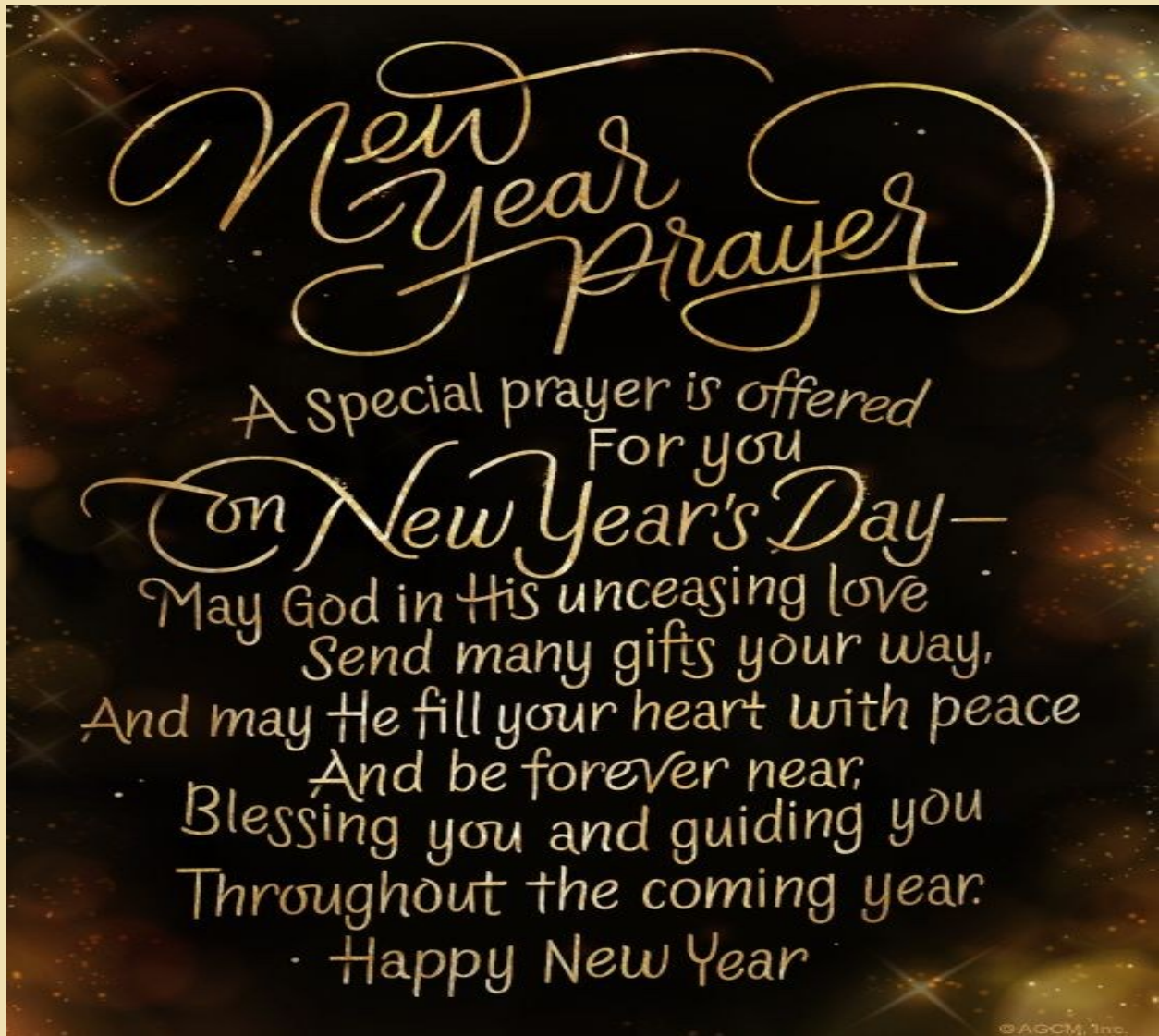


Welcome!

The Trinity Times

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



January 2025

"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

Trinity UMC Christmas FAMILY REUNION



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HAPPY New You!

It has come to my attention that the best way to have a happy new year is to be a happy new you! A Sunday school lesson showed an actor portraying Ebenezer Scrooge. He said that one of the ways he portrays Scrooge is to leave his house in the morning and go out into the streets in character. He behaves as Scrooge for the entire day while he is out and about. He said that by the time he gets back

home he actually feels like Scrooge! He is in a foul mood, he feels crabby, and he has a dismal outlook on the rest of the world! I have often heard that if we will spend the day smiling, we will start to feel happier without any change in our circumstances. I do believe that! When we smile, we subconsciously tell ourselves that we are happy, and we really do start to feel better! Besides that we convey to others that we are happy, and they smile back - which automatically makes us feel better, too! Don't get me wrong! I also believe that if we eat healthier foods, get regular exercise, and don't do dangerous things, we will also feel better. For many of us, these things are more difficult to do than just "putting on a happy face." I really do believe that there are some of us who find it really difficult to look happy when we don't initially feel happy. Still, I believe that if we will give it a concerted effort for just a week or two, it will become a habit; and we will not only convey happiness to others, but we will also convince ourselves that we are happy! What have you got to lose? Those two weeks will pass anyway, so we might as well make the effort and see what happens. If I smile at you, please smile back. If you catch my not smiling, please smile at me; I'll do my best to smile back!

Happy New You!

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

THANK YOU!

Dear Trinity Family and Friends,

Thank you for your generous offerings and the service you provide to Trinity. Our church could not thrive without the faithful contributions of its members. We appreciate your consistent support, enabling us to continue doing God's work. Your ongoing contributions empower us to fulfill our mission and truly make a difference in our community.

We are grateful for the special place you hold Trinity in your heart. Your support inspires us, and we want you to know that we are here for you. If there is anything we can do for you or your family, please don't hesitate to reach out. You are a valued and cherished member of our church family. Again, thank you...

Trinity United Methodist Church





REV. FEDERICO PEREZ, JR.
Pastor
fperez@riotx.org

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.

In Person —
You may 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
7:00 p.m. on Sundays
Zoom room

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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DECEMBER 2024

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

DECEMBER 1	40
DECEMBER 8	28
DECEMBER 15	38
DECEMBER 22/24	38/63
DECEMBER 29	29

FACEBOOK LIVE — (PEOPLE REACHED)

DECEMBER 1	127
DECEMBER 8	133
DECEMBER 15	115
DECEMBER 22/24	79/90
DECEMBER 29	79

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

DECEMBER 1	\$6,058
DECEMBER 8	\$3,470
DECEMBER 15	\$4,251
DECEMBER 22/24	\$2,526
DECEMBER 29	\$ 935

STREET MARKET SALE—\$30 (DEPOSIT)
—CANCELED DUE TO RAIN

(*Tithes & Offerings report taken from
ONLY the counters;
online and text giving NOT included).

Happy Birthday to:

CONNIE GERMANN	6-Jan
JAKOB BENTON	11-Jan
JOSEPH MONTALVO	14-Jan
LORRAINE RALLS	15-Jan
BYRON BURGE	16-Jan
TARA DYE	18-Jan
JOE SMITH	21-Jan
JULIE VINCENT	23-Jan
ALLYSEN DYE	27-Jan
RICKY LANDERS	29-Jan

Happy Anniversary to:

DON & CINDY GERTH	12-Jan
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to:

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“**Donate**” button.

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You may also **text**
giving to:

844-210-1179

(Type in the
amount you wish
to donate, then
hit send).



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

Thank you!

**May God shower blessings
on you today and forever.**



Pray for Trinity every day at noon.

We invite you to participate in an engaging **workshop** led by Rev. Bob Clark on Saturday, **January 18th, beginning at 12 noon.** This is a great opportunity to learn, grow, and connect with others in our community. We look forward to seeing you there!



A Big Shout Out & Thank you



Trinity UMC helped 20 children ages one to 18 this Christmas, thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, which contributed a total of \$600. We are grateful for the kindness shown, as it brings joy and hope to these young hearts during this Christmas season.

THANKS FOR BEING AWESOME



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21 reviews on Facebook and Instagram

ONE CALL DOES IT ALL



- ⇒ Attend and participate in worship services regularly.
- ⇒ Get involved and take every opportunity to serve.
- ⇒ Advance a step-up in financial giving.
- ⇒ Volunteer once-a-month (or more).
- ⇒ Join the choir or the bell choir.
- ⇒ Set aside daily prayer time.
- ⇒ Be active in practicing your Christian faith like never before.

Pray, pray, pray, and pray some more!



Flea Market/Yard Sale/Pop-up (every 2nd Saturday of the month)

- ⇒ Bring your tables.
- ⇒ The cost is \$15.00 per space.
- ⇒ You may bring your canopy and chairs.
- ⇒ Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic 😊.
- ⇒ Either prepay at the church office:
(Mon-Thurs) between 11am and 2pm or bring in the day of – CASH Only and the exact amount, please.
- ⇒ Great visibility on Wurzbach. Will advertise on social media and the church's electronic marquee.

JANUARY 11, 2025 || 9 AM-2 PM | SATURDAY

Trinity United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240. 210-684-0261 church office.

Come early for a good location.

Weekly Recurring Meetings where everyone is invited:

- Sack lunch ministry each Sunday at 9:15am. Everyone is welcome to help.
For more information, please contact Don Ketchum.
- Pastor-led Bible study every Sunday via zoom at 7:00pm.
- Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links.

Trinity is asking for volunteers to...

..... lead Sunday school meetings at 9:00 am in the Null building or the Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 3:00 pm. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

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

..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts, Susie Yamoah, Carol Lewis, & Sandra Dance. 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, "Fat Sunday instead" (Sunday before Ash Wednesday), and other event celebrations.

..... 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, 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, or any other ministries not mentioned, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.



Such Blessings in 2024!

- 11,845 Care Packages
- 2,100 Service Opportunities
- Join Us For More in 2025



Trinity UMC Prayer Team †

“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.”

**Come
Let Us
Pray**



*Prayer team meets every Wednesday at 2:15pm via Zoom.
Please join us or send us your prayer request at www.tumcsa.net*

New Year Prayer 2025

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered upon us.
We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses. Make the new year a more fruitful and blessed one.
We also thank You for every test of time that has brought us stronger in faith and trust in You.
Bestow upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit.
We call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

Prayer For Us As Individuals In The New Year

Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up ourselves in our present state.
We pray that we become more responsible in our pursuits, our faith and our prayer life.
In our personal development, as members of our families, employees, and in society, we pray to improve in our duties and responsibilities. May we be more diligent and productive in our contribution.
We pray to keep our eyes, our ears and our hearts from clinging to the things of this world.
May we keep our whole being fixed on You, O Lord.
Let us never lose sight of You, and let our love for You grow more and more every day.
Bestow upon us, O Lord, a genial spirit and unwearied forbearance. Give us a gentle, kind, loving and patient heart.
Bless us with a pleasant, cordial speech and manners.
We pray to be true to all in our words, thoughts and deeds.
May we be humble and respectful toward others and honoring God all our lives.

For Our Family Life

Lord, we pray for all family members: father, mother, husband, wife, brothers and sisters. We pray for each one to be blessed with Your love and providence, that they may be part of a family of unity, peace and well being.
May there be love in the family, which will overlook all shortcomings. Let there be compassion, which will see one another in mercy. And may there be forgiveness and acceptance in the times of failure and disappointments.
For those who are without faith, we pray that You open a door of opportunity for one to reach them with Your Good News. Convert their unbelief to embrace You, Lord Jesus Christ, with their hearts.

For Employment Opportunities In The New Year

Lord Jesus Christ, we lift up those who are reading this, who are unemployed and in desperate need of a job.
We pray for Your divine help and guidance as they seek suitable employment. They need Your wisdom to guide their footsteps along the right path, and to lead them to find the proper things to say and do in this quest.
We pray they use the gifts and talents You have given them, as you reveal opportunities to do so with gainful employment.
Do not abandon them, dear Lord, in this search, but rather grant them this favor so that they may return to You with praise and thanksgiving for Your gracious assistance.

For Children Of All Ages

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for children of all ages who are either pursuing their studies or working.
May they be focused in their pursuit and become responsible individuals, contributing well to family and society.
Guard them, O Lord we pray, from all dangers and evil exposures. Protect them from the worldly pleasures that lead to an unhealthy lifestyle. May their homes be filled with love.
Let their hearts be strong and secure, not to fall into the way of darkness.
May education be important to them, and may moral values and discipline be an integral part of their lives.
We pray that they turn to You, O Lord, in prayer, for Your continued love, mercy and support as You lead them to green pastures all the days of their lives.

Praying For The World Around Us

Lord Jesus Christ, last but not the least, we earnestly pray for world peace and unity.
May war and persecutions in the name of religion come to cease.
May there be respect and tolerance for one another's beliefs.
We pray for the sick, the terminally ill, the abandoned, the homeless, the rejected, the lost and those affected by natural calamities.
May we who are well and good, in our best, reach these who are suffering and aid them with care and support.
May our hearts extend with love, and our hands extend in sharing our blessings and providence, always for the glory of God, in Your blessed name Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

- Geevetha Mary Samuel / Christians TT