

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.

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. is also available
on Facebook live, &
www.tumcsa.net

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

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

Church office phone
210-684-0261
Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
or call for an appointment

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2022 Missions - **NOVEMBER**

4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)
UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY



"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



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

This and That 😊

- *Help in organizing the school rooms on Mondays. Please contact the church office or Julie Vincent.*
- *Autumn work day! Who would like to lead? Please let the church office know. Thanks!*
- *Help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts. Thanks to Alisa for volunteering to work on this committee. Family Life 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.*
- *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 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, 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.



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 one 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, Jubellee 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.).

The Worship Team





ELISHA AND THE WIDOW'S OIL

2 Kings 4:1-7



The story of Elisha and the widow's oil is a beautiful picture of God's generosity. The widow has no money to pay a creditor, and he has threatened to take her two sons to be his slaves. Can you imagine the desperation she must have felt? Elisha tells her to find as many jars that she can find and use her one jar of oil to fill them – and the oil lasted and lasted, filling many jars that she could sell to pay off her debts and save her sons.

One of my favorite songs from Andrew Peterson starts with this story, reminding us that Jesus' blood is our widow's oil. In "All You'll Ever Need," he sings:

*The blood of Jesus, it is like the widow's oil
It's enough to pay the price to set you free
It can fill up every jar and every heart that ever beat
When it's all you have it's all you'll ever need
When it's all you have it's all you'll ever need*

The Lord's generosity is abundant, even when it feels like we are faced with nothing. As you read this story as a family, think about other stories in the Bible where God provided generously for his people. Think about the greatest example of generosity – Jesus giving his life for his people.



THANKS BE TO GOD

Since we were children, we have been taught to say, “Thank You” when someone gives us something or does something for us. Right? You are handed a piece of candy or a new toy. What’s the first thing your parent says? “What do we say?”

In church we often follow many phrases with “Thanks be to God.” I know that in the movie, Shenandoah, James Stewart’s character says a prayer to the effect that they planted the crops, cultivated them, harvested them, and cooked the food, but he thanked God anyway. While I do believe that we should do our part, we still owe God a huge “thank you” for all that we have. God gave us strong bodies, a mind to know how to do our projects; friends, relatives, and co-workers to help us along the way, and, in the case of the crops, good weather and good soil. If you believe that only you are responsible for your gifts and good fortune, I believe that you are just wrong.

Yes, we need to say “Thank you” to our friends, relatives, and anyone else who does something for us or gives us something, as well as to God. Remember that God gave us those friends, relatives, and everyone else. I have even decided that we should be grateful for our enemies and those who treat us with disrespect. It makes us even more appreciative of those who treat us nicely!

I am still struggling with the hardships we receive. No, I don’t believe that God gave us those things, but God has the power to “fix” them and chooses not to. This isn’t heaven! I believe God sent us here to learn lessons, so these hardships are a class we need to be thankful for. (Yes, I know it’s difficult).

Another way to say “Thank you” is to give to others. If you have been blessed with more than you need, you can “pay it forward” to those who are not so fortunate. Even our church is in need, so it can use your gifts, too. Please try to remember that this thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for EVERYTHING we receive. By the way, we can be thankful all the time, not just at Thanksgiving!

“Give thanks with a grateful heart.” Don’t just say “Thank you” because your parent told you to; do it because you really are grateful.

Harriet Phillips

Lay Leader

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Church Conference is on Sunday, November 27th, at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

OCTOBER 2022

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON) -

OCTOBER 2	39
OCTOBER 9	38
OCTOBER 16	33
OCTOBER 23	39
OCTOBER 30	54

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).

OCTOBER 2	104
OCTOBER 9	58
OCTOBER 16	102
OCTOBER 23	85
OCTOBER 30	160

TITHES & DONATIONS

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

OCTOBER 2	\$5,041
OCTOBER 9	\$5,353
OCTOBER 16	\$2,064
OCTOBER 23	\$1,575
OCTOBER 30	\$2,080

Join us for Fasting and Prayer Day here at Trinity on Thursday, NOVEMBER 17TH, from 6am-12noon. Pastor John's cell phone will be open for prayer during those times.

Happy Birthday to:

RYAN LANDERS	3-Nov
PAUL GERTH	7-Nov
CALEB WILSON	8-Nov
CONNIE MEDRANO	10-Nov
JEFF WILSON	11-Nov
CINDY COZART	14-Nov
JAMES PARKS VINCENT	14-Nov
HADASSAH MEANDE	14-Nov
GAIL HALL	17-Nov
GODFRED EKOMBE ESSOMBE	22-Nov
JIM LANDERS	23-Nov
JAMES SMITH	25-Nov
VALERIE PUTZ	28-Nov
FELICITE MEANDE	29-Nov

Happy Anniversary to:

ERICK & JOANNE BENTON	1-Nov
JORY & JULIE VINCENT	12-Nov

