

# Welcome!

## 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."

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### 2023 Missions - **SEPTEMBER**

4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering  
(Please give generously)

### Habitat for Humanity

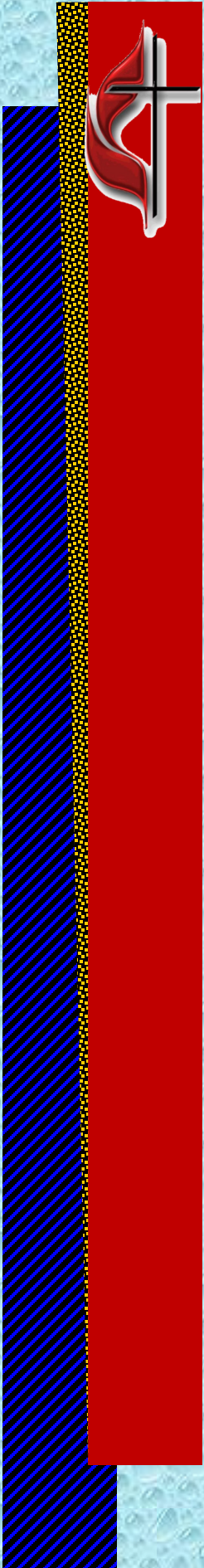
"Do All the GOOD you can in ALL the PLACES you can" - John Wesley  
"Serve each other according to the gift each person has received,  
as good managers of God's diverse gifts" - 1 Peter 4:10

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4EVER ●

*All things work  
together for good*

Romans 8:28



## Why Give to Apportionments?

**A**pportionment giving is based upon the desire to meet the needs of God's family, NOT just in our neighborhoods, but around the world. Apportionments are also based on our need to give in order to be spiritually healthy, complete children of God.



We send the apportionment funds out of our blessing that Christ might be known in transformative ways. Apportionments provide avenues for giving so that we can be strong local churches & annual conferences and a strong connection throughout the world as we seek to be in mission and ministry together. The funds demonstrate our connectedness to one another, to God and to the body of Christ.

Apportionments are the way that congregations are connected to the conference and the world. Apportionments are used to fund the global mission and witness of our church, to help provide the necessary structure to respond in moments of crisis locally, nationally, internationally, and to develop and nurture the leaders we need today and tomorrow.

The basic idea behind apportionments is that local congregations send some of the money they collect to accomplish things that are either beyond their ability to do as individual congregations or that can be done more effectively or efficiently together. Apportionments allow the church to produce goods and services funded by all for the benefit of all – collective goods.

Apportionments denote an understanding that the purpose of the church is not just to care for its own members but also to reach out beyond itself to engage with the world, to minister to the world, to be in mission to the world.

Apportionments are not to be considered “special gifts,” but rather, they are similar to our tithes that we give to our local church.

Connectional Giving demonstrates our connectedness to one another, to God and to the body of Christ. The connections of the church are more than institutions; the connections are the means God uses to convey grace to the world. It is one of the founding ideas that the United Methodist Church was built upon. Participating in connectional giving helps us to be in mission with people and congregations around the world - giving every church, regardless of size, a larger mission footprint.

When we give, we have the power and potential of a scale of impact that no single church could have on its own.

Apportionments allow us to do together what no church, district, or annual conference could do alone.

United Methodist Church Giving is about people working together to accomplish something bigger than themselves. In so doing, we effect change around the world, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

*UMCGiving/umc.org*

***To give to Trinity UMC's apportionments: Memo your check “Apportionments” or you may go on-line at [www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net), or send by text to 844-210-1179 , then choose “Apportionments”. Thank you for your usual support and generosity.***

A message from the:



**O**n Sunday, September 3 we will be honoring all those that labor, whether it is your paying job or an organization you volunteer with. We would like to see the congregation dressed in what you wear to work. If that is a uniform, scrubs, vest, lanyard, name badge, a shirt representing an organization you volunteer with, or hat, we would like you to wear it to church on this Sunday.

## Upcoming Events:

September 10 - Grandparents Day

October 1 - World Communion Sunday

October 15 - Laity Sunday

October 29 - Fifth Sunday Sings and Potluck lunch

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**Board Meeting, Sunday (right after worship service) in the parlor,  
September 10th.**

*Lunch will be served.*

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## JOIN THE SEEKERS (N' FIPS)

THE SEEKERS/FIPS LUNCHEON MEETINGS ARE EVERY SUNDAY (EXCEPT 5TH SUNDAYS) AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE .

When we joined the church,  
we pledged to  
uphold it with our prayers.

**\*Please pray for our  
church every day at  
noon\***

*1ST SUNDAY* — ROYAL INN (5440 BABCOCK)

*2ND SUNDAY* — BILL MILLER BBQ (WURZBACH &  
BANDERA.)

*3RD SUNDAY* — JASON'S DELI (5819 NW LOOP  
410)

*4TH SUNDAY* — SEA ISLAND (5959 NW LOOP 410)





REV. FEDERICO PEREZ, JR.  
Pastor  
fperez@riotx.org

Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.  
In the sanctuary -  
we encourage you to wear  
your mask as you feel  
comfortable.

Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m. is also available  
on Facebook live, &  
www.tumcsa.net

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

Seekers Faith Meeting  
(Sunday School):  
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room  
- Sundays, in-person, Null  
building at 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Meetings:  
- Wednesdays via zoom at  
2:15 p.m.

Church office phone  
210-684-0261  
Office hours:  
Mondays—Thursdays  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
or call for an appointment

e-mail:  
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## AUGUST 2023

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

#### IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

August 6	47
August 13	32
August 20	42
August 27	31

#### FACEBOOK LIVE – VIEWS

August 6	89
August 13	115
August 20	84
August 27	47

### TITHES & DONATIONS

(Report taken from ONLY the counters;  
NOT including online and text giving).

August 6	\$5,938
August 13	\$2,989
August 20	\$1,589
August 27	\$3,331



#### Happy Birthday to:

DONNA SETTLES	1-Sep
ANGIE KHAN	1-Sep
CARTER KINGSTON KROLL	5-Sep
FREDDIE PEREZ	8-Sep
SANDRA DANCE	9-Sep
ROY PUTZ	12-Sep
BROOKLYN LEWIS	13-Sep
BRENT PHILLIPS	16-Sep
LOUBELLE VANDEVENTER	21-Sep
STACIE BROWN	22-Sep
Happy Anniversary to:	
SARAH ELIZABETH & PATRICK ORMOND	19-Sep
JOE & BONNIE SMITH	23-Sep

### DONATE ONLINE

Simply scan this  
image using your  
phone's camera  
(or QR code  
reader).



You may also go  
to:

[www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)  
then click on the  
“Donate” button.

### DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE.

You may also **text**  
giving to:  
**844-210-1179**  
(Type in the  
amount you wish  
to donate, then  
hit send).



### Weekly Recurring Meetings and everyone is invited:

- ⇒ Seekers Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00am in the parlor.
- ⇒ Pastor-led Bible study every Tuesday via zoom at 5:00pm.
- ⇒ Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- ⇒ Sunday school meetings every Thursday via zoom at 3:00 p.m.. **(Start 9/7)**

**Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at [www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net).**

### Trinity is asking for volunteers to...

- ..... broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).
  - ..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts, Carol Lewis, & Sandra Dance. Family Life is responsible for our social activities, e.g., July 4th luncheon and sing-along, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, Super Chili Bowl Cook-off, and “Fat Sunday instead” (Sunday before Ash Wednesday).
  - ..... read at our Sunday’s worship services, on rotation.
  - ..... help in the church office with very light clerical duties such as answering phones, assisting visitors, and other tasks alike. Help is needed on Mondays (or Tuesdays) and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm.
  - ..... serve refreshments and clean up after church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.
  - ..... donate refreshments such as cookies, doughnuts, sweet breads and beverages to serve after the first Sunday worship services; please contact Stacie Brown.
- If you are led to serve in these areas, or any other ministries not mentioned, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.



**“God, help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter this day. Be my comfort and my rock. Guide me to do Your will and be an instrument of Your peace today and each day. Amen.”**

*Prayer team meets every Wednesday at 2:15pm via Zoom.  
Please join us or send us your prayer request at [www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)*

“GOD HELPS  
THOSE WHO HELP  
THEMSELVES”

“God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”?

I’m sure all of you have heard this phrase. However, according to Adam Hamilton, this isn’t always true. He believes that “sometimes we can’t help ourselves, not because we are poor or destitute or without resources, but because we have descended too deeply into sin or despair.”

According to Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, our basic needs are food, shelter, clothing, security, and health care. Some of these needs must be met by others, sometimes ALL these needs. However, Maslow also recognized that there are other needs “of a higher order.” Those are acceptance, love, and a sense of belonging. “We need hope, peace, comfort, forgiveness, and interior strength.” These needs may not sound basic, but for some people they can mean the difference between life and death! Suicidal people are usually feeling loveless more than poor in “things.”

I believe God expects us to provide these needs to others as much as the “basic” needs. I know there are homeless people who don’t even have the basic needs, but there are way too many people who don’t have these other needs that “keep them going.” What are you doing to provide those needs to others? Do you know anyone who really doesn’t have any friends? Those people are very lonely! Could you just spend time with them? Maybe you could give them a call or send them a card.

At the very least, I hope you are not the reason someone feels friendless or feels that he or she “is not worthy” of love, God’s or anyone else’s.

Do you know someone who has sunk to such a low level that he or she is without hope? Look for what you can do to give them hope. Maybe you need to check some resources and apply for some kind of aid in the form of money or a person to help him or her.

Do you know anyone who feels that he or she has sinned and drifted so far from God that there is no way he or she can be redeemed? You know God; you are a Christian; you have the knowledge and power to show him or her “the way back.”

Opportunities come to you all the time to be helpful, to be a witness for God!!! Open your eyes to those in need. Then, open your heart to be guided in what to do! There really are those who cannot help themselves! It is your duty as a Christian to help!

“They’ll know we are Christians by our love.” The flip side of that is, “If that’s a Christian, I don’t want to be one.” Which way are you “helping”; which way are you witnessing?

Peace and love!

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain,  
'Move from here to there,'  
and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20-21).

**L**ast Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Fred preached about the scripture above. What an incredible scripture to follow the sale we had the three days prior! This journey started several years ago when attendance at the Trinity United Methodist School was declining. The school and the church both faced difficult and troubling decisions. In the end, after COVID and the BIG FREEZE, it was decided to close the book on the little school at the church on the hill. People were sad, but it was what needed to happen.

Within the last year, the Church Board entered discussions with Mariana Pena-Flores, about opening a daycare center on our campus. Mariana already operates two centers in San Antonio under the name of A2Z Day Care. It seems this is a good fit for both the daycare and the church. However, there was much that needed attention before everything can move forward 100%. One of the items was the multitude of supplies all over the school building and in the activity building.



We formed a team of core workers and discussed having a sale to pass along the supplies, and maybe make a little money for the church. In early June we set a date and began putting the idea into action. The tiny mustard seed had been planted. There were lots and lots of things that could have contributed to this not working. Like the seed, we are not a very big church. We have committed people, but we are not as young as we used to be... What will we ever do with ALL THIS STUFF? Every door we opened had more and more school supplies. The books, posters, musical instruments, math and

science materials, desks, chairs, kitchen gadgets, paints, toys, dress-up clothes, computers, puzzles, and more seemed to be never-ending! However, we knew we needed to do something – and we had FAITH that we could do it.

Each time we would come up against an obstacle, we also were shown a solution. It was as if God had His hand in this the whole time... .

As the sale got nearer, we began to focus on some goals. I find everything stays a little more on course if we have some goals we are working towards. This sale had developed a life of its own thanks to the evolution of selling things on social media. However, it also became more apparent that we were going to actually have LOTS of customers and we just might make a little money while clearing out some of these things. But those were not the main goals. We wanted to:

- Use this opportunity to introduce new people to our church
- Be good stewards of all these wonderful teaching materials
- Make some money to help our church
- Be a smiling face of Jesus for the people we meet
- AND – to come together as a church family working toward a common purpose

We did all of this and so much more! People did not know we were this little church on this hill, and now they do.

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There were so many private schools, home-school families and co-ops, daycare teachers, public-school teachers, parents, and grandparents that were able to afford quality materials to teach God's littlest ones. People were happy. And - we had over 35 church members help with the School Closing Sale, and at least 12 other people that are not members here, but came out to help because they are good-hearted people. Church families are amazing!

Because we so often share difficult financial news with the congregation, it is very nice to let you know that we have made over \$15,000 from this sale – and there is more coming in. This will not solve all problems, but this, at least, gives us a little breathing room for our financial picture.

This Sunday, Pastor Fred preached about how FAITH in Christ *can make the impossible, possible*. Trinity is a strong church. We have loyal and committed members. Let's all continue to "Do 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."

Thank you for your support and faith.

*Julie Vincent*

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## 25,000 THANKS!

Seven years ago, Trinity took a leap of faith by following Jesus' direction to help feed the hungry. We started a weekly sack lunch ministry.

The Good Lord lead us into partnership with Methodist HealthCare Ministries, who distributed the lunches free to their clinic patients. We also teamed with special needs adults from the Unicorn Center who packed the bags.

This past month we celebrated having fed 25,000 patients. We are grateful to God, to everyone here who helped, and to the scores of other volunteers who have worked on this. We will continue working with our partners to provide nutritious snacks to clinic patients.

We have several care package programs planned for this fall aimed at helping the homeless, seniors, children, and adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Anyone interested in lending a hand, please contact Don Ketchum at 210/827-2527.

