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WORSHIP Trinity's worship service goes live on line with the churches of the California-Nevada Conference on **September 20, 2020, at 10:30 am.** Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño will be the featured speaker for the Sunday morning service. Watch your email for directions to join this special worship service.



Blessing of the Animals
During Worship
September 27 at 9:15 am
Online using Zoom

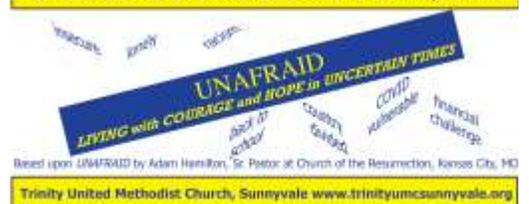
Be prepared to bring your pet animal for the blessing with video and audio turned on. You may send a picture of your pet to the church office the week before the blessing.



You're Invited!
Sunday, October 4 @3pm
Your attendance is urgently needed at the IAF Assembly to meet with candidates from Senate Districts 13 & 15. Our goal is to host 300 people at this online Zoom meeting to raise issues of housing and mental health. Get first-hand information from the State Senate candidates before you vote.



FOUR-WEEK LIVESTREAM SERMON SERIES STARTS—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4



Pastor's Parable

With school back in session and summer lingering in the rear view mirror, it is almost Fall. I love this time of year! The days are cooler and the leaves start turning their vibrant colors! Normally at Trinity, September is the kickoff of our Sunday School and Youth Group ministries. Pre-pandemic, we took off the summer for our families with children and youth to take vacations. Well, knowing that we were mostly secluded at home, the Trinity education team decided to keep both of those ministries going through the summer. I think it was a great decision for our children and **youth, as they 'Zoomed' with fun activities that helped them experience God's love all summer.** A big thank you goes to our Sunday School and Youth Group teachers for the terrific Trinity summer with our kids!

Looking forward to fall, our Trinity calendar is packed with goodness! And yes, it is all over our on-line Zoom church. First, on September 20, all of the California-Nevada Methodist churches will be worshipping together over Zoom at 10:30 am. The worship service is during our Methodist Annual Conference, which is that weekend. This worship service is incredible, as you will join in the ordination blessing of the new California-

Nevada pastors for 2020. Our Bishop Carcaño will preside over this service, along with the District Superintendents. It is an amazing worship experience.

The following Sunday, September 27, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals at 9:15 am. And yes, it too is over Zoom. Imagine the wonderful, close-up Zoom views of each of these beautiful creatures—**God's** creatures. How exciting!

Starting October 4, we have a four-week sermon series entitled *Unafraid*, based upon the book *Unafraid* by Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor at Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. The series should fit well in our season of unique challenges, as it **will guide us toward 'living with courage and hope in uncertain times'.** Eye-catching postcards have been created to allow us to invite our friends and family to join us for the sermon series. The postcard will also be available electronically, so you can forward it with your email invite.

And finally, as you have heard this past month, IAF has an assembly meeting on October 4 from 3-4 pm with the candidates from Senate Districts 13 and 15. It will be held over Zoom. During this assembly meeting, IAF will provide stories for the candidates to hear regarding the

issues and challenges happening in our community. High turnout, which is high attendance from the IAF member institutions, is the most important aspect of this meeting with the candidates. We want to have 300 people on this Zoom call from IAF. Since Trinity is a member institution of IAF, you are encouraged to attend this event. Please mark your calendar and attend this one-hour candidate assembly. It is only one hour, as we start and finish on time! I would like to have 40-50 people from Trinity on this call! This is an important social justice **ministry of our church.** **Let's do this ministry together on October 4, 3-4 pm.** I also think you will get much out of watching this IAF assembly with our candidates.

So, prepare to pull out the sweaters from the closet, as we move into fall together at Trinity.

Looking forward to worshipping and doing ministry together this fall!

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 to the prayer list.

We pray for friends of Trinity United Methodist Church including:
Ione H., Melva I., Mark L., Mickey L., Ardsy 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 COVID-19 pandemic, those who have lost their homes to fires, and as a result of unemployment;

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

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;

students and teachers as they learn and teach on line;

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 pastors and lay delegates to the California-Nevada Annual Conference as they prepare to meet September 17-20, 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 and for her staff as they get ready for Conference;

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

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

Grant us wisdom to know when you call us to follow you, O God, that we may feel your presence and know your grace as we move forward in ministry. Amen.

TRINITY ACTIVITIES



ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERINGS. [Give Together!](#) This year's Conference Offering goes to Sheltering in Love, a campaign of UMCOR. This fund is designed to care for those impacted by COVID-19. Two additional offerings will benefit the Necessitous and the Ministerial Education Fund. Trinity can receive your checks or you can give on line [here](#).

SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY SERVICES. Remember that you can support SCS through your fully tax-deductible financial contribution during this time of national emergency. Click [SCS Donation](#) to make your donation directly or mail your check to Trinity UMC, PO Box 70199, Sunnyvale, CA 94086, with a note to donate to SCS.

WEST VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES continues its laundry program with donations from Trinity. Checks written to Trinity UMC noting WVCS in the memo line will be forwarded. Click [WVCS](#) to make your donation directly and note for "Laundry Program".

FELLOWSHIP TIME will happen on Zoom following Sunday's Benediction and Closing Music. Please stay on Zoom, open your video option so you are seen, and enter the conversation. Let us know how you are doing!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL is available for boys and girls through high school. All are welcome to join Sunday School at 10:45 am using Zoom meeting ID 631 664 6240; PWD 5350202. Treblemakers are meeting with Lisa along with Sunday School at 10:45 am. Youth Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10:45 am with Pastor Jay using the Youth Group Zoom meeting ID 797 769 8229; PWD 525536.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will be on Zoom on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 am. Enjoy coffee, cereal, pancakes, OJ—the choice is yours—and sign in on Zoom for lively conversation while eating your breakfast and catching up with the guys. Remember to set your alarm and join the Fellowship. Meeting ID 429 049 2043; PWD 583535.

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP meets on Thursday at 7 pm using email. You are welcome to join this small group to pray for spiritual growth and healing through prayer for others. Please contact Jane or Pastor Jay to request prayers. When you need immediate spiritual support, please contact Pastor Jay at 408.621.1418 or Bob McGowan at 408.420.0637.

INDUSTRIAL AREAS FOUNDATION (IAF) has scheduled meetings for September 9, 16, & 21 @ 7 pm, in preparation for the October 4 Assembly with candidates for Senate Districts 13 and 15. Your participation is welcomed. See more information in this Trumpet.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) will join together on Tuesday, September 8, at 9:30 am on Zoom. Gloria will present the program on voting rights. Contact Jane for more information. Meeting ID 631 664 6240; PWD 5350202.

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION at 10:30 am on September 20 will be with all of the churches in our California-Nevada Conference. Check Pastor Jay's weekly email for instructions for signing on to this exciting service.

THE UPPER ROOM AVAILABLE

The September/October issue of the daily devotional guide, *The Upper Room*, is available by calling or [sending email](#) to the church office. Many copies are available to send to all who request one.

LAST MONTH TO RESPOND

The 2020 Census ends on September 30, 2020. One of the most important things we can do is to respond online, by phone, or by completing and returning the mailed form to



minimize the need for sending census takers out into communities. **CLICK ON CENSUS 2020** above. Stop now and be counted.

Employment: Applications for temporary positions as a Census Taker are online at <http://2020census.gov/jobs>.

SILICON VALLEY SPONSORING COMMITTEE

ONLINE ASSEMBLY OCT 4, 2020

All are welcome!
3:00pm to 4:15pm via Zoom

JOIN US TO HEAR:

WHAT we heard when we brought over 300 residents together to share our experiences.

OUR PRIORITIES for responding to COVID-19 and its economic fallout

HOW we're working together to effect change for the common good, plus how to get involved

ATTENDING CANDIDATE FROM CA SENATE DISTRICTS 13 & 15

REGISTER AT [BIT.LY/FALL_ASSEMBLY](https://bit.ly/fall_assembly)

SVSC is a non-partisan network that develops the leadership capacity of member institutions to effect change for the common good.

UNITED METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE



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.

KUDDLES FOR KIDS

—150 stuffed animals, hand made by Cindy G. are ready for delivery to Lucile Packard **Children's Hospital**. No workshops at this time.

PROJECT DAY

Postponed until meetings are permitted.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE . . . IGNITED FOR JUSTICE



UMW 2020
Theme

Remember to join us on Zoom for the September 8th UMW meeting at 9:30 AM. Gloria C. will be presenting a **program on women's voting rights**. Instructions to connect to the meeting will be sent to you prior to September 8th. **Reminder: October 13th UMW meeting will include Lois C.'s book review on "The Midnight Teacher."** *Questions? Please contact Jane D.*

ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT

Many thanks to Carol W. for helping to finish scarves! She wove in the yarn ends and **added fringe**. **Special "thanks"** to Ted and Debbie S. for arranging the scarves for the **photography session!** Ted's photos made the scarves look great!!! Now, all 133 finished scarves have been delivered to the area coordinator, by Laura H. (She brought back 3 bags of yarn to make **MORE SCARVES!!!**)

Blessing of the Scarves





Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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CONGREGATIONAL BLESSINGS
PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERNS

EMAIL

OFFICE@TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG
NO LATER THAN SATURDAY

Zoom to Worship on Sunday
9:15 AM

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FOR ZOOM ACCESS CODE

SHELTER IN PLACE

GROUP MEETINGS ON ZOOM

Weekly Zoom Schedule

Sunday

Worship & Celebration, 9:15 am (*On Zoom*)
Holy Communion (*1st Sunday*)
U-Pick Music (*2nd Sunday-email choice to office*)
Adult Small Group w/Josh A. & Lyn I.
10:45 am (*On Zoom*)
Youth Group, 10:45-11:45 am
(*1st & 3rd Sunday, On Zoom*)
Sunday School and Treblemakers
10:45 am (*Weekly on Zoom*)
Adult Small Group w/Ken R. & David I.
1 pm (*On Zoom*)

Monday

Education Team, 7:30 pm
(*2nd Monday, On Zoom*)

Tuesday

United Methodist Women, 9:30 am
(*2nd Tuesday, On Zoom*)
Fellowship/Welcome Team, 7:30 pm
(*2nd Tuesday, Odd Months, On Zoom*)
Administrative Council, 7:30 pm
(*3rd Tuesday, On Zoom*)

Wednesday

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7 am
(*1st & 3rd 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
(*3rd Saturday, On Hold*)

