



Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter

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

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Gifts...

*Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others,
as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms—I Peter 4:10*

This fall Trinity United Methodist Church will serve as the beginning of a yearlong stewardship campaign. Throughout November we will explore how Trinity impacts on the local community as well as the congregation. As such, we will look at stewardship as gifts Trinity gets and then uses them to support our local community missions.

All of us has some God-given gift(s) that can be used to advance Trinity's mission in Jensen Beach and the local communities. Part of this gifting can be found in donations to both Trinity and its missions. *Blessings in a Bag*, *Family Promise*, and *House of Hope*, are three missions that have gifted the local community with food to students and local people in need of shelter and supplies. Stewardship for these missions includes Trinity providing the fiscal, nourishing, and life support supplies necessary to those afflicted by today's economic and social problems. Over the year we will hear monthly about these missions and those they affect. While these missions reflect financial support (monetary donations and bought supplies), other missions include time and talent.

Both *Priscilla Circle* and *Methodist Men* provide the congregation and local community with missions demonstrating just how much love Trinity gifts to the community. Both groups donate not only to local, but national and international crisis intervention as well. Both use the time and talents of their membership to provide such events as the Fall Craft & Bake Sale and several Pancake Breakfasts supporting both in-reach and outreach missions. *Hooks and Needles*, a subgroup of Priscilla Circle, gifts prayer blankets to those hospitalized or in extended care facilities, as well as baptismal blankets.

Over the next year we will learn more about how Trinity United Methodist Church is impacting on the Jensen Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie, Fort Pierce, and Tradition communities we live in.

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Pastor's Corner

With God in Mind

I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God?—Psalm 77:11-13.

Only God can create a Cathedral like this!

Last year, my family and I spent a week in San Francisco. We reunited with my Great Uncle, whom I hadn't seen in over twenty years. Over that week, I also cultivated a love for Cioppino, a hearty and oh so delicious local seafood stew concocted by Italian fishermen in the late 1800s.

One day, Kim arranged a hike for us in Muir Woods, just a little north of the Golden Gate Bridge. It was on that walk, looking up at trees nearly a thousand years old and three hundred feet high, that I had this thought: *Only God can create a Cathedral like this!*

As a People of God, and as readers of scriptures such as the Psalm above, it may seem obvious to cultivate a practice of seeking God wherever we go. But with the busyness, worries, and ever-filling schedules of modern life, pausing for God can feel like one more task on an unending To Do list.

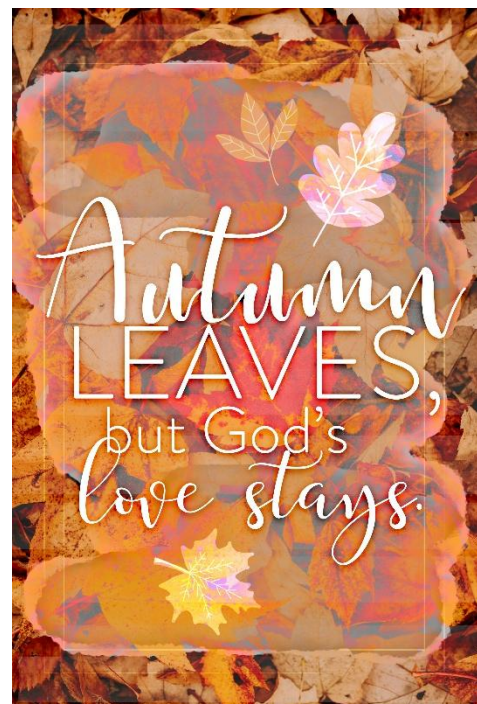
Well, without discounting the importance of Christian meditation, how about we incorporate a practice of appreciating God wherever we go?

Might we find God when we see a couple holding hands in a doctor's waiting room? Might we find God in people being kind, or courteous to one another at the grocery store? Might we find God in the inspiring words written on our to go cups by our favorite Barista?

We don't have to walk in an ancient forest, or on a beach at sunrise, to marvel at God's ever-present Grace. We just might want to observe the world as we move about in it. Chances are, we'll find God even in the smallest things!



Anil



Back to School...Back to God!

School has started much earlier than when I was a kid, but the feelings are still pretty familiar. Parents of school-aged children often look forward to sending their children back to school, and, truthfully, most children are excited as well. It's a time to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, establish new routines, and learn new things. New adventures create lasting memories.

Preparing for a new school year takes a lot of planning—new school supplies, new clothes, new schedules, and coordinating everything for the entire family.

What if we approached our spiritual lives with that same intentionality? What if this became Back to God time?

Getting back to God doesn't require buying supplies or a new wardrobe. It simply requires making room in your schedule for what matters most. Create time each day for God—time for personal devotion (and the church will even provide a devotional guide, *The Upper Room*), time for worship, time for fellowship, and time in God's Word.

The rewards are even greater than those of a successful school year. Spending time with God transforms our hearts and renews our minds. A growing relationship with Him strengthens us in every area of life. As we read His Word and gather for worship, we learn more about His unfailing love and the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. As we worship together, we also build meaningful friendships centered on our shared love for God.

So, as you organize calendars, prepare lunches, buy school supplies, and settle into new routines, don't forget to schedule time for the One who gives life its greatest purpose.

This year, make room for God. It's time to get Back to God!



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Change: A Gift God Uses to Shape Us

Change is one of life's most persistent challenges. Many of us—myself included—prefer routines that run smoothly, almost like a well-designed grid. When each task fits neatly into its time slot, life feels manageable and predictable. But real life rarely follows our carefully arranged plans. Unexpected needs arise, schedules shift, and responsibilities multiply. Suddenly the smooth flow we hoped for becomes choppy and uncertain.

So how do we handle change when it disrupts our sense of order? Scripture offers a steady, comforting answer: *Life shifts, but God does not.*

Hebrews 13:8 anchors us with this truth: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.* When everything around us feels unstable, God's character remains constant. His love doesn't fluctuate with circumstances, His presence doesn't disappear when life feels shaky, and His promises don't crumble when our plans fall apart. Feel free to explore more about *God's promises* anytime.



Trusting God Through Change

Proverbs 3:5–6 reminds us to trust God more than our own understanding. Our logic may feel shaky in seasons of transition, but God's direction is steady. He promises to “make your paths straight” when you lean on Him. If you want to go deeper, you can reflect on *trusting God*.

Change often triggers fear, yet Isaiah 41:10 speaks directly to that fear: *Do not fear...I will strengthen you and help you.* God's presence is not distant; it is active,

supportive, and near. You can explore *God's comfort* for more encouragement.

Change as Transformation

Scripture reframes change as *transformation* rather than chaos. Romans 12:2 speaks of renewal. Second Corinthians 5:17 describes becoming a new creation. James 1:2–3 teaches that trials produce perseverance. Change becomes the soil where spiritual growth takes root. If you're curious, you can explore *spiritual growth*.

Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that God's plans include hope and a future—even when change feels confusing. Psalm 23:4 promises that God walks with us through the darkest valleys. Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us that every season has purpose.

A Final Encouragement

Change may feel disruptive, but through faith it becomes a gift—a present unfolding in the present moment. When we trust God's promises, change becomes less of a threat and more of an invitation to grow, to lean on Him, and to witness His faithfulness.

With God's help, even difficult change becomes a blessing in disguise. And in all things, we remain thankful: For the challenges, for the growth, and for the God who never changes.

Randi

Media Department

Have You Noticed A Change??

Since we took over the Sound and Media Department in July 2024, our mission has been to instigate meaningful change.

This transformation didn't occur overnight; it began subtly behind the scenes, often unnoticed by many. In our initial six months of leadership, we introduced a series of small changes—some for our benefit, but primarily aimed at enhancing the experience for our audience.

Our first initiative was revamping the visual elements of our presentations. We replaced the basic color block slides used for announcements, songs, and hymns with more dynamic, eye-catching designs to better engage you and convey our vision.

Next, we focused on expanding our *online ministry*. We began live streaming our 9 a.m. services to invigorate the experience and connect with a broader audience. This led to us sharing music-related content on our YouTube® channel, targeting music enthusiasts to draw them to Trinity.

Our first significant challenge arose during the 2024 holiday season with the Christmas Cantata. This project demanded a careful balance of drama and music to create an engaging visual and auditory experience. We collaborated intensely with the drama department, our music ministry, and other team members to deliver an unforgettable show. It was during this time that everything began to click for us.

Emerging from the 2024 holiday season, we excitedly launched into 2025 with the commitment to continue our transformative efforts and reach audiences that had been absent since before the pandemic. Our sights were set on the 2025 *Easter Sunrise Service*, a long-standing tradition of over 60 years. The challenge was clear: How could we make our mark on such a storied event? The answer was to do something unprecedented.

We teamed up with our Music Director to hire a company that utilized drones for aerial photography and another to record the Easter Sunrise Service, elevating it to a full-scale production. The outcome was spectacular! We captured a wealth of content that showcased Trinity as an inviting place for newcomers. Throughout the remainder of the year, we continued to implement minor adjustments, though nothing too drastic.

As we stepped into 2026, we set our sights on an ambitious yet necessary upgrade: Our Sanctuary's sound system. This enhancement had been overdue, but careful planning was required to select the right equipment that would meet our vision. Over the first few months of the year, Trinity saw a surge in attendance, reaching levels we hadn't experienced since before COVID. It was clear that the time had come for this major upgrade.

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September 13th

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The first step involved replacing the older electric drum set with a new live acoustic drum set. This transition posed its own set of challenges, but we worked diligently to ensure a seamless process. Soon after, we brought in a sound engineer to completely revamp our speakers, wiring, choir mics, and more. This overhaul took place in July 2026 and has garnered tremendous positive feedback.

We have since created a five-year plan aimed at further enhancing and transforming key aspects of our services. We hope these changes have been noticed and enjoyed. Our passion for what we do drives us to continually seek improvement in every area possible.

What lies ahead for 2027 you ask?? Guess you have to continue to come to Trinity and keep your eyes open for it. It just may happen like a flash of Light...

Don't forget you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube at the links below:

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/tumc.jb>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/trinity_umcjb

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@tumc.jensenbeach>

Mike & Tiffanie

How Well Do You Know Methodist History*

In this Methodist history trivia 101 quiz, check out how much you know about the founding family of Methodism.

1. What is the name of the person credited with founding Methodism?
 - a. Francis Asbury
 - b. George Whitefield
 - c. John Wesley
 - d. King George III of England
2. What is the name of John Wesley's brother who was a hymn writer and also instrumental (pun intended) in Methodism's founding?
 - a. Samuel Wesley
 - b. Charles Wesley
 - c. Fred Wesley
 - d. Paul Wesley
3. Name the woman who is considered the Mother of Methodism, who gave birth to John, Charles and 17 other children.
 - a. Sally Wesley
 - b. Mary Wesley
 - c. Sarah Wesley
 - d. Susanna Wesley
4. In what country did John and Charles Wesley live?
 - a. England
 - b. Ireland
 - c. Scotland
 - d. America
5. What catastrophic event happened to John Wesley when he was 5 years old?
 - a. He was bitten by a snake while playing outside in the fields.
 - b. He ran away from home and was lost for days.
 - c. His home caught fire and he was saved from the flames.
 - d. He fell into a nearby lake and almost drowned.
6. What Georgia city did John Wesley visit in 1735?
 - a. Athens
 - b. Atlanta
 - c. Tybee Island
 - d. Savannah
7. What happened to John Wesley's heart on May 24, 1738?
 - a. It was strangely warmed by the understanding of God's love and grace for him
 - b. He had a heart attack while riding his horse to a church
 - c. His heart was broken when the love of his life rejected him
 - d. During open heart surgery, his heart stopped and he had a near death experience.
8. What university were John and Charles Wesley attending when they started the Holy Club?
 - a. Cambridge University
 - b. University of Georgia
 - c. Yale University
 - d. Oxford University

*Pastor Singh got 8 of 8.

Answers: 1. c; 2. b; 3. d; 4. a; 5. c; 6. d; 7. a; 8. d

Visions of God's Glory

Your gentle touch reaches my soul today,
And opens my eyes to Your true story.
With joy in my heart, I quietly pray
And thank you, Lord, for visions of glory.

As Light dispels the darkness, dawn appears;
God's splendor on display for all to see.
Awaken to the songs of birds that cheer;
And know with His true Love we are set free.

In the garden of life, we slowly dance,
And listen for whispers of Your sweet voice.
As wrens sing and flit at every chance,
We hear the call to make the sacred choice!

To live a life of darkness, fear and sin,
Or let the light of God come rushing in!

As I watch a butterfly drift on air,
She rises and falls near the chrysalis.
A miracle of life beyond compare,
Revealing God's great love and tenderness!

As evening paints the sky with crimson light,
We see the lovely colors of Your art;
With gold and scarlet clouds so warm and bright,
Your masterpiece brings comfort to my heart.

Gazing at the moon, we see Your light shine,
Radiant and clear, reflecting Your face.
The night surrounds with twinkling stars divine;
Again, my heart is warmed by saving grace.

Our eyes are filled with wonder all day long.
With joy we praise and worship You with song!

Written by Terry Henderson 7-3-26

Meet Jim and Pat Williams

The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning. I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"— Lamentations 3:22-24

Pat is a true Floridian! Jim is from Alabama and went to school in Montgomery and attended the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. He graduated as a Mechanical Engineer and worked with a company in Pensacola for 27 years, moving with the company from Alabama to Illinois and then back to Florida. Meanwhile, Pat worked with the FAA in Pensacola.

During the time they both were in Pensacola, Pat and Jim met at church while attending a Singles Ice Cream Social. They then became Leaders of the Singles Group. Both Jim and Pat are lifelong Methodists and have remained faithful throughout their lives. Jim has 3 boys and Pat has 2 girls which were blended into this loving, faithful family. Jim continually referred to the girls as his daughters and Pat referred to the boys as her sons throughout our conversation.

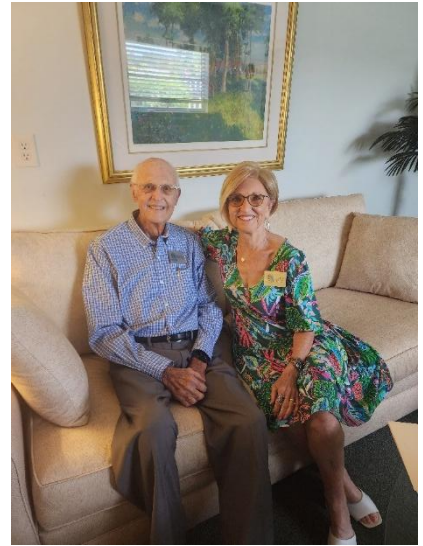
Pat, through the FAA, had a job offer to relocate to Gainesville as a Flight Services Specialist. In support of Pat, Jim retired. Once in Gainesville, he then went to work for the University of Florida. They worked in Gainesville for the next 10 years when they both retired. Following retirement, they moved to the Tradition area in Port St Lucie in 2007.

I asked them how they found Jenson Beach Methodist church and they talked about a dinner engagement with friends. Apparently on their way, they drove past the church and decided to attend one Sunday. They talked about the warm welcome and Jim, who plays saxophone, recognized immediately that the church had a robust music program. So, in 2009, they transferred their membership and have been heavily involved at Trinity United Methodist Church ever since.

Pat is very detail oriented but said she can become impatient at times, while Jim, with his engineering background, was good at providing direction, goals, and leadership. He too said he can become impatient in certain situations. As an aside, Jim also loves his "sweets" just as Levi Miller enjoys his Snickers (as told in last month's newsletter).

Jim has served as Chair of Finance for the past 3 years, has been a Trustee in the past, and is a member of Church Council and United Methodist Men. Pat is very involved with Priscilla Circle, House of Hope, and other outreach programs. They both serve communion. They talked about how "the church" is ingrained in them and is just part of their DNA. For them, being active in the church is their way of serving God and showing others the importance of stewardship; following God by being faithful.

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Pat is happy about the continued strengthening of the Music arena as well as the growing children's Sunday School program. They both would like to see continued growth with the number of young people attending and for ways of retaining their attendance.

One little known fact about Pat is her commitment to the Naval Aviation Museum and its Naval demonstrations and air shows to raise money. And Jim was very involved with Little League Baseball. He also played in a dance band during High School and College.

Both Pat and Jim would like to be remembered as Loving and Caring people with God's help. Jim is grateful for the wholesome family they have, including 4 great-grandchildren. He said that their children and grandchildren are all professional and loving people who have devoted their lives to set a Christian example. As God has taught us through his faithfulness, so do Jim and Pat as his children. Great is their faithfulness to God, the Church, and each other.

Meri Byers

Church Council

Thirteen of Trinity's leaders met on August 16th to report and discuss matters relevant to the church. The meeting was opened in prayer by Jim Williams at 3:00 p.m. Individual committee reports follow.

Council Chair. Jim Williams read an email from chair Barry Brunner regarding progress being made on several fronts.

Outreach and Evangelism. Jeanmarie DeChiaro reported on progress made by the committee to reach out to the community in August and on planning for several other projects.

Children's Ministry. Jeanmarie also reported that several off-campus outings were being planned and that Warren Willis Camp was coming up in 2027.

Trustees. Levi Miller reviewed that 14 projects were either completed or ongoing to include the Memorial Garden and the Sanctuary's audio and lighting. New projects included the media booth update, replacing the Choir Room carpeting, and cloth covering on speakers in the back of the Chancel.

Finance. Jim Williams and Dale Forbes reviewed July 2026 financial statements and progress on the 2027 budget. A graphic was presented on the flow of "summer letdowns".

Family Promise. Roz Miller reported hosting a meeting at Trinity and updated the Council on gift cards and upgrades to the Family Promise rooms.

SPRC. Becky Binder reported that staff job descriptions were being updated and that 12 congregation members had signed up for the September 12th House of Hope Cuban Sandwich competition.

Line Dancing. Sue Nance reported a lull in attendance and the formation of an "Absolute Beginners" (AB) class on September 9th.

Pastor's Report/Nominations & Leadership. Pastor Singh reported on the nominations process and then reported attendance has been higher in every month than 2025.

Music. Cynthia Beam noted that everything was back up and running and discussed plans for a Carnegie Hall trip to sing *Sing We Noel* in November and the Christmas Cantata will be Joseph Martin's *A Song Heard 'Round the World*.

Media. Mike Fields updated on social media attendance statistics.



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Congregational Care. Pastor Singh provided an update on Rick Decker and the Nursery and Children's Ministry. A celebration of Sam Rhodes 100th birthday is being planned for early September.

Priscilla Circle. Pat Williams noted that the 2026 Craft and Bake Sale was in progress. Lunch will be served. The first Circle meeting of the year will be on September 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Methodist Men. Don Stacks told the Council that MM were purchasing a new outdoor grill and will hold 2 picnics and 5-6 pancake breakfasts in 2026–2027. Breakfasts remain at \$7.00 all you can eat.

Newsletter. Don Stacks informed the Council that *Newsletter* copy was due and that committee heads should submit monthly updates.

Communications. Randi Schwartz notified the Council that announcements need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance and reviewed Facebook and Instagram posts and reels since October.

Administration. Pastor Singh noted that Charge Conference forms were scheduled to come out on August 18th and votes on the Charge Conference items will be made at the October meeting.

There was no new business to discuss and the meeting was closed in prayer by Pastor Singh at 4:17 p.m.

PUZZLE

CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.

A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5)

B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6)

C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13)

D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14)

E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51)

F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6)

G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6)

Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe

PUZZLE

Apple of Your Eye

“Apple of your eye” means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): “Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye.”

Can you find the word “apple” 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!

Trinity's Art Infusion

The Treasure Coast has an impressive and expansive variety of opportunities to see, learn and participate in a vigorous and growing art community.

In our corner of the world, Trinity offers a wonderful venue for displaying a variety of art, photographs, needlepoint, and quilts in Fellowship Hall. There are many talented artists, crafts people, and photographers in our community and it is a great blessing to be able to display some of their works.

Trinity provides display opportunities for enthusiastic congregation members, local artists, the Martin County Quilters, the Art Associates of Martin County, students of a local art teacher, works by students at Apple Tree Christian Academy, and others. The Trinity Sunday school kids have been very creative, under the tutelage of their teachers, and have created art on display on one section of the wall in Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hall shows run for a few weeks or months dependent on the type of show and time of year with a goal to show works by a variety of people. A few folks at Trinity help with the set up (myself, Joyce Monticelli, Sue Prescott) and Randi prepares a poster description and updates Trinity's website with photos of the displays! Sale of works are between the buyer and seller. We generally ask artists to sign a waiver to protect Trinity in the case of damage or loss of a piece and to allow Trinity to use photos of artwork on display.

On a broader scale, the Treasure Coast community offers many changing art and cultural opportunities.

MartinArts (<https://www.martinarts.org/>) is the Martin county organization that supports and sponsors many art and cultural activities (e.g., ArtsFest). Their office is located at the old courthouse in Stuart and has two art galleries. Martin county also sponsors a public arts program. (See the website <https://www.martin.fl.us/AIPP>.) Museums and art viewing locations include the Norton Museum of Art (West Palm Beach), Elliot Museum of Art (Stuart, on Hutchinson Island), AE Backus Museum (Ft Pierce), Lighthouse Art Center (Tequesta), Vero Beach Museum Of Art. There are also several art galleries well worth viewing in the area. Interestingly, murals are popping up in many towns, particularly on many Hobe Sound buildings.

Check out these free online art newsletter websites:

Rickie Report (<https://www.therickiereport.com/>),

Willi Miller's Arts Blast (<https://willimiller.com/index.html>) so you can see what's going on!

Finally, there are many art wonderful art teachers in the area providing a great resource for us all. Art enriches all our lives and like attending Trinity there are many opportunities to participate!

Dale Forbes



Line Dancing

Trinity's Line Dancing will be starting an AB (absolute beginner) class for line dancing on September 9th at 1:00 p.m. This class will introduce the beginner to steps, terms, and dances. The first class will last between 60 to 90 minutes. As you learn more dances the class will last for 90 minutes.

The AB class meets in the Fellowship Hall and the cost is \$5.00. Blessings in a Bag gets \$2.00 and the instructor gets \$3.00.

Line dancing is a great activity as it keeps you on your toes. Seriously, it builds stamina and strength, works on recall, helps with balance, and you enjoy fellowship. Come join us and bring a friend.

Sue Nance



Baptism at Trinity



Children's Ministry



Outreach Committee at work

TUMC Connections



SUNDAY SCHOOL

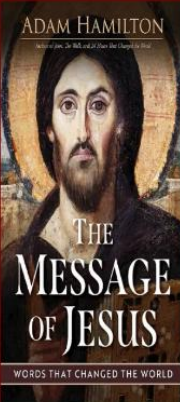
OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN!

SUNDAY MORNINGS: 9:00 AM

LEVEL ONE AGES 4-6	LEVEL TWO AGES 7-12	BIBLE STUDIES	MUSIC, ART & MORE!	NURSERY AGES 0-3
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RAISING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
for the Transformation of the World!

✝ FAITH | 🌿 HOPE | ❤ LOVE *All are welcome! COME GROW WITH US!*



WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

"THE MESSAGE OF JESUS"

AUGUST 12TH - SEPTEMBER 9TH

4:30 PM * FELLOWSHIP HALL

Led by: Sherry Rasmussen



BITE INTO HISTORY
THE LONGEST CUBAN SANDWICH EVER MADE

400 FEET

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH
JUSTIN WILSON PARK
PALM CITY * 11:00 AM
\$25.00 TO PARTICIPATE

SIGN UP TO BE A SANDWICH MAKER!
DEADLINE TO JOIN, AUGUST 12TH



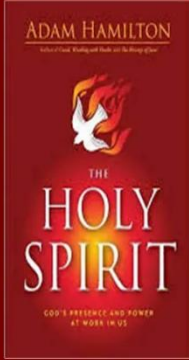
September 5th

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13, NIV

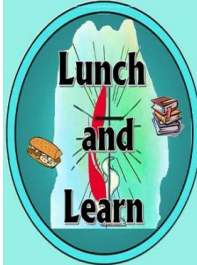


ADULT BIBLE STUDY

by Adam Hamilton

Fellowship Hall Library

Sundays * 9:30 AM



LUNCH & LEARN

"OUR METHODIST ROOTS"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

12:30 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

Music Ministry

September! Summer is over and time to start running...full speed until we get through Easter 2027! But it's all good as we are dedicated to utilizing our voices and instruments to praise God with music. And here is a glimpse at what we have planned so far.



- Our Trinity Choir will be back as of Sunday September 13th at the 11:00 a.m. service providing a new choral anthem every week.
- Trinity Ringers will return on Sunday September 27th at both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service. The bell ringers will provide the special music for these services once a month.
- Six of our choir members will be singing at Carnegie Hall on November 16th and we are so excited. Please keep the following singers in your prayers: Steve and Marilyn Hero, Donna Ross, Judy Sharman, Dr. MJ Montague, and Cynthia Beam.
- This year's Christmas Cantata will be *A Song Heard 'Round the World* by Joseph Martin and in the works for Sunday December 20th at 3:00 p.m. A journey of international carols and folk songs with an overall theme of unity and peace. We will be adding live instruments again this year.
- And here is something new and exciting. On Tuesday, December 22nd at 7:00 p.m., the Trinity Ringers will join the bell choir at Palm City Presbyterian Church, for a combined Christmas concert that will have three different bell choirs and three numbers done by the entire group. Trinity will have its own 10-to-15-minute set of beautiful bell music. Put this on your calendar and join us for a beautiful evening of not only bells, but a few other Christmas surprises.
- And of course, *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* is always packed with music to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Well, that will get us through 2026, and I'll save some 2027 news for another day. If you are interested in any of the music ventures here at Trinity, please feel free to reach out to me, or speak with Darajo regarding the Praise Team, or Dr. MJ Montague regarding the bells.

As always, I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and support of Trinity Music. Your kind words each Sunday, along with your continued prayers, keep me going each and every week.

Shalom,

Cynthia



Behind the Scenes with SPRC

Supporting Ministry and Mission

SPRC serves as a bridge between the congregation, the pastor, and other church staff. In the 2024 UMC *Book of Discipline*, the committee is broadly described as helping pastors and staff assess their gifts, maintain holistic health and work-life balance, and set priorities for leadership and service. In practical terms, SPRC functions much like a human resources committee for the church.

Fall is a busy season for SPRC. One important responsibility is updating job descriptions to accurately reflect current responsibilities, support meaningful review conversations, and guide thoughtful decisions about future staffing needs. This work helps us see how current roles align with the needs of the church and how the church is preparing for the future. In tandem with the volunteers who support the church in so many ways, SPRC helps the mission of the church move forward.

As SPRC continues this work, we are grateful for the congregation's trust, prayers, and support as we help the pastor, staff, and volunteers serve faithfully together.

Becky Binder

Priscilla Circle

Prisilla Circle does not meet during the summer months, so we are excited about starting our new year beginning September 14th. We will dive right in getting ready for our big fundraiser, the *Fall Craft and Bake Sale*, which will take place on Saturday, November 28th. We will also be discussing our other plans for the year.

Our meetings are scheduled for the second Monday of each month, September through May. It is a great way to serve the church, community, and participate in a time of fellowship with others. We would love for all of the ladies in our church to come join us on September 14th at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Robin Stacks

Hooks and Needles

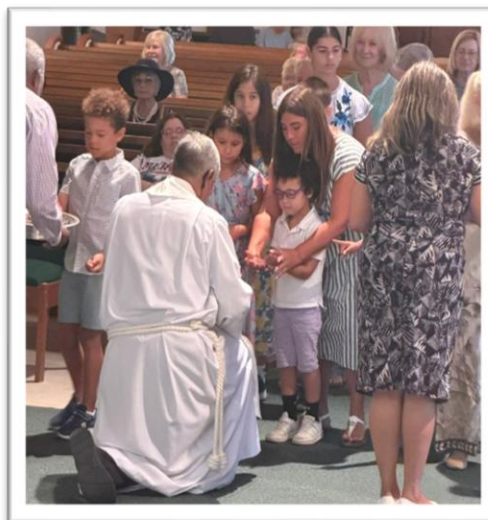
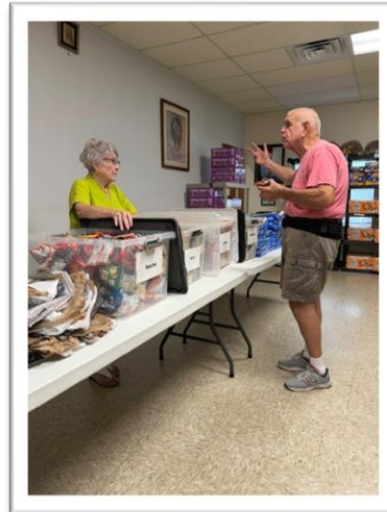
Hooks and Needles continued to meet during the summer months making beautiful lap blankets for people who are ill or hospitalized, and baptismal blankets for babies. The group was so excited on July 26th to present Mike and Tiffanie Fields with a crocheted white baby blanket, handmade by one of its members, as their precious baby daughter, Kyleigh, was baptized.

If you know of someone who is ill or hospitalized and would appreciate one of these lovely blankets, please let Rick Decker know, and the group will be happy to try and get one to them.

Hooks and Needles meets every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The group would love for you to join us if you are working on a project to share. Our September meetings are on the 2nd, 16th, and 30th.

Doris Gould

August Trinity Events



United Methodist Men

Don Stacks called our monthly meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. Fourteen members were present and well fed with a delicious breakfast prepared by Chef Archie.

Brent Rasmussen kicked off the meeting with a devotion and prayer centering around Adam Hamilton's book entitled "The Message of Jesus". By emulating Jesus and loving all our neighbors we can begin to approach peace "on earth as it is in heaven". An upcoming Trinity Bible study to be held on Wednesdays at 4:30 will cover this in depth, and all are invited.

Jim Williams then presented the Treasurer's report. We have a current balance of \$6,422. A small amount of funding will be needed to replace paper towels and place mats recently destroyed by an air conditioner leak in the fellowship hall. We will also be spending around \$1000 on a new grill on wheels for future picnics.

In the next item of business, the group decided to hold the price of this year's pancake breakfasts steady at \$7.00 per person. This decision reflected our understanding that we are more than covering costs and that our main objective in this enterprise lies more in fostering outreach and fellowship rather than in getting rich. We are also taking measures that will cut the costs of this popular event.

Rob Roadman also suggested that the experience might be enhanced by adding two new dimensions: providing a grace to be visible via print and screen and a musical ensemble throughout the breakfasts. The group was in favor of these enhancements, and Rob agreed to write the grace and explore who might provide the music.

Future picnics were next discussed. The group decided that two picnics per year would fit ideally with the church schedule. One inside in the summer and one around March so that our congregation could enjoy Trinity's outside facilities. We are currently awaiting more information about the Praise Team's November 8th event, and whether we will be needed to help with a picnic. At this point, Brent Rasmussen advised that our men's group needs to be better represented and involved up front in outside decisions that ultimately require our efforts and resources.

Rob Roadman then offered another devotional message and prayer. One of the best ways for us to summon the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives is to work on purging ourselves of pride, arrogance, hate and anger. To the extent that we "do no harm and do good" the Holy Spirit will radiate from us.

At 9:25 the meeting ended with a closing prayer offered by Jim Williams.

Terry Tychan





SEPTEMBER

Sundays

- Celebration Service (9:00 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:00 a.m.)
- Sunday School (9:00 a.m.)
 - Ages 1–3, Room next to Nursery
 - Ages 4–12, Room 204
- 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*
- Sam Rhodes 100th Birthday (6th, 12:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall)
- Lunch & Learn: *The Roots of Our Faith* (13th, 12:30 p.m.)
- *New Members Class* (20th, 10:15 a.m.)
- *Governance Meetings* (20th, Trustees 12:30 p.m., Church Council, 2:00 p.m.)

Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (14th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- TCCS rehearsals (4:00 p.m.)

Tuesdays

- Tai Chi (10:00 a.m.)
- Lunch Bunch (1st, 13th, 11:30 a.m.)
- Outreach Committee (8th, 6:30 p.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (15th, 22nd, 29th, 5:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays

- Treasure Coast Singers Practice (10:00 a.m.)
- Hooks & Needles (2nd, 16th, 30th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Blessings in a Bag (12:30 p.m.)
- Absolute Beginner (AB) Line Dancing (9th, 1:00 p.m., 16th, 12:00 p.m., 30th, 12:00 p.m.)
- *The Message of Jesus* (2nd, 9th, 16th, 4:30 p.m.)
- Stewardship Subcommittee (9th, 4:00 p.m.)
- Family Promise (9th, 6:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Line Dancers (12:00 p.m.)
- Praise Team Practice (6 p.m.)
- Choir Practice (10th, 17th, 24th, 7:00 p.m.)

Friday

- Tai Chi for Beginners (1:00 p.m.)
- Quilters Guild (9th, 9:00 a.m.)
- Game Night (11th, 7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- Men's Meeting (5th, 8:00 a.m.)

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