



Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

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

REV. ROBERT CLARK II
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Associate Pastor

SUNDAY
Worship Services
8:45 a.m. | 11:00 a.m.
SUNDAY
School for all ages
9:45 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS:
Monday through
Thursday
9:00 am- 4:00 pm
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210-684-0261

TUMSchool phone
210-684-5214



*Child's
Christmas
gift*

**2018 Missions
NOVEMBER
Special/Fourth Sunday
Offerings:
PROVIDENCE
PLACE**

Share the Christmas spirit. Share the love of Christ with 20 children of prisoners this Christmas. Sponsor a child with a parent in prison through the Angel Tree Program. Anyone wishing to participate should contact the church office to choose a child. Please contact Cynthia in the church office for more information (210-684-0261).

Poinsettias

Do not forget to order your poinsettias for your holiday dedication! We need to provide a definite number to Fredericksburg Farm as soon as possible so please place your order. It is a \$12 donation for each poinsettia plant. There are envelopes in the narthex that can be placed in the offering plate or delivered to the Church office. Thank you!



LOVELUNCHSACK
M I N I S T R Y

Our sack lunch ministry would be happy to pass along any donations of left over Halloween candy.

Thanks, Don ☺

STEWARDSHIP
a way of life

As Christian stewards, we all have our God-given talents and treasures. Let us use these to reach out to others and respond to those in need.





SAVE THE DATE!!!

The annual Thanksgiving luncheon!
Sunday, November 18th, in the gym at noon.

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving luncheon on Sunday, November 18th following the 11:00 morning worship service.

All food is provided in the gym with only a donation to defray costs. The menu is: baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, ambrosia salad, tossed salad with dressings, holiday pies, and beverages. Bring your friends and neighbors for this holiday treat. Set up will be on Saturday, November 17th starting about 10:00. The tables will already be set up, but we need to decorate for this event. Thank you to volunteers who can help either day.

From the Family Life Committee **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Like to Read?

You may be interested in a book study on “Before We Were Yours” by Christian author Lisa Wingate. If so, please let Mary Hale know at maryghale@gmail.com or (210) 325-8688. It will be a four week study beginning in **November 2nd**. Day of the week is to be determined by the group. This book juxtaposes a modern day wealthy female federal prosecutor, Avery, with a wedding on the horizon, and a chance meeting with a woman in a nursing home. Avery senses a connection between the two women and delves into her family’s past to find out what that connection is. This book will encourage discussion about past and current adoption policies and their effects on families. It is open to both men and women.



Dear Trinity Family,

How will your life measure up? In a new sermon series beginning November 4, we are going to explore this question. Drawing from scriptural teaching, we'll look at how what we choose and value has far greater impact on our lives than what we achieve and acquire.

I want to challenge you to be in worship each week of this series. Wherever you are in life, this may be one of the most significant messages you will ever hear. I'm going to ask three important questions, one each week. Your answers to these questions could be life-changing.

In Christ's Love,

Bob Clark

Bob Clark
Senior Pastor

Weekly Worship Times

Sundays, 8:45 am and 11:00am



- November 4** by who and how you love
- November 11** by how and what you give
- November 18** by who and how you serve



Trinity United Methodist School

Soaring With The Best

Trinity United Methodist School

Things have been going very well here at school. We have just completed our first nine week period and are ready to take on the rest of the year. We are grateful for a smooth start.

This month we will hold our annual Thanksgiving feast on November 16, 2018. The staff and our students and their families share a meal and some time together in fellowship. We are blessed to have such wonderful families.

We will also be holding our annual Scholastic BOGO Book Fair from November 28 - 30 in the school library from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. All books are buy one get one free. Everyone is welcome to attend. This would be a great opportunity to buy for those children and grandchildren on your Christmas list. Come early and save big.

Finally, we at Trinity United Methodist School would like to take this time to say thank you to the church for all you do for our school. We are blessed to have parishioners like you caring for and praying for our children. We thank God for you and wish each and every one of you a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

For more information about the school or any of the above, please contact the school office at (210) 684-5214.



Happy Birthday to:

DWIGHT HALE	2-Nov
RYAN LANDERS	3-Nov
REUBEN P. GOANEH	4-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
GAIL HALL	17-Nov
MISHA BOWLES	19-Nov
ELORINE ECKHARDT	19-Nov
ANNE MARIE CLANCEY	21-Nov
JIM LANDERS	23-Nov
MARISABEL RODULFO	23-Nov
JAMES SMITH	25-Nov
VALERIE PUTZ	28-Nov

Happy Anniversary to:

ERICK & JOANNE BENTON	1-Nov
KATHY SETTLES-HOREJSI & FRANK HOREJSI	12-Nov
JORY & JULIE VINCENT	12-Nov

"Get all you can, save all you can and give all you can."

"Humility and patience are the surest proofs of the increase of love."

- John Wesley

a letter from the pastor



*D*ear Church Family,

This has been an amazing year of ministry at Trinity United Methodist Church. Both adults and children have been baptized. New commitments to Christ and to the Church have been made. Lives have been transformed. Worship has been newly designed and updated. Our missional outreach has grown to include new community partners working together to reach more people, and we have spruced up the campus by adding a new video sign, leveling and repairing sidewalks, painting the sanctuary, and adding new floor covering in the Parlor.

Next year promises to be even better. We anticipate many new visitors, and our hope is to see many of them become followers of Christ and a part of our congregation. In order to see these hopes and dreams realized, it will require that we step up our commitment of time, talent and resources in 2019. Trinity asks for five commitments of our members: to worship weekly, to intentionally seek to grow deeper in your faith, to give of your time to serve others, to give financially in proportion to your income and to share your faith with others by your words and actions. As we prepare for the move into the future, we're asking each member to take a step up in each of these areas of commitment. I want to take this opportunity to remind each of you of those expectations and urge you to set goals for the coming year, so that you might continue to grow in your faith, and that together we might be used by God to change lives, our community and the world. Trinity's five membership expectations are both means to becoming deeply committed Christians and a reflection of a deepening faith. *These expectations for membership are:*

- *Attend worship every weekend, in person when possible.*
- *Intentionally pursue opportunities to grow in faith apart from worship through personal and group study.*
- *Serve others by volunteering at least once each year inside and outside the church.*
- *Give of money to God through the church in proportion to your income.*
- *Share your faith with others through your words and actions*

This year we'd like to invite you to take a step up in your commitment in each of these areas for 2019.

In the final class of each semester, Harvard Business School professor Clayton Christenson asks his students how they will apply the theories of business and organizations to their own lives to ensure that:

- *they are happy and successful in their careers*
- *their relationships are an enduring source of happiness*
- *they live lives of integrity*

Those discussions led to his best-selling book, "How Will You Measure Your Life?"

Over the course of the next three weeks (Nov. 4, 11, 18) we will explore this same question. Drawing from scriptural teaching, we will examine how what we choose, and value has far greater impact on our lives than what we achieve and acquire. Please plan to attend all three services.

In Christ's Love,
Bob Clark
Senior Pastor



STEP UP IN 2019

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Thank God for blessing you and ask for guidance and discernment.

ASSESS YOUR INCOME AND GIVING

Take a look at your annual income and your current giving as a percentage of your income. Examples are in the monthly percentage giving chart to the right.

STEP UP YOUR COMMITMENT

Use the chart to the right to help you determine how you will step up in 2019 when you complete your Annual Giving Commitment Card.

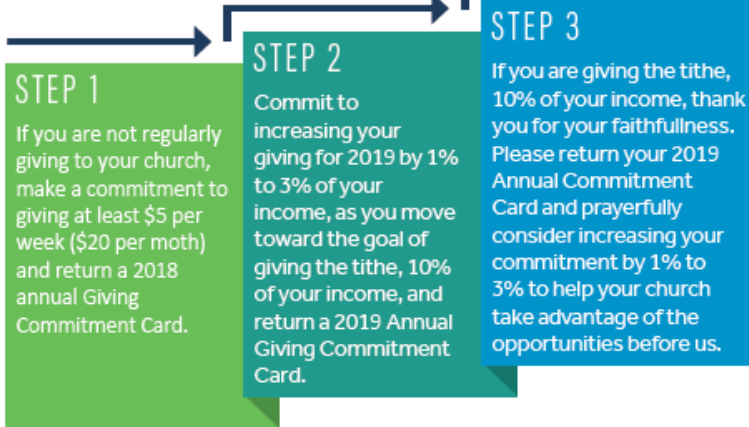
DECIDE HOW YOU WILL GIVE

Take a look at the "Ways to Give" and select the option that is best for both you and the church.

COMPLETE YOUR ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT CARD

WORSHIP WITH GRATITUDE

On Commitment Sunday, November 18, we present our commitments to God during worship. This is an opportunity as a congregation to express our gratitude to God and renew our commitment to being God's stewards in the world.



All tenth-part gifts from the land, whether of seed from the ground or fruit from the trees, belong to the Lord; they are holy to the Lord. Leviticus 27:30

MONTHLY GIVING AS A PERCENTAGE OF INCOME

Annual Income	11%	10%	8%	5%	3%	2%	1%
5,000	46	42	33	21	13	8	4
10,000	92	83	67	42	25	17	8
30,000	275	250	200	125	75	50	25
50,000	458	417	333	208	125	83	42
80,000	733	667	533	333	200	133	67
100,000	917	833	667	417	250	167	83
125,000	1,146	1,042	833	521	313	208	104
150,000	1,375	1,250	1,000	625	375	250	125
200,000	1,833	1,667	1,333	833	500	333	167
300,000	2,750	2,500	2,000	1,250	750	500	250
500,000	4,583	4,167	3,333	2,083	1,250	833	417

WAYS TO GIVE



WORSHIP - Use the offering envelopes provided at the usher stands and place your gifts in the collection plates.



AUTOMATED - Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a convenient way to give. Simply specify your amount and frequency and provide account information, then your gifts are received regularly, even when you are out of town. This method is the most cost effective way of giving for the church, as there are no credit card processing fees.



ONLINE - Trinity offers a simple and secure way for you to give to the church electronically. To create a personal account with one password you can use to give online from your computer or your mobile device visit tumcsa.net and click on the online giving link.



MAIL - Your gifts may be mailed to: Trinity United Methodist Church, 6800 Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78240



*Appreciated Stock or Qualified Charitable Distributions are also giving options. Contact the office about these tax-saving ways to give.

*"Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him.
Worship the Lord in the splendor
of his holiness." 1 Chronicles 16:29*

Our annual giving supports our church's ministry and mission. There are three important reasons why we return annual commitment cards.

WORSHIP - We believe returning a portion of our financial resources to God's work through our church is an act of worship. We are thankful for our blessings and acknowledge that all we have is a gift from God. As an expression of worship, we symbolically return the first fruits of our labor as an offering to the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP - One of our membership expectations is to give in proportion to our income. We are not told how much to give; that is a personal decision. The Biblical standard introduced by Abraham was the tithe, the giving of the first 10% of one's income to God. For many, the tithe is just the beginning. If you are currently not tithing, our hope is you will commit a percentage of your income and increase that amount as you are able in the future to reach the tithe.

MINISTRY - Annual commitments make it possible for our church to budget and plan for the coming year. Worship, programs for children and teens, adult Bible studies and small groups, pastoral care and support, mission trips and community projects are all supported by the annual giving that provides the operating funds for our church.

Over the years, we have committed our resources to God, and God has blessed and used them to change lives, transform communities and renew the church.

Commitment Sunday November 18

PLEASE RETURN AN ANNUAL COMMITMENT CARD

Your annual giving commitment will help your church plan ministry in 2019. Please return a card, even if you can only make a limited financial commitment at this time. You can always increase or decrease your commitment if your situation changes by calling the church office. If you have questions regarding this card or your annual giving, call the church office at 210-684-0261.

STEWARDSHIP AND GENEROSITY

Learn more about Generosity and Stewardship at <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/989/from-stewardship-to-generosity> If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Bob Clark, at 219-684-0261 or pastor@tumcsa.net.

Planned Giving

Planned giving provides a way to further your lifetime commitment and stewardship by remembering Trinity in your will, trust, IRA accounts and life insurance designations. To learn more about planned giving, contact Rev. Bob Clark at 210-684-0261 or check the box on your commitment card and a member of the finance team will contact you.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are experiencing financial hardship, don't let your inability to give at this time keep you from participating and serving in church. Remember God honors your faithfulness and your acceptance is not based upon your capacity to give. Please let the pastor know of your situation so he can pray for and support you. You can contact our pastor at 210-684-0261.



GUIDE TO GIVING 2019

Trinity United Methodist Church

The coming year will be one of the most important in Trinity's history, with new projects, new people and new opportunities! We anticipate many new visitors and our hope is their lives will be transformed as they become followers of Christ and begin serving him as a part of our congregation.

This will require each of us to **step up** our commitments to worship, grow, serve, share and give. As we prepare to have an impact in 2019, we're asking every member to make an annual financial commitment and **step up** in their giving as a percent of their income.



2019 ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

Please print information.

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PRIMARY EMAIL

MAIN PHONE

Yes! I/we will step up our commitment to TRINITY UMC in 2019!

I/we pledge to give:

- \$ _____ Weekly for 52 weeks
 \$ _____ Semi-monthly for 24 periods
 \$ _____ Monthly for 12 months
 \$ _____ As follows: _____

Giving Options (select only one)

New or Changes to Existing Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Please indicate the frequency of electronic funds transfer.

New EFT withdrawals begin January 2019.

___ Weekly - Mondays.

___ Semi-Monthly - first and third Monday of each month.

___ Monthly - first Monday of each month.

___ Monthly - third Monday of each month.

To establish a new EFT withdrawal, please attach a voided check for the account from which withdrawals will be made. Previously authorized EFTs will continue in 2019 unless you have indicated a change above or you notify the church office.

Online – I/We will set up an online giving account. From a computer, go to tumcsa.net and click on the online giving button

Cash or Check

Appreciated Stock/Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD)

SIGNED

DATE

PRINT NAME

- I/We have remembered Trinity in our will or legacy gift.
 I/We would like information on how to provide for Trinity in my/our will.

Please return to Trinity on Commitment Sunday November 18, 2018

2019 ANNUAL GIVING COMMITMENT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST

Annual Giving Commitments begin Jan. 1, 2019 and continue through Dec. 31, 2019.

GIVING OPTIONS

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) – With Electronic Funds Transfer, you can reinforce your commitment to give your tithes and offerings to God first, before anything else. One easy step each year guarantees that the church will receive your gifts on a regular basis, even if you are out of town or forget one week. To establish an electronic funds transfer, you need to complete a commitment card authorizing the EFT and attach a voided check for the account you will use.

Online Giving – Trinity offers a simple and secure way for you to give to the church electronically. You can create a personal account with one password that you can use to give online from your computer or mobile device. You can store multiple payment methods (credit card or electronic transfer), create recurring and/or one-time gifts, and monitor your transactions. Create your account at tumcsa.net

Cash or Check – Please make sure you identify yourself on the envelope or your check so Trinity can provide you a record for tax purposes. Your gifts can be placed in the weekly worship offering plate (envelopes are provided in the seat backs) or they may be mailed to: The Trinity United Methodist Church, 6800 Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78240.

Appreciated Stock/QCD – Stocks, Qualified Charitable Distributions and other securities are a welcome gift. Many members have found the tax savings make this an ideal way to fulfill their commitment.

For more information, contact the Church office at 210-684-0261
