



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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November 12, 2023

8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

We ask that everyone complete an attendance card found in the pew rack or scan the QR code on page 4 with your phone's camera and click the link to register your attendance today. Don't forget to include **each** family member present.

Prelude (8:30)	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i> (Bach)	Jerry Rich
Prelude (10:30)	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harvest</i> (arr. Moglebust)	Trinity Ringers

Welcome and Announcements		Clergy
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* Call to Worship		Taehwan Roh
Today God's word will be spoken to your hearts.		
<b>Open our ears and our hearts to receive God's word.</b>		
Today God's love will be poured into your life.		
<b>Prepare us, Lord, to receive your love. Amen.</b>		

* Gathering Hymn	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>	<a href="#">UMH 102</a>
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Children's Message		Laurie Stollo
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Prayers of the People		Taehwan Roh
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Offering		Neil Hough
This morning's offering will be received as we pass the offering plates. You may also give online at <a href="http://umtrinity.org/give">http://umtrinity.org/give</a> and through our app. On the website, scroll down and click on SET UP ONLINE GIVING.		

Offertory (8:30)	<i>It Is Well with My Soul</i> (Bliss)	Maggie Rabe
Offertory (10:30)	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> (Hayes)	Chancel Choir

Scripture	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Taehwan Roh
The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!		

Message	<i>Generosity Matters to God</i>	Neil Hough
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Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)		Clergy
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* Closing Hymn	<i>He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought</i>	<a href="#">UMH 128</a>
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* Benediction		Neil Hough
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* Closing Music	<i>Allegro in D Minor</i> (Handel)	Jerry Rich
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# Grow — Pray — Study

Things I'd like to remember from today's message:

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## **Monday, November 13 — Exodus 35:4-19**

In Exodus 35, Moses gives the Israelites a long list of instructions for construction of the tabernacle. This is in response to what God had done in their lives by delivering them from slavery in Egypt and leading them through the wilderness. We discover that God uses the Israelites' generous offerings of time, talent, and treasure to accomplish the work they are called to accomplish. Like them we are we are called to bring our own generous offerings and use our own talents and abilities to advance God's purposes in the world.

- In what ways are you answering God's call to bring offerings of time, talent, and treasure to advance God's purposes in the church and in the world?
- Prayer: *God of Grace, help us remember that everything we do should be a response to your love and your gift of salvation through Jesus. Help us respond with generosity. Amen.*

## **Tuesday, November 14 — Proverbs 11:23-31**

The book of Proverbs is written to provide wisdom so that we can live the life that God intends for us. In Proverbs, we discover that generosity and the life God intends go together. We discover that generosity is not just about how we worship God and keep our lives in order (by putting God first). We discover that generosity is not just about helping others and making a difference in the world. According to Proverbs, generosity is good for us. We are blessed when we are generous. Generosity is a means of God's grace in our lives.

- Do you believe that generosity is a means of God's grace in your life? Have you ever experienced God's blessing because you have been generous?
- Prayer: *Eternal God, thank you for the words of Scripture that teach me how to live the life that you intend for me to live. Give me the courage I need to trust you more fully. Amen.*

## **Wednesday, November 15 — Matthew 20:1-16**

This parable of Jesus is one of the most troubling passages for our modern sensibilities. It's not fair. It's not the way the world works. But the point Jesus is making is not about running a business or making economic policy, he is describing the Kingdom of God. When questioned, the master, who speaks for God, simply asks if he is not allowed to be generous. After all, the resources he shares are his to do with as he pleases. The good news for us — who need God's grace — is that God is generous.

- What do you think about the parable of the laborers? Does its message about God's generosity bother you? What might God be trying to teach you through the parable?
- Prayer: *Merciful God, thank you for your extraordinary generosity in my life. Thank you for your grace. Help me to accept your grace and willingly share it with others. Amen.*

## **Thursday, November 16 — Acts 2:43-47**

The final paragraph in the second chapter of Acts summarizes life in the early church. It describes the shape and the character of the Christian community. This is one of the many places in the New Testament where we find a description of the life God intends for us to live ... together. It includes having glad and generous hearts. The point is that, when we are together with other believers and we share life together, our lives are marked by generosity. Our generosity matters to God.

- How well does Acts 2:43-47 describe your life as a member of the Body of Christ? Are you known for sharing your resources? Are you known for having a glad and generous heart?
- Prayer: *God of Love, thank you for the Holy Spirit, which empowers my life as a member of your church. Transform my life today. Create a glad and generous heart in me. Amen.*

## **Friday, November 17 — 2 Corinthians 8:8-15**

The 8th and 9th chapters of 2nd Corinthians is about the offering Paul is collecting for the Jerusalem church. He wants them to participate in the offering and does everything he can to convince them to be generous. First, he uses the example of the Macedonians, and urges them to, "excel also in this generous undertaking" (2 Corinthians 8:7). Then he reminds them that their generosity (or not) will be a response to "the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 8:9). The lesson is that there are many good reasons to be generous, but the ultimate reason is that God is generous (to us). Our generosity is first and foremost a response to God's generosity.

- Why are you generous? What inspires you to be generous with your time, talent, and treasure? In what ways do you respond to God's generosity toward you?
- Prayer: *Heavenly Father, thank you for the generous act of sending Jesus to save me from the power of sin and death. Teach me to be generous just as you are generous. Amen.*

## **Saturday, November 18 — 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

The theme for this week has been that generosity matters to God. God has been generous to us and God cares about what we do with what we have — our time, talent, and treasure. In asking the Corinthians to be generous in the offering for the church in Jerusalem, Paul makes both practical and spiritual arguments. He says that generosity matters to God, that God is honored by our generosity, that generosity is a sign of our obedience and a response to God's generous gift to us: the life-changing and life-giving gift of love and grace through Jesus.

- How have you responded to God's generous gift of love and grace? Does your generosity of time, talent, and treasure fully reflect the generous gifts you've received from God?
- Prayer: *Generous God, I know that all good gifts come from you and my generosity is a response to everything that you have done for me. Thank you for everything. Amen.*

## Nursery on Sundays

The Nursery is staffed during both Sunday worship services for children 3 years old and under.

## This Week on Zoom

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### Engage Bible Study

Monday at 7 p.m., on Zoom. Contact Jim Wilson for details - [jaswilson@sloft.com](mailto:jaswilson@sloft.com)

### Book Chat

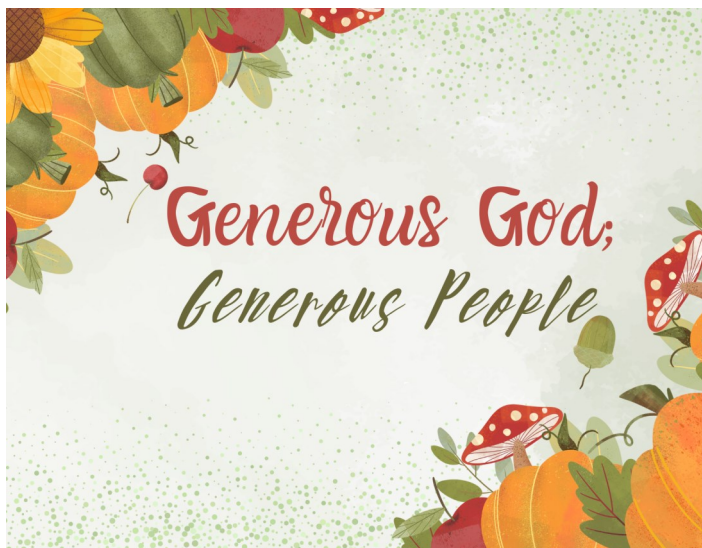
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Meeting ID: 824 6934 5400

### Prayer Group

Wednesday at 9 a.m. Meeting ID: 875 6105 5580

## Our Prayer List

Alice, Amanda & David, Amber & Brianna, Andrew, Audrey, Beem family, Betty, Bill & Maddie, Brett, Bruce, Bud, Carol & Rich, Caroline, Carrie, Cathy, Chris, Christopher, Claudia, Daniel, Danny, Dave & Gail, Davey, David & Carol, Darlene & Steve, Desarae, Dick, Di Letti family, Donnie, Doris, Ed, Ellie, Erica & Roberto, Erik, Fran & Tom, Gary & Lindie, Glenda, Greg, Gregg, Hammer family, Harriet, Harry, Henry, Jackie, Jan, Janice, Jean, Jeanette, Jeanne, Jeff, Jenna, Jimmy, Joe & Marie, John, Jomer, Josie, Judi, Kay & John, Krista, Kobi, Lajoie family, Laura, Lejoy family, Leslie, Linda, Liz & David, Lori, Luana, Lynne, Mack, Macy, Marcienne, Marilyn, Matthias, Michael, Michelle, Mickey & Ruth, Mike, Moore family, Nancy, Nell, Nina, Norma, Norman, Pat, Patty, Pauline & Merlin, Pearl family, Peg & Dick, Peter & Laura, Sandra, Sheila, Speidel family, Stephanie, Susan, Tim, Tom, Tony, Vanna, Wayne, Williams family, and Yancey, students, seminarians, teachers, travelers, those who mourn, the homeless, racial reconciliation in our country, those affected by the opioid epidemic and those working to end it, victims of famine and war, peace in the Middle East, protection from gun violence in the world and for its victims and families.



Support Youth & Scouts

# Christmas Tree Sales

Sales begin Friday, November 24, 12 - 5 p.m.

Lot Hours:

Thurs. & Fri. 5 - 7 p.m.

Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sun. 12 - 5 p.m.



Scan QR code to sign up to help on the lot.



## Highlights from E-News

If you're not receiving our Friday e-mail, please send your email address to [info@umtrinity.org](mailto:info@umtrinity.org)

### Book Chat

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, **November 14** at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. New readers are always welcome. The 2023-24 book schedule is at <https://umtrinity.org/education/adults> or contact Kathy Maher, [kathyngs@gmail.com](mailto:kathyngs@gmail.com).

### Children's Ministries

**Children's Worship Folders** are available during Sunday morning worship services and are categorized by age and reading ability. Please remember to return your folder to the used bin so it can be replenished.



**Children's Worship** (ages 4 - 4th grade) and **Club 56** (grades 5 & 6) meet during the 10:30 service following the Children's Message.

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation class for 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and older youth who have not taken the class, will begin with a kick-off for youth, parents and faith friends on **Sunday, January 7, 2024**, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Pastor Anne Hough will once again be the lead teacher, and the class will meet most Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. and will run through mid-May. Confirmation Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19. For more details and to register, please visit the youth webpage: [umtrinity.org/education/youth](https://umtrinity.org/education/youth). Registration is needed now so we can order Bibles.

### Mission Trip: March 2024

We are excited to announce a Trinity trip to The Leadership Center in rural Honduras from Saturday, March 2 to Thursday, March 7, 2024. This team will be on campus to support 55 young women in their educational and spiritual development. This team will join Chris and Dan Moore who will be serving three weeks on campus. Interested persons should contact Chris Moore ([christinecmoore@gmail.com](mailto:christinecmoore@gmail.com), 571 215-2948) or Dan Moore (703 980-5050, [danmoore53@gmail.com](mailto:danmoore53@gmail.com)).

### Youth Group (Grades 7-12)

#### Sundays: Youth Group

4:30 - 6 p.m. Meeting tonight. Special Guests: Dan & Chris Moore to talk about missions.

Christmas Tree Sales are just around the corner!

The Trinity Youth Group/Trinity Congregation share the sales shifts with the Trinity Boy Scout Troops. All proceeds from the sales support our Boy Scout and Youth Group activities throughout the year. There are many ways you can support our annual fundraiser:

- Help build the tree stands
- Help unload trees
- Sell trees on the lot
- Buy a tree

Find more details at <https://conta.cc/3SuiH0x>

Contact Catherine Wethington for up to date with youth group happenings or to volunteer: [umtrinityyouth@gmail.com](mailto:umtrinityyouth@gmail.com).

## Coming Up

### November

- 14 Trustees Meeting
- 14 Book Chat
- 18 Christ House
- 20 Crafts for a Cause
- 21 Christmas Trees Arrive
- 24 Christmas Tree Sales Begin
- 26 Hanging of the Greens
- 26 Celtic Service

### December

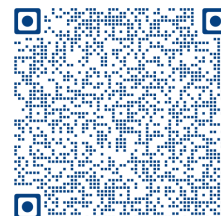
- 3 Martha's Table
- 4 Crafts for a Cause
- 10 Lessons & Carols
- 12 Trustees Meeting
- 14 Cookie Exchange
- 16 Christ House
- 18 Crafts for a Cause
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Office Closed
- 26 Office Closed
- 31 Celtic Service

### March 2024

- 2-7 Mission Trip to Honduras

**Attendance:** Please complete a pew rack attendance card or scan the QR code with your phone's camera and click the link.

**Don't forget to include the first name of each family member present as well as surname.**



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### Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Worship is live streamed on Sundays from the Chapel at 8:30 a.m. and from the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. on YouTube: [youtube.com/UMTrinity](https://youtube.com/UMTrinity). The Celtic Service can be seen on the last Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. on YouTube and Facebook.