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Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of Spring. The season of Lent is 40 days not including Sundays, begins on Ash Wednesday and ends the day before Easter. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. In preparation of Easter, Christians are invited to focus on their relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending themselves. Some people might choose to **give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.** “Let us ask God for a renewed focus, both mind and heart, through daily spiritual awareness and prayer.”

Pastor's Parable

Blessings in this season of Lent! It has been a serious winter weather month this past February. If you are located in an area that received the frigid cold front the past few weeks, I pray you are safe and well. I also hope your area has thawed somewhat and your home is OK.

I know many of you have friends and family that live in regions of the country that were seriously impacted by this winter storm (like Texas). Let us continue to pray for the many that were impacted by the storm, as they may have water damaged homes and lack of clean water.

As all of March is in the thick of the Christian Lenten season, let us release ourselves from the worldly priorities that may take us away from God. Then let us ask God for a renewed focus, both mind and heart, through daily spiritual awareness and prayer. Let us look for 'God moments' throughout our day, in

which we are blessed and are a blessing to others.

Looking toward the close of the Lenten season, be sure to mark your calendars for Palm Sunday on March 28 and the upcoming Trinity *Holy Week* services—Good Friday and Easter. Our Good Friday service is April 2 at 7 pm and our Easter Celebration is April 4 at 9:15 am. Of course, all services will be live-streamed over Zoom.

I am so excited to hear the number of people in our church and community that have or will be receiving soon the vaccine. It probably goes without saying, but it is important to continue wearing a mask and social distancing in public. Continuing these safety guidelines is necessary because even if you have been vaccinated, you could still become a carrier of the virus.

Also, although you may have heard that churches are being allowed to open

at 25% capacity, our Trinity church decided at the beginning of the pandemic to not open for in-person worship until everyone has had the opportunity to receive the vaccine. Fortunately, Zoom has been quite an effective way to have wonderful worship in a perfectly safe manner.

I look forward to our time in ministry together throughout this Lenten 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 continually pray for:

friends of Trinity including: Marsha B., Mark L., Mickey L., Suad N., Ardys S., Rebekah S.

all those who work to end racism;

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 millions 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;

strength for public safety personnel, first responders, business owners, and essential workers;

equitable distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine;

everyone affected by the recent winter storms;

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;

support of 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 2022 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 Pastor Jay and Pastor Bob as they lead the missions of Sunnyvale Trinity and First United Methodist churches.

Holy Spirit, thank you for each new day and the opportunities to give and share your love in all we do. Open our eyes to accepting new ways throughout life. Give us a renewed focus through daily prayer. Amen.

ANNOUNCING TRINITY ACTIVITIES



WELCOME TO SUNNYVALE TRINITY UMC. Worship is held every Sunday at 9:15 am on Zoom. A weekly email is sent by Pastor Jay on Friday to all members and friends and includes the worship program. Please contact the church office to be added to the mailing.

FELLOWSHIP TIME will happen on Zoom following Worship.

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 meet with Lisa during 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".

MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP gathers on Zoom on Wednesday, March 3 and 17 at 7 am. Bring your coffee, cereal, homemade bread, pancakes, waffles, OJ—your treat—and sign on to Zoom while eating your breakfast and catching up. All men are invited to join in the conversation. 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 every week 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 an informal Get Together Time on March 9 at 10 am. 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.

DO YOU KNOW UMCOR?

UMCOR stands for United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be observed on March 14, 2021, during UMCOR Sunday, the day for congregations around the globe to help

UMCOR offers aid in Jesus' name to those who suffer:

- *When tornadoes ripped through Oklahoma, we responded.*
- *When children in Zimbabwe lost parents to AIDS, we responded.*
- *When a massive tsunami devastated lives in Japan, we responded.*


And when the next crisis occurs, we will be prepared to respond.



On this Special Sunday on March 14, 2021, our generosity as a church covers the operating budget of UMCOR. This allows them to funnel 100% of other donations received throughout the year directly to relief efforts.

UMCOR Sunday is where we come together to help. Learn more about UMCOR at www.umciving.org/UMC.

KIDS' TIME VOLUNTEERS

 Trinity is in urgent need of volunteers to lead Kids' Time on Sundays during our Worship and Celebration Service. The first, second, and fifth Sundays are available. All it takes is an idea or experience that you'd like to share with the kids. No more searching for a book. If you've been waiting to be asked, text or call 408.420.0636 to sign up now.



At their meeting in February 2021, the Commission on the General Conference made a decision to again postpone the 2020 General Conference until August 29-September 6, 2022, in Minneapolis, MN as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect the safety of mass gatherings and travel. *General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The assembly meets at the beginning of each quadrennial to consider revisions to church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years.*

ST. PATRICK'S DAY March 17

We celebrate this special day to honor St. Patrick, a Christian missionary who lived and worked in Ireland during the fourth century. He is a patron saint of Ireland but he didn't always live there. He was born in Britain and arrived in Ireland to work when he was 16 years old. According to legend, Patrick used a three-leaf clover, or shamrock, as part of his teachings to demonstrate the principles of the Holy Trinity. It is said that he converted many of the country's residents to Christianity. Remember St. Patrick as you celebrate by wearing green.



KNITTED TOGETHER FOR GOD'S GOOD WORK

2021 Theme

UMW will meet Tuesday, March 9 at 10 am on Zoom. No agenda, no program, just conversation with perhaps a special surprise. Reminder: please return your 2021 Pledge cards. Pledges may be mailed to Jane, or put in her mailbox. **Please Join us for "Get Together Time".**

ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT
How many scarves are ready to be blessed and then distributed? Many thanks to helpful hands and gifts of yarn...112 scarves are ready for duty! We received a gift of 6 crocheted hats, one scarf, and a large bag of yarn, from Laura H. We will miss Laura as she has moved. Melva made a scarf for this session. Another wonderful gift of 10 beautiful scarves came from Rizwana R. The finishing work on the scarves I crochet is done by Carol W's nimble fingers! Sandy G., the project coordinator for "One Warm Scarf", sent a message that she needs donations of yarn. Please let me know if you would be able to donate yarn and take it to her. One of the yarn shops did not hold their annual clearance sale, so that left Sandy with empty shelves in her supply cabinets!

KUDDLES FOR KIDS

No workshops are scheduled. Cindy G. reported that the hospital is still not accepting any donations at this time. Cindy has 225 handmade stuffed animals finished for the children at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. Many more animals are in the finishing process.

PROJECT DAY

Postponed until further notice.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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PRAYERS OF JOY & CONCERN
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BEFORE SUNDAY

Zoom to Worship on Sunday
9:15 AM

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GROUP MEETINGS ON ZOOM

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

No Events Scheduled

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 Wednesday 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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