



Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

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Building Community

Invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind...Luke 14:13-14

The philosophical question “If a tree falls in a forest, and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?” has puzzled us since it was first asked. There are many ways to answer this question, but each depends on how we *perceive* reality. Is reality what we see and hear in our little circle of family and friends? Is it something larger, such as a community? Is reality greater than the parts of our existence? Or is it all of the above? It is an interesting question, but how does it relate to Trinity United Methodist Church?

Maybe the question should be, “if a church fails in a community does anyone care?” Of course, we must consider what “failure” is. Is it something that like most machines is created to fail? Is the church destined to die due to its inability to both integrate with and enhance its surrounding community? Is it disinterest with the needs of its surrounding community? Is it a lack of overtly seeking those who are different from our established communities. Is it an inability to grow a congregation that continues as older members move on? Or is it all of the above?

How is Trinity doing? Based on recent attendance and social media statistics, Trinity is slowly regrowing, but to meet its vision to “live by faith, be known by love, [and] be a voice of hope” it will require demonstrating—*acting*—that vision and serve as a “safe harbor of...disciples who regularly and joyfully give of” themselves. *In February we welcomed 13 new members. Sunday attendance is averaging about 30 members over last year’s attendance, and on February 22nd every parking spot was filled and cars overflowed on the grass. Social media attendance also has increased. Trinity is averaging over 230 members per Sunday.* Perhaps we can top **250** before year’s end?

Trinity has created a new *Outreach Committee* to “create and nurture relationships” with the local and larger communities. The committee has as its central mission to invite people to try us out, get together with us, celebrate Christ’s love, and demonstrate to them the love for Christ we profess. Part of this outreach will be traditional, reaching out through advertising and person-to-person contact. Part will be to continue our outreach through concerts, events, community activities, and promoting and testing new and different ways to be known in the larger Treasure Coast community.

Yes, we have survived the downturn of church attendance, but if we are to continue to grow, we must be *a relevant part of the local and larger communities as demonstrated by our faith, love, and profession of hope* that drives us in our daily lives. Look for more as the Outreach Committee begins its work at Trinity.

Don Stacks

Pastor's Corner

A Father in Christ

I didn't know ANYTHING!

This, I believe, is what Ken Roberts would tell you about me when I first transferred to Florida as a Candidate for Ministry.

I came down for my interviews fairly confident: I'd recently graduated from Drew Theological School and had passed all my classes and interviews up north.

But when I came to Florida, I soon realized that I didn't know anything! The Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church has some of the highest standards for commissioning and ordination in the entire Connexion, and I ran headlong into them.

Thank God that DCOM saw something in me that led them to accept my transfer. One of the laity on that committee was Trinity's own Ken Roberts.

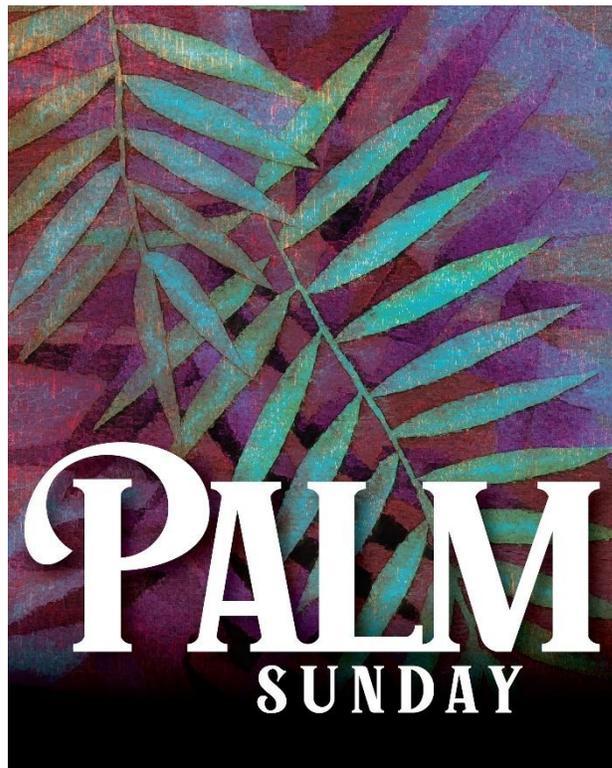
Some three years later, when I came to Trinity in my first role as solo pastor, again I learned that I knew nothing. Ken graciously took me under his wing, mentoring me as I grew in leadership, and guiding me from his positions as a Chair and member of SPRC and on Nominations for many years.

Ken was a father in Christ to me, always encouraging me to grow in my faith and love of God.

I will miss him. But I also look forward to that day when we are all reunited under our Lord Jesus Christ, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Ken helped me to grow the seed of faith in my heart. For him, and for all of you, I thank God.

Anil



March 29th

Luke

Luke is considered a gospel of extremely good news for the common man. This is why stories are included such as the Good Samaritan (who helps an injured man while religious leaders pass right by him). The conversations between the robbers on the crosses near Jesus show the Lord's grace for those who have committed crimes.

While Matthew attempts to prove Christ's kingship, Luke shows him as the one who offers salvation to all humanity—Jew and gentile alike. It is thought to have been written shortly after the Gospel of Mark was completed, around 60 AD.

1. **God sent an angel to tell Mary that she would have the baby Jesus. This was the angel's name. (Luke 1:26-33)**
2. **Jesus made this all-time famous statement, naming a rule that everyone should follow to achieve peace on earth. It is to love you neighbor as you would love this. (Luke 10:27)**
3. **Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem for a specific purpose, not intending to have a baby there! The purpose of the journey was this. (Luke 2:1-4)**
4. **At the start of his ministry, Jesus went into the wilderness and was tempted by Satan. He was in the wilderness for this amount of time. (Luke 4:2)**
5. **When he was 12, Jesus got separated from his parents while on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. His parents found him here. (Luke 2:46)**
6. **Jesus tells us not to worry but instead to be like these animals. (Luke 12:24)**
7. **Jesus healed on a special day. The religious leaders were angry instead of happy for the person he healed. This was the day. (Luke 14:1-6)**

Choose from:

Birds Census Forty days Sabbath Gabriel Temple Yourself

What Are You Seeing?

I just played the role of Judge Taylor in Harper Lee's classic "To Kill a Mockingbird." By today's norms, this play and book are often banned from schools. Even some community theaters won't perform it due to its use of racial slurs (especially the N-word), depiction of racism, and themes of rape and sexual violence, with some finding the language and subject matter too mature or harmful for students and others. Regardless of your thoughts on the banning of this book, there are some very profound thoughts and quotes embedded in this Pulitzer Prize-winning book. As the judge, I get to recite one of those memorable lines, "People generally see what they look for and hear what they listen for". Wow, what prolific words, though written back in 1960, those words stand true in today's society, some 66 years later.



With the onslaught of social media and various information sources (true or not) in the world today, no doubt a person can find what they are looking for to support their ideas, plans, and purpose. So, let's look at it from a Christian perspective. How are we to see things in this world? It isn't hard to answer the question, but it may be hard to obey the answer. We hear it (are you listening for it?) in our pulpit every Sunday from Pastor Anil: we are to love one another. How do we do that? By seeing things through the eyes of Christ. We need to look at people and situations as Christ would, with compassion and truth, not with prejudice and self-interest (seeing what you want to see).

What is the truth, you may ask? That answer is in Christ as well. As Christians, we are to be different from the world. Romans 12:2 helps answer how we can know if it is the truth. "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*" 1Thessalonians 5: 21-22 tells us to "*...test everything; hold fast to what is good...abstain from every form of evil*". So, as Christians, we need to test everything to see what is good, acceptable, and perfect. I realize I took those verses and switched the order around, but how else will we know unless we test it? The test will show us what is good.

So, how are you seeing what is happening in the world today? How are you seeing what is happening on the Treasure Coast? How are you seeing what is happening at Trinity UMC? As Christians, we need to see the good.

What are you looking to see?

Rick

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Choir Accompanist: Hye-Yun Chung Bennett

Celebration Leader: Darryl Sweeting

Media: Mike & Tiffanie Fields

Grace Is the Word

Being befrazzled by things is so bad for your health. Somehow, we must learn to calm ourselves down from trying so hard to meet all the expectations of life and work. If you know me, you'll know that this is a constant challenge. I have found some solace and deep breathing, healthy life practices and Magnesium.



Another way to deal with being befrazzled is to awaken to the grace that God provides. I've always said, "give the grace to others that you would like for yourself", and now as I'm getting older, I'm realizing that Grace surrounds us when we surround ourselves with people who understand the gift of Grace. So, when I get befrazzled about something, I can depend on the fact that I spend my time with people who understand and value Grace; the grace given to them and grace they give to others. When I remind myself that any kind of mistake or misunderstanding or maybe even something forgotten can be handled with Grace by people who understand Grace, it almost seems like if you surround yourself with graceful people, you don't have to get befrazzled about...anything, when you're consciously doing your best. You can appreciate Grace when something you may do or say or forget is forgiven by Grace.

I'm thinking that remembering, appreciating, and giving the gift of grace to others can keep you calm, focused and productive—without all the befrazzled. Gifting others with your grace, even if they can't do the same, is a priceless example and could change someone's world. Imagine if someone awakens to Grace because you were unexpectedly graceful to them! WOW! What a better world this would be if everybody was like that!

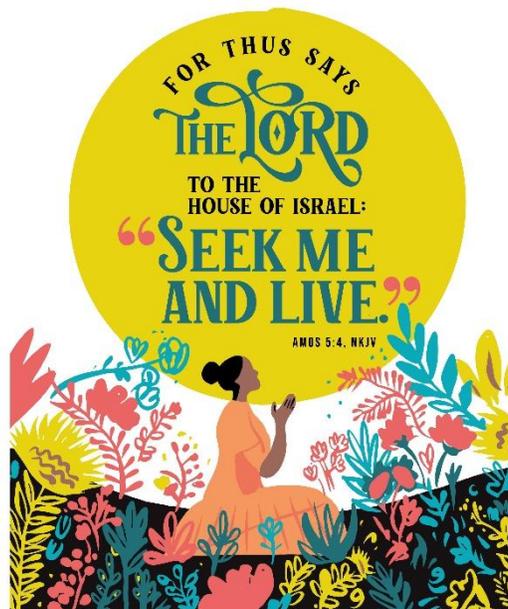
Signing off.

Wait! I witnessed this type of Grace just the other day and it was a beautiful thing to see, and I really need to learn how to do it like that. Always take note when others are doing exceptionally good things in your presence and try to learn from that! **TIP!**

Randi



Give
Grace



ORDER IN NEW TESTAMENT

NUMBER OF CHAPTERS

TYPE

3 24

GOSPEL, SYNOPTIC



OVERVIEW

The third of the Gospels is also an account and testimony of Jesus Christ, written by Luke, who was a physician by trade. His account offers a balanced view of Christ's ministry, speaking to both the Jew and the Gentile. Much of Luke's Gospel involves Jesus's dealings with the common man, and he gives more stories involving women than the other records. The Gospel of Luke shares the good news that Jesus Christ offers salvation for all humankind.



WRITTEN
60-61 AD



TIME PERIOD COVERED
7 BC to 26 AD



AUTHOR
Luke the Historian,
physician, and Gentile

1 THE BIRTH OF CHRIST ACCOUNTS SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

LUKE 1-2

Luke shares the miraculous births of both John the Baptist and Jesus. He tells of Mary visiting Elizabeth during her pregnancy, the birth, and the naming of John the Baptist. Luke also recounts the circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus Christ, specifically the angels who appear to shepherds and Simeon and Anna who recognize Jesus and prophesy concerning Him.

2 TEACHINGS OF CHRIST SINGULAR OR CENTRAL TO THIS GOSPEL

LUKE 3-21

Luke shares 24 parables, with 11 being original, and include the Prodigal Son, and the rich man and Lazarus. He specifically shares warnings that were given to the religious elite who often tried to trap and trick Jesus (see 6:2-5; 11:37-53; 12:1-11; 13:15-17, 32; 19:47; 20:45-47).

3 THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

LUKE 3-21

Luke presents 21 miracles, five of which are original, including the miraculous catch of fish, the raising of the widow of Nain's son from the dead, and the healing of 10 lepers.

4 THE PROPHECIES OF CHRIST SINGULAR TO THIS GOSPEL

LUKE 3-21

Luke also shares the prophecies of Jesus during His ministry, specifically when Jesus claimed fulfillment of Isaiah in the synagogue, Jesus predicting His death three times, and the Transfiguration. He also shares Jesus predicting the future destruction of Jerusalem.

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

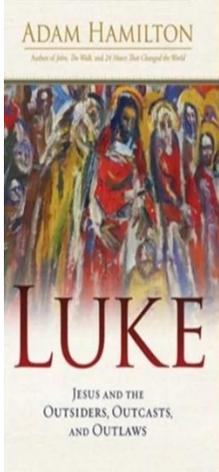
LUKE 22-24

Luke shares Pilate's declarations of innocence, Herod's trial, and the criminals at the crucifixion. He also recounts the last words of Jesus, His later appearance to disciples, and the Ascension.

Learning Opportunities



**"LAZARUS, THE RICH MAN,
AND JOHN WESLEY**
Lunch and Learn
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH
12:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL



ADAM HAMILTON
Author of John, The Walk, and 20 Other True Changed the World

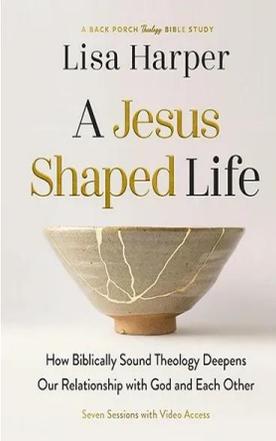
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
BEGINNING JANUARY 28TH
4:30 PM * FELLOWSHIP HALL

LUKE
JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS



HOLY WEEK SERVICES:
3/29 ~ PALM SUNDAY 9:00 & 11:00 AM
4/2 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30 PM
4/3 ~ GOOD FRIDAY 8:00 PM
EASTER SUNDAY ~ 9:00 & 11:00 AM
2221 NE SAVANNAH RD. JENSEN BEACH

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF JENSEN BEACH'S ANNUAL
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
6:45 AM * JENSEN "SEA TURTLE" BEACH
4191 NE OCEAN BLVD. JENSEN BEACH
Website: www.trinityjb.org ~ Phone: 772-334-3404, Prayer Line: 772-334-3411



A BACK PORCH *Tealip* BIBLE STUDY
Lisa Harper
A Jesus Shaped Life

How Biblically Sound Theology Deepens
Our Relationship with God and Each Other
Seven Sessions with Video Access

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
With Eric Boyle
THURSDAYS 10:30-11:30 AM
BEGINS: FEBRUARY 12TH
BOB ENGLE ROOM
A SEVEN WEEK STUDY FOR WOMEN



CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL
Led by: Rev. Lynn Snow, Ph.D
FIRST & THIRD THURSDAYS
9:30 AM * LIBRARY
THROUGH APRIL 1, 2026

A Testimony to Modern-Day Miracles

Harriet Beecher Stowe once wrote, “When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems that you cannot hold on for a minute longer, never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.”

About 35 years ago, I entered one of the hardest seasons of my life. I had reached a point where I truly didn’t know how to move forward. I prayed and prayed, asking God for help, yet the struggle still felt heavy. The one promise that kept me going was found in Mark 11:24, where Jesus says that we will receive what we ask for if we truly believe.



Every Sunday, I walked to the little church down the street. I listened to the music and the message, and still I sat there with tears streaming down my face.

One Sunday morning, before church, I was sitting at my kitchen table praying. I glanced out into the backyard at a small apple tree a friend had given us two years earlier. The branches were full of leaves, but the tree had never once blossomed. I began walking down the driveway toward church. Halfway down, I suddenly stopped in my tracks. I gasped, hardly believing what I thought I had seen. I turned around and walked back toward the yard-and there it was. My sign from the Lord.

That little tree was in *full bloom*.

In that moment, I knew God was telling me that not only would I move forward, but I would blossom on my journey. I learned something precious that day: take your concerns to God. Tell Him your needs and desires. Then leave everything in His hands, believing that He has heard you and that what you’ve asked for is already yours. It may not come in *your* time frame, but it will come.

I went to church that Sunday, and as always, listened to the music and the pastor’s message. Tears streamed down my cheeks-not tears of sorrow this time, but tears of joy. As I walked out of church, a dear friend handed me a small gift. “It’s nothing big,” she said. “Open it when you get home.” Nothing big? It was the last book Dr. Seuss wrote before he passed away. The title of the book was, *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*

That day I learned that when you hand your troubles over to God, He reaches deeper than you expect-right to the core of your heart’s desire. Trust Him to give you the unexpected, at the exact moment He knows you need it.

One of my go-to prayers now is: “Lord, when I give You my concerns, help me expect the unexpected.” Amen.

Susan Prescott



LUKE 03 NT



Luke was a very well-educated Gentile and friend of several apostles. Much of the material in Luke's gospel involves Jesus' dealings with individuals. Many are not wealthy or part of the acceptable society of their day. They include many sinners. Hence, Luke is considered a gospel of extremely good news—for the common man.

While Matthew attempts to prove Christ's kingship, Luke shows him as the one who offers salvation to all humanity—Jew and Gentile alike.



BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	SUBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:1-4	Credibility of this Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:5-25	Birth of John the Baptist, Background
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:26-38	Christmas: Angel Gabriel Visits Mary
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:39-45	Mary Visits Elizabeth
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:46-56	Song of Mary (Magnificat)
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:57-67	Birth of John the Baptist
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:14-37	Jesus' First Teaching in Galilee, First Deliverance
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:12-26	Miracles: The Leper, The Paralytic
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:27-39	Calling of Disciple Matthew (Levi)
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:1-11	Jesus' Disciples Pick Grain on Sabbath
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:12-19	12 Disciples Named
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:20-45	Sermon on the Mount
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:26-39	Miracle: Jesus Delivers the Demoniac
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:40-56	Miracles: Girl Raised from Dead; Bleeding Woman
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:1-11	12 Disciples Sent Out
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:12-17	Miracle: 5,000 Fed
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:18-27	Jesus Tells Who He Is, What Disciples Need to Do
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:28-45	The Transfiguration and a Deliverance
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:46-56	Become like a Child for Greatness
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:57-62	I will Follow You Wherever You Go
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 10:38-42	Martha Complains about Mary
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 11:1-13	Lord's Prayer; Persistence in Prayer
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 11:29-36	Jonah Actually Happened: You are the Light
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 13:10-17	Healing on the Sabbath

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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 13:18-21	Parables: Mustard Seed; Leaven of Bread
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 15:11-32	Teaching: Prodigal Son
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 16:1-18	Teaching: The Unrighteous Steward
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 16:19-31	Teaching: The Rich Man and Lazarus
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 17:1-10	Instructions to Disciples
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 17:11-21	Miracle: Healing the 10 Lepers
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 17:22-37	End Times Prophecies
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 18:9-17	Teaching: Pharisee and the Publican
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:1-8	By What Authority Does Jesus Work?
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:27-47	Teaching People Will Be Like Angels in Heaven
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 21:7-24	End Times: Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 21:25-38	Return of Christ: Details
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 22:1-6	Satan Enters Judas
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 23:8-12	Holy Week: Jesus Before Herod
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 23:26-32	Holy Week: Simon of Cyrene Bears the Cross
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 23:33-49	Holy Week: The Crucifixion with Criminals
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<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:1-12	Easter: The Resurrection
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:13-49	Some Appearances of the Risen Christ
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:50-53	The Ascension

Most Popular Verses

BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	RANK
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:4	Luke Rank: 3, Overall: 118
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:18	Luke Rank: 1, Overall: 76
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 10:25	Luke Rank: 4, Overall: 138
<input type="checkbox"/> Luke 16:9	Luke Rank: 2, Overall: 115

TUMC Connections



Brrr!



Game Night



Men's Pancake Breakfast



Men's Pancake Breakfast



Praise Team at Celebration Service



Joe Martin Concert



Game Night



Solitude



Ash Wednesday in the Parking Lot



Methodist Men's Breakfast Meeting

Priscilla Circle

The Priscilla Circle is primarily a group of women who focus on fellowship, devotions, planning community service projects, sending cards to the infirmed and shut-ins and working on fundraising projects. We meet on the 2nd Monday each month at 10:00 a.m. We celebrate each other's birthdays and also have social time together.

Presently we are gearing up for the Women's Tea and Fashion Show, which requires quite a committee to make it a success and provide funds to support our missions. We are the ones who decide on, obtain, assemble, and distribute seasonal gifts—such as the recent Hug-me-Bags, the pocket Jesus from Christmas, and carnations on Mother's Day.

A spin-off of this group is *Hooks & Needles* who focus more on handwork such as knitting, crocheting, embroider, and so forth. We make shawls or Afghans for shut-ins and work on projects for the Holiday Bazaar. We meet every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m., and the next meetings are scheduled for March 4th and March 18th. Because we meet more often, we are often scheming together for other ways to make the Bazaar more productive, seeking ideas for trending items we can make to sell, and so forth. You may be amazed to learn that the Craft and Bazaar income increased from approximately \$300 to \$500 in the craft and the bake sales area from 2024 to 2025.

We were also the ones who instituted the return of live poinsettias in the chancel for Christmas, taking on the task of obtaining them, keeping them watered and fresh, and seeing that they were removed on schedule. Busy hands working behind the scenes.

Please come and join us for the fun and fellowship that unites us together each month.

Doris Gould

Church Council

Trinity's Administrative Council was called to order and opened with Prayer by Pastor Singh at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, February 22nd. After the prayer, Chairman Barry Brunner called for any changes, amendments, or corrections of the January 18th meeting minutes. There being none the minutes were accepted as written.

Chair's Report. Barry discussed the progress that the 2025 stewardship campaign had made on Trinity's finances, noting that Trinity had received two gifts in January. He announced that the new Outreach Committee will meet in March to draft a plan on extending Trinity's reach in the local community. He also noted that changes in church leadership would require several actions.

Trustees: Trustee Levi Miller updated the Council on several projects. He listed as completed jobs the mold remediation had been completed and that the church doors had been replaced by hurricane rated glass doors. Two AC units were installed on the second floor of Friendship Hall and three more were planned to be installed later. Finally, he noted that landscaping on the palm trees had been completed and that the shrubs would be replaced later.

Finance: Jim Williams reviewed Trinity's financial status as strong and that the predicted 10% increase for budgeted insurance will be as much as 10% less than planned. Dale Forbes noted that Trinity had a \$31,400 gain, mostly due to two gifts given in January. Finances continue to be strong.

SPRC: Becky Binder announced that the committee met for the first time in January and reviewed the committee's responsibilities, noting that SPRC served as Trinity's human resource function. The committee will be focusing on the Sunday School program as it is beginning to transition with new leadership. The Pastor then added that he had done some brainstorming about how to make Sunday School more available to more children and their parents to include the possibility of a full-time teacher, seasonal distinctions in practice, and curriculum development. Barry then discussed the Family Promise outreach program and how the departure of the Baker family was being handled while looking for someone to replace Darryl as its director.

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Who is Jesus to Me?

Jesus is many things to me:

- He died for my sins—He is my savior.
- A friend like the song “What a Friend I have in Jesus”: I tell Him my thoughts, cares, and concerns. Sometimes ask WHY?
- My comforter: At night if I can’t get to sleep or wake up in the middle of the night, I pray to Him, say the Lord’s Prayer—pray for people, family. Sing silently “Jesus Loves Me” or “We are One in the Spirit We are One in Lord”.
- He helps me in my troubled times: He gave me a miracle.



Debbie Moore

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

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Lay Leader: Sue Nance led a discussion of the upcoming annual conference and the Line-Dancer mission.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor Singh reflected on the need to find a new Trustee to replace Darryl Baker as a priority. He then presented the attendance figures and expressed how well weekly attendance was compared to last year. Discussion then focused on social media attendance and how Trinity’s music had produced a significant increase in viewership.

Music: Cynthia Beam reported that the composer workshop with Joe Martin worked out quite well with 60 singers from six local and 2 outside the area churches participating in the workshop. She also reported that Easter Sunrise Service was quickly approaching and that DaraJoe will lead the Praise Team at the Sunrise Service with the choir.

Media: Mike Fields informed the Council that sound improvement for the 9:00 service was being investigated by possibly changing from electronic drums to regular percussion instruments. He also said this was the last year that our Easter Sunrise Service sound contractor would be working with Trinity and that the 2027 Easter Sunrise Service’s sound service would be entirely driven by Trinity’s own equipment.

Priscila Circle: Pat Williams reported that the Circle had collected 77 pounds of food and a \$40 cash donation for *House of Hope* and that that *Noisy Change Sunday* had collected \$355 for the Heifer Project mission. She reported that the Circle had helped with the February *Pancake Breakfast* and would do the same for the March 14th breakfast. Finally, Pat noted that the *Spring Tea and Fashion Show* was now sold out and had a waiting list for tickets.

Methodist Men: Levi Miller reported that 24 men attended the February meeting. Jim Williams presented the financial report with \$4000 currently in its account. Barry Bruner led a discussion of outreach activities the men could participate in, and it was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed that \$500 be donated to the new *Meals of Mercy* mission project. Discussion then focused on setting up for the upcoming Easter Sunrise Service and ways to handle sound production in 2027. Before adjourning with prayer by Lowell Kafer, the men talked about the influence that Ken Roberts had on Trinity in general and the Methodist Men’s group in particular.

Communications: Randi Schwartz focused on what we do for the community.

Newsletter: Don Stacks reported on the March edition with a focus on community and committee reporting.

New Business: Penny Snyder asked for and received support for a coat drive mission starting in August for the upcoming cold season.

There being no other business, the meeting was closed in Prayer by Pastor Singh at 3:25 p.m.

Don Stacks

Music Ministry

I am so excited!!! Joseph Martin made it and we had an *awesome* choral workshop and concert!!! My *first* composer weekend...with a composer. You may remember we tried last year and although our composer unfortunately couldn't make it...twice...we had a great SingFest last February. This year our theme was love as Mr. Martin arrived on Saturday February 14th for the workshop, joined us in worship Sunday morning, and lead our concert on that same day at 3:00 p.m.



And yes, this was another great mode of outreach, our church mission this year. By inviting other churches, the word has spread that Trinity is the church for music. We had singers from multiple other churches participate and have gained another singer or two here at Trinity. We are so very blessed. Our music department has grown, and we are filled with dedicated and talented singers and musicians.

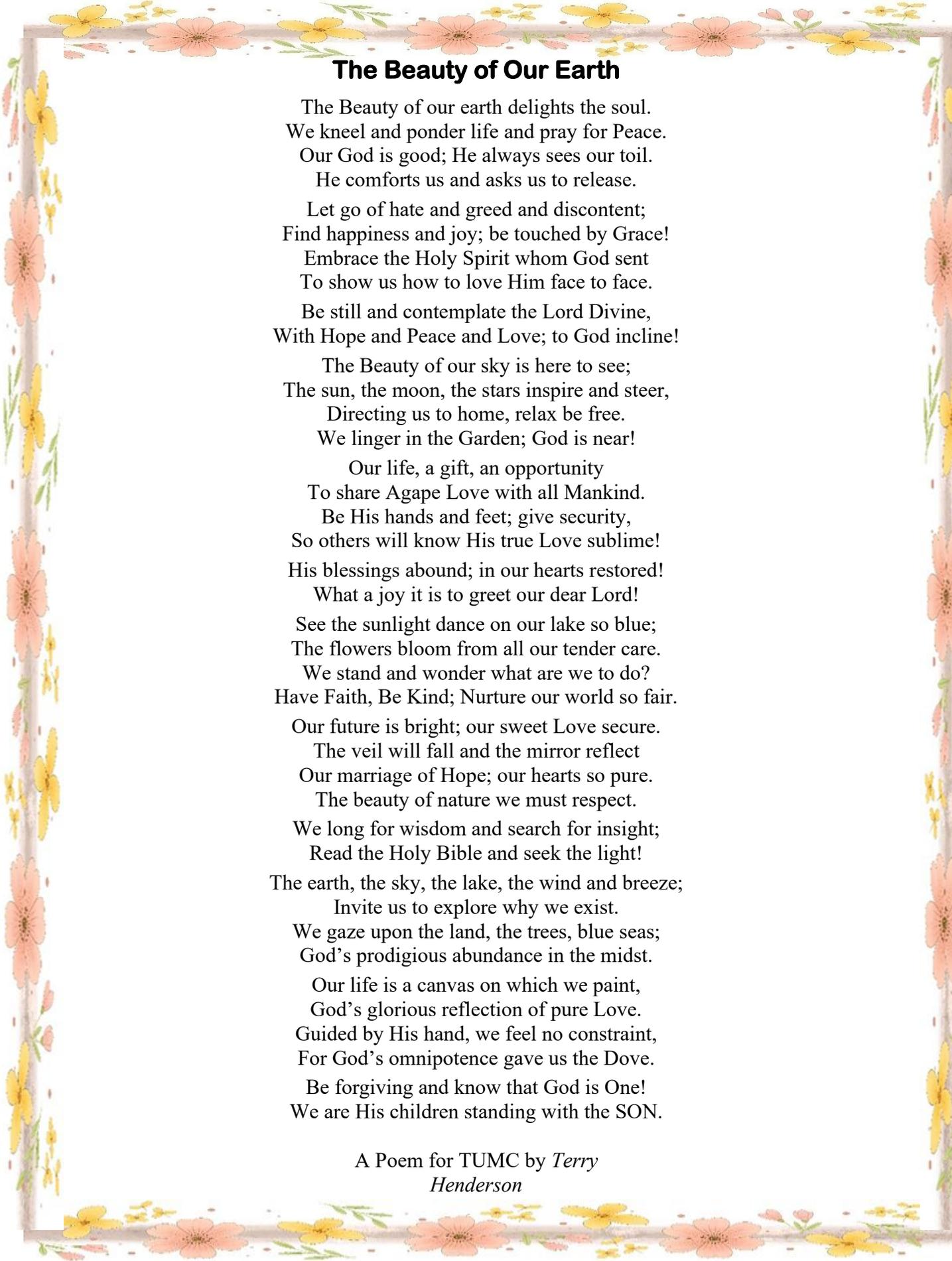
I hope that you continue to enjoy the monthly concerts and use the opportunity to invite others to Trinity!

And speaking of upcoming concerts...Sunday March 29th at 3:00 p.m. Trinity Choir will present "Once Upon a Tree" by Pepper Choplin. This cantata is the Easter story as told by the physician Luke, depicted by our own Pastor Anil.

Shalom and many blessings,
Cynthia

TRINITY'S 2025-26 CONCERT SCHEDULE

PICK ONE UP
At Our
WELCOME CENTER!



The Beauty of Our Earth

The Beauty of our earth delights the soul.
We kneel and ponder life and pray for Peace.
Our God is good; He always sees our toil.
He comforts us and asks us to release.

Let go of hate and greed and discontent;
Find happiness and joy; be touched by Grace!
Embrace the Holy Spirit whom God sent
To show us how to love Him face to face.

Be still and contemplate the Lord Divine,
With Hope and Peace and Love; to God incline!

The Beauty of our sky is here to see;
The sun, the moon, the stars inspire and steer,
Directing us to home, relax be free.
We linger in the Garden; God is near!

Our life, a gift, an opportunity
To share Agape Love with all Mankind.
Be His hands and feet; give security,
So others will know His true Love sublime!
His blessings abound; in our hearts restored!
What a joy it is to greet our dear Lord!

See the sunlight dance on our lake so blue;
The flowers bloom from all our tender care.
We stand and wonder what are we to do?
Have Faith, Be Kind; Nurture our world so fair.

Our future is bright; our sweet Love secure.
The veil will fall and the mirror reflect
Our marriage of Hope; our hearts so pure.
The beauty of nature we must respect.

We long for wisdom and search for insight;
Read the Holy Bible and seek the light!
The earth, the sky, the lake, the wind and breeze;

Invite us to explore why we exist.
We gaze upon the land, the trees, blue seas;
God's prodigious abundance in the midst.

Our life is a canvas on which we paint,
God's glorious reflection of pure Love.
Guided by His hand, we feel no constraint,
For God's omnipotence gave us the Dove.

Be forgiving and know that God is One!
We are His children standing with the SON.

A Poem for TUMC by *Terry
Henderson*

Methodist Men

On Saturday, February 7th, 24 of Trinity's Methodist Men met at 8:00 a.m. for fellowship after a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage patties, hash browns, coffee, fruit cup, and an additional meat pie and cranberry sauce provided by Evan Deininger.

President Don Frye opened the business part of the meeting at 8:20 a.m. and asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Ken Roberts.

Barry Bruner then presented a devotion that dealt with the death of a close friend from Wisconsin and Ken Roberts. He closed with a prayer written by Doug Evans from an email regarding Ken's passing.

Jim Williams provided a treasury report, with our current balance (minus last Pancake Breakfast expenses) at over \$4,000. Terry Tychan previewed the appetizer recipe he would be submitting for the March TUMC *Newsletter*. Don Stacks then asked if there were others who would like to submit one of their recipes for future *Newsletters* leading to a short discussion.

Don F. then discussed the upcoming February 14th Pancake Breakfast in terms of who would be working in what areas. He noted that our last Pancake Breakfast was the best turnout ever and that he hoped we would have an even better turnout. He noted that several of the regular crew would not be able to help and asked for volunteers to step up to cover the event. Archie Satchell went over the needs and several members volunteered to help.

Don F. then asked that two new members of the group introduce themselves. Jeff Kuhlman and Rick Green introduced themselves and gave short backgrounds. Members welcomed both to Trinity and the Men's Ministry. After the introductions, Don F. and Don S. introduced outreach business cards for members to carry to introduce the Ministry to others.

Barry then led a discussion of outreach and how the Men's Ministry might help Trinity in its missions. He noted the goal was to use both money and personal help to advance the church's missions. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed to contribute \$500 to the Mercy Meals program starting up now. Also discussed were prepaid gas cards for those who could not afford gas and were either living in their cars through this cold spell or who could not travel to job interviews due to a lack of finances.

Levi Miller then discussed the Easter Sunrise Service that was only 11 weeks away. Planning was underway and he noted that we would need to provide our own sound system after this year. Discussion on what was needed and costs followed, with Jeff offering to help prepare for the 2027 service. The next item dealt with the Priscilla Circle's upcoming Tea and how the men would be contributing to it this in March.

Don F. then asked if there were any other devotionals. Jon Smith talked about the "money box" that Ken Roberts had put into his and Jim Williams hands and how Ken's memory lives on with it.

There being no other business, the meeting closed with prayer by Lowel Kafer at 9:25 a.m.

Don Stacks



News from the Finance Committee

Trinity's Finance Committee is always looking for avenues and opportunities for our congregation to continue to support our missions and outreach ministries. We recently received information on a DAF (Donor Advised Fund) and are providing that information to you.

A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a *tax-advantaged* charitable account managed by a sponsoring organization (e.g., Fidelity, community foundations, etc.) that allows donors to make irrevocable contributions, receive an immediate tax deduction, and recommend grants (donations) to IRS-qualified charities. Those funds can be invested by the sponsoring organization for tax-free growth, and the donor can recommend grants (donations) over time to any eligible IRS-qualified public charity.

There is a growing industry trend toward electronic payments to reduce risks associated with paper mail.

Fidelity recently advised Trinity that effective July 1, 2026, they (Fidelity) will no longer issue checks to charities/churches from Donor Advised Funds (DAFs) and instead will transfer funds through Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) such as ACH. Trinity will provide information to Fidelity to allow the acceptances of ACH transfers.

Interestingly, Fidelity will continue to support check-writing capabilities for traditional IRAs.

Hopefully you will find this information helpful.

With Gratitude and Hope,

Dale Forbes
Church Treasurer

Recipe of the Month: Cheesy English Muffins

Going to a potluck? Here's a delicious appetizer that you can make quickly and easily:

- 1 package of English Muffins
- 1 cup chopped black olives
- 1½ cups of grated cheddar cheese
- ½ cup mayo
- ½ teaspoon curry powder



Mix all ingredients and spread on quartered English Muffins. In a 350-degree oven, heat until gooey. (About 15 minutes). The taste will surprise you.

Terry Tychan



SELF-CONTROL/ DISCIPLINE

AT-A-GLANCE

FIRST

First time the subject appears in the Bible:

Proverbs 16:32: Better a patient person than a warrior, one with self-control than one who takes a city.

LAST

Last time the subject appears in the Bible:

2 Peter 1:6: and to knowledge, **self-control**; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness;

THREE VERY IMPORTANT OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **Proverbs 18:21:** The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.
- **Proverbs 25:28:** Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.
- **Proverbs 29:11:** Fools give full vent to their rage, but the wise bring calm in the end.

THREE VERY IMPORTANT NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES ON THIS SUBJECT:

- **2 Timothy 1:7:** For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
- **Galatians 5:22-23:** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
- **Romans 12:2:** Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



God's Important Messages about Self-Control/Discipline:

The need for self-control starts almost as soon as a child can communicate. Lessons in self-control will prevent younger children from snatching and hitting, and older children from spreading gossip, succumbing to peer pressure, and lying. Self-control is the forerunner of most choices.



BIBLE STORIES SHOWING SELF-CONTROL/DISCIPLINE:



- Luke 4:1-13 tells the story of Jesus in the wilderness. This is a good example of self-control because Jesus knew that God would meet his needs but still felt tempted by human desires. The fact that he stood up to the devil when the devil tried to tempt him stands as proof of his faith and self-control.
- Cain showed a lack of self-control in killing Abel in Genesis 4.
- Jonah showed a lack of self-control in disobeying God in Jonah 1-2.

March 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)
 - 1st Sunday: *Communion, House of Hope Donations*
 - 3rd Sunday: *Noisy Change*
 - 4th Sunday: *New Member Sunday*
- Lunch & Learn (8th, 12:30 p.m.)
- *New Members Class* (15th, 10:15 a.m.)
- Trustees/Church Council (15th, 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m.)
- *Barbershop Quartet* (1st, 3:00 p.m.)
- *Palm Sunday* (29th)
- *Easter Cantata* (29th, 3:00 p.m.)

Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (9th, 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 (3rd, 11:30 a.m.)

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

Wednesdays

- Hooks & Needles (4th, 18th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Treasure Coast Singers Practice (10:00 a.m.)
- Bible Study—*Luke* (4:30 p.m.)
- Blessings in a Bag (12:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- *Chicken Soup for the Soul* (5th, 19th, 10:00 a.m.)
- *A Jesus Shaped Life*—Ladies Lenten Bible Study (12th, 19th, 26th, 10:30 a.m.)
- Line Dancers (12:00 p.m.)
- Martin County Quilters (12th, 5:30 p.m.)
- Praise Team Practice (6:00 p.m.)
- Choir Practice (7:00 p.m.)

Friday

- Tai Chi for Beginners (1:00 p.m.)
- Quilters Guild (9th, 9:00 a.m.)
- Friday Movie Night (20th, 7:00 p.m.)
- Game Night (27th, 6:30 p.m.)

Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (7th, 8:00 a.m.)
- Pancake Breakfast (14th, 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m.)
- *Spring Tea & Fashion Show* (28th, 1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Game Night (27th, 6:30 p.m.)

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