people need most! People in these places and in homes where their spouses or children have passed or just moved out are VERY lonely places! When you "pass the peace," don't just say the words; really show that peace can be theirs.

May the peace of Christ be with you!!

Harriet Phillips

Lay Leader

## God Says

You say: It's impossible

**God says:** All things are possible (Lk.18:27)

You say: I'm too tired

**God says:** I will give you rest (Mt. 11:28-30)

You say: Nobody loves me

**God says:** I love you (Jn 3:16)

You say: I can't go on

**God says:** My grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9)

You say: I can't figure things out

**God says:** I will direct your steps (Prov.3:5-6)

You say: I can't do it

**God says:** You can do all things (Phil.4:13)

You say: I'm not able

**God says:** I am able (2 Cor. 9:8)

You say: It's not worth it

**God says:** It will be worth it (Rom. 8:28)

You say: I can't forgive myself

**God says:** I forgive you (1 John 1:9)

You say: I can't manage

**God says:** I will supply all your needs (Phil. 4:19)

You say: I'm afraid

**God says:** I have not given you a spirit of fear (2 Tim 1:7)

You say: I'm always worried and frustrated

**God says:** Cast all your care on me (1 Pet. 5:7)

You say: I'm not smart enough

**God says:** I give you wisdom (1 Cor. 1:30)

You say: I feel all alone

**God says:** I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5)

