



# 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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Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary (please wear  
your mask), FB live,  
YouTube

Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.  
Parlor

Evening Prayers  
Mondays-Fridays

5:00 p.m.  
Zoom and FB live

Video reflection/  
meditation  
Saturdays via FB, email  
YouTube

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210-684-0261  
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210-684-5214

## Trinity UMC in the digital age...

The COVID-19 virus has certainly changed things! One of the things that has changed is the way we meet together. Many of you have had ZOOM meetings with friends, family and co-workers. I hope you are aware that we have been broadcasting our worship services on-line each week. I want to explain some other digital components of our communication.

**Text-in-Church:** This program allows us to send out either text or email messages to individuals, groups, or even the entire congregation. Hopefully, you have received these messages. Please be sure we have your email and cell phone number.

**Evening Vespers:** At 5:00pm each afternoon, you are invited to join an on-line vesper service. A ZOOM meeting link is emailed and posted on the church Facebook page each Monday, and that same link is valid for Monday – Friday. For Saturday, there is a prerecorded service and a Youtube link is posted on Facebook and Youtube.

**On-line Sunday Worship:** You can access the service by going to our church website – [tumcsa.net](http://tumcsa.net). We are broadcasting our worship service through two formats – Youtube and Facebook. You can also go to our Facebook page – Trinity United Methodist Church San Antonio. You do not have to have a Facebook account to do this. The service will not be there prior to worship, as it is recorded live. However, it is available anytime after 10:00am on Sunday. It is archived and can be viewed after worship is concluded also.

Please be sure we have your correct contact information. You may call the church office at 210-684-0261 or email ([ofcadmin@tumcsa.net](mailto:ofcadmin@tumcsa.net)). In addition to the correct address, we request you give your email address and cell phone number.

Our new Electronic Communication Specialist and Social Media Manager is Ashley Dulin. You may email her at [ashleydulin@tumcsa.net](mailto:ashleydulin@tumcsa.net) Ashley has jumped in and worked to record our worship services, get our messages on-line, and help Trinity UMC adapt to the new ways of communicating.

Thank you for adapting and adjusting to these new ways.

*Julie Vincent*

Church Board Chairman



**D**ear Friends,



Felicite and I met in the spring of 2002. A charming young lady, a daughter so fair blight and debonair, a paragon of virtue, displaying an air of confidence, intelligence, passionate about God and manifesting deep spirituality. This was the façade we shared, but it will take us commitments, efforts, devotion and spending time together for years before we could actually know and understand who we are, the virtues and strength we both bring to the table and the abilities to accept our weaknesses and process them graciously together. This is how we grew in relationship and in understanding and accepting God's gift to us. I know we all have some commonalities in building relationships and growing and learning about others as we live together. It is in this same light that we grow in the love and knowledge of God. John, in the gospel, described himself as the one whom Jesus loves. He gave us an in-depth exegesis on what it means to grow in grace and in the knowledge of God. The Apostle writes in 1st John 1:1-4 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our[a] joy may be complete".

John is assuring us that his experience with Jesus is based on reality, what he saw, heard with his own ears, and even touched. He gives two reasons why he is passing on this good news. He says that it is "so that you may have fellowship with us; and our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ." So John is calling us to be relational. The sharing of this truth brings about fellowship, participation with one another and with the triune God Himself. This truth leads to a change in our relationships as we begin to live and grow together, it leads to new fellowship in Christ and nurtures us to a joy that is complete - having others joining us in enjoying the pie.

John says "This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him is no darkness at all." This is the best news John has for us. This is the first thing we have to tell our friends and love ones. Do you know someone in whom there is no darkness? I don't. But what I know is that we are all looking to know and have someone we can totally and completely trust.

We long to find that someone who we can be vulnerable with and trust that they will know how to handle our vulnerability. When I met my wife, I quickly realized that the darkness that kept me from being completely vulnerable to her was my own very sinful condition. This means I was still somewhat in darkness. As humans, we don't fully know the truth about ourselves and others. Darkness comes partly from the ignorance that comes with our brokenness. We cannot totally reveal ourselves because we don't fully know ourselves and because some of what we are is still not only toxic, but septic to others and to ourselves.

The Apostle wants us to know that we can completely count on God. There is no lying in God, no "dark side and no brokenness." God is all one thing, "light". I need not be afraid to put my trust in God. I need not be afraid to reveal myself to God because God knows me better

than I know myself, and God will not betray my confidence. If the circumstances in my life look dark at times, I am reminded that I need not be afraid because God remains the same, all that God is, is light and life giving.

As we begin our faith journey with our brothers and sisters here at Trinity, God is calling us to grow in grace and in Knowledge by communing (koinonia) with one another in the Holy Communion when God makes the elements be for us the body and the blood of Christ, so we become one with each other, one with God and one in ministry and missions to the world. This oneness with God is what unites us in our brokenness and weaknesses. It is the core of our ontology and the essence of our DNA. It is He who was made flesh and dwell among us, it is the content of His teachings, His atoning work at the cross, and the Victorious power of His resurrection.

As we grow in knowing our selves, lets come as we are, accept one another for who God created us to be, and look up to Jesus so His light can light up the darkness in our hearts. When this happens, we will learn new ways of being that will increase that Divine energy in us, manifested as truth in our doctrine, in virtues, in holiness and in our spirituality. Together we shall unleash the strongest weapons against darkness which is our love for God, for one another, and for our community.

Thank you all.

Together for Christ

*Rev. John Meande*

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## **Church Office Hours**

**The church office will be open with shortened hours (11:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays) and discouraging walk-ins and congregating. Please wear a mask when in the office area with others. For the safety of everyone, we will only have the pastor, staff and the volunteers working that particular day. Hopefully, we will be able to mainstream the business and get things taken care of, but not take un-needed risks. The church office also takes appointments for business matters, dropping off donations, visit with the pastor, and the likes.**

**Please call the church office before you drive that way (210-684-0261).**

**Thank you for your cooperation in Trinity's safety measures.**

2020 Missions - JULY  
**4TH SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING** (PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY)  
\*\*\* Christian Assistance Ministry \*\*\*

# “Like it or not, we have to do this together.”

For two months I have been trying to come up with an appropriate topic for an article. Last night my husband and I were watching Jumanji. Dwayne Johnson’s character has a couple of lines that suddenly “hit home” for me. He said, “We need each other. Like it or not, we have to do this together.” I truly believe this is the bottom line in our lives. God put us here to live together, work together, and love together.

God instructed us to take care of each other. We are to tend to our neighbors; we are to feed the hungry, house the homeless, visit the prisoner, and, as far as we are able, heal the sick. I don’t believe I need to tell you who your neighbor is anymore. You know that a neighbor can be next door, next pew, or on the other side of the world.

Even in the age of COVID-19, when there is a lot we can’t do because of social distancing or because many places are closed, we can ALL pray for each other. Most of the lines of communication are still open, i.e. phones, mail service, emails, texting, etc.

All of you have talents. (Yes, you do)! I believe God gave you these talents to use for others. What good is it to be a great orator if there is no one to hear you? When an author writes a great book, it is for others to read. Yes, I can enjoy singing even when there is no one around to hear it, but I believe music is to be shared. I also believe that if singing is not my talent, I should probably sing only to myself. After all, we are told to make a JOYFUL noise to the Lord!

Is one of your talents cooking? Is one of your talents constructing buildings, clothes, musical instruments, fine china, or furniture? All these talents should be shared. Yes, they can be used only for yourself; but if you can share a talent with someone else who has a different talent, the exchange benefits both of you. We really are all in this together! Otherwise, God would have given all of us the same talents.

Just recently I heard Matthew McConaughey tell a graduating class to “act today in ways that you will respect tomorrow.” Therefore, be mindful of how you treat others. Not only do YOU need to be able to respect yourself, but also you will need to answer to God about how you treated others. The point of confession is not to get the priest’s forgiveness, but to get God’s forgiveness!

When you come to church, you come to fellowship with others. Even when you join our services on Zoom or Facebook, you still meet with others. Clearly, you feel a need to worship together. Remember that they feel a need to worship with others, too. Please make them feel welcome.

Temporarily you might have to simply ENDURE going through life with certain others. However, I hope we can all get to a point where we will like doing this life together. If we can’t get along here, I don’t know how we should expect to get along in heaven! Gee, what if this is a prerequisite to getting into heaven? Hmmm.

*Harriet Phillips*

Lay Leader

**O LORD God Almighty,**  
*Father of angels and men, We praise and bless your holy name for all your goodness and loving kindness to humanity. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and for your unceasing generosity to us throughout our lives; But above all, we bless you for your great love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ. We bless you for bringing us safe to the beginning of a new day. Grant that this day we fall into no sin, Neither run into any kind of danger. Keep us, we pray, from all things hurtful to body or soul, and grant us your pardon and peace, So that, being cleansed from all our sins, We might serve you with quiet hearts and minds, and continue in the same until our life's end, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. Amen.*

*(adapted from the original by John Wesley)*

Happy Birthday to:

PATRICK ORMOND	2-Jul
JEREMY CADE	3-Jul
JAMES RYAN LANDERS	3-Jul
CLIFF KOCHHEISER	8-Jul
GENE SPRAGUE	13-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
EUGENE & TINA AZBILL	6-Jul
ROY & PAT PUTZ	12-Jul
ANDREW AND CRYSTAL KHAN	21-Jul
DAVID & TARA DYE	24-Jul



## **NEWS FLASH!**

**JULY 14, 2020**

**BOARD MEETING—TUESDAY AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY  
 PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**