

# 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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11:15 a.m.

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Monday through

Thursday

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## PASTOR'S PEN

*A word from the heart*

**D**ear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that this letter finds you and all of yours well and prospering.

As 2019 draws to a close, it is time to celebrate God's work done through the people of Trinity this year and make plans for 2020. God is using this congregation to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to transform the world in significant ways. 2019 saw new people attending worship at Trinity and new people being baptized into this congregation. New ministries were born, and existing ministries were strengthened. This was made by your generous and, in many cases, self-sacrificial response to God's unlimited grace. Our goal in 2020 is to step up all that we are doing in God's name both in our local community and in the world. We believe that God is ready to do a new thing in and through Trinity United Methodist Church and we are ready to step up and answer the call to be a part of that work. With this in mind, we are asking each of you to prayerfully consider how you will answer the call to step up in 2020.

In this newsletter, you will find a chart that indicates various levels of financial support that were pledged in 2019. Will you please find where you fit on this chart and then pray about the possibility of stepping up one step? If stepping up one step is more than you can commit to at this time, will you pledge to move up within your step. God's standard for giving is 10% of your gross income. If you are not currently pledging at this level, will you consider raising the amount you currently pledge by 1-5%? If you have not pledged in the past, you are encouraged to begin doing so in 2020. Your gifts, regardless of how big or small, are important to the work God is doing in this place.

2019 Missions - **DECEMBER**  
**4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING**  
**FAIRFIELD ORPHANAGE—ZIMBABWE**

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Also, you will find a pledge card on which to record your estimated giving for 2020. Please, remember that your pledge is simply an estimate of what you will contribute in 2020. If your circumstances change at any time during the year you may modify your pledge by simply notifying the administrative office of the change.

Pledge cards may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday between now and December 15th. You may also mail them to the Church office.

Thank you in advance for your generous response to all that God has done and will do in your life and through this church. I pray that 2020, will be filled with blessings for you and yours.

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

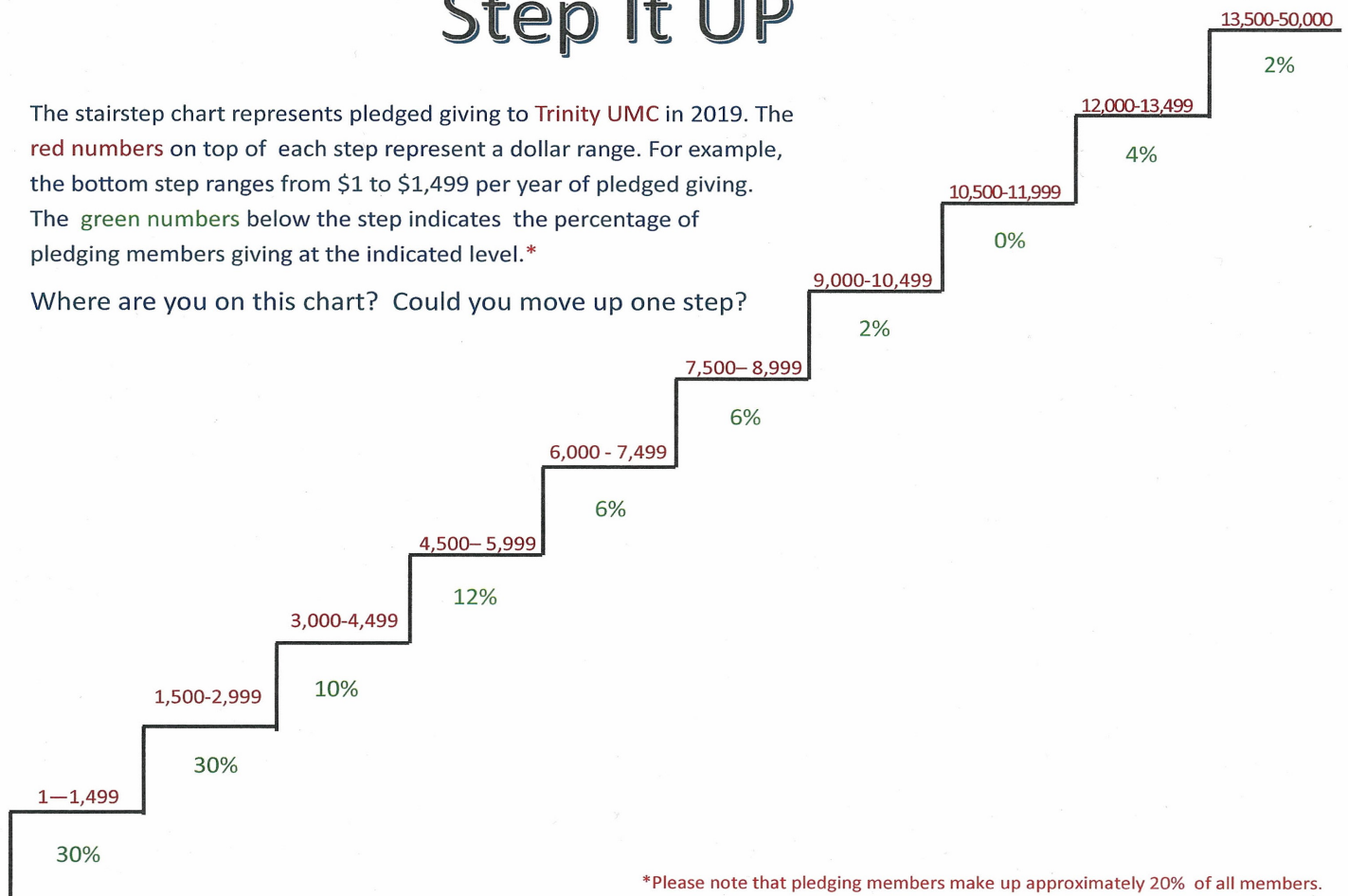
Blessings  
Pastor Bob



## Step It UP

The stairstep chart represents pledged giving to Trinity UMC in 2019. The red numbers on top of each step represent a dollar range. For example, the bottom step ranges from \$1 to \$1,499 per year of pledged giving. The green numbers below the step indicates the percentage of pledging members giving at the indicated level.\*

Where are you on this chart? Could you move up one step?



\*Please note that pledging members make up approximately 20% of all members.



### Estimate of Giving for 2018

Jesus Christ has been generous with me, and I want to be like him. Below represents my sacrificial commitment to support Christ's work and is a sign of my love for God.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

- I/we will be giving more than 10% of my/our annual income to the work of Christ at Trinity UMC.
- I/we will be giving 10% of my/our annual income to the work of Christ at Trinity UMC.
- I/we will be growing toward giving 10% of my/our annual income to the work of Christ at Trinity UMC.

My/our total commitment for 2020 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ I/we will give \_\_ weekly; \_\_ monthly; \_\_ annually.



Mary held him close  
A mother's love was near.  
As she kissed the face of God  
The one she held so dear.  
She looked down at the hands  
Of her newborn baby son.  
It was then she shed her tears  
As she knew what was to come.

Her tears fell on His face  
And He looked into her eyes.  
It was then she felt the peace  
Of her gift to all mankind.

On this Christmas Eve  
Look up into the sky.  
You will see the Son of God  
As a star shines o'er the night

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She laid him in a manger  
That cold and wintry night.  
The shepherds gathered close  
To view the wondrous sight.

The Christ child looked to heaven  
His Father smiled at Him.  
The light of David glowed  
Through the star of Bethlehem.



**H**ello brothers and sisters in Christ!

I love December. We get to celebrate the greatest gift ever given to us, this month. I am going to remember the reason for the season and focus on giving to God vs. worrying over what cookies to bake or when I am going to get my shopping done. It's not about the latter, it should be all about celebrating Jesus' birthday.

If I have learned anything over the last year, it's that most of us (including me) spend money on materialistic items we don't need. So I have decided this season I plan to give back to God above and beyond what I committed to for the year because the best Christmas memories I have are the ones when my family helped out someone that was not as fortunate as we were. I pray others will do the same. Trinity supports so many awesome things around the world and here close to home through our church and our apportionments.

None of it could happen without our generous giving congregation. If your estimate of giving is behind for the year, would you please consider bringing it current before the end of the year? One way you could do this is if you want to give a gift to someone that has everything materialistic; give a gift to Trinity in their honor and the blessings will come to the giver, the honoree, and most of all, the person that is helped with that gift. Praise God for your generous giving.

*Merry Christmas  
to you!  
Yours in Christ,  
Bonnie Smith*



## **TEXT IN CHURCH**

**IS A COMMUNICATION PLATFORM WE USE HERE IN TRINITY VIA PHONE TEXT AND EMAIL.**

**WANT TO STAY INFORMED?**

**Text the word "loop" to  
(210) 405-9287**

### Happy Birthday to:

MACLETA CLARK	2-Dec
MELISSA J. EFTA	2-Dec
RENO GERMANN	3-Dec
WENDY WELLER	3-Dec
DON GERTH	12-Dec
TEN MUZOREWA	12-Dec
LUPE PROCTOR	12-Dec
CAROLYN SCRIMSHIRE	12-Dec
DAVID C. LOPEZ	17-Dec
MARCIA ALLEY	21-Dec
LINDA TOWNSEND	26-Dec
CAROL WILSON	27-Dec
CHRISTOPHER ACRES	27-Dec
DAVID DYE	30-Dec
DON KETCHUM	30-Dec
PAT PUTZ	30-Dec
CYNTHIA ROMO	31-Dec
Happy Anniversary to:	
CYNTHIA & ESTEBAN ROMO	12-Dec
ROY & MARY ROGERS	22-Dec
BOB & TWILA ICENOGLA	23-Dec



**D**o all the good you can, By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can, In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

Do you know who said that? Yes, John, Wesley, the founder of Methodism! Did you know that he learned quickly how much money he needed to live on. Then, when he got raises, he continued to live on that same amount, and gave the rest to charity. I remember when I was a child that I would get so excited when Christmastime was drawing near because I couldn't wait to find out what I was going to get; but even before I was a teenager, I became concerned about what I was going to give to a family member or friend. The older I got, the more I wanted to be sure people I cared about were receiving a gift from me.

When my children came along, I just wanted to know they were getting gifts either from Tom and me or from Santa. If I didn't receive anything, it didn't matter as long as they got gifts - because I love them. Church has always been a big part of my life so I have always wanted to give to whichever church I belonged to - and I really feel I belong, just like in a family. I care a lot about Trinity and all her employees. I truly want all of them to stay here for as long as they can (and want to). I also want our campus to look nice, partly for visitors and people who pass by and might be considering visiting us, and partly for our members so we can be proud of how nice our buildings and grounds look. I also appreciate air conditioning, heat, light, and working bathrooms. I'm sure you keep your own homes and lawns looking as good as possible and functioning as well as possible.

Also, I was so proud to learn that we are one of only a small percentage of churches who pay 100% of their apportionments, which help to support 60, yes 60, missionaries. (Since our church can tithe, we as individuals should also tithe). I hope all you feel this way about church, its members, and its employees.

Luke tells us in Acts 20:34-35: You yourselves know that I have worked with these hands of mine to provide everything that my companions and I have needed. I have shown you in all things that by working hard in this way we must help the weak, remembering the words that the Lord Jesus himself said, "There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."

Paul tells us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8: Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. Each one should give, then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause.

Luke tells us in his Gospel, chapter 6:38: Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands - all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you.

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 says: So then, you must never think that you have made yourselves wealthy by your own power and strength. Remember that it the Lord your God who gives you the power to become rich.

On behalf of Trinity, thank you!

Harriet Phillips  
Lay Leader





When you have a duplicate of something (big or small) and just don't have a place to keep it any more, consider donating it to either the refugee center or CAM (Christian Assistance Ministries). Either place can receive clean, used clothing of any size. I have gone through my closet many times to pull out items I no longer wear, either because of size or style. Think about your neighbors in need.

CAM has two receiving places, but the one at University United Methodist Church, 5084 De Zavala, 78249, is nearer our church. Their hours of operation are 9:00 to 2:00 Monday through Thursday. In addition to clothing, CAM takes unexpired canned foods no larger than 25 ounces. They are located at the southern most end of the UMC parking lot off Vance Jackson. Just drop by during open hours.

The refugee center takes any household goods that are needed in the home: furniture in useable shape (beds, sofas, chairs, tables, lamps, book shelves, etc.), linens, blankets, clothing, diapers and baby things, kitchen utensils, dishes, pots and pans, dish racks, trays, cutting boards, coffee pots, pot holders, flatware and knives, storage containers, bathroom stuff - shower curtains, towels, bath mats, cleaning supplies - rugs, vacuum cleaners, iron and ironing boards, personal care items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), tools, brooms, and the list goes on. Trinity members Angie Khan and Julie Vincent are the contact people at our church for the refugee center. The center itself is located on Wurzbach near the intersection of Wurzbach and Fredericksburg toward I-10. Just talk to Angie or Julie to arrange your donation(s). Thank you.

UMYF INVITES YOU:  
**ANGELS AWARE!**  
A Free Christmas Pageant  
CHILDREN AGES 2-16  
WEEKLY SATURDAY REHEARSAL 1:00-4:00 PM  
SNACK PROVIDED!  
210.684.0261  
WWW.TINY.CC/DRAMAKNOTS  
Creating lasting friendships by allowing youth to express themselves!



Binding in love, faith in Christ, and community! †

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**WE INVITE ALL YOUTH!**  
WELCOME TO OUR NEW TRINITY'S YOUTH WEBSITE! WE INVITE YOU TO VISIT AND VIEW ALL THE DATES FOR OUR YOUTH EVENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT TO OUR YOUTH . FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL OR CONTACT ASHLEY DULIN AT 210-684-0261 or EMAIL [dramaknots@tumcsa.net](mailto:dramaknots@tumcsa.net).



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22nd  
at 10:00 a.m.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 24TH  
7:00 p.m.

(Come early to sing Christmas songs at 6:30 p.m.).  
Please bring cookies to share as we fellowship for Christmas eve (after worship service).

Thank you!



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reetings from the prayer team!

Thank you, God, for hearing and answering the prayers of your people. Thank you, Trinity UMC for sharing your joys and prayer concerns. One of my favorite hymns is from my days as a child in Sunday School. What a friend we have in Jesus was written in 1855 by Joseph Scriven. The first verse reads, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer, O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." Kind of says it all. God has shown me such grace in my prayer life. He's done it for the prayer team. We continue to grow in our faith and our relationship with Him. It's that time of the year when we start to think about our relationship with God and ask Him for a deeper relationship and a more meaningful prayer life. It begins with His Word. Maybe it's time to amp up our reading of scripture, or to read more faith-based books, or to keep our radio tuned to praise music, or to join a Bible study, or all of the above.

There are many free on-line resources to help with the daily discipline of reading scripture. And if you don't have Internet access or prefer ink on paper, I'd be happy to help you search for a resource that speaks to you. I'm sure Pastor Bob knows many. I'm currently following <http://satucket.com> lectionary online. There are daily readings from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Gospel. There's a psalm for the morning and a psalm to read in the evening. There're also readings for Sunday's lectionary. These are the same scriptures read by Christians all over the world each Sunday. Bottom line: join me in asking God how we can grow in relationship with Him. We invite you to join the prayer team Tuesdays at 1:30 in the Null building. You can join us regularly or visit periodically.

May God richly bless us and increase our faith.

In Him...

*Sandy Keyser, Trinity UMC Prayer Team*





# River City Ringers

Presents our 2019 Christmas Concert Series

## Glad Tidings We RING!

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

San Antonio Museum of Art

Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Christ Lutheran Church of Alamo Heights

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm

Woodland Baptist Church

Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm

Coker United Methodist Church

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> 3:00pm

Performing with Heart of Texas Concert Band

*\*Christmas Classics\**

Trinity Baptist Church

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

Army Residence Community

Concerts are free and open to the public. Donations appreciated!

River City Ringers is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

For more info on concerts look online:

[www.RiverCityRingers.org](http://www.RiverCityRingers.org)

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