

# 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."

REV. JOHN MEANDE  
Pastor  
pastor1@tumcsa.net

Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear  
your mask), FB live,  
YouTube

Sunday School  
Thursday at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room

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

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210-684-0261  
Mondays—Thursdays  
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
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TUMSchool phone  
210-684-5214  
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**ENROLL NOW!**

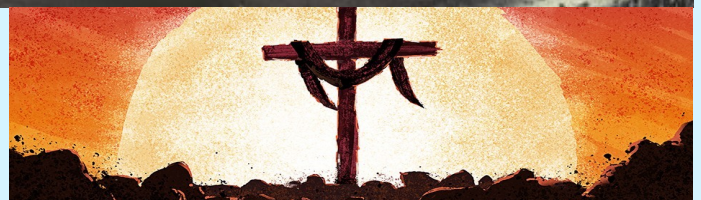


***He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!***

2021 Missions  
**APRIL**

**ABOVE AND  
BEYOND  
SUNDAY  
OFFERING**  
(PLEASE GIVE  
GENEROUSLY)

**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
MINISTRIES  
SUNDAY**



When we give from the heart,  
we receive  
unexpected blessings—  
especially the joy of making a  
difference in someone's life.



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# Pastor's Reflection: The Church at Lent

Together for Christ,

*Rev. John N. Meande*



I started this season of lent with serious reflection on the Holy Scriptures. Taking some time to read a pericope, reflect on it, and praying in the sanctuary in preparation for the day's job and for Sunday's service. It's been a season full of different emotions for me with some parishioners either thanking me for a good prayer or a good service. When this happens; I have been energetic, hopeful and excited. Sometimes families may call the office and after our conversation on the phone, will call back to commend me for good pastoral care and/or to tell me their significant other's situation just got worse with the COVID-19. I have been very careful, because at times though bewildered, discouraged and having a feeling of inadequacy in praying and for people to receive an instant-healing miracle, I have always found space to relax and be thankful for the opportunity to serve.

It's been a season that as we pass out flyers inviting neighbors for the food outreach, I got to pray for people by the roadside, at their balconies, in supermarkets, in front of shopping centers, in the hospital waiting room and by the bedsides of patients with their loved ones. At times the prayer may involve a large family of up to eight people or as small as two or even one. As I pray, I have seen people walking out during prayers, while in some situations I have seen family members running to get involved in prayers as if eager to be part of the expected miracles. Sometimes these prayers are answered, sometimes not. My goal is not to be successful but to be able to discern the spiritual need of the person or family and to be church for them.

At the beginning of Lent, I met a young Hispanic male in his early thirties who was sitting in front of a supermarket, having an arm infection. As we began to have the conversation about what happened to him, he quickly diverted the story to what he called a stupid mistake he did in life that landed him a felony. Since with a felony jobs and education are hard to come by, he is left broke and homeless and need of cash for laundry.

Then, some three weeks ago an Anglo male in his mid-fifties walked into the office and requested to meet with the pastor. He explained to me that COVID-19 knocked him out of work and gave him an eviction notice to leave his apartment. As a skilled technician, he was willing to exchange his services for repairs at the church for \$100.00 to enable him to move his property to a storage facility. Since we had no pending repairs and the pastors discretionary fund is not yet within my reach, the only help we could offer to him was a referral. As a representative of Christ, I felt empathetic for these two brothers. However, I remained very non-judgmental, sat with them for a while, listening to their story and allowing God's love to flow through me to them.

This was a very challenging time for me because culturally and theologically I would have asked them to confess their sins and to give their life to Jesus Christ. However, as we grow together at Trinity, and have a deeper walk with Christ, we have learned together as a church to embrace this aspect of Wesley's grace demonstrated by Jesus in the narrative. Jesus, as we know, was kind, gentle, forgiving to sinners and supplying the needs of all those who came to Him. This made sinners run to

Jesus and not to run from Him. My anxiety here was that after failing to provide their material needs, did I meet their spiritual needs such that these two brothers can find a space to join us in running to Jesus?

Pastoral care for me and for all of us at Trinity during this season should be about growing to be thankful, confident, valuable, worthwhile, creative, peaceful, respectful and empathetic to all, in the midst of adversities, grief, disappointment, guilt and shame, while knowing that our “being” is about all peoples and Christ crucified.

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## The Permanent Endowment Fund Committee (PEF)

....announces they are now accepting applications for the 2021 PEF Scholarship Awards. Please email David Lopez, PEF Chair, at [ux6710@aol.com](mailto:ux6710@aol.com) to request the application form. Please use “PEF Scholarship” in the subject line on your email. Also, indicate whether you are a new applicant or a prior recipient, as there are now two different forms. Applications will be submitted via email. The deadline for submittal is April 30, 2021. Please contact David Lopez if you have any questions.”

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## Message from Don Ketchum

Trinity collected more than 160 lbs. of food through our 40 Cans for Lent drive. Thanks to everyone who participated. Also, Nuevo Amanecer could use a barbecue grill to replace their broken one. If anyone has a spare one they might like to donate, please contact the church office or me.

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Happy Spring 😊

April is here and we get to celebrate an awesome holiday, Easter. Easter is very dear to me because it's a time I spend time thanking God for the greatest sacrifice. He sacrificed his son so we can have eternal life. My sacrifice when I give to my church is so small compared to His sacrifice, but He smiles every time I do it because I play a part in the wonderful ministries we carry out in the name of our Lord. Please join me this Spring and make a sacrifice to our great God.



There are many ways you can give your sacrifice to Trinity. You may always donate in checks or in cash, and if you are like a lot of people that pay their bills on line, you can set up your gifts to be mailed directly to the church from your bank account; or you can contact me, and I will provide you with the church's bank information, and you may make your gift electronically to Trinity. But also, 😊 you may donate through on line giving via credit card or bank account and also by text. We always finding ways to make it convenient for you to give to God because we know how blessed we all are from the gifts God provides us.

Yours in Christ,  
*Bonnie Smith*  
Treasurer, Trinity UMC

*“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father.” Matthew 5:16*

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

Dear Church Family,

As you may be aware, during the freeze of mid-February, we had some pipes break at the church and the preschool. On Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, we had a neighbor call to say there was water flowing from the courtyard. A church member who lives nearby, David Lopez, was able to come over and turn off the water to the buildings. Unknown at the time, a pipe had burst in the preschool building as well. This quick action saved us from what could have been much worse.

On Saturday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, a team of church members met to get the water and damaged carpets out of the preschool. Gene Sprague made a call to John MacKenzie of MacKenzie Restoration. John advised us what we should do for immediate response. We were able to remove most of the carpets and the baseboards. The preschool furniture was moved off the carpeted areas, and materials were moved so that the classes could resume in another part of the building. We realized as everyone was working that there was more than one leak within the school.

The following week was spent in contact with Church Mutual Insurance and MacKenzie Restoration. Thankfully, the restoration company was able to get fans and dehumidifiers in the building to start drying things out. Due to the magnitude of the event in Texas, the insurance company was not able to send someone out until early March.

We were told we needed to get the school materials out of the way so that the machines could efficiently dry out the building. On March 2, a group of about 15 church members worked to pack up and prepare to move the 14 rooms of materials.

That evening, the asbestos inspector evaluated the property. There was a small amount of asbestos in the mastic (glue) from some of the carpets and in some of the Sheetrock mud. Due to this, we stopped all people from working in the area until this is remedied. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the inspector from Church Mutual Insurance met with a team from the church and the restoration company. We have yet to receive the results from the inspector's report.

Status as of March 26, 2021: We have repaired the two breaks in the sprinkler system pipes. The three pipe breaks in the school building have been repaired as well as an outside faucet and water fountain. The asbestos remediation is to begin mid-April. After this, the restoration company will do their work. Hopefully, this will be minimal due to the quick actions we took. The school children missed only one day due to this happening.

We have a \$10,000 deductible with Church Mutual. Everyone involved is working diligently to get our facilities restored in a financially-sound and safe manner. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Serving Trinity to God's Glory.  
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*I want to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, and gifts during my illness. They have helped me deal with all the treatments. My battle is not finished. I am slowly improving. Thanks to all.*

*Layne Kerley*





*Easter  
Lily  
Dedications*

<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Buddy Harbin	Layne Kerley
Parents, brothers & sisters	Layne Kerley
King Hill	Don & Cheri Dancak
Parents & grandparents & brother David Groenewoud	Mary & Dwight Hale
Stan Silous & family in their heavenly home	Stacie & Tyler Brown
Our parents	Louise & Fred Lyle
Don & Darlene Wade my parents, my angels in heaven	Cynthia Rowland
Parents	Robert & Twila Icenogle
Lee Ralls	Lorraine Ralls
Our parents	John & Amelia Reed
Tom & Dorothy Wade	Cynthia Cozart
<b><u>In Honor of:</u></b>	<b>Given by:</b>
Trinity UMC members	Layne Kerley
Terri Rathmann	Tom & Harriet Phillips
Emma & Lucas Cavin	Bill & Liz Cavin
The Glory of God!	Don & Angie Khan

With God's blessing,  
we all can help our suffering neighbors through  
these difficult times.

“We make a living by what we get;  
but we make a life by what we give”  
—Winston Churchill

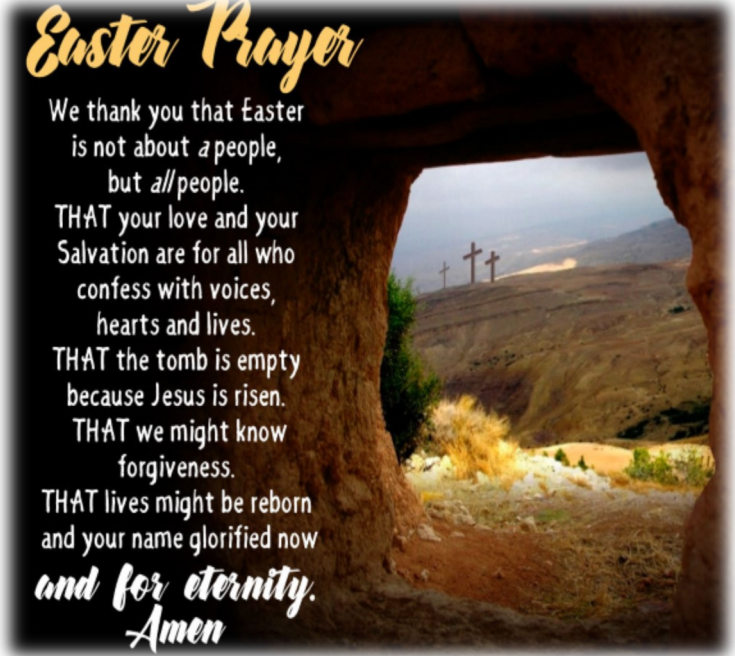
Please consider Trinity UMC as a place where  
your donations can make a difference.

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

**“JESUS I TRUST IN YOU”**

*Easter Prayer*

We thank you that Easter  
is not about a people,  
but *all* people.  
THAT your love and your  
Salvation are for all who  
confess with voices,  
hearts and lives.  
THAT the tomb is empty  
because Jesus is risen.  
THAT we might know  
forgiveness.  
THAT lives might be reborn  
and your name glorified now  
*and for eternity.*  
*Amen*



*Happy Birthday to:*

CAROLYN MILLER	6-Apr
CURTIS FOSTER	8-Apr
ELOUISE COOLEY	9-Apr
ELIZABETH McCOWN	12-Apr
TAMAR MEANDE	13-Apr
JULIANA M. RODULFO	16-Apr
ROBERT MILLER	17-Apr
DENISE WILSON	18-Apr
LOUISE LYLE	18-Apr

*Happy Anniversary to:*

BOB AND JOYCE PARKE	8-Apr
BILL & LIZ CAVIN	27-Apr

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