

# 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."

### 2023 Missions - OCTOBER

4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering  
(Please give generously)

### World Communion Sunday

"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

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



We are called to reach out to  
all people and model diversity  
among God's children – just as  
we are all welcome at Christ table

## Sock-tober Drive to Help the Homeless

We will be collecting cold weather supplies during the month of October to help people living on the streets. Please help by dropping off socks, bars of soap, and/or small blankets in the collection box in the narthex. We will fill 50 backpacks with the gathered materials along with other hygiene and cold weather supplies and deliver them downtown to our friends at Travis Park UMC, who will distribute them to those in greatest need.



## Christmas Craft Projects

Get into the Christmas spirit by helping us prepare crafts kits for children, seniors, and adults with intellectual/ developmental disabilities (IDD). The kits contain all the foam, felt, beads, string, etc. needed to glue together a cute Christmas craft. Join our team as we fill 900 baggies with craft materials during October and November for care packages going to:

- 48 children from the Methodist Children's Home
- 115 seniors in several nearby nursing homes, senior centers, and private homes
- 260 adults with IDD from the Unicorn Center and the Arc of San Antonio

We have a chance to do some good here. This is a fun opportunity for us to share God's love as we celebrate the joy of Christmas! Please contact the church office at 210/684-0261 and let them know you are interested.





## Save the Date !

**O**ctober 29 Fifth Sunday Sings Potluck Luncheon following our worship service.

What is a Fifth Sunday Sing? Well, let me give you a little background.

I receive a daily blog from Sean of the South. Sean is a good ole Southern boy. He writes about subjects that are near and dear to him. Back in August one of his daily writings was about Fifth Sunday Sings. Here is what I learned from him.

“Fifth Sunday Sings were started in the pioneer days. Back then, rural Americans couldn’t make it to church every Sunday. So churches had “all-day sings,” usually every fifth Sunday. After four Sundays, homesteaders traveled miles into town, camped out on the church grounds, brought food, and spent the Sunday hanging out. Singing. Eating. They’d shake each other’s hands and say, “I haven’t seen you in a month of Sundays.” Some called them “camp meetings.” Or “dinner on the grounds.”

Food was always central to these quintessential small-church gatherings. Every dish is placed on a long table, alongside the others, and everyone eats until their feet swell and their ears ring. And the music tonight, it is not canned. It comes from the red-back hymnal. There is no praise team. No electric guitars. No fog machines. Only a congregation. And when it’s time to sing, we all gather and sing until our chests are numb.”

For a couple of years now, we have added extra music to our Fifth Sunday worship services. We thought it might be nice to have an extra fellowship time following our worship service, where we can feast and sing the good old hymns that are near and dear to us.

So on October 29 we are having a true potluck, no need to sign up for anything special, just bring a dish (main dish, casserole, side dish, salad, dessert) that you would like to share with others. We will feast and then have a sing along.

Jason and Stacie would like to know what some of your favorite hymns are that we don’t do very often. We will plan on singing them in our after-lunch sing along.

We are looking forward to this wonderful time of fellowship!

## "In God's Own Time"

On Monday, Sept. 11, 2023, my daughter-in-law gave birth to my first grandchild. We are all overjoyed!

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2023, James Smith, Jr., returned to God and Jesus. We are all grief-stricken!

As soon as James passed, my first thought was that God giveth (a baby) and taketh away (a grown man). I do believe both of these occurrences were God's plan. I also believe that the timing was exactly right. I am thrilled with the timing of a new grandchild, but I shall for a long time miss "my big brother."

Apparently, it is not "not Thy will but mine be done." Instead, it is "not my will but Thine be done." How many of us struggle with this fact? When we pray, we mostly expect God to answer our prayers with a "yes." I know it is very hard sometimes to accept that God said, "No." It is even hard to accept that God said, "Not yet."

I have prayed for this new baby since I first heard that he was coming!! I am still praying for him! I have also prayed and prayed for James' healing. Now I can only pray that God will comfort Joanne and all those who are mourning his passing. I realize that James was suffering, so our prayer for him was not in James' best interests.

I trust that God knows what is best for us, even when we think WE know best. I do believe that God is in control. Can we all trust this truth? Can we accept that God will supersede our will? When you pray, be aware that God just might say, "No." Be aware that God might say, "Wait a while. There is more learning to be done." Happily, we can also be aware that God just might say, "Yes."

I Corinthians 13:12 says: "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

I hope and trust that when we get to heaven (assuming that we do), we will understand what God's plan was and is and will accept that God was right.

Harriet Phillips  
Lay Leader





## Inspirational Christian Story on God's Forgiveness



One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking

those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son, Matthew, spoke up from his relaxed position in his seat.

"Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that his six-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear.

"What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain!;" he began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away."

After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond.

"That's really good, Matthew."

Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked him.

"Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?"

Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer:

"We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. In order to see the rainbow, you must first endure some rain. We must continually come to the Lord and seek His forgiveness.

By Brenda Hunter



*The PEF is now accepting applications for TUMC Scholarships.*

*Students who are interested, please send an email to*

*Cynthia Galang at [ofcadmin@tumcsa.net](mailto:ofcadmin@tumcsa.net).*

*The deadline for application acceptance will be*

*October 20, 2023.*

# UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 - World Communion Sunday

October 15 - Laity Sunday

October 29 - Fifth Sunday Sings and Potluck lunch

## MOBIL AUTO TRADES

Sell your car from home!

Please call our brother,

Byron Burge at

210-825-7075.

Let's give him our support!



## JOIN THE SEEKERS ('N' FIPS)

THE SEEKERS/FIPS LUNCHEON MEETINGS ARE EVERY SUNDAY (EXCEPT 5TH SUNDAYS) AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE .

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

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

*1ST SUNDAY* — ROYAL INN (5440 BABCOCK)

*2ND SUNDAY* — BILL MILLER BBQ (WURZBACH &  
BANDERA.)

*3RD SUNDAY* — JASON'S DELI (5819 NW LOOP  
410)

*4TH SUNDAY* — SEA ISLAND (5959 NW LOOP 410)



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  
5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays  
Zoom room

Seekers Faith Meeting  
(Sunday School):  
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room  
- Sundays, in-person, Null  
building at 9:00 a.m.

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:  
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## SEPTEMBER 2023

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

#### IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

September 3	32
September 10	34
September 17	31
September 24	32

#### FACEBOOK LIVE – VIEWS

September 3	61
September 10	0 (tech issues)
September 17	87
September 24	65

### TITHES & DONATIONS

(Report taken from ONLY the counters;  
NOT including online and text giving).

September 3	\$4,469
September 10	\$5,503
September 17	\$2,089
September 24	\$1,699



#### Happy Birthday to:

EAN SALINAS	5-Oct
AMELIA REED	11-Oct
MARIA MEDRANO	16-Oct
DR JOANNE SMITH	19-Oct
CINDY GERTH	26-Oct
NATALIE BURGE	31-Oct

#### Happy Anniversary to:

REV. DAVID & HENRIETTA CERVANTEZ	3-Oct
BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE	5-Oct
THALIA & JAVIER SALINAS	27-Oct
MICHAEL SCHROEDER & SANDRA KEYSER	28-Oct

### DONATE ONLINE

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



You may also go  
to:

[www.tumcsa.net](http://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).



### Weekly Recurring Meetings and everyone is invited:

- ⇒ Seekers Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00am in the parlor.
- ⇒ Pastor-led Bible study every Tuesday via zoom at 5:00pm.
- ⇒ Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- ⇒ Sunday school meetings every Thursday via zoom at 3:00 p.m.

**Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at [www.tumcsa.net](http://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, 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, and “Fat Sunday instead” (Sunday before Ash Wednesday).
  - ..... 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 (or Tuesdays) and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm.
  - ..... serve refreshments and clean up after church on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**“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](http://www.tumcsa.net)*