



# 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 - MARCH  
4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering  
(Please give generously)  
Magdalena House (Transitional Shelter)

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"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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*a deeper lent*

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*A Journey Through Lent*

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*Lent*

"He fasted for forty days  
and forty nights..."



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

New Seekers/Seekers Faith  
Meeting (Sunday School):  
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room  
- Sundays, in-person, Null  
building at 9:15 a.m.

Prayer Meetings:  
- Wednesdays via zoom at  
2:15 p.m.  
- Wednesdays, in-person in  
the parlor at 5:30 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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## FEBRUARY 2023

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

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

FEBRUARY 5	47
FEBRUARY 12	27
FEBRUARY 19	38
FEBRUARY 22	16—ASH WED.
FEBRUARY 26	32

#### 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.

FEBRUARY 5	224
FEBRUARY 12	73
FEBRUARY 19	67
FEBRUARY 22	40—ASH WED.
FEBRUARY 26	68

### TITHES & DONATIONS

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

FEBRUARY 5	\$4,494
FEBRUARY 12	\$2,081
FEBRUARY 19	\$1,850
FEBRUARY 26	\$1,624

## Donate to Trinity UMC

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camera (or QR code  
reader). You may also  
go to [www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)  
then click on the  
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smartphone.  
You may also text  
giving to:  
**844-210-1179**  
(Type in the amount  
you wish to donate,  
then hit send).

#### Happy Birthday to:

ALISA ROBERTS 2-Mar  
CYNTHIA SETTLES 12-Mar  
MARCIA FOSTER 13-Mar  
DEBRA PUTZ- TREVINO 14-Mar  
JACK TOOLE 14-Mar  
TOM PHILLIPS 20-Mar  
DON DANCAK 22-Mar  
SHIRLEY FERGUSON 24-Mar

HARRIET PHILLIPS 24-Mar  
WARDINE WILCOX 28-Mar



## PASTOR'S REFLECTION FOR MARCH

Rev. John Meande  
Pastor

*From the  
Pastor*



**D**o you believe in God? Do you like this question? It is common for people to ask if I believe in God. What is your answer? If your answer is yes I believe in God do I act as if God exists? Do you think it is not their business to ask if you believe in God or is the question too private for you to respond?

When people ask this question, do you take it at face value in words like, "Oh yes I believe in God", or do you really think you believe in God and so your actions are like someone who really believe in God.

Is what you believe what you say or how you act? If you believe in what you say, then your words can be trusted. So do you act as if you believe in God? From your actions, can someone trust that you believe in God? Can your action tell that you believe in God?

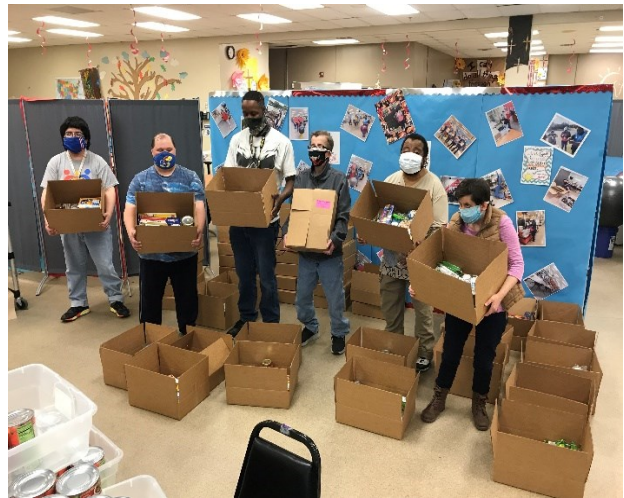
If I don't act as if God exists, am I afraid that He might exist? Let's consider that I say I believe in God. That means I believe that there is a Divine power who watches everything I do, that is fundamentally ethical and I believe it. Does that mean I am all in for God? Do I sacrifice all? Have I cleansed my soul of sin? Have I taken the log out of my eyes?

If I indulge in discrimination, and racism, and lies, and condemnation and not taking the things of God seriously and if I am asked this question: "Do you believe in God?" Will the correct answer be yes I believe in God? Given that I am a follower of Jesus Christ, and I claim to have repented and fully sanctified or I claim that I grew up in the church, what is the evidence that I believe in God? The evidence is not so clear that a mere statement or acting out the Christian rituals actually mean that I have the right to say I believe in God.

So what right do I have to say that I believe in God? If I believe in God like seriously, then I should be a good person who is also terrified of deviating from that path. If believe in God, I should sacrifice everything to the one that I believe in; I should trust His words and promises; I should help my children grow in His house; I should be loyal and faithful to Him; I should be a good steward of His house and finances. If I say I believe in God, I should truly love my neighbor - the stranger, the foreigner, and the homeless. Do you believe in God? The response is not in words. It is a life style and it should be frightening to deviate from God's path.

**T**hank you to everyone one who contributed food items in our recent drive. Trinity UMC teamed with the Unicorn Center to put together bags of food for 200 children at Westward Terrace Elementary and Rudder Middle School. These children rely on school supplied lunches and often miss meals during spring break. About 20 adult volunteers with intellectual/developmental disabilities from Unicorn assembled and delivered the bags. Thank you for your generosity!!

Don Ketchum



Thank you brothers and sisters in Christ for your prayers and concerns for Amelia's recovery and our family. We appreciate it very much and thank God for our well being. God saw us through the ordeal and Amelia is healing like Gods angels have had their hands on her the entire time. Your prayers have helped and have been felt.

John Reed

Don't forget to turn your clocks one hour forward before you go to bed Saturday, March 11. At 2 a.m. on March 12, 2023, Americans will turn their clocks forward one hour, marking the beginning of Daylight Saving Time (DST).



### **Weekly Recurring Meetings:**

- ⇒ Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- ⇒ In-person pastor-led prayer meeting every Wednesday in the parlor at 5:30pm.
- ⇒ “War Room” book study is right after Sunday’s worship service. All are welcome.
- ⇒ Pastor-led Bible study is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.; please join us via zoom.
- ⇒ New Seekers/Seekers faith meeting meets on Thursdays at 3:00pm via zoom and also in person on Sundays at 9:15am in classroom #3. You are invited to join!
- ⇒ 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 1st 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.



### **A LENT QUOTE FROM JOHN WESLEY AND AN IDEA FOR A LENTEN DISCIPLINE**

The following quote and idea for a Lenten Discipline are from the March 3 daily Lenten Devotional posted at Anglican Mainstream

“All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God, without either adding to or diminishing from it by his own choice.”

– John Wesley, from A Plain Account of Christian Perfection:

Lenten Discipline – Think upon something ordinary that you do every day, and think about God while doing it, in a way that ties into what you’re doing. Or think of a place you come to regularly, and each time think where Christ might be in this place, what Christ might do there, or what you might be led to do for Christ.

Hello my brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am writing this on Ash Wednesday, and I have been thinking about Lent this week. I hear all the different things people give up for Lent, but I have never really done that. I don't know if that is good or bad. Am I not being a good Christian if I don't give up something for Lent? My basic rule for being a Christian is talk the talk and walk the walk. I made a promise to God and Trinity that I will uphold it by my prayers, presence, gifts, service, and stewardship. If I keep that promise, I am living by my basic rule.

I have read several devotionals over the last few decades. The ones that have really stuck with me are the ones that say live your life in a way that makes God smile. If you do that, in my opinion, you are walking the walk and talking the talk because God doesn't smile on us when we live a sinful life.

Yours in Christ,  
Bonnie Smith  
Treasurer, Trinity UMC

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



**GIVING BACK**

“Do all the  
good you can.  
By all the  
means you can.

In all the ways you can. In all the  
places you can. At all the times  
you can. As long as ever you can.

- John Wesley

"You have nothing to do but to save souls; therefore, spend and be spent in this work." - John Wesley

**Prayer Intercessory Ministry meets every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15 p.m. and in-person in the parlor every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., for a prayer meeting. Please join us.**

Can we pray for you?



“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”  
-Augustine of Hippo