



# Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

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## An Invitation to Connect...

*...tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, His power,  
and the wonders he has done—Psalm 78: 4*

What is it that makes a church thrive? The simplest answer is that it, the church, has connected with its community. This is why many churches today are located in the middle of residential areas. When cities and towns were smaller, the church's location often was right downtown, where people gravitated for shopping, eating, events, and discussions. As cities expanded, some churches continued to meet locally, and others began to find locations based on ease of access. And, as populations change, churches morph from traditional approaches to religion to a more “liberal” or “praise-oriented” approach to services.



So, where is Trinity as it turns 66 in 2026? Are we a healthy church? Do we connect with others on a number of spectrums? Are we growing or just holding our own? Where will we be in 2036? It depends! A healthy church reflects its community. A healthy church is adding to its congregation, both in terms of numbers but also in terms of attracting new members of various ages, interests, and other demographics. An important demographic for growth lies in attracting younger families, with children who will become the next generation of worshippers.

Over the last quarter of 2025 we have looked at evangelism as it affects individual relationships with God and why it is often difficult to discuss with others, even neighbors. Evangelism seems to be difficult, especially for protestants with traditional approaches to religion (e.g., Methodists, Episcopalians, Lutherans). However, evangelism can be looked at differently if we see it as simply *connecting* with others in our community.

So, how do we make that initial church connection with others in our community? We all know others whom we think would connect positively to Trinity. How can we get people who we know to attend? Pancake breakfasts, line-dancing and Tai Chi sessions, musical performances are good connectors, but the best is actually asking others to attend, to connect with Trinity. In this regard we will be asking you to identify families or individuals who you think would connect well with Trinity. We are not going to ask anyone to go out and knock on doors. Instead, we are planning a targeted relationship campaign based on your input.

More to come during January but start thinking now who you think might find a connection with Trinity and why Trinity would be a church they could relate to.

# Pastor's Corner

*Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people'—Luke 5:10*

Everywhere we turn, machines are replacing people. Last summer, the *Wall Street Journal* reported that auto factories in China have refined their automation processes so thoroughly that factory floors can theoretically run “dark,” obviating human beings who require light to do their jobs.

Combine this with Artificial Intelligence (AI), which can provide us with partners that can help us research virtually any topic, analyze massive amounts of data in seconds, and create works of art that would take a human hours or even days.\* Pretty soon, humans will see little need for one another to get work done.

Rapid changes in technology may seem like a curse to many, but to people of faith, it may be a blessing in disguise: Human beings will always need (and perhaps even come to crave) a loving, caring, supportive, physical human presence. This is something we Methodists can provide in abundance!

Last fall, God blessed Trinity with the highest pancake breakfast attendance we've had in recent memory. And our Craft and Bake Sale brought close to two hundred people into Trinity's Fellowship Hall! In 2025, Trinity had many more months of new members joining than not, even in the summer! The need for being in the presence of God and the People of God is alive and well on the Treasure Coast! Let's do more of this in 2026!

In Luke's Gospel, and the others as well, Jesus personally invites the Disciples to follow Him. The feedback we've received from our recent visitor cards shows that a personal invitation is the surest way for people to come to a new Church for the first time.

Starting this month, let's resolve to invite people into the presence of God here at Trinity. Let's live into our aspiration to be the “Friendliest Church in Town.” Our friendly invitation just might change someone's life in ways a robot never could!

Anil

\*<https://www.wsj.com/video/series/in-depth-features/inside-chinas-dark-factories-where-robots-run-the-show>



# Where your treasure is...

*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also—Matthew 6:19-21 NIV.*

Being a collector of things, mostly vintage glassware, but anything old or vintage excites me, this scripture always challenges me. Everything I collect could be gone in an instance. It is fun to find that unique treasure to add to my collection. Some would say I am a bit of a hoarder, please don't think my house looks like those houses on those TV shows, think more in line with the walls of Cracker Barrel. Anyway, it's fun, but in reality, what is it doing for me? I have to be honest and say that it brings me joy more than a lot of things, but it also brings me some anxiety. What am I doing with all my "stuff?" Or what is it doing for me? I think you can probably sense the answer...not much really in terms of improving my life or providing me some stability, both emotionally and financially and certainly not in a spiritual sense. As a Christian, I am to focus on the treasures in Heaven. There is stability of all kinds when I focus on that treasure. How do I focus on the treasures in Heaven, by focusing on Jesus Christ and His teachings. I focus on Him through prayer and the reading of God's word, and then living what I have learned through His word. It isn't the tangible things that matter as much as it is the spiritual aspects of focusing on Jesus Christ. Is it a sin to collect things here on Earth? I certainly hope not, because I would be in trouble. What I have to remember is to not let my collecting or anything else get in the way of my eternal focus. *Seek ye first the kingdom of God...* (Matthew 6:33). When we do that, it will lead us to the proper focus in our lives. As a new year begins, it is a great time to check our focus, realign our priorities, and set our hearts and minds on things above.



So, in 2026, ask yourself, where is your heart focused, is it on things of this world or things of heaven?

Rick



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# Christmas at Trinity 2025





## From Trinity's Sound & Media Department

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### *New Year, New Challenges, New Beginnings*

As we approach the New Year, our Media Team and Family are embracing fresh challenges with the arrival of our newest member. To say that our family dynamics have shifted is an understatement. Between the responsibilities of caring for a newborn, ensuring we maintain our energy with proper nutrition, and keeping up with our energetic toddler, we certainly have our hands full. Just when we start to find our rhythm, new hurdles seem to arise.

I've mentioned it before, and I'll continue to believe it: God doesn't give us more than we can handle. Each day feels a bit easier, not because our burdens have lessened, but because we've learned that with faith, we're never alone on this journey.

It's often said that it takes a village to raise a family, and at the heart of my village is God. Time and again, He has demonstrated that I am capable of facing whatever challenges come my way. The support from those around us brings an incredible sense of comfort; knowing there are people who are willing to lend a hand and go the extra mile to ensure our well-being is a truly uplifting feeling. Each individual in our lives has wrapped us in love and encouragement, reinforcing that we are part of a community, a family.

Words cannot fully capture our gratitude for having a place we can call home and for the people we can count on in times of need. God has blessed us with a safe haven and a supportive community to lean on.



As we navigate this new chapter, we find ourselves reflecting on the little moments that make each day special. The sweet coos of our newborn, the infectious laughter of our toddler, and the quiet moments of connection with our partner remind us of the beauty in chaos. It's in these fleeting instances that we find our strength and motivation to keep pushing forward.

Our days may be hectic, but they are also filled with joy and discovery. We're learning to appreciate the simple things: a warm cup of coffee sipped in silence, a shared glance that says "we've got this," and the overwhelming love that fills our home. Each challenge we face only deepens our appreciation for these precious moments, teaching us to be present and mindful.

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As we look to the future, we are excited about the adventures that await us. We know there will be sleepless nights and moments of uncertainty, but we also anticipate the milestones—the first smiles, the first steps, and the echoes of laughter that will fill our home. With faith as our anchor, we are ready to embrace the unknown, confident that we will grow stronger together as a family.

As we embark on this journey into the new year, we invite you to join us in celebrating the beauty of family, community, and unwavering faith. Here's to new beginnings, shared experiences, and the love that binds us all. May we continue to support one another and cherish every moment, knowing that together, we can overcome any obstacle that comes our way.

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*"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all" – Josiah Martin*

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*Mike & Tiffanie Fields*

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## Who is Jesus to Me?

Jesus is the son of God who was sent to Earth in human form to teach us God's ways and to save us from our sins. Jealous and vengeful people during His lifetime arrested, beat, and crucified Him. He knew ahead of time what was about to happen, but He chose to continue preaching and healing. He sacrificed Himself to save us. Through His teachings I have learned to be more forgiving, patient, and kind to everyone,

and to be thankful for the many blessings He has given me. My faith in Jesus has brought me peace and happiness. I feel calm and content knowing He is always with me guiding me through life. I love Jesus with all my heart and soul.

*Levi Miller*

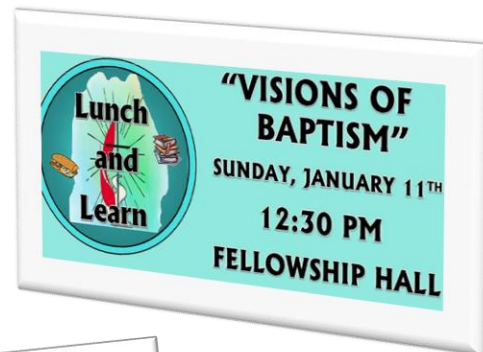
(Note: This was written for Pastor Singh's April Bible Study Class.)

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January 6

# TUMC Connections







## OVERVIEW

One of the Gospels, this book is an account and testimony of Jesus Christ. It was written by Matthew, an educated tax collector who was one of the original Twelve Apostles. His account is unique in that it was written for the Jewish people, to persuade them that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Matthew understood the importance of supporting his testimony with Old Testament prophecy, which he cited more than 50 times. The book is a balance of stories, teachings, miracles, and prophecies.



WRITTEN  
50-60 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED  
7 BC to 26 AD



AUTHOR  
Matthew the Apostle

# Matthew

1

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1–2

Matthew gives the genealogy of Jesus Christ going back to Abraham. When Joseph is hesitant to wed Mary, an angel appears to him and tells him not to fear taking her as his wife. Matthew also tells of the Magi, Herod's slaughter of babies, the escape to Egypt, and Jesus's family's return to Nazareth.

2

THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3–25

Matthew shares the Sermon on the Mount. Of the 23 parables included, nine are original and include the Parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Ten Virgins, and the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.

3

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3–25

Of the 18 miracles mentioned, Matthew tells of two that are unique: Peter walking on the sea, and the coin found in the fish to pay the temple tax. A healing of two blind men may also be unique.

4

THE PROPHECIES OF CHRIST SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3–25

Matthew's account refers to Peter as the Rock of the future church. He also shares Christ's prophecies that the kingdom would be handed over to the Gentiles, that the destruction of the Temple would occur in less than 50 years, and a famous description of the End Times.

5

THE DEATH, RESURRECTION, AND ASCENSION DETAILS SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

MATTHEW 26–28

Matthew recounts the 30 pieces of silver and suicide of Judas, Pilate's wife's disturbing dream, the earthquake at the Resurrection, and the great commission to share Christ's teachings with the world.



# The Gift of Time

Time is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. It is priceless, continually moving forward—one second, then the next—and the moment that has just passed is gone forever. As someone once said, *Today is yesterday's tomorrow*. Every day we live is a day we once looked forward to, and now it has become part of our story.

When we give our time to something—or to someone—we offer a gift that can never be replaced. Likewise, when someone invests their time in us, we are blessed by that generosity. Their presence, attention, and effort are expressions of love and grace.

Because time is finite in this earthly life, how we choose to spend it matters deeply. We are called to use our hours and days with purpose, aligning them with the goals and



responsibilities God has placed on our hearts. Each moment is a unique opportunity to serve, to grow, to love, and to

reflect Christ in the world. How we manage our time is part of our stewardship, just as real and holy as how we use our gifts, talents, or resources.

Many people say the average human life is around 22,000 days—just over 60 years. Whether our number is higher or lower, the truth remains the same: our time here has an endpoint. This reality isn't meant to frighten us, but to remind us of the beauty and responsibility of each day. Time is *grace*. Time is *opportunity*. Time is a *sacred trust* given by our Creator.

**So let us spend our time wisely.**

- Let us give it freely and lovingly.
- Let us respect the time others share with us.
- Let us avoid wasting the moments we've been blessed with.

- And let us remember that part of honoring this gift is embracing joy—having a good time, sharing that joy with others, and helping them experience the goodness of God in the limited but beautiful time we all have.



## *A Simple Scientific Definition of Time*

*In science, time is defined as the continuous progression of events from the past, through the present, and into the future.*

It is a measurable dimension, much like length or height, in which changes occur and in which we can describe motion, growth, and cause and effect.

This scientific understanding reminds us that time is not only spiritual and emotional; it is also woven into the physical structure of God's creation.

**IT'S A NEW YEAR!** A great time to assess your time management, share time with friends, and invite potential friends to spend some time at Trinity. Find YOUR path to Discipleship! Reach out and help others find theirs. A great way to Spend Your Time Wisely!

*Randi*



# Priscilla Circle

Greetings from Priscilla Circle for January 2026! Our group of 30+ ladies look forward to an exciting new year at Trinity United Methodist Church. But we have much to celebrate as we look back over the past year.

Our annual *Christmas Craft and Bake* sale was a success once again for the over 20 vendors participating, the bake sale by our members and the delicious lunch prepared by Pat and Richard Dampf. More than 350 people came to Trinity to shop and munch.

This year for the first time in many years, our Robin Stacks coordinated the sale and purchase of poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. And how lovely it was! Thank you, Robin!

One of the missions our Circle supports is Heifer International. All over the world this mission gives livestock such as heifers, goats, chickens, etc., to families to help them lift

themselves out of poverty. Your contributions on *Noisy Change Sunday* are our source of funds to send to this worthy mission. Under a special giving promotion this past year, we sent Heifer International \$300.00 per month—which was then doubled by them! We sent an additional \$2,000.00 in December because of Trinity's generosity.

Perhaps you have noticed the blankets draped over the back pews of the church. They are there to warm anyone during worship. They are provided by our *Hooks and Needles* group, who meet twice a month in Fellowship Hall.

In this New Year the ladies of Priscilla Circle look forward to serving the congregation with our time, gifts, and prayers. Join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome.

*Sherry Rasmussen*





# Music Ministry

Wheh!!! We made it through “Christmas Holy Week” with a beautiful Blue Christmas service on the 19<sup>th</sup>, a new take on our Christmas Cantata with the talents of instrumentalists from our neighboring churches on the 21<sup>st</sup>, a fun Messiah Sing-a-long sponsored by TCCS on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and ending with a gorgeous candlelight Christmas Eve service.



This past year has definitely brought change, but change for the better. A new feel and energy to our 9:00 a.m. *Praise and Worship* service, with the gospel feel led by Darajoe. Our *traditional services* thrive with our Trinity Choir, Dr. MJ on the organ, and Hye-Yun on the piano...with a little harp playing on the side. And we continue with a wide variety of special music each week, including vocalists and our Trinity Ringers. Yes, we are blessed to have a thriving music ministry here at Trinity.

So, what will 2026 bring to Trinity’s Music Department? Let’s use music to bring others to Trinity. With the help of Doug Jewett and TCCS we have put together a concert schedule that includes at least one concert a month. Use this opportunity to not only attend the event but to bring a friend or two. If others are looking for a church, they are more likely to try one that they have already set foot in the door. So, use music as an opportunity to invite others to Trinity.

We are looking forward to another year of great music at Trinity!!! Join us and bring a friend!!!

Shalom,

Cynthia



## MATTHEW

Matthew is the first gospel and was written by Jesus' apostle by that name. It was written around 60 AD. Matthew was writing to Jews as opposed to gentiles, which is why his gospel often quotes the Old Testament to show how prophecy was fulfilled. The other gospels aren't as much about that.

1. In this famous passage, Jesus brings hope to all by promising to be with us always, even until the end of this. (Matthew 28:20)
2. In this beloved passage known as the Great Commission, Jesus says to make this of the people in all nations. (Matthew 28:19)
3. Matthew had this occupation before becoming an apostle, and probably was a ruthless person prior to his salvation. (Matthew 9:9)
4. The verse attests that following Christ makes life easier and more joyful, though sometimes it feels like the opposite. Jesus offers this to the weary and heavy-laden. (Matthew 11:28)
5. Jesus called Peter a strange term when they first talked about the church. It implied that Peter would always be known as the apostle who started the church. This is the word Jesus used. (Matthew 16:18)
6. Jesus says he came to fulfill the law and as well as the words given by these special people. (Matthew 5:17)
7. Jesus called this the greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:37)

Choose from:

Disciples Love God Prophets Rest Rock Tax collector The Age



# Richard Dale Summers

*“Pride leads to disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.” Proverbs 11:2*

Rich recently joined the church and is part of a generation that we need to build within Trinity United Methodist Church here in Jensen Beach.

Growing up on a farm in Maryland, Richard learned about manual labor at an early age. He said he was a regular guy who played baseball during his youth, which afforded him the opportunity to learn discipline and a solid work ethic, both through playing baseball and working on the farm.

Having many friends who liked to party, drink and go to the bar frequently, Rich found himself looking for an alternative to this lifestyle. He had a friend in Florida and moved to Delray Beach to “try it out.”

More recently, Rich moved to Jensen Beach and started coming to Trinity due to its proximity to where he currently lives. He immediately felt the family friendly atmosphere which drew him to continue attending church at Trinity and eventually becoming a member.

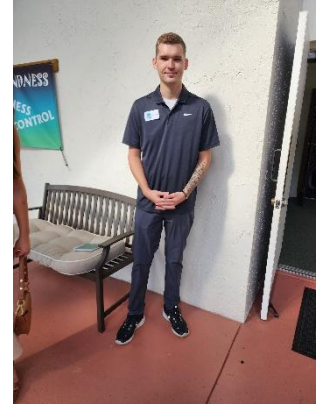
Career wise, Rich went from working on a farm to construction and labor. He worked in general contracting on government buildings in Washington, DC. Rich has worked in Sales for approximately 10 years and has been a sales manager for the past 2 years. He currently has a team of 14 reps. He also started a side business

which is a coaching operation and has just recently started a YouTube channel where he creates motivational and leadership-focused content for young men.

When I asked Rich where he sees himself in 3 to 5 years, he said he would like to be an Independent Entrepreneur, involved in sales training and coaching. His goal is to bring this to a full-time operation. Rich also would like to be married and have a home during this time as well.

Rich is passionate about wanting to motivate younger people. He wants to include in his training not only sales skills, but life skills, leadership, faith, and healthy masculinity. He would like to be perceived as having courage and faith. He wants to be a leader and not a follower...a man of wisdom. In getting to know Rich, I see a quiet, determined young man who is willing to learn and work hard to reach his goals...and with God’s help, I’m sure he will.

*Meri*



# Committee On Finance

Greetings and Happy New Year 2026! As Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, I would like to share a few words with you as we embark on a new year.

During the month of November, we all shared Stewardship Emphasis month. During the first two weeks of November members, friends and visitors each received a stewardship brochure and a small United Methodist Cross and Flame plaque from the Stewardship Committee as they entered the sanctuary. The brochure provided contains a wealth of information about Trinity including a short history on the church's beginning as well as highlighting our on-going outreach and evangelism ministries and our 2026 budget. If you missed getting one of the brochures, please let us know.

Each Sunday in November Pastor Anil shared meaningful stewardship-based sermons. We also heard from members of our congregation sharing what Stewardship means to them. Each shared a unique and heart-touching message. Thanks to Barry Brunner, Levi Miller, Rob Roadman, and Jennifer Baker. They all said yes without hesitation when asked to share their personal message.

I would like to report that our church's financial picture remains very good. This is due to the support and commitment from each of you. TUMC is blessed to have a faithful and giving congregation. Thanks to all of you for making that possible.

Overall, we do have a budget increase of approximately 10.1% over 2025. Along with some staffing adjustments, the Trustee's budget was increased as routine maintenance costs have increased. Also, we are seeing an increase in the church's property insurance and Trinity's Connectional Giving. Trinity proudly and continually supports 100% our Connectional Giving.

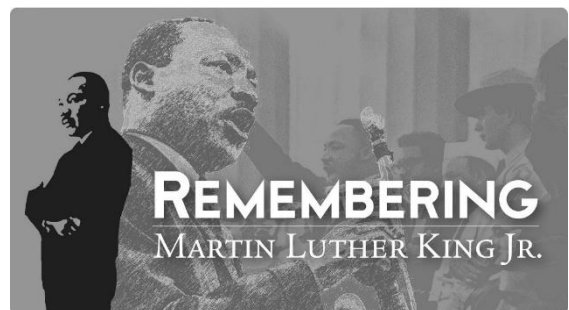
As we begin 2026, the Finance Committee would ask that you prayerfully consider your giving level in support of our new budget. Trinity's future is bright thanks to the continuous generosity of each of you.

By giving generously of what we have—be it time, talents, or treasures—we not only improve the lives of others, but also discover a deeper, more lasting happiness ourselves. In the end, stewardship is not about what we give but about discovering *who* we become in the process.

As the Stewardship brochure reminds us *Stewardship: The Happiest People On Earth Have Discovered The Joy Of Giving. And, It's In Our Hands.*

*Live by Faith, be Known by Love, be a Voice of Hope.*

*Jim Williams*  
Chairperson



*January 16<sup>th</sup>*



# Methodist Men

Trinity's Methodist Men's group met for fellowship and discussion on December 6<sup>th</sup> for an 8:00 a.m. steak, eggs, and potato breakfast, complemented by fruit, coffee, and orange juice.



*Saturday's Breakfast*

President Don Frye called the men to order at 8:35 a.m. and turned the meeting over to Jon Smith, who presented a devotional on "what's your job" and the opening prayer.

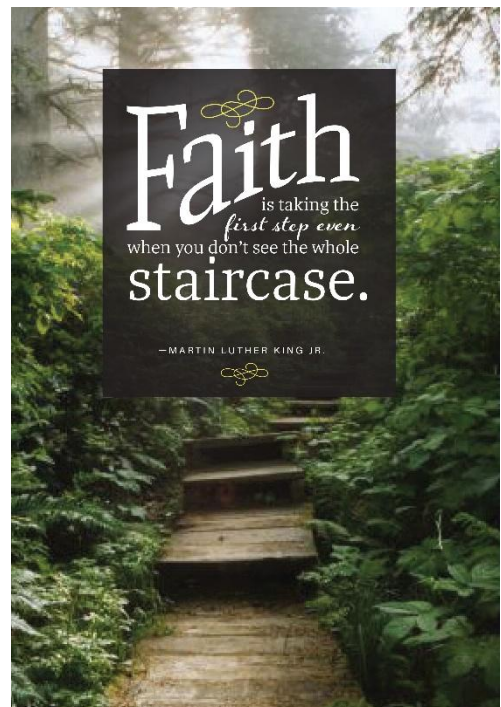
Jim Williams then presented the Treasurer's Report that included the November Pancake Breakfast, which drew over 110 community members, raising \$1,067 in ticket sales as well as \$113 in World Hunger donations. He reported a current checking balance of \$2,464.04 with not all Pancake Breakfast expenses yet reported.

Don F. then brought up the next Pancake Breakfast to be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Discussion focused on making the process smoother to ensure that orders don't get backed up with discussion on ways to ensure a positive experience for all who attend. There will be two other Pancake Breakfasts to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Rick Decker then suggested that taking down the holiday greens be done on January 3<sup>rd</sup> after the men's Saturday meeting. Discussion then turned to helping the congregation to communicate more with Rick about members being hospitalized or missing services so he can send out cards. Don Stacks noted that a new "relational campaign" was kicking off in mid-January and tied into Barry Brunner's 2026 theme of connectivity, raising awareness of Trinity in the community, and building membership.

The meeting ended with ideas to help build the group's membership. Several strategies were suggested, including creating "Methodist Men" badges for members to wear with their name badges and creating business cards for the group.

*Don Stacks*



# Recipe of the Month:

## Marinated Flank Steak

Flank steak (or other strip steaks) is a healthy and easy meat to grill or pan fry. The recipe is quick to put together and cooks fairly quickly. The first step is to make the marinade. The second is to marinate the meat. The third is to grill!

### *Ingredients*

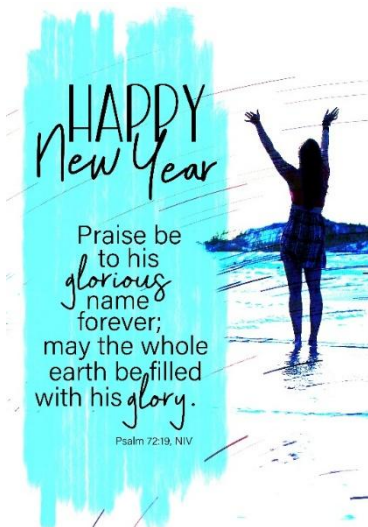
- One small bottle of soy sauce (5 oz.)
- One tablespoon (or more) of minced garlic
- Two tablespoons (or more) of mustard (Dijon, spicy brown, honey)
- Tablespoon of peanut oil (or other oils)

### *Instructions*

- Select the flank steak and pat it dry
  - You may cook the entire steak or cut it into strips)
- In a bowl combine ingredients and stir well
- Pour the marinade into a large storage bag
- Marinate the steak for at least 30 minutes in the refrigerator
  - The longer you marinate, the stronger the flavors
- Remove the steak (or strips) from the refrigerator and let stand for 5-10 minutes
- Over high heat, sear the steak on both sides (about a minute)
- Reduce the temperature to medium and cook for 4-5 minutes per side, this should produce a medium steak. Add or reduce time for rare to well-done.
- Enjoy



### *Don Stacks*



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OUR MEAL PREP TEAM?**

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# ANGER

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

#### First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Genesis 39:19: When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with **anger**.

### LAST

#### Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

James 1:20: because human **anger** does not produce the righteousness that God desires.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 15:1:** A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.
- **Micah 7:18:** Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.
- **Proverbs 14:29:** Whoever is patient has great understanding, but one who is quick-tempered displays folly.

### THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **1 Corinthians 13:4-5:** Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
- **Matthew 9:13:** But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.
- **James 1:19:** My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.



#### God's Important Messages about Anger:

Nearly all sins committed show some degree of emotions not being checked. A very important lesson for today is "faith first, facts second, and feelings third." With the reduction of faith in our society, feelings are rising to almost become facts. And yet they are much more likely to lead us astray than faith or facts.



### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING ANGER:

- The classic example of anger gone awry is the Cain and Abel story found in Genesis 4.
- A second example is Moses murdering the Egyptian, for which he was banished to the desert for more than 40 years. (Exodus 2:11-14)
- Jonah 4 is a good example of the kind of anger Christians should avoid (as opposed to righteous anger). Jonah became angry with God because of his mercy toward the Ninevites. Jonah's anger did not produce good fruit and, as we all know, did not send him in the right direction.



# HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

*Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.*

JANUARY 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back
28	29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation			

- The second Monday \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- The last Monday \_ \_
- The 16th \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- One day before the 20th \_ \_
- The day before the first Friday \_ \_
- The last weekday of the second week \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
- The day after the 20th \_ \_
- The day after 18th \_ \_
- The first day of the second weekend \_
- The last Sunday \_ \_ \_
- The last day of the month \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Answers: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

# January 2026 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)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: *Communion, House of Hope Donations*
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: *Noisy Change*
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: *New Member Sunday*
- Lunch & Learn (11<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m., *Visions of Baptism in the Bible*)
- *New Members Class* (18<sup>th</sup>, 10:15 a.m.)

## Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (12<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- TCCS Rehearsal (4:30 p.m.)

## Tuesdays

- Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)

- Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)

## Wednesdays

- Hooks & Needles (7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m.)
- Treasure Coast Singers Practice (10:00 a.m.)
- Blessings in a Bag (12:30 p.m.)

## Thursdays

- *Chicken Soup for the Soul* (15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancers (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.)
- Miami Quilters (8<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.)
- Praise Team Practice (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.)
- Choir Practice (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.)

## Friday

- Quilters Guild (9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.)
- Family Movie Night (16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.)

## Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:00 a.m.)
- Pancake Breakfast (10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)
- Ian Maksin Performance (10<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.)

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