



# Trinity Trumpet

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Advent 2021: We Watch and Wait

WELCOME!



Come, Prince of Peace, Come!  
Animals came to prepare your bed.  
Shepherds stood guard, marveled and said:  
Come, Prince of Peace, Come!  
Angels sang to calm your cries.  
And all the world gave one great sigh:  
Ah, Prince of Peace, you have come!

*Nathan Decker, Alt.*

## In Our Prayers

*The Prayer Fellowship prays for many people. 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 weekly prayer list.*

We continually pray for:

scientists and health leaders as they deal with the emergence of new COVID variants;

equitable distribution of COVID-19 and flu vaccines to all children and adults;

healing for those struggling with physical and mental illness;

people without hope who live in fear of being evicted from their homes;

the millions of people unable to find work whose benefits have expired;

workers who are not treated fairly;

persons who lack access to clean water, children living in poverty, outdoor citizens, victims of domestic violence, and victims of elder abuse;

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

protection for our AA/PI Asian-American/Pacific Islander neighbors experiencing continuing hate;

justice for detained immigrants and families, especially those incarcerated in private ICE prisons, who suffer from inhumane treatment, as they wait for immigration approvals;

empowering the church with grace, hope, and healing throughout the world as people experience turmoil, unrest, and oppressive leadership;

people who have lost their way and endanger others;

**listening to God's will for the global United Methodist Church as plans are made for General Conference;**

finding ways to believe, trust, and actively share our faith in God that we may be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world;

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 California-Nevada Bishop Minerva Carcaño and for District Superintendent Samuel Hong as he leads the churches of El Camino Real District;

guidance for Pastor Jay as he leads the missions of Sunnyvale Trinity and First United Methodist churches.

God the Father, we give you thanks and praise for your everlasting love as we watch and wait for the promises of Christmas with the birth of Jesus your son. Make us instruments of your peace and love for others. Amen.

# Pastor's Parable

Advent is here and Christmas Eve is just around the corner. This is my favorite season of the year! I love seeing all the Christmas lights and decorations around town and in the neighborhoods. I also love the Advent décor in our sanctuary and the wonderful Advent candle-lighting tradition on Sunday. And to think, all of this is about the anticipation of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! What an incredible Christian season!

**But first, let's do a quick look** back at November. We had a terrific Stewardship campaign in which Trinity is on track with our pledges for next year. Thank you to our Stewardship Minute Speakers in Sunday worship—you were fantastic! We also had a wonderful Stewardship campaign celebration while enjoying a beautiful dried fruit tray together. I heard many comments that the fruit was

delicious and a nice treat for Thanksgiving! The fruit theme fit well with the hope for abundant ministries in the coming year for our newly merged church.

If you have not turned in a pledge yet, we are hopeful that you will turn one into the church office soon. This pledge helps our church budgeting process for the coming year. Please note that if your circumstances change sometime next year, your pledge can easily be modified by contacting the Finance Secretary or church office.

Now for Advent and Christmas Eve. First, we have **our fabulous Children's** Christmas party on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm (over Zoom). I am also excited that the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service this year will be a combined First Sunnyvale and Trinity Sunnyvale celebration on Friday, December 24 at 7pm. The service will be

hybrid, which allows both in person and online worship (over Zoom). Come prepared for great music, the telling of the Christmas story, and a terrific celebration! I encourage you to invite friends and family to our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. We also have an advertisement running in the local paper inviting the community to join in the celebration.

If you are traveling over the Christmas holidays, I wish you safe travel and God speed.

Let us all prepare our hearts for the birth celebration of our glorious Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Praise be to God.

Peace be with you!



Pastor Jay



*Celebrate Christmas Eve ¶*

*Friday, December 24 ¶*

*Candlelight Worship and Celebration — 7:00 PM ¶*

<b>SUNNYVALE TRINITY</b>	<b>SUNNYVALE FIRST ¶</b>
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<a href="http://www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org">www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org</a>	<a href="http://www.sunnyvaleumc.org">www.sunnyvaleumc.org</a>

**Hybrid in Person and on Zoom ¶**

**Please Wear Masks and Social Distance ¶**

**See Websites for Link to Live Stream via Zoom ¶**

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**535 Old San Francisco Road ¶**

**Sunnyvale, CA 94086 ¶**

## ANNOUNCING TRINITY ACTIVITIES

**WORSHIP AT SUNNYVALE TRINITY UMC.** Worship is held every Sunday morning at 9:15. We welcome in-person and Zoom worshipers in a hybrid environment. A weekly email is sent on Friday by Pastor Jay to all members and friends and includes the worship program. Please contact the church office to be added to the email.

**FELLOWSHIP TIME** happens in the Library and on Zoom following the Benediction and Closing Music. People on Zoom are invited to open audio/video options and join the conversation after worship.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** is held in-person and on Zoom for boys and girls through high school age and is available at 9:15 am using Zoom Meeting ID 631 664 6240; Passcode 5350202. Treblemakers meet along with Sunday School with Lisa. In-person Sunday School is in Room 2 in the Education Building. Youth Group meets each first and third Sunday at 12:30 pm in the Library and on Zoom using ID 797 769 8229; Passcode 525536.

**ADULT SMALL GROUPS.** We offer two small groups on Sundays, one meeting at 10:45 am using ID 207 473 9152 , Passcode 905898 and one at 1 pm using ID 631 664 6240, **Passcode 5350202, both in Nick's Hall and on Zoom.**

**SUPPORT SUNNYVALE COMMUNITY SERVICES.** You can support SCS through your 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** uses donations from Trinity UMC to fund its laundry program. Checks written to Trinity UMC noting WVCS in the memo line are forwarded. Click [WVCS](#) to make your donation directly and note for "Laundry Program."

**MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP** will gather on Zoom at 7 am on Wednesday, December 1 and 15. 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; Passcode 583535.

**PRAYER FELLOWSHIP** meetings are on Zoom at 7 pm on Thursdays. Meeting ID 220 379 4382; Passcode 7831552. Please contact Jane D. or Pastor Jay to request prayers. If you need immediate spiritual support, please contact Pastor Jay at 408.621.1418 or Bob McGowan at 408.420.0637.

**FUND FOR HUMANITY.** Do you need a special Christmas gift for friends and family? An opportunity to send an alternative gift is encouraged all year and in particular during **Advent. Beginning December 5, the number of candles will grow on the Parson's Table** in the Sanctuary as alternative giving gifts are received. The Fund brochure with instructions and suggestions for recipient organizations is [available on our website](#) [www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org](http://www.trinityumcsunnyvale.org).

**Wi-Fi HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS.** When you have meetings on campus and need access to the Internet, you will find hot spots in the Johnson-Shaner Room (jsroom or jsroom5G), Education Building (Nick's Hall/Education), and the Fireside-Library Room (fireside or fireside5G). The passcode for all locations is tumc-stjohns-1601-totomundo. Please contact Bob McGowan should you have questions.

# Meetings and Projects



**KNITTED TOGETHER FOR GOD'S GOOD WORK**  
2021 Theme

## UMW HOLIDAY PARTY

Ten women gathered at Gloria C's house on Sunday, November 21, from 2:30 until 4:00 pm for the annual Holiday Party. There wasn't a lot of business to do so we had a good time visiting with each other.

We voted on our year-end giving. Donations of \$395 were collected and \$300 was taken from our General Fund. The \$695 will be divided between Sunnyvale Community Services, West Valley Community Services, and The Lord's Pantry.

Jane D. asked us to share a Christmas experience that we particularly remembered. All enjoyed that time of sharing.

## PROJECT DAY

There will be no Project Days in December. They will continue in January. Check the January Trumpet for dates and times.

Gloria C.

## CHRISTMAS EVE POINSETTIAS

This year you are invited to provide a poinsettia for Christmas Eve worship. We will publish your name in the bulletin including the person honored, in memory of, or celebration of. Please deliver your poinsettia to the church by December 16 and pick up your poinsettia after the Christmas Eve worship service. Mark your plant with your name. The information to be printed should be sent to office@trinityumcsunnyvale.org no later than December 13.



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 11, 2021  
1-3 pm on Zoom  
ID 631 664 6240  
Passcode 5350202

You will . . .

Make Ornaments for your Tree



Sing Christmas Songs

Listen to the Christmas Story told by Pastor Jay



Open your Christmas Stocking

Please RSVP by December 6 to

[jane.dredge@att.net](mailto:jane.dredge@att.net) or [marion@marionredler.net](mailto:marion@marionredler.net)

Supplies will be delivered on Friday, December 10.

# This 'n That

## HELPING HANDS The Brown Bag Bunch



Grab a bag and grab one other... it takes two to make one. Must wear a mask. Bring proof of vaccination. Work is outside under an awning and we'll social distance. The double bags will be filled with food by others. No heavy lifting on this job. Contact Ken for details.

Ken R.

## 2022 ESTIMATE OF GIVING

Thank you very much to all who participated in the 2022 Campaign. The results so far:

- Received: 12 estimates, totaling \$93,050
- Compares to 2021: 17 estimates, totaling \$109,220
- Increased over 2021: 4
- Decreased over 2021: 2
- No change over 2021: 6

It is important to the Finance Committee, particularly in this year of changes, to have an accurate view of what our offerings might be in the coming year. So thank you for your participation.

If your Estimate has not yet been expressed by pen to paper, please endeavor to pass it along to the Financial Secretary for inclusion in the 2022 overall Estimate.

Thanks again.  
Bob Cloke—Financial Secretary

**FAITH . . . GENEROSITY: CONNECTING THE DOTS**

In grateful recognition that all of my (our) time, resources) and ability(ies) come from God, I (we) gladly join with others in support of Trinity United Methodist Church.

I (we) step up to give \$\_\_\_\_\_ per week or \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, which is a total of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD  
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TEXT 408-420-0636  
BEFORE SUNDAY

Worship on Sunday  
9:15 AM PST

HYBRID WORSHIP AT 9:15 AM

GO TO [WWW.TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG](http://WWW.TRINITYUMCSUNNYVALE.ORG)  
FOR ZOOM ACCESS CODE

GROUP MEETINGS IN PERSON & ON ZOOM

## Weekly In-Person & Zoom Schedule

All Times PDT

### Sunday

Worship & Celebration, 9:15 am  
(Sanctuary & On Zoom)  
Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)  
Sunday School and Treblemakers  
9:15 am (Room 2 & On Zoom)  
Fellowship Time, 10:15 am (Library & On Zoom)  
Adult Small Group w/Josh A., Lyn I., Erika S.  
10:45 am (Nick's Hall & On Zoom)  
Youth Group, 12:30-1:30 pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, Library & On Zoom)  
Adult Small Group w/Ken R. & David I.  
1 pm (Nick's Hall & On Zoom)

### Monday

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday

United Methodist Women Meetings, 9:30 am  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, Hybrid, January, February,  
April, June, September, October, November)  
Administrative Council, 7:30 pm  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, On Zoom)

### Wednesday

**Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7 am**  
(1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday On Zoom)

### Thursday

Prayer Fellowship, 7 pm (On Zoom)

### Friday

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7 pm  
(On Zoom and In Person)  
Project Day, 10 am-2:30 pm, Room 2  
(We'll be back in January)

### Saturday

No Events Scheduled

