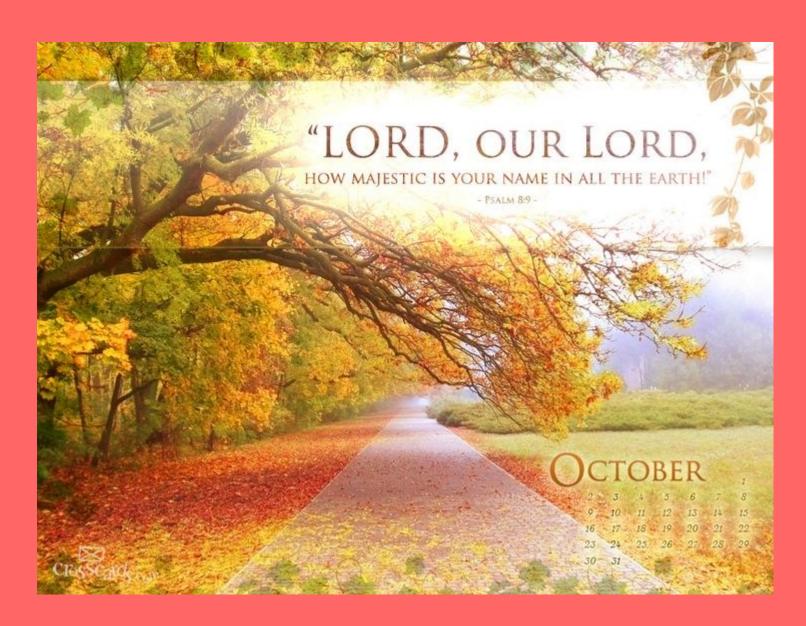


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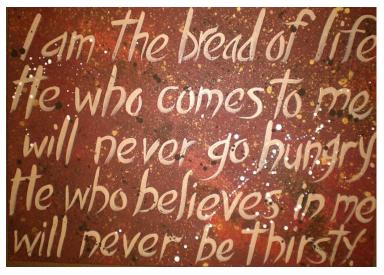


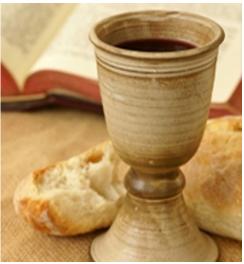
"Together we LIVE to see our lives, our community, and our world transformed by the power of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST."



OCTOBER 2024

"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





World Communion Sunday, held annually on the first Sunday of

October, is a celebration of the unity of the worldwide church through Christ. Christians in congregations around the world participate in the Lord's Supper. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve – a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

-National Council of Churches





Thank you to everyone who donated supplies, money and time to make Disaster Recovery Cleaning Kits!

Trinity UMC is helping 4 families recover. ⓒ

My dear Trinity family and friends,

We are truly grateful for your continued generous support for Trinity. Your contributions make it possible to spread the message of God's forgiveness and His everlasting love.

It is time to pause and reflect on the many blessings in our lives, especially those that mean the most to us. What is most meaningful will vary from person to person, but I have little doubt that **GOD**, family, and friends will be near or at the top.

We are God's hands and feet. So, here are some ways that God uses Trinity:

- * Don Ketchum and his team continue their mission that feeds hundreds.
- Sandra Dance has an important food and clothing mission.
- We bring school supplies, socks, and Christmas gifts for children.
- * We give food to our food pantry and blankets to the homeless.
- * We reach out to the homebound and the sick.

What do we need? We need consistent, dedicated givers! Why?

- * We have not paid our Apportionments for 2024.
- * We are now responsible for our property insurance.
- * We have salaries and bills to pay.
- * We need \$45,000 by the end of the year to cover church expenses.

It is crucial that all these obligations are addressed.

To paraphrase John Wesley, "Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can!" We have earned, we have saved, now let us **give all we can!** Our **survival** depends on it. We are truly grateful to the Lord for His many blessings. May we show how grateful we are by generously sharing our treasure. The survival of Trinity, our church, depends on it.

Blessings to you and your family,

Kay Aguilar, Qiz Cavin,

and Harriet Phillips

Stewardship Committee

God is generous, and the Bible is full of examples of people, motivated by his goodness, who emulate this. King David poured out gifts from the national treasury and then from his personal reserves. A poor widow gave everything she had. A woman prepared a room for a traveling prophet. A group of poor Macedonians gave more than they dreamed they could.

Giving is a grace from God. He empowers us to give, fills us with joy when we do, and then often replenishes our supplies, so we can give more (2 Corinthians 9).

Let's look at some of these biblical examples and see what we can learn from them.

1. Dorcas' acts of charity (Acts 9:36-42)

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. About that time she became sick and died... All the widows stood by [Peter] weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them.

Dorcas, also known as Tabitha, was known for her charitable works. She helped the poor in whatever ways she was able. She gave her talent and time, making clothes for the needy. **How to follow**: Use your time and talents to help those in need, whether it's sewing clothes,

cooking, fixing vehicles, or any other skill you have.

2. The Macedonian church's generosity (2 Corinthians 8:2-5)

In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

Despite their own poverty, the Macedonian church was remarkably generous in supporting others, and God miraculously made them more able to give than they'd expected.

How to follow: Give when you have plenty as well as when you don't. Instead of dreaming about all the ways you will be more generous one day when you have the means, allow giving to others to be a constant privilege, a rich part of your life, no matter your circumstances.

3. Ruth's loyalty and generosity (Ruth 1-4)

But Ruth [said to her mother-in-law], "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

...Boaz said, "I've been told all about what you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband – how you left your father and mother and your homeland and came to live with a people you did not know before. May the Lord repay you for what you have done." In the time this story took place, it was customary for widows to return to their homelands after the death of a husband to be cared for by their own people. But when Naomi's husband and two adult sons all died within a short period of time, her daughter-in-law Ruth refused to leave Naomi to suffer alone.

How to follow: Show kindness and loyalty to your family and friends, especially in times of need. Reach out to a widow or single mother you know, and offer her a helping hand.

4. Abraham's hospitality (Genesis 18:1-8)

Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way.

Abraham hurried to welcome three strangers and showed them great hospitality, asking Sarah to bake bread and slaughtering a valuable calf for their meal. What he did not know at the time was that he was entertaining angels (Hebrews 13:2).

How to follow: Open your home and heart to others, even when you feel inconvenienced. Welcome and care for people who visit you, making them feel valued and loved. You never know when you might be entertaining angels, too.

5. The widow of Zarephath's trust (1 Kings 17:7-16)

She replied, "I don't have any bread – only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it – and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'"

She went away did as Elijah had told her.

The Lord told Elijah to find this widow in Zarephath; she would provide for him. But when Elijah found her, the woman didn't even have enough food for her son and herself to survive. Still, she had faith, and gave what the only things she had left. And the Lord filled her jars of flour and oil, ensuring they were never empty.

How to follow: In all circumstances, Christian generosity is a response to faith. There will always be a reason, an excuse, not to give. This widow certainly had a good one. She and her son were starving to death. But she had gave anyway. Do not let your excuses keep you from the joy and blessings that come from giving.

6. Zacchaeus' repentance (Luke 19:1-10)

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

When Zacchaeus, a tax collector, met Jesus, he repented of his life of greed. He pledged to give half of his possessions to the poor and repay those he had cheated. The law required someone who had wronged another to pay back 120 percent; Zacchaeus offered to pay 400! And he offered to give half of his possessions to the poor (which was not required of him). He was so full of joy that generosity just poured out.

How to follow: Clothe yourself with the humility necessary to acknowledge and rectify past wrongs, even if it means making significant sacrifices. Allow God's lovingkindness to lead you to repentance, and let yourself be filled with the joy of your salvation.

7. The Shunammite woman's service to God's messenger (2 Kings 4:8-37)

One day Elisha went on to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived, who urged him to eat some food. So whenever he passed that way, he would turn in there to eat food. And she said to her husband, "Behold now, I know that this is a holy man of God who is continually passing our way. Let us make a small room on the roof with walls and put there for him a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp, so that whenever he comes to us, he can go in there."

This Shunammite woman didn't just welcome and care for Elisha once or twice; she continually gave to him, even going so far as to build a room just for him.

How to follow: Revolutionize the way you give by framing your giving to people as a gift offered to God. Make plans to regularly host those who serve God and set apart a space in your home for these holy visitors.

8. A little boy's lunch (John 6:5-13)

"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

Jesus accepted a young boy's humble lunch of five barley loaves and two fish and performed the miracle of multiplying it to feed 5,000 people. On this day, a child in the crowd had more faith than Jesus' own disciples. The Scripture doesn't mention any concern about his gift not being enough. He just gave what little he had, and Jesus made it enough for a multitude.

How to follow: Be willing to share what you have, even if it seems insignificant, knowing that God is a multiplier of gifts. And your willingness to share your resources, talents, or time just might lead to unexpected blessings you would never even imagine.

9. Joseph of Arimathea's gift in death (Matthew 27:57-60)

Joseph took [Jesus'] body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb.

After Jesus' crucifixion, Joseph of Arimathea, a wealthy and respected member of the Jewish council, approached Pilate and requested permission to bury Jesus' body. Without hesitation, he placed Jesus in his own tomb and sealed the entrance with a large stone.

How to follow: Let your awareness that all things belong to God grow in this way: Be willing to let go of and give your own resources, even if God is calling you to give something you'd planned to keep for yourself.

10. The widow's offering (Mark 12:41-44)

Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything – all she had to live on." Jesus observed a poor widow giving two small coins as an offering at the temple. He praised her for her great generosity, as she gave all she had (while also subtly calling attention to the fact that a widow should've been receiving support from the temple treasury, and she was paying into it!).

How to follow: Be willing to give sacrificially, even if it seems like a small amount, even if you've had a need that made you a recipient of generosity. Your generosity matters, no matter the size of your gift.

-Lauren Street

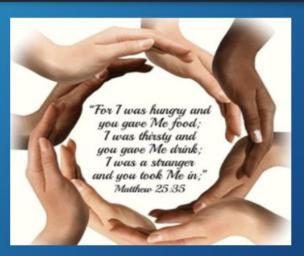
March 15, 2024 / Perspective and insights

If those who 'gain all they can,' and 'save all they can,' will likewise 'give all they can;' then, the more they gain, the more they will grow in grace, and the more treasure they will lay up in heaven."

Wesley's sermon "The Use of Money" is a helpful starting point.



Stewardship - a way of life



As Christian stewards, we all have our God-given talents and treasures. Let us use these to reach out to others and respond to those in need.

Thank you for your generous giving ♥.



Interest Survey for Trinity UMC – Fall 2024

Dear Members of Trinity UMC,

God has blessed each of us with a unique set of interests and talents. Many of these we use in our careers, and others are often for our enjoyment. We realize God has blessed each of us with these gifts so that we might use them to be a blessing to His kingdom. Our congregation is over-flowing with talented people.

The purpose of this interest survey is to compile a list of our members' talents and interests so that we may identify people to help in the livelihood of Trinity.

We sincerely thank you for your feedback and continued prayers for the future of Trinity. Please return by mail, drop-off at the church, or scan and email to ofcadmin@tumcsa.net Faithfully,

Trinity UMC Board

	es of all persons in your household that are willing to participate in the nurch. Beside each area, write the name of the individual interested.
programs or the cr	All ages are encouraged to participate.
Names:	——————————————————————————————————————
Phones:	
Emails:	
Christian Education: Christ. I am interested i	Teaching children and adults for the purpose of growing them as a disciple of
Adult Sun	
Children's	Sunday School Teacher or Helper
Youth Su	nday School Teacher or Helper
Godly Pla	v Leader or Helper
Nursery V	
Congregational Care: TUMC. I am interested Visiting ho	
Visiting per	ople in the hospital
Sending ca	ords – birthday & anniversary, just because, get-well, etc
Phone calls	and/or emails
Grounds and Facilitie interested in:	es: Oversee the effective stewardship of the buildings and grounds. I am
Occasional Garden car	all improvements to the facilities (light carpentry, light painting, etc) cleaning projects inside the buildings (closets, storage spaces, etc) re – watering, weeding, planting in areas around the buildings raintenance – not mowing, but other maintenance (trim hedges, weed)
Evangelism: Welcome Sending a	and follow up with visitors and prospective members. I am interested in:
	hip with visitors who have reached out via internet to say they are going to
Visiting pro	ospective members on the phone
Visiting pro	ospective members in person
	ing to distribute flyers, etc
Walking in	neighborhoods praying for the families

Family Life: Support the family of Trinity by providing opportunities for members, regular attendees,
and visitors to connect with one another. I am interested in:
Planning events
Baking/cooking for events
Setting up and/or cleaning up events
Serving food at events
Organizing games/activities for children and others
Decorating for event
I have ideas for future events
Hospitality: Provides meals or gatherings for people within the church family due to birth, medical
condition, death, etc. I am interested in:
Planning and organizing the gathering
Providing food for gathering
Setting up and/or cleaning up event
Mission: Leads the church in the support and practice of missions, to include local, regional, and
global missions. I am interested in:
Planning mission events
Carrying out fund-raising for mission projects by others (ie: potato luncheon)
Participating in local mission opportunities/ low physical activity (ie: sandwich ministry)
Participating in mission opportunities/ more physical (ie: Habitat for Humanity & Ramp
Project)
Participating in mission trip – within the Rio Texas Conference
Participating in mission trip – across the United States
Participating in mission trip – globally
Prayer Ministry: Gathers regularly to pray for specific needs for the church and the church family. I
am interested in:
Gathering together to participate in prayer
Being informed via email or phone call of specific needs to pray for
Sunday Worship Support: Warmly greet attendees and support the worship service. I am inter-
ested in:
Greeter - welcome people with a smile
Usher – directing people if needed, handing out bulletins, collecting offering
Reader – reading scripture or Psalms during the worship service
Volunteer in Office: Support office staff, answer phones, make copies, etc. I am interested in:
Volunteering in the office
Other: Please list any ways you would like to serve that we have not included

Each of us are uniquely created by God, and gifted with talents and skills to support God's work on this earth.

It Takes All of Us

Those of you who watch pro football have probably noticed that at the end of the end zone there is a phrase that says, "It takes all of us." I believe that is true, not only on the football field, but also in life. Surely God didn't make superfluous people! Therefore, if you are here, God believes you are needed! That is true in all of life and at Trinity United Methodist Church.



It takes
each of us
to make a
difference
for all of us.

We need everyone in order to get work done around our church and, especially, in paying for our water, our electricity, including A/C and heat, and, especially, in paying our employees' salaries! No, I don't believe any one of you can pay for all these things, but I do believe that if we all do our part, we really can pay for all of this.

I learned at our last Board meeting that we don't have 247 members; we have 274 members! Therefore, if each member

paid \$500, we would have \$137,000! Even if each member paid \$250, we would still have \$68,000! I'm sure you have seen that we urgently need \$45,000 by the end of 2024 to cover current bills. Yes, we also need pledges (promises!) that we can count on for the coming year. We need both the urgent \$45,000, but also continuous monthly giving to stay "in business." We choose which employees, which services, and which products we will keep by how much we get in pledges. Obviously, something will have to be eliminated if we don't get what was promised to us.

In <u>Horton Hears a Who</u> we learn that "a person is a person, no matter how small." The story shows that even 1 more "who" (person) can make all the difference! Yes, it

really does take all of us! How much do you want your church to continue? No one person has to pay the entire amount, half the amount, or even a quarter of the amount needed; but if we all pay ALL we can, we can make it! Please do some math - 274 times whatever amount you can afford - will show you what we can do.



I earnestly pray that all of you will "step up" and do your part to keep Trinity United Methodist Church open. How much do you love your church?

Prayerfully,

*Harriet Phillips*Lay Leader





Pumpkin Patch!

Stop by your local Pumpkin Patch and play some games, take some photos and pick out the perfect pumpkin!

> Trinity United Methodist Church 6800 Wurzbach

Tuesday Oct. 15 - Wednesday Oct. 30 Mon - Fri 3:00 - 7:00 Sat & Sun 9:00am - 7:00pm

Trick-or-Treating - Face Painting - Tons of Fun Sat. Oct 26 10am - 3pm Farmer's Market will take place this day as well.





Rummage/Yard Sale/Pop-up (every 2nd Saturday of the month)

- ⇒ Bring your tables.
- \Rightarrow The cost is \$15.00 per space.
- ⇒ You may bring your canopy and chairs.
- \Rightarrow Invite your friends, and come and have a picnic \odot .
- ⇒ Either prepay at the church office: (Mon-Thurs) between 11am and 2pm or bring in the day of – CASH Only and the exact amount, please.
- ⇒ Great visibility on Wurzbach. Will advertise on social media and the church's electronic marquee.

OCTOBER 12, 2024 | | 9 AM-2 PM | SATURDAY

Trinity United Methodist Church
6800 Wurzbach Road, 78240. 210-684-0261 church office.
Come early for a good location.



GOD'S HELP IS ONLY
A PRAYER AWAY.



Let us pledge to uphold our church with our prayers

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Please pray for our church every day at noon by simply saying

"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU'



5319 Newcome Street -- San Antonio, TX 78229

Sock-tober Drive

This October, we will be filling backpacks with things to help keep our brothers and sisters living on the streets warm this coming winter. We have already gathered many useful items but still need:

- Socks
- Toothpaste
- Small Blankets
- Bars of Soap

At the end of October, we will partner with our friends from the Arc of San Antonio to load the backpacks, then give them to Pastor Bob Clark at Travis Park UMC to distribute to those in need.

Would you please lend a hand? Thank you so much for your support!





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

Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
In Person —
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 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

e-mail: ofcadmin@tumcsa.net 6800 Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78240 www.tumcsa.net

SEPTEMBER 2024

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PE	RSON
SEPTEMBER 1	27
SEPTEMBER 8	37
SEPTEMBER 15	32
SEPTEMBER 22	38
SEPTEMBER 19	34

FACEBOOK LIVE -	(PEOPLE	REACHED
SEPTEMBER	1	114 ´
SEPTEMBER	8	127
SEPTEMBER	15	147
SEPTEMBER	22	103
SEPTEMBER	19	75

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

SEPTEMBER 1	\$4,841
SEPTEMBER 8	\$3,572
SEPTEMBER 15	\$3,140
SEPTEMBER 22	\$3,211
SEPTEMBER 19	\$4,472

RUMMAGE SALE (SEPTEMBER) \$60.00

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

DONATE ONLINE

Simply scan this image using your phone's camera (or QR code reader).



You may also go to:

www.tumcsa.net then click on the

"Donate" button.

DONATE FROM YOUR

SMARTPHONE.
You may also text
giving to:

844-210-1179

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



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

Happy Birthday to:

EDMUND WESTLEY YAMOAH	3-Oct
EAN SALINAS	5-Oct
MARIA MEDRANO	16-Oct
DR JOANNE SMITH	19-Oct
CINDY GERTH	26-Oct
NATALIE BURGE	31-Oct
Happy Anniversary to:	
REV. DAVID & HENRIETTA CERVANTEZ	3-Oct
BYRON & CLAUDIA BURGE	5-Oct
THALIA & JAVIER SALINAS	27-Oct
MICHAEL SCHROEDER & SANDRA KEYSER	28-Oct



SAVE THE DATE!!! Join us for a Thanksgiving lunch on Sunday, November 24th at noon in the gym following the worship service.

Charge Conference Forms



Hello! Hello!

Attention to all recipients of charge conference forms: Please remember to fill out and complete the forms and return them to the church office no later than *Wednesday*, *October* 23rd.

Your usual cooperation is greatly appreciated. Also, a friendly reminder that the Charge Conference will be held on *Sunday, November 10th at 5:00 pm* at Trinity. Thank you!

We understand that leading the Sunday school meetings at 9:00 am in the Null building and the Zoom meetings on Thursdays at 3:00 pm can be a big commitment. If you feel called to lead any one of these meetings, please don't hesitate to reach out to the pastor or the church office. Your dedication to the church is greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

Weekly Recurring Meetings where everyone is invited:

- Sack lunch ministry each Sunday at 9:15am in the narthex. (temporarily in the Null building)
 Everyone is welcome to help. For more information, please contact Don Ketchum.
- Pastor-led Bible study every Tuesday via zoom at 7:00pm.
- Prayer meeting every Wednesday via zoom at 2:15pm.

Please call Cynthia for zoom links or visit our website at 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, 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.

EETINGS FROM THE PRAYER TEAM. Once again, God is amazing us with His love for His children. I hope you, too, are growing in your faith and your prayer life. I have added an ancient prayer discipline to my daily routine. You may have heard of the Examen. It is in five parts. The first part is becoming aware of God's presence. I spend this section in praise. The second part is reviewing the day with gratitude. I spend this time thanking God for everything in my life, big and small. I name them one by one. The third part is paying attention to your emotions. Where am I today emotionally? The fourth part is praying for today. I ask for forgiveness, pray for the world, pray for others, etc. Make it your own. The fifth part is praying for tomorrow. Again, what is happening in my world? I usually begin again by asking for forgiveness and then go into

individual petitions. I spend three minutes on each section. Sometimes I spend longer if I cannot calm my mind in three minutes. I use my watch to set an alarm for three minutes. Also, I put on some meditation or classical music. I hope you'll give it a try.

May God richly bless you, Sandy Keyser



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 join us or send us your prayer request at www.tumcsa.net