



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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Dear Friends,

Christians are sometimes referred to as the People of the Book. This is due in part to the high value we supposedly place on the Bible as God's self-revelation and our belief that the Bible contains all things necessary and sufficient for salvation. We say that we believe the Bible provides the ethical framework upon which we hang our every moral decision. The public reading of scripture has from the very beginning been an integral part of our Christian worship, and, since the reformation private reading of the scriptures for both devotion and study has been encouraged. Therefore, it always comes as a surprise how little most of us know of the Bible. Very few indeed are the Christians who have read the entire Bible from cover to cover. Even more rare those who have made a concerted attempt to gain an in depth understanding of the Bible as a whole.

I would like to suggest that true discipleship is born of an intimate relationship with the Biblical text. If, as we say, the Bible is God's special self-revelation. It follows that the best way to know God is through Scripture. To follow in the way of Christ, we must first know the way Christ and the best way for us to gain that knowledge is by spending time immersed in the Bible. Simply put, the best source we have concerning the way of Christ is the Bible. Therefore, following Jesus, being his disciple, must include reading the Bible and a regular basis.

Having established the importance of continual engagement with the Biblical text, I feel obligated to warn against the private interpretation of Scripture. The Bible is best read in community. We all read through the lens of personal experience. I read the Bible as a sixty-three-year-old, educated, white American male born in the Midwest who has spent over half of his life in Texas. All of that, and more, colors how I read and interpret the Bible. Therefore, I benefit from reading with other whose lenses are radically different from my own.

For these and other reasons, Trinity is offers opportunities to engage with the Biblical text. On Tuesdays at 11:00 there is a pastor led Bible study which in class room #3 I the Null building. Everyone is welcomed in this ongoing study, which consists of reading through and discussing various books of the Bible. The group is currently reading through the Book of Exodus. Beginning May 13 at 6:30 p.m., a six-week class called Biblical Authority and the Good life will begin to explore the use of the Bible as a guide to moral living in our post-modern world. In this class we will explore various ways of reading and interpreting scripture for application in our daily lives. Trinity also offers ongoing adult Sunday School. Currently there is only one class, which meets at 11:15 in the parlor of the Null Building. If none of these opportunities work for or appeal to you, I would suggest getting together with a handful of others to form your own Bible club. You could all choose a book to read together meeting weekly to discuss your various insights, questions, and surprises.

2019 Missions - MAY
Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings:
PROJECT TRANSFORMATION—YOUTH

The bottom line is this. Reading the Bible regularly is an important part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and reading the Bible in community is the best way to get the most out of Scripture. Therefore, I encourage all of you to join with a group of others and read the Bible.

What United Methodists believe about the Bible

United Methodists share with other Christians the conviction that Scripture is the primary source and criterion for Christian doctrine. Through Scripture the living Christ meets us in the experience of redeeming grace.

We are convinced that Jesus Christ is the living Word of God in our midst whom we trust in life and death. The biblical authors, illumined by the Holy Spirit,

bear witness that in Christ the world is reconciled to God. The Bible bears authentic testimony to God's self-disclosure in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as well as in God's work of creation, in the pilgrimage of Israel, and in the Holy Spirit's ongoing activity in human history.

As we open our minds and hearts to the Word of God through the words of human beings inspired by the Holy Spirit, faith is born and nourished, our understanding is deepened, and the possibilities for transforming the world become apparent to us.

The Bible is sacred canon for Christian people, formally acknowledged as such by historic ecumenical councils of the church. Our doctrinal standards identify as canonical thirty-nine books of the Old Testament and the twenty-seven books of the New Testament. Our standards affirm the Bible as the source of all that is "necessary" and "sufficient" unto salvation (Articles of Religion) and "is to be received through the Holy Spirit as the true rule and guide for faith and practice" (Confession of Faith). We properly read Scripture within the believing community, informed by the tradition of that community. We interpret individual texts in light of their place in the Bible as a whole. We are aided by scholarly inquiry and personal insight, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As we work with each text, we take into account what we have been able to learn about the original context and intention of that text. In this understanding we draw upon the careful historical, literary, and textual studies of recent years, which have enriched our understanding of the Bible.

Through this faithful reading of Scripture, we may come to know the truth of the biblical message in its bearing on our own lives and the life of the world. Thus, the Bible serves both as a source of our faith and as the basic criterion by which the truth and fidelity of any interpretation of faith is measured.

While we acknowledge the primacy of Scripture in theological reflection, our attempts to grasp its meaning always involve tradition, experience, and reason. Like Scripture, these may become creative vehicles of the Holy Spirit as they function within the Church. They quicken our faith, open our eyes to the wonder of God's love, and clarify our understanding.

The Wesleyan heritage, reflecting its origins in the catholic and reformed ethos of English Christianity, directs us to a self-conscious use of these three sources in interpreting Scripture and in formulating faith statements based on the biblical witness. These sources are, along with Scripture, indispensable to our theological task.

The close relationship of tradition, experience, and reason appears in the Bible itself. Scripture witnesses to a variety of diverse traditions, some of which reflect tensions in interpretation within the early Judeo-Christian heritage. However, these traditions are woven together in the Bible in a manner that expresses the fundamental unity of God's revelation as received and experienced by people in the diversity of their own lives.

The developing communities of faith judged them, therefore, to be an authoritative witness to that revelation. In recognizing the interrelationship and inseparability of the four basic resources for theological understanding, we are following a model that is present in the biblical text itself.

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

Pastor Bob





Scholarships

"The Lord is good. His love is forever, and His loyalty goes on and on." (Psalm 100: 5 NCV) God's blessings never end.

We see His blessings every day in our lives and in our church. The Permanent Endowment Fund (PEF) is one of those many blessings. We have also been blessed by the leaders that

followed God's call to make the PEF happen. Jim Chambers, our sainted Lou Armstrong, and Fred Lyle are those blessed leaders. Because they answered God's call, we can say, "it's scholarship time at Trinity." We're so blessed to offer our assistance to the students doing all the hard work to further their education.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year may be found on the church's website, tumcsa.net, or pick one up at the church office.

Applicants must have been a member of Trinity United Methodist for one year, must have been an active participant in the life of the church, must provide three (3) letters of recommendation (NEW applicants only), must have achieved grades in high school or in an institution of higher learning that suggest he/she is capable of completing the proposed academic program, and must provide information concerning his/her financial situation. New applicants will be interviewed. This requirement is waived for returning applicants. Returning applicants will need to furnish a new application. Applications are due Sunday, May 26, in the church office.

Grace and peace be with you all,

Sandy Keyser



Our Food Pantry is running low on food. You may drop off the following non-perishable food items in the Null building (church office). Please check the expiration date. We do not give out expired food items. Below is the list. Thank you so much for your generous love and support for this cause.

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| Instant Noodles | Canned soups | Trail Mix |
| Peanut Butter | Canned pasta | Crackers |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned Mac & Cheese | Dried fruits |
| Canned Fruits | Apple sauce | Packaged snacks |

Ministry Opportunities

As a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, you have made a commitment to "faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness (UMH p.38). Let us know what interest you. You may also write in your own ideas.

For more information, please contact Pastor Bob at pastor@tumcsa.net or at 210-684-0261.

REGISTER NOW

Only ONE month left in the school year! We have had such a great year and don't plan on slowing down yet. We have field trips, class pictures and graduations before we close out 2018-2019. Then, it's full STEAM ahead to next year.

What is STEAM you ask? It's a program that focuses on Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics. It is based on real-life, practical projects and their applications. We will be transitioning to a preschool -only format with a focus on STEAM. In addition, we will incorporate the Outdoor Classroom, Yoga, Early Christian Awareness and Godly Play. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool, please contact the school office between 8:30am and 3:30pm for further information as open enrollment has already begun.

Finally, we at Trinity United Methodist School would like to wish you a Happy Easter. We hope you enjoy your time with family and friends as we all celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of life everlasting. For more information on the above or any questions about the school, you may contact the office at (210)684-5214.

WE ARE!

THERE ARE TWO GIFTS WE SHOULD GIVE OUR CHILDREN: ONE IS ROOTS, AND THE OTHER IS WINGS

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST SCHOOL

It's time to soar with the Eagles...
Isaiah 40:31

Happy Birthday to:

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| CHERI DANCAK | 1-May | SOILA LARES | 19-May |
| JOANNE BENTON | 3-May | KAITLYN PHAIR | 21-May |
| COLLEEN KROLL | 7-May | EMILY CALK | 23-May |
| JASON BROWN | 7-May | TINA LOPEZ | 23-May |
| CHRISTOPHER CALK | 9-May | JAN IRETON | 24-May |
| MIRIAM MAY | 9-May | LETHA ADAMS | 27-May |
| CATHY McFEATERS | 11-May | TWILA ICENOGLE | 27-May |
| MATTHEW SETTLES | 14-May | JEFFREY ARNOLD | 28-May |
| BONNIE SMITH | 14-May | DORCAS GOANEH | 28-May |
| FOHN D. GOANEH | 15-May | NICK BENTON | 31-May |
| PATSY HARDIN | 15-May | Happy Anniversary to: | |
| THOMAS SETTLES | 15-May | JEFF & CAROL WILSON | 16-May |
| ANDREW KHAN | 18-May | JAMES & DR JOANNE SMITH | 17-May |
| JONATHAN LOPEZ | 19-May | DON & NORMA KETCHUM | 25-May |

(If we have missed your special day, please notify Cynthia in the church office.)

