



# 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 Service

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

School for all ages

11:15 a.m.

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HOURS:

Monday through

Thursday

9:00 am- 4:00 pm

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**Y**our generosity makes a lasting difference, which impacts eternity. When you give, it sets off a chain reaction of thankfulness, and ignites ministries in our church, which enable others to find and experience God. We are asking everyone who may still be in the process of thinking about how to respond to please let us know your questions or concerns.

Again, thank you and may God bless you.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**A**s we begin the summer, let's remember that God blesses us all year long. During the summer we have more time to see the many creations He has made for all of us. The lakes, beaches, sunrises and sunsets speak to us in a special way. Unfortunately, we sometimes abandon our normal routine of going to church, participating in programs, and giving our offering, which are our gifts returned to God. Please remember your church during the summer months by staying active in prayers and presence, and current in your giving, and consider digging a bit more deeply into your pocket as you are able. If you don't normally give an offering, try it for the summer months. You just might feel and see even more blessings from our Heavenly Father.



Blessings,  
*Bonnie Smith*  
Church Treasurer

**2019 Missions - JULY**  
**4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING**  
**CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY**



# PASTOR'S PEN

*A word from the heart*



## A New Vision for a New Day

**D**ear Friends,

*Trinity is a constantly evolving community of faith dedicated to making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. As such, Trinity has undergone many transformations over its 140-year history. These transformations have included changes in location, changes in leadership, in mission focus, and in worship style, just to name a few. Trinity has been affiliated with three different denominations, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, and the United Methodist Church. There have been many up and downs. There was a time when membership fell to the point church leaders voted to close the church. Later the church grew to over a thousand members with three worship services every Sunday. Trinity was among the first churches in the former Southwest Texas Conference to welcome cross-cultural and cross-racial appointments. The church has been served by both male and female pastors, and all have been equally welcomed. What all of this says is resiliency is a big part of Trinity's DNA. The people of Trinity have always been ready to adapt to changing contexts and meet new challenges head on.*

*Currently, Trinity is experiencing another challenging moment in our history. Attendance has fallen dramatically over the last twenty years. Maintaining aging buildings and supporting staff and programming has become increasingly challenging as income has steadily decreased. Programming has suffered drastically. It is clearly time for a new vision and a new direction.*

*The good news is we are a resurrection people. We firmly believe that God not only can but will breathe new life over what is beginning to look like a valley of dry bones. Given our history of resiliency and looking back at what God has already done in and through this community, I am very excited to see and be a part of the new thing that God is currently doing. I am excited to see how God will use Trinity in the future. It is my prayer that each of you will share in my sense of excitement. God is doing a new thing, and those who remain steadfast, who do not give up or turn away will experience the new life that is coming.*

*What I encourage each of you to do is this: Listen to how God is speaking to you regarding the future of Trinity. Look at the way God is moving in and around this community. What opportunities are being presented to Trinity? What new doors are opening? Embrace the new thing God is doing, and do everything it is in your power to do to bring God's new thing into being.*

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

*Pastor Bob*



# be | prepared !

If there is one thing Sunday, June 16, 2019, should have taught all of us, it is to be prepared! I was ready to walk out the door to my house when I (and a few others) got a text from our pastor that he was ill and would not be in church that day. When I seemed a little panicky as I was leaving, Tom asked what was wrong. I told him, prompting him to ask, “Who is in charge now?” I told him that, technically, I was, since I am Lay Leader. I grabbed my bag of sermons and newsletter articles but found nothing that I was prepared to present to the congregation. When I got to church I looked for Elmer Beck, hoping he would have “a sermon in his back pocket” that he could deliver. He said he wasn’t prepared to deliver a sermon on such short notice, either.

When I was a child, I was a Girl Scout for just a couple of years. Their motto is “Be Prepared.” Then, I had 2 boys who joined Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Their motto is also “Be Prepared.” As far as packing for camping trips, learning First Aid, how to cook over a campfire, and how to put up a tent, we were pretty well prepared. There is even a book about worst-case scenarios, but nothing in there said anything about how to preach a sermon at a moment’s notice. Yes, I have read the book.

In Matthew there is a story about ladies who brought extra oil for their lamps and ladies who didn’t. I’m sure you know the story. Those who brought extra were present when the bridegroom arrived; those who did not had to leave to get more oil and, therefore, missed being there when he arrived.

In Genesis God warned Noah that a flood was coming. Even though his neighbors didn’t believe it, he went ahead and built his ark, collected animals and his family, and was saved when the floods came. Those who were not prepared all drowned.

Again in Genesis when Joseph interpreted a dream saying that there would be 7 years of plenty followed by 7 years of famine, Pharaoh ordered that the extra from the first 7 years be stored so that there would be enough for the people in the years of famine. Obviously, he was lucky that Joseph could interpret his dream so that he could be prepared.

I realize crystal balls are not something we routinely have in our homes, and very few are psychic, so there are many things we simply cannot know about ahead of time. Still, there are things we really can prepare for. We buy groceries so that we have food for the next meal. We put gasoline in our vehicles so that we won’t be left stranded on the road. We buy insurance so that IF something happens to our houses, our vehicles, or our bodies, we can repair (or replace) them.

The one thing that we can all do to be prepared is to make sure we “are right with God.” Do you pray for forgiveness when you have wronged someone? Do you apologize to the person you have wronged? As a Christian you hopefully have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal savior. If you have not, being prepared would be to do so. Do you really love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? Do you REALLY love your neighbor as yourself? As Meghan Trainor said, “We’re not promised tomorrow,” so we’d better make sure our souls are prepared today.

*Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader*



# Bits of This and That



\* **School supplies needed**— Backpacks for 35 Middle School students living in homeless shelters. Participants at The Unicorn will assemble the packets. Supply lists in the Narthex. San Antonio Partners in Service.

\* **Godly Play Volunteers**—Prayerfully consider volunteering during church service on Sundays. Men and women volunteers are welcome. Curriculum and materials are provided. Please contact Mary Hale.

\* **Trinity UMS Pre-school**— Enrollment going on now—18 months to Kinder. Call 210-684-5214. Enroll into the **STEAM**—based curriculum: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics.

\* **Summer Career Camp!** - "Shelby's Sweets" will be hosting a Summer Career Camp from July 22-26 here at Trinity UMC. Location - in the gym. Camp will be from 9:00am-2:00pm each day. Special needs campers 13 years and up.

\* **Can you carry a tune? Play a musical instrument?** - Trinity UMC choir needs you! Choir practices are on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. We'd love to have you! \*Please contact Jason Brown (or call the church office)\*



## 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
JOE MONTALVO	30-Jul
SARAH ELIZABETH ORMOND	30-Jul

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

DAVID C. & CYNTHIA LOPEZ	1-Jul
TOM & HARRIET PHILLIPS	5-Jul
EUGENE & TINA AZBILL	6-Jul
ROY & PAT PUTZ	12-Jul
ANDREW AND CRYSTAL KHAN	21-Jul
DAVID & TARA DYE	24-Jul

officeangels

### LOOKING FOR—

Monday (or Wednesday) church office volunteer 9:00am-4:00pm.  
Please let Pastor Bob know.  
Thank you!



Thank you to all who helped and participated in our annual Independence day picnic.  
- Connie Medrano

