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Pastor's Parable

Happy New Year!

Can you believe it? All of us celebrated our first Trinity Advent and Christmas over Zoom! Although it was not the in person Trinity gathering we all long for again, I think we celebrated the birth of baby Jesus in a wonderful way.

None of us knew what to expect as far as attendance on Christmas Eve, but we were quite thrilled that 60+ celebrated Christmas Eve at



Trinity over Zoom that night. Thank you to all of the staff and volunteers that made that evening a memorable Christmas Eve worship experience for all.

It seems like a long time ago, but our Children's Christmas party was

another terrific celebration for our children and youth (and the Trinity teachers, parents and grandparents). If you can imagine, there were 41 attendees having a party over Zoom (19 children/youth and 22 adults).



Together we created and decorated Christmas ornaments, sang Christmas Carols, shared the Christmas story using Crèche figurines, and listened to special music performed by our children—it was a magical Saturday morning celebration. Thank you so much to our Trinity Education Team for making this wonderful event possible for our children and youth!

In January we enter the church season of Epiphany —with camels, three wise men, and a guiding star. I love this season. It is **sometimes called 'Little Christmas', a continuation of the Christmas**

celebration. Specifically during Epiphany, we celebrate the revelation of God incarnate in Jesus Christ. I look forward to our worship together as we discover the magic of the Magi (three wise men) as we enter our 2021 new year.

Yes, 2021 is a new year, one of great hope. The vaccine is being distributed across the country and world. Hallelujah! Yet, the pandemic remains quite serious. We must continue to closely follow the COVID health guidelines to keep each other safe and well.

Let us continue to provide prayer and support for our sisters and brothers that are experiencing great suffering in this time.

Jesus came to earth to reveal that we are graced with a God of hope. Let us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, helping to bring that hope into our community and world.

I look forward to celebrating Epiphany with each of you!

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:
Ione H., Mark L., Mickey L., Ardys S., Rebekah S., Pastor Peggy and Jim W.

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 housing and food to feed their families;

the thousands of people on unemployment whose benefits are pending for fraud allegations without cause;

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;

concern for public safety personnel, first responders, business owners, essential workers, and the unemployed;

confidence to shelter in place for the health and well-being of all people;

equitable distribution of vaccines to all who need them;

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 by 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, that the well being of people is put first;

strength for Bishop Minerva Carcaño and for D.S. 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.

We praise you, O God, for showing us everlasting love and grace in all things. Amen.

ANNOUNCING TRINITY ACTIVITIES



CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL is held virtually for boys and girls through high school age and is available 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". WVCS just announced that the 10th Annual Chefs of Compassion: Cooking for a Cause will be a virtual gala on March 5, 2021 at 6 pm. Please mark your calendar for this special event. Three master chefs will be competing to bring their creations to your doorstep the night of the gala. Ticketing and more information will be available soon at <https://www.chefsofcompassion.org/>

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP will gather on Zoom on Wednesday, January 6 at 7 am. Bring your coffee, cereal, homemade bread, pancakes, waffles, OJ—your treat—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 meetings are on Zoom on Thursdays. You are invited to join this Fellowship on January 7, at 7 pm. Meeting ID 220 379 4382; PWD 7831552. Please contact Jane D. 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) invite all women to gather on Zoom for the first meeting of the new year on January 12 at 9:30 am. The theme for the program is "The Dignity of Work" presented by Jane D. Meeting ID 220 379 4382; PWD 7831552.

FUND FOR HUMANITY. Do you need a special gift for friends and family? Remember Trinity's project for alternative giving is available all year. The Fund brochure with instructions and suggestions for recipient organizations is [available on our website](#) www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Trinity children, youth, and adults attended our annual Christmas party on Zoom. There were lots of fun activities for everyone. We sang Christmas carols and **listened to Pastor Jay's story** of the Nativity. And, we got our very own Christmas stocking filled with all sorts of goodies.

The Education Team thanks all who helped organize this fun annual event.

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.



Human Relations Day – January 17, 2021—celebrated the day before Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

In 2019 United Methodists gave \$471,659 toward ministries funded by this offering. Supporting ministries of social justice and outreach like the Community Developers, Volunteer Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs, this fund is administered by The General Boards of Global Ministries and Church and Society. We are encouraged to give generously!



KNITTED TOGETHER FOR GOD'S GOOD WORK

2021 Theme

The Trinity UMW Executive Board met and decided on the programs for our 2021 meetings. Meetings will start at 9:30 am on Zoom for the foreseeable future. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

UMW Meetings will be:
January 12—"The Dignity of Work" with Jane D.;
February 9—"World Thank Offering: The Give and Take of Gratitude" presented by Jane D.;
April 13—*program TBA*;
June 8—*program TBA*;
September 14—"Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown" book review presented by Lois C.;
October 12.—A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, "She Leads: Empowering Women to Make a Difference" presented by Melva I.

Get Together Time will begin at 10 am on Zoom on the following dates: March 9; May 11; July 13; and August 10.

The 2021 UMW Christmas Party will be 2:30-4:00 pm on November 21, the third Sunday.

Year-end gifts of \$175 each were sent to Sunnyvale Community Services, West Valley Community Services, Heart of the Valley, and The Lord's Pantry.

Questions? Contact Jane D.

ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT

There are now 77 finished scarves! A second set of two bags with about 15 scarves are in the process of having ends woven in and fringes added. **They are keeping Carol W.'s fingers busy!**

KUDDLES FOR KIDS

Cindy G. has more than 200 handmade stuffed animals for the children at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. **There are 25 more animals in the finishing process.** Cindy reported that the hospital is not accepting any donations at this time. Workshops are not scheduled.

PROJECT DAY

Postponed until further notice.

**IAF
Silicon Valley
Sponsoring Committee
Next Meeting
January 26 @7pm**

Join us for the first meeting of the new year, as we continue to organize around keeping families housed as well as other issues that rise out of our membership.

[Register for the meeting.](#)

The work of the Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee is more critical now than ever: we build long-term relationships across lines that often divide us and empower community members to effectively engage with government. The Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee is a non-partisan network of civic associations, faith-based organizations, nonprofits, and labor groups that develop the leadership capacity of their members to effect change on a larger scale than they could alone. The Sponsoring Committee is affiliated with the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), **the nation's largest and longest-standing leadership development and organizing network.**



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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 Meetings, 9:30 am
(*2nd Tuesday, On Zoom. January, February, April, June, September, October*)
UMW Get Together Time, 10 am
(*2nd Tuesday, On Zoom, March, May, July, and August*)
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*)

Friday

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

Saturday

No Events Scheduled

See church events Calendar at
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Zoom to Worship on Sunday
9:15 AM

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GROUP MEETINGS ON ZOOM

