

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*.”

Welcome!



DECEMBER 2025

"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



Trinity United Methodist Church

Rev. David Cervantez
Pastor

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**

e-mail:

TrinityUMCoffice1@gmail.com

6800 Wurzbach Road,
San Antonio, Texas 78240

www.tumcsa.net



NOVEMBER 2025

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY [IN-PERSON]

NOVEMBER 2	31
NOVEMBER 9	26
NOVEMBER 16	32
NOVEMBER 23	42
NOVEMBER 30 (December)	

FACEBOOK LIVE — [VIEWS]

NOVEMBER 2	76
NOVEMBER 9	80
NOVEMBER 16	91
NOVEMBER 23	116
NOVEMBER 30 (December)	

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

NOVEMBER 2	\$5,405
NOVEMBER 9	\$9,180
NOVEMBER 16	\$1,930
NOVEMBER 23	\$1,736
NOVEMBER 30 (December)	

**[*Tithes & Offerings report taken
from ONLY the Sunday counters;
online and text giving NOT
Included].**

YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET SPOTS:
\$75

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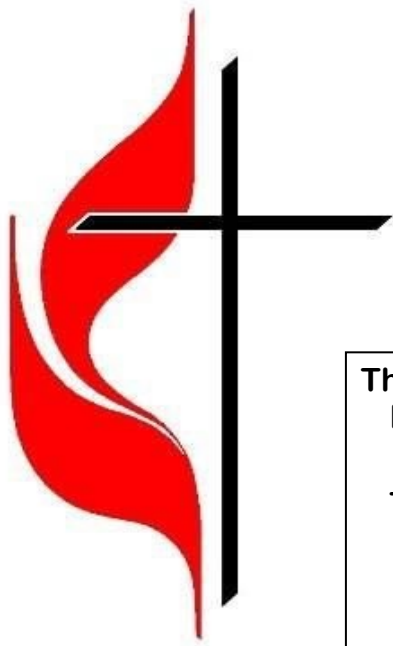


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

DAVID C. LOPEZ	17-Dec
DON KHAN	19-Dec
MARCIA ALLEY	21-Dec
CAROL WILSON	27-Dec
DAVID DYE	30-Dec
DON KETCHUM	30-Dec
PAT PUTZ	30-Dec

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

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



Charge Conference



The Trinity United Methodist Church **Charge Conference** has been scheduled for **December 7, 2025 (Sunday)**, at 3 PM, hosted by **Alamo Heights UMC**.

The **Trinity UMC Church conference** will take place in the sanctuary after the worship service on **Sunday, November 30th**.

PLEASE SAVE ALL DATES.

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 call the office (210-684-0261) for Zoom links.

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



FREE FOOD! *every 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH*

DECEMBER 20, 2025 FROM 10 AM—12 NOON

THE 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.



DECEMBER 13 | 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 ☺





CHRISTMAS EVE LESSONS AND CAROLS
COMMUNION CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
4:00pm (*December 24th, Wednesday*)



Trinity UMC Notice of Volunteer Opportunity

Church Treasurer Position Available

Attention Church Members:

We are seeking a dedicated and trustworthy volunteer to serve as our Church Treasurer. This is an important role that helps ensure the financial health and transparency of our church community.

About the Position

- Responsible for managing church funds and accounts
- Prepares monthly and annual financial reports
- Works closely with church leadership and the finance committee
- Ensures all donations and expenses are accurately recorded

Qualifications

- Strong organizational and recordkeeping skills
- Basic knowledge of accounting or bookkeeping
- Trustworthy and discreet with sensitive information
- Willingness to serve and support our church mission

How to Apply

If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact the church office or speak directly to Pastor David by 12/15/2025. Training and support will be provided.

Your willingness to volunteer makes a real difference. Thank you for considering this important ministry opportunity!

Sincerely,

The Trinity UMC Board

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope this letter finds you well and enveloped in the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. I am writing to share some important updates and words of encouragement from the church.

I would like to introduce myself as your new Part-Time Interim Pastor. My name is David Cervantez, and my wife is Henrietta Cervantez. We became members of Trinity UMC about two years ago. I am a retired Licensed Local Pastor from Jefferson UMC in San Antonio.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor during this time. Please feel free to reach out to me whenever you need assistance. You can contact me at the church office at 210-684-0261, available Tuesday through Wednesday, between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM.

As your Part-Time Interim Pastor, I will be serving for a duration of eight months, starting from October of this year and continuing through June 2026.

As you may know, we have been working diligently to create a welcoming and vibrant community at our church, where everyone feels loved and accepted. We have implemented some exciting changes to our worship services, including the addition of new music and more interactive elements.

In addition to these updates, I want to encourage you to keep praying for our church and our community. We are facing many challenges in the world today, but I believe that God is with us and will guide us through these difficult times.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. I look forward to seeing and meeting you at church on Sundays.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor David



God is about to do something profound within and through Trinity United Methodist Church, and we feel called to be part of this journey alongside you. Your generous and often self-sacrificial response to God's limitless grace is both uplifting and inspiring.

Our shared goal is to enhance everything we do in God's name, reaching out to our local community and beyond. Together, we are part of a congregation that is making disciples of Jesus Christ and working to create meaningful change in the world.

As we move forward, let us take a moment to prayerfully consider how we can respond. Every gift you offer, no matter how big or small, truly matters in the work God is doing through us.

Thank you for your willingness to respond generously to all that God has done and continues to do in your life and through this church. We sincerely hope that the years ahead are filled with blessings for you and your loved ones.

Merry Christmas

Finance Team, TUMC

Hello brothers and sisters of Christ,

I want to thank every member of Trinity for giving me the privilege of being our church treasurer for the last 20+ years (not sure of the exact # of years). With a heavy heart, I have decided this is my last year. I need to step down from the leadership of our church due to personal reasons. I plan to continue to fulfill my position through the end of the year unless the church council decides otherwise.

It has been rewarding and challenging through the years to help keep Trinity's doors open. I would not change anything because I have enjoyed working with such great people. Like anything in life, there is a beginning and an end, and this part of my service has come to an end.

Trinity will always have a place in our hearts. It is the church my parents asked me to join with them many years ago. It felt like home immediately. It is also very special because Joe & I got married here, but our greatest joys have been teaching so many wonderful children about God and Jesus.

Our hope for Trinity is to turn the corner and start thriving again. There are a lot of great people here, and we wish you all the best.

This coming year, we plan to visit several different types of churches. I have been a Methodist my entire life, and if I had to guess, I will die a Methodist. My curiosity has increased over the last couple of years of what other churches are like. The only way we can find this out is to visit them.

There are too many people for me to thank individually, so please take this letter as my sincere heart-filled thank you to all of you.

Love, your sister in Christ,

Bonnie Smith

Thank You...

Thank You...

On behalf of the entire congregation, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Bonnie Smith for her dedicated service as our church Treasurer for over 20 years.

Bonnie's careful stewardship, attention to detail, and unwavering integrity have been invaluable to our community. Managing the church's finances is a tremendous responsibility, and Bonnie has handled it with professionalism and grace.

We appreciate her countless hours devoted to keeping our records accurate and transparent, and for ensuring that our financial decisions were guided by wisdom and faith.

We are truly blessed by her commitment.

We wish Bonnie joy and peace in her future endeavors.

Sincerely,

The Trinity UMC Board/Church Council

GIFTS ON OUR FIRST CHRISTMAS

The first Christmas after we were married was pretty slim as Christmases go. Christmas morning we opened our gifts to each other. Henrietta had given me a dress shirt — and I had given her a pin and some perfume.

It was the leanest Christmas of our lives, but the one I'll remember the best. It was about giving something personal to the one I cherished and receiving something special from the one who loved me.

It is in simple, loving giving and receiving that we find the Heart of Christmas.

God gave us the most precious thing to Him — His only begotten Son.

He came as a baby, born in a stable, laid in a rough wooden manger, and 33 years later died on a wooden cross for our sins. Then Easter morning God raised Him from the dead!

God gave us His most precious, His most costly gift that Christmas night.

And what do you have to give to Him that He really wants?

A prayer? A song? Good, but not enough.

An offering of a few dollars or a few hundred dollars? That's good, but if that's all, it somehow cheapens Christmas and turns it into a commercial transaction. That's only money -- and you can earn more of that.

On Christmas, the only gift that is worthy is to give Him, the only gift He really hopes for, is that which is most precious to you — and most costly: your heart, your life, your love, your future.

Perhaps you've withheld this special gift from Him, but now is the time. At this special time, don't withhold from Him the only gift He really desires from you, is you.

Pray with me: Father, at this Christmas time we thank You for Your gift of Jesus. And somehow we want to reciprocate, to give You a gift, but we know we have nothing to compare with Your Gift. Yet, right now we open up our hearts to You. We surrender ourselves to You. We give You our hearts. We give You our lives. Please bestow on us Your eternal life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Henrietta and I wish you and yours a very Blessed Christmas.

Pastor David

Greetings from the Prayer Team!

Thank you, God, for hearing and answering our prayers. Thank you, Trinity UMC, for sharing your joys and concerns. One of our favorite hymns is *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus,"* written by Joseph Scriven in 1855.

It beautifully reminds us to bring everything to God in prayer and the peace we often forfeit by not doing so.

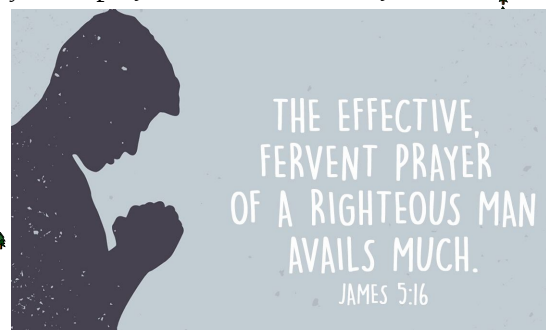
God's grace has enriched our prayer lives, and our team continues to grow in faith. As we enter this season, let's reflect on our relationship with God and seek a deeper connection. Consider enhancing your scripture reading, exploring faith-based books, listening to praise music, or joining a Bible study.

We understand how important daily scripture reading can be for your spiritual journey, and we want to support you in this. There are many free online resources available to help you with your daily readings. If you would prefer printed options, we're here to assist you as well. We invite you to visit our website at www.tumcsa.net and explore the "Daily Devotional" section, where you can find readings that resonate with those shared globally. You're not alone on this journey, and we're here to help you every step of the way.

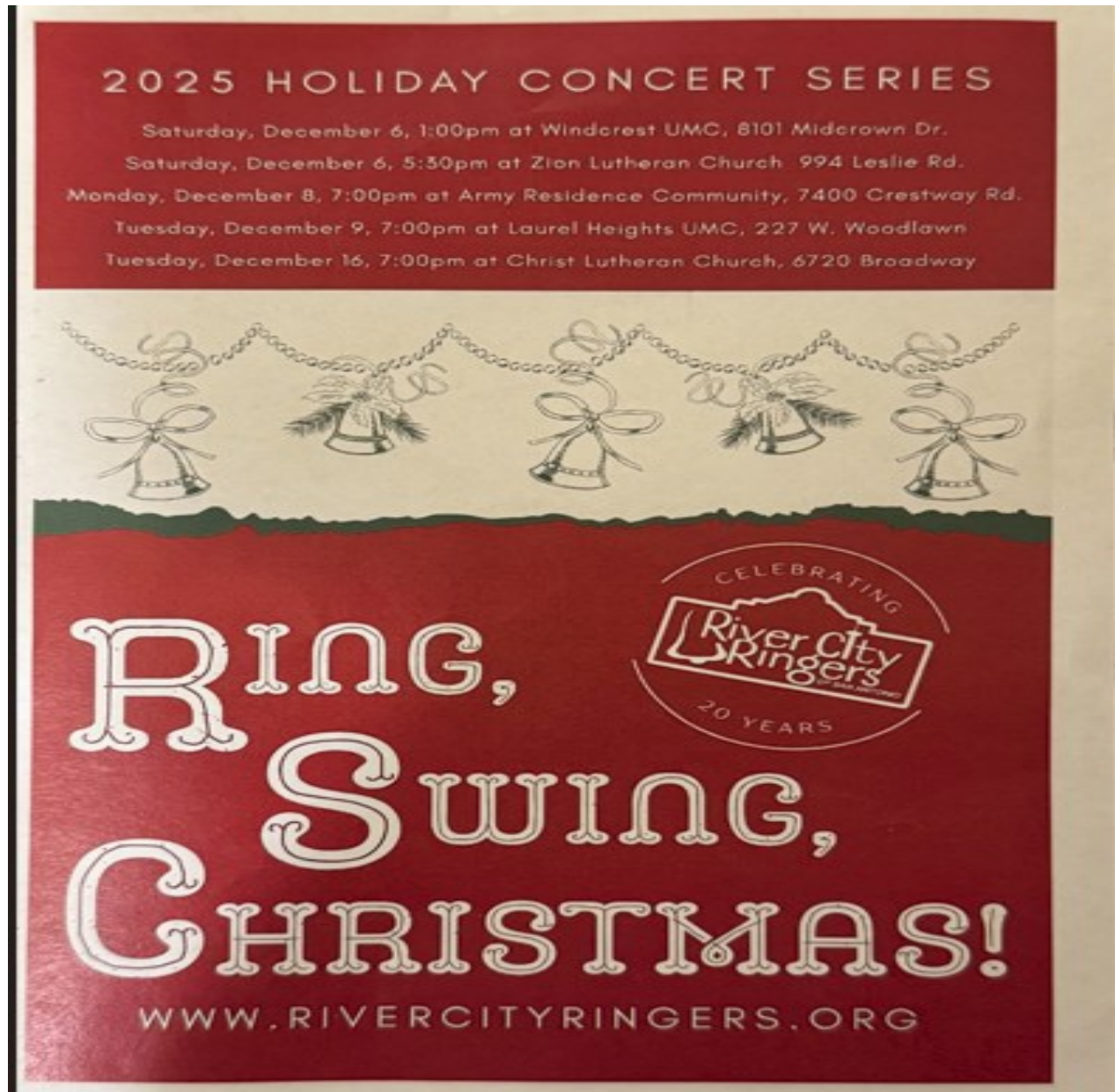
Let's unite in seeking to grow closer to God. We invite you to join the prayer team on Wednesdays at 2:15 p.m. in the Zoom room—come regularly or occasionally.

May God bless us and deepen our faith!

In Him,
Trinity UMC Prayer Team



COME JOIN US ON A HOLIDAY OUTING. HEART OF TX CONCERT BAND, DIANE BRUMLEY CHORALE, AND THE RIVER CITY RINGERS OF SAN ANTONIO PRESENT CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING. SUNDAY, DEC 21 AT 3 PM. AT TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH. THIS IS A HIGHLIGHT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CARPOOLING TO THE EVENT, PLEASE LET JULIE VINCENT OR STACIE BROWN. KNOW. WE MIGHT EVEN PLAN A LUNCH OUTING BEFORE WE GO.



Invitation from Lillian Herrera

- Exercise Class at St. Mark's UMC, 1902 Vance Jackson Road, SAT 78213
- Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday; 10:00-10:45 am.
- Monthly potluck every third Thursday at 11:00 am.
- Low impact, go at your own pace. All invited.

