

Welcome!



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."

2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2024

"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

*"Lord, whether we're leaving behind a year of
joy and blessing or trials and difficulties, we pause to
give thanks. We thank you that you are always with
us, every single day of every single year.*

*Please remind us of your presence in the year ahead,
even when life is busy. Amen."*

Happy New Year

Henrietta and I love to celebrate the New Year, either in church or at home with family and friends. And we know the reason for the opportunity to celebrate, lest we not forget, "Our Lord and Savior".

For all of us New Year blessings can come in different ways. It does not have to be a 180-degree change or something that can be bought by money. The greatest blessing that we should be thankful for is the gift of life. A chance to live for another day. And because we have lived through a whole year or a total of 365 days, we celebrate the gift of being able to live at the start of a New Year. If we have a comparison, the New Year is like everyone's birthday. It is the celebration of life.

It is not about grand parties or festivities. This celebration should be a commemoration of how God gave us another year to fulfill His purpose for us. Therefore, we should celebrate it by making God the center of our observance of this holiday. Through a grateful heart and a giving spirit, we will be able to start our year with happiness and love for everyone.

*"You crown the year with your bounty; and your carts overflow with abundance."
Psalm 65:11*

May we all be blessed for the coming year! Wishing you a Happy New Year!

Henrietta and Rev. David Cervantez

Where do you want to be in one year?

Here we are in another year! Did you make New Year's resolutions? Did you make New Year's resolutions last year? Did you keep them? Were they reasonable or a little bit "lofty"?

I hope that in this new year you have made resolutions to be a better Christian. Getting your body in better shape (which most people hope for) is not nearly so important as whether you are "right with God." What if this were the last year you have to live? Would that change your resolutions? Would you choose to "get right with God" first, or join a gym first, or take a trip first? What are your priorities?

We always think we have more time. The truth is that only God knows how much time we have here. Logically, if we are pushing 100 years old, we can be pretty sure that we don't have that much time left. On the other hand, we don't expect to die in our 20's, 30's, 40's, or even 50's. I absolutely know that someone has died at every age there has been.

If you knew you had only this year left, how would you change how you behave, how you treat others? Even if you don't like someone, as one of God's children, those people deserve your respect! When you "talk down" to people, do you hope that God didn't hear you? When you take credit for someone else's work, again, do you hope the God isn't watching? When you do your best to draw attention to yourself, do you hope God isn't listening? This may come as a shock to you, but God IS watching and listening! If God is everywhere, there is nowhere you can hide from God!



As your lay leader, I am asking you to think about how your behavior affects others. I implore you to make this year the year you "get right with God" and with everyone else. WE are the only hands, feet, and mouths God has. Remember that you PROMISED to uphold this church (and, therefore, God's people) by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness! It's one thing to break a promise (or a resolution) to yourself, but do you really want to break one to God? We know we can trust in God, but can God trust in you?

Harriet Phillips
Lay Leader

Christmas Celebrations

Trinity recently celebrated with 200 of our friends from the Unicorn Center and the Arc of San Antonio. Jason Brown led the singing and dancing at both Christmas parties. The cookie decorating was also great fun.

We teamed with these organizations to get more than 6,000 care packages to people in need in 2023 and hope to expand this important ministry next year. Many thanks to everyone who has helped!



**Monthly Food Drive
at
Glen Oaks Elementary**

Glen Oaks Elementary (which is just a few blocks away on Newcome) is looking for volunteers to help them prepare bags of food for their students. Trinity will have a collection box in the Null Building for gently used plastic grocery bags to help with that.



They are looking for volunteers to help distribute groceries to 300 students each month:

- Wednesday, January 10th
- Wednesday, February 28th
- Wednesday, March 27th
- Wednesday, April 24th
- Wednesday, May 22nd
- Wednesday, June 26th

Please contact Ana Tejada at atejada@cissa.org if you are interested in volunteering.

BLANKET DRIVE

We are collecting **blankets** for the whole month of **January**. Decent and slightly used blankets are acceptable. Please put them on the rails in the sanctuary.

For more information, please contact **Marcia at 210-365-8948**.
Thank you for your generosity.



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

***Please pray for our
church every day at
noon***



JOIN THE SEEKERS ('N' FIPS)

THE SEEKERS/FIPS LUNCHEON MEETINGS ARE EVERY SUNDAY (EXCEPT 5TH SUNDAYS) AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE .

- 1ST SUNDAY* — **LUBY'S (FLOYD CURL AND HUEBNER RD)**
- 2ND SUNDAY* — **SEA ISLAND (5959 NW LOOP 410)**
- 3RD SUNDAY* — **JASON'S DELI (5819 NW LOOP 410)**
- 4TH SUNDAY* — **BILL MILLER BBQ (WURZBACH & BANDERA.)**

- Contact John Reed



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

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

Seekers Faith Meeting
(Sunday School):
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.
Zoom room
- Sundays, in-person, Null
building at 9:00 a.m.

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 2023

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

December 3	44
December 10	43
December 17	39
December 24	101

FACEBOOK LIVE – VIEWS

December 3	67
December 10	92
December 17	59
December 24	170

TITHES & DONATIONS

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

December 3	\$8,524
December 10	\$1,771
December 17	\$3,317
December 24	\$ 867

Happy Birthday to:

CONNIE GERMANN	6-Jan
GRACE EMADÉ ESSOMBE	8-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
JOHN & AMELIA REED	16-Jan

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image using your
phone's camera
(or QR code
reader).



You may also go
to:

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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!*

Weekly Recurring Meetings where everyone is invited:

- Sack lunch ministry each Sunday at 9:15am in the narthex.
Everyone is welcome to help. For more information, please contact Don Ketchum.
- Seekers Sunday school every Sunday at 9:00am in the parlor.
- Pastor-led Bible study every Tuesday via zoom at 5:00pm.
- Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- Sunday school meetings every Thursday via zoom at 3:00 p.m.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at www.tumcsa.net.

Trinity is asking for volunteers to...

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

..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts, 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, and “Fat Sunday instead” (Sunday before Ash Wednesday).

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



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 2024

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered them 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 towards 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 a 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

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