



# 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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REV. JOHN MEANDE  
Pastor  
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Rev. Octaviano Garcia  
Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear  
your mask), FB live,  
YouTube

Sunday School  
Thursday at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room

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

Church office phone  
210-684-0261  
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"For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."

1 Timothy 4:4-5

JOIN US  
**Trinity UMC**   
*Virtual Thanksgiving Fellowship*



**November 22, 2020 12:30 PM**

## ZOOM LINK:

TUMCSA  
Thanksgiving  
Fellowship

Time: Nov 22, 2020  
12:30 PM  
Central Time  
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87094496293>

Meeting ID:  
870 9449 6293

Please contact the Office  
with any questions!  
210.684.0261



2020 Missions - NOVEMBER  
**4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING** (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)  
\*\*\* UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY SUNDAY \*\*\*

# Casting, Committing and Understanding our vision:

**W**e will soon assemble to cast a vision for our church, because the scriptures says a people without vision perish “A vision is the faculty of state of being able to see what is impossible with the eye or the ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom”. Yes! the vision of the United Methodist church is “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”. Let’s assume today that we are accepting this vision as our vision, but do we understand this vision? If so, then we should not let what is visible to us in the eye distract us from our vision. People with vision change their lives, their communities and the history of the world.



When we are committed to our vision, it takes our entire being, it commands the way we think and live; it prevent us from living a life of acquisition and teaches us to make important, valuable and acceptable sacrifices to God. It enables us to lift and show a stop sign to the things of the world. The values we shape, form and uphold in our lives must be determined by our vision for our church and our vision for heaven. If the vision we cast for our church is “**Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,**” then we must be able to get proactive and intentional about making disciples. (Let’s begin counting from one a month and see how that tallies a year for each one of us by December next year?)

Let’s take a look at the vision that Christ is calling us to see, not with our ordinary eyes but with our eyes of faith. Look at Steven, the vision he saw during his stoning made him bold, confident, and sure that he asked God to forgive his killers for they know not what they do. *“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, ‘Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’.” Acts 7:55-56.* Steven saw what others did not, so he became committed to his vision and died serving the Lord. Commitment to our vision is what brings us success. What do you see happening in Trinity?

The vision we have as Christians is the vision of resurrection. There is life after death. I hope we all know that we are going to resurrect. So if heaven is the price, then how we live our lives matters in others to realize the vision of the resurrection. Sometimes our problem is that of understanding. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection. Because they did not believe, they did not understand, and that is what put them at loggerheads with Jesus all the time.

Living a life of acquisition by the Richman made him not to understand the vision Christ had for him. Jesus told him to go sell all that he had and give the money to the poor, then come and follow him. Because he lacked understanding of the vision of resurrection, he left and did not return. The scriptures says the disciples left all that they had and followed Christ.

A lack of understanding the vision of the resurrection, casting a vision for our church, and following the teachings of Christ may put us in a situation of unbelief. It might make us replace God’s words with our tradition and build tenets of our own imaginations and the teachings of humanity. It might also distort our paradigm to judging others, thinking we deserve heaven and they do not. Having a vision is the first step to keep us alive, following the vision keeps us busy, commitment to the vision produces results; and in the results we celebrate the faithfulness of Christ.

Together for Christ,  
*Rev. John N. Meande*



# APPORTIONMENTS



**H**ello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am revisiting a topic I have written about in the past, apportionments. I have grown up in the Methodist church all of my life. I did not know what apportionments were other than each church in our conference was required to pay them to our conference. The more I got involved in church leadership, the more I learned. The conference calculates a church's yearly apportionment amount due based on a portion of the church's expenses. Our 2020 apportionment amount due is \$28,615. We have paid \$16,400, leaving a balance of \$12,215 still due (as of 9/30/20). For most of the years I have been the church's treasurer, we have paid our apportionments in full. Being able to pay this commitment is very important to me and the other leaders of our church because our church needs to be able to do its part in helping God's children in need.

I am taking a leap of faith to say we can do this! I have always believed one person might not be able to do something, but with a group of people, there is no limit to what can be done. I am asking anyone that can step up and give a one-time gift to help pay the rest of our apportionments due, to please do so. We plan on it and together we can make it happen.

I thought I would also revisit where our money goes once we pay our apportionments to the conference. This is a brief outline (taken from the Rio Texas Conference website) of how much of each dollar given goes to that specific ministry.

## General and Jurisdictional (27 cents of every apportioned dollar)

### **The World Service Fund**

Serves as the financial lifeline to a long list of Christ's mission and ministry throughout the denomination.

### **Africa University**

Transforms Africa by educating and empowering students from across the African continent.

### **Ministerial Education Fund**

Prepares men and women for effective ministries.

### **Episcopal Fund**

Pays Bishops' salaries, covers their office and travel expenses and provides their pension and health-benefit coverage.

## **Black College Fund**

Supports United Methodism's historically black colleges and universities that create vibrant spiritual environments that encourage pride and self-esteem.

## **Interdenominational Cooperation Fund**

Works in partnership with ecumenical organizations to bear witness to a common Christian faith.

## **District Superintendent – Chief Missional Strategist**

In our local churches, approximately half of our local giving pays for salaries and benefits of the pastors and lay employees of the church. Salaries are not overhead to the church but are the way that we do ministry.

Local church salaries are made much more effective by the money given to this apportioned item. The Bishop and Cabinet work closely with churches to ensure they have the best clergy leadership possible, and to intervene when necessary to solve problems that could otherwise become destructive.

## **Moving Expenses & Equitable Compensation**

Each year, an average ½ of our pastors move from one church to another, and the cost of moving is provided through the moving fund supported by this apportionment.

Some churches may need assistance paying their pastor. These churches may need 2-3 years before becoming a self-supporting church again. The equitable compensation funds supplied through this apportionment subsidize the ministry in the church while it is moving toward self-sufficiency.

## **Conference Ministries (27 cents of every apportioned dollars)**

The Rio Texas Mission Vitality Center serves to align and direct the flow of attention, energy, and resources to foster and sustain an increase in the number of vital Rio Texas Conference congregations.

## **District Ministries (7 cents of every apportioned dollar)**

Distributed evenly among the seven districts, the District Ministries Fund supports the work of the District Superintendent and the District Strategy teams in supporting and equipping the local churches for ministry within the context of the district.

## **Ministerial Support (14 cents of every apportioned dollar)**

Supplies effective spiritual and administrative leadership to local churches and the world.

## Administration (11 cents of every apportioned dollar)

### **Annual Conference Session**

The Annual Gathering of the Rio Texas Annual Conference takes place over four days in Corpus Christi, TX. This fund covers the cost of the facilities rental, shuttle buses, audio-visual and technical support. It also covers the cost of producing the Annual Conference Journal, which is made available to all delegates in printed form and to the public electronically. Since delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference are elected by the Annual Conference, costs related to those delegations are covered under the Administration Fund.

### **Treasurer's Office**

Strives to create a culture of trust and confidence in its work to serve our local churches. Through the use of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and regular audits, Administrative Service is focused on responsible stewardship of the resources of the annual conference.

### **Audits for Districts & Campus Ministries**

The Rio Texas Annual Conference ensures that all districts and other organizations related to the conference operate with the same level of integrity and transparency as the Conference itself. Regular audits ensure that these offices are following all proper accounting protocols.

### **Mount Wesley**

The operations of the Mount Wesley Conference center are partially underwritten by this fund.

## Pensions and Benefits (14 cents of every apportioned dollar)

Some of the most valuable assets of the Rio Texas Conference are the women and men who give their lives to serve our churches. We invest our time, money and effort to train and prepare our clergy. We also invest in their continued health and eventual retirement.

I hope this information helps you in knowing what great ministries our gifts fund.

Thank you in advance if you have been blessed enough that you can help out. If you are struggling and cannot help at this time, it is ok. We all have our ups and downs and we understand.

*Yours in Christ,  
Bonnie Smith  
Church Treasurer*



**“A-PORTION-MEANT” FOR OTHERS**

# STEWARDSHIP

*a way of life*

As Christian stewards, we all have our God-given talents and treasures. Let us use these to reach out to others and respond to those in need.

**I**t is with deep appreciation that I thank you for your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. These are the vows that we take when joining the United Methodist Church.

But we might need to ask, "Are we keeping our vows to our church?". Do we pray daily for our family, community, and our church? For some, building a strong, regular prayer life is a struggle. There are many on-line devotionals and devotional books that can help with this.

With the COVID virus, regular attendance on Sunday morning is a challenge and sometimes unsafe. Because of this concern, we have invested time and money to producing a quality on-line streaming of our worship service. Our presence goes beyond Sunday morning though. There are volunteer opportunities, work-days, social activities, etc. Some of this is limited for now, but please join in when you feel comfortable again.

Trinity needs your financial support. With attendance down, giving is also down. However, we have worked responsibly to acquire grant money to help us through this difficult time. While financial gifts are of upmost importance, they are not the only gifts you might share. Your talents, your time, and support for your church family are also important. We need you! We need your gifts.

Witness. Be a good witness. Show others your goodness. Show others that you are praying, attending, giving, serving. Serve God, the church congregation, and yourself. Invite others to join you in worship. Bring a friend to a social event at our church. Blessings come to those who have a relationship with their church.

Thank you for your loving support.

*Liz Cavin, Finance Chair*





Our care package ministry has an ongoing program to provide backpacks filled with useful items for people living on the streets. The backpacks are assembled by volunteers from Mission Road Ministries and distributed by the congregations of St Ignatius in Austin and Travis Park UMC here in San Antonio.

We welcome and would greatly appreciate anything you might contribute. Our kits include the following items: socks, wipes, reusable water bottle, Vienna sausages, peaches, apple sauce, granola bars, cookies, peanut butter crackers, and a hygiene kit (comb, soap, shampoo, razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant). When the weather gets cooler, we'll add thermal blankets, ponchos, and stocking caps.

*Blessings,  
Don Ketchum*



It's that time again! If you would like to give a poinsettia in honor or in remembrance of a loved one, please complete a Christmas envelope (found on the offering table) with the name of the loved one (showing in honor or in remembrance of), your name, and \$12.00/poinsettia. If you have any questions, please call Harriet Phillips (210-861-6635) or the church office.

Thank you.

**E**arning all we can and saving all we can is a faithful Wesleyan approach to money that can impact our families and communities.

Our relationship with money only **becomes a holy one when we give more** and more of our money away. We earn and save so that we can **give faithfully to the work of God** in our community and the world. This isn't easy but is **important for our spiritual growth**.

We all can practice generosity. That doesn't mean we all have the same financial ability or are all at the same stage in our life's journey. We all have the ability to be generous. We are concerned with the bottom line of this campaign, but we are equally interested in our church growing in generosity.

As Wesleyans, we know that **spiritual growth is a life long pursuit**. So whether we are on fixed incomes or just got a promotion, whether we are struggling financially or have been blessed beyond measure, **we can all grow in generosity**.



# DO WE HAVE A COVENANT?

**H**ow many times do we read that God has made a covenant with His people, only to break it? What? Never? How many times do we read that God has made a covenant with His people, only to have THEM break it?

The Edenic Covenant was made by God with Adam & Eve. God gave them dominion over everything without their having to do any work. All they had to do was to not eat of the ‘tree’ of good and evil...but they wanted to be as wise as God; so they broke the covenant, and all humanity paid for it.

The Noahic Covenant was made between God and Noah. After God saw that His people had become so increasingly corrupt, he told Noah to build an ark, take 2 of each animal and all his own family. If Noah would do that, all on board would be spared. God even sent a rainbow as a sign (another covenant) that He would not flood the entire earth again. Again, all humanity paid, except for Noah’s family.

The Abrahamic Covenant was a deal that if Abraham would circumcise all males in his household, God would make him the ancestor of many people, would give them land, and would bless them. He even blessed Ishmael and made him the father of twelve tribes.

The Mosaic (Sinai) (Old) Covenant was between God and Moses. If the people would obey all the laws, he would bestow all manner of blessings on His people. We all know they did not obey His laws and were punished severely for it. One of their worst sins was sacrificing their children! They wanted a better way for themselves over wanting their children!! The Assyrians, the Babylonians, and the Romans all defeated Israel and Judah because their people disobeyed God’s laws. He brought war, starvation, and disease upon them. (Please read the book of Jeremiah!). After many years, God brought them back to their land, gave them rest, and restored their way of life. He did punish them, but later showed mercy and saved them.

The Davidic Covenant was a promise from God that a new king, the Messiah, would come from his lineage. The New Covenant ties into that, and I believe you all know it. Every time we take Communion we hear it again. (By the way, Jeremiah prophesied that a Messiah would come through David’s lineage - but you knew that). Our part in this covenant is to accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior and follow His way of life. Sadly, many of us in this country - and this world - have strayed very far from that way of life. Please notice that when the people strayed from their covenants, God punished them.



In recent weeks I have been hearing II Chronicles 7:14 repeatedly. It is especially mentioned in the new book by Jonathan Cahn, The Harbinger II. The verse before (13) and it together read, “Whenever I hold back the rain or send locusts to eat up the crops or send an epidemic on my people” (GNB), “If my people (Christians), which are called by my name (Christ), shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (KJV).” Then, verses 17 and 18 say, “If you serve me faithfully as your father David did, obeying my laws and doing everything I have commanded you, (18) I will keep the promise I made to your father David when I told him that Israel would always be ruled by his descendants GNB).”

So, yes, we DO have a covenant! My Aunt Louise gave me a plaque when I first got married that says “If you don’t feel close to God, guess who moved!” He’s always there waiting for us to turn or return to Him. His arms and His heart are always opened for us! As a country and as a world, we CAN “turn from [our] wicked ways” and return to God!

*Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader*



**Happy Birthday to:**

DWIGHT HALE  
 RYAN LANDERS  
 PAUL GERTH  
 CALEB WILSON  
 CONNIE MEDRANO  
 JEFF WILSON  
 CINDY COZART  
 JAMES PARKS VINCENT  
 HADASSAH MEANDE  
 GAIL HALL

2-Nov  
 3-Nov  
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 17-Nov

MISHA MISAKA 19-Nov  
 ELORINE ECKHARDT 19-Nov  
 ANNE MARIE CLANCEY 21-Nov  
 JIM LANDERS 23-Nov  
 JAMES SMITH 25-Nov  
 VALERIE PUTZ 28-Nov  
 FELICITE MEANDE 29-Nov  
**Happy Anniversary to:**  
 ERICK & JOANNE BENTON 1-Nov  
 KATHY SETTLES-HOREJSI & FRANK HOREJSI 12-Nov  
 JORY & JULIE VINCENT 12-Nov



**ENROLLMENT IS GOING ON!**

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST SCHOOL**

Open for childcare  
 (18 months to Pre-K4)

Open enrollment for In-person Distant  
 Learning Support and Supervision

Please call  
 210-684-5214 or visit  
 www.trinityums.org

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- \*Daylight Savings Time ends—November 1st
- \*ALL SAINTS DAY—November 1st
- \* Church Conference on Sunday, November 8th
- \* Stewardship Sunday  
 November 15th
- \* Decorate the sanctuary—November 28
- \*Hanging of Greens—November 29th—  
**First Sunday of Advent**

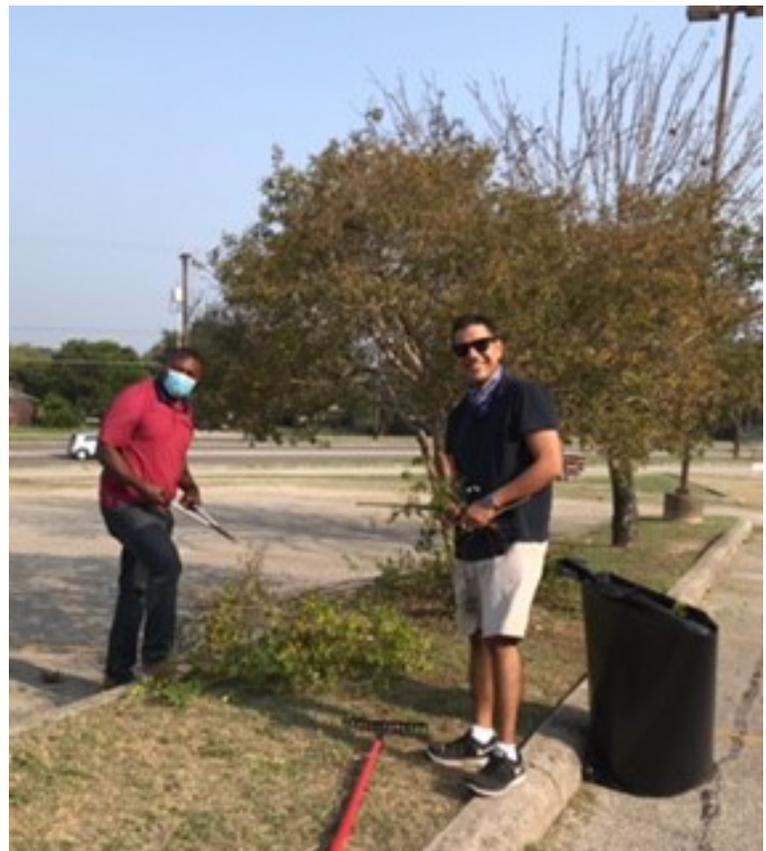
**SUNDAY WORSHIP— 10:00 A.M.**

In the sanctuary (please wear your mask and keep physical distance)  
 You may also join us live on Facebook or YouTube. Here's the link—www.tumcsa.net  
 Thank you.

**Pastor-led Bible Study on Tuesdays** —-///— Bible Study via Zoom @ 5:00 p.m.  
 The link to the zoom room is posted on Facebook (or please request the link from the church office).  
 Come join us!

TUMC Work Day!

We had a good turn out for our grounds clean-up day and it was fun!  
Thank you everyone for helping out.





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# Gallery

# NUEVO AMANECER

Several years ago the relationship began between Trinity UMC and Nuevo Amanecer. This was a verbal agreement between the then District Superintendent and our pastor, Bob Clark.

Rev. Octaviano Garcia was appointed to TUMC to serve Nuevo Amanecer. Prior to this, the facility was considered an abandoned building.

In 1918, Browning Methodist Church, then known as Sidney Brooks Memorial Church, opened its doors to serve as a recreation center for the servicemen stationed at Kelly Field. Due to the epidemic of

influenza, Annual Conference could not be held in the planned location, so it was held at Browning.

In 1920, Rev. Manning was assigned by the Conference, and in Spring, 1921, Brooks Memorial Methodist Church was organized. Rev. C.L. Browning was appointed in 1924, and in 1946 the church name was changed to honor him.

In the 1940's, the present sanctuary was bought and moved from Hondo Army Air Field. The first service was held in this building in 1948. In the 1950's, the other buildings and parking lot were added. At one time during the fifties the membership reached 400. Browning UMC closed on April 30, 2011.





*Where do we go from here...*

Please join us for our Church Conference on Sunday, November 8, 2020, after worship service – in the church gym.

At this meeting, we will look back on the events of 2020 and discuss some plans for 2021. We will read the roll of members and acknowledge those new members that have joined and those that have moved on.

A major point we will discuss at this meeting is our relationship with Nuevo Amanecer Church. Several years ago we engaged in this relationship with Nuevo Amanecer serving as a missional outreach of Trinity UMC. Pastor Octaviano Garcia has faithfully served the community surrounding NA. Trinity has the opportunity to serve alongside with guidance from Octaviano.

The facilities of Nuevo Amanecer are the responsibility of Trinity UMC. We received grant money to help with the salary for Rev. Garcia. The offering from NA is given to Trinity to offset expenses. The Rio Texas Conference has helped with some of the insurance expenses.

We are looking for people who are interested in spearheading the relationship between these two congregations. Is there an interest in continuing this endeavor? Is this where we choose to invest our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

Please join us for this important discussion.

*Faithfully serving,  
Julie Vincent - Trinity Board Chair*

