

Welcome!

Trinity United Methodist Church



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



NOVEMBER 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

“Give Thanks this Thanksgiving and Every Day”

Turkeys seasoned, stuffing hot from the oven. Creamed onions, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Family members jointing in on the great Thanksgiving feast in our homes. Children waiting for the Great Pumpkin to rise over Charlie Brown's pumpkin patch and dads watching Dallas Cowboys football. A day to relax and maybe rake leaves in the afternoon? (I don't think so!)

But Thanksgiving? How much will our family Thanksgiving celebrations have to do with giving thanks?

A glance at the first Thanksgiving brings it all back. On December 21, 1620 the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Through the dead of winter the colony struggled with poor and meager food, strenuous labor, a biting wind that chilled to the bone, and the ravages of disease. Nearly half the 102 Mayflower passengers did not live to see spring refresh Cape Cod Bay.

But God sent some Native Americans -- Samoset, Squanto, and Massasoit -- to help the English settlers plant and hunt and fish. The bountiful harvest that autumn led Governor Bradford to invite the Indians to celebrate God's goodness. Ninety tall braves accepted the invitation to join the Pilgrims in a feast of Thanksgiving to God for His blessings.

The Pilgrims lived close enough to the soil to know how dependent they were on God's Providence. They had learned to thank God in the midst of the bitterness of winter past. And they were quick to thank Him during abundant blessing, too.

We teach our children to say "please" and "thank you" as the rudiments of courtesy, yet it is so easy to be rude and unthinking toward God. How often we forget to gratefully acknowledge His goodness towards us.

This Thanksgiving let your prayers and expressions of love rise toward your Heavenly Father.

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?
I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord."
(Psalm 116:12-13)

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving
And his courts with praise;
Give thanks to him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.” (Psalm 100:4-5)



May you and your family have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Rev. David and Henrietta Cerwantez

This is the first line of one of our hymns in The Faith We Sing. Can we really give 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.

Especially at Thanksgiving, we need to be acutely mindful of all our blessings! I always thank God for family and friends when we sit down to our Thanksgiving meal.

We should also be thankful for our servicemen and women. I don’t know whether it is still done, but in the past we were encouraged to invite servicemen and women to our houses for Thanksgiving. (I haven’t seen this offered on TV in the past few years, though). Still, 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



Faith in Motion

The Good Lord has blessed our Care Package Ministry with lots of projects this month. We are reaching out to those struggling through difficult times.

Please contact Don Ketchum (210.827.2527) if you would like to help with any of these.

Thanks to everyone helping us gather socks and other items for cold weather backpacks. We will have enough for Travis Park UMC to distribute to 100 or more homeless people. Our project team includes the Arc of San Antonio, St Mark's UMC, and Faith Bound Street Ministries.



We're celebrating our 35K milestone this month with our weekly sack lunch ministry for clinic patients. We team with the Unicorn Center and the Methodist HealthCare Wesley and Dixon Clinics. Come join us any Sunday before worship!



Trinity has teamed with the Arc of San Antonio and Travis Park UMC to provide more than 2,000 snack bags to homeless people this year. You can lend a hand Sundays before worship.



Trinity recently received a grant from UMCOR to provide care packages for Afghan refugees. We'll be teaming with the Center for Refugee Services and the Unicorn Center to help 50 nearby families.



For Christmas we are helping 120 adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities from the Unicorn Center create gifts for their caregivers.





Donating altar flowers is a simple way to honor a loved one, glorify God, and beautify the altar. You can choose any available Sunday to donate flowers. Flowers can be donated in honor of a living person or in memory of someone who has died, in celebration of an anniversary or other milestone, or in thanksgiving for friends or family. Their names will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday you select. If you prefer, you can simply give the flowers to the Glory of God. They are truly a gift that touches many people! Call the church office at 210-684-0261 to make these arrangements. Thank you.



**November 10, 2024
Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
here at Trinity
United Methodist
Church**

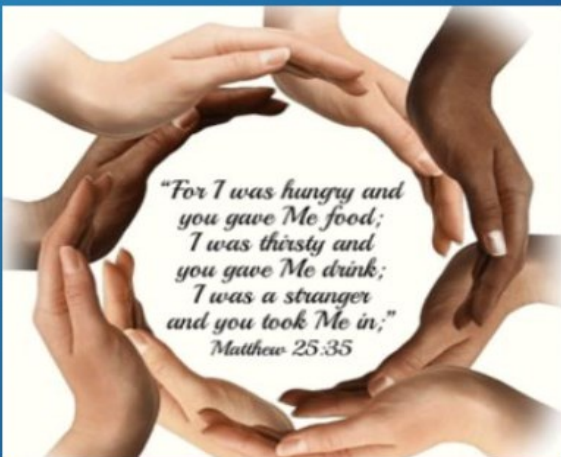
***Fall back!*
Daylight saving time ends at
2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 3.**



“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Heavenly Father.”

- Matthew 5:16

Stewardship - a way of life



*“For I was hungry and you gave Me food;
I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;
I was a stranger and you took Me in;”
Matthew 25:35*

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 ♥.





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

- ⇒ 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 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.

NOVEMBER 9, 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.



Don't worry
God is never blind to your
tears, never deaf to your prayers,
and never silent to your pains.
He sees, He hears
and He will deliver.

Let us pledge to uphold
our church with our
prayers



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

"JESUS I TRUST IN YOU"

Lord Jesus,

You are a shield around me.
Strong in love, heavy with power
Shaped with hope and gilded with truth.
I will fear no evil, for you watch over me
You defend and deliver me.
In this day, this hour, this moment
I put my trust in you.

Amen.



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

OCTOBER 2024

ATTENDANCE IN WORSHIP

IN THE SANCTUARY (IN-PERSON)

OCTOBER 6	32
OCTOBER 13	37
OCTOBER 20	47
OCTOBER 27	36

FACEBOOK LIVE – (PEOPLE REACHED)

OCTOBER 6	111
OCTOBER 13	91
OCTOBER 20	131
OCTOBER 27	89

*TITHES & OFFERINGS

OCTOBER 6	\$11,553
OCTOBER 13	\$11,392
OCTOBER 20	\$ 5,229
OCTOBER 27	\$ 2,104

RUMMAGE SALE (SEPTEMBER) \$180.00

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

Happy Birthday to:

RYAN LANDERS	3-Nov
PAUL GERTH	7-Nov
CALEB WILSON	8-Nov
CONNIE MEDRANO	10-Nov
JEFF WILSON	11-Nov
CINDY COZART	14-Nov
JAMES PARKS VINCENT	14-Nov
GAIL HALL	17-Nov
DANIEL SPAULDING	17-Nov
JIM LANDERS	23-Nov
VALERIE PUTZ	28-Nov

Happy Anniversary to:

ERICK & JOANNE BENTON	1-Nov
JORY & JULIE VINCENT	12-Nov
KATHY SETTLES - & FRANK HOREJSI	12-Nov

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phone's camera
(or QR code
reader).



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www.tumcsa.net
then click on the
“**Donate**” button.

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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!*

Digital 3D Mobile Mammograms are *coming your way!*

To have a mammogram on our Mobile Mammography Unit, you must:

- Be 40 years of age or older (insurance permitting). Under 40 years of age must have a physician's order for screening.
- Have not had a mammogram within the past 365 days.
- Last mammogram must have been negative.
- Have NO NEW symptoms, such as lumps, pain, skin changes, or nipple discharge. (See a physician right away if you have changes. Call us if you do not have a physician.)
- Have not had breast cancer in the last three years.

Be prepared for your visit:

- Bring the name, address, and phone number of your physician.
- If you have had a mammogram in the past, locate your films and bring them to your mammography appointment. If you are unable to do so, bring the location name and phone number of where you received the previous mammogram.
- Bring a valid photo ID.
- Bring your insurance card (we accept Medicare, Medicaid, and most private insurances).*
- DO NOT wear deodorant, perfume, powders, or lotions.
- DO wear a two-piece outfit.

A physician's order is NOT needed for patients who have seen their physician within a year prior to their mammogram appointment.

* If you do not have insurance or a doctor, please call 210.703.8100 for details and to learn how you can get a mammogram through the generosity of community funding.



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2024**

8:30 a.m. to 12:00p.m.

**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6800 WURZBACH RD
SAN ANTONIO, TX**

**Please call 210.704.4100
to schedule your
appointment today.
(Se Habla Español.)**



**CHRISTUS.
SANTA ROSA**
Health System



SAVE THE DATE!!!

The annual Thanksgiving luncheon! Sunday, November 24th, in the gym right

Here are the following details for the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner:

Turkey and ham will be provided by the church, but we kindly ask for donations to help cover the costs. We are requesting donations of side dishes to share, such as sweet potatoes, green beans, etc., dinner rolls, cranberry jelly sauce, tossed salad with dressings, holiday pies, sweet breads, and beverages.

Please bring your friends and neighbors to enjoy this holiday feast.

The setup will take place on Saturday, November 23rd, starting at approximately 2:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help set up and decorate for the event. We appreciate any volunteers who can assist on either day (November 23 and 24).

Wishing everyone a heartfelt Thanksgiving Day! There is so much to be thankful for.

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 Sunday 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...

..... 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.

Lord, I'm so very thankful,
for all You've given me
for the eyes of my faith
so Your blessings I could see.

Thankful for each season,
You have brought me through
thankful for the cross
that keeps me close to You.

Thankful for the Gospel,
so the truth I may read
thankful that I've learned
You are all I really need.

Thankful for the good days,
and the bad ones too
thankful that no matter what
they all lead me right to You.

Thankful You're always there,
to listen to my prayers
thankful I can talk to You
and give You all my cares

Lord, for all You do for me,
I am so very thankful . . .
and I want You to know
just how much I'm grateful!

SO VERY THANKFUL ~

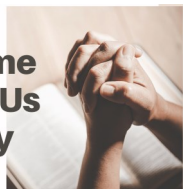
By [Deborah Ann Belka](#)



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*

A Joyous and Grateful letter from our Julie Vincent

Pumpkins, puppies, children and families- oh my!!

The Trinity UMC pumpkin patch was a **great success!** So many families and neighbors came to play games and wander through the pumpkins. Countless numbers came to take pictures- from a new born- to a woman with her aging father. The **simple act of sitting among the pumpkins brought smiles and joy!** People who did not know anything about Trinity UMC now know we are friendly and engaging. Parents brought their little ones to play the games, get prizes and have a little free fun in the afternoon! The Trunk-or-Treat and the Farmers Market allowed us to partner with A2Z Day Care and the vendors.

These pumpkins were grown on Navajo Land near Farmington, New Mexico. They were unloaded by high school and middle school students from Warren High School, Sotomayor High School, and Hobby and Pat Neff Middle Schools. They were sold to church members, friends and neighbors from across San Antonio. The remaining pumpkins will go to feed cattle, deer and other creatures. Our reach is wide- our work is a blessing.

Thank you to all who helped with the delivery of the 700+ pumpkins and the planning and set up of the patch. Also, **thank you to those who purchased pumpkins and told their friends and family** to stop by. And a great big thank you to all who spent hours manning the sales area of the pumpkin patch. This could not happen without the work of so many!

The final numbers are not in, but we sold over \$2400! Trinity will keep 25% of the total sales. But the results are more than the money. We have met people, blessed them, and shared God's grace upon this corner of our community. **Well done!**

PHOTO GALLERY





“A Place to Belong”

Trinity United Methodist Church

