



# 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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**2019 Missions  
JANUARY**  
Special/Fourth Sunday  
Offerings:  
**CWS  
BLANKET FUND**

REV. ROBERT CLARK II  
Pastor  
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Rev. Octaviano Garcia  
Associate Pastor

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

CHURCH OFFICE  
HOURS:  
Monday through  
Thursday  
9:00 am- 4:00 pm  
ofcadmin@tumcsa.net

Church office phone  
210-684-0261

TUMSchool phone  
210-684-5214



We will need help in taking the Christmas decorations down. Please contact Mary Shoemaker for more information.

*“We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give”*  
—Winston Churchill

Please consider Trinity UMC as a place where your donations can make a difference.

Please pray for our church every day at noon by simply saying “JESUS I TRUST IN YOU”

Jesus said, “Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”.

TUMC Worship Services:  
Sundays 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages:  
Sundays 9:45 a.m.

*... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47.*



**Dear God,**  
I end this year with this simple prayer. Please heal the broken people. Make well the sick. Restore happiness to those in despair. Bring love to the lonely, food to the hungry and peace to our world.

**Amen**



- ⇒ Attend and participate in worship services regularly.
- ⇒ Get involved in Sunday School.
- ⇒ Advance a step-up in financial giving.
- ⇒ Volunteer once-a-month (or more).
- ⇒ Join the choir or the bell choir.
- ⇒ Set aside daily prayer time.
- ⇒ Be active in practicing your Christian faith like never before.

Pray, pray, pray, and pray some more!



## This kind of New Year's 'Promise'

**S**ure I used “promise”! My desire is to stay committed. So I heard the best way to predict the future is to invent it. Our actions speaks of our character. No one can control our choices and decisions but us alone. The free will to make or break. (By the way, I don’t have Harriet to proof-read my article ...I’m typing just like how I text anyone 😊. *Harriet...just look the other way please, super gracias 😊.*)

I tell my people ...please ... you can not blame anyone, not even the enemy for choices you make. The Word clearly states we are accountable ...yes, at the end of the day... we are 100% accountable for all the choices and decisions we make...period! No one can make you ...unless you approve, allow, or give ‘permiso’ (permission).

So, besides suggestions above ↑↑↑ by our dearly beloved *Julie Vincent*; I read an article to help us with this challenge. I know that every new year we are caught up in a whirlwind of well-intentioned resolutions. Resolutions for impending lifestyle changes, impossible diets, and hard discipline. “Is all this fervor really necessary?” Maybe. After all, shouldn’t we at all times and all seasons seek to live wisely and obediently? Okay, this very last sentence gave us the ultimate clue. Wisely and obediently... hmmm... humanly possible? How? This calls for God’s grace! At times I am not sensible enough to realize that I am unable to do anything without God’s help and His grace. The Word of God gives us not only permission to make resolutions but it gives us good reasons for doing so. Firstly, we must be **sensible** and **reasonable** in making resolutions, ya? Not based on emotions and “feels”. If so, it is likely that we will not merely fail in our attempt to keep such promises, we will likely be less inclined to make any further resolutions for similar desired ends. We must pray; genuine prayer and thorough study of God’s Word. Our resolutions must be in accordance with God’s character. Perspective changes when we place God in the center.

Secondly, we must be sensible enough to really, really know the simple truth that every resolution must be made in dependence on God. Oh yeah. We must understand that in being able to do all things through Christ who strengthens us means that we must depend on His strength continuously in order to do all things and to keep all our promises.

Thirdly, can we please not be arrogant? As if God owes us something... smh (shaking my head). As if God must now love and bless us more because we have made that decision to follow Him more. In reality, the Lord in His providence may decide to discipline us even more in order that we might more so detest our sin and return to Him. We must approach Him in **humble** reliance on His grace as we seek not merely the blessings but the one who blesses.

And lastly, the whole matter of making this change is not just goal setting so that we might have happier lives. We are called by God to live according to His will, not our own—for Christ’s sake, not our own—for it is not unto us but unto Him that all glory belongs. Amen.

Love GOD above all <><

In HIM, we are also chosen...

Cynthia Galang

# a letter from the pastor



Dear Friends,

A new year is upon us and with it comes all sorts of new opportunities to grow in discipleship. Last year we invested a lot of time and energy in self-reflection and evaluation. This year, it is time to put what we learned into practice. I am very excited by the new thing that God is doing at Trinity. I hope you all feel the same. I do understand that there are a number of big changes in store for us, and that change is not always a welcome thing. In fact, change can be very discomfoting, even scary. Nevertheless, change is inevitable. Everything God created is subject to change, and nothing God created is immutable, all things change. Therefore, we do well to embrace the changes God orchestrates. If we make the choice to move forward together, even if it means moving toward the unknown, God will lead us out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. We, like Abraham, must be willing to trust God as we journey forward by stages.

I hope you will join with me in prayer as we enter into this new year, this new adventure, together. Pray that God will give us the courage to go to that land which the Holy Spirit will show us. Pray that not one will be lost or left behind. Pray that God will continue to bless us to be a blessing to others. Amen.

Again I am looking forward to spending another year together in service to our Lord, Jesus Christ. May this year be filled with blessings for each and every one of you.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Bob

Come  
&  
See!



## Happy Birthday to:

MONA BRANDT	2-Jan
CONNIE GERMANN	6-Jan
JAKOB BENTON	11-Jan
HELEN TOOLE	12-Jan
JOSEPH MONTALVO	14-Jan
LORRAINE RALLS	15-Jan
BYRON BURGE	16-Jan
TARA DYE	18-Jan
JONATHAN D. ORMOND	19-Jan
JOE SMITH	21-Jan
JULIE VINCENT	23-Jan
ALLYSEN DYE	27-Jan
RICKY LANDERS	29-Jan
JIM CHAMBERS	31-Jan

## Happy Anniversary to:

DON & CINDY GERTH	12-Jan
JOHN & AMELIA REED	16-Jan



Oh! Angels come to us anew once again that we may hear and not fear. God calls us to bring our hearts into

alignment with His to lift our eyes above our own agenda, to have His compassion, and to seek Him fervently. When we do that, we find ourselves part of an enormous plan that will bring joy to both Him and to us. We find a fruitfulness we wouldn't otherwise experience. We share God's heartbeat in deeper and deeper ways. Do not be afraid to give, to forgive, to love, to hope, to be happy, to bear, to receive. to yield, to let go, to obey. Jesus once said.. "...and behold, I am with you every day, even unto the end of time " - Matthew 28:20.

Be that 'angel' to someone.

- Rev. Elmer Beck



# New Year Prayer 2019

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us.

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses. Make the new year a more fruitful and blessed one.

We also thank You for every test of time that has brought us stronger in faith and trust in You.

Bestow upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

## Prayer For Us As Individuals In The New Year

Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up ourselves in our present state.

We pray that we become more responsible in our pursuits, our faith and our prayer life.

In our personal development, as members of our families, employees, and in society, we pray to improve in our duties and responsibilities. May we be more diligent and productive in our contribution.

We pray to keep our eyes, our ears and our hearts from clinging to the things of this world.

May we keep our whole being fixed on You, O Lord.

Let us never lose sight of You and let our love for You grow more and more every day.

Bestow upon us, O Lord, a genial spirit and unwearied forbearance. Give us a gentle, kind, loving and patient heart.

Bless us with a pleasant, cordial speech and manners.

We pray to be true to all in our words, thoughts and deeds.

May we be humble and respectful towards others and honoring God all our lives.

## For Our Family Life

Lord, we pray for all family members: father, mother, husband, wife, brothers and sisters. We pray for each one to be blessed with Your love and providence that they may be part of a family of unity, peace and well being.

May there be love in the family which will overlook all shortcomings. Let there be compassion which will see one another in mercy. And may there be forgiveness and acceptance in the times of failure and disappointments.

For those who are without faith, we pray that You open a door of opportunity for one to reach them with Your Good News. Convert their unbelief to embrace You, Lord Jesus Christ, with their hearts.

## For Employment Opportunities In The New Year

Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up those who are reading this who are unemployed and in desperate need of a job.

We pray for Your divine help and guidance as they seek suitable employment. They need Your wisdom to guide their footsteps along the right path, and to lead them to find the proper things to say and do in this quest.

We pray they use the gifts and talents You have given them, as you reveal opportunities to do so with gainful employment.

Do not abandon them, dear Lord, in this search, but rather grant them this favor so that they may return to You with praise and thanksgiving for Your gracious assistance.

## For Children Of All Ages

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for children of all ages who are either pursuing their studies or working.

May they be focused in their pursuit and become responsible individuals, contributing well to family and society.

Guard them, O Lord we pray, from all dangers and evil exposures. Protect them from the worldly pleasures that leads to a unhealthy lifestyle. May their homes be filled with love.

Let their hearts be strong and secure, not to fall into the way of darkness.

May education be important to them and may moral values and discipline be an integral part of their lives.

We pray that they turn to You, O Lord, in prayer for Your continued love, mercy and support as You lead them to green pastures all the days of their lives.

## Praying For The World Around Us

Lord Jesus Christ, last but not the least, we earnestly pray for world peace and unity.

May war and persecutions in the name of religion come to cease.

May there be respect and tolerance for one another's beliefs.

We pray for the sick, the terminally ill, the abandoned, the homeless, the rejected, the lost and those affected by natural calamities.

May we who are well and good, in our best, reach these who are suffering and aid them with care and support.

May our hearts extend with love, and our hands extend in sharing our blessings and providence, always for the glory of God, in Your blessed name Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

- Geevetha Mary Samuel / Christians TT



Trinity UMC Prayer Team  
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