



Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

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

6800 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio TX 78240
www.tumcsa.net

2018 Missions
DECEMBER
Special/Fourth Sunday
Offerings:

FAIRFIELD
ORPHANAGE
(ZIMBABWE)

REV. ROBERT CLARK II
Pastor
pastor@tumcsa.net

Rev. Octaviano Garcia
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
ofcadmin@tumcsa.net

Church office phone
210-684-0261

TUMSchool phone
210-684-5214



Please save the date!
Angel Tree Christmas Party
Trinity UMC—Null building
Tuesday, December 11, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Sarah Ormond or Don Ketchum

Merry Christmas



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
7:00 p.m.

(Come early to sing Christmas songs at 6:30 p.m.).

Please bring cookies to share as we fellowship for Christmas eve (after worship service).

Thank you!

Just a friendly reminder to please turn in your pledge cards if you have not done so yet. Thank you for your usual generosity.

“Life is why we give”



“Office Visit”

You guessed it!
We love coffee.



Make sure if you're in the neighborhood to stop by the church office and join us for “cuppa joe”.

Church office is open from 9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m. (Monday-Thursday).

BOY SCOUT EAGLE PROJECT HELP NEEDED

Hello, I am Tyler Brown, a long-time member of Trinity United Methodist Church, and a current member of Troop 903. I am currently working towards the rank of Eagle, the highest honor in Scouting. Eagle projects are projects meant to leave a lasting impression on one's community. For my project, I will be creating a prayer garden for the church towards Wurzbach Road near the new electronic sign. Placing the prayer garden in this location will provide a peaceful place for community members to meditate, pray, and remember loved ones with flowers. Work on my project will be done in January. Any contributions and support towards this project of mine would be greatly appreciated and will go towards the purchase of supplies to be used for the project. Donations may be made in check payable to Troop 903 (memo line: Tyler Brown Scout Project) and can be mailed to:

Boy Scout Troop 903
Tyler Brown Eagle Project
15503 Grey Fox Terrace
San Antonio, Texas 78255

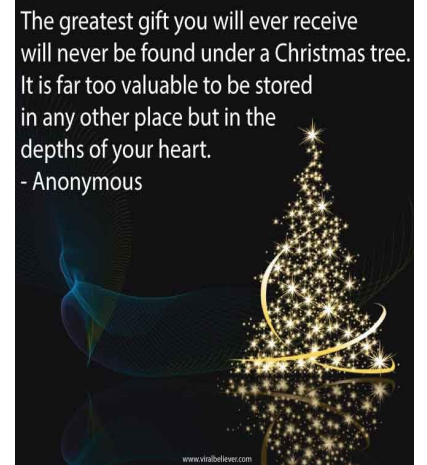


Help prepare the sanctuary for Christmas

Saturday, December 1st
at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome to
come help decorate the
sanctuary for the
Christmas season.

Come join in the
fellowship!



Do you have furniture you no longer want?

Beds
Mattresses
Couches
Chairs
Tables
Kitchen supplies



• The Center for Refugee Services is in need of household furniture and kitchen items.

• Please contact Angie Khan or Julie Vincent if you have items to donate.

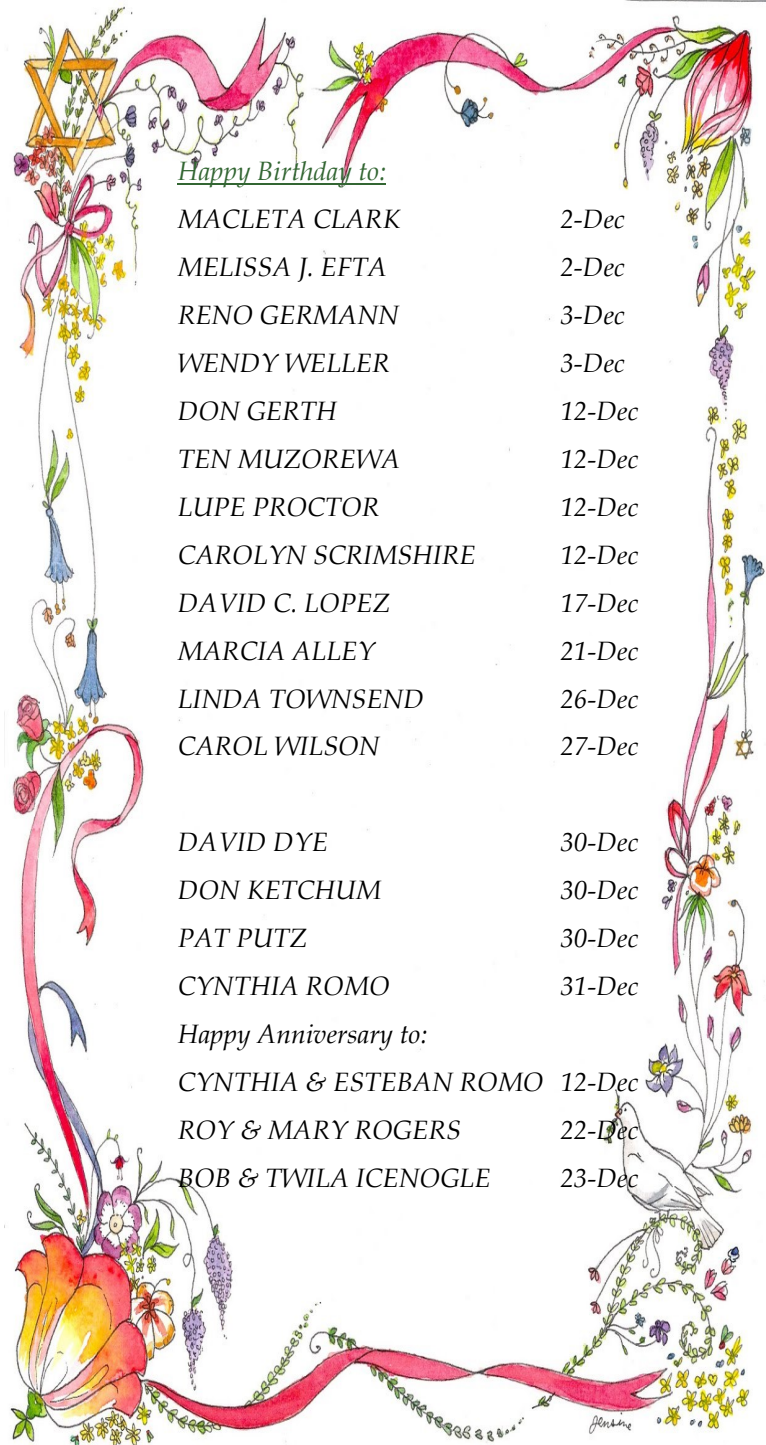
a letter from the pastor



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe the holidays are already upon us! Yet, as I write this, there are only a few days before Thanksgiving. Advent will begin on Sunday. Every year the space between Thanksgiving and Christmas seems to grow shorter. There are presents to buy, lights to hang, menus to plan, trees to trim, and parties to attend. With so much going on it is easy to lose track of the why behind all that we do this time of year. By coming to live among us, Jesus showed us what a truly abundant life looks like. The early church understood that to live as a Christian means to live life together with other believers. The book of Acts describes life among the first Christians; "Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved." During the holiday season, we get a little taste of what life among the first believers must have been like. This is a season for breaking bread together, a season of generosity and goodwill, and most importantly a season for praising God. It is my prayer for each of you that this season bring you closer to Christ and closer to one another, as together we celebrate the birth of our savior.

Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo,
Pastor Bob



Happy Birthday to:

MACLETA CLARK	2-Dec
MELISSA J. EFTA	2-Dec
RENO GERMANN	3-Dec
WENDY WELLER	3-Dec
DON GERTH	12-Dec
TEN MUZOREWA	12-Dec
LUPE PROCTOR	12-Dec
CAROLYN SCRIMSHIRE	12-Dec
DAVID C. LOPEZ	17-Dec
MARCIA ALLEY	21-Dec
LINDA TOWNSEND	26-Dec
CAROL WILSON	27-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

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

Prayer Intercessory Ministry meets every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. in the Null building, for a prayer meeting.

Please join us.

**"You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."
-Augustine of Hippo**

Can we pray for you?





Hello brothers and sisters in Christ!
I love December. We get to celebrate the greatest gift ever given to us this month. I am going to remember the reason for the season and focus on giving to God vs. worrying over what cookies to bake or when I am going to get my shopping done. It's not about the latter; it should be all about celebrating Jesus' birthday.

If I have learned anything over the last year, it's that most of us (including me) spend money on materialistic items we don't need. So I have decided this season I plan to give back to God above and beyond what I committed to for the year because the best Christmas memories I have are the ones when my family helped out someone that was not as fortunate as we were. I pray others will do the same.

Trinity supports so many awesome things around the world and here close to home through our church and our apportionments. None of it could happen without our generous, giving congregation. If your estimate of giving is behind for the year, would you please consider bringing it current before the end of the year? One way you could do this is if you want to give a gift to someone that has everything materialistic, give a gift to Trinity in their honor and the blessings will come to the giver, the honoree and, most of all, the person that is helped with that gift.

Our church needs help to finish paying our apportionments this year; and since our apportionments fund our ability to bless others with help, please consider helping us fulfill that commitment.

Yours in Christ,
Bonnie Smith



Santa's Prayer on Christmas Eve

By Warren D. Jennings

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,
But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

"Dear Father," he prayed "Be with me tonight.
There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky,
Knowing full well that a reindeer can't fly.

I will visit each household before the first light,
I'll cover the world and all in one night.

With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,
Amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.

To get in the house is the difficult part,
So I'll slide down the chimney of each child's heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes.
The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track.
I'll eat every cookie that is left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You,
I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

All this is to honor the birth of the One,
That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.

So to all of my friends, least Your glory I rob,
Please Lord, remind them who gave me this job."

*Thank you for joining the
Trinity United Methodist
Church*

*You are always welcome here.
Our Staff is here to help you.
Our Ministers are every member of the
Congregation.*

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.

Sunday School for all ages: Sundays 9:45 a.m.

Let us pray:

TAKE A MOMENT FOR GOD

***D**ear Lord, I thank You for this day. I thank You for my being able to awake once again, to see, and to hear this morning. I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You continue to bless me. Please forgive me every day for anything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to You, and I ask Your forgiveness.*

Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. Let me continue to see sin through Your eyes and acknowledge it as evil. And when I sin, let me repent, and confess with my mouth my wrongdoing, and receive Your forgiveness.

And when this world closes in on me, let me remember the example of Jesus—to slip away and find a quiet place to pray. It is the best response when I'm pushed beyond my limits. Continue to use me to do Your will.

Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak. Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those who are lost and can't find their way, I pray for those who are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those who don't believe, and I thank you that You are in my heart. AMEN

From:
Trinity UMC Prayer team

