



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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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

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What's Happening



2017 Missions JULY

Special/Fourth Sunday
Offerings:

**CHRISTIAN
ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**

Dear Trinity youth and families,

I wanted to notify you of some of our up-coming events.
Please mark these on your calendars and plan to participate.



Sunday School: meets each Sunday (9:45-10:45) in the up-stairs Youth Room
Gospel Circus: July 8th (9:30 – 1:00) This event for Special Needs adults will be held at University UMC. Youth will help make popcorn. If interested, contact Julie. We will begin at 9:30am. Earn volunteer hours for NJHS or such if you need them.

Youth Hang-out: Sunday, July 16th (12noon – 3:00) We will hang-out in the youth room, eat lunch, watch a movie, play ping-pong, play foosball, whatever. Bring your friends and have a good time.

Prep day for VBS: Sunday, July 23rd (3:00 – 6:00) Come ready to decorate the church and prepare the activities for VBS.

Vacation Bible School: July 24-28th (9:00 – noon) Youth will work as group leaders for the groups of children. All children 3 years through 5th grade are invited. We need everyone to help out!

This year we had a booth at the church Fiesta, helped with the children's Easter egg hunt, and participated in the Mission Service Project in the Rio Grande Valley. Good things are happening at Trinity! Please join us.

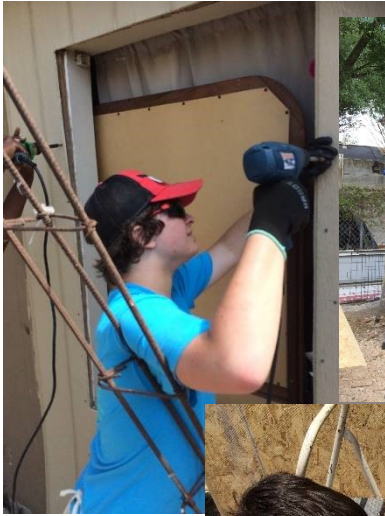
Sincerely,
Julie Vincent (210-215-9232)



Mission Service Project

Service, Worship, Fun!

JUNE 11-17, 2017



Please turn in completed form to the church office or to Julie Vincent.
Thank you.



VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

a letter from the pastor



*Happy is the person who meditates on wisdom
and reasons intelligently,
who reflects in his heart on her ways
and ponders her secrets,
pursuing her like a hunter,
and lying in wait on her paths...*
(Sirach 14:20–22, NRSV)

Dear Friends,

You and I are living in an age in which the pursuit of wisdom has largely been abandoned in favor of the quest for information; reasoned discourse has been supplanted by partisan rhetoric, and thirty-second sound bites have been replaced by even shorter “tweets”. It has become enough to simply state one’s position on any given issue with no need to offer up any logical defense for one’s choices. If dialogue occurs at all, it is only between like-minded persons. As a society, our political, religious, and social values are becoming increasingly polarized. Sadly, what is true of the age, what is true of society in general, is true of the Church. Christians have in recent decades become increasingly divided over various different languages, doctrinal and social issues.

As societal values change, the church is forced to reexamine long-held beliefs and values. This is nothing new. In the apostle Paul’s day, the church was forced to rethink its position on circumcision, dietary restrictions, and the social structure. Those who had once been considered outside the covenant were now being invited into the faith community. These new converts brought with them new values, new beliefs, and new practices. They ate things Jews did not eat. They viewed circumcision as a barbaric mutilation of the flesh and wanted nothing to do with it. They spoke different languages, wore different clothing, and practiced different customs. Therefore, the church, if she was to fulfill her commission by making disciples of all nations, was forced to embrace diversity and to make some accommodation.

More recently the church in the United States divided over the issue of slavery. In our own Methodist denomination, the Church split into the Methodist

Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church South. That rift was not mended until 1939, and even then, it was accomplished only by creating a separate Central Jurisdiction for Black Methodists. The church remained officially segregated until 1968.

Today, the church is once again being challenged to reimagine herself as a more inclusive community. Paul championed the inclusion of the Gentiles and fought to tear down the barriers keeping them from full participation in the life of the Church. In the 1960’s, Bishop James S. Thomas did the same thing for Black Methodists by working for the dissolution of the segregated central conferences. Today, a new group, self-identified as the LGBTQ community is seeking full inclusion in the life of the Church. Their desire for full participation in the faith community has been met with a great deal of resistance from some quarters of the Church. As debate has increased, the community has become increasingly polarized over this issue.

At the last General Conference, a commission was formed to find a way for the church to move forward. This commission was appropriately called the Commission on the Way Forward. What that commission will come up with is yet to be seen. Nevertheless, this much is certain, the way forward will require wisdom and reasoned dialogue. Therefore, I urge each of us to meditate on wisdom and reasons intelligently.

As always, I give thanks to God for each of you.

Pastor Bob



A Report from Annual Conference

June 8-10, 2017

By: Harriet Phillips

I arrived at the conference around 11:30 a.m., so I missed the morning session for Thursday. The afternoon session began with Adam Hamilton, pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City and the author of many books that our Seekers Sunday school class has studied. I'll save his lessons for another time and place, but he spoke at this session about how to lead a church into the future.

Adam Knight reported on the Board of Ordained Ministry saying that we have provisional leaders in deacons and elders who will be ordained.

Bailey Spurlock reported on the Youth Ministry Council. She said that our youth population is growing quickly and definitely has a voice in the church.

Laura Merrill then spoke on Mission Vitality. Two awards were presented to Bishop Robert Schnase: 1 for the highest number of advanced mission projects and another for the highest number of missionaries in any conference. He accepted these awards, saying they were being accepted on behalf on the Rio Texas Conference.

Then, Laura told us about what several churches are doing as a mission, for example Brackettville has started a thrift shop. Smithville has built a medical clinic and will soon add a dental clinic. UMARMY is still going strong and is still intergenerational. Pollard Memorial in San Antonio has started a soccer league. Valley Praise adopted Santa Rosa in Harlingen to keep it alive. Santa Rosa has become unsustainable, even after lasting over 100 years.

Next, we came to a vote on Proposed Constitutional Amendments. The issues to be voted on were: (1) Eliminate discrimination against females; (2) Inclusivity in membership; (3) Elections shall include nominations from the floor and include all races; (4) Bishop elections shall be part of annual conference; and (5) Re: bishops' accountability, 1 clergy and 1 lay person from each church will decide and will review his/her work. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to vote, but the actual vote was made on a preprinted ballot, which was given only to primary delegates, not alternates like me.

Then, Bishop Schnase spoke on the Commission on a Way Forward. He said the dominant and dividing issue is homosexuality. The Commission will design a way

forward that allows for as much contextual differentiation as possible and that balances an approach to different theological understandings of human sexuality with a desire for as much unity as possible. "This unity will not be grounded in our conceptions of human sexuality but in our affirmation of the Triune God, who calls us to be a grace-filled and holy people in the Wesleyan tradition." We must come to a consensus on this issue in order to move forward! He gave us some statistics: in 1974 the UMC had 3,621,000 members; in 2010 we had 3,004,000 members, and it is projected that in 2050 we will have only 959,000 at the present rate. However, a survey says that in general people do want to find a way to stay together.

Thursday evening ended with A Service of Remembrance, led by retiring D. S. Carl Rohlf, for all our pastors and their spouses who passed away this year. Those mentioned included Dan Adams, Tony Brantley, and Annedelle Brantley.

Friday began with another great teaching session with Adam Hamilton about Effective Worship and Preaching.

Next, we heard about the Lydia Patterson Institute. It was founded in 1913, specifically for young Hispanic boys whom Mrs. Patterson noticed had little access to education. To date, over 150 clergy candidates have received preparation there, plus 11 D.S.'s, 4 military chaplains, 1 U.M. seminary president, and 1 U.M. bishop. The Institute's goal this year is to raise \$500,000 over the next several years. F.U.M.C. in Kerrville, under the leadership of Ryan Barnett, has already pledged \$50,000. While at the Conference U.U.M.C. matched that pledge. If you feel compelled to give, please go to the website, riotexas.org.

Then, Joel Martinez spoke about The Consent Agenda II. Because I was only an alternate, I was not given a copy of the items to be voted on, so I can report only that a motion was made to remove "sanctuary cities" from the agenda in order to be able to move forward on all other issues. It was seconded and passed. The only other thing we voted on was to correct wording errors in the Discipline.

Next, we heard from the president of Huston-Tillotson College, the oldest college in Austin. It was established in 1875. Madam President taught us a new word that is their slogan, "harumbe," which in Swahili, means "let us come together." She told us that, so far, Rio Texas has not had an African-American female bishop nor D. S.

Finally, Project Transformation was presented to us. This project is taking care of over 200 children for the summer. There are 4 campuses in the Bexar County area: Laurel Heights, Northern Hills, Boerne, and 1 other that I missed recording. I also learned that college students are living at Morningside Manor with the seniors. These students are running this co-op project.

We ended the morning with "A Celebration of Retirement," which included Carl Rohlfs and Virgilio Vasquez-Garza.

Friday afternoon gave us our third and final teaching session with Adam Hamilton, whose topic was Mission, Evangelism, and Methodism. Then, we broke for workshops.

The one I attended implied that it would be about leadership, but it turned out to be an orientation for a school operated by Alamo Heights U.M.C. called (not surprisingly) "The Quarry."

This ended the Friday session, except for the Commissioning and Ordination Service later that evening. At this point, I left for San Antonio.



Happy Birthday to:

PATRICK ORMOND	2-Jul
JEREMY CADE	3-Jul
JAMES RYAN LANDERS	3-Jul
CLIFF KOCHHEISER	8-Jul
GENE SPRAGUE	13-Jul
FRED LYLE	20-Jul
ROBIN LANDERS	24-Jul
MARY SHOEMAKER	24-Jul
BRIAN PHILLIPS	29-Jul
SARAH ELIZABETH ORMOND	30-Jul

Happy Anniversary to:

TOM & HARRIET PHILLIPS	5-Jul
EUGENE & TINA AZBILL	6-Jul
ROY & PAT PUTZ	12-Jul
BOB & PATSY LEE	17-Jul
ANDREW AND CRYSTAL KHAN	21-Jul
DAVID & TARA DYE	24-Jul
TRAVIS & ELIZABETH McCOWN	31-Jul



God's grace and peace be with you!
 6/11/2017
 Sharing photos:
 Pastor Bob gave the children sermon, commissioned those who got scholarships, commissioned youth (not photographed), baptism, and consecrated the new statue by the working fountain. All in a day's work. !
 God is good ☺



Church Wide Rummage Sale

- July 14-15, 2017 in the gym

Independence Day Indoor Picnic

- Sunday — July 2nd in the gym

Let's picnic in the patriotic way on Sunday, July 2nd, at noon in the gym. All picnic foods will be provided, but bring yourself, your family and friends, and your appetite for hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. We will also have a patriotic sing-a-long lead by Jason. We will set up the gym about 10:00 a.m. Saturday, July 1st.

TUMC Vacation Bible School

- July 24-28, 2017

Children, Youth, and Volunteers needed!
Please contact Julie Vincent at 210-215-9232

