



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."

2023 Missions - AUGUST

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

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION (YOUTH)

"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



Prayer
CHANGES THINGS

The building up of the church

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK



Blessings my brothers and sisters of Trinity United Methodist Church. I hope and pray you are doing well and feeling blessed.

I would like to take a moment to thank you for all your help and support in welcoming my family's arrival here. From the moment I arrived in San Antonio, from the Rio Grande Valley, we have felt your love and support. Trinity UMC and the staff and the leadership support has just been a wonderful experience. Every time I requested information it was provided in a swift and timely manner.

My first Sunday morning worship service was an immense blessing. Being received as your new pastor gave me a new sense of joy. This help me to relax my nerves just a little enough to convey the message God had for us. Afterwards, getting to know some of you turn in our time of breaking bread and having fellowship in the gym was just wonderful. The added bonus was being able to hear your voices singing such wonderful and patriotic songs. My family and I were so blessed to be part of this experience.

Moving forward, I have been so blessed in being able to see how you all have come together on support of this wonderful and blessed church ministry. I have seen some of you step up financially to help with the AC systems, items needed for worship, and other special donations. Others have come to work on maintenance of our church grounds and buildings. This inspired me to chip in and do my part with my background in construction.

Then in the following week our church supported ministries that went outside our church walls and help people in need in and outside our community. The partnership that our church has with the Unicorn Center and Methodist Healthcare Ministries is just amazing. Plus, I look forward to seeing what Fox News shares on the topic. This servant had the privilege of being interviewed and was able to share on my experience with these ministries and our church's involvement. I look forward to continue the work with more ministries like these in and through our church.

A very special thank you for the wonderful outpour of support for the church's school sales. Not just for the days of the sales was there support but even for the days, weeks and months that the sales required for preparation.

I would like to share that it has been an immense blessing to get to know some of you whom I have visited, had fellowship with, shared a meal, worked with during this first month together. I invite more of you to join in some of the many ministries our church offers. Along with our church worship service, we will continue with upcoming Bible studies, prayer times, Sunday school and outreach services.

Yours and the Lord's servant

Pastor Fred Perez, Jr.

Going back to school is a day that inevitably comes each year. Some love it, others just go through the motions indifferently. School is an incredible meeting place. That presents an amazing opportunity to witness and share the Gospel with so many people. In fact the best people to reach out to these students are students. The conversations can be very powerful. As Christians, school ought to be looked at as one of the ultimate mission fields.

So, as another year starts and the weekly cycle begins again, let's unite in prayer for all going back to school to make a difference. Jesus died for all our sake and he has sent us out to make disciples of all people.

Hebrews 10:25 1 Peter 3:15 Matthew 5:16 Colossians 4:2.

-inspired by EdwardS/backtoschool.com

Sharing **Love** **Faith** **COURAGE**



Join us for a
Blessing of the Backpacks!
Sunday, August 20th
at 10:00 a.m.
All students, teachers,
and educators are
encouraged to bring
your backpacks to be
blessed for the new
school year.



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

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

JOIN THE SEEKERS (N' FIPS)

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

1ST SUNDAY – JASON'S DELI

5819 NW LOOP 410.

2ND SUNDAY – ROYAL INN

5440 BABCOCK.

3RD SUNDAY – BILL MILLER BBQ

WURZBACH @ BANDERA.

4TH SUNDAY – SEA ISLAND

5959 NW LOOP 410.

- Contact John Reed



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
summer break until August
5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays
Zoom room

Seekers Faith Meeting
(Sunday School):
summer break until August
- 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

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JUNE 2023

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

JULY 2	44
JULY 9	37
JULY 16	35
JULY 23	39
JULY 30	38

FACEBOOK LIVE – Engagements

Engagement is any action someone takes on your Facebook Page or one of your posts. The most common examples are reactions (including likes), comments and shares, but it can also include saves, viewing a video or clicking on the link.

JULY 2	193
JULY 9	95
JULY 16	110
JULY 23	132
JULY 30	75

TITHES & DONATIONS

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

JULY 2	\$11,301
JULY 9	\$4,832
JULY 16	\$1,358
JULY 23	\$6,034
JULY 30	\$10,247

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(or QR code
reader).



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“Donate” button.

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giving to:
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(Type in the
amount you wish
to donate, then

Happy Birthday to:

JOHNETTA L.H. GOANEH	4-Aug
Laurie L. Bradtke	14-Aug
DIANA ALDERETE	16-Aug
BERTA SPAULDING	17-Aug
BECKY LAMBERT	23-Aug
KAY AGUILAR	26-Aug
PEYTON RODGERS	26-Aug
JUANITA SCOTT	28-Aug
ERICK BENTON	30-Aug

Happy Anniversary to:

JIM & CHRISTINE CHESNUT	7-Aug
PASTOR FRED & MARICRUZ PEREZ	31-Aug

Weekly Recurring Meetings:

- Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm. Everyone is invited. Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at www.tumcsa.net.
- The Seekers Sunday school and pastor-led Bible study are on summer break until August.

Trinity is asking for volunteers to...

..... lead the Sunday school meetings every Sunday at 9am or on rotation. I pray that you will respond to God's call and also to pray for the grace for us to seek out the right leaders. For more information, please contact Kay Aguilar or Pastor Fred. Thank you.

..... broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).

..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts & Carol Lewis. 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 1st 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, 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*

God can even use a simple spider web to build a wall of protection around His children.



During World War II, a US marine was separated from his unit on a Pacific Island. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the jungle, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one.." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the opening of the cave.

"Ha, he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while. "Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

We all face times of great trouble. When we do, it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives, sometimes in the most surprising ways. As the great leader, Nehemiah, reminded the people of Israel when they faced the task of rebuilding Jerusalem, "In God we will have success!" [Nehemiah 2:20].

Remember: Whatever is happening in your life, with God a mere spider's web can become a brick wall of protection. Believe He is with you always. Just speak His name through Jesus His son, and you will see His great power and love for you.

—Source Unknown



A few Sundays ago as I was leaving for church, my husband called to me, “Have fun!” At first I wanted to laugh, but then I thought, “Yes, I do usually have fun at church.” I concluded that we should all be having fun at church. We should all enjoy being here, and we should be happy to have others there with us. Guests should be able to readily see that we enjoy church. As we sing, we should “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” We should have “joy like a fountain” from hearing the Word – the knowledge that through Christ we are saved!

If you don’t feel better after coming to church, something’s missing. Either your church is not offering what you need, or you are not “receiving” what it’s offering. Do you come in with an open mind, or have you already decided what the message is before you even hear it? Do you, at least, come to join in fellowship with others, or would you be better served to watch a service on TV?

I am on several committees, and during most of those meetings, we laugh while we are getting God’s work done. A former pastor usually led us in prayer for these meetings, and she always thanked God for laughter. That same “thank-you” was usually said during our lunch period on Thursdays. Many of us truly enjoy fellowship at Trinity!

If you were a visitor and came into a church where you saw frowns or just no expression at all on people’s faces, would you want to return to that church? A previous member of our church used to say, “If sitting in a church makes you a Christian, then sitting in a garage should make you a Buick.” Churches where there’s “a sweet, sweet spirit in this place” tend to grow. Churches where people don’t talk to each other, where they just sit in the pew, tend to have fewer and fewer people and eventually close their doors. I am happy to notice that the pastor usually has to tell us to stop talking before he/she can begin the service. That’s a really good sign. I hope you enjoy being at church, at Sunday school, and even at meetings! When you come to this church, please, **have fun!**

Yours in Christ,

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

THANK YOU!
thank you!



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped and supported the clean-up, the sales, and making the **school property** beautiful and ready for new occupants. The journey was long but you sacrificed and tirelessly demonstrated your faithful love and support for our church community like you always do which truly reflects the character of our Lord Jesus Christ. Again, thank you so much.

All glory and praise to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent school supply drive.

God blessed us with enough supplies to fill 96 backpacks for children with a parent in jail. The bags we packed by our friends from the Unicorn Center, and will be distributed to children in need by the Texas Inmate Families Association. It is wonderful that our congregation teams with these organizations to help families who are struggling.

God is so good.
Don Ketchum



Can you please assist a homeless man living near the church?

Shannon is a man in his 50s/60s living in the abandoned Sonic Drive-In parking lot on Wurzbach/Bandera next to Bill Miller's. He has been homeless for 17 years living in Leon Valley and is known to the police; they leave him alone. I have been assisting him with clothing, toiletries, and food. He sells almost everything I give him for food. He sits and sleeps on the hot pavement, refusing cardboard to decrease the heat to his body. Currently I am making 4 trips a week to deliver food to him. I pass by 3 times a week going to physical therapy and after church. I provide complete meals and sandwiches with milk and water.

I need help with containers. Please bring used plastic margarine tubs, yogurt cups/lids, jars, restaurant take home plastic containers with lids--not styrofoam. Even lightweight bakery containers that snap down. Plastic juice/soda bottles are used for water. I finally got him to accept white food grade plastic buckets for drinking water. He would throw them away (he's very neat), but I told him I couldn't afford to keep providing them. Please bring any washed containers to church on a Sunday in a bag which will be greatly appreciated. I asked a mattress store to provide a used mattress to get him off the pavement. Used mattresses go to the dump. The manager agreed, but one has not been delivered. If you are discarding a mattress or know someone or even see one near a dumpster, the donation would be appreciated. His skin is lobster red and even blistered from the hot pavement. He loves to read magazines; please bring any old ones to the church. He is shy, proud, asks for virtually nothing, but he never says thank you! I will definitely say thank you to anyone bringing me containers.

God bless all of you. Please pray for Shannon; I am introducing him to Jesus and bringing him Guideposts magazine and the Bible. My hope is he will accept Christ and be baptized. Thank you again! Laurie Bradtke, 210-538-8393