



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.”

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

In the sanctuary -
we encourage you to
wear your mask as you
feel comfortable.

FB live, YouTube

New Seekers Faith
Meeting
Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom room

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

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

“Since there is one loaf of
bread, we who are many are
one body, because we all
share the one loaf of bread.”

—1 CORINTHIANS 10:17, CEB



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

2022 Missions - **OCTOBER**

4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



"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



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Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On *World Communion Sunday* - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

Your donations support racial and ethnic students in achieving their educational goals and transforming communities. In 2021, World Communion Sunday offerings awarded 242 scholarships and grants. Your generosity continues to provide scholarships, grants, mentoring and training for leadership development. The needs exceed what we can fund and your gifts can further growth and success.

Fifty percent of the offering provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.

Thirty-five percent supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.

Fifteen percent funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Through our gifts and support, we can invest in talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ!



**Mark your calendar! Everyone is welcome!
Sunday, November 20, 2022, right after worship service.**



Musical Musings

Each Sunday our worship services are filled with many musical offerings. We are offered times to make a joyful noise and times where we should listen and reflect. The soloists and instrumentalists in our church spend hours, days, weeks, and sometimes months preparing the music for the worship service. There are times when these offerings speak to our hearts, and we just want to sing along. This singing, or even humming loudly, becomes a distraction to the musician(s). For some musicians the distraction causes them to lose their place in the music score or song they are singing or playing. For some musicians it causes a shift from a solo performance mindset to an accompanist mindset. While the worship musicians are pleased that our musical offerings are filling your heart and speaking to you, we respectfully ask if you are moved to sing during pieces marked as solos or instrumental pieces, that you sing/hum along in your mind and not audibly as not to distract the soloists and instrumentalists.

From the Worship Team

We have many opportunities coming in the next few months.

Sunday, October 2 is **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**.

We will be celebrating Communion with others throughout the world. Following the service we will have light refreshments available. We are hoping that you will stay and fellowship for a few minutes after the service. Refreshments on **Oct 2** will be provided by the Worship Team. We are hoping to have refreshments on the **first Sunday of each month**. We are looking for groups or individuals that might provide refreshments for **Sunday, Nov 6** and **Sunday, Dec 4**. Please contact **Stacie Brown (210-502-9141)** if you or your group would be willing to volunteer for one of those dates.

Save the Date - Sunday November 20

We will have our Thanksgiving Worship service at 10 a.m. followed by our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Alisa Roberts will be coordinating the luncheon. This is not a 1 person job. If you have some time to volunteer for set up, please let Alisa or the church office know.

Advent Season:

Sunday, November 27 -First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4- Second Sunday of Advent, Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 11- Third Sunday of Advent, Jubilee Ringers play

Sunday, December 18- Fourth Sunday of Advent, Youth and Young Adults participate in
Worship, visit with Santa in the Activities Building after the service.

Saturday, December 24- Candlelight Christmas Eve service 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25- Christmas Day Lessons and Carols 10:00 a.m.

We are in need of families or individuals that would like to light the candles of the Advent wreath during worship each Sunday of Advent and on Christmas Eve.

Please contact **Stacie Brown (210-502-9141)** if interested.

Following the Christmas Eve service we are planning on having refreshments available. We are asking members that would like to provide treats for the table to bring them in a container that you do not want returned. (Ex. paper plates, disposable trays, etc.).



Good Morning, this is GOD I will be handling ALL your problems today.



Please remember ... I WILL NOT NEED YOUR HELP!!!

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD Box (something for God to do). It will be addressed in My time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it. Holding on or removal will delay the resolution of your problem. If it is a situation that you think you are capable of handling, please consult me in prayer to be sure that it is the proper resolution.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who has been out of work for years.

Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.

Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.

Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.

Should you notice a new gray hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful! There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember ... things could be worse. You could be them!!!

Because I do not sleep nor do I slumber, there is no need for you to lose any sleep. Rest, my child.

If you need to contact me, I am only a prayer away.

Love Eternally, The Lord your God

- Author Unknown

This and That 😊

- *Board Meeting, 1:30 pm, Sunday (October 2nd) in the sanctuary.*
- *Help in organizing the school rooms on Mondays. Please contact the church office or Julie Vincent.*
- *Church office volunteer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m.—2 p.m.*
- *Worship through Music Sunday, October 30th—please send in you song/hymn request to the church office.*
- *Autumn work day! Who would like to lead? Please let the church office know. Thanks!*

15 ways to pray for our pastor

A UMC.org Feature by Joe Iovino*

The life of a United Methodist pastor is filled with a variety of responsibilities. They preach, teach, visit, counsel, lead, consult, communicate, budget, clean, and so much more. Pastoring a church is not a job that can be done well under the pastor's power alone. Every pastor relies heavily on God's guidance, strength and peace as they live into their call. One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them. But it can be difficult to know exactly what we should pray for. To help get started, we've assembled fifteen areas of pastors' lives and ministries where they would value your prayers.



Let us pray for our pastors who lead us in worship each Sunday.

1. Spiritual lives

Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

2. Time management

With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

3. Families

Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

4. Preaching

Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

5. Strength

The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. Visiting ministries

Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

Let us pray for our pastors who lead our congregations.

7. Leadership

Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

8. Decision-making

Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

9. Ministry with the poor

Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

10. Communication

We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

11. Conflict

Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

12. Vision

United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

Let us pray for the physical and spiritual health of our pastors.

13. Finances

Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

14. Health

Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

15. Encouragement

Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community. You can be an answer to prayer when you encourage your ministers. Write a note, text or email to let them know what a difference they make in your life. They will surely appreciate it.

BROKEN PROMISES

"What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today. And he answered, 'I will not; but afterward he repented and went. And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered,

'I go, sir,' but did to go. Which of the two did the will of his father? They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him, and even when you saw it, you did not afterward repent and believe him.

- Matthew 21:28-32.

When you joined Trinity United Methodist Church, you promised to uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Did you mean it? When we ask you to pray for your church and for everyone on our prayer list, do you take the bulletin home, put it where you will see it frequently, and pray for your church and those people and concerns?

When we are having services, do you attend either in person or through Facebook? Are you present?

When we ask you to bring your offerings up to the offering plate or send gifts in online, do you give - cheerfully? (If you love your church, you should WANT to give to it. Don't you give to your loved ones because you love them and WANT to give?). Remember, you promised!

When we let you know that we have positions and duties desperately waiting to be filled, do you volunteer? Right now we have several positions that have needed replacement for several years; but when we look over our roster for a likely candidate, we find no one who is willing to serve. Most of these positions were intended for 3-year terms; but if no one steps up, those already serving in these positions are basically "stuck" in those positions. Several people are reaching "burnout." Are you an active member of your church or a "pew potato"? Did you mean it when you promised to serve? I would recommend that you try to be like a faithful member who has passed, Joan Wurst, who replied to me when I asked her how much she would charge to babysit my younger son. She would, of course, do it, but her answer was always, "You couldn't afford me." Do you serve for more than we could afford if we had to pay you?

When you were asked to deliver coffee cups to homes in our local neighborhood or elsewhere, did you volunteer? Do you invite anyone to come to church with you or watch our services online? I know many of you have physical limitations, but you can still invite others to church, make phone calls, or send out birthday cards, anniversary cards, etc. There are many ways to witness. At the very least, I pray that you are not "talking trash" about our church or any of its members. That's not exactly Christian! "First, do no harm!" HOW are you witnessing?

Please, please, please remember what you promised to your church, and try your best to keep your promise! Trinity United Methodist Church is not just the buildings and grounds; it is the members who serve it faithfully!

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader



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Attention: United Women in Faith. This is for you.

Our Purpose

The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose **PURPOSE** is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

8th Annual Meeting 2022

Friday and Saturday

October 14 and 15

Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio

Keynote speaker: Tara Barnes, editor of *response* magazine

Registration Coming Soon!



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Weekly Recurring Meetings:

- Prayer meeting is every Monday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- Pastor-led Bible study is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.; please join us via zoom.
- New Seekers faith meeting meets on Thursdays at 3:00pm via zoom.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links.

Trinity is asking for volunteers to ...

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

..... help Alisa Roberts, with the Family Life Committee.

Family Life Committee is responsible for our social activities, e.g. July 4th luncheon and sing-along, Trunk or Treat, Thanksgiving luncheon, and Super Chili Bowl Cook-off.

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

JOIN THE NEW SEEKERS (N' FIPS)

NEW 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.

SEPTEMBER 2022

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON) -

SEPTEMBER 4	40
SEPTEMBER 11	37
SEPTEMBER 18	32
SEPTEMBER 25	37

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).

SEPTEMBER 4	80
SEPTEMBER 11	60
SEPTEMBER 18	69
SEPTEMBER 25	84

TITHES & DONATIONS

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

SEPTEMBER 4	\$2,017
SEPTEMBER 11	\$1,811
SEPTEMBER 18	\$744
SEPTEMBER 25	\$1,942

Join us for Fasting and Prayer Day here at Trinity on Thursday, OCTOBER 20th, from 6am-12noon. Pastor John's cell phone will be open for prayer during those times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

AMELIA REED	11-Oct
MARIA MEDRAND	16-Oct
DR JOANNE SMITH	19-Oct
CINDY GERTH	26-Oct
NATALIE BURGE	31-Oct

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE	5-Oct
MICHAEL SCHROEDER &	28-Oct



Socks and Quarters

Over the last few years, the Holy Spirit has led me to help adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities find ways to help people in need. People with disabilities tend to be left out of things. But in our ministry, everyone participates! Our team from the Unicorn Center puts together care packages-feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comforting the sick, welcoming strangers, helping people in prison. And they do a great job! We've put together 26,000 care packages so far and built the self-esteem of scores of disabled adults in the process. God has blessed us beyond belief.

The good news is everyone here can be part of this ministry. Every couple of months, Trinity and a growing network of other congregations help us gather items for a new care package project. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our past projects. During October you can bring in warm socks and quarters for backpacks filled with cold weather supplies we'll be giving to homeless people. The quarters are for washing clothes at a laundromat. What a great thing to do with spare change!

A collection box, a sock box, will be in the narthex.

Blessings,
Don Ketchum

Devotional: Why do we give back to God what is already God's?

Rev. Tim McConnell

I tend to believe that the spirit and action of giving is one of the most important spiritual practices a disciple of Jesus can claim. I also believe that the attitude we have toward our money and finances directly influences the condition of our relationship with Jesus. How we feel about tithing and sharing our finances can also reflect the level of giving in other areas of our lives.

Generosity is contagious, as it spreads from our money to our time, our talents, our abilities and our presence. Our lack of generosity and the willingness to share is also contagious.

We know as Christians we are taught to share what has been given to us with those who have less. We share our gifts, talents, time, ourselves and, yes, even our financial resources.

So we begin the discussion of giving back to God from our paychecks and the money that finds its way into our pockets and bank accounts. Talking and preaching about this subject can make most of us uncomfortable, because we tend to be very possessive with our hard-earned money.

James Harnish (author of "A Disciple's Path: Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church"), in his discussion about financial generosity, insists that the starting point in a disciple's understanding of giving is the recognition that everything that we have comes from God.

David writes in Psalm 24:1 (CEB), "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants too." It all belongs to God. James 1:17 (CEB) echoes this truth: "Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father."

So once we really believe that all the things we have ultimately belong to God, we can go forward into the practice of giving back to God.

When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings

—especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life.