



# Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

“The *mission* of Trinity UMC is to make disciples of **Jesus Christ** for the *transformation of the world.*”

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SUNDAY

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

School for all ages

11:15 a.m.

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HOURS:

Monday through

Thursday

9:00 am- 4:00 pm

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## PASTOR'S PEN

*A word from the heart*

**D**ear Friends,

In the last chapter of the book of Joshua, Joshua calls the people of Israel together before sending them out to receive their inheritance. First, he admonishes them to choose which God they will serve. To this admonition he adds, “as for me and my household, we will serve the *LORD*” (Jos 24:15). I encourage you to think of this service prayer and repentance as our opportunity to gather and declare our faithfulness to the covenant and our resolve to carry forward the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

As a church, we have come a long way and we have achieved much, hold fast to what we have attained. Take pride in the history of our church. Let us press on together toward the goal. A goal which is nothing less than the transformation of the world. Let us answer the call of God in Christ Jesus as one people. As Paul said, “Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you.”

As always, I give thanks to God for each of you.

*Pastor Bob*

\*\* Ministry Opportunities: Let us know what interests you. You may also write in your own ideas.

For more information, please contact Pastor Bob at [pastor@tumcsa.net](mailto:pastor@tumcsa.net) or at 210-684-0261. Thank you.

\*\* Ramadan Iftar Dinner—Please RSVP w/Cynthia. Celebrating with Laurel Heights. Monday, June 3, 2019, from 7:30-9:30pm at Raindrop Foundation 4337 Vance Jackson, ste 203.

\*\* GODLY PLAY—Need volunteers! Please call the office at 210-684-0261.

\*\* Book club is reading "The Road Back to You" by Ian M. Cron and Suzanne Stabile. We will meet at 2:00pm on June 10th in room #1 of the Null building. See you!

**2019 Missions - JUNE**  
**Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings:**  
**CAMPUS MINISTRIES**

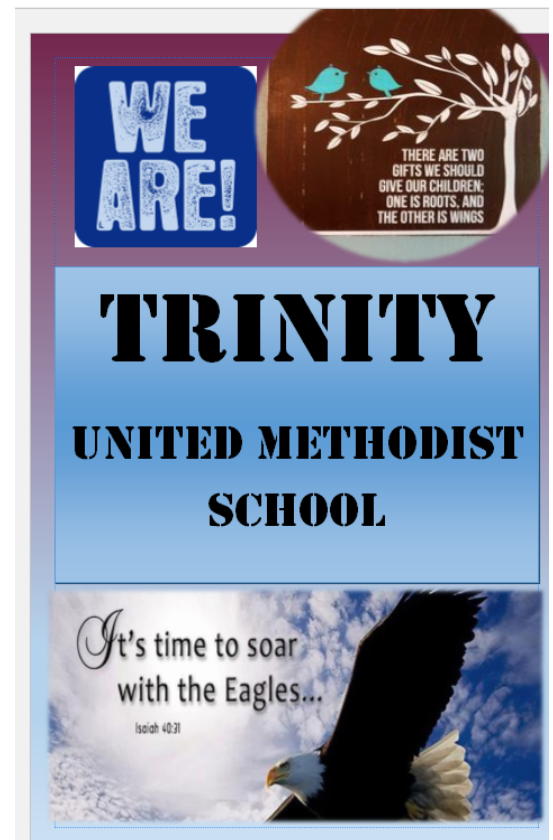
# Trinity United Methodist School

Another school year has come and gone. May was quite busy. There were our annual preschool and elementary spring programs, several field trips and the fourth and fifth grade retreat to Mo Ranch in Hunt, TX. We then finished up the year with our kindergarten and fifth grade graduations. We have had a blessed year.

Exciting changes are coming to Trinity for the 2019-2020 school year. We will be transitioning to an early childhood education format, enrolling children ages 18 months through kindergarten, with a concentration on STEAM. STEAM is a program that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. It is based on real-life, practical projects and their applications. In addition, we will incorporate the Outdoor Classroom, Yoga, Early Christian Awareness and Godly Play.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact the school office at (210) 684-5214 for further information. Schedule your tour today as open enrollment is now underway.

The staff at Trinity United Methodist School would like to take this opportunity to express their gratitude to the church and all its members. Thank you so much for all you do for us and our families and students. We wish each and every one of you a happy and restful summer. Stay safe and we'll see you back in August. *For more information on the above or any questions about the school, you may contact the office at (210)684-5214.*



## *First Fruits and First Checks*

“Travel with me in your mind to a setting that occurred thousands of years ago in the desert. We see multitudes of people full of joy approaching the tabernacle of God. They are coming with their sacrifices and tithes to give thanks to God for all that He has done. As we approach the tabernacle we see the beautiful blue, purple, and scarlet drapes hanging to the ground. After entering the tabernacle we see a huge bronze altar, forever burning. After walking a short distance, our nostrils are filled with the smell of incense. We see the curtains surrounding the Holy Place, and we know behind those curtains lie the Most Holy Place—the place where God lives, on top of the Ark between the cherubs. We are there to offer sacrifices and give a tenth to the Lord, our first fruits.

“Today, we don’t offer animal sacrifices to God. However, we can still celebrate all that God has done for us by bringing our tithes before the Lord. We know the Lord does not live on top of a box behind a curtain. Our God is here in this place, among us now, ready to accept our gifts!

“About eight or nine years ago, my wife Georgia and I joined LakeRidge. At that time we had several college loans, a car payment, a young daughter, etc. etc. Boy, were we giving and giving. The typical beginning of the month was to pay all the bills. Then to give to the church what was left over. Which I can assure you was not very much.

“A short time later, we were challenged to participate in the ‘Forward in Faith’ campaign. Our first response was ‘We can’t give more to the church, we barely make it now.’ However, we sought God and trusted Him and we took what felt like a gigantic leap of faith.

“Realizing that we were doing things backwards, the next month I did things in reverse. I wrote the first check to our church. I paid the bills with what was left. At the end of the month, we had made had made it!

“The Bible makes the purpose of tithing very clear—to put God first in our lives. We are to give God the first and the best part of what we earn. What we do first with our money shows what we value most. Giving the first part of our earnings to God immediately focuses our attention on Him. It also reminds us that all we have belongs to Him. A habit of regular tithing keeps God at the top of our priority list and gives us proper perspective on everything else we have.

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## hat if others treated you the way you treat them?

Yes, this is a backwards way of looking at the Golden Rule. Somehow it speaks to me more from this angle. I feel like not doing anything “bad” is being passive. Doing something “good” is being active. There are sins of commission and sins of omission. If you didn’t call someone when he missed church or lost someone to death or was in the hospital, you have committed a sin of omission. If you caused a death or purposely put someone in the hospital, you have committed a sin of commission.

When you tell someone he is not good enough to sing in the choir or pretty enough to be a model or smart enough to work in an office, you may feel that you are simply telling the truth and believing that that shouldn’t hurt a person’s feelings. Just stand in the mirror and say that same thing to yourself. Would it have hurt you to hear it from someone else?

Do you say things or do things that you know will hurt? Have you asked yourself, “Why?” Was it really meant to be constructive criticism, or were you trying to build yourself up by tearing someone else down? I am convinced that when people tear others down with either words or deeds, those people are insecure. As a teacher or trainer, it could be your job to tell people what they have done wrong or where the need to improve; but unless you really are an expert on whatever you are criticizing, you have no right to say anything. Really! Do you secretly hope that your “target” will go home and cry after hearing you? So, are you really a Christian?

We all have talents. Some of us have many talents; some have only a few, or only one. Look at the result of your work to see whether what you did was a talent or just a desire for one. As a child I wanted to be a Rockette! Then, I found out I had to be between 5’ 6” and 5’ 8” and I had to be coordinated. Neither of those things is true. However, give me a stack of what would appear to be way too much to fit into a suitcase or closet, and I WILL get it in there!

Please listen to the words coming (or about to come) out of your mouth and try to hear them coming back to you. Would you have been hurt? I understand you could have been trying to help, but you really need to MAKE SURE the recipient knows that is your goal. If your only intent was to hurt, then, you are not being a Christian, and you have accomplished nothing positive.

All sins are not murders or thefts or abuses. Some are only small ones that might even hurt more than these “big” ones. And, yes, I know things sometimes just leap out of my mouth before I have time to consider them. I really try to control my mouth, but it isn’t always easy. All I can ask of myself or anyone is to give it the best effort.

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

Plan to attend our annual Indoor, **Independence Day Picnic** in the church gym on **Sunday, June 30, at noon**. All food will be furnished: Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, veggies, tossed salad, potato salad, beverages, and cookies. We will enjoy our patriotic sing-a-long lead by music director, Jason Brown.

We will set up the gym on Saturday June 29th about 10:00. Please let Connie Medrano know if you can assist with set up, cooking, or clean-up – 210-585-1494 or medrano4@att.net . See you at the picnic 😊.





Happy Birthday to:

- LIZ CAVIN 3-Jun
- TONY AGUILAR 4-Jun
- CHRISTY WILSON 4-Jun
- MADISEN DYE 8-Jun
- MARY ROGERS 9-Jun
- REV. ELMER BECK 12-Jun
- JANIS WINN 13-Jun
- JOSEPH PHAIR, JR. 13-Jun
- CLAUDIA BURGE 14-Jun
- HENRY LARES 17-Jun
- KATHY SETTLES-HOREJSI 18-Jun
- WAYNE VANDEVENTER 22-Jun
- BILL CAVIN 23-Jun
- SANDRA KEYSER 25-Jun
- RAMON JUSTO ALVARADO, JR. 27-Jun
- JOY PATRICK 30-Jun

Happy Anniversary to:

- DON & CHERI DANCAK 5-Jun
- RENO & CONNIE GERMANN 9-Jun
- GENE & PAM SPRAGUE 11-Jun
- REV. BOB & DONNA CLARK 15-Jun
- ETHAN AND MARY ELIZABETH CALK 22-Jun
- FRED & LOUISE LYLE 23-Jun
- DON & ANGIE KHAN 30-Jun
- TONY & KAY AGUILAR 30-Jun



I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in the church/school cookie program. Every Tuesday dedicated church members served cookies, with tea and/or lemonade to our TUMS students. Others provided cookies and had them at the church in sandwich bags ready to serve. The exclamation, "today is cookie day" and the gratitude expressed by our school kids and staff was wonderful.

Thank you for giving your time and resources in support of this ministry.

Liz Cavin

May 28, 2019  
Dear Ladies,  
Thank you for treating us with lemonade and cookies every Tuesday. The cookies were delicious. I will miss not getting any lemonade and cookies next year.

Your truly,  
Nicolas

Max  
May 28, 2019  
Dear Ladies,  
Thank you for treating us with lemonade and cookies every Tuesday. The lemonade tastes good and also the cookies too.

Yours truly,  
Max

May 28, 2019  
Dear Ladies,  
Thank you for treating us with lemonade and cookies every Tuesday. I hope you can come next year. Both were very yummy. I wish I could come back in August.

Yours truly,  
Lola

May 28, 2019  
Dear Ladies,  
Thank you for treating us with lemonade and cookies every Tuesday. The cookies were very good. My family liked them too. I liked sharing the cookies with them.

Yours truly,  
Frank

