



Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

“Live by Faith, Be Known by Love, Be A Voice of Hope”

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Volunteering as Community

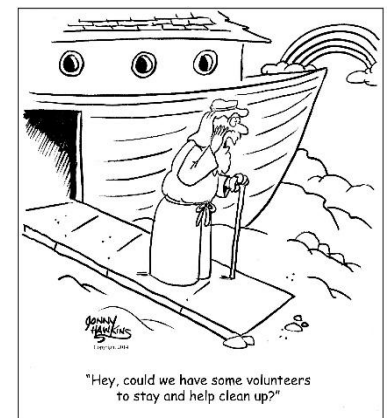
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...1 Peter 4:10.

All of us have things we have learned over the years. To some of us things come naturally, to others those things require very hard work to master. Each ability, either learned or innate to us, is a gift that we bring with us when we worship together. Some of us can sing (unfortunately, I’m not one of those, but I am gifted with two daughters who are very talented singers). Others have the gift of understanding how machines work, and can fix them (again, not me). Still others can look at computers or other electronic devices, and easily figure out how to get the best out of them (fortunately, I am somehow gifted in being able to use electronic devices).

The key is that all of us have something that we can do to help others. Some people offer their gifts to others, others will use their gifts when asked, and still others will withhold their gifts. What is the difference between volunteering and non-volunteering? There is a theory you have probably heard that goes like 80% of the work in a community is done by 20% of its members. Perhaps *not* volunteering in church deals with being afraid that once we agree to participate in helping, we will be *expected* to volunteer for other things—cleanup after an event, to join a particular church group, to usher, or maybe even to add a voice to the choir!

I have found that volunteering to help where I am best able is rewarding. Serving as a greeter or usher lets me meet more of the congregation than those who sit around me. Being active in Methodist Men lets me socialize and help in projects that benefit the church (e.g., picnics, pancake breakfasts). Writing and editing this newsletter helps me to better understand Trinity’s mission and vision for the local community we serve. Does it take some time? Yes, but to me it is worth it.

If you have a gift or have mastered something that is needed at Trinity, think about volunteering to share your gifts, talents and time with us!



Pastor's Corner

Restore us, O God!

Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.—Psalm 80:3

I lived in Southern California. Having grown up in New York City, I went through a bit of culture shock, but the sunshine and warm and dry weather created such positive energy that it overcame whatever negativity I felt.

Once I'd gotten my television career going, I loved returning to LA for vacations. I'd tack on a week for myself whenever I traveled there on business trips. I enjoyed driving up the coast and walking along Zuma County Beach.

If I wanted to drive up US 1 to Zuma today, I'd have to navigate through the Pacific Palisades wildfires. I probably couldn't do it at this point. And according to frontlinewildfire.com, there are many more wildfires than our news coverage reports.

I can't imagine how many United Methodist churches and church members have been affected by these fires, not to mention how many residents have lost homes, possessions, and loved ones.

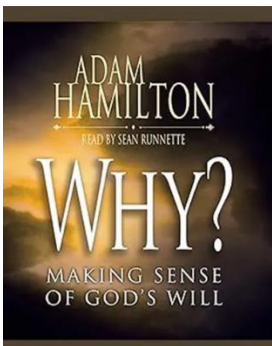
Friends, we can shine God's light on our fellow Americans. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has a donations page to which we can all contribute. 100% of every donation goes directly to the mission we choose. Every dollar will help. Please pray for our neighbors, and if you can, send some welcome news to people striving to rebuild their lives.

Thanks, and blessings,

Anil



Trinity Happenings



BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS * 4:30- 6:00 PM
JANUARY 15TH - FEBRUARY 27TH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
WHERE IS GOD WHEN
TRAGEDY & SUFFERING STRIKES?



CHILI COOK-OFF
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST * 3:00 PM
20 STATIONS * FELLOWSHIP HALL
\$5.00 ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT
SIGN UP YOUR CHILI!
Winners get Bragging Rights!
A TRINITY MEN'S GROUP EVENT * PROCEEDS SUPPORT "BLESSINGS IN A BAG"



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 15TH
8:00 - 10:00 AM
\$7.00
all-you-can-eat!



JUBILATE
CONCERT
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH * 7:00 PM
TRINITY'S SANCTUARY
DONATIONS WELCOME
ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE CHOIR

Love Lifted Me

Love lifted me, Love lifted me, when nothing else could help, Love lifted me. That old hymn really does lift me up! The cadence and beat of the music is uplifting but so are the words. Think about it, “when nothing else could help, Love lifted me.” How many times has the comfort from a loved one or close friend helped to ease the heartache? How many times just hearing the words “I love you” made you feel better? Now think about the love God has for you and me! “For God so loved the world that he gave his only son that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life” *John 3:16*. Let God’s love comfort you, let it penetrate your heart! The 2nd verse of “Love Lifted Me” really speaks about the Love of God, “All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I’ll cling, in His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing, **Love so mighty and so true** merits my soul’s best songs, faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.” Because His love is “so mighty and so true” we can be comforted in knowing it is for our soul’s best! And because of that, we should joyfully serve Him. In this month of celebrating our love for our special someone, let’s celebrate His love and proclaim “Love Lifted Me.”



Rick

But God
demonstrates
his own love
for us in this:
While we were
still sinners,
Christ died
FOR US.
Romans 5:8, NIV

**God is
LOVE.**
1 JOHN 4:16



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Facilities: Doug Evans

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Some Thoughts That Are Probably Alien To You...

Are there now, or have there ever been any living, breathing aliens from “outer space” hovering around or hanging out anywhere near planet earth?

Have there ever been flying saucers, submersible saucers, super-sonic saucers or any irregular shaped flying devices that can move faster than any human engineered craft known to mortal man?

Have any such non-human life forms ever come to visit our earthly home, having originated from some place out there in deep space?

Is that even possible? I don't think so. But who am I to raise the question?

Some thoughts that will make you wonder.

- What is a Light Year (LY)? It's the distance light travels in one Earth year. 12 months. It's a distance, not a period of time. In earth terms, one LY is about **6 trillion miles**.
- How big is the Milky Way galaxy? Well, Earth is 923,330 LYs away from the outer edge of the Milky Way galaxy. So, multiply 923,330 x 6,000,000,000 and you get **5,538,000,000,000 years to get there. (Coming or going)**
- Earth, our planet, is just 26,670 LYs from the center of the Milky Way. Multiply 26,670 LYs x 6,000,000,000 earth miles. This distance is 900+ times greater than the distance to the center of the Milky Way.

I googled it: **160,020,000,000,000 (160,020 trillion) years**

- Travelling at the speed of light, it would take **100,000,000 earth years to reach the outer edge of the Milky Way.**

Because light takes a standard amount of time to travel to our eyes, everything we can view in space has already happened!

Could a life form in another galaxy even know planet Earth exists? Our Milky Way galaxy holds trillions of planets. Could some advanced life form within or outside our galaxy even know we even exist among trillions of planets? Would they realize it would take 100,000,000 years to get to our galaxy? It is highly unlikely any space aliens are among us.

—Roy Emmet

Community Mission: Blessings in a Bag

Thank you, congregation and donors for the gifts of food and money to keep the program going.



Storage Room with Donations for Blessings in A Bag and Volunteers

EZEKIEL

ORDER IN OLD TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

TYPE

26 48

PROPHECY, MAJOR



OVERVIEW

Ezekiel was a priest and one of those carried away in captivity. He prophesies from captivity for a period of over 20 years. His prophecies cover a range of topics and history, and include God's explanation of His current wrath, the recent reformation of Israel, and the Millennial Kingdom.



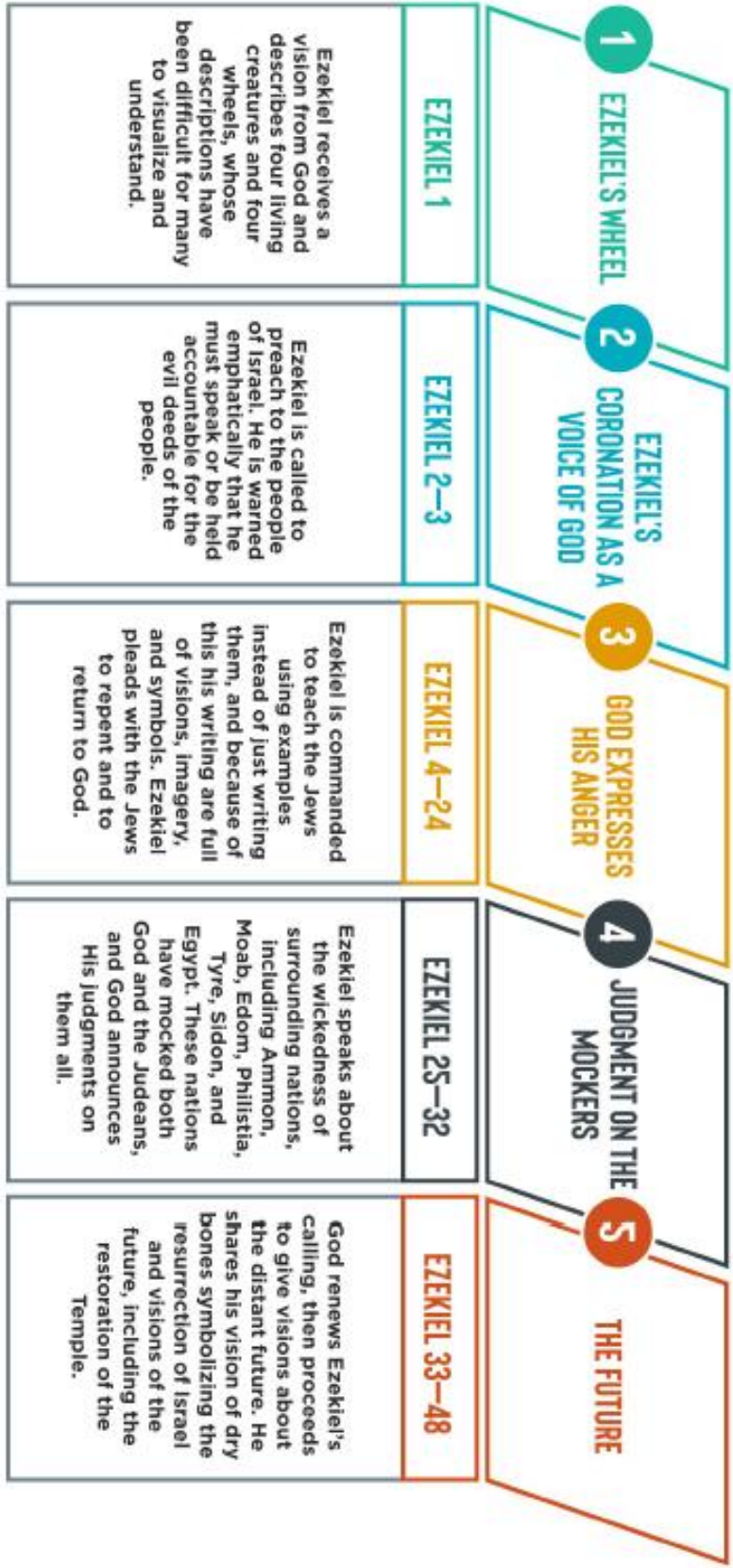
WRITTEN
590-570 BC



TIME PERIOD COVERED
585 BC through the end of times



AUTHOR
The Prophet Ezekiel



Lifesaver?

Times are hard, and they just seem to be getting harder. Natural disasters abound. All kinds of needs a plenty in this life. We wonder, *Where Is God?* through all of this. No worries, God is here. The problem is the *people*.

Often, disaster can be avoided by being prepared. By being stocked up with whatever will be needed to thwart disaster. The people are not ready it seems and on so many levels. Whether it be not stocking food, not preparing a water source, not having communications, or even the right clothing. What about personal preparations?



One place we should all level up is tending to our *Faith*.

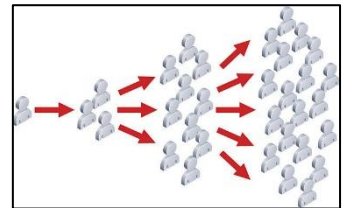


Imagine how faith gives you peace. I have recognized this very clearly. When you have faith that God is in control and will handle it, when you're able to turn your burdens over to God, such a weight is lifted! We do not need to carry so many burdens of worry and doubt, as God's Plan has its own timeline, its own direction; having *Faith* that all will work out as it should? Well, that is a huge relief.

So? Unfortunately, church attendance is down across the board. Our families, youth, young adults, and older adults would do so much better if they could operate on *Faith*. The question here is: *Where are these people on Sunday mornings?* Are they in some form of worship? Are they fueling their spirit in some way?

I'm wondering if there's a huge group of people out in the world who have no comprehension of the peace you can experience when you have *Faith* that God is present and available to all of us, 24/7, anywhere on the planet and beyond. If stressed out young people could know there actually *is* a peace, that *Faith* can really lessen your load! If they could know there is a constant flow of love and support available to them when they enter into a church family,

Perhaps we, as established churchgoers, should share the Good News! Sounds so corny, but it really is good news when you can believe and really feel and experience the peace that you can have when you allow yourself to believe—that there *is* a God, He created a Son so people could relate to Him as Human and understand the message regarding our place on this Earth. We are stewards of the physical earth and the spiritual beings that inhabit this planet. What if we all engaged in *Agape Love* for all? What a thing to strive for.



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Join the Fun!
Line Dancing
\$5.00 w 2 going to
Blessings in a Bag

Trinity Line Dancers!
Monday, Wednesday
&
Thursday
1:00-3:00 PM
Get fit and support Blessings in a Bag!

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Let's help the young people of today stock up on faith and thwart disaster. Let's let them know—they can prepare by tending to their *Faith*! Of course, *Faith* needs to be curated. As you learn about God, your *Faith* gets stronger. As your *Faith* strengthens, your peace increases. Invite them to Trinity, and as they come, we will accommodate. There is so much hope here. I hope to see more people of all ages buy in to Christ and watch the change in their lives. Watch the change in the world! We are charged with spreading His word of opportunity, and hope that those who are seeking, will find. Personally, I am hoping the next generation will be able to bring this world, and its people, to a new level of being, where the emphasis is on doing the best for everyone—the planet, and yes, the animals.

Invite your friends, strangers, families, and everyone to your church. Imagine if the majority of people followed the teachings of Christ. After all, God created Him to educate *us*, on the best way to live our lives so everyone can flourish. Yes, You can be a *lifesaver*.

Randi



A friend
loves
at all times.

Proverbs 17:17

EZEKIEL | 26 OT



Ezekiel begins before the Babylonian invasion and exile. Ezekiel prophesies about it in the early chapters of the book. His warnings become so extreme; he even predicts that people will resort to cannibalism. But the people refused to listen.

Ezekiel then lived among the Jewish exiles in Babylon. He prophesied there for about 22 years.

Ezekiel gave his people hope. But he also prophesied about the end of times, and those prophesies included Israel becoming a nation again after years of wandering the earth. That came true in 1948.



BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES SUBJECT

<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 1	Vision of Ezekiel's Wheel
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 2	Ezekiel's Calling as Prophet
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 3:1-4	Ezekiel Eats the Scroll that Tastes Sweet
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 5:1-4	Ezekiel Told to Shave His Head/Beard
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 5:5-17	God Foretells More Doom including Cannibalism
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✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES SUBJECT

<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 18	Personal Accountability Outlined for Sin
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 19	Two Symbols of Israel: Lions and Vines
<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 20:1-29	Rebellious Israel Will Be Purged
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 20:45-49	Prophecy Against the South
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<input type="checkbox"/> Ezekiel 29-32	Prophecies Against Egypt
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Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES RANK

☐ Ezekiel 36:26 Ezekiel Rank: 1, Overall: 1146

Methodist Men

Eighteen Trinity United Methodist men met for fellowship and breakfast on January 4th. The meeting was called to order by Don Frye at 8:15 a.m. and started with the introduction of two new members, Terry Tychan and Mitch Ortega. After introductions Don Stacks presented a devotion and prayer focused on starting the new year.

Treasurer Jim Williams updated the group on its finances, noting that the Pancake Breakfast brought in \$425. Discussion then turned to potential costs to be associated events through spring—Pancake Breakfast, Chili Cookoff, and Easter Sunrise Services. Jim also noted that a check was being sent for our Methodist Men membership. In general, our finances are in very good shape.

Discussion then turned to the planned **Chili Cookoff** to be held on Saturday, February 1st, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rick Decker will chair the event and made several suggestions regarding advertising and setting up. Don S. then gave Rick three trophies (1st, 2nd, and 3rd place) to be awarded along with the checks for the top 3 chilies as voted by attendees.

Don F. asked which members were able to help on the January 18th **Pancake Breakfast**. Several men volunteered to serve or cook and four to help setup Fellowship Hall on the 17th. A question regarding format—all you can eat versus take out—with consensus being that a separate ticket would be required of those who ate in Fellowship Hall, and then wanted a takeout breakfast. As in past breakfasts local first responders will be invited to participate at no cost to them. Discussion then turned to increased event advertising with no final decision being made.

It was noted that we have had a steady membership, but we need to bring in more men. Barry Bruner, TUMC Council Chair, said that 2025 was going to be a year of invitation. Several suggestions were discussed, including creating business cards to be handed out and participating in Jenson Beach's Jamin Jensen Thursday events. It was suggested that each member attempt to personally invite a new member to our next meeting.

The meeting was closed in prayer at 9:20 a.m.

Don Stacks



January Pancake Breakfast



PRAYERFULNESS

AT-A-GLANCE

FIRST

First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 24:12: Then he **prayed**, "Lord, God of my master Abraham, make me successful today, and show kindness to my master Abraham.

LAST

Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

Revelation 8:4: The smoke of the incense, together with the **prayers** of God's people, went up before God from the angel's hand

THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Psalm 5:3:** In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.
- **Psalm 42:8:** By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.
- **Psalm 116:2:** Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17:** pray without ceasing
- **Matthew 6:5:** And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.
- **Hebrews 11:6:** And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.



God's Important Messages about Prayerfulness:

Prayer involves speaking and listening. Prayer is more than a list of requests; it is conversation with God; use the Lord's Prayer as a spine or outline.



BIBLE STORIES SHOWING PRAYERFULNESS:

- The Lord's Prayer is in Matthew 6:9-13 and is great to show that the disciples also had questions about prayer.
- Parable of the Persistent widow is in Luke 18:1-8.
- Jesus' final prayer before the Last Supper shows a great example of him and God speaking (John 17)



EZEKIEL



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #26



WRITTEN BY:
The Prophet
Ezekiel

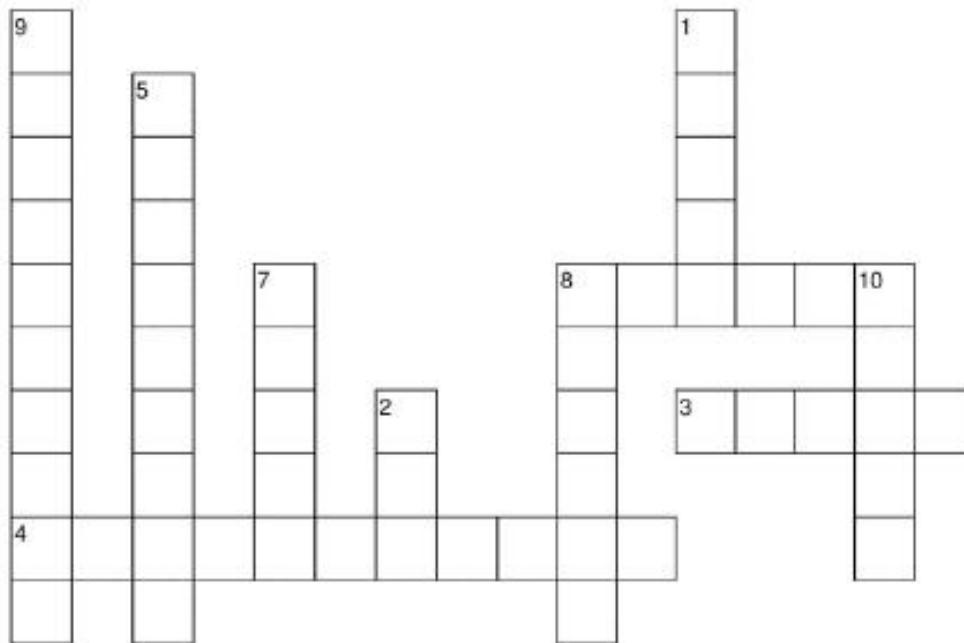


TIME PERIOD COVERED:
585 BC to the future
(in prophecy)

OVERVIEW

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Across

3. The valley was full of _____ (37:1)
4. The daughters of Sodom were arrogant, overfed, and _____ (16:49)
8. These did not change direction as the creatures went (1:17)



Down

1. I will remove from you your heart of _____ (36:26)
2. The one who sins is the one who will _____ (18:4)
5. They will know I am the Lord when I take _____ (25:17)
7. Each of the four had the face of a _____ (1:10)
8. God takes no pleasure in the death of the _____ (33:11)
9. Israel was described to Ezekiel as being this type of nation (2:3)
10. I will make the people of Israel as numerous as _____ (36:37)

Church Council

Trinity's Church Council met on Sunday afternoon, January 19th, to discuss matters of concern to the church, hear committee reports and recommendations, and act on motions brought before it. The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Singh at 3:00 p.m. and the November 2024 meeting minutes were accepted.

Trustees: Levi Miller reported that parking lot lighting was being updated and security cameras would be added to the lot. He also said that listening enhancements for the sanctuary were being investigated. Ear buds to enhance services were being investigated for the hard of hearing and that large print Bibles were already available in the back of the sanctuary.

Finance: Dale Forbes and Jim Williams reported that Trinity's finances were in good shape and that 2024 was financially sound. Jim reported that stewardship was off to a good start and that stewardship reminders would be introduced throughout the year.

Council Chair: Barry Brunner noted that 2025 was looking good with gross income up. He discussed increasing stewardship and outreach programs for 2025. Earlier investigation of associate church membership found that associate membership for seasonal members was allowed and will be the focus of communicating this to seasonal TUMC members. He also noted that the TUMC Directory would be updated.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: Sue Nance led a discussion on attracting "disenchanted" church members back into the mainstream, using the Line Dancers as an example. Discussion focused on other ways to engage the disenchanted and attract others to TUMC.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor reported attendance was coming back from COVID-19 but that the changes in how Gen-Xers perceive church has changed with fewer attending "mainstream" services. He noted that online attendance has doubled on our YouTube® channel. He asked the Council to extend discipleship as far as possible. Further analysis of attendance will be conducted throughout 2025.

Congregational Care: Rick Decker reported that the New Member Orientation being held at 10:15 a.m. worked well and that TUMC will welcome three new members this month. Rick also talked about outreach, adult Sunday School, and volunteerism. A volunteer appreciation event will be held again this year.

Priscilla Circle: Pat Williams informed the Council that Priscilla Circle had 16 women attending the last meeting, with one being new. Priscilla Council donated \$1,000 to help support UMCORR's Los Angeles fire recovery, that 73 pounds of food had been donated to the House of Hope, and Noisy Change had raised \$342.50 for Heffer International's poverty and hunger program.

Men's Ministry: Don Frye reported a successful Pancake Breakfast, raising over \$900 from meals and that an additional \$69 for World Hunger. Men's Ministry will be running the February 1st Chili Cookoff, Pancake Breakfasts in February and March, and picnics for July and August were being planned.

Communications: Randy Schwartz announced that TUMC's Bible Study was now on Facebook and suggested a Ricksaw be purchased for advertising purposes. She continues to focus on outreach with such things as participating local events (i.e., Jammin Jensen, concerts).

Family Promise. A family has been in residence on the 2nd floor for the last two weeks and will continue to stay for two or three weeks.



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Music Ministry

Hoping this finds you with a song in your heart as we started the new year with two concerts in January. It was a joy to have the very talented vocalist Austin Glover with us at both services on January 12th followed by a full concert that afternoon. His variety of music was enjoyed by all, and his testament of faith was well spoken. We hope to have him back again, maybe for an early Christmas concert. He requested a winter trip to South Florida as he traveled from Indiana leaving very cold temps and snow on the ground.



TCCS sponsored the incredible cellist Ian Maksin on January 18th. The concert held in our sanctuary brought in listeners from our area and helped support TCCS and Trinity.

Keep your eyes open and ears listening for more concerts as we strive to be THE church for sacred music on the Treasure Coast!

Cynthia Beam



Austin Glover



Ian Maksin

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Newsletter: Don Stacks focused on having Council members provide material for use in the *Newsletter*. He also noted that the *Newsletter* would be increasing its pictorial content, as well as its story content.

Administrative: Anne Pappas informed the Council that if they would like to advance their knowledge in church-related areas training and leadership courses were available. She also reported that she needed data from the Council members for TUMC Vital Statistics Report and that she was working on preparing for the Easter Sunrise Service. Anne stated that TUMC membership stands at 323 associate and full members.

New Business: Brent Rassmussen asked what the frequency of Directory updates should be, and whether they should be addendums or complete reprinting due to changes in membership. After discussion, it was decided that updates should be done yearly, noting that the binders allow for adding 3-hole punched addendums when warranted.

There being no other new business, Pastor Singh closed the meeting with prayer at 4:22 p.m.



Priscilla Circle

The Priscilla Circle could sometimes be thought of as the “ladies aide” arm of TUMC, but really we are much more than that. While we often fill that role, we also are a group of multi-aged females that meet monthly for fun, fellowship, activities, and camaraderie. We are the ones who send out thoughts and greetings to shut-ins, who invent ideas for gifts for the congregation and assembly and distribute them, such as on Christmas, Valentines Day, Mother’s Day, and so forth. We are the ones who “man” the buckets for “noisy change” for the Heifer project and fill in, when asked to help, with Men’s group projects. Priscilla Circle meets the second Monday of each month.

We also have an offshoot group of ladies who meet every other Wednesday called “Hooks and Needles.” That group is small, but open to all who enjoy any kind of handwork. We work on both individual and “church” projects, making prayer shawls or lap blankets for shut-ins, Baptismal blankets, and items to sell at the annual Holiday Bazaar held annually the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We have a lot of fun, conversational fellowship together while our fingers are busy. Come and join us. Watch the bulletin or website for actual dates and times.

Doris Gould

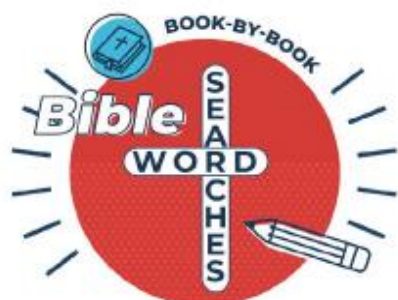
Foundation: Living the Gospel

The United Methodist Church is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.

- We embrace the fundamentals of the Wesleyan tradition and dedicate ourselves to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- We embrace a Church anchored in Scripture and a theology of grace.
- We embrace a Church that aspires to be a more just and inclusive force in the world.
- We embrace the connected power of 12 million souls united, working towards good in the world.
- We embrace a Church that has uplifted our own lives and the lives of our friends, family, and those we cherish.
- We embrace a Church built in loving relationships rather than uniformity in thought and action.
- We embrace a Church where everyone does not have to agree and where everyone is welcome.

(Source: <https://www.resourceumc.org/en/umc-resources/people-of-god-campaign-new/beumc-messaging>)





ECCLESIASTES



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #21



WRITTEN BY:
Solomon



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
940-931 BC

OVERVIEW

The book is 12 chapters long and reads like essays, or even journals, where Solomon was simply thinking aloud. Those suffering from depression can relate to Solomon. Those with great intellect enjoy his wisdom, even if this book isn't greatly hopeful in its tone. People looking to fill a void that pleasure hasn't filled will find it very relatable.

What do men gain from all their **LABORS** (1:3)

There is a time for everything and a **SEASON** for every activity under the heaven (3:1)

A time to weep and a time to **LAUGH**, a time to **MOURN** and a time to **DANCE** (3:4)

A time for war, and a time for **PEACE** (3:8)

I saw the tears of the **OPPRESSED**, and they have no **COMFORTER** (4:1)

Two are better than one because they have a good **RETURN** for their labor (4:9)

Better a poor but **WISE** youth than an old but **FOOLISH** king (4:13)

The end of the matter is better than its beginning, and **PATIENCE** is better than pride (7:8)



Circle the **BOLD** words in the puzzle.

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Consider what God has done:
Who can **STRAIGHTEN** what he
has made **CROOKED**? (7:13)

Fear God and keep His
COMMANDMENTS (12:13)

Do Angels Walk Among Us?

He weighed 225 pounds and was over six feet tall, balding, and he always walked with a purpose. I met Ed at a Methodist men's breakfast and meeting, right after I retired from working the only job I ever had, of 41 years. We became good friends. Ed and Betty would come over to our house and we would have dinner, and Carol and I would go over to Ed's home and also break bread. I got to know Ed really well. He told me about the business he owned. One day we got together for lunch and Ed told me about his childhood and his teen years. Ed was born in Philadelphia and lived in south Philly. He said he was just like all the young boys that lived in south Philly. He later became the leader of his group, they would beat people up for no reason, they would rob people and would take anything they could get their hands on, they had gang fights, drank, smoked and did drugs, and they did not believe in God.

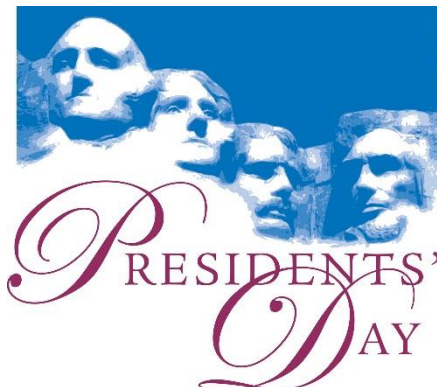


Then one Sunday at church, when our pastor got on stage, she asked Ed to join her. As this was before the sermon, I was confused. "What is going on?" I thought as she introduced Ed, and Ed had the floor, I was completely confused; however, I heard the most amazing story that I have ever heard, and this is Ed's story.

It was late in the 90s, I don't know the actual date, but Ed had a massive heart attack and had to have heart surgery; he was in the hospital for about three weeks. Betty would come in to see Ed in the evening hours because he was scared and would stay until he went to sleep, then she would go home. About five days went by and a young man came into Ed's room and introduced himself as "John" and said he was Ed's new night nurse. After a couple of nights, he asked Ed, "Are you a Christian", Ed said "no", the nurse then asked, "Do you know the Lord's Prayer"? Ed replied, "No". "I will teach you the Lord's Prayer" John said. Ed said "No, I don't need it", and the nurse said, "I'm telling you right now the only way you are going to get better is to learn the Lord's Prayer". Ed would say the Lord's Prayer 15 to 20 times during the daytime, and then he said it 15 or 20 more times during the nighttime. Ed was released from the hospital about three weeks later.

About three weeks after getting home, Ed was doing really good, going places, going to church, going out for breakfast, dinner and anywhere he wanted. Now it was time for him to show his appreciation. Ed being a big man was embarrassed to get on a small hospital scale, so he bought a scale that went right in the floor, so no one had the problem of trying to balance themselves. Then he wrote a check out for \$1000.00, made out to John, but needed his last name. The hospital office said, "We have never had a man nurse working the late shift, only women, and we don't have anyone with the name of John that is a nurse". Ed's wife said she was there every night, and she had seen John the first time and the last time he came into the room, and she swears he is telling the truth.

Don Frye



February 2025 Happenings

Sundays

- Celebration Service (9:00 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:00 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)
- Children's Sunday School (9:00 a.m.)
- Adult Bible Studies (9:30 a.m.)
- Prayer Time (10:30 a.m., Bob Engle Room)
- 1st Sunday:
 - *Communion*
 - *House of Hope Donations*
- 3rd Sunday: Noisy Change
- 4th Sunday: New Member Sunday
- Pepper Choplin Concert (23rd, 3:00 p.m.)

Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (10th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00–3:00 p.m.)

Tuesdays

- Line Dancers (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m.)

- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays

- Hooks & Needles (5th, 19th 10:00 a.m.)
- Blessings-in-a-Bag (12:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- *Why by Adam Hamilton* (5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 4:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Martin County Quilters (13th, 5:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Praise Team Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m.)

Fridays

- Jubilate Concert (7th, 7:00 p.m.)
- Quilters Guild (19th, 9:00 a.m.)
- Family Night Movie (21st, 7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (1st, 8:00 a.m.)
- Chili Cookoff (1st, 3:00 p.m.)

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