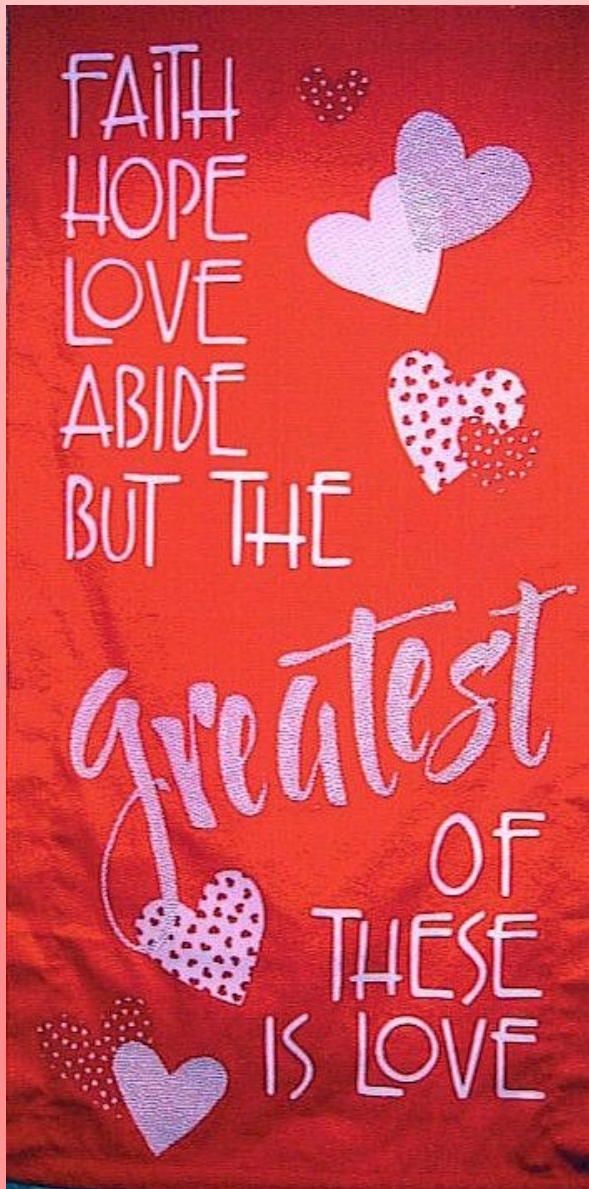


Welcome!

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.”



For the Lord God is
a sun and shield; the
Lord bestows favor and
honor. No good thing does
he withhold from those
who walk uprightly.

Psalm 84:11

February 2025

"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

THIS & THAT ETC.

⇒ We need to schedule a workday! If you feel called to lead this project, please call the church office or inform Pastor Fred. Your help and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

⇒ Kay Aguilar is collecting children's coats in sizes 6 to 10 for Glen Oaks Elementary School. There is a drop box in the narthex. Thank you for your usual generosity.

⇒ Workshop Part 2, led by Rev. Bob Clark, will be held on February 1, 2025, from 12 PM to 4 PM.

Don't miss out !

**Calling all cooks to our annual
"Souper" Bowl Chili cook-off!**

**Sunday—February 9, 2025, at noon
(in the gym).**

Please contact Julie Vincent at
210-215-9232 if you are willing and able to
make a pot of chili for the cook-off.

or, sign up is in the narthex 😊

This competition awards prizes for the best chili dish and for the theme and decorations of your booth.

Bring your friends and family to enjoy this fun event!



Weekly Recurring Meetings where everyone is invited:

- Sack lunch ministry each Sunday at 9:15am. Everyone is welcome to help.
For more information, please contact Don Ketchum.
- Pastor-led Bible study every Sunday via zoom at 7:00pm.
- Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.
Please call Cynthia for zoom links.

Trinity is asking for volunteers to...

..... lead Sunday school meetings at 9:00 am in the Null building or the Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 3:00 pm. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

..... broadcast our worship service live on Facebook (on rotation).

..... help with the Family Life Committee alongside Alisa Roberts, Susie Yamoah, Carol Lewis, & Sandra Dance. 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, "Fat Sunday instead" (Sunday before Ash Wednesday), and other event celebrations.

..... 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 Mondays, 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.

If you are led to serve in these areas, or any other ministries not mentioned, please contact Cynthia in the church office or Harriet Phillips.



REV. FEDERICO PEREZ, JR.
Pastor
fperez@riotx.org

Sunday Worship
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

Pastor-led Bible Study
7:00 p.m. on Sundays
Zoom room

Prayer Meetings:
- **Wednesdays** via zoom
at 2:15 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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JANUARY 2025

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

January 5	38
January 12	30
January 19	24
January 26	34

FACEBOOK LIVE – (PEOPLE REACHED)

January 5	84
January 12	90
January 19	65
January 26	87

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

January 5	\$22,329
January 12	\$ 3,178
January 19	\$ 2,490
January 26	\$ 1,359

(*Tithes & Offerings report taken from
ONLY the Sunday counters;
online and text giving **NOT** included).

Happy Birthday to:

HENRIETTA CERVANTEZ	1-Feb
MITZI KELLY	9-Feb
DOYLE STAMPS	11-Feb
TYLER BROWN	18-Feb
NORMA KETCHUM	21-Feb

Happy Anniversary

FOHN & JOHNETTA GOANEH	2-Feb
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DANIEL & BERTA SPAULDING	16-Feb
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*If we have missed your
special day, please notify
Cynthia in the church office.
Thank you!*

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



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.”

**Come
Let Us
Pray**



*Prayer team meets every Wednesday at 2:15pm via Zoom.
Please join us or send us your prayer request at www.tumcsa.net*

YOU ARE WELCOME

During Lent Christians remember the events that lead up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of our Lenten journey, leading to Holy Week and culminating on Easter Sunday, which celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

We invite you to join us for Lenten services at our church to experience the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus through song, prayer, and reflection.

Ash Wednesday - March 5 4:30-5:30 pm Drive by Ashes 6:30pm Worship Service

Sunday Worship - March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 10:00 am

Holy Week Services - Palm Sunday, April 13 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday Communion Service - April 17 6:30 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - April 18 7:00 pm

Easter Celebrations - April 20 Sunrise Service 6:30 am Easter Worship 10:00 am



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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.*



FEBRUARY 8, 2025 | 9 AM-2 PM | SATURDAY

Trinity United Methodist Church

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GOOD LOCATION! PROMISE 😊

“A Valentine to God”



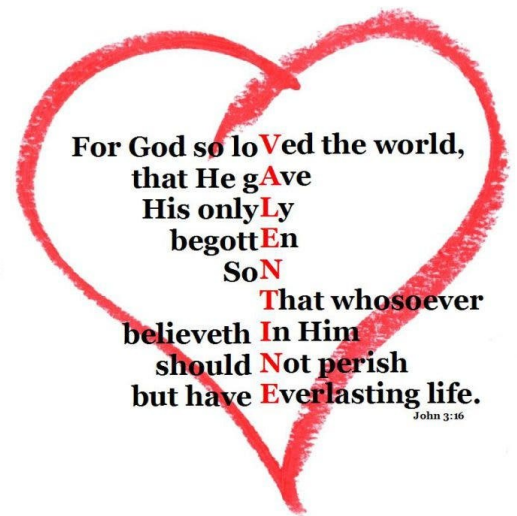
1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV) and now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Valentine's Day is February 14th as always, this year February 14th, 2025 is on a Friday!

Jesus says in Matthew 22:39, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” But we know that it's preceded by another and greater commandment. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

While we realize Valentine's Day's primary purpose is the expression of love between each other, the foundation for the kind of love God wants us to have is in the Word of God!

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show others our love. We give candy, flowers, and gifts to friends and loved ones. It's literally a sweet day, with sentiment and real sweets. It's good to show love to those we love and to love our enemies as well. Jesus says in Matthew 22:39, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” But we know that it's preceded by another and greater commandment. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself.”



So, we are commanded to love our neighbor, and ourselves, but the greatest commandment is to love God. On this day of love we might ask ourselves, “Do we want to give a token of our love to God? And if so, what would we give Him?”

Throughout the Old Testament, God asks His people to give Him their hearts. He likens Himself to a lover who has been rejected when the people forget Him and His commandments. God is our lover? The Word of God says, “We love because He first loved us.” There are many messages of love, many valentines, which we might have missed in God's letter to us. It says, He loves His people with a “steadfast love”, He loves us “freely”, “He exults over us with singing”, and “You are precious in My sight and honored and I love you.”

Take time today and always to give Almighty God, your Heavenly Father, a precious Valentine of Love, your Heart and your Devotion.

May you and yours have a Wonderful and Loving Valentine's Day.

Rev. David and Henrietta Cervantez



This is the first line of one of our hymns in The Faith We Sing. Can we really giving thanks with an UNgrateful heart? Yes, we are taught at a very early age to say “thank you,” but as a child we might not really mean it. We’re just doing what our parents told us to do. Hopefully, as we grow up, this becomes a habit, but also, it becomes a real feeling. Do you say “thank you” because it is expected, or because you really mean it?

When it comes to thanking God and Jesus, we definitely need to say “thank you” for so many things, but we especially need to thank them for the gift of Jesus’ sacrifice for all of us! God sent his son, and his son submitted to God’s request to give His life for us. Yes, we know Jesus did pray, “If it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not My will but thine be done.”

When we started our campaign to raise enough money to pay off a debt of \$45,000 by December 31, 2024, I honestly had very little confidence that this congregation would “come through.” I knew that Stacie Brown spoke correctly in saying that we have enough money, but that it was still in our pockets. So, I am VERY THANKFUL to all of you who gave that we’re almost there! I am thankful that you love this church enough to give above your usual offerings. I now have confidence that Trinity U.M.C. will survive! I am so grateful!!

Yes, we still need pledges for \$200,000 for 2025, but it’s obvious to me that we can do it and that we will do it!! Thank you ALL so very much! Trinity has been a church since 1879, and I have been a member since 1978; so I would be sooo sad to see it close.

I am also thankful to all of you who have volunteered to do jobs around our church when you see a need, knowing that you wouldn’t be paid financially but would be paid in the knowledge that YOU helped get things done, save our church some money, and have given us all hope for the future of Trinity!

At this Thanksgiving, let’s pay attention to needs in our community, our country, and in countries around the world. So many have so much less than we do. If you have a place to call “home,” you have much more than so many. If you can fill your fridge every week, you are doing better than many. If your home has A/C and heat, you are doing better than many. Let’s be sure to thank God and anyone who pays bills for all this. If you are the one paying the bills, be thankful that you are able to work (or were before retirement).

Even more important than these things are people. If you have a loving spouse, if you were blessed with a child or children, be sure to be thankful. If you have good friends, please be thankful. Hardly anyone likes being alone, so be thankful for people around you whom you love and who love you.

We should also be thankful for our servicemen and women. They offer their lives for our (and other countries’) freedom every day. I’m sure they hope not to have to make that sacrifice, but they join knowing that it is a real possibility.

Please remember to be grateful for all you have. So many do not have all (or any) of this! “Give thanks with a grateful heart!”

Harriet Phillips
Lay Leader

THANK YOU VERY MUCH



GIVE thanks
WITH A ♥♥♥♥♥
GRATEFUL HEART

Carrots, Eggs, and Coffee

Inspirational Story on our response to difficulties

A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.

Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft and mushy. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardened egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee.

The daughter smiled as she tasted its deep flavor and inhaled its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What's the point, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to boiling water, it became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin, outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.

The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong? But with pain and adversity, do I wilt and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit but, after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship, or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water - the very circumstance that brings the adversity, the pain, the hardship - into something quite wonderful. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you for the better.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?

ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?

(Somehow, wake up and smell the coffee takes on a whole new meaning)



-Author Unknown