



# The Trinity Times



"The mission of Trinity UMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

## WELCOME TO Trinity United Methodist Church

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**G**reetings from the prayer team.

Thank you, God, for hearing and answering the prayers of your people. Thank you, TUMC for sharing your joys and prayer concerns. One of my favorite hymns is from my days as a child in Sunday School. What a friend we have in Jesus was written in 1855 by Joseph Scriven. The first verse reads, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear, what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer, O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." Kind of says it all. God has shown me such grace in my prayer life. He's done it for the prayer team. We continue to grow in our faith and our relationship with Him. It's that time of year when we start to think about our relationship with God and ask Him for a deeper relationship and a more meaningful prayer life. It begins with His word. Maybe it's time to amp up our reading of scripture, or to read more faith-based books, or to keep our radio tuned to praise music, or to join a Bible study, or all of the above.

There are many free on-line resources to help with the daily discipline of reading scripture. And if you don't have Internet access or prefer ink on paper, I'd be happy to help you search for a resource that speaks to you. I'm sure Pastor Bob knows many. I'm currently following <http://satucket.com> lectionary online. There are daily readings from the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the Gospel. There's a psalm for the morning and a psalm to read in the evening. There're also readings for Sunday's lectionary. These are the same scriptures read by Christians all over the world each Sunday. Bottom line: join me in asking God how we can grow in relationship with Him.

Feel free to join the prayer team Tuesdays at 1:30 in the Null building. You can join us regularly or visit periodically.

May God richly bless us and increase our faith.



In Him,  
Sandy Keyser  
Prayer team



- \* Remedy praise team on December 11th at 11:00am worship service.
- \* Jubellee Ringers on December 18th, both worship services.
- \* Chancel choir on December 24th and 25th.
- \* Children's play (to be announced).
- \* Will have only one service at 11:00 a.m.–December 25th (2016) and January 1st (2017)

# Advent

*A Season of Hope  
& Expectation*

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

*Here we are at Advent again. We are awaiting the arrival of the best gift we have ever received or will receive! We anticipate receiving gifts from relatives and friends, and we plan to give to them, as well. I believe we all have already received gifts from birth. We have received talents. When you get a gift from someone, do you hand it back and say, "No, thank you!"? So, when you receive a gift from God, do you say, "No, thank you"?*

*When I give a gift to someone, I expect him or her to use it. I believe that when God gives you a gift, he/she expects you to use it. I have been a member of Trinity's chancel choir since 1978, and the current attendance in the choir is the lowest it has been since I arrived! Of course, the attendance in worship is the lowest it has been since then, too; but there are still people in our congregation who can sing and are not members of our choir. I know because I have heard them! Yes, I am very thankful for the "faithful few" who continue to show up, but we had only 6 people singing last Sunday - including Jason! Our Jubilee Ringers are a bigger choir! Even Remedy is bigger! If one of the talents God gave you is a musical one, please consider joining our choir. I realize time is a big factor in using any talent, but I hope that if God gave you the talent, he/she gave you an ability to manage your time well enough to come.*

*I understand that only 3 people meet every Tuesday to pray for the congregation and the world. I know not everyone is musically talented, but I believe many are able to pray. Of course, I know that having time to come to the church every Tuesday is a big factor; but if you have that time, please consider joining the prayer meeting at 1:30 p.m.*

*Many have a talent for working with children. If you feel uncomfortable leading a group of children, you could still come on Tuesday afternoons and help serve lemonade and cookies to our school children. You could just bake or buy 1-3 dozen cookies and have them bagged individually so they can be ready for the kids. Just bring them on Sunday morning and make sure they are labeled for the school children.*

*We could really use any of you who have a talent for fundraising! If you know how to make money, please let the Finance Committee or the church know.*

*I know there are many talents out there that God is waiting for you to use. Search your hearts and see whether you can find a way to use at least one talent for your church. Don't say, "No, thank you" to God.*



*I just want to give you all a "heads-up" about our participation in groups here at Trinity. We just saw a report that will be going to the Charge Conference showing our participation in several groups. The numbers could have been higher if all of you would be sure to let the church office know how many participated in any group. On Sunday mornings there is an envelope to list number present and amount of offering given. Make sure this gets turned in every Sunday. Meetings such as Worship Team, the Board, etc. have not only number present, but specific names listed. All other groups affiliated with Trinity as a religious group are responsible for sending a total count to our church office. Our "vital signs" would be much better if we can get this information from every group. Please don't think that someone else will send this information in. Please do your part to let us know what group you are reporting on and how many were there.*

*Thank you,  
Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader*



My Sunday School class contributed a box of Christmas goodies to a needy child. I am turning it in at Vineyard Church for distribution. There were over 1500 boxes ready to be shipped.  
Praise God!



**TODAY'S  
INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**  
 "Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."  
 -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

**F. I. P. S.**  
**\*Fun in Progress Seniors\***  
 All senior adults are invited to join Fun in Progress Seniors (F.I.P.S.) to their monthly Luncheon Fellowship.  
 FIPS will meet on Wednesday, December 14th at 1:00pm at Louie Italian Restaurant located at 4979 NW Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78229 Rd.

*Thank you for joining the Trinity United Methodist Church.*

When we joined the church, we pledged to uphold it with our prayers.

**Please pray for our church every day at noon by simply saying**

**"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"**

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... praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:47.

*Jesus said, "Come follow Me and I will make you fishers of men".*  
 Worship Services: Sundays 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.\*  
 \*Praise and Worship service is every second Sunday of each month. Sunday School for all ages: Sundays 9:45 a.m.

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WHEN WE GIVE FROM THE HEART,  
WE RECEIVE  
UNEXPECTED BLESSINGS—  
ESPECIALLY THE JOY OF MAKING  
A DIFFERENCE IN  
SOMEONE'S LIFE.

### 2016 Missions Special/Fourth Sunday Offerings

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>January</b> - Church World Service, Blanket Fund #982810</li> <li>• <b>February</b> - Jireh House</li> <li>• <b>March</b> - One Great Hour of Sharing</li> <li>• <b>April</b> - Children's Shelter</li> <li>• <b>May</b> - Projection Transformation (Youth)</li> <li>• <b>June</b> - Muziti Missions (Zimbabwe)</li> <li>• <b>July</b> - San Antonio U. M. Campus Ministry Foundation</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>August</b> - The Holding Institute, First UMC Laredo</li> <li>• <b>September</b> - Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)</li> <li>• <b>October</b> - Jireh House (Thanksgiving offering)</li> <li>• <b>November</b> - Magdalena House</li> <li>• <b>December</b> - Providence Place</li> </ul> |
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Every one is welcome to attend the church conference on Sunday, December 4th at 12:00 p.m. in the gym.

Happy Birthday to:

MACLETA CLARK	2-Dec
MELISSA J. EFTA	2-Dec
RENO GERMANN	3-Dec
WENDY WELER	3-Dec
DON GERTH	12-Dec
TEN MUZOREWA	12-Dec
LUPE PROCTOR	12-Dec
CAROLYN SCRIMSHIRE	12-Dec
DUCK WILCOX	16-Dec
MARCIA ALLEY	21-Dec
LINDA TOWNSEND	26-Dec
CHRIS ACRES	27-Dec
CAROL WILSON	27-Dec
BOB LEE	28-Dec
DAVID DYE	30-Dec
DON KETCHUM	30-Dec
PAT PUTZ	30-Dec
CYNTHIA ROMO	31-Dec

Happy Anniversary to:

CYNTHIA & ESTEBAN ROMO	12-Dec
ROY & MARY ROGERS	22-Dec
BOB & TWILA ICENOGLE	23-Dec
JARED & MIRIAM MAY	28-Dec

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



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

Charge Conference | Sunday | December 18, 2016 | 3:00pm  
Laurel Heights United Methodist Church