



# Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

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## Eastertide<sup>1</sup>

For Christians, Easter is not just one day—it’s a season of 50 days, a week of weeks, derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and Pentecost (which means fiftieth) in Judaism. Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with [Pentecost](#), the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. Christians have referred to this time of formation as “catechesis” or “echoing the way of Jesus.” The original purpose of the Easter season was to continue the formation of new Christians in the faith. Christians have historically referred to this formation process as “mystagogy” or “leading people into the mysteries.”

*50 Days of Eastertide*



The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It’s a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus’ name.

The season after Pentecost begins with Trinity Sunday and concludes with Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday. The purpose of this season is to support our common work of using the gifts we have been given in the name of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit.



<sup>1</sup> Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-when-is-easter-over-what-comes-next>

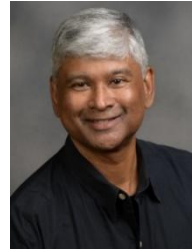
# Pastor's Corner

## Why the Robe?

Every now and then a question comes up: “Why do I wear a robe at the 9:00 am service? Isn’t that supposed to be contemporary? Aren’t robes too *traditional*?”

It’s a fair question and deserves an honest response.

First, and I’m just being frank here, I find it odd to tie a specific genre of music to anything else related to worship. If “contemporary” worship means to “come as one is,” well, the robe expresses who I am in Church. For me, dressing in civvies in Church would be a denial of who I am. Other Pastors may feel and practice



differently, but the robe, cincture, and stole represent who I am within the United Methodist Church.

And who am I? I am an ordained Elder within the United Methodist Church. My stole represents my relationship with our planetary denomination. That relationship, barring some drastic change, is a lifelong one, and the stole signifies my relationship in whatever United Methodist Church I visit anywhere in the world. I wear the stole at both services to publicly acknowledge and honor the sacred relationship that God in Christ, the Church, and I have forged over several decades.

The robes I wear also express the relationships that have blessed me over the years: The white and flax robes remind me of those worn at Christ Church United Methodist, where I was baptized at the age of 37, and where I first heard the call to ordained ministry, and where I made many friends.

The heavy black robe with the black felt trim belonged to Rev. Joseph Rand, who pastored Trinity TWICE while in retirement! I wear this mostly at memorial services, especially for longtime Trinity members. Now and then I’ll preach in it.

The lighter black robe was given to me by my dear friend Jeff Ridley, who passed away this year. Jeff had also been a candidate for the ministry but in the end followed another calling. I wear Jeff’s robe at Ordination services and interments to honor his memory and in gratitude for his support, encouragement, and love as I began my career and the crosses I wear each week are either gifts from friends or family members, found while traveling.

Just think—several lifetimes and careers in ministry are all embodied in these simple, humble, sacred garments! Far be it from me to set these aside for the sake of current trends in Christian music. And for those who dislike the robe, be thankful that I do not fully emulate our Founder John Wesley, who wore a robe even to teach the Bible!

And we should *all* be thankful that I do not wear a wig, as Charles Wesley did!

Now *that* would be too traditional!

Blessings,

Anil





# Easter Services 2025



# From Trinity's Sound & Media Department

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*Resilience – Adapt, maintain, bounce back!*

Do you find yourself feeling run down, always on the go, and never having time for yourself? More often than not, our daily responsibilities start to get in the way of *Truly Living*. We fall into routines and shift into autopilot. But have you ever stopped to wonder: What keeps us going? *Its Resilience!*



Resilience is the process—and the result—of adapting to life's challenges. It's our ability to stay mentally, emotionally, and behaviorally flexible, even when life feels like too much. Whether you're juggling multiple jobs, raising a family, or just trying to make it through the day, it's important to acknowledge the strength it takes to keep going. Beyond our own strength, there's another force at work: *God*.



Even when we don't feel it, He's pulling us through. He never gives us more than we can handle. He shapes our resilience, piece by piece, experience by experience. He's there when we think we've reached the end of our rope—reminding us that we haven't. Life will always throw curveballs we never see coming. However, how we react—how we push forward—reveals just how strong and resilient we really are.

As a Media Department, we know this all too well. Each of us lives our own full, demanding life outside of this space—but behind the scenes, we also pour our hearts into keeping everything running smoothly. Day in and day out, we show up to make sure we're delivering the best experiences possible. It's not always glamorous, and it's rarely easy, but it's driven by love and passion for what we do. There have been long nights, tight deadlines, technical difficulties, and moments where quitting felt like the easier option. But the reason we're still here, still showing up, still creating—That's Resilience!

Over the years, we've built that resilience together. Through support, faith, growth, and trust in the bigger picture, we've been able to rise above exhaustion, doubt, and challenges we never expected. We know we're not doing it alone—*God's* been right there with us, guiding us every step of the way.

So....We'll leave you with this: When you're feeling run down, when you feel like you can't keep going, just remember to tap into that inner *resilience*. The one that's been there all along. With that, you can do just about anything!

*Mike & Tiffanie*

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*"Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient" – Steve Maraboli*

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# Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts

All members of the Body of Christ depend on the spiritual gifts God has given them. Those gifts differ but they provide the foundation for whatever ministry we do. Learn more about your spiritual gifts—and how to help your congregation learn more about theirs—in this 5-session course.

Participants will take a Spiritual Gift Inventory and interact through discussions and assignments throughout 5 sessions. Participants are also expected to read the Discipleship Resources book, *Each One a Minister*, by William J. Carter. The text is designed to encourage individuals to discover God's call to ministry in their own lives and leads toward practical ways of using gifts in ministries in our congregations and in our communities.

Please stay tuned for more information concerning this coming class, the dates and time.



*Rick*



*Maudy Thursday Service*



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# The Promise

Doug sat in the quiet of the morning, the soft glow of the rising sun creeping through the curtains. It had been four years since Anne's stroke, but in many ways, it felt like a lifetime. The memory of the day it happened was still vivid in his mind—the way he had rushed to the hospital following the Fire EMT's, his heart pounding with fear, not knowing what kind of life they would have afterward.

Anne had been through so much already. Thirteen years ago, when she was diagnosed with brain cancer, Doug had been terrified he was going to lose her. He remembered the chemotherapy and radiation treatments at M.D. Anderson in Orlando, the sleepless nights, the surgery, and the small, tender moments when Anne would smile through the pain, telling him everything was going to be okay. They had fought that battle together, and somehow, against all odds, Anne had won. It had been a victory so sweet, so hard-won, that they both thought they had earned their happily-ever-after.

But then, four years ago, the stroke came.

Doug still remembered the feeling of helplessness as he watched her struggle with the simple act of speaking, the words coming out slurred, disjointed. He remembered how she couldn't move her left side, how she needed him for everything, even the simplest tasks like getting a shower or getting dressed for the day. It was a new battle, one that he never expected to fight.

Anne was different now, and so was their life. But what had never changed was his love for her. His commitment. His promise to never leave her side with 47 years of marriage and counting.

Every morning, he would help Anne get out of her sleeping recliner, assisting her in the bathroom to start the day. It wasn't the same as their mornings before the stroke—before cancer—but Doug had learned to find beauty in the small things. The way Anne's eyes would light up when he kissed her forehead, the quiet conversations they had over breakfast, even the days when words were harder for her to find.

Today, she was particularly quiet, not knowing where she was, staring out the window with a faraway look. Doug had grown accustomed to these silences; sometimes, they were peaceful. Other times, they were heavy with the weight of all that had been lost. He cooked her breakfast and she sat at the small table in the kitchen in her wheelchair, watching as she struggled and slowly eat her breakfast.

"Good morning, Anne," Doug said softly, brushing a stray lock of hair from her face. He loved her just the same, even with all the changes. He had promised her that.

Anne smiled, the corners of her lips curling up in the way they always had, though it was weaker now, the smile more fragile. She reached out with her right hand, her fingers trembling. Doug took her hand in his, holding it gently as if it were the most precious thing in the world.

"I'm here, Anne. Always," he whispered.

It had been a long road to acceptance, but Doug had found a rhythm. Therapy sessions, doctor appointments, the endless routines. There were days when it all felt too heavy, when the exhaustion seemed to weigh him down, but there was never a moment when he thought of walking away. Anne had always been his rock—her strength, her humor, her warmth. Now it was his turn to be hers.

After breakfast, Doug helped Anne with her physical therapist. The therapist moved her slowly, patiently, guiding her through each movement as if they were dancing a slow, careful waltz. Anne's left side was still uncooperative, but there was progress, and that was something. Some days, she could lift

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her arm just a little higher. Other days, her fingers would twitch, and Doug would catch the glimmer of hope in her eyes.

They didn't talk much during these sessions, but Doug knew Anne was trying her best. Even though her body betrayed her, her spirit never did. It was something Doug held on to with everything he had.

Later, when the therapy session was over, and Anne rested in her chair, Doug sat beside her. The silence between them was comfortable, but it wasn't empty. He could feel her warmth, her presence, and he knew that in her own way, she was still with him, still fighting. The cancer hadn't taken that from her. The stroke hadn't taken that from her.

"Remember when we used to take walks down by the lake?" Doug asked, his voice soft with nostalgia.

Anne's eyes brightened slightly. She didn't answer with words, but Doug could see the flicker of recognition, the way her gaze softened. She remembered. They had spent so many afternoons walking hand-in-hand by the water, enjoying the simple joys of life.

"I miss that," Anne finally said, her voice a little raspy but clear enough to make Doug smile. She missed it too.

"I know," Doug replied, squeezing her hand. "Maybe someday we'll get there again. Just a little bit at a time."

Anne nodded, and for the first time in a long while, she seemed at peace. There was a quiet acceptance in the air, a mutual understanding that while things weren't the way they once were, there was still something deeply beautiful in what they shared. They weren't where they used to be, but they were together. And that, Doug knew, was more than enough.

As the day wore on, Doug took care of the little things: feeding her lunch, adjusting her position, making sure she was comfortable. But he also found moments to just be with her, to sit beside her in silence, to let her know he was there, always there.

When evening came, he kissed her goodnight, the way he had done every night for the past four years.

"I love you, Anne. I always will."

And as he turned off the light, he saw her smile again, faint but real. It wasn't the smile of the woman he had met so many years ago, full of carefree laughter, but it was still her smile. And in that smile, Doug found all the strength he needed. Because no matter what came next, he knew this: he had promised her, and he would keep that promise. For as long as he drew breath, Doug would be by her side.

And that was enough.

*Doug Evans*



# The Art of Stewardship – Temple



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 (treasure), leaves and flowers (testimony) and soil (growth).

During 2025 we will explore in more detail each of the parts of The Stewardship Tree. Each month we will dig a little deeper into each part of the tree. So far we have looked at TIME and TALENTS. This month we will look at TEMPLE. We will look at other parts of the tree in coming months.

Our bodies, much like ancient temples, are intricate structures that house the essence of our life and spirit. These temples demand respect and reverence, for they are the vessels through which we experience the world. The art of stewardship, therefore, involves a holistic approach to maintaining and enhancing our well-being.

The first pillar of stewardship is mindful nourishment. Just as one would offer the finest offerings to a revered temple, we must provide our bodies with nutritious foods that foster vitality and strength. This means choosing whole, unprocessed foods filled with the necessary vitamins and minerals that sustain our health.

Engaging in regular physical activity is akin to performing sacred rituals that honor our bodies. Exercise not only fortifies our temple but also rejuvenates our mind and spirit. Whether through yoga, running, dancing, or any other form of movement, we pay homage to the gift of physical vitality.

A true steward recognizes that health extends beyond the physical. The emotional and mental aspects of well-being are equally crucial. Practices such as mindfulness, meditation, and maintaining healthy relationships are essential in preserving the sanctity of our inner temple.

Just as a temple requires periods of restoration to maintain its grandeur, our bodies need adequate rest to function optimally. Prioritizing sleep and relaxation is vital in the art of stewardship, allowing our bodies to repair and rejuvenate.

Stewardship also involves taking preventative measures to protect our health. Regular check-ups, screenings, and being attuned to the signals our bodies send us are all part of maintaining the integrity of our temple.

In conclusion, the art of stewardship in managing our temple of health is a sacred duty that calls for a harmonious balance of nourishment, activity, mental care, rest, and prevention. By embracing these principles, we honor the divine gift of life and ensure our temple stands strong, vibrant, and ready to face the world.

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## Trinity. Spread the Word!

A wonderful church. Friendliest congregation. Thought-provoking Bible Studies. Community Building Ministries.... Wouldn't you like to share this treasure with our community?

Well, here's one way. Join our new *Event Poster Distribution Team*. Two weeks prior to an event we would like to share with the community, you can pick up an 8.5 x 11 sized piece of cardstock (or however many you can distribute) and place them in storefronts,

libraries, condos, or wherever it is allowed to advertise in this way.

Everyone is welcome to be part of this effort to Spread the Word about Trinity *and* the Good News that a personal relationship with Jesus available to all who seek Him.

*Randi*



# Music Ministry

Turning a challenge into a blessing. It seems as if I've had to do that a few times since taking over as Music Director. The latest being for our annual composer workshop. But, God is always in control and has a plan for us...*Amen!*

So after having postponed the Pepper Choplin workshop and concert from February to March, unfortunately Pepper had to cancel his trip to Florida, just a day and a half before the event. My first response was to cancel the event because what would a composer workshop be without the composer? But my loving and wonderful choir said let's do it anyway! I was shocked and quite honestly dumbfounded. But after a word of prayer and a few hours to consider some of the logistics, my mind went into full gear as to what needed to be done. And although a challenge...it was not impossible.

Our five local churches met on that Saturday morning and were thrilled that we continued with the event. The change gave me the opportunity to invite others to direct a few of the Pepper anthems as well. Allowing others to direct, opened our eyes to each other's passions and abilities. It also opened the idea for a new planned event...a community wide annual concert, to be held at different local churches, with each church providing and sharing a few of their favorite anthems for a workshop and subsequent concert.

The Sunday concert was a success! Even though I was just a little tired after that weekend, the blessings far outweighed the work. I'm so thankful to all who helped make that weekend a success and more thankful for the many blessings shared.

As my sister often told me, "We plan and God winks!"

Let's all remember not to get stuck in the details, but to be open to change, and benefit from the blessing.

Shalom,

*Cynthia*  
Music Director





# Holy Week 2025 Drama





# JOEL | 29 OT

The first challenge with the Book of Joel is trying to date it. The challenge comes through the fact that the prophet has very little to say about himself. Many of the prophets name the kings under which they were serving, but Joel does not.

Joel prophesied about destruction that could apply to the Babylonian invasion or the destruction of the temple in 70 AD, or other traumatic times for Israel. He also prophesied about the Day of the Lord (another name for the Second Coming of Christ), and therefore some of his prophecies remain futuristic.



## BREAKDOWNS

### ✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES SUBJECT

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### Most Popular Verses

### ✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES RANK

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# Priscilla Circle Mother's Day Cards

In this time of fast machines, phones, texts, and so forth, writing letters and cards seem to have disappeared. Not so at Priscilla Circle. All the ladies at our circle sign and write notes to all those that are in the hospital, those that are shut-ins, and those who are grieving from the loss of a loved one.

Greeting cards can be traced back to ancient Egyptians and Chinese using papyrus for writing messages. Did you know that the first Mother's Day card, as part of the modern Mother's Day celebration, is attributed to Anna Jarvis. The first Mother's Day celebration took place in 1908. President Woodrow Wilson officially recognized Mother's Day as a national holiday in 1914, making the second Sunday in May the official date for celebration.

So, let us all give thanks to our moms, living and past; a big thank you for all they have given us in our lives.

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms, grandmoms, and moms to be.

*Bonnie Kinkade*

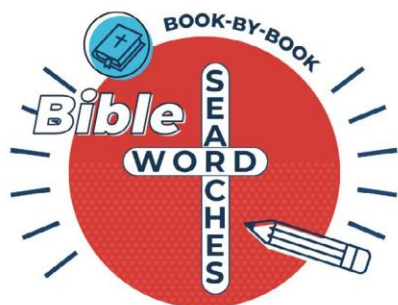
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*May 16th*



*Lazaretto Guitar Quartet, April 26<sup>th</sup>*



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WRITTEN BY:  
The Prophet Joel



TIME PERIOD COVERED:  
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## OVERVIEW

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Joel describes a plague of  
**LOCUSTS** (1:4)

Blow the **TRUMPET** and  
sound the **ALARM** (2:1)

In the latter days, old men  
shall **DREAM** and young  
men will see **VISIONS** (2:28)

The day of the Lord is  
described as a day of  
**DARKNESS** (2:2)

The **EARTH** will shake and  
the **HEAVENS** tremble  
(2:10)

Return to the Lord with  
**FASTING** and **WEEPING**  
and **MOURNING** (2:12)

On Mount Zion and in  
**JERUSALEM**, there will be  
deliverance (2:32)

I will gather all **NATIONS**  
into the Valley of  
**JEHOSHAPHAT** (3:2)

Swing the **SICKLE** for the  
harvest is ripe (3:13)

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

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# United Methodist's Men's Group

The Methodist Men's Group met Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, for the monthly breakfast meeting. Eighteen men enjoyed a breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage patties, potatoes, and fruit. Coffee and juices were also served.

Don Frye called the meeting to order at 8:18 a.m. and Ken Roberts opened with prayer and devotion. Jim Williams reported the treasury currently was at \$5,111.64 and reviewed the proceeds from the three pancake breakfasts (\$3,171) and the chili cookoff (\$356). He noted that the group should keep their eyes open for things that might be supported either in or out of Trinity.

Don Frye then led a discussion about planning for the June 1<sup>st</sup> picnic that will be free to all. Members commented that two free picnics could be held, one in spring and one in the fall when temperatures were lower (perhaps November and April). Planning will continue.

Levi Miller then went over the April 20<sup>th</sup> Sunrise Service at Jensen Beach Park. He noted that equipment would be loaded on April 19<sup>th</sup> and then delivered to the beach early Sunday morning. Volunteers were asked to arrive between 5:30–6:15 a.m., with parking volunteers arriving by 5:30 a.m. First Methodist of Stuart will not be doing a sunrise service, and its members will attend our service where its pastor will help in the service. Pastor asked for someone to help sign up volunteers after the 9:00 and 11:00 services. Levi and Don Stacks volunteered.

Brent Rasmussen asked if volunteers might help spread mulch if purchased from Home Depot now on sale. After discussion, it decided to purchase the mulch and store it until planned landscaping updates were completed.

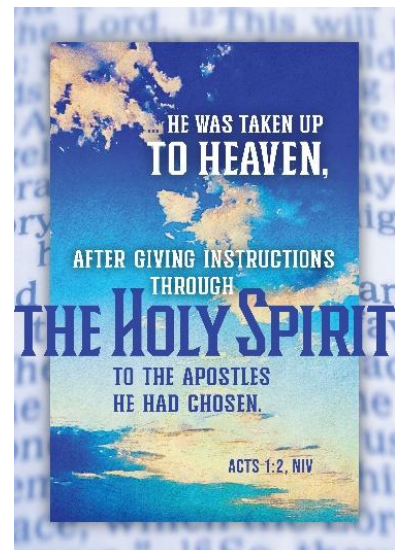
Don Frye led a discussion of purchasing a replacement 100-cup coffee pot to replace one that may have burned out. After considerable discussion of wiring issues, it was decided to purchase a new 100-cup coffee pot, but to brew the coffee in the kitchen and then move it to the drink table.

Don Frye asked if there were any questions or comments. Don Stacks asked if there was any information on Roy Emmett's condition and Pastor Anil addressed question and noted that Lowell Kafer was doing well. Brett noted that he was told that Lowell was home. Pastor Anil also said that Walt Meyer had also been hospitalized. Ken then noted that Trinity and the Methodist Men's Group (and Priscilla Circle) have created the most phenomenal church he has attended.

There being no other comments or questions, Don Frye closed the group in prayer at 9:15 a.m.



Don Stacks



# HOPE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

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

Ruth 1:12: Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still **hope** for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons.

### LAST

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

1 John 3:3: All who have this **hope** in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

- **Jeremiah 29:11:** For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.
- **Psalms 42:11:** Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.
- **Isaiah 40:31:** But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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

- **Romans 5:5:** And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.
- **Ephesians 4:4:** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called.
- **1 Corinthians 2:9:** "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him."

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

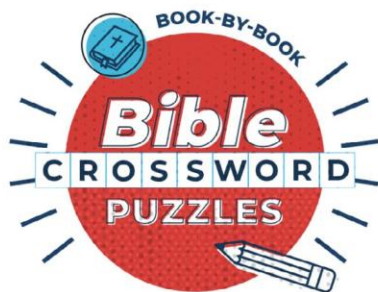
Children can put a great deal of hope in God's help, God's future, God's rescues, etc., but they need to be taught. Once taught, it is great fun to watch them hope because their imaginations are much stronger than adults', and they have far less difficulty imagining things they are hoping for.

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### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING HOPE:

- In Genesis 6, Noah builds the ark out of hope for his family's future.
- Abraham built two altars based on a promise from God, in Genesis 12:8 and 13:4, because of the hope he had in God's word.
- David gave God his promise to build a temple. Though it was not completed in his lifetime, he had hope in his son Solomon. His prayer is in 2 Samuel 7.
- Some great Psalms of hope include Psalms 30, 31, 39 and 42.
- Pentecost is a great story of hope in the future and hope coming to fruition. Located in Acts 2, it tells of the disciples gaining the great understanding promised to them, but also looking into a future of uncertainty but with the promised hope of the Kingdom of Heaven.



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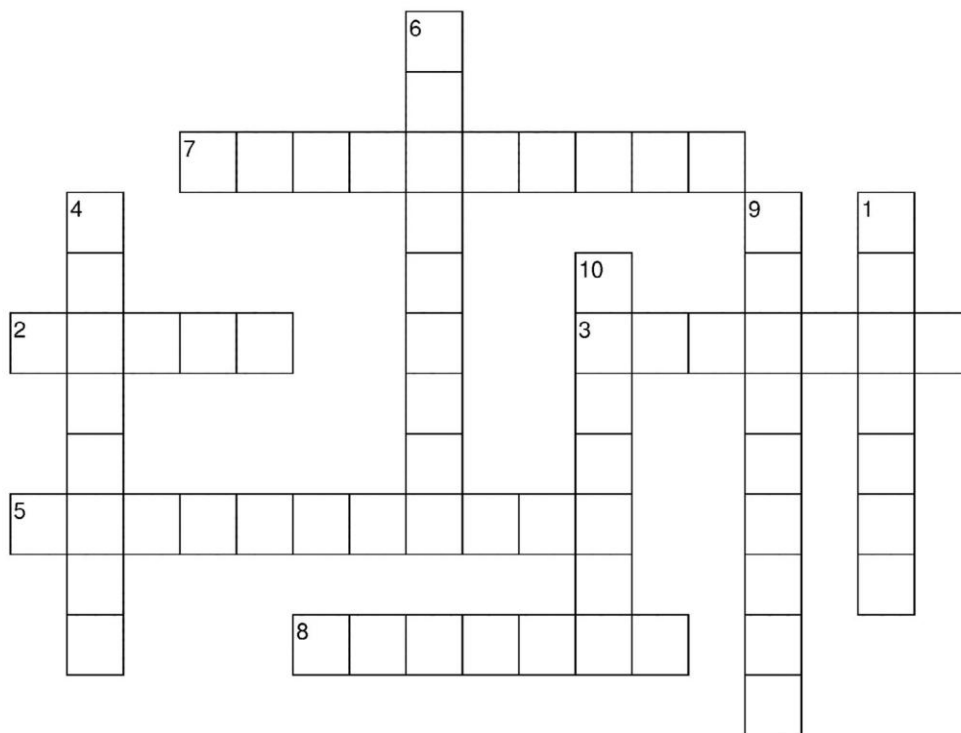
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### Across

2. The Day of the Lord is described as a day of darkness and \_\_\_\_ (2:2)
3. After the terrifying vision described in Joel 2:1-6, the nations will feel \_\_\_\_
5. Jerusalem will experience this (2:32)
7. Never again will these people invade Jerusalem (3:17)
8. A plague involving these insects is described (1:4)



### Down

1. In the latter days old men will dream, and young men will see \_\_\_\_ (2:28)
4. The mighty army will charge like these beings (2:7)
6. God asks these regions if they have something against Him (3:4)
9. This type of people needs to wake up (1:5)
10. This form of reaping has been destroyed (1:11)



# Meet Terry Tychan

Hello to my new friends who comprise the amazing congregation of Trinity United Methodist Church. I joined you at the beginning of this year. Don Stacks asked me to introduce myself via this first-class newsletter.

I'm from Akron, Ohio, and received my formal education at Ohio State and George Washington Universities. My two careers as a junior high math teacher and a buyer for the Federal Government took me through Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Washington DC. One interesting highlight that really dates me is that I was a member of the team that bought the first night vision goggles for the Department of the Army.

I was married to an angel on earth called Brenda who was the love of my life for 52 magnificent years. I lost her recently to Alzheimer's disease. She was an incredible English teacher and an extraordinary human being. I so wish you could have known her.

On retirement, we moved directly to Port St. Lucie and have resided here for twenty-plus

years. During this joyful time, we boated, golfed and worked together on numerous volunteer pursuits. One of the most interesting was assisting the Public Defender of Martin County by doing jail intake interviews and sometimes investigations on behalf of people who couldn't afford lawyers. In a couple of rare instances, we uncovered evidence that helped prove their innocence.

I now enjoy golf, exercise, drawing, cooking, reading, and being with friends. I volunteer at the Stuart Alzheimer Day Care Center. I'm convinced that the Lord worked through Brenda to bring me to our great church, you wonderful people and our rock star reverend. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your unconditional welcome and hope to serve and worship with you for many years.



*Rev. Dr. Simon Osunlana's April 13<sup>th</sup> Sermon*

# Church Council

Trinity's Church Council met on Sunday afternoon, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 a devotion and prayer by Jim Williams at 3:00 p.m. The March 2025 meeting minutes were accepted. Jim then noted that Trinity was trying to better coordinate events and that committees needed to get the dates for planned events to the office as soon as they could.

**Trustees:** Levi Miller then updated the Council on Trustee projects. He said that the Memorial Garden Committee was working on plans for updating the garden and that quotes had been received on the three doors that had to be replaced. Darryl Baker is working on the design of a new electronic sign for the church's front and that landscaping rough estimates were in.

**Finance:** Dale Forbes reported that Trinity's finances were healthy, noting that finances are up, with online giving accounting for about a third of donations.

**SPRC:** Jennifer Baker reported that a position announcement was being created for the pianist/accompanist position.

**Lay Delegate/Line Dancing:** Sue Nance reported that she may not be able to attend the Annual Conference this year, but still hoped to and that the Line Dancers continued to meet.

**Nominations and Leadership:** Pastor Singh asked the Council to approve Rich Dampf for Trinity membership and to serve as a Trustee. The motion passed 11-0.

**Music Ministry:** Cynthia Beam announced that the July 5<sup>th</sup> Eirrin Abu concert had been cancelled. She then discussed the drone video and pictures taken during Easter services (Sunrise, 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.). Discussion then turned to whether some pictures would not be used in Trinity media due to lack of personal permissions to use likenesses. She then announced that the Choir would meet through June, take a two-month break, and then reassemble in the fall.

**Media Ministry:** Mike Fields reported on the updating of some equipment and that new equipment was on the way. He then reported that Facebook views of the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services had increased and then presented the media reports for the Choppin concert, Easter Drama, Maudy Thursday, Good Friday, and Sunrise services. He also reported that over the last 28 days Trinity had over 600 views of which 446 were unique, new visitors.

**Priscilla Circle:** Pat Williams informed the Council that Priscilla Circle had raised \$332 for Noisy Change, brought in 120 pounds of food, and Mother's Day carnations would be handed out after services with any leftovers donated. Finally, she reported that the Circle had purchased diapers for the Helping People to Succeed program and that the final Circle meeting would include a "baby shower" with gifts being given to Helping People to Succeed and a "picnic". The Circle will not meet over the summer.

**Men's Ministry:** Don Frye reported that the Methodist Men's Ministry group were planning a free picnic for June 1<sup>st</sup> and that the men had been spreading mulch over the last three Wednesdays to help in landscaping efforts.

**Newsletter:** Don Stacks reported that the *Newsletter* will continue to be produced over the summer.

**New Business:** Pastor Singh introduced Lyn Snow who proposed to set up new support groups for Trinity members, specifically for caregivers and those who needed Christen counseling. She also

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would like to present an “End of Life” request educational session for those who would like to legally set up their final requests in terms of services, music, and so forth.

**Pastor’s Report:** Pastor Singh reported that attendance continued much as before, with attendance patterns in physical service attendance reflective of 2024’s attendance, but that internet service attendance and later views on YouTube® had drastically increased. He also said that he was going to modify his teaching schedule due to increased family needs. The pastor is also looking into offering a “teaching service” for Trinity members on a number of topics.

Jim Williams then asked is there was any other business. There being no other new business, Pastor Singh closed the meeting in prayer at 4:05 p.m.

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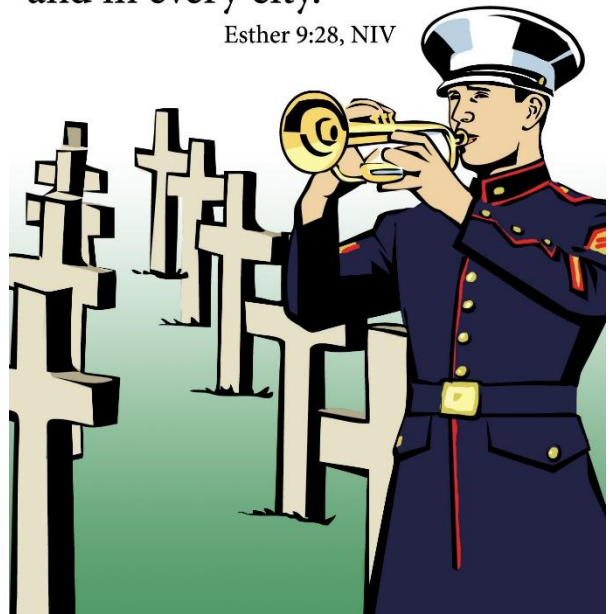
## Recognizing Those Who Have Served



May 17<sup>th</sup>

**THESE DAYS SHOULD BE  
REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED**  
in every generation by every  
family, and in every province  
and in every city.

Esther 9:28, NIV



May 26<sup>th</sup>



## *May 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)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:
  - Communion
  - House of Hope Donations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Loose Change
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: New Member Sunday
- Trustees (18<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m.)
- Church Council (18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.)

### ***Mondays***

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

### ***Tuesdays***

- Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (6<sup>th</sup>, last rehearsal 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.)

### ***Wednesdays***

- Treasure Coast Singers (10:00 a.m.)
- Hooks & Needles (14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.)
- Blessings-in-a-Bag (12:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)

### ***Thursdays***

- “Perfectly Flawed” Women’s Bible Study (10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancers (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Praise Team Rehearsal (6:00 p.m.)
- Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.)

### ***Fridays***

- Family Movie Night (11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.)

### ***Saturdays***

- Men’s Meeting (1<sup>st</sup>, 8:00 a.m.)
- Treasure Coast Singers Community Concert (17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.)

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