

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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Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear your mask), FB live, YouTube

Sunday School

Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

Zoom room

Pastor-led Bible Study

5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Zoom room

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World Communion Sunday, (October 4, 2020) held annually on the first Sunday of October, is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

-National Council of Churches

2020 Missions - OCTOBER

4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)

***** World Communion Sunday *****



Loving neighbor brings God's favor

Reflections



A farmer was asked why his farm is producing such an amazing quality of corn. He recounted that his secret for producing such great quality corn was because yearly, he shares the best quality of his seeds with his neighbors. Over the years he had learned from his mistake of purchasing good-quality seeds only to end up with a poor harvest. So he figured out the reason was because his neighbors had very-low-quality seeds. He developed some courage to share his simple secret with his neighbors who are his competitors.

He had noticed that the wind always spreads the pollen grains from his neighbors' farms to his own farm; so if his neighbors have very low quality corn cobs, the wind will spread those pollen grains on his farm, and his corn will be worse. So for his corn harvest to be good, he has to also make sure that his neighbors have good corn seeds, that means when the wind blows across their farmlands, only good quality pollen grains will be transferred from one farm to the other.

This is wonderful because it breaks away greed, shows compassion and love and the desire to share. This is the secret for life that Jesus Christ has called us to practice, to live and to preach. We will only be able to experience the best if the people around us also receive the best. As humans we often want to receive happiness in a selfish way, we want to be happy but we don't really care about the happiness of those around us, we don't even care about the happiness of people in our family systems and communities. Sometimes we don't care about our spouses, our children, our friends, colleagues and significant others, then what about strangers who suffering and homeless? We often look at our colleagues at work as our competitors and we often try to stand out from the rest at all cost, sometimes even hurting and causing emotional stress to those around us. We don't realize when we do that we also stop the standard of the grace of God's blessing upon us.

When the wind of life blows, it will always blow poorer in the lives of those who are selfish and greedy. We are living in a time when the world is divided, thinking only about ourselves. We should make every effort to share our best seeds with those around us because the word of God says in Psalms 133:1 that **"How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."** When we live in unity everything becomes pleasant, everything becomes lighter, and everything becomes simpler. As we approach the season of Advent, may God help, encourage and invite us to share our best seeds with others so we will see everything in our life's gaining a new level of God's goodness, well-being, joy, peace, love and fullness in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Thank you all.

Together for Christ,
Rev. John N. Meande



APPORTIONMENTS

How many times have we heard, “Why do we need to pay apportionments?” “What does it get me/my church?”



Apportioned giving is a term which describes how the money you give to your church each week is divided and distributed throughout the United Methodist Church. Through you and your support of apportioned giving, we are able to participate in the ministry and mission of the United Methodist Church both locally and around the world. The main way we support the ministries of the church is through our apportioned funds. For us, United Methodists, this method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition. Together, through our connected congregations, we accomplish what no single church, district or annual conference ever could hope to do alone. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work. We combine our prayers, presence, gifts, service, & witness to make a significant difference in the lives of God's people.

Apportionments are fuel for ministry. They enable us to share the concerns of many people.

When we work together as God's children and pool our giving, we are able to see the word 'apportionment' not as a constricting budget item but as a vehicle bringing God's grace into our churches, our conference, and beyond. When you give to your local United Methodist Church, your giving is divided into many pieces, and travels to many different places.

Apportionment giving affords us an opportunity to help the least, last, and lost among us. We can participate in aiding children with AIDS, speak against violence in the Middle East and support missionaries, pastors, and teachers around the world. Africa and Korea are the fastest growing Christian communities in the world, and the United Methodist Church has an active presence there.

Victims of disasters will receive support with little or no administrative cost. Trinity UMC has a long tradition of paying her apportionments in full. It hasn't always been easy nor is it now, but I am in awe at how God uses the United Methodist Church to make a positive difference in our world. I pray that we will do our part. Please consider these thoughts: **Jesus tells us: 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'** - Matthew 25

Thank you for your generous love offerings. May God continue to bless us all.


STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

As Christian stewards, we all have our God-given talents and treasures. Let us use these to reach out to others and respond to those in need.



Where: Shepherd of the Hills Parking Lot

Date: October 31st

Time: 2:00 -4:00 pm

VOLUNTEERS AND OTHER INFORMATION -

Setup/Teardown: 12ish-5:00pm

100-150 cars expected- plan for 350 kids

Balloon Towers- Orange, black, and purple

Decorated Car Trunks- both churches (arrive by 1:30pm)

Blowups in parking lot

Decorations hanging from trees

Picture Bingo Cards

Halloween Pics on Posters (for bingo)

Music and instructions over radio station

Photos in the car- big backdrop behind the car (text message)

Goodie Bags

Prepackaged donated candy (all donations collected by October 25 please and thank you).

Include info about Christmas services from both churches

Halloween book

Info from vendors???

Put together bags on the 28th (afternoon)

Volunteers needed:

Police officer to direct traffic in the street (Merkens)

Greeter handing out bingo card (1-2)

Greeter handing out candy at the end (1-2)

Jr High/High School students dressed up welcoming people and taking photos with cars
(4)

Extra adult volunteers

Drive-Thru:

Enter by Trinity on the side road and exit out Wurzbach (to the right)

Trunk or Treat 2021-

Work with Jared to bring in vendors (insurance, health info, etc)

Please contact Jared May at jared.a.may55@gmail.com or text/call 210-364-9239.



Happy Fall!

Another season is upon us and we bid goodbye to another summer. I hope everyone had a blessed one ; I know I did in spite of the present situation. I want to thank you for being a partner of Trinity's mission. Your ongoing financial contributions are making a difference in the lives of many people. You know what matters in life, and through your giving, you are sharing that with others and reaching them with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In the next few weeks you will be hearing more about how we as a congregation are seeking to grow and answer God's call. As you know, that will require our investment with both our spiritual and financial gifts. Because you already contribute, you know the difference your gift makes. I am asking that you pray about how you want to answer the challenge to grow, and I invite you to consider joining me in taking a step up by increasing your financial gift for the coming year.

The practice of generosity is a faith discipline. Growing in generosity is the mark of a developing faith and deeper walk with Christ. As a congregation, we are seeking to be fed spiritually and to actively engage the world where its deepest needs meet our abilities, and with God's help, to be a difference for good.

Have a blessed October!
Bonnie Smith, TUMC Treasurer



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, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.

(John Wesley)



**ENROLLMENT
IS GOING ON!**

TRINITY

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(18 months to Pre-K4)**

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Happy Birthday to:

CRYSTAL KHAN	2-Oct
LAYNE KERLEY	9-Oct
AMELIA REED	11-Oct
MARIA MEDRANO	16-Oct
DR JOANNE SMITH	19-Oct
DAVID EMMANUEL SUTJIANTO	23-Oct
CINDY GERTH	26-Oct
NATALIE BURGE	31-Oct

Happy Anniversary to:

BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE	5-Oct
MICHAEL SCHROEDER & SANDRA KEYSER	28-Oct

Dates to remember:

- * **Annual Conference via zoom**—October 3rd
- * **Board Meeting** in the sanctuary at 6:30pm—
October 13th
- * **Worship Team**—October 14th @ 7:00 p.m.
- * **Church Conference** on Sunday, November 8th
- * **Stewardship Sunday**
November 15th
- * **Decorate the sanctuary**—November 28
- * **Hanging of Greens**—November 29th—**First Sunday of Advent**

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.

Pastor-led Bible Study on Tuesdays —-///— Bible Study via Zoom @ 5:00 p.m.
The link to the zoom room is posted on Facebook (or please request the link from the church office).
Come join us!