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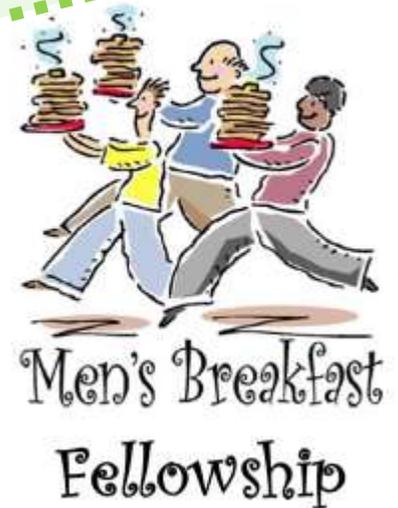
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## Pastor's Parable

I hope this Trumpet finds you and your family safe and well! Just as it has been traumatic for all of us personally with the shelter in place and social distancing requirement, it has been equally significant for me. I must tell you, if you had told me at the beginning of this year that our church ministries would be exclusively done over the **Internet, I don't think you** could have convinced me of that possibility. But let us not forget that as Christians, we are an Easter people. As Easter people we live a resurrected life in which we may let go of our previous ways, in this case in-person ministry, and embrace a new life of ministry, which is online ministry.

Trinity quickly discovered that to have a safe and responsible church at Trinity, we must utilize technology across all of our ministries. I give our church leadership and ministry leaders high praise for the incredible planning and execution that made possible the relaunch of our Trinity ministries online. **Our leadership's goal at the onset of the Pandemic was to effectively provide all of our church's ministries utilizing Zoom technology.**

By the end of June, we have relaunched online the following Trinity ministries: Sunday Worship, Youth Group, children's Sunday School, Treblemakers children's choir, Small Groups (Sunday at 10:45 am and 1 pm), Men's Breakfast Fellowship, Education Team, Administrative Council, Staff-Parish Relations Committee, and the Finance Committee. The UMW will have its first online meeting July 14. Hallelujah! Thanks be to God!

This past month we began the evaluation of when we should reopen our Trinity in-person Worship. Our California-

Nevada Conference staff, led by our Bishop Carcaño, held three Webinars and published a guide for this reopening evaluation. The guiding principle for the reopening evaluation was the John Wesley (founder of Methodism) general rules for Christian living—"do no harm, do all the good you can **and stay in love with God.**" With the seriousness of Covid-19, do no harm means fully understanding your **individual church's situation** in regards to reopening. For **instance, the Conference's** published guide states that more densely populated areas, like Santa Clara County, carry more risk for Covid-19 infections. Rural areas have an easier time reopening due to their lower infection rate. Also, each church must understand what percentage of their congregation is vulnerable. Trinity has quite a high vulnerable population—74%. A recent article was published regarding 36 activities and their associated risk levels for Covid-19 infection. With a ranking of one being the least risk and ten the highest, in-person-worship was an eight—a high risk activity.

Trinity looked at other major UMC churches to understand their decision process and conclusion. A number of prominent Senior Pastors of large US United Methodist churches stated they would not reopen their churches for in-person worship until a vaccine is available. They had two primary reasons for this conclusion. Their first reasoning was that in-person worship would be a poor quality service prior to a vaccine. This conclusion is based upon the worship requirements of no singing, no liturgy, required social distancing, mask wearing, no fellowship before or after service, and no food or drink

(which limits communion). Their second reason for the conclusion was based upon the health risk of reopening. They explained that if a person came to worship with Covid-19 and infected just one parishioner during worship who later died of the infection, that would be a harm that is unacceptable—especially since there is a much higher quality worship available via livestream that is 100% safe. Therefore, based upon the reopening guidelines, our dense county population, our highly vulnerable congregation, the quality comparison of worship, and the goal of doing no harm, our Trinity church leadership does not envision reopening for in-person worship prior to a vaccine.

On Sunday, June 28, we held a **Zoom "Coffee with Pastor Jay"** after the Worship service to have a conversation regarding the reopening evaluation. If you were unable to join in that discussion, the recorded session is available on the Sermon page of our website.

I, like you, absolutely look forward to being together in person again; yet as an Easter people, we want to live into this new ministry approach until a vaccine is available. This keeps everyone safe and well! I want to say a big thank you to our awesome church leadership and staff that have allowed us to fully do wonderful ministry together in this new Easter way!

Blessings,



Pastor Jay



# In Our Prayers

*Meeting with email during the shelter-in-place order, the Prayer Fellowship prays for many people whose names are not published. You are welcome to join this small group to pray for spiritual growth and healing through prayer for others. Please contact Jane D. or Pastor Jay to add anyone to the prayer list.*

We pray for friends of Trinity United Methodist Church including:  
Lori D. P., Mark L., Mickey L., Ardys S., Rebekah S., Ruth W., and Richard Y.

We continually pray for:

all those who are protesting peacefully for an end to racial discrimination;

those who are suffering deep and crippling loneliness in their isolation;

those who are ill due to serious illnesses and have not been able to obtain medications, and those who are dying without their loved ones;

those without hope for food to feed their families;

persons who lack access to clean water, children living in poverty, outdoor citizens, victims of domestic violence, and victims of elder abuse;

workers who are not treated fairly, the unemployed, those seeking employment and housing;

those whose lives are impacted by the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic as new ways of being together are realized;

front line doctors, nurses, Early Responders, disaster coordinators, and volunteers who risk their lives to save others;

give us confidence and patience as we shelter in place that we are able to care for the health and well-being of all people;

empowering the church with grace, hope, and healing throughout the world as people experience turmoil or unrest, and those living under oppressive leadership;

imprisoned refugees, orphans, immigrant families and their children, those seeking asylum, and immigrants terrified for their own safety;

persons experiencing the effects of hate, bigotry, and harassment, that we hear their fears and see their wounds so that we are able to take action;

people who have lost their way and put others in danger;

**patience and listening for God's will for the global United Methodist Church as it plans for the 2021 General Conference;**

guidance and strength for the pastor and lay delegates to the California-Nevada Annual Conference as they plan to meet September 18-21, 2020, that their discussions be built on trust, compassion, listening, and grace;

for the people of The United Methodist Church, that they may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ;

leaders throughout the world, those in positions of authority, including Governor Newsom, President Trump, and all those in local, State, and Federal government positions;

strength for our UMC Bishop Minerva Carcaño;

our El Camino Real District Superintendent, The Reverend Samuel Hong, as he leads the churches of El Camino Real District;

guidance for the missions of Sunnyvale Trinity and First United Methodist churches.

Gracious God, thank you for holding us close with unlimited concern and love. Give us hope for the future and a clear path for sharing your love with others. Amen.

# Education – Sunday School on Zoom

Every week at 10:45 am, Trinity children and their friends can tune into a Sunday school lesson created just for them. Each lesson is designed to be fun and interactive with singing, Bible lessons, discussion, prayer and craft activities. Currently we are studying the Parables of Jesus. Through an engaging and humorous cartoon video, the children first learn about the parable, then in a modern-day reenactment, they see how the parable applies to situations in their own lives. A discussion follows which encourages our children to grow in their connection to God and to each other.

Each session also includes songs from previous VBS programs. Just like in VBS, children can sing along with the music and follow the lyrics and motions. Each lesson also includes craft and activity pages that reinforce the lesson and challenge their knowledge of the Bible. Our prayer is that the children will ZOOM in, have a great time with teachers Bridget, Jane, Ken and Marion and come back the following Sunday.

Marion R.

Welcome to  
Kids' Sunday

Ages: Pre-K through High School

10:45-11:45 am



On Zoom

Treblemakers Sing

Learn about God



Have Fun!!!

Children's Sunday School and Treblemakers: 10:45 am

Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10:45 am

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

First Sunday

Marion R.

Second Sunday

Ken R.

Third Sunday

Jane D.

Fourth Sunday

Bridget P.

Treblemakers Director

Lisa E.

## YOUTH GROUP LEADERS

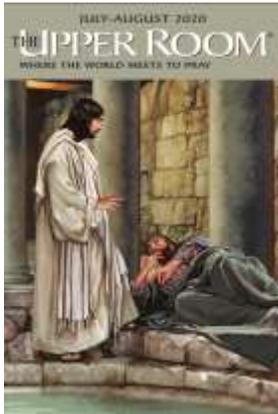
Pastor Jay

Ken R.

Bob M., alternate

## THE UPPER ROOM IS HERE

The July/August issue of *The Upper Room* is provided here at no charge.



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## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO BE COUNTED

The count is low and deadlines extended. Be sure to complete the census this month before it's too late. Support the census



takers and keep them safe by entering your information on line. Look for the link on our church website home page. Stop now and be counted.

## WELCOME DS HONG

On July 1, 2020, we welcomed Samuel Hong, the new D.S. for our El Camino Real District. Pastor Hong comes to the District from the San Jose Korean UMC of Silicon Valley where he has pastored for ten years.



## UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCES RE-SCHEDULED

The United Methodist General Conference has been rescheduled to August 29-September 7, 2021.

### CA-NV CONFERENCE

The 2020 CA-NV Annual Conference has been rescheduled to meet in Modesto September 18 to 21, 2020.



### COVID-19 DISTRICT PROJECT

Supporting the most urgent needs, the COVID-19 Project helps many undocumented families in the El Camino Real District whose income sources evaporated as a result of the pandemic. Link to Trinity's website and continue to give out of our abundance to provide enough for all.

### ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT

Our inventory is growing! There are 43 adult scarves and 54 teen/children's scarves ready for delivery to the area coordinator. Nine adult scarves are ready to have fringes added. Carol W. is busy doing the final finishing on all the scarves. Thank you, Carol!!! *Many thanks to the "yarn angel" (Laura H.) who left a bag of lovely yarn on Jane's front porch! Jane has already made two scarves with that yarn!*

### KUDDLES FOR KIDS

Cindy G. has 125 finished animals ready to deliver to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Workshops are on hold at this time.

### PROJECT DAY

Let us know what your favorite projects are as we "Shelter in Place" on Fridays!

## LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE . . . IGNITED FOR JUSTICE

UMW 2020 Theme

Did you "miss" the April UMW meeting and Gloria's program on voting rights? Did you "miss" Lois' book review and the salad luncheon in June? All of us "missed" those meetings and programs since they were postponed due to the shelter-in-place requirements.

Here is some good news! Gloria will present her program at the September 8 UMW meeting! Lois will present her book review on *The Midnight Teacher* at the October 13 UMW meeting. Please add these to your calendar.

Now, are you asking yourself, *how are they going to do this?* We are going to use ZOOM for our meetings. Directions will be sent for you to join the meetings and participate. Do not worry if you do not have a computer; you can use your phone and join in the conversation. Some computers, tablets, laptops, etc., have a microphone and camera. **Some of us don't have those, or didn't, and we managed just fine with a phone.**

Are you ready for something new? We are adding Trinity UMW Get-Together Time! Join us Tuesday, July 14 from 10-11 am and Tuesday, August 11 from 10-11 am on ZOOM. *The Get-Together Time is just that. . . get together and chat. This is NOT a meeting—there is no agenda; reports are not required—this is a time to visit, catch up on what our friends are doing and how they are doing. You may sit and knit, crochet, paint, iron, fold laundry, pay bills, work on a puzzle, or whatever you want to do. . . while we chat. This is NOT limited to UMW members. ALL Trinity women are invited to "get together."* ZOOM access will be provided prior to the meeting dates. Questions? Please contact Jane D.



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The people of The United Methodist Church™

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CONGREGATIONAL BLESSINGS  
PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERNS  
EMAIL  
OFFICE@TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG  
BEFORE 4 PM ON SATURDAYS.

Zoom to Worship on Sunday  
9:15 AM

EMAIL  
OFFICE@TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG  
FOR ZOOM ACCESS CODE

SHELTER IN PLACE

GROUP MEETINGS ON ZOOM

## Weekly Schedule ON ZOOM

Sunday  
Worship & Celebration, 9:15 am (On Zoom)  
Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)  
Small Group w/Josh A. & Lyn I.  
10:45 am (On Zoom)  
Youth Group, 10:45-11:45 am  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, On Zoom)  
Sunday School and Treblemakers  
10:45 am (Weekly on Zoom)  
Small Group w/Ken R. & David I.  
1 pm (On Zoom)

Monday  
Education Team, 7:30 pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Monday, On Zoom)

Tuesday  
UMW Get-Together Time, 10 am  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, On Zoom)  
Fellowship/Welcome Team, 7:30 pm  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Odd Months, On Zoom)  
Administrative Council, 7:30 pm  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, On Zoom)

Wednesday  
**Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7 am**  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday On Zoom)

Thursday  
Prayer Fellowship, 7 pm (On Email)

Friday  
Project Day, 10 am-3 pm (On Hold)

Saturday  
Kuddles for Kids Workshop, 9:30 am  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, On Hold)

### WELCOME BACK, PASTOR JAY!

On July 1, 2020, Pastor Jay was re-appointed to Sunnyvale Trinity by Bishop Carcaño. We give thanks for Pastor Jay and his family as they return for a fourth year of ministry in this place. SPRC

