

Welcome!

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.”



Sunday, April 20, 2025

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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

Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,

I want to thank everyone who has given to TUMC, either by their regular offering or going above and beyond the normal giving to specific needs like window replacement, major plumbing issues, and paying 2024 apportionments.

We raised money in the latter part of last year for apportionments and other expenses. After raising the funds, a private donor paid the 2024 apportionments on behalf of TUMC. We put the money we collected in savings to help pay for 2025 expenses. Several of our members paid their 2025 pledges in December and January.

After attending the Church Council meeting on March 9, 2025, I want to explain some things that have happened at TUMC in the last several months.

I have had several people ask me if we have enough money to keep the doors open through February, March, etc. Because we have so many great givers in our congregation, we have stayed open to do God's work. Unless we have some large, unexpected expenses, the money we collected in 2024 will help us stay open through at least June of this year.

The three largest expenses we have at TUMC are property insurance, apportionments, and the pastor's salary. We cannot drop our insurance due to legal reasons. We have struggled in the past paying all of our apportionments and we are under contract with the conference for a full-time pastor through June 2025. We voted at our March meeting to request the conference to assign a retired pastor to our church in July to help cut one of the largest expenses we have.

We have signed a lease with a daycare center, A2Z, to rent a majority of the school building and they should start moving in and start their program very soon. It will take a year for the center to pay full rent, but we will have the opportunity very soon to expose the children attending the daycare to how awesome God's love is. We are hoping to build a strong bridge with the daycare and let them know their children and families are welcome to make TUMC their church home.

We have given a landscape business the opportunity to upgrade our garden in the front. They are using all but 4 lots in the garden to plant several different types of plants for them to have a place their clients can visit to see what type of services they provide. The only cost to us is providing water for the garden. If you are interested in growing something in one of these four empty lots, please contact the church office. The benefit to us will be the traffic of their clients coming to our property to see their landscape, and they will hopefully be curious about attending our church.

I am proud to be a member of TUMC because when times get tough, so many of our members are right there ready to help with whatever we need. I pray we all stay close to each other and continue to work together for the greater good of our God.

Yours in Christ,

Bonnie Smith, TUMC Treasurer



For where
TWO or THREE
are gathered together
in My name,
THERE AM I
in the midst of them.
MATTHEW 18:20

The Easter Resurrection?



"Raised from the dead? Sure, right.

That's how Thomas might have responded if he had lived in our day. "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." He'd seen dead people before. And Jesus was dead. He sounds like a sophisticated rationalist of the Twenty-first Century. "It isn't plausible," they would contend. "It didn't happen."

But what if it did happen?

Thomas was convinced when Jesus appeared to him, reached out his hands to Thomas, and said, "Put your finger here." Thomas dropped to his knees and said; "My Lord and my God!"

It was self-induced, you counter. The disciples wanted to believe that their Lord was not dead, so they just invented it out of whole fabric.

Really?

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is actually more plausible than any other explanation. That's why we Christians make such a big deal about Easter. That's why we celebrate.

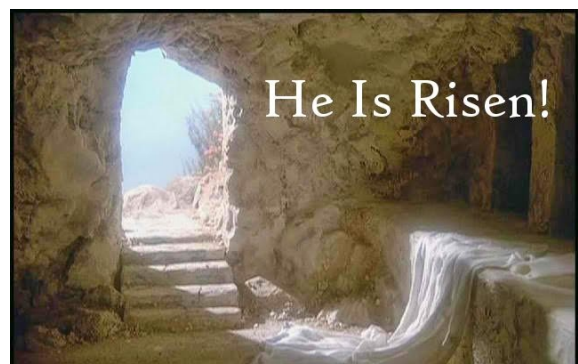
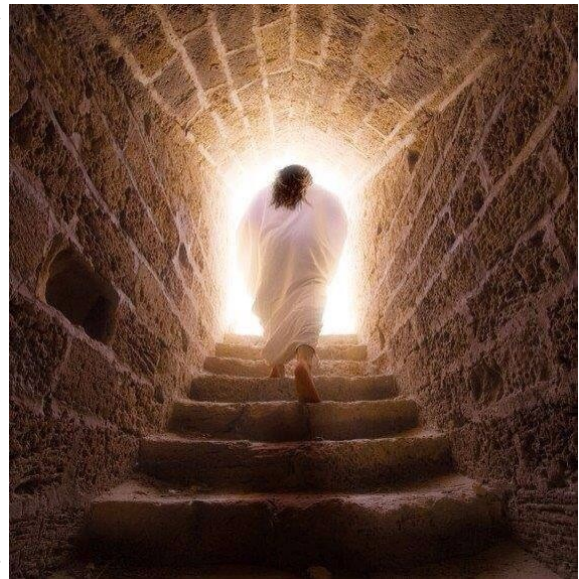
Jesus' resurrection means that death is not the end. That while my body may lie rotting in the ground, Jesus, whom the Father raised from the dead, gives me eternal life. Ultimately, we Christians believe, our bodies, too, will be raised from the dead.

And since Jesus is not dead, people can encounter him today. You can know him through a personal relationship. I could point to lots of people who can testify to what Jesus has done in their lives to bring them from the brink of disaster to peace meaning and joy. He changes people for good.

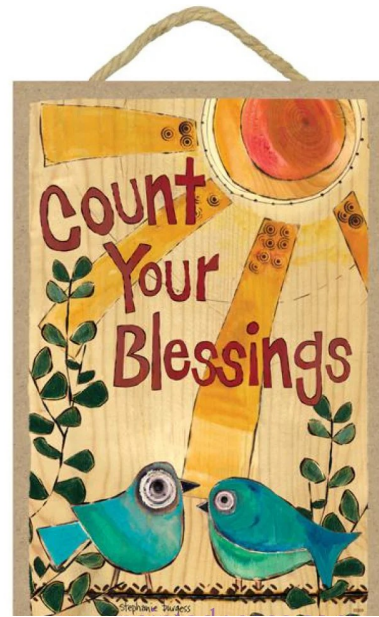
If you're not sure and can't really say you've met this risen Jesus, this Easter Sunday I invite you, family and friends, why don't you all slip into Trinity United Methodist church to seek him this Easter Sunday. And perhaps in the midst of our celebration, you'll find him for yourself.

He's alive, you know. That's what Easter is all about! In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen!

Shalom, Pastor David



Somehow having another birthday has led me to think about how lucky and blessed I am. I have received several “Happy Birthday” greetings from people I didn't really expect to hear from. Of course, I have also received greetings from people that I would have been disappointed not to receive a greeting from. ALL are blessings! The greetings and, of course, the people are the real blessings!



I know I have many other blessings! I have a nice home (with way too much stuff in it).

I have more than enough clothes (no matter how old some of them are). I have a car that I love (even though it is 17 years old). (“If it ain't broke, don't fix it.”)

I have a church that I have been a member of since 1978. When I say that it's MY church, I often feel that it really is! Many of my best friends are members of this church! I have been blessed to have been a member of a vocal choir for many years here, but our low membership has caused that to no longer be a possibility. I am still a member (charter member) of our Jubilee Ringers. I still get stage fright every time we play, but it is still a blessing to get to play.

I still have no illnesses that I know about. (My doctor has told me I'll live to be 100. Wardine is my hero). For some of you I can only say, “I'm sorry.” For others, let's party! I still am able to dance to Soul Grammar and Jason's solo act. (I have reached an age where I don't care what others think about my dancing).

Besides many friends, I have a wonderful family. I thought children were the best gift ever until I had a grandchild! Nothing can top that! Just don't tell me children I said that! Of course, ALL members of my family are wonderful gifts. I wouldn't trade anything for any of them.

Most of all, I have the knowledge that when I leave this earthly home, God has already prepared a heavenly home for me. I know that many of you will be there with me, hopefully, ALL of you! Sometimes the only thing that “keeps my going” is knowing that people I loved and have lost will be there!

I hope that during this Lenten season, you will consider that you have many blessings, and that giving up something is not as big a sacrifice as it may seem. Look around and see what you have. Please take time to COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!

In God's love,

Harriet Phillips
Lay Leader



Easter Outreach

Trinity is sharing the joy of the resurrection with seniors who are home bound or in assisted living. The Good Lord has blessed us with many wonderful volunteers for this project. We're teaming with the Arc of San Antonio and University Methodist Primary School to create fun Easter gift bags filled with cards, puzzles, crafts and candies. Here are some photos of our friends from the Arc decorating the bags.

In addition to our own homebound members, we will reach out to more than 100 seniors through Meals on Wheels and visits to six nearby nursing homes. If you would enjoy joining us in sharing Christ's love, please contact Cynthia in the church office.



Easter Connections

We are putting together Easter tote bags filled with puzzles, crafts, and candy for seniors who are homebound or in assisted living. Please join us in brightening the day of someone who might be feeling just a little lonely. If you'd like to share a little of your time and one of these super cool bags with a senior, please contact Cynthia at the church office (210) 684-0261.



This week has been a blessing that has brought three churches together. McFarland UMC from Norman Oklahoma, La Féria FUMC and Trinity UMC. together we have built a total of eight handicap ramps sponsored by Texas ramp project. I would like to take a moment to thank God and our church for the prayers and support to help this ministry be a blessing to families that have struggled to help their loved ones with accessibility to enter and exit their homes. All the clients were extremely happy to have been blessed with a ramp. I was able to connect with them and after we finished the ramp we prayed together. May the triune God continue blessing our church family in moving forward with the great commission we were given.

God bless you.
Pastor Fred

FREE FOOD every 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

APRIL 19TH FROM 10 AM—12 NOON

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.



APRIL 12TH | 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 ☺



THIS & THAT ETC.

Greetings church family! Spring is beginning to blossom and good times are to come. **Easter is April 20th**, and we want to spiff everything up so we will be looking sharp for Easter.

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND EITHER, OR BOTH, OF THESE SPRING CLEAN-UPS!

- **Tuesday, April 1, 9:00am**

Sanctuary clean-up

We will vacuum, polish and thoroughly clean the pews, carpets and inside of the church.

Bring: vacuums with nozzle, small brooms or brushes, irons and cotton cloths to remove wax stains, extension cords, cloths and polish for wood, and anything else you think we will need.

- **Saturday, April 5, 8:00am**

Grounds clean-up

We will bag leaves, trim bushes, trim over-growth, plant a few plants, and do general grounds cleaning. Bring: leaf bags, rakes, brooms, weed-trimmers, extension cords if needed, clippers, trimmers, small shovels, leaf blowers, and anything else you think we will need.

Everyone is welcome. If you know young people that need volunteer service hours- we will sign off for their hours.

If you cannot attend either of these dates, but would like to do something, please text or call Julie Vincent. There are some projects that you could do on your own time to help spiff things up!

Thank you for your service

Julie Vincent

210-215-9232

Holy Week and Easter Services



Come Worship With Us!

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13
10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17
6:30 PM COMMUNION WORSHIP
SERVICE**

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18
7:00 PM TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**EASTER SERVICES
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20
6:30 AM SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20
10:00 AM EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE**

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 join us or send us your prayer request at www.tumcsa.net

PRAYER
changes things

Don't worry
God is never blind to your
tears, never deaf to your prayers,
and never silent to your pains.
He sees, He hears
and He will deliver.

Let us pledge to uphold
our church with our
prayers
†
Please pray for our
church every day at noon
by simply saying
"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"

Trust in the
LORD
with all of your
heart



Trinity United Methodist Church

REV. FEDERICO PEREZ, JR.
Pastor
fperez@riotx.org

Sunday Worship
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

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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MARCH 2025

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

MARCH 2	35
MARCH 9	35 /13 Ash Wednesday
MARCH 16	37
MARCH 23	31
MARCH 30	MAY 2025 newsletter

FACEBOOK LIVE – (PEOPLE REACHED)

MARCH 2	79
MARCH 9	75/76 Ash Wednesday
MARCH 16	61
MARCH 23	65
MARCH 30	MAY 2025 newsletter

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

MARCH 2	\$5,908.00
MARCH 9	\$3,651.00
MARCH 16	\$4,150.25
MARCH 23	\$ 336.00
MARCH 30	MAY 2025 newsletter

(*Tithes & Offerings report taken from
ONLY the Sunday counters;
online and text giving NOT included).

YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET SPOTS: \$90.00

Happy Birthday to:

CAROLYN MILLER	6-Apr
CURTIS FOSTER	8-Apr
ELIZABETH McCOWN	12-Apr
JULIANA M. RODULFO	16-Apr
DENISE WILSON	18-Apr
LOUISE LYLE	18-Apr

Happy Anniversary to:

BILL & LIZ CAVIN	27-Apr
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giving to:
844-210-1179
(Type in the
amount you wish
to donate, then
hit send).



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

**May God shower blessings
on you today and forever.**