

# The Trinity Times

“Together we **LIVE** to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the **Gospel** of *Jesus Christ*.”

## Welcome!

### February

a month of love and call for prayer



## FEBRUARY 2026

"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



## Trinity United Methodist Church

**Rev. David Cervantez**  
Pastor

**Sunday Worship**  
at 10:00 a.m.  
In Person —  
You may wear your mask as  
you feel comfortable.

**Sunday Worship**  
10:00 a.m. is also available on  
Facebook Live, &  
[www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)

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

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

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## JANUARY 2026

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY [IN-PERSON]

JANUARY 4	29
JANUARY 11	29
JANUARY 18	35
*JANUARY 25	0

### FACEBOOK LIVE — [VIEWS]

JANUARY 4	70
JANUARY 11	99
JANUARY 18	53
*JANUARY 25	0

### \*TITHES & OFFERINGS

JANUARY 4	\$12,205
JANUARY 11	\$ 2,319
JANUARY 18	\$ 1,910
*JANUARY 25	0

[\*Tithes & Offerings report taken  
from **ONLY** the Sunday counters;  
online and text giving **NOT**  
Included].

\* January 25, 2026—Church and  
Worship was cancelled due to  
inclement weather.



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

HENRIETTA CERVANTEZ	1-Feb
MITZI KELLY	9-Feb
TYLER BROWN	18-Feb
NORMA KETCHUM	21-Feb

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

DANIEL & BERTA SPAULDING	16-Feb
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**May God shower blessings  
on you today and forever.**

*If we have missed your  
special day, please notify  
Cynthia in the church office.  
Thank you!*

## Trinity UMC Prayer Team †



“God, help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter this day. Be my comfort and my rock. Guide me to do Your will and be an instrument of Your peace today and each day. Amen.”

*Prayer team meets every Wednesday at 2:15pm via Zoom.*

*Please call the office (210-684-0261) for Zoom links.*

*Please join us or send us your prayer request at [www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)*



**FREE FOOD!** every **3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 21, 2026 — FROM 10 AM—12 NOON**

**THE ARBUTUS PLACE AT TRINITY'S PARKING LOT FACING NEWCOME STREET**

## FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE/POP-UP MARKET

- ◆ Bring your tables.
- ◆ The cost is \$15.00 per space.
- ◆ You may bring your canopy and chairs.
- ◆ Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic.
- ◆ Either prepay at the church office (Mon-Thurs) between 11 am and 2 pm or bring in the day of → CASH Only and the exact amount.
- ◆ Great visibility on Wurzbach. Will advertise on social media and the church's electronic marquee.



**FEBRUARY 14 | 9 am-2 pm | EVERY 2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

Trinity United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240. 210-684-0261 church office.

GOOD LOCATION! PROMISE ☺



**Saturday, February 28th at  
9:00 am.**

**For more information, please  
contact Don Ketchum.**

**Thank you!**





"I keep the Golden Rule," said the financial planner over breakfast one day, "though I don't go to church. Never did."

What do you say to a person like that?

Certainly, a person who keeps the Golden Rule is following the teachings of Christ. Perhaps the man really is a Christian. Just what kind of Christian is a Golden-Rule-keeper?

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" a man asked Jesus one day.

Jesus answered this way: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment" (Matthew 22:34-38, NIV).

So the very most important, greatest commandment, according to Jesus, is to love God with your total being. To deeply revere God, to serve Him, to honor Him with worship, to seek to learn more about Him, to teach your children about Him, and to care so much about Him that hearing someone use His name as a swear word would be utterly offensive. A pretty tall order.

The Pharisees of Jesus' day thought they were pretty good at loving God, but they failed miserably at loving other people. So Jesus didn't stop there. "And the second is like it," He continued. "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments" (vss. 39-40, NIV).

The Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"—explains how to put into practice Jesus' second most important commandment. That's the commandment my breakfast companion focused on. I must say in his defense that I've known so-called Christians who said they loved God, but their words and actions showed they cared solely about themselves. Much less about actually loving other people. One of the chief reasons our faith has gotten a bad reputation is that nominal Christians act unloving in a thousand ways.

Now let me ask you this: can a person be a Christian if he neglects Jesus' most important commandment, to love God? Not really. That's like saying, "I'm a good employee. I work four hours a day," when your employer expects you to be there for eight hours. In the same way, you can't be a Christian if you won't love God.

It's wonderful when our feelings and our actions coincide—and they can. But our love for God is revealed more by our behavior than by our changeable emotional state.

I heard it put this way once. "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" Good question. Perfection isn't what I'm talking about. Nobody's perfect, least of all sincere Christians.

Does keeping the Golden Rule make you a Christian? Not in itself. You have to love God, too. How? You ask. The best way I know is to learn as much as you can about Jesus. You'll see that He is the most compelling and the most freeing person in all of history.

As you get acquainted with Jesus, you'll come to know God. As you learn to follow Jesus with your heart and being, you'll be keeping the first and most important commandment, to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind. Amen.

*Pastor David Cervantez*

# WHAT'S MISSING?

*Harriet Phillips*, Lay Leader

Okay, so we couldn't go to church the last Sunday in January. So what? We can always watch a service on TV, right? Right. We will hear music (even sing), hear scripture, pray, and hear a great message. So why do we want to actually take a shower, get dressed, put on makeup (for me), and, in general, get ready, drive to a real church, and sit in a pew for at least an hour? At least for me, it is for the fellowship.

In Matthew 18:20 the Bible says, "For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." (GNB). I realize that we are "together" even when we are on Facebook Live, but somehow it just isn't the same. I really believe we get more out of a service when we are there with other parishioners. I know I do.

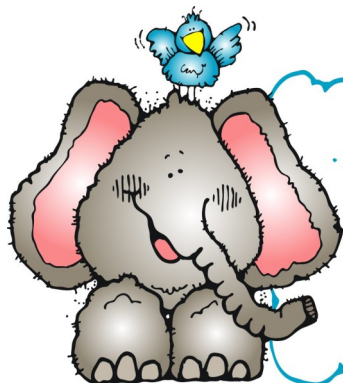
I am really happy that we have many people who routinely watch us on Facebook Live, but I wish we could fellowship with them in person. When I key in the attendance from each Sunday, I wonder how many more would be in my total if I could list each name on Facebook. (I even wonder how many more would be in my total if EVERYONE would fill out a Connect Card and turn it in. Believe it or not, even though I have been a member of this church for nearly 48 years, I still don't know every one of you). I know there are some of you who would not be physically able to attend in person, so I appreciate that you watch us online. Thank you and please continue to do so.

For Advent we had a vocal choir, but we had no intention of continuing. However, just this past week we began to have a vocal choir rehearsal and plan to sing at least once a month. This is something we would not easily be able to do if we didn't meet in person. You already know the the bell choir plays once a month with rehearsals every Wednesday night. Rehearsal online would, again, be difficult.

These are things that are done only because we meet in person. When we pass the peace, we do it in person. We wave or put our hands over our hearts to say, "Peace be with you."

Finally, I remember even as a child seeing a marquee saying, "ch\_\_ch. What's missing? UR!!" Believe it or not, most of us come to church for the fellowship! See you next Sunday?





Don't Forget!

- ⇒ We are collecting blankets through the first week of February for the Center of Refugee Services. Decent and slightly used blankets (and/or comforters) are acceptable. Please put them on top of the rails (in the sanctuary). For more information, please contact Marcia Foster at 210-365-8945.
- ⇒ We are collecting cans of soup and chili to be donated to the Arbutus Place Food Pantry instead of having our Chili Cook Off. Please bring your donations to the Narthex by February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- ⇒ You are invited to Trinity Discernment Sunday on February 1, 2026. Worship begins at 10:00 am, followed by a luncheon at 11:00 am. Rev. Bob Clark will preach. Please plan to join us. We will have a day of discernment where we share ideas, listen to each other and focus on understanding what God has in store for TUMC. If you have not returned your survey, it is not too late. Please mail or deliver it to the church.



- ⇒ We're excited to announce that our Trinity Church Choir is starting soon! Past members are welcome and encouraged to rejoin. If you've never been in the choir but are interested, please get in touch with Jason Brown. Choir practice is every Wednesday at 5:45 pm in the Sanctuary.
- ⇒ Lend a Helping Hand Church workday! Saturday, February 28th at 9:00 am. For more information, please contact Don Ketchum. Thank you!
- ⇒ Prepare for a weekly (in-person) Lenten Bible Study soon. Details to follow.



You're Cordially  
**INVITED**

**TRINITY DISCERNMENTSUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

**WORSHIP 10:00 AM**  
**LUNCHEON 11:00AM**

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO A CHURCH LUNCHEON AS WE COME TOGETHER TO REFLECT ON THE FUTURE OF OUR CONGREGATION AND ENTER A SEASON OF DISCERNMENT - THAT IS, A PRAYERFUL PROCESS OF LISTENING FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE AND SEEKING THE DIRECTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TOGETHER.

THIS WILL BE A TIME OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND OPEN CONVERSATION AS WE SHARE OUR HOPES AND CONCERNS, LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER, AND LOOK TO SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER TO UNDERSTAND WHERE GOD IS LEADING OUR CHURCH. YOUR PRESENCE AND VOICE ARE IMPORTANT AS WE SEEK GOD'S WILL TOGETHER FOR THE DAYS AHEAD.

Trinity United Methodist Church  
*Lenten Services*

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6800 Wurzbach Rd



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*February 18, Ash Wednesday*

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*Imposition of Ashes  
available 11 am - 2 pm*

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*Sunday Services*

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*February 22, March 1, March 8,  
March 15, March 22 at 10 am*

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*Palm Sunday Service*

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*March 29, 10 am*

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*Good Friday Service*

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*April 3, 7 pm*

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*Easter Sunday, April 5*

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*Breakfast 8:30 am*

*Service 10 am*