



# 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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## 2023 Missions - JUNE

4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering  
(Please give generously)

## Peace With Justice Sunday

"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



... is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. Many countries celebrate it on the third Sunday of June, but it is also celebrated widely on other days. Father's Day was created to complement Mother's Day, a celebration that honors mothers and motherhood. Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington at the YMCA in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd, who was born in Arkansas. Its first celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Her father, the Civil

War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children there. After hearing a sermon about Jarvis' Mother's Day in 1909, she told her pastor that fathers should have a similar holiday honoring them. Although she initially suggested June 5, her father's birthday, the pastors did not have enough time to prepare their sermons, and the celebration was deferred to the third Sunday of June.



*F*arewell to Reverend John Meande and Family.  
On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee,  
I want to send blessings and thanks to Reverend John  
Meande and his family for their faithful and dedicated  
service at Trinity United Methodist Church over these  
past three years. To Reverend Meande we leave these  
special words:

*In our prayers for you, we pray,  
That God will bless you in a special way,  
Your wonderful smile, your warm handshake,  
your words of concern our day does make,  
For this, our Pastor, we say "Thank you"*

*In our prayers for you, we pray,  
That in your life, God has His way,  
That as you go from this place, for whatever you  
need, you will find God' grace,  
For this, our Pastor, we say "Bless you"*

*In our prayers for you, we pray,  
That in your trials, you'll pray for guidance clear  
and wisdom dear,  
And the Lord's presence is ever near,  
For this, our Pastor, we say, "We care"*

*In our prayers for you, we pray,  
That your life be touched in a special way,  
And that our time together has created some precious moments over the years,  
and that each of us has learned much about each other that will keep us lifted up  
to do the work of God in future years,  
For this, our pastor, we say "Thank you for life's lessons and peace to you!"*

Blessings,  
Dr. Joanne Smith, SPRC Chair



As a church, I encourage you to come out **Sunday, June 25, 2023**, to Reverend Meande's last service and personally thank him and his family for their faithful service to Trinity UMC. There will be a farewell luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the church service. The main meat will be provided for you, and we are asking the congregation to bring sides and desserts. Thank you!



REV. JOHN MEANDE  
 Pastor  
 pastor1@tumcsa.net

Sunday Worship  
 10:00 a.m.  
 In the sanctuary -  
 we encourage you to wear  
 your mask as you feel  
 comfortable.

Sunday Worship  
 10:00 a.m. is also available  
 on Facebook live, &  
 www.tumcsa.net

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

Seekers Faith Meeting  
 (Sunday School):  
 - Sundays, in-person, Null  
 building at 9:15 a.m.

Prayer Meetings:  
 - Wednesdays via zoom at  
 2:15 p.m.

Church office phone  
 210-684-0261  
 Office hours:  
 Mondays—Thursdays  
 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
 or call for an appointment

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## MAY 2023

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

#### IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

MAY 7	36
MAY 14	34
MAY 21	35
MAY 28	38

#### 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.

MAY 7	75
MAY 14	64
MAY 21	44
MAY 28	109

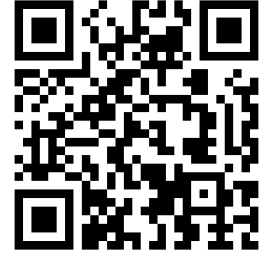
### TITHES & DONATIONS

(Report taken from ONLY the counters;  
 NOT including online and text giving).

MAY 7	\$7,662
MAY 14	\$ 432
MAY 21	\$ 1,445
MAY 28	\$4,583

### DONATE ONLINE

Simply scan this image using your phone's camera (or QR code reader).



You may also go to:

[www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)  
 then click on the  
 "Donate" button.

### DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE.

You may also text  
 giving to:  
 844-210-1179  
 (Type in the  
 amount you wish  
 to donate, then  
 hit send).

### Happy Birthday to:

LIZ CAVIN	3-Jun	SANDRA KEYSER	25-Jun
TONY AGUILAR	4-Jun	EFOME MEANDE	26-Jun
CHRISTY WILSON	4-Jun	JOY PATRICK	30-Jun
MADISEN DYE	8-Jun	<i>Happy Anniversary to:</i>	
REV. ELMER BECK	12-Jun	DON & CHERI DANCAK	5-Jun
JANIS WINN	13-Jun	ETHAN AND MARY ELIZABETH CALK	22-Jun
CLAUDIA BURGE	14-Jun	FRED & LOUISE LYLE	23-Jun
PAM SCHNAUBERT	16-Jun	DON & ANGIE KHAN	30-Jun
WAYNE VANDEVENTER	22-Jun	TONY & KAY AGUILAR	30-Jun
BILL CAVIN	23-Jun		

*“ Please be patient: God isn't finished with me yet.”*

I received a lapel button many years ago with this saying on it. It's a good reminder to others to postpone their judging. It is also a good reminder to me to not give up, but to keep on trying. What does it say to you? Are you more likely to be patient with others or to not give up on yourself?

At my age I sometimes feel that I am NEVER going to learn the lessons I need to learn. I have asked for patience, but I find that I am still impatient with others. (By the way, asking for patience is not recommended! It appears that God is actually trying to give me patience by giving me more occurrences to learn what patience is). I am also still impatient with myself. Apparently, natural tendencies are difficult to correct! I must not use this idea as an excuse! With God's help I believe nothing is impossible! I am not saying that if we just pray that God will correct our "flaw," that it will be gone. I believe we have to actively work on eliminating it, ourselves. Also, if we know someone who seems to repeatedly make the same "mistake" or who continues with a "bad" habit (or one we perceive as bad), we can try to pray that that flaw will be corrected. We can even mention to that person that his or her behavior toward us or toward others hurts feelings or makes us angry; but it still up to God and that person to correct it. We cannot magically make someone stop a bad behavior just because we want it.



If you are still alive, God still has at least one more lesson to teach you - or someone else through you. Are you open to God's desires for you? Are you listening to God or others who are hinting to you that you need to correct a behavior? When people observe you, do they KNOW you are a Christian, or do they say, "If that is a Christian, I don't want to be one." Are you teaching others how to be a Christian or how NOT to?

I am very grateful for every day of my life! Sure, some of them I would like to skip over so that I don't have to endure certain things. We all have tragedies in our lives. We all have stressful days that can actually end our lives sooner than they otherwise would have. God can help us through these tough times if we will just ask God.

Maybe you're here a long time because you are either a good teacher or a good student. It may not be because you are a slow learner! If you are a good teacher, God can and should use you as long as possible. If you are a good student, you will probably want to stay as long as you can to learn as much as you can.

Be mindful that we are all a "work in progress." As long as any of us is here, God has a use for us. Let's do our best to learn and teach as much as we can about how to be a Christian. Remember that every one of us is going through something that makes it more difficult to be happy all the time. God has not singled you out as the one to have ALL the misfortune in life. If you didn't have any problems, you would be dead to this world but, hopefully, in Heaven with God! No, this is NOT Heaven! This is the "school of life," where we are to learn lessons and to teach them. True, I hear people all the time say that our lives here "sure beat the alternative." Honestly, I hope not! I pray and believe that Heaven is way better. I just want to learn enough, to be good enough, to get there!

Yours in Christ,

*Harriet Phillips*, Lay Leader

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



*As we begin the summer, let's remember that God blesses us all year long. During the summer we have more time to see the many creations He has made for all of us. The lakes, beaches, sunrises and sunsets speak to us in a special way. Unfortunately, we sometimes abandon our normal routine of going to church, participating in programs, and giving our offering, which are our gifts returned to God.*

*Please remember your church during the summer months by staying active in prayers, presence, and current in your giving and consider digging a bit more deeply into your pocket as you are able. If you don't normally give an offering, try it for the summer months. You just might feel and see even more blessings from our Heavenly Father.*

*Blessings,  
Bonnie Smith  
Church Treasurer*

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

**Weekly Recurring Meetings:**

- ◆ Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- ◆ The Seekers meet (in person) in the parlor on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Sunday school.  
You are invited to join.
- ◆ "War Room" book study is after worship service on Sundays. All are invited.
- ◆ Pastor-led Bible study is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.; please join us via zoom. Everyone is invited.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at [www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net).

**Trinity is asking for volunteers to...**

- ..... broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).
- ..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts & Carol Lewis. Family Life is responsible for our social activities, e.g., July 4th luncheon and sing-along, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, Super Chili Bowl Cook-off, and "Fat Sunday instead" (Sunday before Ash Wednesday).
- ..... read at our Sunday's worship services, on rotation.
- ..... help in the church office with very light clerical duties such as answering phones, assisting visitors, and other tasks alike. Help is needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm.
- ..... serve refreshments and clean up after church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.
- ..... donate refreshments such as cookies, doughnuts, sweet breads and beverages to serve after the first Sunday worship services; please contact Stacie Brown.

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

## **WORSHIP**

### **Sunday Morning**

**10:00 a.m.**—Worship Service

The Bell Choir usually plays every 4th Sunday and days of celebration. The Chancel Choir also sings on some days of celebration.

### **Holy Communion**

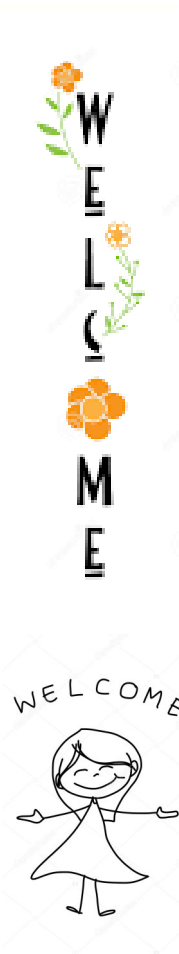
The Lord's Supper is served the first Sunday of the month (and on special Sundays and days of celebrations). The communion table is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. All are welcome to partake.

### **Godly Play**

(During the school year)  
Age 3 through Grade 3  
during the worship service.

### **Baptism**

Persons of all ages may receive the sacrament of baptism after counsel with the pastor. We celebrate this initiation into Christ's church with the worshipping community.



## **FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

- Fun-in-Progress Seniors (F.I.P.S.)
- Seekers Sunday Luncheon
- Book Studies

## **EDUCATION**

### **Sunday School**

- Seekers Sunday School (meet in person every Sunday at 9:15 a.m.)
- Godly Play—(Children's church—*off in the Summer*).

### **Other Classes and Studies**

- Pastor-led Bible study on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m.
- Youth Confirmation

### **Prayer Meeting**

- Prayer Intercessory meets at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesdays via Zoom.

## **MUSIC**

- Jubilee Ringers (handbells)
- Praise Team
- Chancel Choir
- Childrens Choir

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT**

- Victory Garden
- Prayer Team
- Mission Luncheon
- Community and Outreach Events
- San Antonio Metropolitan Ministry
- Ushers
- Lay Reader
- Office Volunteers
- Acolytes
- Sports Ministry

## **COMMITTEES AND TEAMS**

- Children's Ministry Team
- Family Life Team
- Evangelism
- Worship
- Staff Parish Relations
- Finance
- Trustees
- Missions
- Nurture
- Membership Care
- Outreach Programs

## **BOY SCOUTS**

- Cub Scouts, Pack 20





**T**hank you to everyone who contributed hygiene supplies during May. Trinity teamed with Nuevo Amanecer, St. Mathew's Catholic Church, Schertz UMC, and the Unicorn Center to create backpacks filled with necessary supplies for refugee families. Adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities from the Unicorn Center assembled 150

backpacks that were then delivered to the Border Hope facility in Eagle Pass. Each backpack also carried this message of hope from Joshua 1:6 (in English and Spanish): "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

*Don Ketchum*

Trinity UMC Missions Outreach

### ***"The Almost Christian"***

'The right and true Christian faith is' (to go on in the words of our own Church) 'not only to believe that Holy Scripture and the articles of our faith are true, but also to have a sure trust and confidence to be saved from everlasting damnation by Christ' – it is a 'sure trust and confidence' which a man hath in God 'that by the merits of Christ his sins are forgiven, and he reconciled to the favour of God' – 'whereof doth follow a loving heart to obey his commandments.'

Now whosoever has this faith which 'purifies the heart,' by the power of God who dwelleth therein, from pride, anger, desire, 'from all unrighteousness,' 'from all filthiness of flesh and spirit'; which fills it with love stronger than death both to God and to all mankind – love that doth the works of God, glorying to spend and to be spent for all men, and that endureth with joy, not only the reproach of Christ, the being mocked, despised, and hated of all men, but whatsoever the wisdom of God permits the malice of men or devils to inflict; whosoever has this faith, thus 'working by love,' is not almost only, but altogether a Christian. [II.5-6]

*-(John Wesley preached the sermon "The Almost Christian" at St. Mary's, Oxford University as one of the University sermons on July 25, 1741. In this sermon, Wesley contrasted nominal (or almost) and real (or altogether) Christianity.)*