

SERVE *together*



***Together...
We Make
a Difference***



Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church
To know Christ and to make Christ known



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Our Mission

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to make Christ known

Our Vision

We are a beacon church
reaching out to develop
followers for Jesus Christ
through worship, growth
and service

*"Let each of you look not only
to his own interests but also
to the interests of others."
Philippians 2:4*



Dear Friends,

Church has been an important part of my life for as long as I can remember. Recognizing God's call to ordained ministry came later in my life, but my heart has been tugged by service and mission since the summer after I graduated from high school.

I spent those months helping two inner city Methodist churches in Houston connect with the families living in their deteriorating neighborhoods. My life was changed as I came to know and love people whose hopes and dreams were similar to mine but whose struggles were almost overwhelming. I grew to realize that "helping" others is really about traveling together on the same road with Jesus. Lives change when we open ourselves to each other and the heart of God. Mission that bears fruit grows out of the seed bed of genuine relationships nourished by God.

At Trietsch we are a 'missional' church. This means serving those around us, in the hope that through this serving we have the opportunity to share the good news of the Gospel. I believe we do this simply by allowing Him, by His Spirit, to direct our everyday actions.

My passion for our church is that together we will make a huge difference right here by reaching out and ministering to the needs of people not only within our church family, but also to those beyond the walls of our campus. My desire is that Trietsch would play an active role in our community and reach out to the world as God opens opportunities.

On Sunday, October 23 we begin our three week focus on our SERVE Ministries and have specific hands-on opportunities for all of us to come together and make a difference. Details of these Sundays are outlined in the box on the right.

Trietsch is a spirit filled church of love that offers a wide-range of ministries, special events and service opportunities -- all designed to deepen your relationship with God. We reflect the love that God has shown us by serving others, both in the church, in our community and around the world. We know that service is an important part of the Christian life. We have our work cut out for us, but when we all pull together, it lightens the load so we can truly be the hands and feet of Christ.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve." Albert Schweitzer

Blessings,
Rev. Diane Presley



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How Can I Make A Difference?

What can you do to make a difference in your life and the lives of others?

- Be intentional in including your family in a way you can “serve” others in the coming weeks — a neighbor in need, a family with a sick loved one, or maybe a stranger in need through the food pantry at CCA.
- Visit the new Mission Matters in room 272. Learn about Trietsch’s work locally, nationally and globally.
- Ask God how you are needed to serve as the hands and feet here on earth. Listen for the answer.
- Participate in the “Homeless Mats” on October 23 by picking up a kit to make mats, cut bags into “plarn” and/or donate grocery bags.
- Bring packages of new undies for all ages on “Undie Sunday” on October 30 to donate to the Salvation Army.
- Donate 2 lb. bags of sugar or flour and cans of evaporated milk to help fill the 1,600 Holiday Food Baskets for CCA at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

To participate, sign up online at tmumc.org or contact Rev. Diane Presley at dianep@tmumc.org.

Below are a few testimonies that highlight SERVE Ministries. If you would like to share a testimony or check out other testimonies, visit tmumc.org for updates and more information on Together...We Make A Difference.

Restoring Our Faith

I have seen Jesus at work in so many ways and places, but what comes to mind right now is Rev. Joe Shafer and the *Men of Trietsch*. When my husband John was suddenly and unexpectedly diagnosed with renal failure last year..., he was required to start dialysis immediately.... Initially John’s parents and I drove him to and from the renal center. Rev. Joe Shafer and the *Men of Trietsch* mobilized and got men and women, some of whom barely knew us, to agree to transport John to and from his dialysis appointments. This was so helpful as my children were in school and John’s appointments generally ended after the kids went to bed. It was also beneficial as this was a season in John’s life in which he (in my opinion) had kind of lost his way in his faith journey. He was not spending time with other Christians and was lost in his walk with Christ. While anyone could have helped with the driving, these friends were actually helping to bring John back to the faith roots that I think he took for granted as the son of a Methodist minister. The men and women of this Church have been the hands, feet and heart of Christ to my family. — Michelle Rae

Love Your Neighbor

The year is 1988, the financial picture is bleak for the Beck household. As winter approached, we prepared for our 3 girls to have warm coats for the season. During that preparation, with the help of Trietscher Creatures sharing wardrobes with us, someone else in the congregation was watching. Pat was so “tuned in” to the guidance of the Holy Spirit that she came over with a gift of a coat for me. WOW! What a blessing in the tangible gift of warmth for the cold months ahead. But God used that coat to teach me the blessing “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Giving our discards to agencies is necessary to the ministry of those agencies. Yes, CCA can use your broken toaster! However: A gift of a new necessity to another person either directly or through an agency says, “God loves and cares about you” in a very honoring, uplifting way.

This is just one of many examples of the blessing that is Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church. In our family’s 27 years of being a part of the family of Trietsch, God has used the hands and hearts of His faithful to show His love to us. Thank God! - Kim Beck

A Place to Belong

I attended Trietsch because a neighbor said it was great and knew we wanted a contemporary service. We tried Trietsch and loved the music and knew we needed to start going for our children.

Peyton was in Faith Voyage and I became his teacher. Sarah started going to youth and loved it. She and I decided to go on a Mission Trip. We were both very nervous. I hoped the trip would impact Sarah’s life but it changed both of our lives. I remember thinking “how can I go on this as a youth leader when I have not even read the bible?” I was a child when it came to scripture and Christ even though I was in my forties. Kris, Denise, and the other adults were amazing and accepted me for who I was. After the first day, I felt like I belonged. Sandi Stevenson





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