



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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SUNDAY

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10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

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11:15 a.m.

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Monday through

Thursday

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PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Dear Friends,

As I come to my laptop to write this morning, my mind is filled with thoughts concerning the providence of God. I am particularly occupied with Mordecai's words to Queen Esther, "Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this" (NRSV Esther4:14-15). I have been asking myself how God has blessed and equipped me for just such a time as this. What I have been asking myself, I now ask you. How has God blessed and equipped you for just such a time as this?

Answering this question requires two distinct types of investigation. First, we ask ourselves how God has blessed and equipped each of us. We are all gifted in three specific areas. These we label gifts of the head, hands, and hearts. Gifts of the head are the things we know. One may know about history, another mathematics. Someone may know about investing, someone else computer science. Gifts of the hands are those things we can do. For example, building a fence, knitting socks, or painting a portrait. Gifts of the heart are those things about which we are passionate. One person may have a heart for feeding the hungry, another may be passionate about church finance. Each of us is uniquely gifted in all three of these areas. Taken together your gifts of the head, hands, and heart are the way God has equipped you for just such a time as this.

The second thing that we must determine if we are to use our God given gifts and talents to their full potential is, what do we mean by "just such a time as this." What is our current reality? This may seem a simple question, but it is not. In fact, reading the time in which we find ourselves can be extremely difficult. In the words of Stephen Stills, "There's something happening here. What it is ain't exactly clear."

Here are a few things we can say with certainty. We are immersed in the most rapidly changing culture humankind has ever experienced. The internet currently allows unprecedented access to information.

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4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING
World Communion Sunday

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Due to an ever-growing mistrust among the public, our institutions are failing. Western society is becoming increasingly secular in its outlook. And social roles and norms are dissolving, transforming, and reforming at a dizzying rate.

All of this presents new and difficult challenges to the church, and to each of us as members of the Body of Christ. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Therefore, I would leave you with a question. Make a list of all your gifts, those of the head, hands, and heart. Make a careful study of our current reality. How has God prepared and placed you for just such a time as this? How has God gifted Trinity UMC for just such a time as this?

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

Blessings
Pastor Bob



You are invited to attend our annual



Thursday, October 10th at 6:00 p.m.
here at Trinity UMC

*You are cordially invited to our
10:00 am Worship Service on
Sunday, October 27th.
Consecration of our newly
renovated Chancel area will be
celebrated by our
District Superintendent
Rev. Greg Hackett.*

Happy Birthday to:

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| CRYSTAL KHAN | 2-Oct |
| DONNA CLARK | 7-Oct |
| LAYNE KERLEY | 9-Oct |
| AMELIA REED | 11-Oct |
| MARIA MEDRANO | 16-Oct |
| DR JOANNE SMITH | 19-Oct |
| DAVID EMMANUEL SUTJIANTO | 23-Oct |
| CINDY GERTH | 26-Oct |
| NATALIE BURGE | 31-Oct |

Happy Anniversary to:

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| BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE | 5-Oct |
| MICHAEL SCHROEDER & SANDRA KEYSER | 28-Oct |

15 ways to pray for your pastor

*A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino**



The life of a United Methodist pastor is filled with a variety of responsibilities. They preach, teach, visit, counsel, lead, consult, communicate, budget, clean, and so much more.

Pastoring a church is not a job that can be done well under the pastor's power alone. Every pastor relies heavily on God's guidance, strength and peace as they live into their call.

One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them. But it can be difficult to know exactly what we should pray for. To help get started, we've assembled fifteen areas of pastors' lives and ministries where they would value your prayers.

Let us pray for our pastors who lead us in worship each Sunday.

1. Spiritual lives

Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

2. Time management

With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

3. Families

Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

4. Preaching

Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

5. Strength

The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. Visiting ministries

Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

Let us pray for our pastors who lead our congregations.

7. Leadership

Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

8. Decision-making

Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

9. Ministry with the poor

Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

10. Communication

We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

11. Conflict

Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

12. Vision

United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

Let us pray for the physical and spiritual health of our pastors.

13. Finances

Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

14. Health

Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

15. Encouragement

Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community.

You can be an answer to prayer when you encourage your ministers. Write a note, text or email to let them know what a difference they make in your life. They will surely appreciate it.

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Everyone is welcome!
Annual church Thanksgiving lunch at noon in the gym on
Sunday, November 24, 2019.