

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.”

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2022 Missions

“ABOVE AND BEYOND” SUNDAY (4th Sunday)

"Do All the GOOD we can in ALL the PLACES we 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

January - Human Relations Day	July - Christian Assistance Ministry
February - Magdalena House (Transitional Shelter)	August - Project Transformation (Youth)
March - UMCOR Sunday	September - Habitat for Humanity
April - Children's Shelter	October - World Communion Sunday
May - Native American Ministries	November - United Methodist Student Day
June - Peace With Justice Sunday	December - Providence Place

REV. JOHN MEANDE
Pastor
pastor1@tumcsa.net

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary
(we encourage you to wear your mask even if you are fully vaccinated),

FB live, YouTube

New Seekers Faith Mtg.
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom room

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

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210-684-0261
Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
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2022 Missions - **February 2022**
4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)
Magdalena House (Transitional Shelter)



Trusting God

When It's Really, Really Hard To Do

by: Harriet Phillips

TUMC Lay Leader

Someone once said, "Life is what happens when you're

making other plans." Are there any of us whose lives have unfolded exactly as planned? I was going to be a teacher; I was NOT going to have any children; and I was going to see Europe by the time I was thirty. BUT! I decided I didn't want to be a teacher; I found that I really wanted children; and I STILL haven't been to Europe! So, is life just random? The psychic, Sylvia Browne, said that we write out a chart for our lives before we are incarnated, so that we will accomplish the things we want or need to accomplish. I would call that choosing the courses we need to take in this school of life. God is there to help us pass those courses. I usually liked the courses I took in school, but I rarely liked the tests. Even when I felt very well prepared, I still got nervous and prayed that God would help me to do my best. Sometimes I found that I still didn't do as well as I hoped or even as well as I expected to do. Maybe I studied the wrong information; maybe I misread a question; maybe I just forgot a piece of information that I really did know. In life we don't feel we are always prepared; but if we already know the answers, we aren't going to learn anything new. We still need to pray that God will help us to do our best.

By losing my mother at an early age, I can sympathize with others who have grown up without a parent. Since I have been divorced, I CANNOT judge someone else who has also been divorced. Since I constantly struggle with my weight, I can sympathize with those who say they are trying to lose, "but it's SO hard." Apparently, we shouldn't judge another until we "have walked a mile in his shoes." I believe God puts us in certain situations to teach us those life lessons. We may not like those "core" classes, but we need them in order to graduate. I believe that we CANNOT "drop out." God sent us to school to teach us our specific lessons, and God expects us to study and graduate with the degree we most need. Granted, some people have an easier curriculum, but some people just happen to need easier lessons. Some are psychology majors; some are engineering majors. Some go through a two-year program; others need graduate school, or even a doctorate! We shouldn't judge those who "got by" on fewer years of study - or those who need to stay in school until they have a doctorate. God did not promise to give us an easy course of study; God promised to always be there to help us learn and graduate!

I know it sometimes seems that God is not helping us, at all. I know sometimes our prayers are not answered with a "yes." (Trust me, I really do know). However, only God can see "the big picture." Do you pray, "Not my will but Thine be done," or do you pray, "Not Thy will but MINE be done."? When I pray, I REALLY hope God will give me MY wishes. I find it difficult to relinquish power to God and to accept that what I want may not be the best thing for me or for those for whom I am praying. I believe this is my most difficult lesson: trust that what is happening in my life is what is SUPPOSED to happen in my life. God does NOT forsake us; we must try our best to trust that what we need is what God gives. Surely God really does know best!

Report from the Finance Committee

Financial Results for 2021:

The financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2021, have been prepared and finalized. Below are the results. Here are a few notes to consider:

- There were 3 months where TUMC provided financial support for Nuevo Amanecer. The net result of this activity was that TUMC provided approximately \$3,000. TUMC ended its financial support relationship with Nuevo Amanecer on March 31, 2021.
- As was done in 2020, TUMC applied for and received almost \$19,000 from the US Federal Government in the form of a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan which allowed entities to apply for low-interest private loans to pay for their payroll and certain other costs. It is anticipated that this loan will be forgiven.
- The total Apportionments allocation from the Rio Texas Conference for 2021 was \$27,474.00. Only \$14,747.00 was paid. Consequently, TUMC fell short by \$12,727.00.
- Overall, the 2021 financial results did not end on a positive note. Serious thought and consideration need to be given as to how the church should proceed financially.

2021 Annual Financial Summary		
INCOME		% of Income
Pledged Income	135,049.30	53%
Non-Pledged Income	72,461.78	29%
Other Income	45,375.28	18%
Total Income	252,886.36	100%
EXPENSES		
NURTURE OUTREACH & WITNESS	7,368.49	3%
OPERATING EXPENSES	77,547.00	31%
STAFF COMPENSATION	173,241.80	69%
Total Expenses Before Apportionments	258,157.29	102%
Apportionments	14,747.00	6%
Total Expenses	272,904.29	108%
Net Cash Flow	(20,017.93)	-8%
US Federal Govt. PPP Loan	18,783.63	7%
Net Cash Flow After US Govt. PPP Loan	(1,234.30)	0%
Ending Cash on Hand Balance	\$26,263.08	

Outlook for 2022:

The TUMC Board will be meeting in February 2022 to finalize the 2022 Financial Budget. At that time, the Board will evaluate the results of the Pledge Campaign and what adjustments may be needed to reduce expenses. Over the last several years, several factors have impacted our financial picture - the pandemic, the aging of our membership, slow growth in new members, etc. The Board is working with Pastor John to develop various options on how to best grow our membership through outreach and programs.

Join us for Fasting and Prayer Day here at Trinity on Thursday, February 17th, from 6am-12noon. Pastor John's cell phone will be open for prayer during those times.



TUMC School Task Force

Please come and join us on Thursday, February 3, 2022, at 6:30 in the Null Building for a meeting of the TUMC School Task Force. We will be meeting to explore options for continuing the school operations and to see who would be willing to serve on the TUMC School Board. We welcome all ideas! Please contact the church office or David Lopez (210-867-2375) for more information.

Thanks,
David Lopez

“New Seekers” (Sunday School) Zoom Meetings

The New Seekers Faith group would like to invite you to our next book study on zoom. Our book is The Walk by Adam Hamilton. Join us this Lent season, March 3rd at 3:00pm, and discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus’ own walk with God. Please contact Kay Aguilar for more information. You may request the zoom link from the church office. Email: ofcadmin@tumcsa.net.

Spring Break Food Drive

Thank you for your support on this project. Days before the pandemic started in March, 2020, we collected food to help school children from Terrace Hills Elementary to help keep them nourished during their spring break. Many of the students there rely on the meals provided by the school, and could use a little help during the break. We provided 100 boxes of food, with the items being boxed and delivered by volunteers with intellectual/ developmental disabilities from the Unicorn Center.

We plan to do it again this year, to a different school, but with the same aim to cover the missing meals for the children. We would greatly appreciate any contributions of the following items. In addition to 5 apples and 3 oranges in each box, which we purchase in bulk at the produce terminal, each food box will contain:

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| 1 box of cereal | 1 package spaghetti noodles |
| 1 can of soup | 1 can spaghetti sauce |
| 4 granola bars | 1 can tuna |
| | 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese |

Spring break starts the week of March 4, so food donations need to be in by the end of February. Recipient is Glen Oaks Elementary School.

God bless all of His children, especially the hungry ones.

Thanks and blessings to you,

Don Ketchum

FREE COVID TESTING MONDAY –SATURDAY (9AM-5PM) here at Trinity. No reservation needed. Drive-thru only (on Wurzbach as you turn onto Newcome).

Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a pretty little legend
That I would like to tell
Of the birth and death of Jesus
Found in this lowly shell

If you examine closely,
You'll see that you find here
Four nail holes and a fifth one
Made by a Roman's Spear.

On one side the Easter Lily,
Its center is the star
That appeared unto the wisemen
And led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia
Etched on the other side
Reminds us of His birthday
Our Happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open
And here you will release
The five white doves awaiting
To spread Good Will and Peace.

This simple little symbol,
Christ left for you and me
To help us spread his Gospel
Through all eternity.

-Anonymous



























Prayerfully consider joining your church's prayer ministry. You may meet with us via zoom on Mondays at 2:15pm. Please request the zoom link from Cynthia. We lift up prayer requests and all its joys and concerns. Someone once said: "Let's talk to our best friend" who is also our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Prayer Ministry Team

'if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.' 2 Chronicles 7:14

"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"

								
	Happy Birthday to:							
	PATTY ALLEN	1-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						