



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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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.

Zoom room

Pastor-led Bible Study

5:00 p.m.

Tuesdays

Zoom room

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210-684-0261

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Congratulations to these students for receiving the College Scholarships provided from the Permanent Endowment Fund of Trinity UMC

Nick Benton, Tyler Brown, Madison Dye, Ricky Landers, Ryan Landers, Christy Wilson, & Denise Wilson

We will present the scholarships during worship on Sunday, September 13th.

Please join us.

In the words of the 1999 Methodist Conference Report “The Essence of Education” - “The educated person is one who has most nearly attained the potential which he or she has it within them to become, morally, culturally, and spiritually as well as intellectually and physically. Education is not ultimately about training people to be clever or successful, but about discovering what it is to be the full human beings God intended us to be”.

2020 Missions - SEPTEMBER

4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)

***** Habitat for Humanity *****



The Wisdom of God



We have heard of the three wise men. But how many wise men actually went to see Jesus? Strictly speaking, the bible does not mention any number. The number three came with people's association with the number of gifts. The most important question we might ask is, why does the scripture call them the wise men? These men were highly educated as astrologer who studied the star and the cosmic elements and so can predict and make some deductions about such studies but they are called the wise men in addition to their learning because they sought the Lord, they found Him, they worshiped him and they went with him in their hearts.

The content of wisdom is Godliness. If we take Godliness out of wisdom it is no longer wisdom. Psalms 53 say the fool has say in his heart that there is no God, so a foolish person is someone who does not know God and a wise person is someone who knows God. They are wise because in addition to their doctorate in Physics, their skills in engineering, their Masters in Business Administration, their doctorate in Medicine and Philosophy and their Masters in Education, they search for God the ultimate meaning of existence and they found Him. Reflecting on this might give us an opportunity to wrestle within us if we are truly wise or foolish.

1 Corinthians 1:24 says Christ Jesus is the wisdom and the power of God, so Godliness is the measure of our wisdom and if we know God, we must be wise. A wise pastor is one who leaves in harmony with his associates give them what is their dues, cares for them and treat them as brothers and sisters. He takes care of the flock God has given him pastorally, feeds them well with the word, administer the sacraments and nurtures them spiritually- that is Godliness.

Wise couples are the ones who know that they can only get the best from each other by giving the best to each other, by appreciating the best from each other, serve each other in the same way Christ loves, served and sacrifice for His church as in Ephesian 5. Wise parents are the ones who are doing the best for their children, walk their journey, listen to their story and be there for them at all times. Wise parishioners are the ones who support the Lord in their giving, dedicate their extra time in their service to God, takes care of God's business, and a wise politician is one who takes care of the circle of people placed under their care. Wisdom is measured by Godliness and nothing else.

Now listen to God's word again. **"Then he taught me, and he said to me, "Take hold of my words with all your heart; keep my commands, and you will live. 5 Get wisdom, get understanding; do not forget my words or turn away from them. 6 Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you; love her, and she will watch over you. 7 The beginning of wisdom is this: Get[a] wisdom. Though it cost all you have,[b] get understanding."** (Proverbs 4:4-7).

Thank you all.

Together for Christ
Rev. John N. Meande



Free Will Isn't Free!

I'm sure all of you have heard that "freedom isn't free." Well, I believe it goes hand in hand that free will isn't free, either. By that I mean that what we do has consequences. God never intended for us to use his gift of free will to abuse or hurt others. He never meant for us to choose to follow Satan instead of God, but I know there are many who do just that. There are some who just do that occasionally – probably all of us at some time or another. Thank God (literally) we are forgiven when we fail.

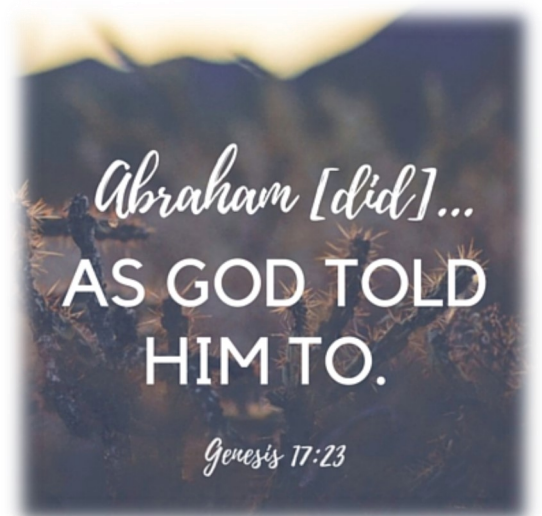
Where we have a big problem is when we **knowingly** do what is against God's will and still expect to be forgiven, especially when we do the same sin repeatedly. We are obviously abusing God's grace and forgiveness! If one of our children were to do something against our direction one time (and ask for forgiveness), we would most likely forgive him or her. If that child were to do the same thing over and over after we have explained that it is wrong, we would probably dish out a more severe punishment than the first time. We would simply assume that he/she had no intention of changing. We might even assume that that child doesn't love us. Do we not love God, either?

Again, thank God (literally) for not deciding to stop loving us when we, at least, behave as if we don't love Him! Do you attend services because you want to commune with God and His children or because you are afraid not to? Do you treat others the way you want to be treated, or do you not really care how you treat them nor what their reactions might be? If you steal from someone, don't be surprised if he/she files a claim against you for reimbursement. If you attempt to injure or even kill someone, don't be surprised if that person strikes back. If you refuse to comply with a policeman's commands, don't be surprised if he stuns you, strikes you, or even shoots you! There is a time to fight back and a time to comply.

God did not give us free will so we could do whatever we feel like to anyone! He gave us free will because He loves us and because He trusts us to do the right thing. I really hope His trust is not misplaced! Are you the teenager who is given the keys to the car and comes back on time and without damage to the car, or the one who has an accident and shows up at 3:00 a.m.? As a parent, we still love our children either way, but we are proud of the one who comes home on time and without car damage. Do you tempt God's patience and try to see just how far you can "push" God, or are you obedient to God's will, hopefully because you love God. I'm not saying God will stop loving you if you disobey, but I am saying that I really do believe there will be consequences if you do not follow God's will. Surely, there is a reason for Satan, Purgatory, and Hell!

So, use the free will God has given you for good, not only for good for others but also for yourself! Only a salmon goes upstream as a routine way of life! It's true that this is not heaven, but we can make it easier or harder, depending on how we use our gift of free will. I promise that God will be with you either way.

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader



Interest Survey for Trinity UMC – Fall 2020

Dear Members of Trinity UMC,

God has blessed each of us with a unique set of interests and talents. Many of these we use in our careers, and others are often for our enjoyment. We realize God has blessed each of us with these gifts so that we might use them to be a blessing to His kingdom. Our congregation is over-flowing with talented people.

The purpose of this interest survey is to compile a list of our members' talents and interests so that we may identify people to help in the livelihood of Trinity.

We sincerely thank you for your feedback and continued prayers for the future of Trinity. Please return by **mail, drop-off** at the church, or **scan and email** to ofcadmin@tumcsa.net

Faithfully,
Trinity UMC Board

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Please write the names of all persons in your household that are willing to participate in the programs of the church. Beside each area, write the name of the individual interested. All ages are encouraged to participate.

Names: _____

Phones: _____

Emails: _____

Christian Education: Teaching children and adults for the purpose of growing them as a disciple of Christ. I am interested in:

- _____ Adult Sunday School Teacher
- _____ Children's Sunday School Teacher or Helper
- _____ Youth Sunday School Teacher or Helper
- _____ Godly Play Leader or Helper
- _____ Nursery Worker or Helper

Congregational Care:

Meet the physical, material, and emotional needs of regular attendees of TUMC. I am interested in:

- _____ Visiting homebound
- _____ Visiting people in the hospital – post COVID-19
- _____ Sending cards – birthday & anniversary, just because, get-well, etc.
- _____ Phone calls and/or emails

Grounds and Facilities:

Oversee the effective stewardship of the buildings and grounds. I am interested in:

- _____ Making small improvements to the facilities (light carpentry, light painting, etc)
- _____ Occasional cleaning projects inside the buildings (closets, storage spaces, etc)
- _____ Garden care – watering, weeding, planting in areas around the buildings
- _____ Grounds maintenance – not mowing, but other maintenance (trim hedges, weed)

Evangelism:

Welcome and follow up with visitors and prospective members. I am interested in:

- _____ Sending a card to visitors
- _____ Visiting prospective members on the phone
- _____ Visiting prospective members in person
- _____ Block walking to distribute flyers, etc
- _____ Walking in neighborhoods praying for the families

Family Life:

Support the family of Trinity by providing opportunities for members, regular attendees, and visitors to connect with one another. I am interested in:

- _____ Planning events
- _____ Baking/cooking for events
- _____ Setting up and/or cleaning up events
- _____ Serving food at events
- _____ Organizing games/activities for children and others
- _____ Decorating for event
- _____ I have ideas for future events

Hospitality:

Provides meals or gatherings for people within the church family due to birth, medical condition, death, etc. I am interested in:

- _____ Planning and organizing the gathering
- _____ Providing food for gathering
- _____ Setting up and/or cleaning up event

Mission:

Leads the church in the support and practice of missions, to include local, regional, and global missions. I am interested in:

- _____ Planning mission events
- _____ Carrying out fund-raising activities for donations to mission projects by others (ie: potato luncheon)
- _____ Participating in local mission opportunities/ low physical activity (ie: sandwich ministry)
- _____ Participating in local mission opportunities/ more physical (ie: Habitat for Humanity)
- _____ Participating in mission trip – within the Rio Texas Conference
- _____ Participating in mission trip – across the United States
- _____ Participating in mission trip – globally

Prayer Ministry: Gathers regularly to pray for specific needs for the church and the church family. I am interested in:

- _____ Gathering together to participate in prayer
- _____ Being informed via email or phone call of specific needs to pray for

Sunday Worship Support: Warmly greet attendees and support the worship service. I am interested in:

- _____ Greeter - welcome people with a smile
- _____ Usher – directing people if needed, handing out bulletins, collecting offering
- _____ Reader – reading scripture or Psalms during the worship service

Volunteer in Office:

Support office staff, answer phones, make copies, etc. I am interested in:
_____ Volunteering in the office

Other: Please list any ways you would like to serve that we have not included.

Each of us are uniquely created by God, and gifted with talents and skills to support
God's work on this earth.

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Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Thank you for the offerings you have made and are making to Trinity. Trinity could not have done it without the faithful offerings of its members. Thank you for giving to our church consistently so we can continue God's work. Your financial support is making a real difference. We are grateful that you hold Trinity in a special place in your heart. We earnestly appreciate your ongoing support and want to let you know we're here for you. If there's ever anything we can do for you and your family, don't hesitate to reach out. You are a valued member of our church family.

Be safe, stay well, and take care.

Trinity UMC Finance Team



Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, in accordance with the plans of the Central Labor Union. The Central Labor Union held its second Labor Day holiday just a year later, on September 5, 1883.

In 1884 the first Monday in September was selected as the holiday, as originally proposed.

The nation pay tribute on Labor Day to the creator of so much of the nation's strength, freedom, and leadership — the American worker.—USDOL



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Happy Birthday to:

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| DONNA SETTLES | 1-Sep |
| ANGIE KHAN | 1-Sep |
| DEBRA SCHNEIDER | 2-Sep |
| EUGENE AZBILL | 4-Sep |
| CARTER KINGSTON KROLL | 5-Sep |
| SHANE SPRAGUE | 9-Sep |
| SANDRA DANCE | 9-Sep |
| ROY PUTZ | 12-Sep |
| BROOKLYN LEWIS | 13-Sep |
| BRENT PHILLIPS | 16-Sep |
| SUSANA DEKU | 19-Sep |
| REV. NORTON SCRIMSHIRE | 20-Sep |
| LOUBELLE VANDEVENTER | 21-Sep |
| JUDITH E. FRIZZELL-VIRES | 22-Sep |
| STACIE BROWN | 22-Sep |
| RAYMOND A. EFTA | 28-Sep |
| DOROTHLYN STAMPS | 29-Sep |
| ETHAN CALK | 30-Sep |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| REV. NORTON & CAROLYN SCRIMSHIRE | 2-Sep |
| DOYLE & DORTHLYN STAMPS | 11-Sep |
| SARAH ELIZABETH & PATRICK ORMOND | 19-Sep |
| JOE & BONNIE SMITH | 23-Sep |

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!