

The Trinity Times

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

Welcome!



APRIL 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

Join Us

Good Friday Service

April 3, 7 pm



Easter Sunday, April 5

Breakfast 8:30 am

Service 10 am

EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of new life

Lord God,
We bless your holy name for the love
you've shown us
We bless the name of our Lord, Jesus
Christ,
Who was crucified for our sake
Today, as we celebrate his resurrection,
We are more than grateful to know such
love
Thank you for the gift of new life through
his resurrection
Thank you for the privilege to come close
to you through your son
Fill our hearts with joy on this day and all
the days of our lives

Amen

THE GRACEFUL CHAPTER

Good Friday Service: Funeral for Jesus 7 p.m. April 3
(AVAILABLE—Live Stream on Facebook)

You are invited to gather in solemn remembrance this Good Friday as we hold a **Funeral for Jesus**.

We come together to walk the road to the cross... to stand at the foot of Calvary...

to remember the sacrifice that changed the world.

Through scripture, reflection, and silence, we will mourn the suffering and death of Christ, just as those who loved Him did on that first Good Friday. The sanctuary will be dimmed, the tone reverent, and hearts prepared to reflect on the depth of His love.

Come experience:

- A Tenebrae-style atmosphere
- Remembrances from those who witnessed the cross
- A symbolic closing of the tomb
- Time for quiet prayer and reflection

Join us as we pause between the sorrow of the cross and the hope of the resurrection.

“Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering...”

— Isaiah 53:4

All are welcome. Come and remember.

Easter Sunday Celebration— April 5, 2026

Join us as we celebrate the joy of the resurrection!

Easter Sunday Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.

Come enjoy food, fellowship, and time together as we begin this special morning.

Resurrection Sunday

Communion Service - 10:00 a.m.

Celebrate the risen Christ through worship, scripture, and Holy Communion.

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

WHAT'S HAPPENING!!



On Sunday, March 22, the leadership teams from Trinity UMC and Travis Park UMC met and spent some time getting to know each other and sharing ideas for how the two congregations may be able to work together in the future supporting the missional work of both churches.



Celebrating the 102nd birthday of Wardine Wilcox! This wonderful woman joins us in church each Sunday and is a blessing to us all! Happy Birthday- and here's to year 103!!

- March 22, 2026

Sanctuary Shades Project

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported our recent repair needs. Your giving spirit continues to bless our Trinity family, and we are deeply grateful for all who have contributed or are prayerfully considering a gift.

As we prepare for the summer heat, we plan to install new blinds in the sanctuary to help keep the space cooler and reduce strain on our A/C system. Sunburst has provided the lowest estimate at \$3,530.00 for Solar Roller Shades.

We are still about \$2,000 short of our goal. If you feel led to support this project, please write "Shades" in the memo line of your check; or go to www.tumcsa.net, click on 'DONATE' then select "Building Repairs" and note "Shades."

Thank you for your continued generosity and support. Your kindness makes a meaningful difference.



Trinity United Methodist Church

CHURCH UP-DATE MARCH 29, 2026



1 - A2Z Day Care:

They have had some unexpected delays due to changes in funding from the city and state. However, they are working to be open by the start of the school year. Up-dates to the kitchen and bathrooms should be happening in the next month or two.

2 - Up-Date from meeting on Feb. 1, 2026:

- Tyler and Julie are working on improving communication with Sunday morning announcement slides and adding them to Facebook, Instagram, the church newsletter and email when possible.
- Jason, Stacie and Connie are working on adding new music to worship. We appreciate the addition of the choir and the new songs.
- Don Ketchum and Susie are working on the project of advertising spaces for rental. Don is the lead contact for this. The gym, parlor and sanctuary will be advertised as well as classrooms and spaces that can be leased as office or small group meeting spaces.
- David Dye offered to work on coordinating ushers and safety crew for the church. If you are interested in helping in this area, please sign up to do so.

For all of these areas, we need people offering to help. Please contact the person designated as the lead for each project. Julie Vincent - 210-215-9232, Stacie Brown - 210-502-9141, Don Ketchum - 210-827-2527, David Dye - 210-274-7720

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3 - Proposed Partnership with Travis Park UMC:

At our Feb. 1 meeting, we had some representatives from the Conference office here with us. From that meeting, the idea was developed to possibly partner with Travis Park UMC, and we began to explore this idea. A small meeting was held with representatives from both churches to discuss what this partnership might look like on Feb. 9th. On Feb. 17th, the Trinity church Board met to discuss moving forward with this partnership, and approved the idea. Another meeting was held with Board members from both churches on Feb. 23, and the Travis Park crew took a tour of our campus. After this, Travis Park presented this partnership idea to their Board on Feb. 26th. Last Sunday, March 22, we hosted about 12 members of the Travis Park Leadership Board for lunch and a time of discussion.

The partnership with Travis Park UMC and Trinity UMC is being considered as an opportunity to strengthen both churches and their mission/outreach opportunities. We are both urban churches that have possibilities for mission to diverse areas. Our focus will be families and others living and working in the Medical Center. Travis Park focuses on outreach to the homeless and the marginalized communities in the downtown area. The ideas we are exploring include shared leadership and coordinated ministry while maintaining each church's identity and governance. This is not a merger. Both churches will remain independent congregations, but will support each other.

4 - Lilly Grant opportunity:

Rev. Bob Clark shared with both Trinity UMC and Travis Park UMC the opportunity to apply for a grant from the Lilly pharmaceutical company. The Lilly Endowment has an Exploring Christian Practices Initiative which aims to help individuals from a wide variety of backgrounds explore and engage in Christian practices with the goal of addressing their spiritual interests and questions, find and build community with others, and nourish their religious lives. The Endowment plans to give out 60 grants of 2.5 million dollars each for a period of up to 5 years.

We have submitted a letter of intent as a team between Trinity UMC, Travis Park UMC, the Central District of the Rio Texas Conference, and the Wesley Foundation. The proposed project will serve individuals both within and beyond our existing congregations, including a diverse downtown region, the South Texas Medical Center area, students, healthcare workers, and those connected to mission aligned service centers.

Now that the letter of intent has been submitted, the real work of designing the proposal begins. Susie Yamoah, Tony Aguilar, Angelina Kim and myself are part of the team working on this grant opportunity. If you are interested, please let me know.

5 - Appointment of pastor:

This is the time of year when the Rio Texas Conference begins exploring the assignment of pastors for the next year - the assignment begins in early July of each year. A little while back, TUMC Board made the decision that we could only afford a part-time pastor. Although this got off to a rocky start, we were blessed that David Cervantez agreed in October to fill this position for Trinity. We have a few options on the table right now. Some of these options include partnering with Travis Park in a few different scenarios. Thankfully, TPUMC has quite a few pastors assigned to their church. We are currently looking at their pastors as support in addition to a part-time pastor assigned to our church. For example, we could have a pastor that leads worship, yet the pastor or pastors from Travis Park would tend to the administrative responsibilities around the church, as well as the congregational support such as visitation etc. As the leader of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, I am working with the District Superintendent to ensure a positive assignment for Trinity. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Bad News, GOOD NEWS

Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader

Our Seekers class once read a wonderful book called "The Case for Easter." If you get the chance to read it, please do! It cost each of us only \$.99! It is worth many times that amount. This little book was written by someone who began as an atheist but became a professing Christian after much study and interviewing. He had to admit that there was no other explanation for our Christian beliefs than what we do believe. Those things MUST have happened!

My husband Tom has mostly quit listening to the news on TV because it is so packed with murders, robberies, assaults, and poor driving resulting in accidents. I can't blame him. I do continue to listen, not because I want to hear awful stories like that, but because I just want to be informed of what is going on. The hardest part is those stories that are the result of willful acts. Sometimes traffic accidents just happen. Sometimes even those are willful acts. Certainly people can be killed by accident, but too many are willful acts. Robberies and assaults are willful acts. I have to ask myself, "What's wrong with people?" I have concluded that insecurity and jealousy are the root causes. We kill, steal, assault, or abuse because we are afraid that someone else has something we want, because someone else is living what we perceive as a better life than we are, or because someone else has in any way threatened us.

As I have stated before, the opposite of love is not hate, but fear! We fear that we will miss getting something, that we will lose something, or that we will be hurt. We fear that someone else will get the job we want and, of course, deserve. We fear that someone will get that last spot in a traffic line before the light changes to red, so we rush to overtake that other car or not left it in, because, after all, being 2 minutes later to our destination will make or break our getting what we want out of that trip! My sixth-grade teacher once told our class that "all accidents are avoidable." In most cases, I believe her. If only we had left earlier, we would not have been in such a hurry and would be on time. If only we had taken the car in when we knew it needed some repair, it wouldn't have broken down. If only we had seen our doctor on a regular basis, we would have been healed from that disease. I know there are illnesses that our current medicine cannot detect soon enough, but I did say, "in most cases." If only we had studied more, we would have passed that test or even received an A!

Granted, many things are not in our control. However, I do believe they are in God's control. What we may perceive as an accident or as really bad luck may very well be exactly God's plan.

I have to constantly remind myself that THIS IS NOT HEAVEN! We are here to experience and to learn. Also, I believe that our lives here, even if we get 100 years per life, are only a "blip on the radar" compared to our time in heaven. I DO wish it didn't seem so very long while we are going through hardships! There is an old Star Trek episode in which there are beings who vibrate at such a high rate that the crew of the Enterprise cannot even detect that they are right there in the same room. I believe that this is a good comparison between our lives on earth and our lives in heaven. (Many of those shows seemed to reflect religious, political, and legal and scientific issues in our actual lives).

I have noticed that in the Bible it repeatedly says, "and it came to pass...." I am relieved to notice that it never says, "and it came to stay." We will get through these trials! It is up to us to decide whether to work within the system or to fight it all the way. It is up to us to decide whether we help others get through their lives more easily or whether we abuse, threaten, belittle, assault, steal, or even kill because we are afraid we will lose something... or someone!

In "The Case for Easter" the author writes about when his wife was seriously ill, and there was no reasonable hope that she would survive her illness. After she passed, many of the author's students called or came by to comfort him. The one theme of all their comments was, "Aren't you glad that Jesus was resurrected?" He said it took a while, but he finally was able to let that knowledge soak in and to let it really comfort him. He knows that if Jesus Christ was resurrected, his wife will be resurrected, and he will see her again! When we face Jesus and God, will we be proud of how we behaved here, or will we bow our heads hoping They don't know how we judged or treated others?

So, we can listen to the bad news and let it consume our daily lives. We can even participate in causing some of the bad news, if we let our fears and insecurities control us; OR we can remember that this life is only temporary and a time to learn, and that the GOOD NEWS is that Jesus was resurrected, and we will also be resurrected!



NEWS FROM THE GARDEN

A team from the Unicorn Center will be growing vegetables in the Trinity garden this spring.

A portion of the proceeds from last year's pumpkin patch will be funding the effort.

The produce will be donated to families at the Magdalena House, which is transitional housing for mothers and their children fleeing domestic abuse.

As the Unicorn team will visit just once a week, we will need volunteers to help with the watering at other times.

If you are interested, please contact Cynthia at the church office.



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

APRIL 18, 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.

**FLEA
MARKET**

APRIL 18, 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 ☺

**COMMUNITY
YARD SALE**



Trinity United Methodist Church

Rev. David Cervantez
Pastor

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.

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210-684-0261
Business office hours:
Mondays—Thursdays
11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
or **call for an appointment**

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MARCH 2026

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY [IN-PERSON]

MARCH 1	31
MARCH 8	25
MARCH 15	41
MARCH 22	40
MARCH 29	39

FACEBOOK LIVE – [VIEWS]

MARCH 1	70
MARCH 8	85
MARCH 15	107
MARCH 22	81
MARCH 29	74

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

MARCH 1	\$14,360
MARCH 8	\$ 1,121
MARCH 15	\$ 2,417
MARCH 22	\$ 957
MARCH 29	\$ 956

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

YARD SALE/FLEA MARKET—\$41.00

Happy Birthday to:

CAROLYN MILLER 6-Apr

CURTIS FOSTER 8-Apr

DENISE WILSON 18-Apr

LOUISE LYLE 18-Apr

Happy Anniversary to:

BILL & LIZ CAVIN 27-Apr

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(Type in the
amount you wish
to donate, then
hit send).



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

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