



# Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

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## 2024—The Year of Change

The year 2024 will go down as a year of change at Trinity United Methodist Church. We said goodbye to two long-time members of Trinity, brought in a new Music Director, and have seen members come and go.

As Pastor Anil has addressed from the pulpit, change is not new nor is it something to fear. It is a part of life, both personal and corporate. In addition to changes at Trinity, the larger United Methodist Church has also been undergoing change as it and its members strive to realign and reorganize as member churches face worldwide societal change.

Trinity’s Church Council continually examines what changes have been requested, are seen as necessary, and then acts on those requests. This, of course, produces change. Although most of us fear change almost as much as standing up in public and making a speech, change is something that often helps us to be better citizens and organizations better reflect the wants, desires, and needs of its

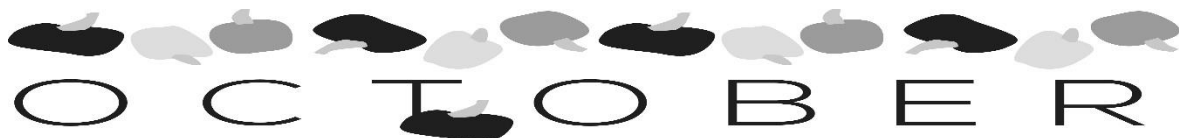
members. Change, however, must be balanced between benefits and trade-offs. In this regard the question of how to better meet the needs of Trinity’s Sunday services were a focus of new business in the Church Council’s September meeting (see pages 11 and 12). The discussion focused on how to better meet Trinity’s educational and organizational needs by

expanding the time between the Contemporary 9:15 a.m. and Traditional 11:00 a.m. services by moving the Contemporary Service back 15 minutes and providing an hour between the two services. This will allow Sunday School sessions to have more time to explore the Bible and provide more time

for the Choir to prepare for the second service. It will also more formalize the Friendship Hour and provide a bridge between the two if the Contemporary Service runs long.

The decision was not easy, and the discussion focused on the costs and benefits of such a move. Ultimately, the decision to move the Contemporary Service back 15 minutes was approved unanimously. More to come.

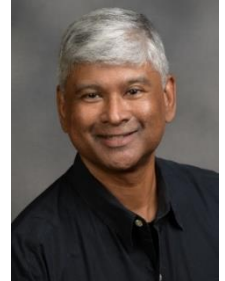
Beginning Sunday,  
November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 9:15  
*Contemporary Service*  
meets from 9:00 a.m. to  
10:00 a.m.



# Ingenuity

*The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail,  
according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah—1 Kings 17:16*

**I**ngenuity. One word that aptly describes the Methodist movement of the eighteenth century. The photo below was taken from the upper level of The New Room in Bristol, United Kingdom. A port city near Wales, Bristol served as the planetary launching point for Methodism. From this room, the very first Methodist ministers were called and sent to the colonies in America!



Note the simplicity here, nothing ornate or frivolous. The boxy pews in the background aren't even original: During Wesley's day, everyone sat on benches.

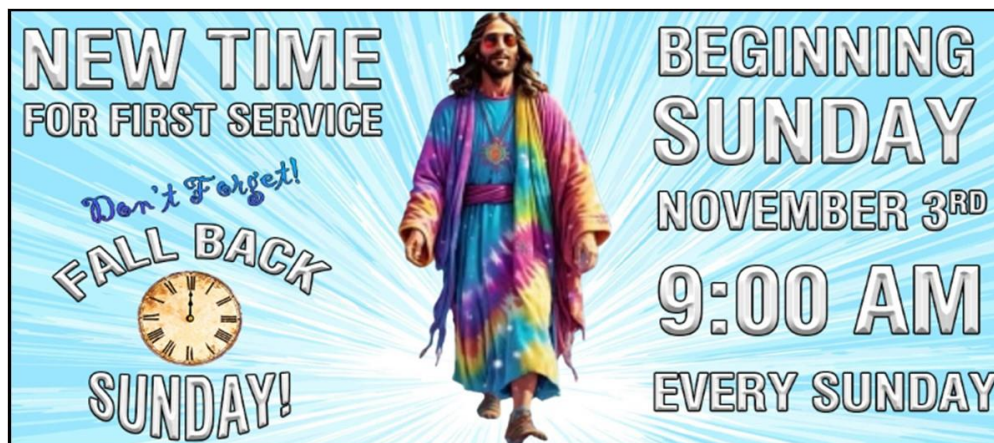


This is where Methodism's ingenuity comes in: The New Room, like many other Methodist Centers in England, was designed and built with multiple purposes: One configuration would serve for worship and preaching. Move the benches around and the room could be used for small or large gatherings, education, food ministries, medicinal dispensaries, and the like. One room, low overhead, endless configurations for ministry!

The spiritual power of the space, however, is expressed by the people within. In the story of Elijah and the Widow of Zarephath, both survive a terrible famine by sharing what they have—the widow a little flour and oil, and Elijah the Word of God. By faithfully sharing what they have, their lives are transformed forever. Our Methodist ancestors used the New Room to build each other up in faith, and then pooled their resources to further the Gospel. How might we do likewise?

God has blessed us all with essential gifts, talents, and resources. We have a wonderful set of sacred spaces here at Trinity! We have our scriptures, our peculiar Methodist Way of Doing things, and we always have God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit with us! Let's employ our ingenuity and our "can do" American Spirit to launch the United Methodist Church into the rest of this Century and beyond!

Anil



# ALL THE FUN

**J**oin Us! For food, fun and fellowship! We host a Fall Festival, Christmas Craft and Bake Sale, a Flea Market, Pancake Breakfasts, Concerts, Musical Dramas, and more!

We offer these events to the public, with the intention of steering people to become disciples of Christ and help change the world!

We invite people to Sunday Services, Fellowship Hour, Bible Studies, Picnics and Meetings.

Where do you sit on helping these gatherings bring people to the Sanctuary for Worship?

There is **always** room for assistance—volunteers are the heartbeat of any church.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering opens a whole new dimension in worship. As a volunteer, you become personally invested in the success of that project. You, and a group of friends, carry the ball when it comes to offering special experiences to our community, whether it be opening a new level of spirituality via Bible Study; or offering friendly, family fun like the Fall Festival, community participation like the Flea Market, and the Christmas Craft and Bake Sale—let's not forget the Pancake Breakfasts! Would you like to play a part in our Christmas or Easter Musical Dramas? Then there's Easter Sunrise Service on the beach as an Easter destination to literally thousands!

Do you want to feel more connected in your church experience? Volunteering is a great way to invest in the success of our church. Our solidarity in offering our community a pathway to discipleship is tantamount to our success as a United Methodist Church.

Choose an event or group you are interested in. Would you like to greet people for Concerts and Cantatas? Would you like to help spread the good news through participating in our Musical Dramas?

Would you like to play games with the kids enjoying our Fall Festival? How about joining the Ladies' Group or the Men's Group and be part of their ministries? Would you like to hand out Trinity information and invites to special events? Do you live where there is a community event board we could post our events to share that information?

There are so many ways to become connected and invested in our goal to "Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world". Would you like to be a part of that movement?

Have a conversation with Rick Decker, our Congregational Care

Director. He can sign you up or point you in the right direction to fulfill your volunteer goals. When we invest in our church, the stronger it becomes. Inviting others to join in and deepen their relationship with Jesus is truly a gift that keeps on giving to you as a volunteer and them as a recipient of the Good Word of God.

A huge thank you to all who volunteer, and spread the good news of Trinity United Methodist Church, the friendliest (and coolest!) church in town, next to the Jensen Beach Post Office.

As always, our mission is to bring people to Jesus to help transform our world. What an important role that is!

*Randi*



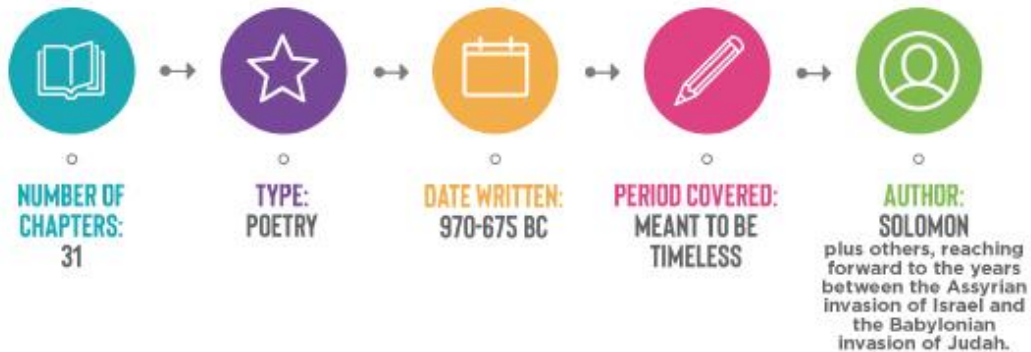


# PROVERBS | 20 OT



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Two strong principles emphasized in Proverbs include listening to those who have gone before us, such as parents, teachers, and older people in general. The other principle is having humility.



## BREAKDOWNS

### ✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES SUBJECT

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 3	Trust is Wisdom
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 8	Prophetic Passage on Christ
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 10-21	Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs
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### Most Popular Verses

### ✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES RANK

<input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 1:25	Proverbs Rank: 3, Overall: 525
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 3:5	Proverbs Rank: 1, Overall: 28
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proverbs 22:6	Proverbs Rank: 2, Overall: 109

# Family Fun Fall Festival!

## November 2, 2024, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Annual Family Fun Fall Festival is an outreach for our church and community. This is an opportunity to invite children and families to come for a time of fun and fellowship. We will be inviting the children from Apple Tree Academy and the children who receive the Blessings in a Bag food supplies. Please invite your family and friends to come and have a great afternoon. I will be seeking volunteers again this year to operate the games and help with the food. Mark your calendar! I will need your help, so be praying and planning how you can help!



It will be an afternoon of games for the kids, food, and fun for everyone with a few fun additions this year to keep it fresh. The children will win prizes, and everyone can enjoy hot dogs, chips, and water; there will be candy for everyone, too! I will be asking for candy donations like last year! Thank you in advance for being such a giving congregation. The games will consist of ring toss, bozo buckets, floating ducks, a fishing game, bean bag toss, bowling pin knock down, corn hole, Pong, and a new game of golf for prizes! There will also be a Cake Walk again this year for the adults to participate in if they would like. Trinity's Family Fun Fall Festival was well received last year and hopefully the Priscilla Circle and others will provide some more delicious cakes for the game! We will have a bounce house and slide and a dunk tank too! If you didn't get a chance to dunk the pastor last year, you can try again this year! He has volunteered to sit in the dunk tank for a limited time! Austin has also volunteered to sit in the dunk tank and give the pastor some relief! There may even be another demonstration from our Line Dance crew! It will be an afternoon of fun for all, and it is an opportunity for us to show the community how friendly we are! Let them see Jesus in our fun and in our smiles!

Rick



Helping People Succeed

### CALENDAR ARTISTS DISPLAY

Showing October 7<sup>th</sup> Through November 8<sup>th</sup>



### SEEKING VENDORS!

**\$10.00 PER SPACE**  
SIGN UP IN FRONT OFFICE

*And don't forget the Pancake Breakfast!*  
*EAT & SHOP!*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:00 AM-2:00 PM**  
**2221 NE SAVANNAH RD. JENSEN BEACH**




Pastor Anil in the Dunk Tank  
2023 Family Fun Fall Festival

# Devotional on Psalm 139 NKJV<sup>1</sup>

*O Lord, You have searched me and known me.<sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thoughts afar off.<sup>3</sup> You comprehend my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.*

*<sup>4</sup>For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether.<sup>5</sup> You have <sup>[b]</sup>hedged me behind and before and laid Your hand upon me.<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain it.*

*<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?<sup>8</sup> If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.*

*<sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*

*<sup>10</sup>Even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.*

*<sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall fall on me," Even the night shall be light about me;<sup>12</sup> Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You, But the night shines as the day; The darkness and the light are both alike to You.*

*<sup>13</sup>For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb.*

*<sup>14</sup>I will praise You, for <sup>[g]</sup>I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from You,*

*When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.*

*<sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.*

*<sup>17</sup>How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them!<sup>18</sup> If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand;*

*When I awake, I am still with You.<sup>19</sup> Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God!*

*Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men.<sup>20</sup> For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain.<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hates You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?*

*<sup>22</sup>I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties;<sup>24</sup> And see if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

## Reflection:

Psalm 139 is a powerful and personal declaration of God's intimate involvement in our lives. The psalmist, David, acknowledges that God has "searched" and "known" him. This isn't casual or distant knowledge, but a profound and detailed understanding of every aspect of his being.

## God's Deep Knowledge:

Verses 1-4 remind us that God's knowledge of us is not limited to the surface. He knows our actions ("sitting down and rising up"), our thoughts, and even the words we are about to speak before they leave our lips. This is a reminder that nothing about us is hidden from God; He understands us better than we understand ourselves.

This realization can bring great comfort. We don't have to explain ourselves to God or hide our true feelings. He already knows. In moments of confusion or doubt, when we feel misunderstood by others, we can take refuge in the fact that God understands us perfectly.

## God's Constant Presence:

In verses 7-10, David reflects on the omnipresence of God:

*Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, And Your right hand shall hold me.*

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<sup>1</sup> Presented at the September 7, 2024, at Men's Breakfast.



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These verses emphasize that there is nowhere we can go to escape God's presence. Whether we are at the highest point of joy or the lowest depth of despair, God is there with us. His presence is a source of comfort and guidance, no matter where we find ourselves in life.

### **God's Purposeful Creation:**

One of the most touching parts of the Psalm is in verses 13-16:

*"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book, they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when as yet there were none of them.*

These verses remind us that we are not accidents or afterthoughts. We were skillfully and wonderfully made by God. Every detail of our lives was carefully planned before we were even born. This truth should fill us with a deep sense of purpose and value. We are loved and cherished by the Creator of the universe.

### **Response:**

As we meditate on Psalm 139, we are invited to respond in worship and trust. Worship, because God's knowledge, presence, and creative power are awe-inspiring. Trust, because the One who knows us so well and is always with us has a perfect plan for our lives.

We can also pray like David does in verses 23-24:

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

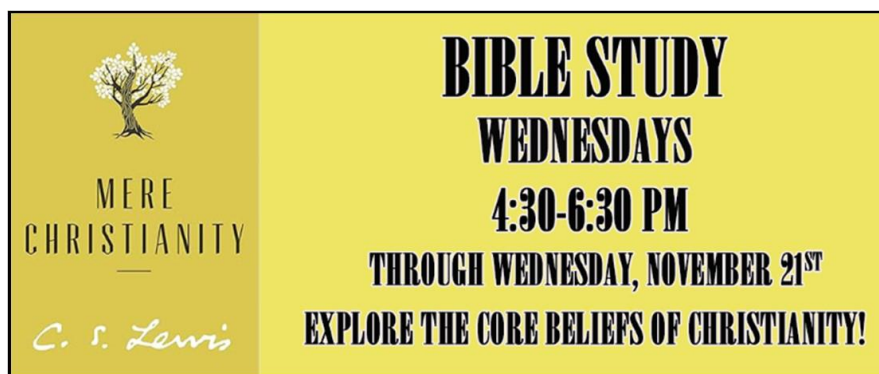
This prayer is an invitation for God to examine our hearts, reveal any areas that need correction, and guide us in His ways. It is a humble acknowledgment that we need God's wisdom and direction in every part of our lives.

### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, thank You for knowing us so completely and loving us so deeply. I am in awe of Your constant presence and Your careful creation of our lives. Search our hearts, Lord, and reveal any areas that need Your touch. Lead us in the way everlasting and help us to trust in Your perfect plan. May our lives reflect the wonder of being fearfully and wonderfully made by You. In Christ's name, Amen.

*Archie Satchell*

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A yellow rectangular poster with a black border. On the left side, there is a small tree icon above the text "MERE CHRISTIANITY" and "C. S. Lewis" in a cursive font. On the right side, the text reads: "BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAYS 4:30-6:30 PM THROUGH WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup> EXPLORE THE CORE BELIEFS OF CHRISTIANITY!"



# PROVERBS



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WRITTEN BY:  
King Solomon  
and a few others



TIME PERIOD COVERED:  
970-675 BC

## OVERVIEW

Proverbs is known for its short instructions for living an effective life on earth. Written primarily by Solomon, the proverbs simply state wisdom for all to enjoy and use.

Two strong principles emphasized in Proverbs include humility and listening to those who have gone before us, such as parents, teachers, and elders.



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

Trust in the Lord with all your **HEART** and lean not on your own **UNDERSTANDING** (3:5)

Start **CHILDREN** off on the way they should go, and when they are old they won't depart from it (22:6)

**FEAR** of the Lord is the beginning of **KNOWLEDGE** (1:7)

A noble wife is worth more than **RUBIES** (31:10)

Guard your **HEART** (4:23)

Whoever **TRUSTS** in the Lord will be kept safe (29:25)

Whoever conceals their sins will not **PROSPER**, but who confesses them will find **MERCY** (28:13)

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the **PRAYER** of the **RIGHTEOUS** (15:29)

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**PRIDE** goes before destruction, a **HAUGHTY** spirit before a fall (16:18)

A soft answer turns away **WRATH** (15:1)



## Priscilla Circle

Hello Trinity friends and family, September 9<sup>th</sup> was our first Priscilla Circle meeting, and I learned that you do not need to be a member of Trinity to be a part of Priscilla Circle. So, if you know of someone who is interested in crafts, baked goods, fashion shows and tea parties, or just plain fun and fellowship, call Trinity's office at 772-334-3404, leave a message and someone from Priscilla Circle will call you back.

**Save The Date:** November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> *Annual Craft and Bake Sale* 9:00 a.m.–1 p.m.  
Vendor tables \$20 each, see Sandy Smith for tables. Times will follow.

Hooks and Needles are looking for people who want to have fun and fellowship while learning or just knit. They meet on Wednesdays in Fellowship Hall.

*Roz Miller*

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## Methodist Men

Trinity's Methodist Men met on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, for their monthly breakfast meeting, devotional, prayers, and discussion of TUMC's activities. Archie Satchell led with a devotion on Psalm 139 and prayer (see pages 6–7). Don Frye reported on a letter sent to Martin County Fire and Police inviting them to TUMC's pancake breakfast as our guests and Treasurer Jim Williams reported a healthy finance balance. Barry Brunner then informed the group that Ed Miller was donating a 6000Kw generator to Trinity, which will be used at the Easter Sunrise Service and other events.

Rich Deininger then spoke on his career in the military, police department, and his work with the United Nations with the International Police Task Force training police in Bosnia. He spoke of the differences and problems communicating with training local police in Serbia, Croatia, and Herzegovina as three states with differing religions. Rich has a collage of his times with the International Police Task Force hanging in Fellowship Hall.



**“WESLEY BY BUS: CELEBRATING OUR HERITAGE”**  
**EPWORTH OXFORD BRISTOL LONDON**  
**BEGINS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup> \* 4 SESSIONS**  
*Presented by: Rev. Anil Singh*  
**WEDNESDAYS \* 12:00 PM & 6:30 PM**  
**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

# FAIRNESS/JUSTICE

## AT-A-GLANCE

### FIRST

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

Exodus 23:2: "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert **justice** by siding with the crowd,

### LAST

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

Revelation 19:11: I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With **justice** he judges and wages war.

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

- **Leviticus 19:15:** "Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor **fairly**.
- **Proverbs 2:9:** Then you will understand what is right and just and **fair**—every good path.
- **Isaiah 1:17:** Learn to do right; seek **justice**. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

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

- **Matthew 23:23:** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—**justice**, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.
- **Luke 18:7:** And will not God bring about **justice** for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?
- **John 7:51:** "Does our law condemn a man without first hearing him to find out what he has been doing?"



#### God's Important Messages about Fairness/Justice:

The most important behaviors that impede justice among children have to do with them observing the outer person rather than looking for the inner one. They may show favoritism to people with a certain appearance or set of belongings. God wants them to look with their hearts.



#### BIBLE STORIES SHOWING FAIRNESS/JUSTICE:

- The Story of Esther, where the evil Haman was hung on the killing device he set up for the Jews (Esther 7)
- Parable of the Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)
- Parable of the Persistent Widow who got justice through persistence (Luke

# Church Council

Trinity's Church Council met on Sunday afternoon, September 15<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 prayer by John Gear at 12:30 p.m. and the July 2024 meeting minutes were accepted.

**Trustees:** Levi Miller (and later Doug Evans) reported for the Trustees on campus and physical plant work. He noted that several projects—window leaks, rain gutters, office door replacement, two flag poles, and second floor blinds—were either completed or in progress. New projects include enhancing sound for the hard of hearing, consolidating FPL accounts to save on charges, and changing the timers on parking lot lighting. The timer scheduling will not impact on building security during the night. Finally, it was noted that thanks to Nancy Burnett the Narthex prayer room had been redecorated.

**Finance:** Dale Forbes and Jim Williams reported that Trinity's finances were in good shape and that the 2023 financial audit should be completed soon. Finance is working on the 2025 budget and is seeking committee financial reports. Jim then reported on the upcoming stewardship campaign to begin in the fall months.

**Council Chair:** Barry Brunner focused on exploring community outreach ways and means and noted that stewardship both in terms of time and talent and financial are continuing needs.

**Congregational Care:** Rick Decker followed up on the earlier stewardship discussions, noting that outreach is becoming critical to Trinity's mission. He noted that the Fall Festival would be held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and the *Flea Market* and *Pancake Breakfast* would be held on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Movie night will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> and a possible Christmas Party in December.

**Lay Delegate to Annual Conference:** Sue Nance reported on the Line Dancers donation to *Blessings in a Bag* and said a beginning line dancing group could be established if there was enough interest.

**Nominating Committee:** Pastor Anil announced that the committee has a partial working list of congregational members for various committees and will probably need to fill six committee positions.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Anil reported on Sunday service attendance (summer average was 138) and led discussion on how to help younger visitors with such things as a baby room and young child toys to allow younger families to worship without fear of creating too much noise. He also reported that the 9:15 a.m. Contemporary Service was now being aired to the community and thanked Austin Parriott and Michael Fields for getting this done.

**Music Director's Report:** Cynthia Beam reported that the Choir is up-and-running and that plans were already in progress for the Christmas season.

**Priscilla Circle:** Pat Williams reported on outreach where 935 pounds of food were donated to *House of Hope* and whole milk was being funded by the Circle for *Blessings in a Bag*, new officers were elected, and the *Craft Sale* will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Men's Ministry:** Barry Brunner reported that the Men's breakfast heard from Rich Deininger on his experiences serving with the United Nations in Serbia, Croatia, and Herzegovina. He announced that Ed Miller has donated a 6Kw generator to Trinity.

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Photo courtesy of Dale Forbes



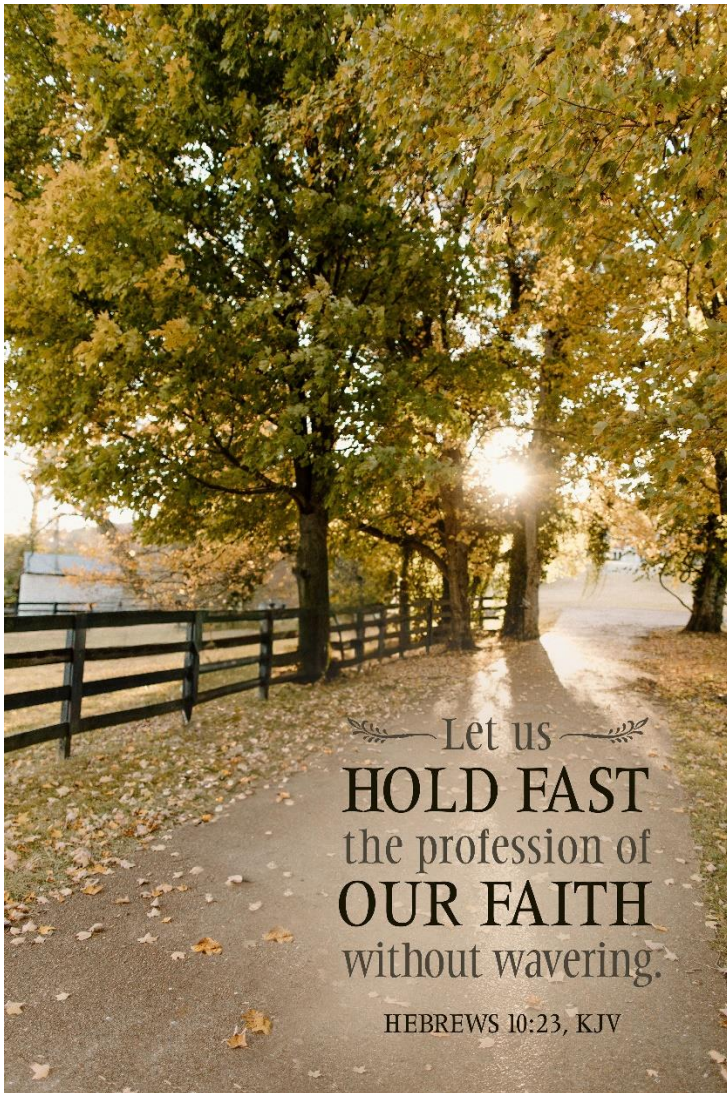
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**Family Promise:** Doug Evans reported a family was now in residence on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

**Newsletter:** Don Stacks reminded the Trustees that the deadline for *Newsletter* submissions is the 16<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**New Business:** Discussion focused on possibly moving the 9:15 a.m. Celebration Service back 15 minutes to run from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., with the 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service following Fellowship Hour and Sunday School classes. After discussion, Jim Williams moved that the Trustees approve the time change for the Celebration Service from 9:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Levi Miller seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously. The starting date for the change will be *November 3<sup>rd</sup>*. Cynthia Beam then asked if online memberships were a possibility. Pastor Anil will check to see if it would be permissible and report back.

Pastor Anil closed the meeting with prayer at 2:22 p.m.



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1 CORINTHIANS 11:28, NIV

# Meet Dale Forbes

I lived in Massachusetts most of my life and still have family and friends there.

I worked 38 years for Liberty Mutual (Home Office in Boston) before retiring. My job involved what is called reinsurance accounting. Reinsurance refers to when an insurance company buys insurance/reinsurance protection from other insurers/reinsurers.

My last 10 years were focused on expanding internal procedures that would ensure Liberty would be able to recover from these insurers/reinsurers in the event of a reinsured loss.

My wife and I moved to Jensen Beach in 2015. We tried a couple of churches, but my wife chose Trinity in large part due to the Pastor and the wonderful quality of his messages. My wife has since passed but I feel a strong connection to Trinity.

I joined Trinity's Finance Committee and have been the Treasurer for the last few years. It has been a great pleasure to be a volunteer and be a part of the Trinity and United Methodist family. I have made a great many friends within the congregation that I would not have made if I hadn't volunteered. Trinity is a spiritual beacon within our community and my hope is that more people find their way here and build on their relationship with God.

As a financially oriented person, I work with other volunteers and staff to ensure we have secure controls and reporting mechanisms of donations and other income/expenses. The congregation is very generous, and our goal is to ensure we have a robust financial stewardship program to cover the costs of our wonderful, dedicated staff, maintain our church facility, and secure our future as we serve many within our congregation and the community at large.

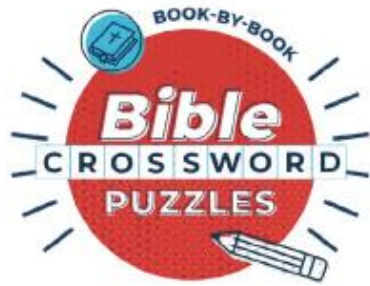
I also volunteer with Helping People Succeed (<https://www.hpsfl.org/>), a non-profit company providing social services to families. The main office is located just down the street from Trinity. Staff provides families with a wide array of services from birth through high school, helping thousands within the Martin, St Lucie, Okeechobee, and Indian River counties. One way these folks raise funds is to have local artists participate in a calendar. Several of these artists will show their works at Trinity in October.

Rounding out my volunteer activities, I currently serve as president of the Art Associates of Martin County (<https://www.artassociatesofmartinco.com/>). This is a fun group of artists and enthusiasts that gathers once a month between October and May. Local artists provide demonstrations, and we hold a show at Trinity generally in March.

*Dale Forbes*



*Pastor*  
APPRECIATION  
October 13<sup>th</sup>



# PROVERBS



**ORDER IN THE BIBLE**  
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**WRITTEN BY:**  
King Solomon  
and a few others

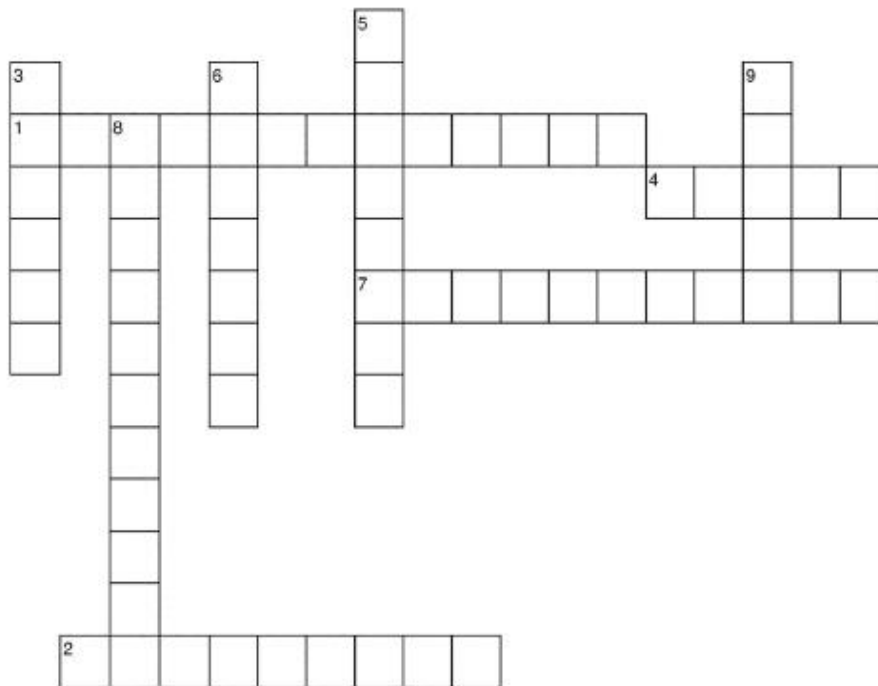


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## OVERVIEW

Proverbs is known for its short instructions for living an effective life on earth. Written primarily by Solomon, the proverbs simply state wisdom for all to enjoy and use.

Two strong principles emphasized in Proverbs include humility and listening to those who have gone before us, such as parents, teachers, and elders.



### Across

1. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own \_\_\_\_ (3:5)
2. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of \_\_\_\_ (1:7)
4. Everything you do flows from this, so guard it (4:23)
7. In their hearts, human beings plan their course, but the Lord \_\_\_\_ (16:9)



### Down

3. A wife of noble character is worth far more than \_\_\_\_ (31:10)
5. Every word of God is \_\_\_\_ (30:5)
6. Those who conceal their sins do not \_\_\_\_ (28:13)
8. Pride goes before \_\_\_\_ (16:18)
9. A gentle answer turns away \_\_\_\_ (15:1)



# Music Ministries

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 ... we are off and running! And we are thrilled for our upcoming season.

I'm so honored to direct the dedicated and talented singers of our Trinity Choir. This season the ladies will bless us with their voices at the 9:15 a.m. Celebration Service, while the full choir will sing praises at our 11 a.m. Traditional Service. Our practices are on Thursday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., and we'd love to have you join us!



*Best Church Music on the Treasure Coast* ... yep, that's our goal. And the following concerts are already scheduled for the 2024–2025 season:

- Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 p.m., our Trinity Choir and Drama Team will present *How Should a King Come?* by Randy Vader, Rose Aspinall, and Jay Rouse.
- Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. we will be honored with the dynamic music of Rev. Dr. Huntley Brown, renowned pianist and ordained minister. Don't miss out on this one ... Huntley plays all types of music (even a little jazz) for all to enjoy.
- Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 3:00 p.m., will be our annual Composer Concert featuring music from the very talented (and funny) Pepper Choplin. We will be inviting several local churches to join us for the Saturday workshop and Sunday concert with Mr. Choplin.
- Our Easter Musical and Drama will be in April 2025.

I'm also working on bringing back singer Austin Glover in January 2025, Jubilate in February 2025, and introducing the Ebony Chorale here at Trinity in the Spring of 2025.

Plan on joining us ... and bring a friend!

Blessings,

Cynthia



# How Much Do You Know about Election Day?

In 2024 election day is Tuesday November 5<sup>th</sup>. On this day, citizens cast ballots to select public officials, from local to national government. Presidential elections are held every four years, in years divisible by four. Elections to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate are held every two years. Local officials can be voted into office any year that is designated by the state.



Some history on election day. The first election was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1789, the electors were chosen for the first US presidential election. George Washington was elected president on February 4<sup>th</sup>. He ran against, John Adams, George Clinton, Thomas Jefferson, and Aaron Burr; he won unanimously. By an Act of Congress on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1845, the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November was designated Election Day for future presidential elections. Back then, we were more of an agricultural society and November was considered a good time for elections because the busy harvest season was coming to a close. Many country folks had to travel quite a long way to get to a polling station, so it made sense to hold elections on a Tuesday. This avoided religious holidays as well.

Before 1845, the states could hold presidential elections within a 34-day period and then send their electors to the Electoral College. However, this became problematic as communications and transportation evolved because states that voted earlier could influence states that voted later (not unlike earlier time zones versus later time zones today).

The first same day election day took place on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 1848. Whig party candidate Zachary Taylor won out over Democrat Lewis Cass and free-soil candidate (and former president) Martin van Buren. Taylor's running mate was Millard Fillmore, who became the nation's 13<sup>th</sup> president on July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1850, upon Taylor's untimely death.

*Question:* Is election day a federal holiday? *Answer:* no, it is not.

*Question:* Which US president has received the greatest number of electoral votes? *Answer:* Ronald Reagan, in the 1984 election, won a whopping 525 out of 538 available electoral votes.

*Question:* Who is credited with saying, "Americans will go across an ocean to fight a war, but not across the street to vote"? *Answer:* William E. Vaughan.

*Don Frye*



**World Communion Sunday**  
October 6<sup>th</sup>





# October Happenings

## Sundays

- Celebration Service (9:15 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:15 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)
- Children's Sunday School (9:15 a.m.)
- Adult Bible Studies (9:30 a.m.)
- Prayer Time (10:30 a.m., Bob Engle Room)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:
  - Communion
  - House of Hope Donations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Noisy Change
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: New Member Sunday
- Administrative Meetings (20<sup>th</sup>)
  - Trustees (12:30 p.m.)
  - Finance Committee (1:30 p.m.)
  - Church Council (3:00 p.m.)

## Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (14<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)

## Tuesdays

- Line Dancers (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Lunch Bunch (1<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 a.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)

## Wednesdays

- Hooks & Needles (9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 a.m.)
- Blessings-in-a-Bag (9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Wesley by Bus: Celebrating our Heritage class (October 30, Noon and 6:30 p.m.)
- Bible Study—Mere Christianity (4:30 p.m.)

## Thursdays

- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m.)

## Fridays

- Movie Night (18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.)

## Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.)

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