



# The Trinity Times

*"The mission of Trinity UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

## WELCOME TO Trinity United Methodist Church

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Trinity wants to say a big "thank you" to Lisa White for the beautiful paraments she made for the altar.



# YOU'RE NOT SPECIAL!

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

*Do you believe that God loves Christians more than He/She loves anyone else? What about those born before Christ? I believe He/She didn't wait until Christ came along to start loving people.*

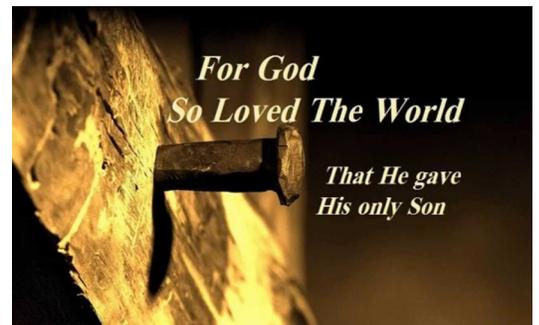
*Do you suppose He loves only those who are considered "good" more than those who are considered "bad"? I don't believe He loves what "bad" people do, but surely He loves all people the same. I believe He hopes each of us will try our very best to do good works and to follow Christ's example. Of course, we all fall short of that goal from time to time.*

*Do you believe He loves members of ISIS, the Taliban, and any other terror groups any less than He loves those of us who make it a point to be in our churches every Sunday? If we are to pray for our enemies, surely, God loves them! No, we are not special. He loves us all the same.*

*You who are parents must know that sometimes one child will be disobedient while another will do exactly what we ask. Do we love the one who has misbehaved any less than we love the one who follows our rules? NO! Of course, we are disappointed in the "backslider's" behavior, but we still love him. We probably will punish him, but we still love him. I believe God works the same way. We are told of consequences for "bad" behavior, but the Bible never says He/She will no longer love us.*

*Do you believe that God loves gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgenders, any less than He loves those who are "straight"? NO! We are ALL God's children, so, as we do as parents, He loves all the same.*

*Don't think because you are "good," Christian, or "straight" that you are special! Don't even think that because you are Methodist that you are special. Methodism is only one way to God. There are many other paths that work just as well. It happens to be the way that I understand best, but there are other equally-valid paths that may be more easily understood by others. John Wesley laid out many rules on how to be a good Christian, a good person. I do believe that if we follow these rules but don't really want to in our hearts, we will be wasting out time. God loves a cheerful giver of love as well as money. "Going through the motions" doesn't count.*



*God knows our hearts. We can show up every Sunday for church and still be evil! How many children have been molested by those who claim to know God? How many people have been murdered by those who claim to know God? How many steal from a church because "no one really owns" that stuff? It belongs to "the church." God knows whether we really love Him/Her or just go to church. Claiming to be "of God" won't save us! How many people have even killed others in the name of God? Do we really believe God ordered that? God knows whether we really belong to Him/Her or not!*

*We have all heard that "Black Lives Matter." Of course, they do! Guess what! ALL lives matter! No one is special - or - everyone is special! God loves us all the same. Our job is to follow in His/Her footsteps! I know it's easier for God, but it is still our goal and our job. Of all the deadly sins, I read in our current Sunday-school text that PRIDE is the worst one! If you think you are special, you have committed the most deadly sin!*

*Maybe you think that because you are right more than others, that you are special. You may have received a gift that someone else didn't get, but others have received their own gifts. Different is NOT special. Maybe your sin is different from another's sin. That doesn't mean you are special, either.*

*As soon as we ALL realize that we are all on this earth together and that no one is special, we will get a lot closer to getting along and really having PEACE on earth! I didn't say that this is easy, but it is doable. First we have to want this in our hearts. As long as we WANT to be special, we will not see others as equal.*

*We are NOT special - OR - we ALL are!*

July 26, 2016



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
**Trinity United Methodist Church**

Trinity United Methodist Church  
Capital Campaign  
Goal to Raise \$200,000+  
From 2017-2019

*"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."  
1 Peter 4:10*

Hello Again,

If you read a recent letter I wrote to you, this statement is not new but I think it is worth repeating over and over. Trinity is thriving, not just surviving. I don't know about you, but I love Trinity. I have for 28+ years. It is a big part of my life, and I want it to stay that way. I have no desire to go to another church, so I am committed to help it thrive for the next 28+ years. Anything worthwhile takes lots of prayer and hard work to keep it going and make it worthy.

There are a lot of people here at Trinity that feel the same way I do, and they put in a lot of hard work to keep our church thriving. A group of our members serving as trustees have been tirelessly working, listening, watching and preparing a list of items needed to keep Trinity as we all know and love it to be far into the next decade. They will officially kick off the Capital Campaign in 2017 to start raising the money for all these needs. This is above and beyond what we ask our congregation to give on a regular basis. We thought we would give you the information before the big kickoff to give us all time to review, pray and faithfully decide what part we are going to play in making Trinity thrive.

Not all human beings learn or digest knowledge in the same way, so I want to provide this information about the Campaign in different ways. For the people that want the bottom line, we need approximately \$200,000 to complete all the work involved in this Capital Campaign. The ones that want to know the details of what makes up the \$200,000, the attached breakdown is for you. And for the ones that fall in the middle that would like to know a breakdown but not necessarily go into great detail, the below chart is for you. The people that have worked on putting this information together have tried to list it in order of priority needed. The priorities are safety, necessity, newcomers' directions information/signs and to make our church one we can be proud of.

Please take this information and prayerfully ask God to help us all hear the direction He wants us to take on this. I am happy to report to you that our school and some individuals have already taken some of the items on this list and have either already completed them or they are in the process of completing them.

Thank you for all your support, whether it be by your prayers, presence, gifts, services and/or your stewardship. I hope you know what an important part you are to Trinity. Help us be the church that God smiles to us and says well done My servants!

Yours in Christ,

Bonnie Smith

No-one has ever become poor by giving.

~Anne Frank

**Capital Improvements Project for Trinity United Methodist Church  
June 2016**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Approximate cost</b>
<b>Grounds</b>	Landscaping	\$3,000
	Sidewalks	\$3,850
	Signage	\$500
	Sign on Wurbach	\$25,000
	Parking Lots & Driveway	\$2,200
	Memorial Garden	\$0
	Pole Barn for TUMS	\$2,100
	Walkway Cover to Gym	\$875
	Gutters	\$1,725
	<b>Page total</b>	<b>\$39,250</b>
<b>Gym</b>	Electrical System	\$90
	Security System	\$2,000
	Floors	\$35,000
	Kitchen	\$16,500
	Entry Doors	\$1,575
	Bathrooms	\$2,300
	Storage Area	\$0
	Barrier	\$0
	Upstairs Room	\$0
	Sound System	\$0
<b>Page total</b>	<b>\$57,465</b>	
<b>Worship Center</b>	Floor Coverings	\$40,000
	HVAC	\$30,000
	Sacristy	\$350
	Painting	\$1,800
	Restrooms	\$2,000
	Choir Room	\$15,000
	Window tinting	\$200
	<b>Page total</b>	<b>\$89,350</b>
<b>Null Building</b>	Floor Coverings	\$3,250
	Patch & Paint	\$3,050
	Entry Way & Hall	\$0
	Res rooms	\$225
	Mechanical Room	\$400
	East Side Door	\$150
	Parlor organ & display case	\$0
	<b>Page total</b>	<b>\$7,075</b>

**Capital Improvements Project for Trinity United Methodist Church  
June 2016**

<b>TUM School</b>	<b>Restroom</b>	<b>\$8,500</b>
	<b>Flooring</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
	<b>Painting Exterior</b>	<b>\$9,600</b>
	<b>Painting Sky</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
	<b>Lights</b>	<b>\$2,000</b>
	<b>Exterior Doors</b>	<b>\$1,200</b>
	<b>Page total</b>	<b>\$24,500</b>
	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$217,640</b>

**Building and Grounds Assessment  
TUMC Capital Improvement Program – June 2016  
Version 4 - June 25, 2016**

This report has been compiled by the following Trustee Members on the Church Board. They are Don Dancak, John Reed, and Mary Shoemaker with the help, advice, and assistance of many members of our Congregation. The items have been arranged in priority. We humbly submit this assessment to the Board for final action. The projected totals are listed separately and total \$217,640.

**Grounds:**

1. *Landscaping:* Trim trees and shrubs. Finish brickwork at the cross and main oak tree, to include area called the Memorial garden.  
**Approximate cost - \$3,000**
  
2. *Sidewalks:* Adjust alignment and replace where cracked or un-level.  
**Approximate cost - \$3,850**
  
3. *Signage:* Visitor parking, directions as necessary.  
**Approximate cost - \$500**
  
4. *Sign on Wurzbach:* Electronic message type. Make campus a community landmark. Cost is for a color sign.  
**Approximate cost - \$25,000**
  
5. *Parking Lots and Driveway:* Resurfaced and striped, remove curb along drive to gym and widen to first parking space. Kill grass to reclaim pavement. (Check with SAPD Officer Trujillo (parent of student at TUMS) for legal requirements for the City).  
**Approximate cost - \$2,200**
  
6. *Memorial Garden:* Seal and paint the fountain and replace the water pump with a permanent self-lubricating (Mr. Lane Kerley has volunteered to do this).
  
7. *Pole Barn for School:* Paint it.  
**Approximate cost - \$2,100**

9. *Walkway cover to Gym:* Replace bent poles. (Cover has been replaced)

**Approximate cost - \$875**

10. *Gutters:* Add leaf guards to existing gutters on the buildings at 7 cents a linear foot. For the Sanctuary and the Null Building that will be approximately \$1,050. To fix the rain gutter and downspout by the dumpster on the Gym that will be approximately \$675.

**Approximate cost - \$1,050 + \$675 = \$1,725**

**Total for page - \$39,250**

**Gym:**

1. *Electrical System:* Get an electrician to inspect the electrical system to balance the electrical loads. Currently, two circuit breakers constantly trip.

**Approximate cost - \$90**

2. *Security System:* Upgrade with camera and intercom on doors.

**Approximate cost - \$2,000**

3. *Floors:* Clean and seal. Install new flooring where and as necessary in the gym.

**Approximate cost - \$35,000**

4. *Kitchen:* Paint, replace flooring. Replace dishwasher, Replace electrical burners, plumbing fixtures, and disposals. Replace cabinets

**Approximate cost - \$16,500**

5. *Entry Doors:* Re-hinge, adjust latches and paint.

**Approximate cost - \$1,575**

6. *Bathrooms:* Patch and repaint walls and ceiling. Repair, paint, install hand rails (ADA).

**Approximate cost - \$2,300**

7. *Storage Area:* Clear out clutter and unwanted items. Maintain orderly. Labor donated by Church Members and School Parents.

**Approximate cost - \$0**

8. *Barrier:* Fixed by John Reed

**Approximate cost - \$0**

9. *Upstairs Rooms:* We will approach this when there is a need for this area.

**Approximate cost - \$0**

10. *Sound system:* We will continue to use the portable system as it currently suits our needs.

**Approximate cost - \$0**

**Total for page - \$57,465**

**Worship Center: repair walls and repaint where needed**

1. *Floor Coverings:* Replace all flooring coverings and include those in the Chancel.  
**Approximate cost - \$40,000**
  
2. *HVAC:* Maintain and replace when needed. If and when we need to replace it, we will have a price of about \$30,000.  
**Approximate cost - \$30,000**
  
3. *Sacristy:* Clear clutter, paint, and seal floor. Look to remove music and other audio equipment and elsewhere. Fix damage on back door from water damage from sprinklers.  
**Approximate cost - \$350**
  
4. *Painting:* As needed.  
**Approximate cost - \$1,800**
  
5. *Restrooms:* Add automatic door openers for ADA accessibility.  
**Approximate cost - \$4,000**
  
6. *Choir Room:* Redesign for better use adding shelves and cabinets where necessary.  
**Approximate cost - \$15,000**
  
7. *Window tinting:* Tint the windows by the sound systems to reduce the heat from the sun.  
**Approximate cost - \$200**

**Total for page - \$89,350**

**Null Building:**

1. *Floor Coverings:* Clean and replace carpet as necessary in the parlor and classrooms 1 & 3. Approximately \$2,250 in the parlor and \$500 ea. For cleaning the carpets in the two classrooms (1 & 3).  
**Approximate cost - \$3,250**
  
2. *Patch & Paint:* Throughout building. \$1,500 in the parlor. Approximately \$200 in the hallway. \$525 for each classroom and \$150 ea. For patch repairs to walls.  
**Approximate cost - \$3,050**
  
3. *Entry Way and Hall:* New desk and chair.  
**Approximate cost - \$0 (requesting a donation to be approved by Board)**

4. Restrooms: Patch and repair walls in the sink nook. Men's room - \$75. Ladies room - \$150.

**Approximate cost - \$225**

5. Work Room: Paint the ladder to the attic.

**Approximate cost - \$400**

6. East side Door (east side door): replace existing framing to remount the automatic closure for the door.

**Approximate cost - \$150**

7. Parlor organ & display case: Get Board approval to sell these items.

**Total for page - \$7,075**

#### **School:**

1. Restrooms: Gut and renew four baths. Replace hot water heater.

**Approximate cost - \$8,500**

2. Flooring Coverings: strip and reseal. Clean carpeted areas. (approx \$0.25 per sq ft)

**Approximate cost - \$1,200**

3. Painting: Patch and repaint walls.

**Approximate cost - \$9,600**

8. Exterior Painting: Finish painting exterior of building. (20 window sets)

**Approximate cost - \$2,000**

9. Sky Lights: Install as needed in rooms with very little light. (\$200 ea) about 10 rooms

**Approximate cost - \$2,000**

10. Exterior Doors: Replace with steel doors and paint them. (\$600 ea)

**Approximate cost - \$1,200**

**Total for page - 24,500**



# FEW REMINDERS:

- ⇒ CPR training: given by Trinity United Methodist School on Monday, August 15th at 1:30pm. Please register with the church office no later than Wednesday, August 10th.
- ⇒ “Come and Go” lunch at Trinity United Methodist School on Monday, August 15th from 11:00am-1:00pm.
- ⇒ Trinity United Methodist School starts Wednesday, August 17th.
- ⇒ Special Worship Sunday on August 21st. Blessing of Teachers and Students at 11:00am.
- ⇒ Choir rehearsals resumes Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30pm.
- ⇒ Godly play resumes Sunday, August 21st.

## USHERS/GREETERS TRAINING



.. immediately after the second worship service on Sunday, August 28th.

“You gave them roots, we give them wings”  
Together may we give our children the roots to grow and  
the wings to fly.

**Trinity United Methodist School**  
**210-684-5214**

When we joined the church, we pledged to uphold it  
with our prayers.

Please pray for our church every day at noon by  
simply saying

“JESUS I TRUST IN YOU”

*From Twila Icenogle:*

*If you have any saved minutes from any committees which you were previously involved with; please share these minutes with Twila (our church's historian).*

*Please give it to Twila or email to the church office at: [ofcadmin@tumcsa.net](mailto:ofcadmin@tumcsa.net).*

*We have some minutes dating way back to 1968!*



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

### 2016 Missions Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>January</b> - Church World Service, Blanket Fund #982810</li> <li>• <b>February</b> - Jireh House</li> <li>• <b>March</b> - One Great Hour of Sharing</li> <li>• <b>April</b> - Children's Shelter</li> <li>• <b>May</b> - Camperships for Youth</li> <li>• <b>June</b> - Muziti Missions (Zimbabwe)</li> <li>• <b>July</b> - San Antonio U. M. Campus Ministry Foundation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>August</b> - The Holding Institute, First UMC Laredo</li> <li>• <b>September</b> - Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)</li> <li>• <b>October</b> - Jireh House (Thanksgiving offering)</li> <li>• <b>November</b> - Fairfield Children's Homes (Omaha, NE 68114) <a href="http://www.fosakids.org">www.fosakids.org</a></li> <li>• <b>December</b> - Providence Place</li> </ul> |
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### Intercessory Prayer

We at Trinity UMC take seriously our Ministry of Prayer. The Prayer Ministry team continues to pray for your loved ones (as you have requested) even if their names are no longer in the bulletin.

Prayer Intercessory Ministry meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., in the Null building, for a prayer meeting. Please join us.

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

### *A report from John Reed (Trustee)*

We ventured into the school underground Saturday, July 16th. Well, the pastor did! Reverend Bob and a couple of trustees opened the trap vent, and the pastor was the only one physically able to go into the hole.

We are pleased to report the building is well built, on concrete piers, is dry, and pest free, (as far as could be seen). The space is about three to four feet in depth and is damage free.

#### Happy Birthday to:

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|-------------------------|--------|
| JOYCE PARKE             | 2-Aug  |
| JOHN SMITH              | 4-Aug  |
| MARY ELIZABETH FRIZZELL | 6-Aug  |
| TINA AZBILL             | 6-Aug  |
| ROY ROGERS              | 12-Aug |
| BOB PARKE               | 14-Aug |
| MARY ELLEN KELLER       | 19-Aug |
| BOB ICENOGLA            | 20-Aug |
| SARA PHAIR              | 20-Aug |
| JOAN WURST              | 21-Aug |
| BECKY LAMBERT           | 23-Aug |
| LYNNSI GILLESPIE        | 25-Aug |
| MARY BETH CALK          | 27-Aug |
| BETTY MILNER            | 27-Aug |
| EMMA MAY                | 28-Aug |
| CAROLL SCHMIDT          | 28-Aug |
| JUANITA SCOTT           | 28-Aug |
| CHARLIE SETTLES         | 28-Aug |
| ERICK BENTON            | 30-Aug |

#### Happy Anniversary to:

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|------------------------|--------|
| JACK & HELEN TOOLE     | 1-Aug  |
| TOM & CYNTHIA SETTLES  | 4-Aug  |
| JIM & JO ANN CHAMBERS  | 7-Aug  |
| DARRYL & ALISA ROBERTS | 20-Aug |
| DWIGHT & MARY HALE     | 26-Aug |

**(If we have missed your special day, please notify Cynthia in the church office).**

