



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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My very dear Friends,

As I write this, I am also preparing a sermon based on Jesus' farewell address to his disciples (John 13-17). In this section of John's gospel Jesus is saying goodbye to dear friends. In his words, I hear the struggle of my own heart. Jesus knows that for the Father's plan to unfold he must depart. He must leave his



beloved friends. He knows he must leave and that his leaving is for the best. He knows that another is coming to take his place, knows the friends he leaves will not be orphaned. Jesus knows that his leaving will usher in a new era, his parting a new beginning. And yet, there is grief in parting.

This is the last newsletter article I will write as the pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church. On the 14th of June, I will preach my last sermon as a member of this community. The six years I have spent with you have been good years. I have been blessed by each and everyone of you. In drawing close to you, I have come closer to God. I do not say that these years have been free from all challenges, but I will say that what challenges there have been, we have faced them together in a spirit of unity. I will be forever grateful for the way you received Donna and I into this community. Your warm and open hearts made us feel immediately welcome among you. I ask, already knowing that you will, that you extend the same gracious welcome to Pastor John and his family. Do everything in your power to make their transition into this community as smooth as it can be. Rev. Meande, I believe God is blessing Trinity with the gift of a gracious and loving pastor, a man of spiritual depth and wisdom.



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*** PEACE WITH JUSTICE ***

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That he brings with him a delightful wife and family only adds to the blessing. Under Pastor John's leadership, God is about to do a new thing in and through Trinity. Therefore, I am excited for you all.

Jesus' farewell to his disciples ends with a prayer (John 17:1-26). It is a beautiful prayer for unity, full of promise and hope that ends with these words:

25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

And now as I say goodbye to you all, I echo that prayer. *Righteous and Loving God, there are many in this world who do not know you. But, by your grace, I know you. May those who have come to know you through the work you have done through me bear witness to my calling. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I have made your name known in this place, and I will continue to do so where I am going. Let the love with which you have loved me be in the people of this community. May I linger in their hearts as they have found a home in mine. To your glory O God, now and forever. Amen.*

And now as we move boldly into God's bright future,

*May the Lord bless and protect you.
The Lord make his face to shine on you
And be gracious to you.
The Lord lift his face up to you
And grant you peace.*

*Shalom,
Pastor Bob*



Trinity's "Day of Prayer" Retreat - October 2, 2015



Pastor Bob and Donna "Welcome Day" celebration at Trinity - July 2, 2014

Come & See

Thank you to all that completed the survey about returning to the sanctuary for worship.

The following is a summary of the responses:

- About 40% say they will return when we open again with another 45% waiting a little longer
- People are comfortable, for the most part, with the safe-guards we will have in place
- Over 83% said the on-line worship has helped them to stay connected to TUMC
- Over 90% have participated in the on-line worship, the daily prayer time, or both
42% said they are using the on-line program to make their financial donations to the church with 36% mailing in their donations



A few take-aways are that people request that the words to the hymns, scripture reading, and other important messages be displayed on the screen if we are not using bulletins. We are also working on creating a “how-to” video to go on the church website to help people find the on-line worship opportunities.

Church Office Hours

June 8th, the office will be open with shortened hours and discouraging walk-ins and congregating. Please wear a mask when in the office area with others.

For the safety of our staff, we will only have the church secretary, the pastor, and one volunteer working. Hopefully, we will be able to mainstream the business and get things taken care of, but not take un-needed risks. Please call the church office before you drive that way if you have business to do (210-684-0261).



May 30, 2020

Trinity Church Members and Friends,

What a crazy couple of months we have had! I want to let you know that much prayer and discussion has gone into the opening back up of the sanctuary for worship. We have taken into consideration what the Rio Texas Conference leadership, the State of Texas leadership, and our own church leadership recommends.

With the safety and concern for our church members, we have developed a protocol for returning to the sanctuary. It is important that we follow the United Methodist Church general rules of 'Do No Harm'. While no-one would harm others intentionally, this virus is sometimes carried unbeknownst to the carrier. Therefore, we are taking the approach of being extra-careful with re-opening. The following are precautions we will have in place on June 7th when we have our first in-person worship:

An assigned greeter will open the door

Hand-sanitizer will be available and soap/water in the restrooms

Face coverings will be required – extras will be provided as needed

Family groups spaced apart from others – every other pew used

No congregational singing

Offering will be collected in a central location rather than passing the plates

No bulletin. Hymnals, Bibles, pens and papers will be removed from pews

Communion will be in pre-packaged individual servings for June.

Everything sanitized thoroughly prior to and after worship

While I totally understand that everyone may not agree that all the precautions are necessary, this is what we will be doing at this time. We will be revisiting this protocol as time goes on.

Please use your own judgement on whether this is a good time for you to return to in-person worship. We will continue to broadcast our worship services on-line. If you are uncomfortable, please wait. God is taking care of us. We will be together for regular worship again – I know it. We must all continue to practice patience and understanding at this time.

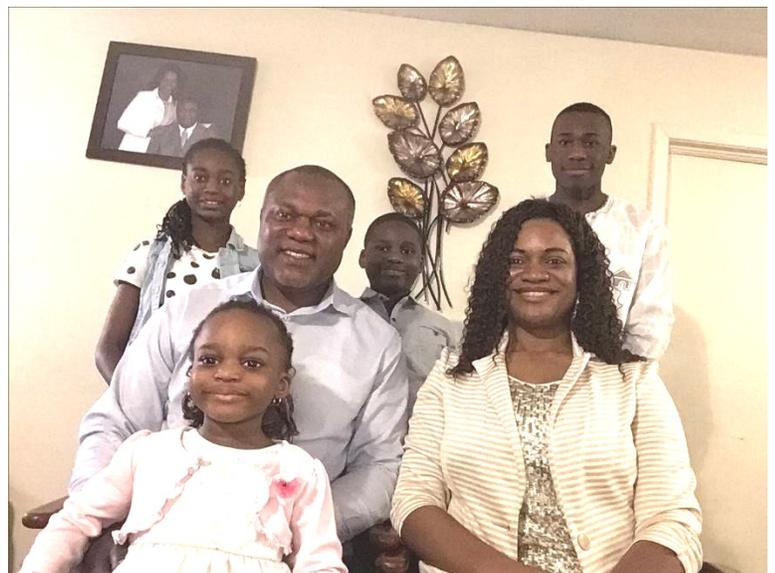
With Christ's Love,
Julie Vincent – Church Board Chair
Trinity United Methodist Church



Goodbye!

We are sad to say goodbye to Bob and Donna Clark, but we wish them all the best as they begin their service to Schertz UMC. Their last Sunday at Trinity will be June 14th. God has guided you as you have blessed us and we know He will continue to bless you!

hello!



We welcome the Meande family to the Trinity family. Rev. John Meande will have his first service here on June 28th. John is currently serving Wesley-Harper UMC in Seguin. Parents are John and Felicite, children are Efome (15), Hadassah (10), Mishael (7), and Tamar (2). We look forward to sharing God's love with you all!