

# **Trinity Trumpet**

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# Pastor's Parable

Can you believe it is already November? Some days I feel like the Pandemic has slowed the days down, and at other times it feels like we are moving quickly through the year.

There were a number of firsts at Trinity this October. It was the first time we did a Halloween party with our children and youth completely over Zoom. If you look at the photos on the front page of the Trumpet, you will see the Halloween bags that were picked up by all of the parents prior to the party. You will also see a Zoom photo of our children, their parents, and the adults hosting the party, in which many were dressed in their Halloween costumes and some looking pretty scary!

There were terrific activities and crafts throughout the party, including the decorating of both a haunted house and a pumpkin. What fun! Thank you so much to the Trinity Education Team, Sunday school teachers and parents that made this Halloween party a ghoulish success!



Also in October, through our 'Unafraid' sermon series, we all learned the various ways we may become afraid and how to overcome or manage through that fear. I didn't think of this until later, but how appropriate to have the "Unafraid" sermon series in the same month as Halloween! I wish I could say that I planned that, but no, it was a God thing!

I hope you enjoyed the sermon series reference book. "Unafraid", by author Adam Hamilton, Senior Pastor at the UMC Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City. 1 think Pastor Hamilton is guite the profound author with great experiences to help us in our faith journey and, in this case, overcome some of our fears that may hold us back from the abundant life God wants for us.

November is Stewardship month at Trinity. Regular givers at Trinity should have received a stewardship packet in the mail. If you did not receive a stewardship packet, and would like to be included in the stewardship of Trinity, please let the church office or me know and we will get you a packet. The Stewardship card is on Trinity's website. We have much to be excited about with our Trinity

ministries that support our church, community and world.

Throughout November, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving pledge for 2021. It is important that everyone who plans to give to Trinity in 2021 complete an estimate of giving pledge card. This allows Trinity to accurately budget for the ministries of the church. Please note that if your circumstances were to change during 2021, letting the church Finance Secretary, Bob Cloke, know of the pledge change can modify your estimate of giving.

A Trinity tradition for the stewardship campaign is to have an all-church celebration sponsored by the Trinity Finance Team. Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:15 am (following Worship) for the Stewardship Celebration. There will be a special treat for the celebration and dedication of pledge cards.

I am looking forward to doing all of these wonderful Trinity ministries together!

Blessings,

Pastor Jay



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# In Our Prayers

Meeting on Zoom 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., Mark L., Melva I., Mickey L., Ardys S., Rebekah S., Jim W., 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;			
peace for families who have lost loved ones;			
hose unable to obtain medications, and those who are dying without their loved ones; hose 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;			
continuing concern for fire victims, including evacuees, firefighters, first responders who have lost their homes and businesses, essential workers, and the unemployed;			
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, and those being bullied, 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 for parents, teachers, and students as they continue learning in virtual classes;			
listening to God's will for the global United Methodist Church as plans are made for the 2021 General Conference;			
the people of The United Methodist Church, that we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ;			
leaders throughout the world, those in positions of authority, and all those in local, State, and Federal government positions;			
strength for Bishop Minerva Carcaño and for 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.			
Thank you, God, for your presence in the past and the assurance of your guiding presence as we move forward. Amen.			

# ANNOUNCING TRINITY ACTIVITIES

**NOVEMBER IS STEWARDSHIP MONTH.** Trinity begins its Stewardship emphasis this month. See the Pastor's Parable for more information.

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020, IS UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY**—A churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church. The Gift of Hope scholarship, supported through this offering, helps to relieve some of the financial pressure the students encounter and empowers students to obtain a college education to transform the world. When you give, you help provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students. In 2019, United Methodists gave \$370,123 to this special offering. The fund is administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

**SUPPORT SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY SERVICES.** You can support SCS through your fully tax-deductible financial contribution. Click <u>SCS Donation</u> 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 <u>WVCS</u> to make your donation directly and note for "Laundry Program".

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** is happening on Zoom following Worship every Sunday. Join Pastor Jay for coffee on September 8. Open your audio and video and join the conversation.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held virtually for boys and girls through high school. All children and youth are welcome to attend 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 10:45 am with Pastor Jay using ID 797 769 8229; PWD 525536.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** gathers on Zoom the first and third Wednesdays, at 7 am. Bring your coffee, cereal, homemade bread, pancakes, waffles, OJ—the choice is yours—and sign on to 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 Thursdays at 7 pm on Zoom. 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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW).** Watch your US Mail for November plans. Contact Jane for more information.

**FUND FOR HUMANITY.** Christmas will be here before you know it. Remember Trinity's project for alternative giving while contemplating gifts for your loved ones—all year and particularly at Christmas time. The brochure with suggestions is available on our website.

# THE UPPER ROOM

The daily devotional guide for November/December is available by calling or texting 408.420.0636. Your copy will be mailed to you. Trinity provides *The Upper Room* at no cost to readers who request it.



# CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

All Trinity children and youth are invited to our annual Christmas party. This year it will be over Zoom on Saturday, December 12, from 10 am to 12 pm. We have lots of fun activities planned for both children and youth. Do you like to make Christmas crafts? Well, we'll have them. How about singing Christmas carols? We'll do that too! Would you like to listen to Pastor Jay's story of the Nativity? You're correcto... that's on the plan . . . And, finally, you'll get your very own Christmas stocking filled with all sorts of goodies.

We're getting ready to make up the bags with all this good stuff inside (except for Pastor Jay), so we need to know who will be coming to the party.

Please RSVP by December 5 to jane.dredge@att.net or marion@redler.net.

We hope you can join us! Marion R.

#### 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.



Good morning... Hello... Welcome .... These are just a few of the phrases I hope you've been noticing, each Sunday in the Zoom chat. This is Trinity's Welcome Team at work, being sure everyone who connects with the service is recognized and welcomed.

This is a critical function for a Welcoming Church, making sure everyone is included. All are Welcome!

We are in need of a few more persons to help out with this important work. If you think this is something you could **do, please let me know. I'll** send you the job description, and you can tell me if it works for you.

Thanks to all the people who've been able to help welcome each other, as well. Keep up the Good Work.

Bob McGowan Welcome Team Lead



#### LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE... IGNITED FOR JUSTICE UMW 2020 Theme

Everyone enjoyed the book review of "Midnight Teacher, Lilly Ann Granderson and her Secret School" written by Janet Halfmann and illustrated by London Ladd, presented by Lois C. We approved the 2021 UMW budget. The Executive Board has determined that we will not be hosting a Christmas Party this year. We will be having a planning meeting to decide on programs for our 2021 meetings.

Questions? Contact Jane D.

# ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT

This project is on-going, but in a "slowdown" mode for now. There are 25 finished scarves and 10 scarves ready for Carol W. to add the fringe.



KUDDLES FOR KIDS Cindy G. has 200 handmade stuffed animals for the children at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. No workshops at this time.

# **PROJECT DAY**

Postponed until meetings are permitted.

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. The people of The United Methodist Church

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Calendar: www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org

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> EMAIL OFFICE@TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG NO LATER THAN SATURDAY

Zoom to Worship on Sunday 9:15 AM

EMAIL <u>OFFICE@TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG</u> FOR ZOOM ACCESS CODE

SHELTER IN PLACE

GROUP MEETINGS ON ZOOM

# Weekly Zoom Schedule

## Sunday

Worship & Celebration, 9:15 am (On Zoom) Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday) Adult Small Group w/Josh A., Lyn I., Erika S. 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Monday, On Zoom)

## Tuesday

United Methodist Women, 9:30 am (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, On Zoom. Except Nov. & Dec.) Administrative Council, 7:30 pm (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, On Zoom)

#### Wednesday Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7 am (1st & 3rd Tuesday On Zoom)

### Thursday

Prayer Fellowship, 7 pm (On Zoom)

### Friday

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

#### Saturday No Events Scheduled









GATHERINGS