



Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church

“The mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to make disciples of **Jesus Christ** for the transformation of the world.”

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SUNDAY

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY

School for all ages

11:15 a.m.

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HOURS:

Monday through

Thursday

9:00 am- 4:00 pm

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PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart



Dear Friends,

Where there is no vision, the people perish. (Proverbs 29:18 AEV)
The mission of Trinity UMC, which it shares with all United Methodist churches, is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. What does making world-transforming disciples look like at this time in this place? Through prayer and guided conversations, we will seek God's vision for the future of Trinity UMC. We will be asking what role Trinity is to play in building the kingdom of God through the making of disciples.

The importance of a vision to the future of Trinity UMC cannot be overstated. In the Authorized English Version, Proverbs 29:18 says "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The accuracy of this translation is questionable, but the truth it conveys is not. *God has given Trinity a mission, and God will give Trinity a vision for the fulfillment of that mission. Trinity can and will make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.* Doing so will require your participation.

The question I invite each of us to consider is: What role am I to play in fulfilling Trinity's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? If we are to fulfill our mission and transform the world, every member of the Trinity community must be actively involved in the disciple-making process. We must all become disciples who make disciples. Please begin praying for a vision now.

Thank you in advance for your generous response to all that God has done and will do in your life and through this church. I pray that 2020 will be filled with blessings for you and yours.

As always, I give thanks to God for each of you.

Blessings
Pastor Bob



2020 Missions - JANUARY

4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)

**** HUMAN RELATIONS DAY ****

HAPPY
NEW
YOU

It has come to my attention that the best way to have a happy new year is to be a happy new you! Just last Sunday our Sunday-school lesson showed an actor portraying Ebenezer Scrooge. He said that one of the ways he portrays Scrooge is to leave his house in the morning and go out into the streets in character. He behaves as Scrooge for the entire day while he is out and about. He said that by the time he gets back home he actually feels like Scrooge! He is in a foul mood, he feels crabby, and he has a dismal outlook on the rest of the world! I have often heard

that if we will spend the day smiling, we will start to feel happier without any change in our circumstances. I do believe that! When we smile, we subconsciously tell ourselves that we are happy, and we really do start to feel better! Besides that we convey to others that we are happy, and they smile back - which automatically makes us feel better, too! Don't get me wrong! I also believe that if we eat healthier foods, get regular exercise, and don't do dangerous things, we will also feel better. For many of us, these things are more difficult to do than just "putting on a happy face." I really do believe that there are some of us who find it really difficult to look happy when we don't initially feel happy. Still, I believe that if we will give it a concerted effort for just a week of two, it will become a habit; and we will not only convey happiness to others, but we will also convince ourselves that we are happy! What have you got to lose? Those two weeks will pass anyway, so we might as well make the effort and see what happens. If I smile at you, please smile back. If you catch me not smiling, please smile at me; I'll do my best to smile back!

Happy New You!
Harriet Phillips, Lay Leader



We are asking for new or if used clean and presentable blankets. You can make them yourself or purchase them. Baby blankets, twin and full/queen sizes are suggested.

Bring them to the sanctuary each Sunday and place there to be prayed over before they are distributed.

This is a time for each us to look on what God has provided for us and extend to those in need.

Contact Donna Clark
(210) 837-0927 or the church office (210) 684-0261 if you have any questions.

Blessing Today and Always!
Donna Clark

NEWS FLASH— TRINITY UMC IS LOOKING TO HIRE A NURSERY WORKER. IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW MAY BE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 210-684-0261 AND ASK FOR CYNTHIA.

**We will need help in taking the Christmas decorations down.
Please contact Mary Shoemaker for more information.**



May we who are well and good, in our best, reach these who are suffering and aid them with care and support. May our hearts extend with love, and our hands extend in sharing our blessings and providence, always for the glory of God, in Your blessed name Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

- Geevetha Mary Samuel / Christians TT

Happy 2020 from the Trinity UMC prayer team!

I hope you have grown in your faith and your relationship with our Creator, Lord, and Friend in 2019. If you're like me, I'm not satisfied. The more I know God, the more I want to know Him. In that spirit I want to share a well-loved prayer with you. It's called "Take a moment for God." Someone shared it with me via e-mail many years ago and I've been praying it ever since. It is in the public domain, so feel free to share it with others.

Dear Lord, I thank you for this day.

I thank You for my being able to wake 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 now for 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. (Our sainted sister Jean Bell's favorite phrase).

Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You.

Please broaden 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 God's (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 Jesus' example - to slip away and find a quiet place to pray.

It's 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 that are lost and cannot find their way.

I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood.

I pray for those who don't know You intimately.

I pray for those who don't believe.

And I'm grateful that You are in my heart.

In Jesus name. Amen.

I hope this prayer can give your conversations with God a boost. He loves to hear from us. We might be getting ready for our day, driving, making food, running errands, at home, work, play or school. I like to have a running conversation with our Creator. It can be giving thanks, asking for forgiveness, praying for those in trouble, asking for guidance and discernment. I'm going to spend 2020 reaching out to Him. He's always there for us.

Have a blessed New Year!

Sandy Keyser

... Love from Don Ketchum

Here's how many care packages we sent out during the past 4 weeks—(November 18 -December 16).

- 960 Sack lunches
- 192 Christmas gifts to Unicorn clients
- 144 Christmas Pet Jars to M.O.W. Seniors
- 20 Cards and Gifts to Trinity UMC home bound members
- 17 Stockings for Angel Tree children
- 16 Gifts to Angel Tree children
- 8 Food Boxes to Angel Tree Families
- 20 Cards and/or gifts to people helping with Care Packages Programs

A total of 1,357—We've been BUSY!!!!

*** We teamed with: Mission Road Development Center, The Unicorn Center, The ARC of San Antonio, Helping Hands—University UMC of San Antonio, Helping Hands—1st UMC of Boerne, Wesley Health & Wellness Center, Dixon Health & Wellness Center, Meals on Wheels, Angel Tree, Trinity Pre-School, Pack 20 Cub Scout. Funding Partners: Northside Lions Club, Gordon Hartman Family Foundation, Methodist Healthcare Ministries.

Dr. King quotes

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'"

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

"I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear."

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

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TEXT IN CHURCH

IS A COMMUNICATION PLATFORM WE USE HERE IN TRINITY VIA PHONE TEXT AND EMAIL.

WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

**Text the word "loop" to
(210) 405-9287**

