



Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

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

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SUNDAY

Worship Services
8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

School for all ages
9:45 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through
Thursday
9:00 am- 4:00 pm

ofcadmin@tumcsa.net

Church office phone
210-684-0261

TUMSchool phone
210-684-5214



2018 Missions SEPTEMBER

Special/Fourth Sunday
Offerings:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Pastor Bob will be out through September 12, 2018.

Please direct all inquiries to the church office.

Rev. Elmer Beck will be preaching Sunday

→ September 2 & 9.

Please mark you calendar!

*Nominations Committee will meet back on
Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 p.m.*

*F.I.P.S. will meet at the Acadiana Cafe, 1289
SW Loop 410, for lunch at 1 PM on Wednesday,
September 26.*

Everyone invited. Please join us!

*Board Meeting is Sunday,
October 7, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.*

*Charge Conference
is on Thursday, October 11th.*

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. then meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY'S HISTORY

Are you interested in history? Are you interested in Trinity UMC's history? We have one photo album covering the first hundred years finished, and one album covering the next thirty years. So, there is not a lot to do. Most historical information is contained in one closet. We need someone to learn what we have. If you are interested and are led to take on this task, please contact Twila Icenogle. Thank you.



TUESDAYS COOKIES AND LEMONADE

Cookies for TUMS

We accept cookie donations for the children of our school. There is a calendar for signing up in classroom 3. It is helpful if they come packaged in a sandwich bag, one or two per bag (depending on the size of the cookies). Cookies are given out Tuesday afternoons at 3:15 p.m. If it is more convenient, please bring them on Sunday. You may leave cookies in classroom 3. Thank you for your generous giving. 😊



a letter from the pastor



Dear Friends,

As summer slowly gives way to fall, we return to the rhythms of a new season. School is back in session. Godly play has begun again. The choirs are back from a well-deserved break, and the time has come to begin thinking about the fall stewardship campaign.

This year we will be focusing on the link between generous giving and healthy spirituality. Church leaders are often hesitant to talk about the practice of tithing or about money in general. I understand that hesitancy. It is all too easy to give the impression that the church is motivated by solely self-interest when it encourages people to be generous in their tithes and offerings. Too often the needs of the church are lifted up as the primary reason for giving.

However, let me be the first to say, I do not want you to give out of a sense of obligation to the church. Rather let your giving flow out of a generosity born of gratitude ...gratitude not for the church, not for what the pastor does or doesn't do, not for the great programs offered, or the dear friends you have made in the church, but for the gifts you have received from the one who is its head.

James writes, "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (NRSV James 1:17). Our giving is a response to God's generosity. I encourage you to prayerfully consider your current level of giving. The Biblical standard is that a tithe (10% of gross income) should be given to the church as an offering to God. Additional gifts, known as free will offering, are given in addition to the tithe as occasions for gratitude arise.

I personally began tithing shortly after joining the church and I have never regretted the practice. The blessings I have received over the years have far outweighed any sacrifice I may have made in order to pay the tithe. Jesus encouraged us to obedience saying, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (NRSV Mt 11:29-30). Tithing is one of the easiest places to begin to practice obedience to God. From personal experience I will say that it is also one of the most rewarding.

As always, I give thanks to God for each of you.

Blessings,
Pastor Bob

Donating altar flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the altar. You can choose any available Sunday to donate flowers.

Flowers can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday you select. If you prefer, you can simply give the flowers to the Glory of God. They are truly a gift that touches many people! Call the church office at 210-684-0261 to make these arrangements. Thank you.



**SAY IT
WITH FLOWERS**
...when words not enough



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Thanksgiving lunch, Sunday November 18th at noon in the gym (after the second worship service).



MESSAGE FROM THE TRUSTEES

Our electricity bills in the summer months run \$3,000., and up to \$5000. In attempts to control this we have replaced bulbs with more efficient LED bulbs, we are working to close gaps where air leaks, and we have replaced thermostats that can only be controlled with a password. The temperature settings on the thermostats cannot be changed except by permission from the office, and permanent changes are only possible through the computer. Schedule of room temperatures are posted in the Null building's bulletin board. Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Charge Conference Forms

Hello! Hello!
To those who have received charge conference forms to fill out and complete, the due date to turn those in to the church office is no later than Wednesday, October 3rd. Thank you for your usual cooperation. ☺



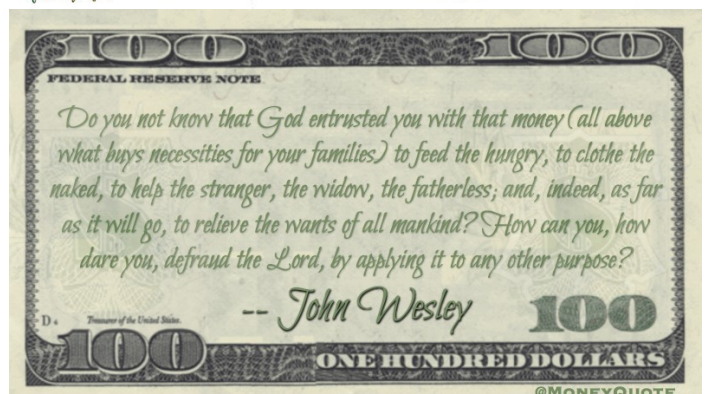
Happy Birthday to:

- DONNA SETTLES 1-Sep
- ANGIE KHAN 1-Sep
- DEBRA SCHNEIDER 2-Sep
- EUGENE AZBILL 4-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
- PATSY LEE 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:

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

Fall begins September 22



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.

Liz Cavin




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. **GIVING**  **back.**