



TUMC July 2021



“Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

2021 Missions

JULY

ABOVE AND BEYOND
SUNDAY Offering

Christian Assistance Ministry



When we give from the heart,
we receive
unexpected blessings—
especially the joy of
making a
difference in someone's
life.

REV. JOHN MEANDE
Pastor
pastor1@tumcsa.net

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear
your mask), FB live,
YouTube

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

Pastor-led Bible Study
5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
Zoom room

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210-684-0261

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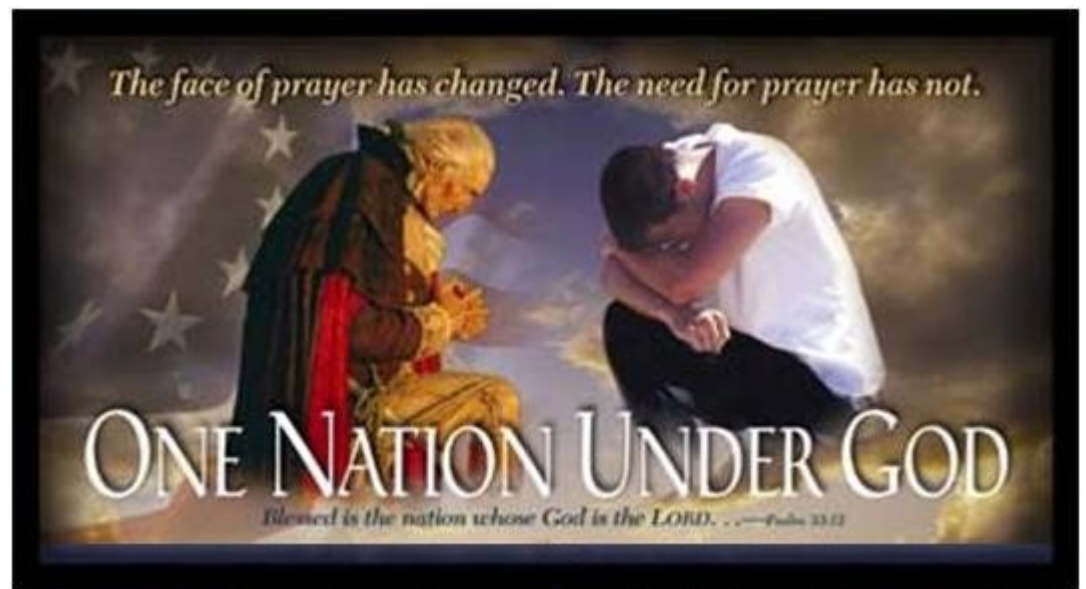
ENROLL NOW!



A Quote by Teddy Roosevelt

“It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of good deeds could have done better.

The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, and spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory no defeat.”



Pastor's Reflection



Together for Christ
Rev. John N. Meande

Serving Jesus Matthew 25:35-40

³³ *He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.*

³⁴ *“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’*

Jesus uses two animals and two positions to draw a distinction between righteousness and evil- the sheep on His right and the goat on His left. Christ is reminding us that we have a responsibility to decide to be considered as a sheep and to be placed on His right or as a goat to be placed on His left. This is not to belittle God’s creative ontogeny of both animals or of both hands- left or right, but to draw a reflection on our relationship to people, our services to God and our perception about others.

After feasting upon a good plate of enchiladas, gumbo, jambalaya, Cajun etouffee, a Texas-style barbecue, a bowl of queso, topped off with a slice of pecan pie and a glass of fresh water and Screaming Eagle Cabernet Sauvignon, how many of us will think of assisting those who are starving and dying of hunger and thirst?

When both the left-and right-wing media struggle to tear us apart by their perspective of how to treat a stranger, do we develop a change of thoughts and make efforts at helping out, or do we allow them to stay homeless, naked and sick?

For many Christians, our first thought of seeing people in orange, white or zebra-striped jumpsuits, was that “This is a criminal, evil, bad and dangerous person,” so we have to be careful, stay safe, maintain a safe distance and be ready for self-defense. Seldom do we come close or make efforts at visiting them in prison or show them some love, compassion, encouragement and hope.

Jesus’ approach to all these is much different from ours. That’s why in this reflection, we see Jesus’ offering us a choice as a congregation to choose between being a sheep or a goat and to be on His right or His left, to spend eternity with Him or enter into condemnation. The unequivocal and absolute will requires us to develop a paradigm shift by replacing the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the sick, the stranger and the prisoners, with Jesus.

³⁷ *“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’*

As followers of Jesus and members of Trinity United Methodist Church, we are reminded this year to draw closer to Jesus by being faithful and committed to our pledges, sow and engage in missions and in compassionate ministries and to take some moments to reflect on our relationship with members of our congregation, our loved ones, our significant others, our perception about strangers and our services to God.

How “United” Are We?

*Harriet Phillips
Lay Leader*

Have you noticed how many organizations have the word “united” in them? It’s quite likely that if each one of you named a “united” organization, we would have as many groups as those of you who named one. There are several that I believe in, but there are 2 that I strongly want to believe really are still “united.” Those are the United States of America and the United Methodist Church.

Lately I have seen too much division in both of them. I can still remember a time when, no matter who our President was, we were still united as a country. If “our” candidate didn’t win, we still backed the winner. After all, the “winner” was not in a permanent position, anyway. The most he (or she) could hope for was to be President for 8 years. Often, it was for only 4 years.

I would like all of us to ask ourselves whether we voted FOR a specific candidate, or whether we simply voted AGAINST one. I suspect that many simply vote their party, regardless of what their platform is. Do you vote based on your candidate’s record, qualifications, or platform, or based on which party he or she is associated with? Do you consider how his or her election will affect a “united” country? I hope that starting on this Independence Day we will work very hard to do what is best for our whole country, and not just for our party nor our candidate.

The other “united” I want to remain a member of is the United Methodist Church, specifically Trinity. I know that in the past few years there have been some major disagreements about what our church (Methodism, not Trinity) stands for. Again, we are divided, not united, on some major issues. Have you done some investigating on the issues and how you really feel about them? Do you know why you feel as you do? I urge you to investigate The Discipline to see where we come from and check out what was decided at our annual conference. Please don’t just leave the church without investigating. Please don’t think that if “we’ve never done it that way before,” that it is “set in stone.” Are you being selfish, or are you thinking about how a new policy might help more people? Just because “united” begins with a “u,” doesn’t mean it’s all about “u”!

Both of these issues come down to selfishness. Your choices should be made on the basis of how it affects the most people, not on how it affects you! “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one.” What is that old saying? “A house (church, country) divided against itself cannot stand!” Another is: “United we stand; divided we fall!” Both our country and our church are crumbling because we are thinking more about ourselves than about the country and/or church as a whole! Are you a part of the solution or a part of the problem?



TUMC Scholarships

On June 13, 2021, the PEF (Permanent Endowment Fund) Committee announced and presented \$1,000 scholarships to six students who are members of Trinity United Methodist Church. The students pictured who were in attendance at the church service were Madisen Dye, Allysen Dye, Tyler Brown, and Nick Benton. The other two students not pictured are Denise Wilson and Christy Wilson. PEF Committee members who helped present the scholarships were Dr. Joanne Smith, Bonnie Smith, Liz Calvin, and David Lopez.



Happy Birthday to:

PATRICK ORMOND	2-Jul
JEREMY CADE	3-Jul
JAMES RYAN LANDERS	3-Jul
GENE SPRAGUE	13-Jul
FRED LYLE	20-Jul
ROBIN LANDERS	24-Jul
MARY SHOEMAKER	24-Jul
BRIAN PHILLIPS	29-Jul



Happy Birthday to:

JOE MONTALVO	30-Jul
SARAH ELIZABETH ORMOND	30-Jul

Happy Anniversary to:

DAVID C. & CYNTHIA LOPEZ	1-Jul
TOM & HARRIET PHILLIPS	5-Jul
EUGENE & TINA AZBILL	6-Jul
ROY & PAT PUTZ	12-Jul
ANDREW AND CRYSTAL KHAN	21-Jul
DAVID & TARA DYE	24-Jul




Don Ketchum is asking help with watering the garden on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays.



Please call the office or contact Don Ketchum. Thank you.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

His Many Sparrows

MATTHEW 10:31 "SO DON'T BE AFRAID; YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS."

Why We Serve the Servants

In your profession who is your support? Is it your supervisor, your co-workers, your spouse, a friend? Maybe you work where there is a staff chaplain. Who do you talk to when life gets hard? Is it your pastor, your therapist, an external advisor/spiritual director/supervisor, a close friend or family member? Now that you have identified in your mind where you find support and who your support people are—think about a missionary in the jungles of Eastern Guatemala. Where do they find emotional, spiritual or mental support?

Statistics tell us that even "sending organizations" provide little to no contact with missionaries on the field outside of the "business of the mission." They might require a monthly check-in via Zoom, perhaps an annual or bi-annual (every 2 years) meeting when in country. These meetings are about numbers and key performance indicators. The missionary might not feel free to share their struggles or those of their family, because they want to remain on the mission field.

If you are a Christian you have probably heard the term "pastoral care." And most likely everyone understands who and what a therapist is. Your children might even have a school counselor. Or if you or someone you know has a diagnosis like Aspergers, Autism, ADHD, etc.—they have seen a psychologist and rely on them for support with everyday life challenges.

We at His Many Sparrows (HMS) are ALL OF THE ABOVE.

Our mission is to provide free pastoral care and counselling to missionaries and their families who are serving in Guatemala. We also provide volunteer support and school counselling at Encounter Academy who teach children of missionaries (grades K-12). In addition to our primary ministries we employ Guatemalans to work with our mission and give away AT LEAST 10% of all funds we raise to support other missions in Guatemala. His Many Sparrows exists to serve those on the frontlines of mission in Guatemala. We are the listening ear. We are the encourager pointing back to God. We are the marriage and family counsellor. We are the clinician treating depression, anxiety, and stress. We are the school counsellor helping children with peer pressure, self-esteem, family issues, and all of the major issues every school faces (depression, self-harm, anxiety, identity issues, spiritual issues, trauma, abuse, adoption). All in the name of Jesus. And we cannot do any of this without your support. Help us serve the servants in Guatemala.



His Many Sparrows Pledge Card

Name: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Mobile: _____



I would like to support HMS with a:
 one time or monthly pledge in the amount of \$ _____
 Please email me the monthly Newsletter.
 I commit to pray for HMS and would like to receive special prayer requests.

From:

To: His Many Sparrows
 c/o Brenda Haberman
 9918 Scenic Hills Drive
 San Antonio, TX 78255

What Does Your Support Provide?

Pastoral Care, Spiritual Direction, Christian Counselling and Clinical Counselling vary in cost depending on many things, such as licensing, place of help (state), and the counsellors' credentials.

With His Many Sparrows we provide well trained, experienced, and licensed therapists. Take a look at these credentials...



Rev. Sue White
BSc, MA
 Retired UMC Pastor, Conference Evangelist, and Ecumenical Lead Chaplain

Over 30 years of experience in pastoral ministry, training in Clinical Pastoral Education, Ministry Supervision, Prepare and Enrich Facilitator, Clergy Leader for over 100 Emmaus/Chrysalis/Kairos Walks.

Bonnie White Payne

BSc, MA, Doctoral Studies in Counselling Psychology

Private Practice Clinician for over 10 years working with the Northland District Health Board and local PHO in Whangarei, NZ. 10+ years offering pastoral care and counselling in a non-profit setting focusing on children, youth, families, addiction, abuse and trauma. Special focus and experience working with children and adults on the Autism Spectrum, those with ADHD or other emotional/behavioral issues.



Andrew "Andy" Payne
BMin, MTh, CDip Clinical Psychology, Master of Clinical Psychology Student
 Andy served as a pastor in several churches in the USA and NZ. He has also served as a College and Hospital Chaplain in Whangarei, NZ. Andy is a Prepare and Enrich Facilitator who specializes in working with couples.



The experience, training, and education of our team would normally call for fees on average of \$62 to \$75 per hour for online or in-person counselling.

His Many Sparrows provides our services free of cost to any missionary, their families, and their English speaking workers. We also provide assessment for serious clinical matters and referral to a local English speaking Psychiatrist.

Each gift you provide not only helps us live on the mission field, it provides valuable services to missionaries on the front line of suffering every day. Together we provide hope in a starving world—pointing to Jesus, the only hope worth holding.

How Can You Help?

Our mission expenses, including living and administrative costs, work out to around \$50,000 per year. As we have not yet completed a year on the ground we are working from an estimated budget.

Currently our client load is 30, not including the work Bonnie does as a counsellor for Encounter Academy. If each client is seen weekly for a lower than average cost of \$50 per client that is a total of \$1500 a week or \$78,000 annually of services provided for free.

Taking into account the hours Bonnie serves the students at Encounter Academy, that is an additional \$12,500 of services provided for free.

Pastor Sue and Andy also volunteer as teachers each term at Encounter Academy, looking at part-time substitute teacher rates for a whole semester that is another \$26,000 of services provided for free.

In total His Many Sparrows is investing through service, over \$116,500 annually into the Guatemala Mission Field.

We also employ locals to help with home maintenance, transportation, interpretation, and language school. And 10% of our estimated budget (a minimum of \$5,000) per year is donated locally to help support other missions. Though frequently that amount is more than 10% of our budget. Where there is need, if we have the funds, we help. Including handing out food bags to people begging on the streets and highways.

His Many Sparrows is a registered charity in the state of Texas and an approved 501(c)3. All of our donations are tax deductible. We have a local (Texas) bank account with Bank of America. You can choose to donate directly to that account, mail a check to our Treasurer in Texas, or set-up a monthly payment through PayPal.

Email: hismanysparrows@yahoo.com for information on how to donate.

Mail a check made out to "His Many Sparrows" care of Brenda Haberman, HMS Treasurer, 9918 Scenic Hills Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78255

We are setting up a Paypal account under the email address: accounts@hms@yahoo.com

And if you bank with Bank of America you can easily set-up a transfer to the HMS Bank of America account.

Please make sure all donations are marked so we know how to record the donor for end of the year accounting. You will receive a receipt in the mail.

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