

Welcome!

Trinity United Methodist Church

"Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST."



My comfort in my suffering is this:

Your promise preserves my life.

PSALM 119:50



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SEPTEMBER 2024

"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



Rummage/Yard Sale/Pop-up (every 2nd Saturday of the month)

- ⇒ 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 11am and 2pm or bring in the day of – CASH Only and the exact amount, please.
- ⇒ Great visibility on Wurzbach. Will advertise on social media and the church's electronic marquee.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 | 9 AM-2 PM | SATURDAY

Trinity United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240. 210-684-0261 church office.

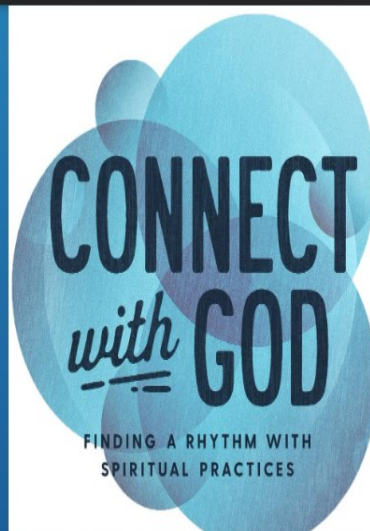
Come early for a good location.



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

***Please pray for our
church every day at
noon***

JOIN US! 😊



WEEKLY!

- Pastor-led Bible study
- Prayer meetings
- New Seekers class (Bible Study)



REV. FEDERICO PEREZ, JR.
Pastor
fperez@riotx.org

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
In the sanctuary—
we encourage you to wear
your mask as you feel
comfortable.

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. is also available
on Facebook Live, &
www.tumcsa.net

Pastor-led Bible Study
7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
Zoom room

'Sunday School' meetings
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom room

Prayer Meetings:
- Wednesdays via zoom at
2:15 p.m.

Church office phone
210-684-0261
Office hours:
Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
or call for an appointment

e-mail:
ofcadmin@tumcsa.net
6800 Wurzbach Road,
San Antonio, Texas 78240
www.tumcsa.net

AUGUST 2024

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

AUGUST 4	35
AUGUST 11	32
AUGUST 18	33
AUGUST 25	38

FACEBOOK LIVE – (PEOPLE REACHED)

AUGUST 4	98
AUGUST 11	87
AUGUST 18	87
AUGUST 25	105

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

AUGUST 4	\$5,847
AUGUST 11	\$3,313
AUGUST 18	\$1,844
AUGUST 25	\$6,448

RUMMAGE SALE (AUGUST) \$90.00

(*Tithes & Offerings report taken from
ONLY the counters;
online and text giving **NOT** included).

Happy Birthday to:

DONNA SETTLES	1-Sep
ANGIE KHAN	1-Sep
CARTER KINGSTON KROLL	5-Sep
FREDDIE PEREZ	8-Sep
SANDRA DANCE	9-Sep
ROY PUTZ	12-Sep
BROOKLYN LEWIS	13-Sep
BRENT PHILLIPS	16-Sep
STACIE BROWN	22-Sep

Happy Anniversary to:

JOE & BONNIE SMITH	23-Sep
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DONATE ONLINE

Simply scan this image using your phone's camera (or QR code reader).



You may also go to:

www.tumcsa.net

then click on the "Donate" button.

DONATE FROM

YOUR

SMARTPHONE.

You may also **text** giving to:

844-210-1179

(Type in the amount you wish to donate, then hit send).



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

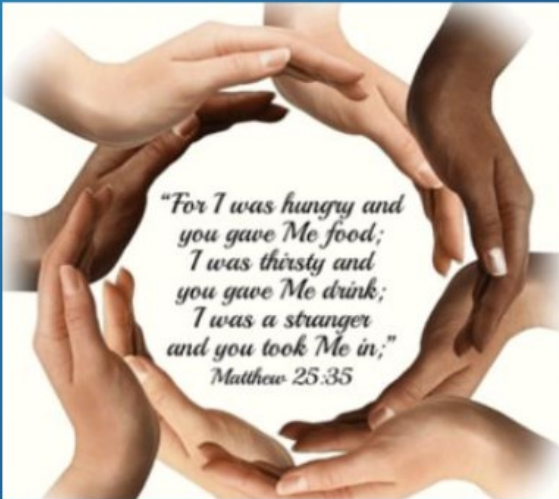
Thank you!

If those who 'gain all they can,' and 'save all they can,' will likewise 'give all they can;' then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven." Wesley's sermon "The Use of Money" is a helpful starting point.



GIVING
Thanks
& **GIVING**
Back

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.

Thank you for your generous giving ♥.



We Need Your Help!



There is too much poverty in San Antonio.

Earn NHS community service hours by assisting in a program that provides free sack lunches to low-income patients at Methodist Healthcare clinics. This is a joint venture with adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities from the Unicorn Center. Join us Sunday mornings from 9 – 10 am at Trinity United Methodist Church, 6800 Wurzbach Road.

Call (210) 684-0261 for details.

Generosity is commonly associated with financial giving—a monthly tithe envelope or an automatic deduction from a bank account. When we look at the generosity of the Bible, though, we see it goes deeper than just the amount of money we're willing to donate.

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne...[and] the King will say to those on his right, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

Matthew 25:31, 34-36

These are a few characteristics of true, Bible-centered compassion:



Biblical generosity is tangible.

Instead of speaking about money in Matthew 25, Jesus mentions food, water, clothes, and love. In 1 Kings 17, a widow offers the prophet Elijah her flour and oil, even though it's all she has. It is a tangible, sustainable gift—not a financial one. In the same way, we can volunteer our time and resources in place of our finances.

Biblical generosity is cheerful.

2 Corinthians 9:7 gives us freedom in our generosity. God doesn't want gifts motivated by a sense of duty or obligation. He wants us to give out of joy and compassion. If anyone knows generosity, it is God—who gave His Son to us freely, even when He knew we would abuse the gift. Our generosity should be founded in love, not duty.

Biblical generosity is indiscriminate.

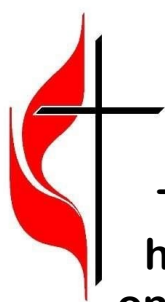
Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10 shows us that the world is our neighbor. People we don't really like, people we disagree with, and people we've never met all fall into this category. When we give indiscriminately, we have the opportunity to reflect God's love to people who may not have felt it before—and that's exactly what God has called us to do.

Biblical generosity is communal.

Throughout the Bible, we see the importance of community-centric generosity. In 1 Chronicles 29, David gives freely from the national reserves and from his own treasure stores, ultimately motivating other leaders of Israel to do the same. Giving in community can inspire others' generosity, and the ripple effect is endless.

These are just a few components of Christ-centered giving. What others have you learned over the years? As you pursue biblical generosity, Trinity would love to learn more about your passions. Let's make a difference!

- Forgotten children worldwide



Charge
Conference

Trinity UMC will be
hosting the meeting
on November 10, 2024
(Sunday), at 5:00 pm.



**NEWS
FLASH**



Sunday Worship Services will be held
in the parlor starting Sunday, August
25th, 2024 & for the rest of the hot
summer days. 😊

THE LIVING WATER

*As the deer pants for streams of water
so my soul pants for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
Where can I go and meet with God? (Psalm 42:1,2)*

You can almost picture the doe, beginning to feel panicked, desperate to find water, any water. Her tongue is swollen and feels like dust. She pants for a brook, a creek, a pond; somewhere to quench her thirst. We Texans know what it's like to have years of drought.

Have you ever felt like a thirsty deer? We may have a good job, a strong family, and a robust emotional support system, and yet still feel thirsty in our souls. You can put all the food in the world in front of a deer, but unless it has water, the food is unnecessary.

For we humans, that water is an ongoing friendship, the living water with Jesus. He satisfies us deep within, even when everything else is in turmoil. "Where can I go and meet with God?" the Psalmist inquired. Though I've heard people say they worship God on the golf course on Sundays, I wonder if they're getting physical and mental refreshment there, but worship?

A few years ago, when I was feeling very discouraged, I found myself asking God, "Why am I here in this secular environment?" The Lord spoke to me, and I will always remember it: "I have called you to pastor in an environment where I can work," a church with a local congregation. What an awesome calling!

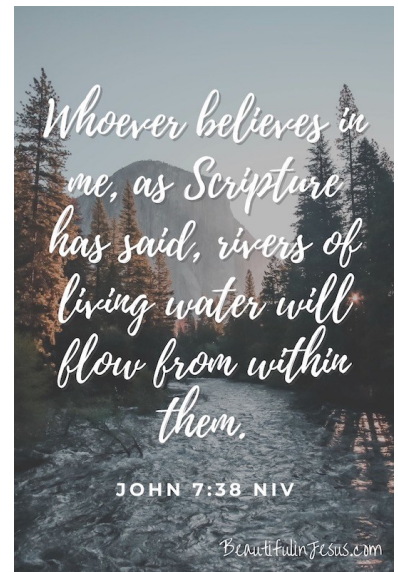
That's what God wants the Church to be: The Church should be an environment where God can work in our lives. I remember times when I sat in church or at a Christian conference and God spoke to me. Questions and problems I had suddenly began to resolve themselves, even if they had nothing to do with what the pastor or leader was saying.

"It's humbling, but true. Sometimes, someone will come up to me and say, 'Pastor, that was the most wonderful thing you said this morning.' When I inquire about what I said, I often don't recognize it. While the Spirit of God was helping me bring a message to the people, the Spirit was also bringing personalized messages all over the congregation. This was an environment in which God was working. Thanks be to God."

I wish to see God's work becoming more powerful in our congregation's atmosphere. When God is at work, our thirst is quenched, our dry spells are alleviated, and our soul is refreshed.

Are you thirsty? Great! I know a place to find living water. Come meet Jesus this Sunday with your family and friends as Pastor Fred delivers the message at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Shalom, *Pastor David Cervantes*



But You Promised!

Well, THE Board meeting has come and gone. I was really afraid that we would be voting to close Trinity United Methodist Church. I now have hope, but it's not settled yet.

I learned that out of 247 members, there were only 21 pledges last year for this year's budget! Really? I am absolutely amazed that we haven't closed already! Granted, we have depleted our PEF (Permanent Endowment Fund) to as low as the bylaws will allow - and still we are struggling.

I pray that you are one of the 21 who promised to support your church financially. Remember your vows when you joined this church - to uphold it by your prayers, your presence, YOUR GIFTS, your service, and your witness. Yes, ALL these promises are important, but the church runs on the financial gifts. I especially want to thank those of you who are part of the 21! We would no longer be here if it weren't for you!

At the meeting on Sunday, we were all asked to spend time in prayer for at least 30 days for the survival of our church. At the very least, I hope that you will join us in doing this. I also hope that your prayers will move you to support your church financially. We DO believe that God is still in charge; so if He wants us to survive, I believe we will. I also believe that part of His being in charge, is to enter your hearts and to encourage you to give.

We have embarked on a program for some extra funds that we can get IF we have at least 47 in our services every Sunday. If you are able to be here physically, please come! With a congregation of 247 people, we really should be able to have 47 in church every Sunday!

If you want to continue to make Trinity your church home; if you want Pastor Fred to continue as your pastor; if you want Jason Brown to continue as your Music Director; if you want to continue to hear bell music directed by Stacie Brown at least once a month; if you want Connie Medrano at the piano to accompany you when you sing; if you want to be able to continue to participate in singing and reading words on the screen through Tyler's talents both in person and in the comfort of your homes; if you want to have someone as irreplaceable as Cynthia Galang, if you want all our employees to continue to serve you, please check your budgets and send as much as you can to Trinity United Methodist Church, your church.

If enough of you are willing to do the duties that our custodial staff does (like mop the gym, clean restrooms, etc.), we can let them go. If enough of you want to mow our 5 acres, weed them, trim shrubs, etc., we can let our lawn service go.

Please know that we have a few programs in the works that can bring in more income for Trinity, IF we do our parts, volunteer, and give in all 5 areas - as we promised. Will you keep your promise to Trinity?

Harriet Phillips (member since 1978)
Lay Leader





BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS

The Good Lord richly blessed our recent school supply drive.

Thank you to everyone who contributed. Pastor Fred led a team of volunteers from the Unicorn Center and the Junior League in filling bags for 108 students.

One hundred of these were distributed to children through the Texas Inmate Families Association, while another eight will be given to children by Tracy Perez to children at the school where she teaches.

GOOD FUTURES PROGRAM

Over the past several months, the Trinity UMC Board has been working to develop options to address our negative cash flow issues. Several of our Board members will soon be involved in a new program to help our church move forward with new growth and financial success. This new program is called The Good Futures Accelerator, and it will be aimed at helping us use our church property and buildings to meet our financial needs through social enterprise.

It may take about 9-12 months to complete this activity as we work at our own pace. This program will involve our leaders AND the whole congregation's support with the direction of this effort for our church.

There have been several other congregations who have completed this program and have been able to find financial stability. For this effort to be successful for Trinity, it will take the hard work of not only our Church Board members but every member of Trinity UMC's support and prayers.





PARENTING PROGRAM

Join our free, in-person parenting group where Parenting Specialist will use the Nurturing Parenting Curriculum to lead conversations around:

- Trauma and loss
- Healthy life choices
- Family Change and Growth
- Managing and communicating feelings

Childcare and meal will be provided in each session.

The group will be held here at Trinity (Null building) on Monday, September 9, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Weekly Recurring Meetings where everyone is invited:

- Sack lunch ministry each Sunday at 9:15am in the narthex. *(temporarily in the Null building)*
Everyone is welcome to help. For more information, please contact Don Ketchum.
- Sunday school in person led by Jim Chesnut (in the parlor at 9:00 a.m.).
- Pastor-led Bible study every Tuesday via zoom at 7:00pm.
- Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- Sunday school meetings every Thursday via zoom at 3:00 p.m. *(on break for the summer)*

Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at www.tumcsa.net.

Trinity is asking for volunteers to...

..... broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).

..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts, Susie Yamoah, Carol Lewis, & Sandra Dance. Family Life is responsible for our social activities, e.g., July 4th luncheon and sing-along, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, Super Chili Bowl Cook-off, "Fat Sunday instead" (Sunday before Ash Wednesday), and other event celebrations.

..... read at our Sunday's worship services, on rotation.

..... help in the church office with very light clerical duties such as answering phones, assisting visitors, and other tasks alike. Help is needed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm.

..... serve refreshments and clean up after church on the 1st Sunday of every month.

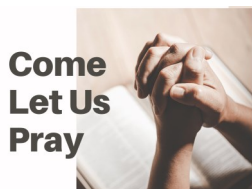
..... donate refreshments such as cookies, doughnuts, sweet breads and beverages to serve after the first Sunday worship services; please contact Stacie Brown.

If you are led to serve in these areas, or any other ministries not mentioned, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.



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