



Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

“The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to make disciples of **Jesus Christ** for the transformation of the world.”

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Pastor

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Rev. Octaviano Garcia

Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear your mask), FB live,

YouTube

Sunday School

11:15 a.m.

Parlor

Evening Prayers

Mondays-Fridays

5:00 p.m.

Zoom and FB live

Video reflection/
meditation

Saturdays via FB, email

YouTube

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210-684-5214

Perseverance. What a powerful word, especially during this time. Hopefully you are finding time to do some important work during this time of COVID-19. Now that we are stuck in our houses for hours on end, many people are cleaning out closets and drawers. Others are planting and caring for plants around their yards.

Well, our church home needs some of this same attention. I am asking you to please consider taking on some of these same activities around our church facility.

Please look over this list of projects that need to be done. If you are interested in working on any of these, please call or text Cynthia in the church office, or Julie Vincent. These projects can be done by single individuals or small groups of your choosing.

- ◆ Trim bushes around church buildings
- ◆ Trim overgrowth from around trees in parking lot median
- ◆ Trim around rose bushes by vegetable garden area
- ◆ Clean gutters
- ◆ Repair small pieces of wood trim on buildings
- ◆ Change a/c filters
- ◆ Clean and organize storage area in upstairs of gym
- ◆ Clean and organize sacristy in the back of sanctuary
- ◆ Clean, organize and make decisions about nursery toys

“And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

GALATIANS 6:9



Julie Vincent

Church Board Chairman

2020 Missions - AUGUST

4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)

***** Project Transformation (Youth) *****





Remove the Stones

A man called Lazarus who was a friend of Jesus had died three days before Jesus got to Jericho. At the scene of the grave, Jesus who is playing the role of the priest, was accompanied there by the crowd which is the congregation to help out the victim who was Lazarus. But there was an obstacle which was the stone, the normal way of burying people at the time in that part of the Middle East.

Jesus told the crowd to remove the stone. He did not ask them to pray, praise or engage one another into a conversation or to analyze and assess the mass and calculate the volume and size of the stone but to remove the stone. In other words, for Jesus to free Lazarus from the grave, the stone must first be removed.

There are some miracles that God cannot or will not do, and which the victims themselves are unable to do except we remove the stone from the victim. Once the congregation removed the stone, Jesus now said a very short prayer. **“So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.” John 11:41-44.**

The job of the congregation was to remove the stone while that of Jesus the Priest was to pray. There are some people within our community and family systems who are in a victimized situation like Lazarus without the power, mental strength, education, finances and even physical strength to help themselves out of their situation. They need us as a church to help remove these stones and obstacles in their lives so they can finally make it while the Pastor takes time out to pray for them.

Lazarus could not remove the stone to create space for the miracle to happen, and Jesus needed the stone to be removed so he could perform the miracle. Maybe God is calling you to help pay a health insurance premium for a friend so he can have that knee or back surgery or that kidney transplant. May be God is calling on you to help that nephew or niece with his student loan so he can be debt free to enjoy the American dream; maybe God wants you to help someone have a good car so he can commute to work easily; and maybe God is calling you to help pay someone's drug rehabilitation fee. People can be in victimized situations from no fault of their own making. There are some stones too big and old that might have been preventing this country from moving forward. Some might be ungracious policies put in place by politicians who couldn't care less about the wellbeing of an average American. These stones can be removed from the ballot boxes. God is about to perform a miracle in our community, country, family systems and in our church, but as Christians we must play our part by removing these stones standing as obstacles. Prayer alone is not enough; we must remove the stones first and create a space for the miracle to take place. When the stone was removed, Jesus prayed and called on Lazarus to come forth.

Can you identify other stones holding people from experiencing their miracles? How can you help so these obstacles can be removed so the church can now offer prayers?

Thank you all.

Together for Christ
Rev. John N. Meande



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

We are looking for some people who are willing and able to work with our children and youth. This is a wonderful opportunity for a couple or individuals who understand the importance of guiding young people in their faith journey.

The options are open as to how much time this commitment will require.

We could have a monthly event or a weekly event.

All volunteers will have guidance from the church leaders and the church-conference staff as needed.

If you feel called to support the children and youth of Trinity UMC, please contact the church office, and give your name and information to Cynthia @ 210-684-0261.

Please pray daily for the children and youth of our church family.



Please go to
[My2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)
and be counted!





A family was sitting around a potbelly stove when a little boy reached out to touch it. The mom saw what he was about to do but didn't stop him. A neighbor sitting with them asked her, "Why didn't you stop him from touching the stove?" The mother replied, "He has to learn."

Is this what God thinks when he knows what we are about to do but lets us go ahead and do it? Is he thinking, "He has to learn."? When someone else does something to hurt us, we must ask God, "Why did you let him do that to me?". Is this a lesson for us as well as the culprit? Did we have a warning that something bad was about to be done to us, but we were in denial or just weren't using our sixth sense? Did the culprit need to observe our reaction when he acted against us so that he could learn? Trust me; I don't really know the answers to these questions, for sure. However, I believe that God will intercede when God feels the need to. I do believe we are here to learn lessons. Sometimes I feel that God uses unusually difficult methods to teach these lessons! Maybe being subtle would not have gotten the lesson across. I don't know.

There is a story about a farmer who was trying to teach his mule to obey him, but using simple commands wasn't working. In the presence of a neighbor, he took a two by four and hit the mule across the face. The neighbor was appalled, and asked, "Why did you do that?" The farmer replied, "I had to get his attention first!" Maybe that's what God is trying to do when we seem to just not "get it." Maybe God can't get our attention by being subtle.

I know for sure that I have literally begged God for a favorable outcome in many situations. I admit I have been expecting a specific result when I got a different one. Granted, the result could have been much worse than I got, but I was still hoping for something better. I have to trust that God knows what I or my family or friends need more than I do. After all, if I knew best, I could be God!

Haven't you ever decided to do something for yourself or for someone else and have it backfire? I know you had the best intentions, but you just didn't do the best thing. I seriously doubt that God has done that! I don't believe God makes mistakes! As difficult as it may be, we have to trust that God knows best and will take care of us. As I sang on Sunday, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me."

Harriet Phillips,

Lay Leader



Anyone interested in transplanting the plants at the north end of the sanctuary, please call Twila Icenogle at 210-887-2028. Thank you.

Mondays through Fridays at 5:00 p.m. DAILY PRAYER & FAITH SHARING on Facebook live, (or ask for the link to join at Zoom to participate). Reflection/meditation in place of the 5:00 p.m. prayer meeting will be a 25- minute video posted on Facebook on Saturdays.
PLEASE JOIN US.

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Sunday Worship—10:00 a.m. In the sanctuary (please wear your mask and keep physical distance). You may also join us live on Facebook or YouTube. Here's the link—www.tumcsa.net
Thank you!

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Pastor-led Bible Study on Tuesdays
Bible Study and Evening Prayers via Zoom and Facebook @ 5:00 p.m.
Come join us!

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**BOARD MEETING—THURSDAY
AUGUST 13TH AT 6:30 PM.
LOCATION—TBA**



Happy Birthday to:

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| MISHAEL MEANDE | 1-Aug |
| JOYCE PARKE | 2-Aug |
| JOHNETTA L.H. GOANEH | 4-Aug |
| JOHN SMITH | 4-Aug |
| MARY ELIZABETH FRIZZELL | 6-Aug |
| TINA AZBILL | 6-Aug |
| BOB PARKE | 14-Aug |
| LYNN FRANCIS | 14-Aug |
| LAURIE A. RODULFO | 18-Aug |
| MARY ELLEN KELLER | 19-Aug |
| BOB ICENOGLA | 20-Aug |
| SARA GLASS | 20-Aug |
| BECKY LAMBERT | 23-Aug |
| KAY AGUILAR | 26-Aug |
| FRANCISCO J. RODULFO JR. | 27-Aug |
| MARY BETH CALK | 27-Aug |
| EMMA MAY | 28-Aug |
| JUANITA SCOTT | 28-Aug |
| CHARLIE SETTLES | 28-Aug |
| ERICK BENTON | 30-Aug |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| TOM & CYNTHIA SETTLES | 4-Aug |
| REV. JOHN & FELICITE MEANDE | 8-Aug |
| DWIGHT & MARY HALE | 26-Aug |

ENROLLMENT IS GOING ON!

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST SCHOOL

Open for childcare (18 months to Pre-K4)

Open enrollment for In-person Distant Learning Support and Supervision

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