

meditations

the politicians were talking themselves red, white, and blue in the face.
~clare boothé luce

we vote every day for companies, for people, and we put money toward “campaigns.” we need to think of the faces behind the scenes. who are the masters and caesars that we pledge allegiance to by the way we live and through the things we put our trust in? we vote every day with our feet, our hands, our lips, and our wallets. we are to vote for the poor. we are to vote for the peacemakers. we are to vote for the marginalized, the oppressed, the most vulnerable of our society. these are the ones jesus voted for, those whom every empire had left behind, those whom no millionaire politician will represent.
~shane claiborne

the darkest places in hell are reserved for those who maintain their neutrality in times of moral crisis.
~dante alighieri

all over the place, from the popular culture to the propaganda system, there is constant pressure to make people feel that they are helpless, that the only role they can have is to ratify decisions and to consume.
~noam chomsky

staff

people of the congregation – community ministers

cy albertson – accompanist	elyse jensen – teacher
tim brace – music and arts director	kim longacre – teacher
nichole crosson – preschool coordinator	jean-paul marshall – youth coordinator
sid hall – minister of celebration	larry roberts – weekend sexton

a people with a mission

trinity united methodist church is a dynamic community of people who, through their trust in god’s faithfulness, strive to provide an inclusive, joyful, loving, and caring environment. in this community, people can find spiritual nurture and growth, mutual support of individual needs, and a sense of family. reaching out through vital and creative worship, people-centered programs, and social and environmental stewardship, this congregation serves the local and global communities.

a people committed to inclusiveness

trinity is a congregation that welcomes and affirms all people inclusive of race, nationality, age, gender, gender identity, marital status, sexual orientation, physical ability, mental ability, economic class, or educational level. trinity has been a reconciling congregation since 1992.

a creation-centered community

trinity supports **creation spirituality**, a movement that draws on ancient spiritual traditions and contemporary science to awaken authentic mysticism, revitalize christianity and western culture, and promote social and ecological justice.

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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

sunday giving

11/2/2014

pledges & regular offering	\$4,790.00
baskets	\$409.00

year-to-date

total pledged	\$197,804.30
total received	\$179,094.10
91% of funds pledged received as of 11/5	\$18,710.20 (shortfall)

please note that all money collected for apportionment-related special offerings will be disbursed to the southwest texas conference of the umc. all non-apportionment money collected will be disbursed to the relevant organization in charge of the program. all other funds will be used at the discretion of trinity’s finance team and administration.



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“jesus and the body
politik”

sid hall



11/9/14 order of service 10:30 – 11:45 am

befriending creation

song of preparation *

“siyahamba”

traditional south african hymn

siyahamb’ ekukha nyen’ kwenkhos
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we are (singing, marching, dancing)
we are (singing, marching, dancing) in the
light of god

call to celebration *

by john schimminger

one: blessed be god, the source of all
being.

**all: blessed be god, the breath of
the universe, the wisdom
behind nature and the
scriptures.**

one: blessed be god, the way of
reconciliation and healing. all are
welcome in this space. no
exceptions! let us pray.

**all: creator god, you are the spirit
and breath of the universe.
you are the center towards
whom we journey and the
way leading to wholeness. we
see your world of abundance
and blessing all around us. we
hear your call to be your eyes,
your ears, your hands, to
experience this creation and
care for it, expressing our
wonder in thankfulness and
praise.**

**we come together as a
community of faith,
compassion, and justice-
making. we open our
hearts and minds to you.
come, inspire us, dwell
with us, and make us one
in your spirit.**

all: amen!

gathering song *

“for the beauty of the earth” arr. rutter

for the beauty of the earth, for the
glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies, over and
around us lies;

chorus:
lord of all, to thee we raise this our
joyful hymn of praise.

for the beauty of each hour, of the
day and of the night
hill and vale, and tree and flower
sun and moon, and stars of light, sun
and moon, and stars of light.

chorus × 2

song of praise *

“creation of peace” (insert)

befriending letting go

call to prayer

“prayer is not asking. it is a longing
of the soul. it is daily admission of
one’s weakness.... it is better in prayer
to have a heart without words, than
words without a heart.” ~gandhi

note: please turn off or silence your phones.

update



exciting new opportunities for service await you! –it’s true: YOU can now participate in some simple but very important sunday activities that previously have been available to only a select few! read on to learn more...

earlyish on sunday mornings, before anyone else arrives, 1 or 2 magic trinity fairies descend on the building and begin their preparations for welcoming and service. these worker bees make coffee, unlock doors, put out bulletins, and get the sanctuary ready for worship. with a wave of their magic wands, everything comes together so that all of us have a caffeinated, meaningful experience on sundays.

after the service is over, 2 magic elfin folks stay after to count the day’s offerings. although the task only takes

about 15 minutes, it’s a vital part of our financial processes and helps us follow best practices for our financial affairs, as recommended by the larger umc. while some of the counters are math wizards, others are happy to use a calculator. a desire to help is the greatest skill you can bring to the role of counter.

so, who wouldn’t envy the thrilling, glamorous, under-the-radar activities handled so successfully by members of our service squad? well, as good fortune would have it, openings in both groups are available now! here’s your chance to join a special crew of people we can’t do without.

both sets of tasks require a commitment of 1 sunday per month. (on rare occasions, someone might be asked to count on 2 sundays in a month.) the 2 necessities of doing sunday set-up include the genetic predisposition to being an early riser/morning person (arrival time is before 9:00 am) and the ability to be 100% reliable for your assigned sunday.

if you’re interested in becoming one of these elite volunteers, please talk to laura after the service or send an email to

info@tumc.org. by contributing to trinity in this way, feelings of warm fuzziness and earning of good karma are [almost] guaranteed to ensue!

rally for our families: overhaul the criminal justice system, friday, nov. 7th – formerly incarcerated individuals, family members of people in prison, and supporters will rally to demand that policymakers address unfair sentences, deplorable prison conditions, and the need to eliminate barriers to housing, jobs, and education once a person is released from prison or jail. the rally takes place on friday, nov. 7th, 12pm-3 pm at the south steps of the state capitol.



seeking volunteers for holiday baskets – please sign up on a clipboard list to help with shopping and distribution of food for thanksgiving baskets. the date is sunday, nov. 23rd, ≈ 1pm-4pm. you can help out for some or all of the activities.

order of service, cont.

after each sharing, the leader will say, “healing and joyful spirit...” and the people respond, “receive our prayer.”

befriending creativity

trinity celebration choir

readings

the beatitudes (matthew 5:1-12) and their opposites by sid hall

message

“jesus and the body politik” by sid hall

befriending compassion

song for centering

“out beyond ideas”

by rumi; music by david wilcox & nance pettit

out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing there is a field. i’ll meet you there (repeat)

when the soul lies down in that grass, the world is too full to talk about. ideas, language, even the phrase “each other” doesn’t make any sense. out beyond ideas...

offering of our gifts of money for nurture and justice

please place gifts on the offering table.

wooden bowl: regular offering
basket: special offering & coffee fund
glass jar: loose change

a circle for healing during struggle

directions adapted from alan acacia in *the spiral dance* (starhawk, 1978) by christine kraemer

we go forth to celebrate

announcements

passing of the peace *

you’re invited to greet those around you by saying “peace be with you” or other words of welcome.

welcoming of the children song

(new words by debby loomis)

jesus loves the little children,
all the children of the world,
big or little, short or tall, jesus loves
them one and all,
jesus loves the little children of the
world.

song of thanksgiving *

“for one great peace” (insert)

benediction *

benedictory response *

“trees of the field”
adapted from isaiah 55:12

you shall go out with joy and be led forth
with peace; the mountains and the hills
will break forth before you; there’ll be
shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

and all the trees of the field will clap
their hands, <clap clap>
the trees of the field will clap their
hands, <clap clap>
the trees of the field will clap their
hands, <clap clap>
while you go out with joy. (repeat)



hope food pantry would love your help! – each november, hope food pantry gives away 40 turkeys on the thursdays & fridays before thanksgiving. hope’s clients are always so grateful to receive this wonderful opportunity, made possible by the generous donations of folks from trinity and other churches and organizations around austin. hope is able to purchase frozen turkeys for the low price of \$15 each. by donating to hope food pantry’s turkey fund, you’re bringing holiday spirit to those in need and letting them know that we care.

please use an offering envelope for your donation. be sure to make your checks payable to hope food pantry (cash), and write “turkey fund” or “hfp” on the envelope. many thanks!

* *standing as able*

welcome!



it is a delight to have you share in this celebration. there are often people here for the first time, time, and we hope everyone feels welcome. a short introduction to trinity can be found on the back of this bulletin.

if you have a question, feel free to ask a staff person or someone near you who looks like they know what they are doing. they just might! you can learn more about trinity’s mission and vision, or what it means to be a member of the church by contacting our pastor, dr. sid hall, at sid@tumc.org.

visitors

if you are visiting trinity for the first time, would like to update your member information, or want to volunteer, please use one of our envelopes on the chair backs. you may leave the envelopes in the basket during the offertory. thank you!

greetings

join sid by the north doors of the sanctuary for greetings after the celebration.

better than the a-list...

you can get on our e-list at <http://bit.ly/1614whY>!

- **trinity news and events list:** subscribers currently receive a weekly update and special announcements.
- **children’s corner and youth news lists:** subscribers will soon begin receiving periodic newsletters and announcements.

envelopes

envelopes can be used to:

- provide or update your contact info;
- sign up for email updates or to volunteer;
- ensure your contribution goes to the correct fund and is credited to your giving statement.

simply put the envelope in an offering basket.

parking

help us be good neighbors! please park across speedway in either of our two lots, or in on-street spaces around trinity. avoid the lot immediately to the east of our building, bus zones, the loading zone in the front, bike lanes, or anywhere reserved for other businesses/entities. thank you!

special offering

holiday baskets

each year at this time, trinity sponsors 10 underprivileged families of students at ridgetop elementary school. we provide food and h-e-b gift cards so that these special families can enjoy a thanksgiving meal of their very own. the families are always so excited and grateful to receive these blessings from all of us here at trinity. your generous offerings will allow us to continue this tradition of loving and supporting our neighbors.



fair trade coffee fund

just write “coffee fund” on your donation and place it in the special offering basket. your donation allows us to serve fair trade coffee on sundays and at other church events.

we love our

readers

- ♥ bob german
- ♥ leonor vargas

counters

- ♥ paula buls
- ♥ mary pratt

other volunteers

- ♥ paula buls & phaedra chandler: sunday set-up
- ♥ light german: wow meal
- ♥ john & sharon lancaster: wow dessert, wow set-up & clean-up
- ♥ mary lett: wow meal, wow set-up & clean-up
- ♥ allison little, heidi vance, prema strecker, & sharon warner: helping out with amy’s goodbye celebration
- ♥ michael milford: bulletins
- ♥ ken owens & spr team: amy’s goodbye cakes
- ♥ sunday homeless task force
- ♥ leeann tacchi: sunday set-up assistance
- ♥ trey & linda: sanctuary clean up

“all you need is within you....find your heart, and you will find your way.” ~carlos barrios