



Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

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Prove It With Action

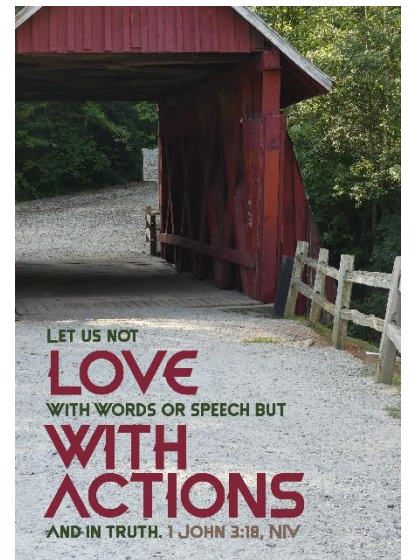
In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.—James 2:17

Prove it with action! This is what it takes for a *community of believers*—a congregation, company, country—to grow beyond its current size. As someone who has worked with some of the largest companies in helping them create an authentic enterprise, one that talks and walks its mission, vision, and values, the “proof” is often found in words and actions of its members.

Communication is central to *authenticity*. However, it is more than simply spouting words that imply action, authenticity requires that the community lives its mission, vision, and values. Part of this comes from attending church and learning how to become a better, more authentic, Christian. Part, too, stems from *actively listening*, a process where both the verbal and nonverbal symbols and cues enhance the communication process. Ever noted that simply nodding your head in agreement encourages others to engage in communication? An authentic communicator demonstrates that authenticity by genuinely acting positively. The same is true for a congregation.

Trinity’s vision is to be the most welcoming church on the Treasure Coast. Its mission is to live this vision through action through its values. It does so by members trying their best to live their faith. By demonstrating it with an openness to others, inviting others to visit and worship with us, we share the love of Jesus. By providing support through times of troubles and joys we exhibit the qualities that stem from our values.

Authenticity, however, requires that we demonstrate our support with more than financial support. An authentic church lives through its fellowship—its working together on committees, joining church groups, and participating in outside of church activities. In other words, proving it with action.



Don Stacks



Pastor's Corner

The Other Side

*On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side."
And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was.
Other boats were with him.—Mark 4:35-36*

Back in February, I preached on Jesus' calming a storm as He and the Disciples sailed across the Sea of Galilee. If you'd like to view that sermon, and others, visit our YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/@tumc.jensenbeach>. You'll also find a ton of Trinity's worship anthems and special music. Enjoy!



Why did Jesus set sail to "the other side" of the Sea of Galilee? After all, the Eastern Shore is full of Gentile cities. In the next chapter, Jesus encounters a man tormented by demons in the land of the Gerasenes.

The simplest answer is that the whole world needs healing, reassurance, and liberation from the evils of Earthly life. Our Savior will cross any distance to save us—even the threshold of death! As His Disciples today, WE must bring the Gospel to the World.

Last month, I had the honor and pleasure of participating in a "Blessing of the Fleet" on the St. Lucie River. I, Doug Jewett, and three other area ministers blessed hundreds of boaters as they sailed past. Rough duty, I know!

It was great fun, but it also presented an opportunity to share the love of Christ with everyone who met us out on the water. Over 110 boats sailed past that day. Some had two aboard, others had as many as twelve. In about 90 minutes, we may have blessed between 400 and 800 people! Not bad for a morning's "work!"

Sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ can be fun! It can also result in lifelong friendships! Whenever we're "out there," let's keep the Good News Good!

*May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand."*
— an Irish blessing

Anil



Ash Wednesday 3-5-2025



**WELCOME
DAVID WORTHINGTON**
GENERAL COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES & HISTORY
'Helping us understand the past to envision the future'.
Methodist History
TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH
6:30 PM * FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Art of Stewardship – Time



Last November we had the opportunity to read in our newsletter and worship bulletins several articles about stewardship. The five T's of stewardship: our time, talents, treasure, temple and testimony. We were briefly introduced to The Stewardship Tree along with its parts: roots (time), trunk (talents and temple), branches ((treasures), leaves and flowers (testimony) and soil (growth).

During 2025 we will explore in more detail The Stewardship Tree. Each month we will dig a little deeper into each part of the tree. In March we will look at TIME. We will look at other parts of the tree in coming months.

"Time is the most valuable thing a man can spend." - Theophrastus

Time is a finite resource, one that we cannot replenish. Stewardship of time involves prioritizing our commitments, setting goals, and making deliberate choices about how we spend our hours. It calls for a balance between work, rest, and leisure, ensuring that we allocate time for personal growth, relationships, worship and service to others. By being mindful of our time, we can lead more fulfilled and purposeful lives.

One of the fundamental principles of time stewardship is prioritization. By identifying and focusing on our most important tasks and goals, we can ensure that our time is spent in alignment with our values and aspirations. This involves distinguishing between what is urgent and what is truly important. Urgent tasks demand immediate attention, but they are not always aligned with our long-term objectives. Important tasks, on the other hand, contribute to our overall growth and success.

Effective time stewardship begins with setting clear and achievable goals. These goals provide a sense of direction and purpose, guiding our decisions and actions. When we have a clear understanding of what we want to achieve, we can allocate our time more efficiently and avoid distractions that lead us astray.

Practicing good time stewardship offers numerous benefits, both personally and professionally. It enhances our productivity, reduces stress, and allows us to achieve our goals more effectively. Moreover, it fosters a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction, as we know we are making the most of our time and talents.

Effective time stewardship leads to enhanced productivity. Time stewardship also supports our personal growth and development. When we prioritize our tasks and manage our time efficiently, we can accomplish more in less time.

The stewardship of our time is a vital practice that requires mindfulness, discipline, and intentionality. By prioritizing our tasks, eliminating distractions, and adopting effective time management strategies, we can make the most of each moment and achieve a balanced and fulfilling life. As we embrace the art of time stewardship, we honor the precious gift of time and create a legacy of purpose and productivity.

TUMC Finance Committee

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Would You Be Surprised?

If you were new to Christianity and reading the gospels for the first time would you be surprised at the outcome? Would you be like those followers of Jesus that thought He was there to reign supreme, take over the world or would you be in tune to what His true message was and is? Earthly kingdoms rise and fall but God's kingdom is eternal, and Jesus came to offer eternal life in that eternal kingdom. His purpose was to teach His followers, lead His followers and prepare them for an eternal kingdom. Throughout history man has sought and established earthly kingdoms but those kingdoms and nations are all temporary. God's kingdom is eternal, His rule is forever! Jesus was born a king, and He died an earthly death as a king, but His resurrection established God's kingdom in the hearts of mankind for eternity. As we enter the Lenten season, I pray our hearts will focus on our eternal kingdom that was established for us and made eternal through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is no need for us to be surprised, we have God's word to guide us and teach us. Take the time during the Lenten season to read the gospels and look at what Jesus' message is for you.



Rick



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Congregational Care: Rick Decker

Office: Anne Pappas

Communications: Randi Schwartz

Nursery: Sandi Mulvaney

Music: Cynthia Beam

Organist: Dr. MJ Montague

Choir Accompanist: Carol Paul

Facilities: Doug Evans

Media: Michael & Tiffanie Fields

DANIEL | 27 OT



Daniel was still a teenager when he was deported to Babylon with many others in the Great Exile. Babylon was extremely polytheistic, worshipping many gods, but Daniel only wanted to worship the God of Israel. His faithfulness, wisdom, and education enabled King Nebuchadnezzar to say that the God of Israel is God.

The first six chapters are history, and include Daniel in the lions' den; Daniel's friends in the fiery furnace; and the handwriting on the wall. In Chapter 7, the book makes a turn and becomes prophecy about the future. Daniel hears from the angel Gabriel, who announced that the exile will last 70 years. Daniel goes on to prophesy about our future, and things that have not taken place yet.



BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES SUBJECT

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<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 2	Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 3	Shadrach & Friends in the Fiery Furnace
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<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 5	The Handwriting on the Wall
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 6	Daniel in the Lions' Den
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 7:1-14	Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts
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<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 9:1-19	Daniel Pleads for Mercy for Israel
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<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 11:1-35	Details of End-Times Kings of the North and South
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<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 12:4-9	Order to Roll Up the Seals for the End Times
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Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES RANK

<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 7:13	Daniel Rank: 2; Overall: 506
<input type="checkbox"/> Daniel 9:24-27	Daniel Rank: 1, Overall: 359

Meet Your Neighbors: Mitchel “Mitch” Ortego & Martha “Marty” Maxwell

I am from South Louisiana and my wife is from Western NY. We met in 1987 in New Orleans and were married in 1989. I worked as a professional engineer in the oil and gas industry in Louisiana and later in utility infrastructure for college campuses in Texas. My wife, a former public-school teacher, went into sales management and managed a successful business in Austin, Texas, for almost 20 years.

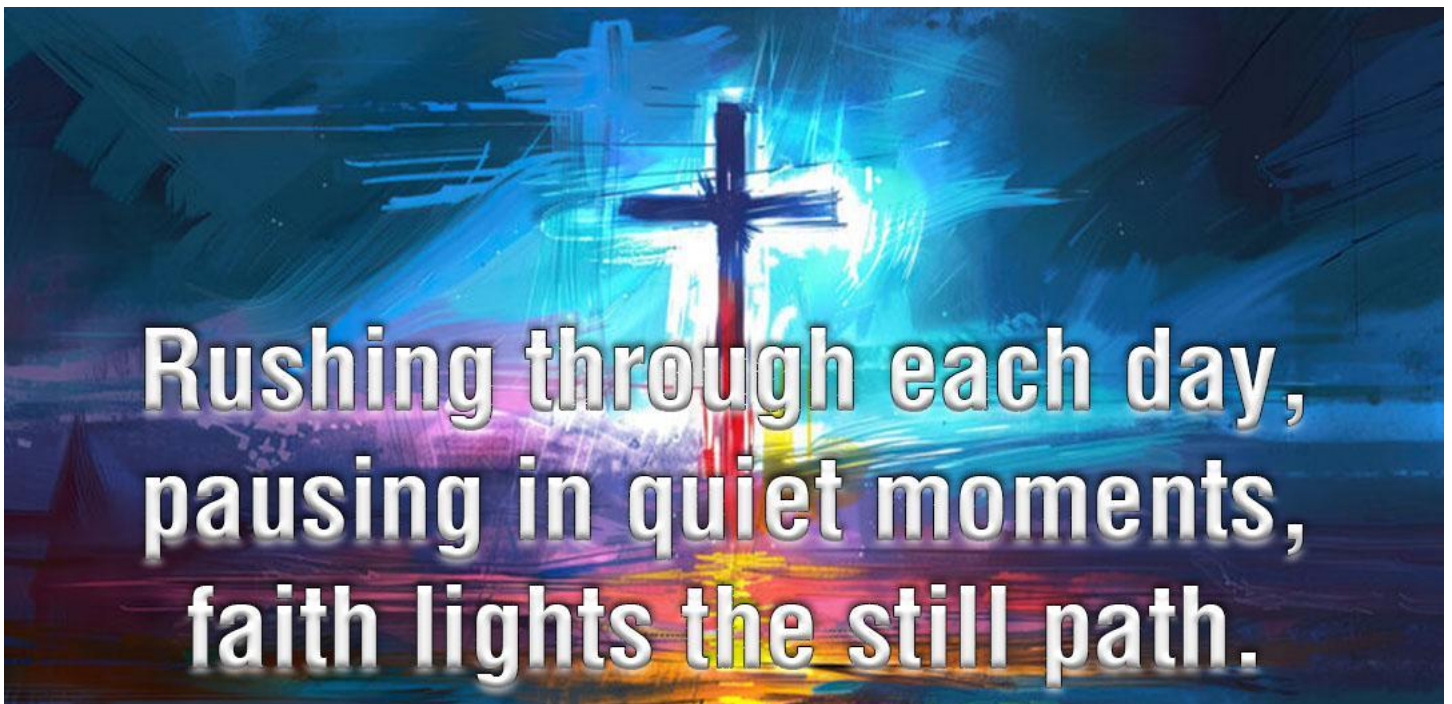
I was raised in the Catholic church and Marty in the Salvation Army. In 2001 we moved to Austin, where we joined and became active members in a Lutheran church. We retired in 2017 and moved to Jamestown, New York, to take care of Marty’s mom who was ill. After her mom’s death in 2018 at 101 years of age, we visited family in the Jensen Beach area and decided this would be a great place to spend our winters. We continue to have a summer home in Bemus Point, New York, which we



purchased when we were taking care of Marty’s mom.

We have a beautiful daughter who resides in Frisco, Texas, a suburb of Dallas. She is a self-employed digital marketing professional, whose God given skills continually amaze us.

We feel very blessed and thankful to be members of Trinity United Methodist Church and look forward to growing with this beautiful congregation.



Randy Schwartz

Volunteer Spotlight: Kitchen Ministry, Barbara Roof

If you are enjoying Sunday Morning Fellowship Hour; you can thank Barbara for being one of the coordinators of this weekly event. I was moved to mention her in this arena, as she told me of a new place she will be procuring these delightful treats for Trinity—Fresh Market in Stuart. In addition to Publix breads and pastries. What a great addition to our Sunday Fellowship Smorgasbord.



Anyone interested in playing a role in Fellowship Hour, or any other kitchen ministry endeavors—please, contact Barbara Roof. She can find a place for YOU.



Barbara Roof

Barbara is an invaluable church member and volunteer here at Trinity, among other places. She serves at LAHIA in Stuart—serving dinners on Friday evenings and she provides transportation to a Veteran friend; she has been at Trinity since 2000; 25 years here at Trinity and continuing to selflessly serve.

At Trinity, she helps lead the Kitchen Ministry. In addition to the weekly Fellowship Hour, she sets up for funerals, birthdays, graduations and any other kitchen needs brought forth. Who traded our wooden stools on the communion rails for white pillars? Who replaced the straw baskets with white receptacles? Barbara. Barbara has also served in our Drama Team Ministry—taking on various roles in production through performers. Thank You, Barbara, for your years of service!

Volunteers fuel Trinity. So many aspects of ministry are at our fingertips! People volunteer their precious time to Trinity UMC, for their own spirituality—and as our mission as Methodists states—“to make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Barbara and all our volunteers help make this mission a reality.

Interested in allocating some personal time, intentionally creating the best worship, sacred, and friendly fellowship place in Florida? Please contact Barbara in the kitchen or Rick Decker, Director of Congregational Care: rdecker@trinityjb.org.

Let us help you along YOUR path to discipleship, so you can bring others...

Randi

PATHWAY TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARE THE PEACE THAT SURPASSES ALL UNDERSTANDING

INVITE

BRING A FRIEND!

ATTEND

SUNDAYS AND EVENTS

ENGAGE

ENJOY AND HELP!

MEMBERSHIP

JOIN THE CHURCH

LEADERSHIP

ANSWER A CALLING

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another”

John 13:35



LEARNING LOOKUPS

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

DANIEL

Daniel was still a teenager when he was deported to Babylon with many others in the Great Exile. The first six chapters are his current events. In Chapter 7, the book makes a turn and becomes prophecy.

1. The three men thrown into the fiery furnace for refusing to commit idolatry were Shadrach, Meshach, and this man. *(Daniel 3:8-12)*
2. King Nebuchadnezzar had the furnace heated so hot that this happened. *(Daniel 3:19-23)*
3. King Nebuchadnezzar did this after the three men came out of the fire unharmed. *(Daniel 3:28-30)*
4. The saying, "the handwriting is on the wall" started with this famed passage. Today, it means people know what will happen in a future event. Back then, an invisible hand wrote a prophecy on the wall because King Belshazzar refused to show this virtue. *(Daniel 5:22-23)*
5. The king who threw Daniel in to the lions' den loved Daniel and didn't want to do it. But he had been tricked. This was the king's name. *(Daniel 6:6)*
6. In the morning, no wound was found on Daniel, and he was uninjured due to this. *(Daniel 6:23)*
7. This prophecy speaks of the end of time and a terrible time of trials that comes right before it. It says those will be saved whose names are found in this. *(Daniel 12:1)*
8. An angel visited the prophet Daniel. The angel said he had been detained by dark, evil forces for 21 days, but then this prince, or archangel, showed up to help. *(Daniel 10:12-14)*

Choose from:

Abednego Darius humility Michael promoted them
soldiers burned up trust in God unnamed book

Two Days in May Became A 40-Year Journey

It was the middle of May 1961, the weather was beautiful, I was 15 and I had just landed my first and last job, it was at the Acme Markets grocery store. After my chores that morning, I decided to take a walk by the Little Elk River, I did not realize that day and the day before would dictate my life for the next forty years.

As I walked down that crooked trail that morning, there stood a man standing in the water's edge and the water was about a foot over his boots. He was holding a bow and an arrow and there was a fishing reel attached to his bow. something I had never seen before. Suddenly, and with a quick motion up came the



bow. His arrow was quick and true, and I could see the fish in the water struggling to get away. The man reeled the fish in, he picked the fish up and laid it on the edge of the river. I

walked over to the water edge where the man was standing and introduced myself, and I told him how much I enjoyed the show he had put on. He told me his name was Wally Badur.

Four years later I had a bow, and I would practice every minute I could. Wally introduced

me to the *Cecil County Target Bow and Arrow Club*, and two years later I became the president of the club. We had a beautiful club with 14 targets ranging from 5 to 80 yards, but as the world turns things happen. We were on private land and the owner decided to sell this part of his land, so we lost our club. Most of our members gave archery up, some of us



continued to go to other clubs, but it was a 25 to 50 miles drive to the other clubs. For two years I fought with the Maryland Conservation and State Forest Department to get a new range. I believe God was with us and we were granted 10 acres to build a new range. It took us about a year before our first shoot, but at this point compound bows had taken over and changed archery forever. We had about 8 or 10 members now, all of us loved to hunt so we changed our name to the *Cecil County Bowhunters Club*.

After eight surgeries I had to give up hunting, but it was a big part of my life and I think about Wally often, he passed away in 1999.

Don Frye

March Choral Events



CONCERT!
SATURDAY, MARCH 15
3:00 PM * SANCTUARY
TICKETS: \$25.00
WWW.TCCSSINGERS.ORG

United Methodist's Men's Group

Trinity's Men's Group met for breakfast, business, and fellowship on Saturday, February 1st. A meal of scrambled eggs, potatoes, fruit and a quiche was enjoyed by 21 members!

Don Frye opened the meeting at 8:20 a.m. and Rick Decker offered the opening prayer. This was followed by a devotion and prayer by Glen Kunkle. Jim Williams then reported that the Men's Group had \$3,200 in its treasury and had spent \$250 on Pancake Breakfast signage; he reported \$904 was raised at the Pancake Breakfast but that expenses had yet to be determined.

Don F. then turned the meeting over the Rick to go over that day's Chili Cookoff. Rick covered how the competition would take place, the number of expected Chili entries, and the awarding of three trophies (gold, silver, and bronze). Don Stacks then asked how the award monies would be distributed and after discussion a unanimous decision was made to do so by check. Money made from the cookoff will go to support our Blessings in a Bag ministry.



Discussion then turned to the Pancake Breakfast being planned for February 15th. Members were asked to volunteer to help serve, with several offering their services. The question of how much to charge per person was addressed in terms of costs versus attendance. Archie Satchell reported on the cost per plate for the all you can eat eggs, pancakes, and sausage breakfasts. Don F. noted that egg prices were rising, and costs need to be watched. It was decided to maintain the current cost of \$7.00 per person throughout the season and then revisit costs at a later date.

Levi Miller moderated a discussion of the upcoming April 20th Sunrise Service asking for volunteers and then going over the service's needs. Questions regarding media setup and changes due to the Jensen Beach fire were addressed that made access slightly different the service. Barry Brunner suggested that the updated TUMC brochure be distributed with the Sunrise Service bulletin and at the February 15th Pancake Breakfast. It was decided to print extra brochures and have them available for use whenever possible.

After this business was completed, Don F. asked if there was anything else to be discussed or announced. Several members spoke about current things going on with them or friends; prayers were asked for all.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rick Decker at 9:25 a.m.

Don Stacks

February Pancake Breakfast

The Methodist Men's February Pancake Breakfast was held on February 15th. Over 100 meals were served and \$1,143 from meals and an additional \$91 for World Hunger was raised. The next Pancake Breakfast will be on March 15th.



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.



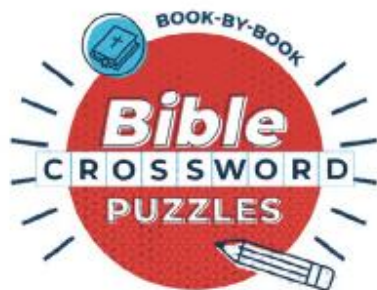
God's Important Messages about Prayerfulness:

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)



DANIEL



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #27



WRITTEN BY:
The Prophet
Daniel

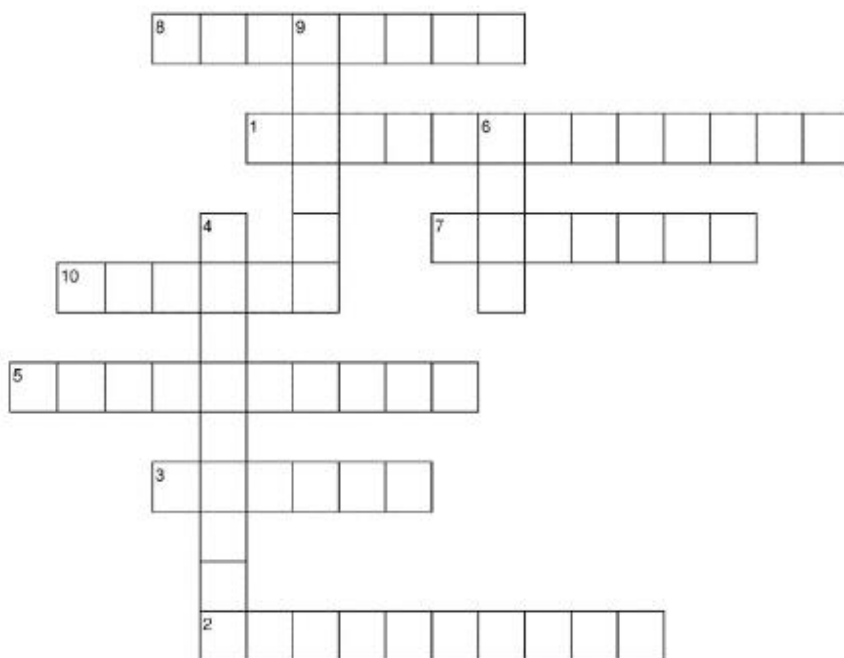


TIME PERIOD COVERED:
536 BC to the future
(in prophecy)

OVERVIEW

Daniel contains the great stories of Daniel in the lions' den and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. It is also famous for its end-times prophecies that are closely being studied today.

The first six chapters are history and include all the stories listed above. In Chapter 7, the book begins to prophesy about the future.



Across

- Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish ____ (9:24)
- At the Temple, the antichrist will set up an abomination that causes ____ (9:27)
- An angel approached Daniel coming with the clouds of ____ (7:13)
- These will awake, some to everlasting love, others to shame and contempt (12:2)
- This angel came to teach Daniel the meanings of difficult visions (8:16)
- The three men in the fiery furnace were Shadrach, Meshach, and ____ (3:19)
- Daniel said this being shut the mouths of the lions (6:22)



Down

- Everyone whose name is found in the book will be ____ (12:1)
- This animal had a prominent horn between its eyes in a vision (8:5)
- The king during Daniel's time in Babylon (6:1)

Church Council

Trinity's Church Council met on Sunday afternoon, February 16th, 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 12:43 p.m. and the January 2025 meeting minutes were accepted.

Congregational Care: Rick Decker talked about several classes that are either ongoing or coming up. *Chicken Soup for the Soul*, to be led by Lyn Snow begins February 20th. He is considering other classes, to include grief counseling and a class on spiritual gifting, under the idea that each of us is a minister with gifts to share. He also said that the annual volunteer luncheon will be held later in the year.

Trustees: Levi Miller and Doug Evans reviewed a list of projects that the Trustees have been working on, including the installation of new and current Garden bricks, property upgrades (doors, roofing, ring cameras for security), sanctuary hearing aids (trouble shooting phase), and the status of the Trinity front electronic sign. Comments from the Council included staging for the Easter Cantata, irrigation needs—especially at the front of the church, and the recushioning of the altar kneeling cushion.

Finance: Dale Forbes and Jim Williams reported that Trinity's finances were in good shape and that 2025 was beginning on a positive note and that the reserves were funded at almost \$80,000. Jim reported that stewardship was off to a good start and that stewardship tree reminders would be introduced over the next six months in both the Sunday program and *Newsletter*.

Lay Leader: Roz Miller was introduced as the new Lay Leader and will meet with Pastor to go over her duties.

Nominations/Leadership: Pastor Singh led discussion regarding committees and appropriate committee sizes.

Pastor's Report: The Pastor reported that Trinity's vital signs were encouraging and that he was working with Don Stacks to establish a data set for trend analysis. Social media continues to increase with YouTube® subscriptions on the uptick. The Council will be getting yearly planning updates in their meeting materials from now on.

Music Ministry: Cynthia Beam reported that a busy 2025 season had begun with several concerts completed and more planned. The Easter Contata was discussed, especially regarding staging. She announced that she was working on having a drone fly on Easter Sunday services and the visual recordings being given to Trinity for later use.

Media Ministry: Mike Fields reported updates on the Sanctuary media, including the hearing aids now available for congregational members during services and the planned conversion from projected video to the large Sanctuary screen to large monitors. Discussion focused on the type, size, and number of monitors and their placement.

Priscilla Circle: Pat Williams informed the Council that Priscilla Circle had five new members attend their last meeting. The Heiffer Project would be sending \$300 monthly, to be more than matched by Heiffer International. She reported 110 pounds of food had been donated to the House of Hope. Priscilla Circle continues to support Trinity's Blessings in a Bag ministry, and that the Circle had prepared and handed out hundreds of "hug me" bags for Valentine's Day.



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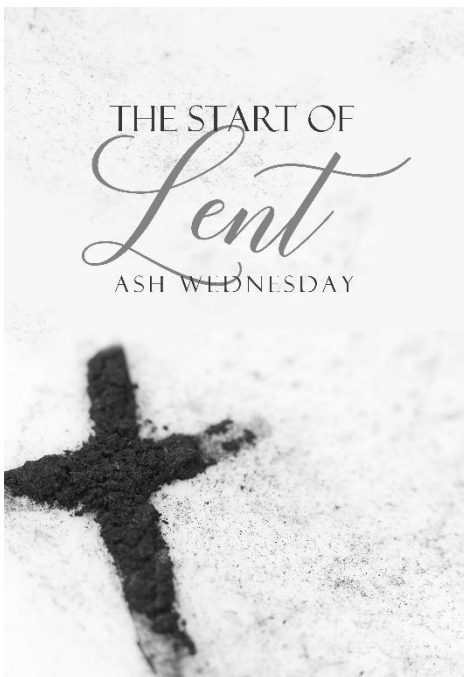
Men's Ministry: Levi Miller reported a successful Pancake Breakfast, raising \$1143 from meals and that an additional \$91 for World Hunger. He went over the Easter Sunrise Service planning and how setup would be accomplished.

Communications: Randi Schwartz reported she was working on several new media initiatives.

Newsletter: Don Stacks discussed several changes he had made to the *Newsletter* and lack of response to such changes. He announced that Mike Fields would be adding a monthly media article beginning with the April edition. He also said that more physical copies would be printed and available for pickup each Sunday. He is looking into creating a monthly emailing of the *Newsletter* to the congregation.

Good of the Order: John Grear noted how much he and others appreciated the "ringing on the hour" by bell at the beginning of the 11:00 service. Nancy Burnett discussed possible color changes around the prayer room/brides's room.

There being no other new business, Pastor Singh closed the meeting at 2:22 p.m.



Art On Display In Fellowship Hall

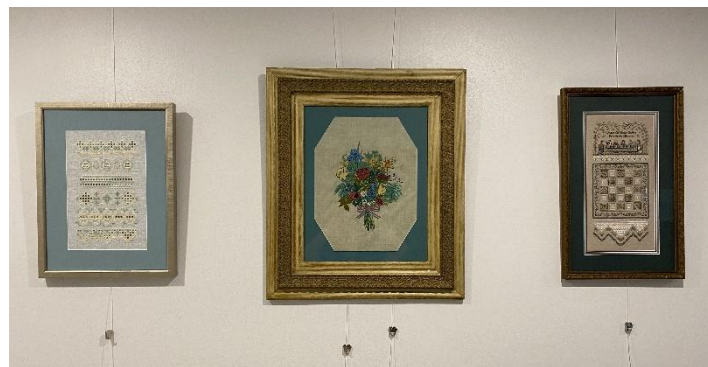
A few years ago, the Fellowship Hall was completely redone. New ceilings, new floors, painted walls, and installation of the STAS art hanging system by Wilson Lear. Pastor Anil expressed many times over the years his interest in bringing art from a variety of sources to adorn and celebrate Fellowship Hall and Trinity United Methodist church.

Trinity calls the many types of artistic displays “Trinity Art Infusion” which is a marketing term linking perceptions of art to ideas. Randi has posted photos from past and current shows on Trinity’s website. She also does a tag in the Sunday bulletin and creates a small poster announcement hung in Fellowship Hall.

There are many talented artists, crafts people, and photographers in our community, and it is a great blessing to be able to display some of their works.

We have had displays of paintings, photographs, quilts, and needlepoints by a single individual; by members of the church, by many folks in the community including church members; by art associations (Art Associates of Martin County), by quilters (Martin County Quilters Association), by school students (Appletree Christian Academy), and so forth and there are more to come!

The shows run for a few weeks or months depending on time of year, type of show, and artist interests in display. Trinity is not involved with the sale of artwork. When there are pieces bought/sold the transaction is strictly between the buyer/seller. We generally ask artists to sign a waiver to protect Trinity in the case of



Needlework on display in Friendship Hall

damage or loss of a piece and to allow Trinity to use photos of artwork on display.

The congregation has been very appreciative of the variety and high quality of the works on display. If you have ideas for an exhibit, please talk to me, Joyce Monticelli, or Sue Prescott.

The Treasure Coast community offers many changing art and cultural opportunities to its residents, and it is great to know that Trinity adds to this enriching environment for everyone in our community.

Other Treasure Coast art resources: MartinArts (<https://www.martinarts.org/>) is the Martin county organization that supports many art and cultural activities in the county. They are located at the old courthouse in Stuart and have two art galleries. I encourage you to check out their website. In addition, there are free online art newsletter websites that provide information about art and cultural events on the Treasure Coast. These are the Rickie Report (<https://www.therickiereport.com/>), and the Willi Miller’s Arts Blast (<https://willimiller.com/index.html>).

Dale Forbes



Music Ministry

Handbells were developed in England in the late 1700s by the Cor Brothers, and they were first used by “Change Ringers”. Change Ringing is a competition between church bell towers, where each ringer has one or two bell ropes, and they work as a team. The winning team is the one who can ring a different pattern each time for the longest time. They do not play melodies, only musical patterns. The handbells are tuned to a diatonic scale, and the sets have the same number of bells as the bells in the Bell Tower, usually six to twelve. That makes them very convenient for the Change Ringers to use for practicing their patterns.

It was here in the United States that handbells began to be used for playing melodies and harmony. I had the privilege of traveling to the British Isles in the late 1960s with the Moody Bible Chorale and Bell Choir. We traveled by bus, playing in a different church every night for over two months. We had to memorize our music as we did not have room on the bus for music stands. Each night we stayed overnight in the home of a parishioner, and then we traveled during the day to the next church. The people were fascinated with the fact that we were playing hymns, which used melody and harmony, not just patterns. I was also able to visit the White Chapel Bell Foundry in England, and these are considered the standard for handbells, because each one is still tuned by “ear” by a Master Tuner, while all others are tuned by machine. They are also very expensive, however; so, we are more likely to buy ours from companies here in the United States. These companies pattern themselves after the English handbell, and we are privileged to have them here at Trinity.

I am honored to be the Director of the Trinity Ringers, where we are able to use multiple techniques to portray the message of hymns and gospel songs. Our group is growing again, after a drop during Covid, and we welcome new players. The more players we have, the more variety we can employ, with both hymn styles and techniques. Also, we have bells that are not being used until we increase our numbers. Please see me, Dr. MJ, if you are at all interested in joining us. Previous experience is not required but just a desire to try a “new” experience!

Dr. MJ
Director of Trinity Ringers



Priscilla Circle

Hi friends of Trinity United Methodist Church. Some of you have asked why our Circle/group is named “Priscilla”. I hope this information is helpful to you.

Priscilla was very helpful in the early Christian Church. She was a co-laborer with her husband Aquila. They were tent makers like the Apostle Paul. She invited Paul to live with her and Aquila and they all traveled together. As a skilled craft person, it allowed Pricilla to walk with dignity (respect) in the marketplace. Priscilla had a church in her home in Rome (Romans 1:3-8), Corinth (1½ years) and Ephesus where she helped plant a church and remained there when Paul went to Antioch (2 Timothy 4:19).

Pricilla brought home and taught Apollos, the great 1st century orator, all about Jesus. Apollos had only known about John the Baptist. Apollos went on to be an effective speaker for Christ because of Priscilla and Aquila. Priscilla’s name is usually written before her husband Aquila, so it is thought that she was a more prominent leader of the early church. Some scholars think Priscilla wrote the book of Hebrews or she co-wrote it with Aquila.

Women in the early church felt liberated in the Christian community because women could worship together with men. Women could be heard in the same places and hold conversations that had only been allowed for men in Judaism. Women were also allowed to receive spiritual gifts. (Acts 2:17)

Priscilla had a strong, consistent faith in Jesus. She traveled, evangelized, taught, and encouraged young believers. We all try to be more like her.

Please join us at our monthly meeting, which is the second Monday of the month. We get together to sign cards, have wonderful fellowship with other women believers, encourage each other, and plan events to inspire and help others in our community. We hope you have enjoyed our activities. We have given Christmas M&M bags, Valentine HUG bags, Mother’s Day carnations, Palm Sunday palm crosses, and hosted the Fashion Show and Tea, and Holiday sale. As a part of the Priscilla’s Circle, we also are the “Hooks and Needles” group, which knit and crochet prayer shawls given to the sick and have made the Christening Blankets that are given out to our youngest when they are Baptized in our church. Come and join us. We would love to meet you!

Nancy Rasmussen

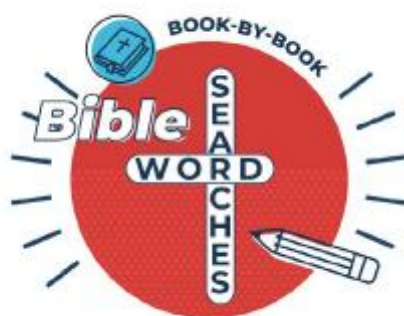


The ladies of Hooks & Needles show off a recently completed prayer blanket

Chili Cookoff 2025

Twelve TUMC chili cooks participated in the United Methodist Men's Group 2025 Chili Cookoff on February 1st. The competition began at 3:00 p.m. with over 50 tasters consuming about 500 cups of chili. Tasters then selected one of the 12 entries as their best of the cookoff. In addition to the pots of chili, the cookoff provided cornbread, cookies, crackers, fudge, and drinks. Each of the three winners received a trophy for their chili and a monetary prize. The gold trophy (\$100) was won by Matthew Singh, Brent Rassmussen took home the silver trophy for second place (\$50), and Russell Bohinger a bronze trophy for third place (\$25.) Evan Deininger and Randi Schwartz were announced as "honorable mentions".





DANIEL



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
OT: #27



WRITTEN BY:
The Prophet
Daniel



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

OVERVIEW

Daniel contains the great stories of Daniel in the lions' den and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace. It is also famous for its end-times prophecies that are closely being studied today.

The first six chapters are history and include all the stories listed above. In Chapter 7, the book begins to prophesy about the future.

King **NEBACHADNEZZAR** ordered some of the captive Israelites to bring their children to train for the king's service (1:3-4)

Daniel was given the name of **BELTESHAZZAR** (1:7)

Daniel could understand **VISIONS** and **DREAMS** (1:17)

Daniel **INTERPRETED** the king's dream of a **STATUE** (2:31)

SHADRACH, MESHACH and **ABEDNEGO** were cast into a fiery furnace because they refused to worship a golden image (3:14-15)

King **DARIUS** threw Daniel into a den of lions (6:16)

An **ANGEL** had shut the mouths of the lions so that Daniel was kept safe (6:22)

Daniel saw a vision of four great **BEASTS** (7:2)



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

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The angel **GABRIEL** came to teach Daniel the meanings of difficult visions (8:16)

Seventy sevens are decreed for people to finish the **TRANSGRESSION** (9:24)

Everyone whose name is found in the book will be **DELIVERED** (12:1)

March 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
- Church Council (17th, 12:30 p.m.)
- Ebony Chorale Concert (9th, 3:00 p.m.)
- Pepper Choplin Concert (29th, 3:00 p.m.)
- Transfiguration Campfire (2nd, 5:00 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.)
- David Worthington Lecture (18th, 6:30 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.)
- Ash Wednesday Drive-Thru (5th, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)
- Ash Wednesday Service (5th, 6:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Line Dancers (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Praise Team Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m.)

Fridays

- Easter Cantata (22nd, 7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (1st, 8:00 a.m.)
- Pancake Breakfast (15th, 8:00–10:00 a.m.)
- TCCS Concert (15th, 3:00 p.m.)
- Volunteer Appreciation Brunch (22nd, 10:30 a.m.)

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