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Hope ▪ Peace ▪ Joy ▪ Love

*Celebrate Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24*

Worship and Celebration—6:30pm

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
See website for Link to Live Stream via Zoom
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Pastor's Parable

Happy Advent!

The Pandemic has not **slowed Trinity's ministries** down, and that absolutely includes the month of November.

Our Stewardship campaign began on Sunday, November 1, and concluded on Sunday, November 22, with a **celebration. A big "thank you" to our Stewardship Moment speakers—Jane Dredge, Marion Redler and Ken Redler—as they each shared what Trinity means to them and why they give generously.**

For the Stewardship Celebration, a special box arrived at all of our homes filled with delicious cookies and chocolates decorated festively for Thanksgiving. **Who says we can't "eat desert first" at church!**

At the time of our Sunday celebration we had a good return of our pledge cards —13 in total. If you have not filled out a pledge card, it is not too late to send it to the church. If you have lost your pledge card, no problem. There is one you can print located on our church website at www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org. When the card is printed and filled out, drop

it in the mail to Trinity at PO Box 70199, Sunnyvale, CA 94086.

It may be a Pandemic, but all the familiar characters are back for this Advent celebration season at Trinity—John the Baptist, Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the angels, camels, sheep, donkeys, goats—and of course the main attraction, baby Jesus. Each Sunday during Advent, we have designated persons to present the Advent candle lighting and reading. Thank you Advent presenters.

Another key ministry that is full steam ahead during the Pandemic is our **children's Christmas Party** —Saturday, December 12, at 10 am. Be sure to register for the party, as special crafts are being prepared for each participant to pick up prior to the festivity.

A Christmas tradition at Trinity is our Fund for Humanity. This is a wonderful opportunity to donate to favorite charity organizations and then have those donations be special Christmas gift donations placed in the **recipient's name. I have** heard this approach to

giving called "alternative Christmas giving." It is a wonderful way to support our sisters and brothers in need through the giving of a gift to a loved one! There is an article within the Trumpet outlining the Fund for Humanity process. With each Fund for Humanity donation received, a candle will appear on the Sunday worship altar honoring this special giving.

And of course the main **event: Trinity's Christmas Eve Service** is December 24 at 6:30 pm. I am looking forward to a glorious evening as we gather on Zoom to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. Come prepared to sing those once-a-year songs of praise for our new-born King!

I am looking forward to this Advent season with you—safely held over Zoom. Stay safe and well throughout the holiday season!

Blessings,



Pastor Jay



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:
Gloria C., Ione H., Mark L., Mickey L., Ardys S., Rebekah S., Jim 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;
those unable to obtain medications, and those who are dying alone;
people 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;
acceptance 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.
God of Hope, guide us in new ways as we wait for the birth of the Christ child, that he may be born anew in our hearts. Amen.

ANNOUNCING TRINITY ACTIVITIES



FELLOWSHIP TIME happens after worship every week on Zoom. Join Pastor Jay for coffee on December 13. Open your audio and video options 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 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10:45 am with Pastor Jay using ID 797 769 8229; PWD 525536.

SUPPORT SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY SERVICES. You can support SCS through your fully tax-deductible financial contribution. 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".

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY—Trinity observed a church-wide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church on November 29, 2020. 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. There still is time to [give](#) and help provide for over 70 scholarships available for United Methodist students.

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will gather on Zoom on Wednesday, December 2 and 16th 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 Thursday at 7 pm on Zoom meeting ID 220 379 4382; PWD 7831552. 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). The Executive Board will be meeting December 8, 2020, at 10 am to plan UMW activities for 2021. Please contact [Jane](#) for more information. Meeting ID 220 379 4382; PWD 7831552.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY for children and youth will be December 12 from 10 am to 12 noon on Zoom meeting ID 631 664 6240; PWD 5350202. Lots of fun activities are planned including crafts, singing Christmas carols, hearing the story of the Nativity, and the children will get their very own Christmas stocking filled with surprises. Please RSVP by clicking here on [Marion](#) or [Jane](#) before December 5 so we are able to provide Christmas bags for those attending.

THE UPPER ROOM

The daily devotional guide for 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.



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 correct... 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.



FUND FOR HUMANITY

*For I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink.
I was a stranger and you took me into our home.
I was naked and you gave me clothing.
I was sick and you took care of me.
I was in prison and you visited me.
Matthew 25:35-36*

Now is the time to "shop" for friends and family. Remember Trinity's project for alternative giving to honor your loved ones—all year and particularly during Advent when gifts are symbolically acknowledged with an increasing number of candles on the worship table.

Send your check to Trinity with your instructions including the name and address of your honoree and the organization to receive your donation. The brochure with suggestions and a form to fill out is [available on our website](#).



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

The UMW Theme for 2021 is *Knitted Together for God's Good Work*.

The Trinity UMW Executive Board has a planning meeting scheduled for December 8 at 10 am on Zoom, to decide on programs for our 2021 meetings. We will be reviewing the programs in the 2021 UMW Program Book and selecting which ones we want to use. Please let us know if you have a topic that you would like us to consider.

Reminder: UMW "Faith Talks" are available for you to attend on Zoom.

Questions? Contact Jane D.

ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT
Well, so much for the "slow down"! We now have 58 finished scarves! There are also two bags with about 20 unfinished scarves, keeping Carol W.'s fingers busy. We are very grateful to a new friend, Rizwana R., who made ten beautiful scarves to add to the "One Warm Scarf" project.

KUDDLES FOR KIDS

Cindy G. has more than 200 handmade stuffed animals for the children at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Cindy reported that they are not accepting any donations at this time. No workshops until meetings are permitted.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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Weekly Zoom Schedule

Sunday

Worship & Celebration, 9:15 am (*On Zoom*)
Holy Communion (*1st 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
(*1st Monday, On Zoom*)

Tuesday

United Methodist Women, 9:30 am
(*2nd Tuesday, On Zoom. Except Nov. & Dec.*)
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 Zoom*)
Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30 pm (*On Zoom*)

Friday

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

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

SEND REQUESTS TO BE INCLUDED IN WORSHIP
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

