

"Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the Gospel of *Jesus Christ*."

Welcome!



The Trinity Times



AUGUST 2026

"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



A few days ago, I received a phone call from Louise Lyle inviting me, Pastor David Cervantez, to officiate at her late husband Fred Lyle's Service of Celebration and Praise for the Resurrection of Life. She also asked if I would suggest a few scripture readings and hymns to be included.

Her invitation brought back many memories. Years ago—at a local church, as I clearly remember—we were singing *"It Is Well with My Soul."* After losing my mom and older brother to cancer, I didn't feel ready to sing it. As I tried to hold back tears, I even told someone I wasn't ready. I felt that if I sang those words, I was somehow saying it was acceptable that my mom and older brother had died, that cancer had taken their lives, and that they would no longer be here. I wasn't willing to admit that it was "well."

In time, I realized that God wasn't asking me to say that any of those things were okay. Isaiah 66:12–14 says:

"For this is what the LORD says: 'I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem. When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.'"

This passage, from the final chapter of Isaiah, speaks of the fulfillment of God's covenant promises and the hope of a new creation. God acknowledges that the suffering His people endured was not "okay," yet He promises to redeem it. He had something better for them.

I believe God hates cancer. He hates pain and the separation of His loved ones. I am moved by Isaiah's words that God *"extends peace like a river."* He doesn't offer a simple bandage for our brokenness; He gives us a peace unlike anything the world can offer (John 14:27).

So now, when we sing *"It Is Well with My Soul,"* I understand it differently. I see it as a declaration of future hope. It is well because my mom, my older brother, and I will be reunited someday. It is well because they are forever cancer-free. It is well because we will enjoy Jesus' presence together, finally free from the curse.

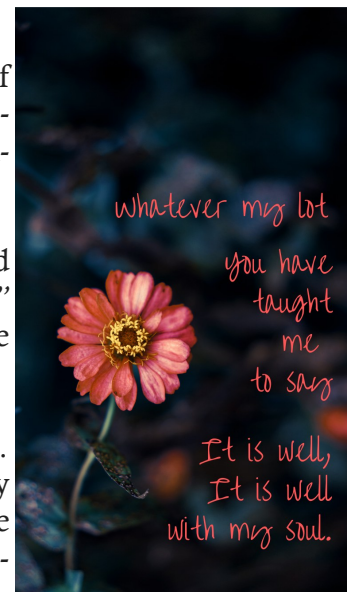
Whatever your own "It is not well with my soul" may be, I pray that you will place it in God's hands and know that He sees your hurt. He does not ask you to pretend or to simply "push through." Grief is hard. Yet, when you walk through grief with your eyes on Jesus, it produces beautiful things within you. A verse that has deeply resonated with me in seasons of grief is Psalm 31:7:

"I will be glad and rejoice in your love, for you saw my affliction and know the anguish of my soul."

God sees you. God knows you. He has experienced the deepest pain. Trust Him with yours.

In loving memory of our loved ones who have passed,

Rev. David and Henrietta Cervantez



have fun 😊

A few Sundays ago as I was leaving for church, my husband called to me, “*Have fun!*” At first I wanted to laugh, but then I thought, “Yes, I do usually have fun at church.” I concluded that we should all be having fun at church. We should all enjoy being here, and we should be happy to have others

there with us. Guests should be able to readily see that we enjoy church. As we sing, we should “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” We should have “joy like a fountain” from hearing the Word – the knowledge that through Christ we are saved!

If you don’t feel better after coming to church, something’s missing. Either your church is not offering what you need, or you are not “receiving” what it’s offering. Do you come in with an open mind, or have you already decided what the message is before you even hear it? Do you, at least, come to join in fellowship with others, or would you be better served to watch a service on TV?

I am on several committees, and during most of those meetings, we laugh while we are getting God’s work done. Someone usually led us in prayer for these meetings, and he/she often thanked God for laughter. That same “thank-you” was usually said during our lunch period on Thursdays. Many of us truly enjoy fellowship at Trinity! If you were a visitor and came into a church where you saw frowns or just no expression at all on people’s faces, would you want to return to that church? A previous member of our church used to say, “If sitting in a church makes you a Christian, then sitting in a garage should make you a Buick.” Churches where there’s “a sweet, sweet spirit in this place” tend to grow. Churches where people don’t talk to each other, where they just sit in the pew, tend to have fewer and fewer people and eventually close their doors. I am happy to notice that the pastor usually has to tell us to stop talking before he/she can begin the service. That’s a really good sign.

I hope you enjoy being at church, at Sunday school, and even at meetings! When you come to this church, please, have fun!

Yours in Christ,
Harriet Phillips
Lay Leader

Sharing

Love

Faith

COURAGE

JOY

+

Peace

BLESSING FOR TRINITY UMC GAZEBOS AND PICNIC TABLES

Let us pray.

Gracious and loving God,

We give You thanks for these new gazebos and picnic tables, and for all who made them possible through their generosity, hard work, and faithful giving.

Bless these places of gathering. May they become spaces where strangers become friends, neighbors become family, and Your love is shared through conversation, laughter, meals, and fellowship.

May children play safely nearby, families create cherished memories, and those who are weary find rest in the shade. May these tables be places where stories are told, prayers are offered, burdens are shared, and hearts are encouraged.

As Jesus often gathered with others around the table, may these spaces remind us of the joy of hospitality and the importance of welcoming all people with open hearts.

Bless every person who sits here. May they experience peace, kindness, hope, and the warmth of Christian community. May these gazebos provide shelter not only from the weather but also be a reminder that You are our refuge and strength.

Help us to use these gifts to serve our neighbors, strengthen our church family, and extend Your love beyond these walls.

We dedicate these gazebos and picnic tables to Your glory and to the work of Your kingdom. May all who gather here know they are welcomed, valued, and loved.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Leader: These gazebos and picnic tables are dedicated to the glory of God and the service of all people.

People: *May all who gather here experience God's love, Christ's welcome, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Trinity United Methodist Church



The demand for **flood relief cleanup buckets** has far exceeded expectations, and supplies are running low. These cleanup buckets have become an invaluable resource for homeowners as they begin the difficult process of cleaning and recovering from flood damage. They have not yet provided buckets to Sonora, where reports indicate that approximately 100 homes have been damaged. They are working to confirm those numbers and hope to meet the need as soon as possible. Trinity can help assemble, donate, and collect cleanup buckets. Every bucket makes a difference for families working to rebuild after these devastating floods.

WE WILL COLLECT AND MAKE BUCKETS THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST!

For more information please contact Julie Vincent.



Cleaning Kit

Value: \$75.00 per kit

Cleaning Kit Materials

- **One five-gallon round bucket with lid (14.35" h x 12.19" w x 12.19" d)**
 - No screw lids.
 - May be used, but must be free from all residual product.
 - Advertisement on the outside acceptable.
- **One 32–64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent**
- **One 16–40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner**
 - No spray cleaners
- **One 16–34 oz. bottle liquid dish soap**
- **One 4–8 oz. pump spray air freshener**
- **One 6–14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10–20 wipes also acceptable)**
 - Pump spray bottles must have protective covers.
- **One scrub brush**
 - With or without handle
- **18 re-usable cleaning wipes**
 - No terrycloth, microfiber, or paper towels
 - Remove from packaging.
- **Five scouring pads**
 - No stainless steel or pads with soap in them
 - Remove from packaging.

- **36–50 clothespins**
- **One 50–100 ft. clothesline (cotton or plastic line)**
- **24 roll of heavy-duty trash bags (33–45-gallon sizes)**
 - Remove from packaging.
- **Five N95 particulate respirator dust masks (1–3 mm thickness)**
 - No surgical masks
- **Two pairs kitchen gloves**
 - Durable for multiple uses
 - Remove from packaging.
- **One pair work gloves**
 - Cotton with leather palm or all leather

Assembly Directions

- Place all liquid items on the bottom of the bucket.
- Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items.
- Scouring pads and trash bags can be separated to fit all items in the bucket.
- Clothespins may also be placed in a small re-sealable bag.
- Secure the lid on the filled bucket.

Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be in liquid form. No powders are accepted.
- If items have been omitted, label bucket. Please indicate which items are missing.
- Sponges have been removed from the list of supplies due to the challenge of locating the non-cellulose sponges that prevent mildew. Non-cellulose sponges will be added to each bucket upon arrival at the affiliate warehouse.
- Do not include any personal notes, money, or additional materials in the kits.
- Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols.

Instructions for Packing and Shipping Kits

- Packed buckets cannot exceed 70 pounds.
- Please send a single check to the Sager Brown Depot or the affiliate warehouse that will receive your donation of cleaning kits.
- The check amount should cover the total number of kits times \$3.00 for the cost of sponges and shipping.
- Do not place check inside the box of cleaning kits. Please mail under a separate cover. On the memo line, indicate that the funds are a donation to cover costs associated with relief supply kits.



We are asking for donations of non-perishable food to help fill our pantry, as the need has been great. We are especially requesting canned goods that do not require a can opener, along with items such as macaroni and cheese, tuna, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, and other easy-to-use staples. Please drop off donations in the church office Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Party at the Unicorn Center

Ashley Dulin, Juliette Clark, and Jason Brown recently partied with our friends from the Unicorn Center.

Just this year, Trinity has teamed with Unicorn to provide 3,000 sack lunches to Methodist HealthCare clinic patients, and grow 650 pounds of fresh vegetables in the church garden.

A good time was had by all!



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."

Prayer team meets every Wednesday at 2:15pm via Zoom.

Please call the office (210-684-0261) for Zoom links.

Please join us or send us your prayer request at www.tumcsa.net



FREE FOOD! every 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

AUGUST 15, 2026 – FROM 10 AM–12 NOON

THE ARBUTUS PLACE AT TRINITY'S PARKING LOT FACING NEWCOME STREET

FLEA MARKET/YARD SALE/POP-UP MARKET

- ◆ Bring your tables.
- ◆ The cost is \$15.00 per space.
- ◆ You may bring your canopy and chairs.
- ◆ Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic.
- ◆ Either prepay at the church office (Mon-Thurs) between 11 am and 2 pm or bring in the day of → CASH Only and the exact amount.
- ◆ Great visibility on Wurzbach. Will advertise on social media and the church's electronic marquee.



AUGUST 15, 2026 | 9 am-2 pm | EVERY 3rd SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

Trinity United Methodist Church

6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240. 210-684-0261 church office.

GOOD LOCATION! PROMISE ☺





Trinity United Methodist Church

Rev. Cynthia Engstrom

Lead Pastor in the Cooperative Parish of
Travis Park UMC and Trinity UMC

Sunday Worship
at 10:00 a.m.

In Person —

You may wear your mask as
you feel comfortable.

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m. is also available on
Facebook Live, &
www.tumcsa.net

Prayer Meetings:
- **Wednesdays** via zoom at
2:15 p.m.

Church office phone
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Business office hours:
Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
or **call for an appointment**

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JULY 2026

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY [IN-PERSON]

JULY 5	39
JULY 12	32
JULY 19	50
JULY 26	38

FACEBOOK LIVE — [VIEWS]

JULY 5	86
JULY 12	94
JULY 19	80
JULY 26	88

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

JULY 5	\$7,234
JULY 12	\$4,487
JULY 19	\$1,515
JULY 26	\$2,030

[*Tithes & Offerings report taken
from **ONLY** the Sunday counters;
online and text giving **NOT**
Included].

YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET— \$45

Happy Birthday to:

MARY ELIZABETH FRIZZEL	6-Aug
LAURIE L. BRADTKE	14-Aug
SUSIE YAMOAHA	14-Aug
BERTA SPAULDING	17-Aug
PAT STEPHERSON	23-Aug
ANGELINA KIM	24-Aug
KAY AGUILAR	26-Aug
JUANITA SCOTT	28-Aug
ERICK BENTON	30-Aug

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hit send).



If we have missed your
special day, please notify
Cynthia Galang in the
church office. Thank you!

**May God shower blessings
on you today and forever.**