



The Trinity Times



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

WELCOME TO Trinity United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road | San Antonio TX 78240 | www.tumcsa.net | 210-684-0261 | NOVEMBER 2016

Dear Friends,

As we move into the last quarter of the year, I pause to reflect on the wonderful new thing God is doing in and through Trinity United Methodist Church. I hope each of you will do the same. I would particularly like to invite you to reflect on your role in the life and ministry of Trinity. How are you growing and serving Jesus in and through the local church?

To all who choose to believe in him, Jesus offers a simple invitation, "Follow me." To all who accept this invitation, Jesus promises an amazing adventure, a journey along the way of salvation that will transform the disciple in heart mind and soul. To those who choose to follow, Jesus makes this promise, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see the heavens opened up and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

You may well ask what Jesus means by this strange sounding promise. If so, the best answer is simply "Come and See." What new thing does God have in store for you? Come and see. What new thing is God doing in this community? Come and see. What new thing is God doing in and through the ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church? Come and see.

There is an important distinction between confessing faith in Jesus Christ and following him. To confess faith in Jesus Christ requires only intellectual assent. To follow in his footsteps, to become a disciple requires movement; following requires action. Every disciple of Jesus Christ needs to be actively following Jesus in two ways.

Firstly, he or she must be involved in some type of personal spiritual formation. In Wesleyan terms, that means regularly engaging in acts of personal piety. These being reading, meditating and studying the scriptures, prayer, fasting, regularly attending worship, healthy living, and sharing our faith with others. Additionally, one must regularly share in the sacraments, Christian conversation, and Bible study.

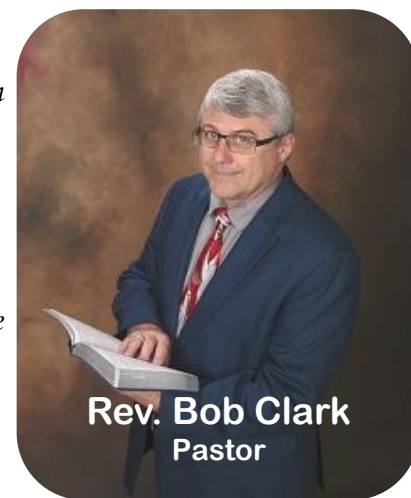
The second way is through works of mercy, such as, doing good works, visiting the sick, visiting those in prison, feeding the hungry, and giving generously to the needs of others, seeking justice, ending oppression and discrimination, and addressing the needs of the poor.

Again, I invite each of us to take some time to reflect on the ways in which we are living into the invitation to become disciples of Jesus Christ. At the same time, ask how we as a church are helping others to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ? What are we doing well? What could we do better? On December 4, we will gather after worship to share a common meal (potluck). After we eat we will meet to celebrate what God has already done in and through Trinity and to look forward to what may come in 2017. We will also use this time to complete the annual business of the local church, by electing new officers, approving reports, and setting the pastor's compensation for the coming year. Please plan to attend this very important event!

In his Service,

Pastor Bob

Pastor's Corner



Rev. Bob Clark
Pastor

Do you respond
generously to the
infinite love of
God?

An Epitaph

In the past few months I have attended several funerals/memorial services. At all of them I heard wonderful things about the decedent. It made me think about what would be said about me at my service. I heard such great things about others, such as that he or she never lost his/her temper, or he/she was always willing to lend a helping hand. I know I have lost my temper more than a few times. I am often willing to lend a helping hand, but sometimes I am not. I try to live my life so that only nice things will be said of me, but I have a long way to go. I can only hope that the good things will outweigh the bad things. I don't care whether they say that I was sweet or gentle. I do hope they say that I was fair and that I was willing to fight for what I believed in.

What do you expect to be said about you? Are you living your life so that only good things will be said about you? Do you even want only good things to be said? What about attendees? Will your service be like the service in "All of Me"? In that movie Lily Tomlin's character had no friends so that only companies who were used often by her and were appreciative of the amount of money she had spent toward them felt any obligation to attend. Who will come to your service? Will attendees know that you were a Christian without having to ask someone? When you go, will they know what kind of service to have? Will they feel the need to even have a service at all?

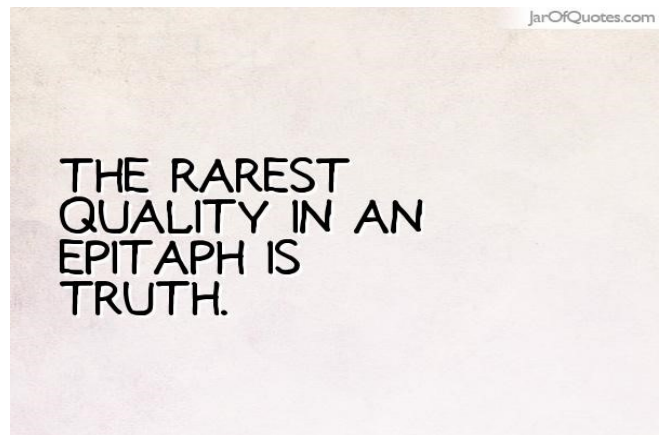
If you went tomorrow, what would people say about you? Are you planning to wait until you know it's about time for you to go before you change your ways? Remember, we don't know the day or hour when our time will come. I would like to suggest that you live every day, even every minute, as if it might be your last so that great things will be said of you and so that many people will want to come to your service.

Never mind living every day so that you will make it to heaven.

I'm sure God wants you to live each day witnessing for him.

If you do that, nice things will be said of you, and you will see God in heaven. I know I won't be able to do this all the time, but it is my goal to live each day hoping only positive things will be said about me.

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader



Following the 11:00 service on Sunday, Nov. 20th, we will have our annual Thanksgiving dinner in the gym.

All food is provided: ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, tossed salad and dressings, beverages, and desserts.

A freewill offering can be made to offset expenses.

Everyone is invited so bring family and friends.

The gym will be decorated for this meal on Saturday,

Nov. 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Trinity's Annual Rummage Sale!

RENTAL FEE SUPPORTS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- Ø Bring your treasures
- Ø Rent a table for \$10.00
- Ø You may bring your own canopy and chairs.
- Ø Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic.

NOVEMBER 5, 2016 | 9am-3pm

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6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240

Parking lot (In gym during bad weather)
210-684-0261 church office OR 210-296-8866 (John Reed).



Donating altar flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the altar. You can choose any available Sunday to donate flowers. Flowers can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday you select. If you prefer, you can simply give the flowers to the Glory of God. They are truly a gift that touches many people! Call the church office at 210-684-0261 to make these arrangements. Thank you.



WEDNESDAYS
Together

Choir rehearsals starting at 6:30 pm on Wednesdays.

For more information (or if you would like to join the choir), please contact our music director Jason Brown at (210-684-0261).

It's time for a change...

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour at 2:00 am on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016



Advent begins Sunday, Nov. 27, 2016

Generosity Matters

"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father."
- Matthew 5:16

As Christian stewards, we all have our God-given talents and treasures.

Let us use these to reach out to others and respond to



WHEN WE GIVE FROM THE HEART,
WE RECEIVE
UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS—
ESPECIALLY THE JOY OF MAKING
A DIFFERENCE IN
SOMEONE'S LIFE.

2016 Missions Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings

- **January** - Church World Service, Blanket Fund #982810
- **February** - Jireh House
- **March** - One Great Hour of Sharing
- **April** - Children's Shelter
- **May** - Camperships for Youth
- **June** - Muziti Missions (Zimbabwe)
- **July** - San Antonio U. M. Campus Ministry Foundation
- **August** - The Holding Institute, First UMC Laredo
- **September** - Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)
- **October** - Jireh House (Thanksgiving offering)
- **November** - Fairfield Children's Homes (Omaha, NE 68114) www.fosakids.org
- **December** - Providence Place

Happy Birthday to:

DWIGHT HALE	2-Nov
RYAN LANDERS	3-Nov
PAUL GERTH	7-Nov
CALEB WILSON	8-Nov
CONNIE MEDRANO	10-Nov
JEFF WILSON	11-Nov
CINDY COZART	14-Nov
JAMES PARKS VINCENT	14-Nov
ELORINE ECKHARDT	19-Nov
KAREN BROWN	21-Nov
TRAVIS McCOWN	21-Nov
JIM LANDERS	23-Nov
BETTY C. HANSON	24-Nov
JAMES SMITH	25-Nov

Happy Anniversary to:

ERICK & JOANNE BENTON	1-Nov
KATHY SETTLES-HOREJSI & FRANK HOREJSI	12-Nov
JORY & JULIE VINCENT	12-Nov

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

Thank you for joining the Trinity United Methodist Church.

When we joined the church,
we pledged to uphold it
with our prayers.

**Please pray for our
church every day at
noon by simply
saying**

**“JESUS I TRUST IN
YOU”**

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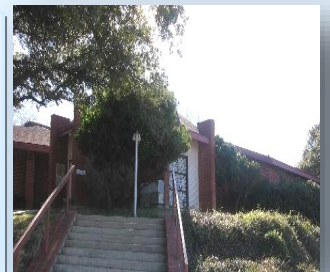
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... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47.

*Jesus said, “Come follow Me and
I will make you fishers of men”.*

Worship Services: Sundays 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*
*Praise and Worship service is every second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for all ages: Sundays 9:45 a.m.

