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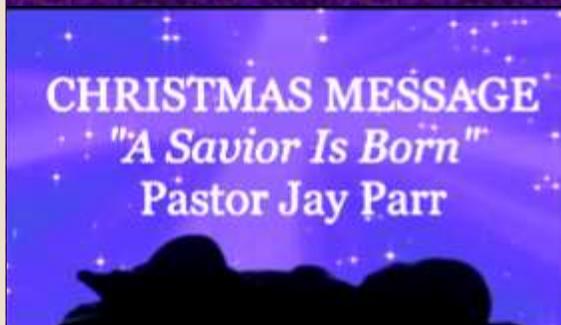
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WELCOME!



Christmas Eve 2021 with Sunnyvale Trinity and First United Methodist Churches

Good News! Great Joy!  
A New Year Dawns!

## 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:

health providers and families dealing with swiftly-increasing cases of Omicron;

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 with anxiety and fear for their futures;

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

workers who are not treated fairly;

those who are in prison;

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;

answers for families who have lost their homes due to fires, floods, and unusual weather;

open minds and open hearts as we open doors to a new church future;

**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.

**As we begin the new year, we ask that you grow us closer to you than we've ever been. Rest your hand upon us. Make us strong with your strength, wise in your ways, patient with each other and ourselves. Keep us humble. Keep us in good humor. Let your peace and your joy surprise us. Amen.**

## Pastor's Parable

Happy New Year!

But first, what a glorious Advent season and Christmas Eve! I thought the Christmas Eve service was magical with our two churches worshipping together. We had 80 in-person attendees and over 40 online—120+ in total attendance.

I think we all have missed having a Christmas Eve candlelight service throughout the pandemic. I heard from a few online worshipers that the candlelight portion of the service was incredible to view livestreamed. Also, I thought the music was terrific! Thank you to our musicians and singers for the fabulous special music throughout Advent and Christmas Eve. I know we all enjoyed singing Christmas carols in the sanctuary for the first time in two years.

A big thank you also goes to the worship leaders and participants from the two churches—scripture readers, Advent/Christmas candle lighters, ushers, tech support, worship teams and office managers. Your servant leadership allowed

this Advent and Christmas season to be terrific.

Finally, another big thank you goes to our education teams at each church for their support of our youth ministry during Advent/Christmas. FUMC had a Christmas pageant and TUMC had a Christmas party that were wonderful experiences for our children and youth. It is so noticeable that the two churches place a high priority on our church young people.

What a blessed Advent and Christmas season. Yes, a savior is born—He is Christ the Lord!

As we go into the new year, I thought it would be good to update everyone on our merger progress. You may recall that Bishop Carcaño and her Cabinet (the direct reports to the Bishop) reviewed our October 2021 merger proposal and were quite pleased. We were asked to answer a few more merger questions prior to final approval. The two church leadership teams have discussed these items at their respective Administrative Council meetings and have given

unanimous approval to our answers.

The questions we were asked covered areas of staffing for the new merged church. The Bishop and Cabinet wanted to be sure we are planning to invest in important growth areas of the church, such as young families with children and youth.

I have summarized our answers in a document that will be sent for review at the Cabinet meeting in late January. Once the Cabinet has approved our responses, we will then schedule a Charge Conference for each church so their respective leadership teams can vote to approve the merger. The estimated timeframe for an approved merger is March/April 2022.

I look forward to our ministry together in January!

Blessings,

Pastor Jay



## 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. The 10:45 am group uses Zoom Meeting ID 207 473 9152, Passcode 905898, and the 1 pm group uses Zoom Meeting ID 631 664 6240, Passcode 5350202. All are welcome to attend.

**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** uses donations from Trinity UMC to fund its laundry program. Checks can be written to Trinity UMC noting "WVCS" in the memo line. 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, January 19, 2022. 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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW).** All women are invited to gather for their hybrid meeting, in person and on Zoom, in Room 2 in the Education building on January 11 at 9:30 am. **Following a short business meeting, Gloria C. will review the book "Women in the Whitehouse."** You are welcome to contact Jane D. or the office for more information. Meeting ID 220 379 4382; Passcode 7831552.

**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 the church office.

**FUND FOR HUMANITY.** Do you need a special gift for a friend or family member? An **opportunity to send an alternative gift is encouraged all year by making a donation to Trinity's** Fund for Humanity alternative giving program. 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.

**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY—January 16, 2022.** We join other UMC congregations to support neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk youth through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Programs. Please be prepared to give generously to this Special Sunday celebration.

# Meetings and Projects



**HEALING and JOY: ON OUR JOURNEY TO GOD**

## UMW GENERAL MEETING

January's meeting will be held January 11 at 9:30 am, starting with a short business meeting.

The program will start at 10:15 am with Gloria C.'s presentation of a book review on "Women in The White House."

We will be meeting in person in Room 2 or on Zoom (Meeting ID 220 379 4382 Passcode 7831552) — you choose.

The 2022 Program Book which was ordered has yet to arrive.

Treasurer, Jane D., will send the 2021 tax deduction statements this month. They will include our 2022 pledge cards.

Gloria C.

## PROJECT DAYS

2022 Dates: January 7 and 21  
February 4 and 18

Time: 10 am until 2:30 pm  
Place: Room 2

Bring your own: drinking water, lunch, mask, and project

Provided: simple snacks, hot water for tea, coffee, and cocoa

## ONE WARM SCARF PROJECT

Jane D. reports she has 150 scarves ready to be blessed and delivered. She is hoping for a little better weather to move forward on this project.

Chris C. and her busy fingers knitted around 70 scarves and donated them to West Valley Community Services.

Thank you to all of the ladies involved in this project.



## HOW DO YOUR GIFTS SUPPORT HUMAN RELATIONS? JANUARY 16, 2022

Human Relations Day calls us to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. We observe this churchwide Special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life:

**Each of God's children are equally important.**

# This 'n That

## HELPING HANDS The Brown Bag Bunch



Currently on hold due to a COVID outbreak at Sunnyvale Community Services. Volunteers are needed for this once-a-month project. We anticipate returning in February and March to fill bags with food for low-income people. Contact Ken for details.

Ken R.

## GOOD NEWS TRAVELS

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**We ♥ Our Customers**

...and their wonderful relatives!

Customer Sue D. shared the story of her mother-in-law, Jane D., who has made more than a hundred warm scarves for the homeless. It's part of the One Warm Scarf Project, whose mission is to "help the world without the exchange of money—moving things from people who have to people who don't have."

Of the 120 scarves and six hats shown above, Jane made 108 of the scarves; her friends made the others and the hats. That's Jane below, with Sue's granddaughter, Caroline. We can't think of a better way to share the fiber-craft you love and to pass along the warmth of the holidays to those less fortunate. Isn't that what it's all about?



*Editor's Note: Volunteers are always welcome to join the One Warm Scarf Project. Please contact Jane for more information.*





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FOR ZOOM ACCESS CODE

GROUP MEETINGS IN PERSON & ON ZOOM

## Weekly In-Person & Zoom Schedule

All Times PST

### 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 (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 (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

Project Day, 10 am-2:30 pm, Room 2  
(January 7 and 21; February 4 and 18)

### Saturday

No Events Scheduled

