

# 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!*



## NOVEMBER 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*



**SAVE THE  
DATE!!!**

**THE ANNUAL  
THANKSGIVING  
LUNCHEON!  
Sunday, November  
23rd, in the gym right  
after the worship  
service.**

**Here are the following details for the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner:**

**Turkey and ham will be provided by the church, but we kindly ask for donations to help cover the costs. We are requesting donations of side dishes to share, such as sweet potatoes, green beans, etc., dinner rolls, cranberry jelly sauce, tossed salad with dressings, holiday pies, sweet breads, and beverages.**

*Please bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy this holiday feast.*

**The setup will take place on Saturday, November 22nd, starting at approximately 2:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help set up and decorate for the event. We appreciate any volunteers who can assist on either day (November 22 and 23).**

*Wishing everyone a heartfelt Thanksgiving Day! There is so much to be thankful for.*

**Weekly Recurring Meetings where everyone is invited:**

Sack lunch ministry takes place every Sunday at 9:15 am. Everyone is welcome to help.

For more information, please contact Don Ketchum.

The prayer meeting is every Wednesday via Zoom at 2:15 pm. Please join us in the Zoom room. *Call Cynthia for Zoom links @ 210-684-0261.*

**Trinity is asking for volunteers to...**

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

.... serve as acolytes and choir members. If you feel called to serve in these roles, please speak to Stacie Brown or Jason Brown. Our choir rehearsal is held on Sunday, immediately following the service.

.... help with the Family Life Committee, which is responsible for our social activities, e.g., the July 4th luncheon and sing-along, Pumpkin Patch, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, Super Chili Bowl Cook-off, and "Fat Sunday instead" (Sunday before Ash Wednesday).

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

**If you are led to serve in these areas or any other ministries not mentioned, don't hesitate to get in touch with Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.**



# GIVING THANKS

A woman was visiting a farm and noticed a turkey limping in the backyard with a wooden leg. Curious, she asked the farmer, "What happened to the turkey?" The farmer replied, "Oh, Betsy is a remarkable turkey. One night, our house caught fire, and she gobbled so loudly that she woke us up. We were able to call the fire truck in time to save the house." The woman responded, "That's truly something!" The farmer continued, "That's not all. One day, my youngest daughter fell into the pond, and Betsy gobbled so loudly again that she got our attention, allowing us to pull my daughter out of the water just in time." Amazed, the woman said, "That's incredible! But I still don't understand why the turkey has a wooden leg." The farmer smiled and said, "Well, when you have a turkey that special, you don't want to eat her all at once!"



What comes to mind when you think of Thanksgiving? Is it eating, football, a long weekend, shopping, history, or family? Thanksgiving encompasses so much more than any of these aspects. It's not just a day for food, football, and family gatherings, nor is it merely a holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. For those who follow God, every day should be a day of gratitude and thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving Day is a unique holiday. It does not commemorate a battle or anyone's birthday; instead, it is simply a day dedicated to expressing our gratitude to God.

Our praise, thanksgiving, and worship should be directed toward God. We must be grateful for what He has done for us and our families.

This Thanksgiving - with all the preparations, events and excitement - my prayer - is that God is thanked - with joy and gladness - with thankfulness and gratitude - and with a heart dependent on Him.

May all be blessed with thankful hearts this Thanksgiving Day and every day.

*Pastor David and Henrietta Cervantex*

## "GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART"

These are the words to a song in The Faith We Sing. The most important "thing" it says to give thanks for is Jesus Christ. We just celebrated Christ's suffering, dying and rising from the grave for all of us. Did you say, "Thank you" for that selfless act? There is no gift greater than this one!

We also should thank God every day for giving us life. We should say "Thank you" for the lives of our family and friends. Even if your life is not going the way you want, it is still an opportunity to serve and to learn.

When we pray, we too often are asking for situations to improve, for material things, or just for our will to be done! Granted, there is nothing wrong with asking for situations to improve, for healing for ourselves and others; but when you get what you asked for (or even when you get things or situations you didn't ask for, but like,) do you remember to say, "Thank you."?

Also, we need to thank others for things they do for us. I really do appreciate monetary gifts, but, honestly, a simple "Thank you" goes a long way. Just to know that somebody appreciates what I do is very meaningful! I believe everyone feels that way. We all want to be appreciated for what we do - even if we get paid to do these things. Most of our employees do more than they are paid to do. Several of our members do way more than they are required to do as a member of this church. (Yes, I know we promised to support our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, but some go way beyond that!).

Thank goodness they do, because we are a poor church and could never afford to pay them what their services are worth!

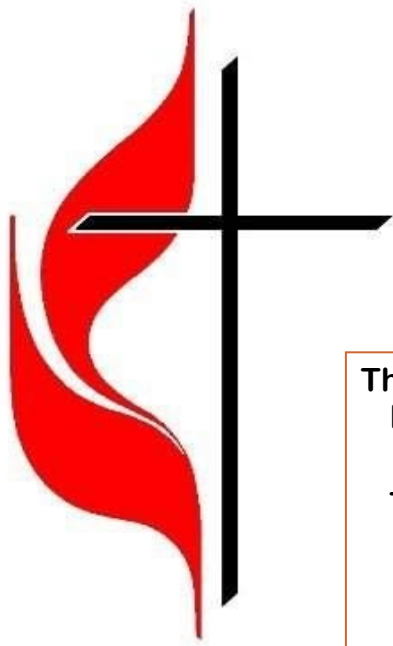
There is at least one employee who says "Thank you" for everything! Seriously, I don't believe he has missed a single opportunity to say "Thank you." I try very hard to be as appreciative as he is, but I know I haven't acknowledged all that I could. Can you say that you have acknowledged all acts of kindness, etc.? I know very few of us can say that. Still, we need to be mindful of others needs and do our best. We need to thank our fellow people, and we need to continually thank God and Jesus Christ.

When you say your prayers, be sure to include a "Thank you." When you see someone go the extra mile, try a simple "Thank you " for doing that. It just might make their day!

*Harriet Phillips*  
Lay Leader



GIVE  
Thanks  
WITH A  
Grateful  
heart.  
Colossians 3:15-16



# 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](http://www.tumcsa.net)*



## **FREE FOOD !**

**NOVEMBER 22, 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.



**NOVEMBER 8 | 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 ☺





## 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](http://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**

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## OCTOBER 2025

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY [IN-PERSON]

OCTOBER 5	35
OCTOBER 12	36
OCTOBER 19	38
OCTOBER 26	36

### FACEBOOK LIVE — [VIEWS]

OCTOBER 5	87
OCTOBER 12	61
OCTOBER 19	61
OCTOBER 26	69

### \*TITHES & OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 5	\$10,540.00
OCTOBER 12	\$ 1,868.00
OCTOBER 19	\$ 730.00
OCTOBER 26	\$ 2,862.00

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

YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET SPOTS:  
\$105.00

### Happy Birthday to:

RYAN LANDERS	3-Nov
PAUL GERTH	7-Nov
CALEB WILSON	8-Nov
CONNIE MEDRANO	10-Nov
JEFF WILSON	11-Nov
CINDY COZART	14-Nov
JAMES PARKS VINCENT	14-Nov
GAIL HALL	17-Nov
DANIEL SPAULDING	17-Nov
JIM LANDERS	23-Nov
VALERIE PUTZ	28-Nov

### Happy Anniversary to:

ERICK & JOANNE BENTON	1-Nov
JORY & JULIE VINCENT	12-Nov
KATHY SETTLES - & FRANK HOREJSI	12-Nov

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then click on the  
"Donate" button.

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giving to:  
**844-210-1179**  
(Type in the  
amount you wish  
to donate, then  
hit send).



**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!*



"Each year, the Great Pumpkin rises out of the pumpkin patch that he thinks is the most sincere. He's gotta pick this one. He's got to. I don't see how a pumpkin patch can be more sincere than this one." *Linus, in It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.*

You've got to love the commitment of Linus! He has such a strong belief in the Great Pumpkin. Just as Linus, I am sincerely appreciative of everyone who was committed to the success of our church pumpkin patch this year. We had 34 people from our church help in a variety of ways!



## THE PUMPKIN PATCH NEWS

This is a huge undertaking for a church with few people under 50 years old - but nonetheless, we were committed and made it happen. God has gifted each of us in many different ways, and when we use those gifts, goodness will come.

In addition to our church people, we had many young people from the following schools step in and help out: Marshall High School, Sotomayor High School, Health Careers High School, Clark High School, Hobby Middle School, Neff Middle School, and Folks Middle School. Some students even brought their families to be involved and/or to meet us. Those who worked with these students shared God's grace and love with them.

Financially, we made a little more this year than last year. As many of you know, these pumpkins come from the Navajo Reservation in New Mexico, and this project is coordinated by a company in North Carolina. So, by supporting our pumpkin patch, your resources help communities across the country. Our congregation keeps 40% of the money from the sales. As of this writing, we will profit a little over \$1000! Thank you to all who worked, purchased, and supported this endeavor.

*Julie Vincent* - the "Pumpkin Lady"







## NEW MINISTER FOR TRINITY UMC

*San Antonio weather, we enjoy the cool air! This change brings us new energy and a fresh reason to get outdoors and enjoy God's many blessings.*

*Like the weather, Trinity has experienced some changes this October. Due to circumstances beyond our control, Thomas McDowell is no longer serving as the pastor of our congregation. However, just as the breeze brings new energy, our own Rev. David Cervantez offers hope for renewal and freshness. Please continue to be faithful members of Trinity United Methodist Church. As the Creator brings a new dawn each morning, we must trust that He is with us during this time.*

*Great things are coming. Please bring your friends and neighbors to worship with us and share the good news of Jesus Christ.*

Blessings,  
*Julie Vincent*  
 SPRC Chair



SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Nov 1
				Halloween		
2 Daylight Saving Time ends ● 9:15am Sack Lunch ● 10am Worship Service ● 11:30am Choir Practice	3 ● 9am Parenting Class	4 Election Day	5 ● 2:15pm Prayer Meeting ● 6:15pm Worship practice	6 ● 4am Dumpster Pick up	7 church office is closed	8 ● 9am Flea Market - TUMC
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23 ● 9:15am Sack Lunch ● 10am Worship Service ● 11:30am Thanksgiving Lunch ● 11:30am Choir Practice	24 ● 9am Parenting Class	25	26 Church Office is closed ● 2:15pm Prayer Meeting ● 6:15pm Worship practice	27 Church Office is closed Thanksgiving Day	28 church office is closed Black Friday	29
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