



# 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."

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**2023 Missions - APRIL**  
4th Sunday "Above and Beyond" Special Offering  
(Please give generously)  
**Children's Shelter**

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"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

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HAPPY  
EASTER

*He is not here*  
**HE IS RISEN**

MATTHEW 28:6



REV. JOHN MEANDE  
Pastor  
pastor1@tumcsa.net

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

New Seekers/Seekers Faith  
Meeting (Sunday School):  
- Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.  
Zoom room  
- Sundays, in-person, Null  
building at 9:15 a.m.

Prayer Meetings:  
- Wednesdays via zoom at  
2:15 p.m.  
- Wednesdays, in-person in  
the parlor at 5:30 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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## MARCH 2023

### ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

#### IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

|          |    |
|----------|----|
| MARCH 5  | 54 |
| MARCH 12 | 36 |
| MARCH 19 | 36 |
| MARCH 26 | 35 |

#### 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.

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| MARCH 5  | 127 |
| MARCH 12 | 87  |
| MARCH 19 | 51  |
| MARCH 26 | 50  |

### TITHES & DONATIONS

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

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| MARCH 5  | \$7,951 |
| MARCH 12 | \$ 848  |
| MARCH 19 | \$ 158  |
| MARCH 26 | \$4,926 |

## Donate to Trinity UMC

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#### Happy Birthday to:

|                    |        |
|--------------------|--------|
| CAROLYN MILLER     | 6-Apr  |
| CURTIS FOSTER      | 8-Apr  |
| ELIZABETH McCOWN   | 12-Apr |
| PASTOR JOHN MEANDE | 13-Apr |
| TAMAR MEANDE       | 13-Apr |
| JULIANA M. RODULFO | 16-Apr |
| DENISE WILSON      | 18-Apr |
| LOUISE LYLE        | 18-Apr |

#### Happy Anniversary to:

BILL & LIZ CAVIN 27-Apr

*Best  
Wishes*

## PASTOR'S REFLECTION FOR MARCH

*Rev. John Meande*  
Pastor



A listening and caring congregation

**J**osh and Amy have been married for 25 years. He was a senior executive in a company and she is a registered nurse at the city's major hospital. They are blessed with four children, two boys and two girls. They are living a pretty good life, most probably in the upper middle class, in a nice house in a calm and good neighborhood and are strongly attached to their local church about ten minutes' drive from their house.

Their conversation with their pastor for the most part is centered on how proud they are of their children. Josh Jr., the most senior is aiming to be a physician and is always on honor roll; Sandy, his immediate follower, is looking at becoming a diplomat and working with the State Department; Perez is thinking of becoming a firefighter; and Becky, who just turn fifteen, feels like she is so attached to children and would like to become a social worker.

Josh just lost his job due to the economic depression caused by the pandemic and has been out of work for almost three years. This has taken a serious toll on the standard of living of his family. He has made a series of attempts in searching for a new job, but the salaries offered are way below what he was making at his previous company. Amy is a little worried and seems to be running out of patience, because she is working long hours and overtime to help the family survive. Josh is aware of Amy's concern and has shared his fears and worries with a few of his friends in his prayer group and Sunday school class.

They took time off for a private date to talk about their family situation and decided to handle these challenges with prayers and meditating on God's word. A few weeks gone by and they were beginning to find some restoration, connection and a renewal of their love. There is now hope that God will make a way where there seem to be challenges. They decide to take a walk to the neighborhood farmers' market to prepare some vegetable for dinner. Approaching the car at the parking lot, Amy realized she forgot to buy some bell peppers. Knowing she is best at making those choices, she handed the bag of vegetables to Josh, who sits on the passenger seat in their car, holding the bag of vegetables on his thigh. Shortly after tears began to roll off his cheeks.

Mike, his prayer partner, passed by and saw Josh with tears; "what's going on brother?" Josh, wiping his eyes, says he is waiting for Amy; she is back in the shop. Mike, knowing what Josh and Amy have been going through for the last three years, shook his head, saying "I am praying for you all" as he made his way into his car and drove off. Mike called Sam saying, "Please pray for Josh, I met him in his car at the parking lot crying and waiting for Amy." Sam called Ryan saying, "Please pray for Josh; I think he and Amy are getting a divorce. Ryan called Phil saying; "O my God, I can't believe Amy just divorced Josh." This news had gone around the city, and the attendance of the church tripled that Sunday to hear the latest on the divorce between Josh and Amy.

None of the friends from the prayer group bothered to ask why Josh was tearing up. Apparently Josh is allergic to onions, and the bag of vegetables Amy gave him had a pack of red Onions; with the bag on his thighs, the flavor from the onion got into his eyes causing him to tear up.

Was this congregation loving and caring?

# The Rain Falls on the Just and the Unjust

**S**unshine also falls on the just and the unjust! One episode of “The Good Doctor” has a short conversation involving Sean, the star of the show, and one who is autistic. Someone says to him, “You’ve had a lot of bad things happen to you.” His reply was, “I’ve had a lot of good things happen to me, too.”

I heard a story many years ago about a woman who got a broken arm when she was about 22. She was telling a small audience of friends about this. She added that 30 years later she fell and broke her hip. She summarized her life story by saying, “Everything happens to me.” Seriously? Two occurrences, 30 years apart, and she felt that everything happened to her?

Do you dwell on only those things that are “bad” in your life and think no one else has had such things happen to them? I promise that we ALL experience “good” things” and “bad” things. Maybe you believe that the “bad” things that have happened to you are worse than any “bad” things that happen to anyone else. Maybe that is God’s point. We are here to endure things and, hopefully, learn from them. Maybe if you had endured someone else’s trial, you wouldn’t have learned from it. I believe God uses what we go through to teach us lessons. (I don’t necessarily believe God causes these things to happen to us but simply uses them).

Notice that I put “good” and “bad” in quotation marks. Shakespeare said, “Nothing is good or bad but thinking makes it so.” In other words, something that you feel is bad may seem good to someone else and vice versa. Rain is good to many of us! A song in The Life of Brian says, “Always look on the bright side of life.” Incidentally, Brian sang this as he was hanging on a cross and knew he was about to die! What could possibly be “good” about this scenario? Duh! He was going to heaven!

I know that many of you have trials and situations in your life that you pray and pray will be eliminated. I know I have! As difficult as this makes my life, I have no other option than to trust that God knows what God is doing and that even “this too shall pass.” Maybe the situation will not end in this life, but I truly believe that it will be eliminated in heaven. Please hold on to this thought when you want to give up. God loves you and wants the best for you. I know God’s idea of “the best” may not be the same as your idea of “the best.” As the song says, “Only Trust Him.”

Remember that you’ve had a lot of good things happen to you, too! Pauley Perrette, who used to play Abby in NCIS, believes that we should thank God for not only the good things that happen in our lives, but for the bad things, too. They all teach lessons and are, therefore, gifts from God. Again, only trust Him.

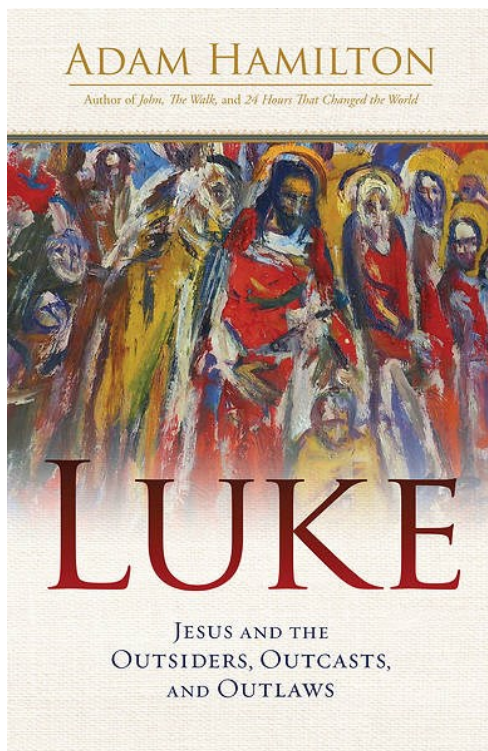
Harriet Phillips  
Lay Leader

### Weekly Recurring Meetings:

- ⇒ Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
- ⇒ In-person pastor-led prayer meeting every Wednesday in the parlor at 5:30pm.
- ⇒ “War Room” book study is right after Sunday’s worship service. All are welcome.
- ⇒ Pastor-led Bible study is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.; please join us via zoom.
- ⇒ New Seekers/Seekers faith meeting meets on Thursdays at 3:00pm via zoom and also in person on Sundays at 9:15am in classroom #3. You are invited to join!
- ⇒ 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 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.



### It's a wrap! Everyone is invited!

It's a wrap! Everyone is invited! Please join the Seekers Sunday School on Easter Sunday (April 9th) in the parlor at 9:15 a.m. We will wrap up our study on the Gospel of Luke.

There will be refreshments as we celebrate our risen Savior and precious gift from Heaven.

PLEASE JOIN US IN TRINITY'S HOLY WEEK  
WORSHIP SERVICES:

10:00 a.m. worship on Palm Sunday (April 2nd).

April 6, 2023, Maundy Thursday service

(Holy Communion service) at 6:30 p.m.

April 7, 2023, Good Friday service at 7:00 p.m.

**EASTER LILIES DEDICATION** - there are envelopes in the narthex for Easter Lily dedication. You may dedicate the love offering in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone, or simply for the church. Donation of \$14.00 per plant will be greatly appreciated.



**DEMONSTRATION – THE PUREST FORM OF TEACHING**

*“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 11:1*

**I**t has been said when it comes to teaching, values are more often caught than taught.

Parents, teachers, coaches, and supervisors who demonstrate how to do something right have a better chance of helping those they lead to get it right themselves. Paul reminds us of this in today's scripture reference.

Jesus was exemplary when it came to leading by example as He poured His life into twelve men for three years. One powerful example comes to mind around the topic of forgiveness. Jesus preached about forgiving others, but it was when He was unjustly dying on the cross and publicly prayed, asking for God's forgiveness, “Father, forgive them. They just don't know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). Now, that was something the disciples could begin to understand.

Earlier in the temple, Jesus had pointed out all the people loudly dropping their tithes and offerings into metal containers, only to praise a poor widow for her sacrificial gift. She gave the most in God's eyes because she gave all that she had. This would make more sense later as Jesus demonstrated His all by giving His life on the cross.

Another time Jesus explained that “He didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners” (Luke 5:32). Like a doctor who needs to help those who are sick, not the healthy. Jesus again lived this out when He chose a crooked tax collector like Matthew to be one of his disciples.

**Over and over, Jesus modeled that demonstration is the purest form of training.**

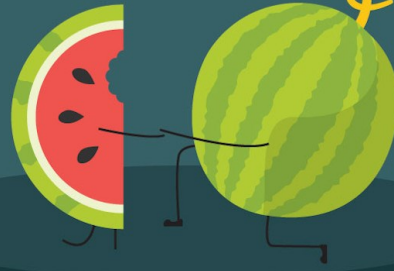
So, leaders, teachers, coaches, and especially those who disciple Christians in how to walk in faith, make sure you are teaching by example – just like Jesus did.

You will be amazed at the results.

*—Written by Bryant Wright*

FARMERS  
MARKET  
is back!

you're one in a MELON



## 2023 MARKET SCHEDULE 9:00AM - 2:00PM

**April 8th (Easter Event)**

**April 22nd**

**May 13th (Mother's Day Event)**

**May 27th (Memorial Weekend Event)**

**June 10th**

**June 24th**

**July 8th**

**July 22nd**

**SUMMER BREAK**

**October 28th (Trunk or Treat Event)**

**November 11th**

**December 12th**

**December 23rd (Holiday Market)**