



Trinity UMC OCTOBER 2021



"Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community,
and our world transformed by the power of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ."

2021 Missions **OCTOBER**

ABOVE AND BEYOND
SUNDAY Offering

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



When we give from the
heart,
we receive
unexpected blessings—
especially the joy of
making a
difference in someone's
life.

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

Church office phone
210-684-0261

Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
(or call for an appointment)
e-mail:

ofcadmin@tumcsa.net

6800 Wurzbach Road,
San Antonio, Texas 78240
www.tumcsa.net

TUMSchool phone
210-684-5214
www.trinityums.org

ENROLL NOW!



World Communion Sunday,

held annually on the first Sunday of

October, is a celebration of the unity
of the worldwide church through
Christ. Christians in congregations
around the world participate in the
Lord's Supper.

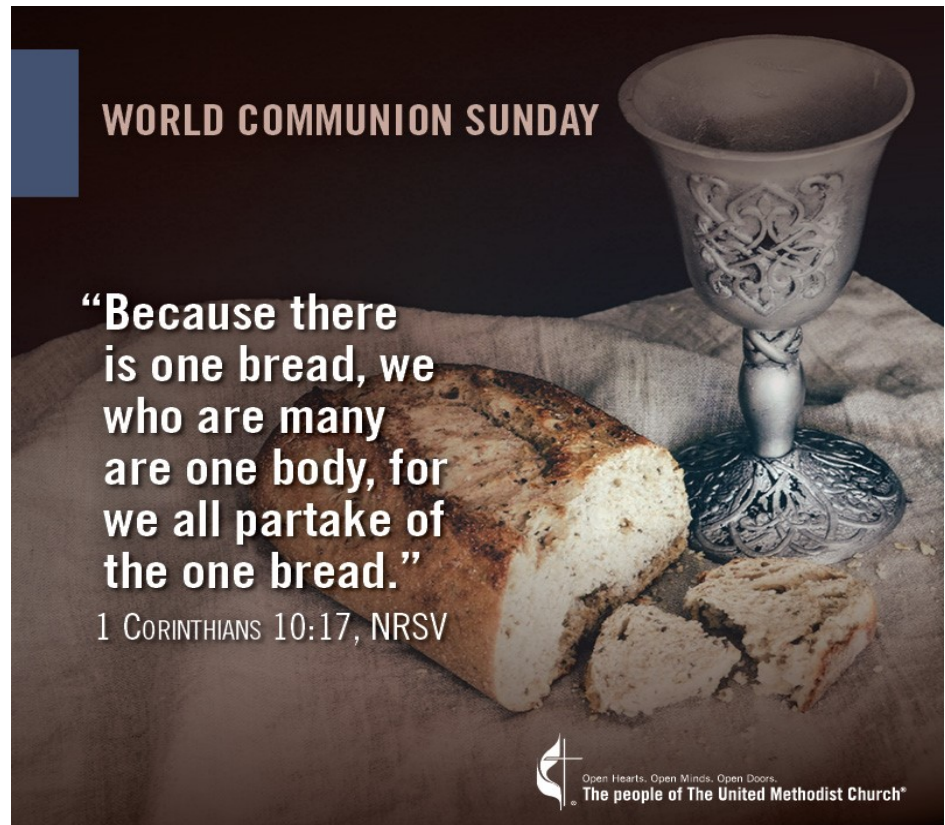
On this day we celebrate our
oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace,
in the midst of the world we are called
to serve - a world ever more in need of
peacemaking.

-National Council of
Churches

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

**"Because there
is one bread, we
who are many
are one body, for
we all partake of
the one bread."**

1 CORINTHIANS 10:17, NRSV



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church*

Pastor's Reflection

Together for Christ,

Rev. John N. Meande



LORD TEACH US TO PRAY

Luke 11:1-13

Payer is one of the great laws of natural religion. That human is a brute, is a monster that never prays, that never gives glory to their Maker, nor feels God's favor, nor owns his dependence upon God. One great design, therefore, of Christianity is to assist us in prayer, to enforce the duty upon us, to instruct us in it, and encourages us to expect its advantage.

Christ himself was praying in a certain place, probably where he used to pray. As **God**, he was prayed to; as **man**, he prayed; and, though he was a **Son**, yet he learned how to pray. The gospel of Luke reveals that Jesus was praying more than any other prophet before him and even after Him.

Jesus spent many hours praying, like when he was baptized as in Luke 3:21, when he withdrew into the wilderness, and prayed. He went out to a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer. He was alone praying; and soon after, he went up into a mountain to pray, and as he prayed he was transfigured.

Thus, like a genuine son of David, he gave himself unto prayer. Christ prayed alone for long hours; sometimes he urged His disciples to watch and pray. His disciples were baffled on how to pray, applied themselves to Him for direction in prayer. When he was praying, they asked, Lord, teach us to pray. They wanted to pray correctly, they wanted their prayers, too, to be answered, so they turned to their master for some prayer lessons. We should note that the gifts and graces of others should excite us to do the same. Their zeal should provoke us to a holy imitation and emulation.

The disciples came to Jesus with their request, Lord, teach us to pray. Though Christ is ready to teach us, yet he requires that we ask Him for help.

They requested, "Lord, teach us to pray; give us a rule or model to pray, and put words into our mouths." Prayer is hard, and it is only Jesus Christ who can teach us, by his word and Spirit, how to pray. "Lord, teach me what it is to pray; Lord, excite and quicken me to the duty; Lord, direct me what to pray for; Lord, give me praying graces, that I may serve God acceptably in prayer; Lord, teach me to pray in proper words; give me a mouth and wisdom in prayer, that I may speak as I ought; teach me what I shall say." Jesus took time and care to teach his disciples how and what to pray for and Christ is also teaching us at Trinity everything about prayer, during our Sunday service and small groups. Prayer is not only communicating with God, it is also a weapon of our warfare against the evil one.

Lord Jesus, please!! Teach us how to pray.

FOOD, CLOTHES, AND MORE

SATURDAY OCT. 2 2021 10AM-12 NOON

All are Welcome!

OUTREACH MINISTRIES
BRINGING HOPE TO OUR COMMUNITY

Sponsored by:



TRINITY UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH



6800 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78240

FOOD, water, milk, clothing and more!
Invited to attend



A tribute to my friend, Layne Kerley

Welcome home.

I imagine you hearing the words, "well done, good and faithful servant".

I imagine you looking into His warm, brown eyes; so filled with love for you.

Jesus knows you and He loves you.

Rest now. He's got you. You're safe.

By Sandy Keyser



Happy Birthday to:

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|  | CRYSTAL KHAN | 2-Oct |
| | AMELIA REED | 11-Oct |
| | MARIA MEDRANO | 16-Oct |
| | DR JOANNE SMITH | 19-Oct |
| | DAVID EMMANUEL SUTJIANTO | 23-Oct |
| | CINDY GERTH | 26-Oct |
| | NATALIE BURGE | 31-Oct |
| | <i>Happy Anniversary to:</i> | |
| | BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE | 5-Oct |
| | MICHAEL SCHROEDER & SANDRA KEYSER | 28-Oct |



(If we have missed your special day, please notify Cynthia in the church office).





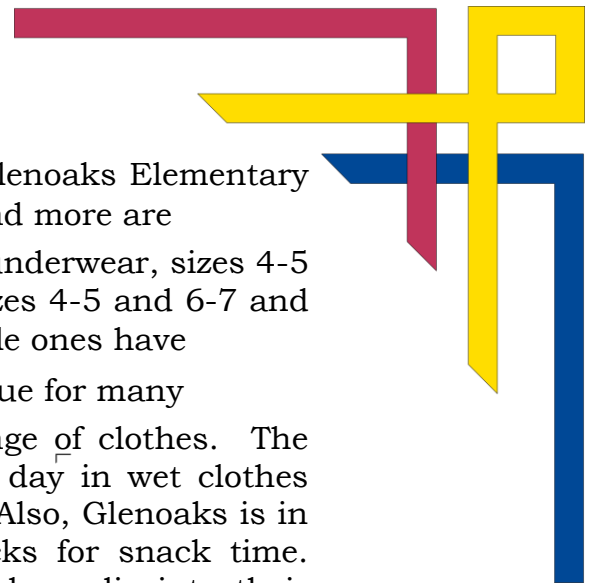
Meet the prayer team.
 (Byron, Cynthia, Kay, Sandra, and Mary)
 Trinity UMC Prayer Team meets every Monday. Please feel free to join. For more information, please contact the church office.

"...The prayers of the faithful avail much..." - James 5:16

TRINITY UMC, we are needed. Young children at Glenoaks Elementary need us. Currently, there are 7 newcomer classes and more are expected. They are in need of NEW boys' and girls' underwear, sizes 4-5 and 6-7; easy-to-pull on pants for boys and girls, sizes 4-5 and 6-7 and leggings for girls, sizes 4-5 and 6-7. Some of the little ones have accidents at school. Since transportation is a big issue for many parents, they might not be able to drop off a change of clothes. The thought of a little guy or girl having to spend the day in wet clothes breaks my heart. I know you would feel the same. Also, Glenoaks is in need of individually wrapped, non-perishable snacks for snack time. You retired teachers know what comes next. Teachers dig into their own pockets to provide for the little ones whose parents can't afford snacks. Please donate what you can and leave it at the church office (office hours Mondays through Thursdays, 11am-2pm). Let Cynthia know if you are willing to drop off these donations at Glenoaks Elementary, 5103 Newcome Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78229.

Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me, for such is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 19:14 (KJV)

Submitted by Sandy Keyser



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.





Our annual Thanksgiving feast is on Sunday, November 21st (right after the worship service).

It could be a pot luck meal. Please turn in suggestions on how you would like to celebrate this wonderful event. There is so much to be thankful for.

Thank you Lord!

Trinity is asking for volunteers to:

- Usher on Sundays at our worship services.
- Broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).
- Help in the church office on Mondays or Wednesdays from 11am-2pm to answer the phones, check the mail, receive visitors, and other tasks alike.

If you are led to serve, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.

Back to School!

We are requesting a donation of school supplies for Trinity UM School. There is a box in the narthex to put the school items in. Thank you for your generosity.

WORK DAY!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HEAD OR LEAD A WORK DAY? LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW. WHEN? CHURCH GROUNDS? BUILDING INTERIOR DEEP CLEANING? ORGANIZING SHELVES, CUPBOARDS, CLOSETS? LET US KNOW! 210-684-0261

or email: ofcadmin@tumcsa.net

