



# 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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SUNDAY  
Worship Services  
8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.  
SUNDAY  
School for all ages  
9:45 a.m.

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## What's Happening

CHILI COOK-OFF  
Sunday, February 5th  
@noon in the gym

FAT TUESDAY  
February 28th  
7-9pm in the gym.

### Trinity United Methodist School

2017-2018 Registration and Open House  
In-house registration for our current students will be open on February 8, 9 and 10th. These are the days current student days can claim a spot for the 2017-2018 school year before open enrollment starts to the general public. We will have Open House on Saturday February 11th from 11 am until 1 pm. We have several classes that are at capacity this year that we expect to fill the next class (ex: 18 mo class to 2 year class; 4's to Kinder; Kinder to 1st, etc). We already have a list of new families anxious to enroll. We urge you not to wait! Classes have filled in the past leaving no room for our returning students. Please do not let that happen to you. We want everyone to be able to return.

#### 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:

DUCK & WARDINE WILCOX 11-Feb

**2017 Missions  
FEBRUARY  
Special/Fourth Sunday  
Offerings  
JIREH HOUSE**

*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"*

# a letter from the pastor



**D**ear Friends,

*This morning during my prayer time, I experienced an overwhelming sense of gratitude as I thought of each of you. I am incredibly blessed by the privilege of serving as your pastor. I thank God for each and every one of you, and pray blessings on you and your household.*

*Here at the beginning of a new year, I find many reasons for encouragement. Though last year was a difficult one for Trinity UMC in terms of finances, we finished the year quite strong. Our pledges for 2017 are up more than 30% over 2016. While this is good news, it does not mean that we are where we need to be to effectively carry out our ministry of making disciples. Meeting our obligations while continuing to reach new people for Jesus Christ will require each of us to prayerfully consider increasing our generosity. Nevertheless, I am convinced that God is doing a new and wonderful thing here at Trinity. I am equally convinced that God has and will provide the resources to bring that new thing to fruition.*

*A second reason I am encouraged has to do with the spiritual growth of our community. We have declared 2017 to be the year of discipleship at Trinity UMC. This year our focus will be on developing an intentional pathway to discipleship. We will be looking at how we make disciples through evangelism, worship, education, and service. In January, church leaders gathered for a day of prayer. During the retreat, we asked God to give us a vision for the coming year. We then encouraged everyone present to begin a prayer journal in order to record the way in which God is leading us. In February, the board will be asked to develop a plan for involving the entire congregation in a process of discernment and planning for the future. The question we must ask ourselves is how we intend to live into the future together as God's people. What is God's vision for Trinity UMC? How will we live into that vision?*

*One thing is certain, God is calling us to change. The way we have always done things is no longer working. The world we live in has changed dramatically in the last fifty years. Our nation is no longer a Christian nation. Young people are increasingly ambivalent about religion and spirituality. Many see the church as outdated and irrelevant. According to research carried out by the Barna Group, the church has an image problem. Young people, both in and out of the church, see the church as being hypocritical, uncaring, anti-homosexual, out of touch, too political, and judgmental.*

*While most of us would argue that this is an unfair view, we cannot simply dismiss it. Each of these charges deserves to be addressed. To do so is beyond the scope of this letter. Therefore, I ask that each of you take time to pray about our image problem. The church has been given stewardship of the greatest gift ever given, the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are blessed with the gift of everlasting life and given the task of ushering in the kingdom of God. What we must always remember is we are blessed to be a blessing. The question is how do we share the gift of God's grace, with those who have been seduced by cynicism. How do we the blessing with which we have been blessed.*

*In the coming weeks and months, we will have many opportunities to discuss and to plan for the future ministry of Trinity UMC. In the meantime, I urge you to pray and to listen for God's direction.*

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

*Pastor Bob*



# FAT TUESDAY

PLEASE JOIN US@  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
IN THE ACTIVITIES BUILDING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

7 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6800 WURZBACH ROAD, SAN ANTONIO TX  
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Games, DJ, Sausage & Pancakes, shrimp  
and grits, drinks  
and a parade

(This is a free event, we ask that all attendees give a  
donation to support the volunteers)