



# Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

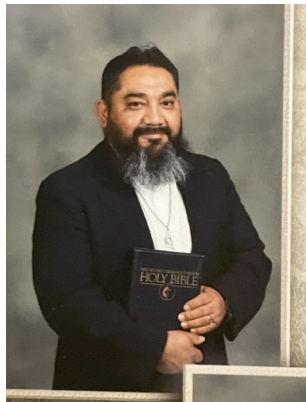
"Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed  
by the power of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST."

## 2023 Missions - JULY

4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering  
(Please give generously)

## CHRISTIAN ASSISTANCE MINISTRY

"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



### *Welcome Reverend Fred Perez!!*

Welcome to Reverend Fred Perez and family to Trinity UMC!

**T**he Trinity UMC congregation welcomes you to your new congregation. We look forward to your leadership of our church and we look forward to getting to know you and your family. We hope that the friends you make here will be as treasured as those you left behind. We're glad you have chosen to come to us and please know that we are ready to help in any way in the weeks ahead. We thank God for the gift of your faith-filled life and your dedicated service. We pray that the Holy Spirit will sustain and strengthen you as you serve our Trinity UMC congregation.

*"Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."*

—Mark 16:15.

God Bless You!!

*Dr. Joanne H. Smith, Chair*  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

Join us in worship  
Sunday, July 2, 2023  
at 10am



Dear **Trinity UMC** members.

**A**s SPRC Chair, I am pleased to announce that Bishop Robert Schnase announces the appointment of Reverend Federico Perez to Trinity United Methodist Church beginning July 2, 2023.

Pastor Fred, as he likes to be called, is coming to us from most recently serving on the pastoral staff at First Methodist Church in Harlingen, Texas. He began his journey in ministry over 12 years ago and is excited to promote the life of the church within the local community. In the past, he has encouraged church leaders to partner with local social service agencies to provide support to individuals whether church members or not, promoted community events for community outreach to uplift the life of the church, and served on many boards within the community.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee and Church Board are excited about the presence and energy that Pastor Fred and his family will bring to Trinity and to the community around the church. District Superintendent Greg Hackett and incoming District Superintendent, Dr. Robert Ortiz introduced Pastor Fred and his family to the SPRC, Church Board, and church staff on Thursday, May 4, 2023, where we were able to meet Pastor Fred and most of his family members.

We are excited to welcome Pastor Fred, his wife, Maricruz, and their family to our church family and hope to see you all on Sunday, July 2nd when we officially welcome them to our church family!

*Dr. Joanne Smith, Trinity UMC SPRC Chair*



## Come Picnic at Trinity

Inside the Gym – on Sunday, July 2nd following the 10:00 morning worship.

We will have burgers, all the trimmings, and hot dogs; our patriotic sing-a-long led by choir director Jason Brown; AND a very special welcome to Pastor Fred and his family.

Welcome to Trinity UMC Family!  
Wear red, white, and blue and stay for a grand lunch without the bugs!!!!!!!!!!!!



Anyone available to help decorate the gym on Saturday, please come about 10:00 a.m. Thank you for your help and see you at the picnic.

Trinity UMC Family Life Committee

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## 2023 Rio-Texas Annual Conference Summary Notes June 7-10, 2023 Corpus Christ, Texas Don Ketchum, Trinity UMC

This year's conference centered on encouraging us all to reach beyond the walls of the church to connect with people in the community, sharing the love of Christ and helping those in crisis. Bishop Schnase envisions a church that emphasizes what we should do rather than what we shouldn't do.

It is a time of grieving and change. Former Trinity pastor Larry Lacy passed on this past year, as did Pastor Margaret's brother, Rev Claus Rohlf. Our Pastor Bob Clark retired, as did District Superintendent Greg Hackett.

Pastor Bob will still be working on community outreach at Travis Park UMC. While the conference lost 34 congregations to disaffiliation, we still have 270 congregations and 630 clergy. The conference budget will be reduced by around \$900K (they are working out the details).

Several talks addressed how society has been changing over the past 20 or more years, with people seeing themselves as spiritual while not participating in organized religion. Their suggestion was to discern where Christ is already at work in the local neighborhood, and creatively adapt to be a part of it. Lay Leader Ralph Thompson pointed out that John Wesley didn't wait in a cathedral for people to come. He got on a horse and sought out the "pushed around, pushed out, and pushed down people." Rather than asking, "How do we increase attendance?", we should be asking "What is God's dream for our congregation?", and then pursue it.

I set up a booth inviting other congregations to join us in the many care package projects we have throughout the year. Several people showed interest, and a few new opportunities to team with local charities presented themselves.





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  
*summer break until August*  
5:00 p.m. on Tuesdays  
Zoom room

Seekers Faith Meeting  
(Sunday School):  
*summer break until August*  
- 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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# JUNE 2023

## ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

### IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

JUNE 4	45
JUNE 11	28
JUNE 18	32
JUNE 25	50

### FACEBOOK LIVE – Engagements

Engagement is any action someone takes on your Facebook Page or one of your posts. The most common examples are reactions (including likes), comments and shares, but it can also include saves, viewing a video or clicking on the link.

JUNE 4	299
JUNE 11	78
JUNE 18	55
JUNE 25	70

## TITHES & DONATIONS

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

JUNE 4	\$4,328
JUNE 11	\$1,689
JUNE 18	\$1,430
JUNE 25	\$5,960

## DONATE ONLINE

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



You may also go to:

[www.tumcsa.net](http://www.tumcsa.net)

then click on the "Donate" button.

## DONATE FROM YOUR SMARTPHONE.

You may also **text** giving to:  
**844-210-1179**  
(Type in the amount you wish to donate, then hit send).

### Happy Birthday to:

PATRICK ORMOND	2-Jul
JEREMY CADE	3-Jul
JAMES RYAN LANDERS	3-Jul
FRED LYLE	20-Jul
ROBIN LANDERS	24-Jul
MARY SHOEMAKER	24-Jul
BRIAN PHILLIPS	29-Jul
JOE MONTALVO	30-Jul
SARAH ELIZABETH ORMOND	30-Jul

### Happy Anniversary to:

DAVID C. & CYNTHIA LOPEZ	1-Jul
TOM & HARRIET PHILLIPS	5-Jul
ROY & PAT PUTZ	12-Jul
DAVID & TARA DYE	24-Jul



### **Weekly Recurring Meetings:**

- ◆ Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- ◆ The Seekers Sunday school and pastor-led Bible study will be on break until August, 2023.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at [www.tumcsa.net](http://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. 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 Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am-2pm.

..... serve refreshments and clean up after church on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.



Let us pray:

Lord, our God and Father, we thank you that in all the misery and night on earth you have let your hope dawn as a light shining for all your people - all who honor your name, all who dwell in Jesus Christ through forgiveness of sins and through resurrection to a new life.

Lord, today we pour our hearts out to you. We need your strength and hope. Help us to remember that you are always with us, and that you will give us the courage we need to conquer this day with your grace. We thank You that we have this great power, this wonderful wisdom, this deep insight, this flow of abundance surging through our lives, blessing us in every way and, through us, helping and serving mankind. We pray and seek through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# PROMISES PROMISES

When you marry, you promise to take your intended “for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish.”

When you joined Trinity U. M. C., you promised to uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and more recently, your witness. These promises are not to be made out of obligation, but out of love for your church, your fellow congregants, and, especially, your God and Jesus Christ.

When you give gifts to or do something for your spouse, your child, another family member, or a friend, you shouldn't do it out obligation, but because you love these people.

You PROMISED to uphold your church by your prayers. Pray for your church as a whole and for any and all members who need prayers. Don't just make a general prayer, but be specific about what you want for your church or for a specific person.

You PROMISED to uphold your church by your presence. The minimum you should want to do is to be at a service once a week, either in person or through a live stream. Our church has several activities. These are specifically for our members, so we should all be at any activities that are geared to us, as long as we are physically able. I would not be at a youth rally, but I will be at choir and bell practices, when they are in session. I do eat, so I will most likely be at our luncheons and will bring a covered dish or whatever is asked.

You PROMISED to uphold your church by your gifts. According to our bookkeeper, a great majority of our money goes to our payroll. If you love and appreciate these people and want to keep all of them, I implore you to give toward their salaries. Currently they include our pastor, Cynthia, Jason, Stacie, Tyler, Connie, Mitzi, and our cleaning crew. Also, we are very behind on our apportionments. Just FYI, when we fall behind, other churches have to “take up the slack.” Any money we have left goes toward CPS, SAWS, our lawn-care people, our phone system, copy paper, our trash pick-up, and usually urgent repairs. Which persons or items do you want to do away with?

You PROMISED to uphold your church by your service. Believe it or not, our few paid employees cannot do all the jobs needed at this church, although most do more than they are paid to do. If you have some time on your hands, ask around to see what needs to be done. Every week we ask for volunteers during our announcements for certain jobs.

You PROMISED to uphold your church by your witness. Do you love your church enough to want to share it with others? Do you ask anyone to join you at church? The worst you can get is a “no.” Do your friends and neighbors even know that you attend church, that you know God and Jesus? When you see someone at church that you don't recognize, do you make a special effort to let him or her know that he or she is welcome and that you are happy to have him or her here?

Finally, how DO you keep your promises to your church - or do you?

*Harriet Phillips*, Lay Leader



# July School Supply Drive

We are collecting school supplies for children with a parent in jail again this summer. Those kids could really use a little support and encouragement.

The Good Lord has richly blessed our congregation's teaming with adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (IDD) in creating care packages for people in need. Trinity UMC and partnering congregations collect care package materials. Our volunteers with IDD from the Unicorn Center pack them, then we pass them on to charities who can distribute them to people in greatest need. The Texas Inmate Family Association will distribute backpacks the Unicorn team fills with school supplies. We aim to put together 100 back-to-school backpacks. Giving to others helps everyone put our faith into action, especially our folks with IDD, who feel valued and a real part of the community.



Would you please help us collect these items **during the month of July?**

• Crayons
• No 2 Pencils
• Glue Sticks
• Pink Eraser
• Ruler
• Black/Blue Pens

• Brad Folders w/Pockets
• Box of Colored Pencils
• Handheld Pencil Sharpener
• Scissors
• Zipper Pouch
• Box of tissues

May the Good Lord continue to bless you,

*Don Ketchum*

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<p><b>Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,</b></p>  <p>In March we sent boxes of food to students at Glenoaks Elementary who missed meals during spring break</p>	<p><b>or thirsty and give you something to drink?</b></p>  <p>In May we sent water and snacks to people in Methodist Healthcare hospital waiting rooms</p>	<p><b>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in,</b></p>  <p>In May we sent backpacks with hygiene and other supplies to refugees on the border (through St Matt Mission Group) and refugee families in town (thru Glenoaks)</p>
<p><b>or needing clothes and clothe you?</b></p>  <p>In January we filled backpacks with cold weather items for homeless people through Schertz UMC and Nuevo Amanecer UMC</p>	<p><b>When did we see you sick</b></p>  <p>In April we sent Easter gifts to seniors at Patriot Heights Nursing Home and the Virginia Gill Senior Center</p>	<p><b>or in prison and go to visit you?'</b></p>  <p>In August we sent back-to-school backpacks to children with a parent in jail through the Texas Inmate Families Association</p>

**Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' Matt 25:37-40**