

Welcome to 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."

REV. JOHN MEANDE
Pastor
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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

Church office phone
210-684-0261

Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
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210-684-5214
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ENROLL NOW!



2021 Missions
JUNE

**ABOVE AND
BEYOND
SUNDAY
OFFERING**
(PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY)

**CHILDREN'S
SHELTER**

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



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Pastor's Reflection
Together for Christ,
Rev. John N. Meande



As a pastor, I did use this month to reflect on how many people have come to me in my entire life to tell me they are sorry? So what I learned about the human nature is that it will seldom say I am sorry. This has revealed to me the reality of what it means to have and maintain a relationship in the economy of God. Pastoral servanthood has taught me that preserving a friendship requires grace, longsuffering, peace, holiness, love, compassion, forgiveness, the desire to change and to be intentional in maintaining relationships. One of the most important of these is the ability to say I'm sorry. We all make mistakes. Hurting each other from time to time is inevitable, be it in a close friendship or a group relationship. Some people are incapable of apologizing, because they are unable to admit that they may have made a mistake. There is no way for a friendship to last without apologies. Saying I'm Sorry in a sincere and compassionate way will preserve our friendship and deepen the bond that we share as humans.

I took some time within the last two weeks to reflect, pray and read about forgiveness. I learned that as humans we forgive by faith out of obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ and by grace out of maintaining internal peace. Sometimes we forgive because we are stronger and humble and sometimes because we value our relationship. At times forgiveness is not only because we were wrong but for the sake of peace and our relationship with Christy Jesus and the person involve, we can say "I am sorry". I also noticed how evident it is that forgiveness goes against our human nature - the nature that leans towards the sin of pride. But Christ has called us to forgive so we must forgive by faith, whether we feel like it or not. We must trust God to do the work in us that needs to be done so that the forgiveness will be complete.

No doubt when Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy- times seven, Matthew 18:21-22. Shepherding God's people is nurturing and revealing to me the humility in the power of forgiveness; the power to be incarnational; purity of intent; simplicity of heart; and the love for God and neighbor. This answer by Jesus to Peter seems to say that forgiveness is not easy for us and that it's not a one-time choice. It is a choice that is required to continue and a decision we make. However, as we do this "forgiving," we discover the command is in place for our own good, and we receive the reward of our forgiveness which is freedom, peace and joy.

This week I also learned about motivational interviewing that can help a congregation overcome decline, a person fight destructive behavior, such as smoking, or in fostering positive change, such as finding a job and regenerating congregational fruitfulness.

I learned that the first step is to create a desire for change in the members and or move the person out of his/her comfort zone into inspiring a need for a change. The Holy Spirit is inviting us as a congregation to learn how to apply these skills of motivational interviewing techniques to inspire a person to quit abusing drugs and improve their quality of life. We might begin by discussing the behavior and what is negative about their status or drug usage. These questions may include: What would your life be like in 10 years from now if you continue to abuse drugs? What was your life like before you were using drugs? What have other people told you about your problem?

Applying this to our congregation, we might ask ourselves where we will like to be in three years from now. What changes do we need to do in order to get there? What are some of the concerns we have received from people over the years? What has been the result in attendance when we have decided to maintain the status quo? A follow up step will be moving forward by practicing active listening and observation to discover when us as a congregation or a person is beginning to realize areas of weakness and a path to growth. Motivational interviewing puts the burden of making the change on the congregation or person him/herself. The ultimate goal is to help both resolve ambivalence through the use of listening, providing feedback, interpreting the results and maintaining a path. A path leading to an improve quality of life, congregational vitality, radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, extravagant generosity and of course congregational fruitfulness.



Dear our Trinity Family,

The goodbye celebration was so special from your remarks to the beautiful perfect tree of life book ends. They represent us to a tee! The cake was delicious, and we thank everyone for the special cards and heart felt good wishes!

*We will miss everyone and continue to stay in touch.
I plan to remain on the Prayer Committee for the near future.
We will pray for Trinity's growth and that folks will "come."*

Blessings through Christ, our Savior,

Mary and Dwight Hale

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June 1, 2021

Dear Trinity Family,

Blessings to you as we enter this season of summer. How beautiful it was to sing some favorite songs together this past Sunday! If you are able, we look forward to seeing you at in-person worship. If it is important for you to worship from home, we hope you are singing and praying right along with us.

Last month I mentioned that the Board recommended we move our worship time to 11:00. In the month of May, many of you spoke to our Board Members to express your preference. It is the desire of the majority of you that we stay with the 10:00 worship time. And so, it will be so. Our in-person worship will continue to meet at 10:00.

The progress in the church pre-school building is continuing to move forward. We will be replacing all the flooring in the wing of the school that was damaged. When the process is finished, all will be fresh and new. Please pray for the future of this preschool – we are needing students to enroll for the fall.

Please take a few minutes to reach out to members of our church family. So many are going through difficult challenges. Send a card, make a call, send a text, and if you are comfortable – visit in person. I am very pleased we are getting to a safer situation related to COVID, but that does not mean all of our problems have gone away. Please continue to pray for our community and the people of our country and world.

Our Church Board members would like your feedback. What would you like to see at Trinity? What programs are important to you? Is there something you would like to work towards? What is God placing on your heart for the future of Trinity? The Board members are listed below. Please contact them or call the church office with your thoughts and concerns.

Serving Trinity for God's Glory,
Julie Vincent, Board Chairman

Board Members:

Pastor John Meande, Harriet Phillips, Julie Vincent, Bonnie Smith, David Lopez, Liz Cavin, Gail Hall, Joanne Smith, Gene Sprague, Byron Burge, Joe Montalvo, Mary Shoemaker, Tony Aguilar, Layne Kerley

The Shoe Man Poem

My alarm went off
It was Sunday again.
I was sleepy and tired
My one day to sleep in.
But the guilt I would feel
The rest of the day
Would have been too much
So I'd go and I'd pray.

I showered and shaved
I adjusted my tie.
I got there and sat
In a pew just in time.
Bowing my head in prayer
As I closed my eyes.
I saw the shoe of the man next to me
Touching my own. I sighed.
With plenty of room on either side
I thought, "Why must our soles touch?"
It bothered me, his shoe touching mine
But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father"...

I thought, "This man with the shoes
has no pride.
They're dusty, worn, and scratched
Even worse, there are holes on the side!"

"Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on.

The shoe man said
a quiet "Amen."
I tried to focus on the prayer
But my thoughts were on his shoes again.
Aren't we supposed to look our best
When walking through that door?
"Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought,
Glancing toward the floor.

Then the prayer was ended
And the songs of praise began.
The shoe man was certainly loud
Sounding proud as he sang.
His voice lifted the rafters
His hands were raised high.
The Lord could surely hear

The shoe man's voice from the sky.
It was time for the offering
And what I threw in was steep.
I watched as the shoe man reached
Into his pockets so deep.
I saw what was pulled out
What the shoe man put in.
Then I heard a soft "clink"
as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me
To tears, and that's no lie
It was the same for the shoe man
For tears fell from his eyes.
At the end of the service
As is the custom here
We must greet new visitors
And show them all good cheer.

But I felt moved somehow
And wanted to meet the shoe man
So after the closing prayer
I reached over and shook his hand.
He was old and his skin was dark
And his hair was truly a mess
But I thanked him for coming
For being our guest.

He said, "My names' Charlie
I'm glad to meet you, my friend."
There were tears in his eyes
But he had a large, wide grin
"Let me explain," he said
Wiping tears from his eyes.
"I've been coming here for months
And you're the first to say 'Hi.'"

"I know that my appearance
Is not like all the rest
"But I really do try
To always look my best.
"I always clean and polish my shoes
Before my very long walk.
"But by the time I get here
They're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain
and I swallowed to hide my tears
As he continued to apologize
For daring to sit so near.

He said, "When I get here
I know I must look a sight.
"But I thought if I could touch you
Then maybe our souls might unite."

I was silent for a moment
Knowing whatever was said
Would pale in comparison
I spoke from my heart, not my head.

"Oh, you've touched me," I said,
"And taught me, in part;
"That the best of any man
Is what is found in his heart."

The rest, I thought,
This shoe man will never know.
Like just how thankful I really am
That his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

Leanne Freiberg
Luke 14:7-15





*.... all lips spoke the truth,
All pride was cast aside,
Greed was packed and stored away,
And jealousy subside.
If love could rule the universe,
Kindness was sown to every race,
Then one could glance into a mirror
And view God in his face...*

Written by a 16-year old girl on the street

ANNOUNCEMENTS ☺

- Ashley needs pictures of fathers by June 11 for a video of the fathers (Father's Day). Please send to Cynthia or Ashley via email. Thank you.
- We will begin asking congregants to bring their offerings up to the altar during the sermon song/s. Thank you for your usual generosity. ♥
- Please join us for Sunday School gatherings every Thursday at 3:00pm via zoom. We still have books available for pick-up in the church office (Half Truths by Adam Hamilton).
- Remember - Tuesday Bible Study led by Pastor John is still going on. Please ask the link to the zoom room from Cynthia.
- Pastor John's ordination is on June 12. Let's send him our best wishes ☺.
- Prayer meeting time has changed. The prayer ministry team will meet Mondays at 1:00pm for prayer time.
- Scholarships recipients will be honored Sunday, June 13th at the 10:00am worship service.

⇒ MEETINGS: NEXT BOARD MEETING—11:30AM (JUNE 13TH)
NEXT WORSHIP MEETNG— 7:30PM (JUNE 23RD)

Happy Birthday to

LIZ CAVIN	3-Jun
TONY AGUILAR	4-Jun
CHRISTY WILSON	4-Jun
MADISEN DYE	8-Jun
MARY ROGERS	9-Jun
REV. ELMER BECK	12-Jun
JANIS WINN	13-Jun
JOSEPH PHAIR, JR.	13-Jun
CLAUDIA BURGE	14-Jun
PAM SCHNAUBERT	16-Jun
HENRY LARES	17-Jun
KATHY SETTLES-HOREJSI	18-Jun
WAYNE VANDEVENTER	22-Jun
BILL CAVIN	23-Jun
SANDRA KEYSER	25-Jun
EFOME MEANDE	26-Jun

Happy Birthday to

RAMON JUSTO ALVARADO, JR.	27-Jun
JOY PATRICK	30-Jun

Happy Anniversary to

DON & CHERI DANCAK	5-Jun
RENO & CONNIE GERMANN	9-Jun
GENE & PAM SPRAGUE	11-Jun
ETHAN AND MARY ELIZABETH CALK	22-Jun
FRED & LOUISE LYLE	23-Jun
DON & ANGIE KHAN	30-Jun
TONY & KAY AGUILAR	30-Jun

**(If we have missed your special day,
please notify
Cynthia in the church office).**