



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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**2018 Missions
FEBRUARY**
Special/Fourth Sunday
Offerings:
**JIREH
HOUSE**

Last May the board voted to start a campaign to make improvements to the physical campus of our church, and we called the campaign "Miracle in May". The campaign will run for three years, until May 2020.

Since then there has been over \$40,000.00 donated toward this effort. We spent over \$33,000.00, for improvements, the major one being a new electronic sign near Wurzbach Road. Have you seen it?

Now, we, the trustees, want you to know we are continuing to plan improvements and repairs to maintain the campus. Next on the agenda is repairing broken and uneven sidewalks that we consider a hazard. We also consider unraveling carpet in the parlor, a trip hazard, and are planning replacement.

We tell you this to keep you informed and remind you of your pledge to help with donations. If you were not able to pledge last year, you still can be part of the solution. Donations can always be made by marking your contribution for Miracle in May.

If we make you aware of a specific project that you are interested in, you can help with it by volunteering your time or money; or if this is your line of work, we may use your services to help. You can also volunteer to be a trustee. We need you as much as you need the church. If you see a problem at the church that needs attention, please let us know:

Trinity UMC TRUSTEES

Mary Shoemaker 210-684-4873
Don Dancak 210-379-3921
John Reed 210-296-8866
or call the office 210-684-0261



REV. ROBERT CLARK II
Pastor
pastor@tumcsa.net

Rev. Octaviano Garcia
Associate Pastor

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



a letter from the pastor

Dear Friends,

I am excited to be entering a new year of ministry with all of you. Our goal this year is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ by encouraging more engagement in Bible Study, spiritual development, and missional outreach. It is my firm belief that God is at work doing a new thing in and through the people of Trinity UMC. I am inviting each of you to pray for clarity concerning the nature of the new thing God is doing. Pay attention to how God is moving in your heart and life. How is God calling you into ministry through Trinity? If you think God may be calling you into either an existing or new ministry, I encourage you to contact me so that we can talk about it together.



The following are few potential ways God may be calling you to serve:

Welcoming and nurture. This might look like preparing meals for families in need, organizing fellowship events, connecting with new people, welcoming guests on Sunday, etc.

Building and Grounds. This might be for you if you like gardening and or yard work, enjoy doing DIY type projects, or like organizing and planning for building and maintenance projects.

Mission Service Projects. Are you being called to participate in projects like the Costa Rica trip, or working with Nuevo Amanecer? Maybe a mission project with the youth? Leading a Bible Study or faith formation group?

The possibilities are nearly endless.

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

Pastor Bob



Our food pantry is running low. We are asking for donations on the following: *(Thank you for checking the expiration dates. The church office does not give out expired food items).*

- Rice
- Canned beans, vegetables, and fruits.
- Crackers
- Packaged Cookies
- Canned soups
- Small peanut butter jars, jelly, and jams.
- Ramen instant noodle soups.
- Vienna sausage
- Ready-to-eat macaroni and cheese
- and all other ready-to-eat non-perishable food items.

Please drop off your donations at the church office.

Thank you so much for your usual generosity. 😊

Happy Birthday to:

BILL PATTERSON	2-Feb
MITZI KELLY	9-Feb
DOYLE STAMPS	11-Feb
JOHN REED	16-Feb
TYLER BROWN	18-Feb
MARJORIE LOCKAMY	18-Feb
NORMA KETCHUM	21-Feb

Happy Anniversary to:

FOHN & JOHNETTA GOANEH	2-Feb
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Fun in Progress Seniors

Also known as F.I.P.S., meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at a restaurant. Wednesday, Feb. 28, is our next luncheon date at Mamacita's Mexican Restaurant, 8030 I 10W. The only requirement is that you come at 1:00 p.m. prepared to share in fellowship and fun with other Trinity members and friends. All are welcome. Please join us!

CHILI COOK-OFF

Calling all cooks! Chili Cook-Off Sunday, February 4th in the gym, at noon. Everyone is welcome. Desserts and other sweet things are welcome! 😊 Proceeds will benefit our Missions Ministries. Thank you for your usual loving generosity.

Trinity UM School is now enrolling for 2018-2019.

Please stop by the school, or call the school office at 210-684-5214.

Permanent Endowment Fund update:

Well it's that time of year again. God continues to bless us with the Permanent Endowment Fund. Another Methodist church has been in contact with me to learn how they can set one up. Thanks be to God for his many blessings and for his servants Jim Chambers, Lou Armstrong, and Fred Lyle for their past leadership. What an honor that God has chosen me to continue their work. High school graduates, it's time to submit your 2018-2019 scholarship applications. Returning recipients, it's also time for you to reapply. Applicants must have been a member of Trinity United Methodist for one year, must have been an active participant in the life of the church, must provide three (3) letters of recommendation (NEW applicants only), must have achieved grades in high school or in an institution of higher learning that suggest he/she is capable of completing the proposed academic program, and must provide information concerning his/her financial situation. New applicants will be interviewed. This requirement is waived for returning applicants as is the requirement for three (3) letters of recommendation.

Blessings to you all!

Sandy Keyser

Today's Inspirational Quote:

"Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth."

— John Wesley

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

*Author:
Norman W. Brooks,
"Let Every Day Be
Christmas"*

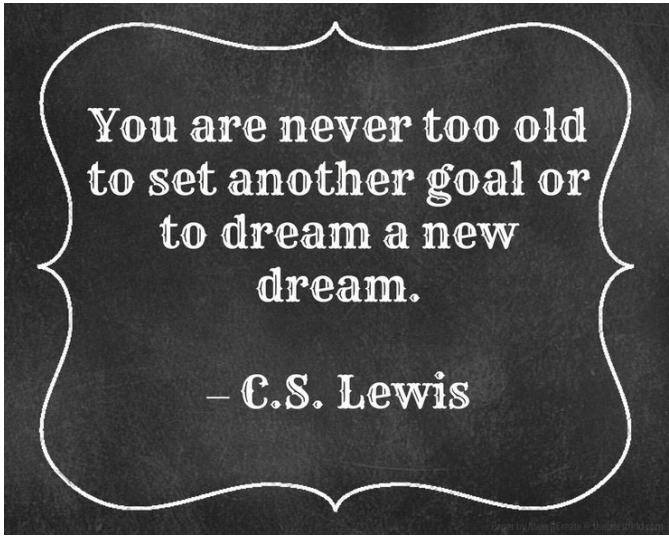
Your NEW, New Year's Resolutions

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

Well, here we are! It's been about a month since you made your New Year's Resolutions (if you made any). How's it going? I noticed that the month has almost gone by whether I did anything toward my goals, or not. In fact, for about the first 2 weeks, I only half tried to lose weight. (I thought cutting down on food would work). Wrong! Now I am trying a more serious diet. Yes, it is working, but it took me 2 weeks to figure out what to try. I simply decided that the time would go by whether I did anything, or not, so I might as well try.

What about you? Did you make resolutions? How are they going? Maybe you have decided that it was a waste of time to even try, so you have already given up. Are you really committed to the goal? Did you ask for help from family, friends, or maybe God? I do believe that first we have to want what we have set a goal for. Second, we have to admit that sometimes we can't do it alone. I believe we should all be striving to be better people, not just at the first of the year, but all the time.

Maybe the answer is to not call it a "New Year's Resolution" but a lifestyle change. I remember a time when Christians went to the altar during a revival and did what we called a "rededication" of our lives to God. Do you feel a need to do that? Do you feel you need to make a change in your treatment of others? Do you feel that you don't spend enough time in prayer and meditation? No matter how difficult any of these goals may seem to you, I really do believe that God will help you if you will only ask sincerely. That means that not only are you really asking for help, but also you plan to do your part to see that the goal is achieved.



You are never too old
to set another goal or
to dream a new
dream.

– C.S. Lewis

Obviously, some goals are easier to achieve than others. I know cutting out one food from your diet is easier than cutting down on everything. Walking a mile every day is easier than running a 5K. Reading one chapter of your Bible is easier than reading a whole book. Sitting at home watching TV is easier than coming to 2 choirs every week. "Biting your tongue" is often more difficult than speaking your mind.

We need to ask ourselves what is important to us. Do you have a real need to be right, even at the expense of another's feelings? Did you lose a friend in that act? What's more important? Do you need to be in front of someone in traffic, even when letting him or her slip in in front of you would be the nicer thing to do? What did you gain? Now you are one whole car behind another! Oh, no! Now that person may not have to wait until someone else feels generous enough to let him or her in. Do you feel a need to berate another person so you can feel superior? Guess what! That backfires! You just degraded yourself! Also, anyone listening comes to that same conclusion!

Maybe your New Year's Resolutions need to be not only a change in lifestyle, but a change in behavior. These are things that shouldn't wait until a new year comes along. Your goal should always be to better yourself as a person and as a Christian. In one year you will be another year older (God willing). Will you be one year better? Happy New Year!!!