



Trinity United Methodist Church Of Jensen Beach Newsletter

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

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Sing Christmas Musical Drama

Trinity Music Director Joyce Grubb and I are working together to bring you another beautiful Christmas musical called *Sing Christmas*. Written by Mary McDonald and Joel Raney, two of the most popular sacred music arrangers in the country, *Sing Christmas* features original music combined with many favorite carols to create a Christmas event that is sure to become the highlight of the season.

This wonderful musical presentation will be



performed by our Trinity Choir along with a two-person narration that will knit together the four suites into a thrilling and complete re-telling of the Christmas story.

You will also be blessed to see the story of our Lord’s birth unfold before

your very eyes as the Trinity Drama Team joins the Trinity Choir to make the music come to life! “Sing Joy” will focus on Mary and Joseph as they take shelter in the stable where our Lord is born. “Sing Noel” will spotlight the Angels as they proclaim the miraculous birth of Christ to the hardworking shepherds. And “Sing Emmanuel” will focus on the Magi as they travel to Bethlehem to worship the long-awaited Messiah at the manger.

Sing Christmas is a heart-warming performance that your fellow Trinity parishioners are working diligently to create just for you! So, you won’t want to miss it. It’s filled with beautiful music, pure joy, and love for our Lord. We pray it will touch your heart and renew your soul this lovely Christmas season. Come experience *Sing Christmas* on Thursday and Friday, December 7–8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. You will be blessed!

God is good!!

*Terry Henderson,
Trinity Drama Director*



ADVENT READING CALENDAR



DAY 14: ZECHARIAH 11:12 DAY 15: LUKE 1:76-79 DAY 16: LUKE 1:5-13 DAY 17: LUKE 1:1-56

DAY 1: GENESIS 15:3-6 DAY 2: GENESIS 49:10 DAY 3: GENESIS 21:12 DAY 4: ISAIAH 11:1

DAY 5: JEREMIAH 23:5 DAY 6: LUKE 3:32-34 DAY 7: ISAIAH 7:14 DAY 8: ISAIAH 9:1 DAY 9: ISAIAH 9:6

DAY 10: MICAH 5:2 DAY 11: HOSEA 11:1 DAY 12: ZECHARIAH 9:9 DAY 13: ISAIAH 53:3-5

DAY 18: LUKE 2:1-18 DAY 19: MATTHEW 2:1-18 DAY 20: MATTHEW 1:18-25 DAY 21: JOHN 3:16-17 DAY 22: JOHN 10:9-10 DAY 23: JOHN 11:25 DAY 24: MATTHEW 28:2-7 DAY 25: ISAIAH 55:12

NOTE: Children can simply color each day.



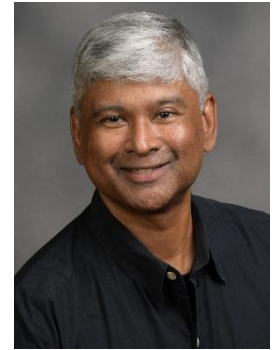
Christmas Schedule

- December 3: 1st Sunday in Advent
Celebration Service @ 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Service @ 11:00 a.m.
- December 7 : Christmas Musical Drama (*Sing Christmas*) @ 7:00 p.m.
- December 8: Christmas Musical Drama (*Sing Christmas*) @ 7:00 p.m.
- December 9: *Splendor of the Season* Concert @ 3:00 p.m.
- December 10: 2nd Sunday in Advent
Celebration Service @ 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Service @ 11:00 a.m.
- December 16: Christmas Potluck & White Elephant
Gift Exchange 6:00–8:00 p.m.
- December 17: 3rd Sunday in Advent
Celebration Service @ 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Service @ 11:00 a.m.
Payne Chapel AME Church Choir (Kravis Center, West
Palm Beach @ 5:00 p.m.)
- December 21: **Blue Sunday Service** (@ 7:00 p.m.)
- December 24: 4th Sunday in Advent
Celebration Service @ 9:15 a.m.
Traditional Service @ 11:00 a.m.
Candlelight Christmas Service @ 6:30 p.m.

Pastor's Corner

Slivers of Light

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. Isaiah 9:2



This Christmas, as my family and I dine together, the chair where Kathy, my mother-in-law, used to sit will likely be unoccupied.

As a family, we haven't had much time to process her passing—daily activities give us precious few moments to pause. But I imagine that during the Holidays, we will most acutely sense her absence. This will mark my first Christmas in the last twenty years without her.

Indeed, this might feel like a dark time for our family. But it's in these moments that the light of Christ shines the brightest. Kathy was one of the most loving, generous, fun-loving, and friendly people I've ever met. And she passed all those great qualities to her daughters. God's love informed her life. Even as we miss her this Christmas, I'll encourage my family to remember her as a blessing and a light to our lives. Through Kathy Kuhns, on us, God's light has shined!

Please join us on Thursday, December 21st, at 7:00 p.m. as Trinity and First United Methodist of Stuart offer a "Longest Night" service. Even as our nights grow long, may God's light shine on us all.

Anil



CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

From the Media Department

Christmas Musical Drama Media Help

For the Media Department, December is an exciting and busy month. There are so many activities in the month that bring extra (but rewarding) work for us.

First, it's Advent with special readings and setup. Then, there are two nights of the Christmas Musical Drama, *Sing Christmas*. This ministry is a ton of work but so moving as Trinity's Choir and Drama Team share the Christmas story.

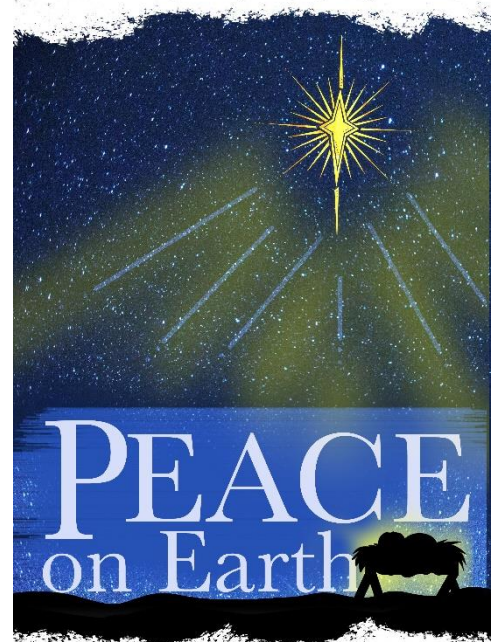


But when it comes to services in December, the highlight for us is the Christmas Eve service. Usually packed with people, including many first-time visitors, this service puts added pressure on us to "get things right." At the same time, hearing four hundred people singing "Silent Night" brings us great joy.

As we come to the close of another calendar year, those of us in Media want to express our best wishes for you and your family in the New Year. We also thank you for those times when you were

understanding of any mistakes we may have made during a service. And, if you were one of those who complimented us during the year and recognized our hard work back in the Booth, we thank you for that, as well.

John



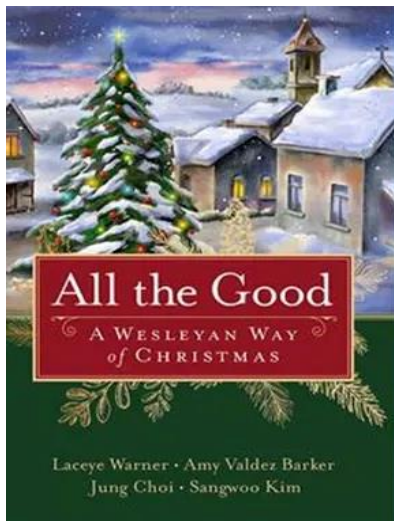
We Have Been Given So Much...What Are *You* Doing With What You Have Been Given?

Every year at Christmas we exchange gifts with our family and friends. I remember as a child the piles of gifts were very high, many exciting things from Grandma and Grandpa, Mom and Dad, Aunts, Uncles, and of course Santa Claus. I was so excited to open those gifts and play with what I had been given. It was all so very exciting but within days much of that excitement wore off and the pile of exciting things lay strewn throughout my bedroom. I didn't do much with them after the excitement wore off. Of course, there were one or two special ones that I cherished and played with more. As a Christian, each one of us is given a wonderful gift. The Bible tells us about the Spiritual Gifts we receive through the Holy Spirit. In my daily Bible reading, as I read *1 Corinthians 12:4-11*, some words and phrases really touched me. I was reading the 6th verse, and the end of the verse says, "*in everyone.*" Every Christian is given a special gift. "*To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*" (verse 7). There is no denying that each one of us as Christians has been given a gift. The gifts vary for each person, but we have been given a special gift to do something special, to use the gift! Too many times I have heard and continue to hear people saying, "I don't have a gift", or "*I don't know what my gift is.*" If that is the case, then ask God to show you.



What really stuck with me through reading this scripture is the word *everyone*. Everyone is given a gift. You have a gift, open it, and discover what God wants you to do with it and do it!

Rick



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
4:30-6:00 PM * FELLOWSHIP HALL
THROUGH DECEMBER 21ST

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From the Music Program

O Come, Let Us Adore Him!

The Angels Sang! The Shepherds Worshiped! The Magi Adored!

To quote Chris Tomlin, a well-known Christian composer, “I absolutely love everything about Christmas music!” And, why do we love Christmas music so much? It’s because it gives us an escape from crazy stress when our endorphins bring a pleasant brain effect. We remember good times, Christmas lights, church carols and all of those feelings of warm-fuzziness! It’s why we sing praises to God through *Joy To The World* and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, and it’s why we incorporate a Christmas Carol Sing-Along at our Christmas Eve service.

It all started with the singing! The angels sang! The shepherds worshiped! The Wise Men adored!

Adoration is a word that we love to use during the Christmas season, thanks largely to the classic carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* as we sing, “O come, let us adore Him.” So many of us during the Christmas season spend more time thinking about Christ and giving Him adoration than any other season. Think about it for a moment. More people go to church during Christmas than any other time of the year. We also tend to find ourselves singing and listening to songs about Jesus more during the Christmas season. As a result, Christmas is a time when we love to praise Him, honor Him, and adore Him much in the way *Philippians 2:9–11* describes. While it’s great that Christ earns so much of our attention and adoration during Christmas, it’s important to remember that we should pay that same amount of attention to Him twelve months a year instead of just one. Sure, it’s easier to get caught up in all the Christmas hype and spend more time thinking, singing, praying, and adoring Christ during December, but in order to have a true relationship with Christ we must adore and spend time with Him daily and not just during Christmas. This year as we move out of the Christmas season and back into the normalcy of life, let’s strive to find a way to capture that Christmas spirit that will enable us to adore Him and grow with Him every day of our lives.

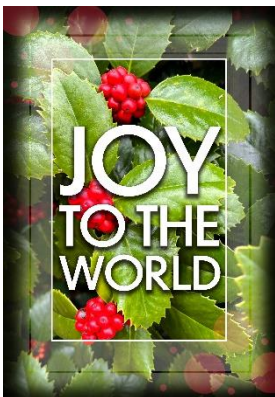
O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!

O come, ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Joyce



DEUTERONOMY

The Book of Deuteronomy contains a repeat of all the Mosaic laws, plus an account of the death of Moses. It is the only book to record Moses' death. The children who had left Egypt were adults when Deuteronomy was written. They were quite ready to battle for the Promised Land. Deuteronomy repeats the laws in other books, specifically directing it to this new generation.

1. **This man took over for Moses when he passed away.**

(Deuteronomy 31:1-7)

2. **This is the mountain that Moses climbed before he died there.**

(Deuteronomy 34:1)

3. **This verse speaks against this very hurtful and evil practice.**

(Deuteronomy 18:10)

4. **This verse declares this very unique way in which Moses knew God.**

(Deuteronomy 34:10)

5. **God told the people of Israel to show this trait while taking over the Promised Land from pagans.**

(Deuteronomy 31:6)

6. **This passage showed what people were capable of doing in spite of incredible blessings**

(Deuteronomy 6:10-12)

7. **A great and famous tradition started at the end of the Exodus, cancelling this huge burden that people often carry today.**

(Deuteronomy 15:1)

8. **God told the people that this cause for sadness will always be in the land, and therefore he encourages generosity.**

(Deuteronomy 15:11)

Choose from:

debt face to face forgetting God Joshua Nebo
poverty courage witchcraft

Christmas Craft & Bake Sale!

Fellowship Hall was all a buzz with holiday spirit and good fellowship during this year's annual *Christmas Craft and Bake Sale* on Saturday, November 25th. Hope you didn't miss it, but if you did there will be a greater chance next year as the Priscilla Circle sisters will again be sponsoring what we hope will be a bigger and better annual event. Our vendors have told us that they like to participate in our event because everyone is so friendly, and they truly enjoy returning each year. We even had a wait list for tables this year.



There was a total of 14 vendors, a delicious luncheon of sloppy joes, cold slaw, chips, and a drink available in the kitchen and a full 16 feet of delicious baked goods hand prepared by members and friends of TUMC. The Priscilla Circle had two tables with handmade items donated by members of its group, including the *Hooks and Needles* ladies.

A huge thank you to all who attended this year's Christmas craft and bake sale and to all those who entered our doors, greeted with a friendly "good morning or good afternoon" and large welcoming smile.

A special "Thank You!" goes to all Priscilla Circle, Hooks and Needles, and TUMC. As always, it was your participation that made this year's event such a success. All proceeds will go to support the missions of TUMC.

Sandy





DEUTERONOMY



ORDER IN THE BIBLE
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WRITTEN BY:
Moses



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
1450 BC to 1400 BC

OVERVIEW

The Book of Deuteronomy contains a repeat of all the Mosaic laws, plus the death of Moses. It is the only book in the first five books of the Bible—the Pentateuch—to record Moses' death. It contains what seem like redundant speeches on the subject of remaining with God and not forgetting about Him. However, as the history of the Jewish people progresses, we can see that not even the repetition of calls to morality could keep the people on the straight and narrow path.

Do not **ADD** to God's commands nor **SUBTRACT** from them (4:2)

People do not live by **BREAD** alone but by the **WORD** of God(8:3)

Every **SEVEN** years people were required to cancel their debts (15:1)

People were forbidden from engaging in **SORCERY** or **WITCHCRAFT** (18:10)

The children of Israel were given a land flowing with **MILK** and **HONEY** (26:9)

SECRET things belong to God, but **REVEALED** things belong to the people and their children (29:29)

MOSES saw the Lord face to face (34:10)

Moses offered a **BLESSING** or cursing and asked the people to choose life so that their children would live (30:19)



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

Y	Z	Y	Q	S	U	B	T	R	A	C	T
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Moses died in the land of **MOAB** (34:5)

No one knows where Moses was **BURIED** (34:6)

Fall Festival 2023

So How About That Fall Festival?

First, *huge* thanks to Rick and all the volunteers. This couldn't have happened without you.

It's been a long time since we all banded together in this way. It was so refreshing to see everyone pull together and make this happen! People from our community came, played, ate—DUNKED THE PASTOR—my bad, dunked the pastor.... Everyone who came left with a smile, a bag with our logo filled with prizes and candy and maybe a homemade cake! Most importantly, people took home memories and a feeling that Trinity is here for them if they choose to integrate the church into their lives.

I was so impressed with everyone who volunteered for this event as everyone set up and cleaned up and was extra friendly and helpful to all the guests. Not to mention the love that was shown as Pastor Anil so graciously sat in the dunk tank, awaiting the next ball (or hand) to hit. We successfully put Trinity on the map for families seeking a church home.

I feel everyone had a great time—visitors and hosts alike. Trinity hosts many up and coming events to include the Treasure Coast Community Singers Concerts, Christmas Musical Drama, A Blue Christmas Service, Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service, January Pancake Breakfast, and all throughout the year, opportunities for us as members of Trinity to bring our community to church and have them enjoy their experiences. Hopefully, their initial experience will bring them to the Sanctuary for worship. Is it not our goal to bring Faith, Hope, and Love to our community, and grow disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world? It all starts with welcoming events such as our First Annual Fall Festival!

What better way to find a way to volunteer at Trinity than sharing our church with others?

Thank You to all who had a hand in this event. I think it is fair to say, we are all looking forward to more events like this.



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Randi



Time for a Year's End Cleansing?

When I see the trash truck, I always wave and smile, and I always give them a big thank you, sometimes if it is really hot, I give them a cold bottle of water; sometimes I actually put the trash in the truck myself. These men are one of the most valuable things in our world. Can you imagine what our lives would be like without a way to dispose of that which is no longer useful or needed?

Long before we were born Jesus went to the cross and died. He forged all of our sins before we were born, and now it's up to you to repent and get rid of the trash by asking forgiveness by saying this with your mouth and believing with your heart.

Say aloud as you do this that this is no longer needed, wanted, or acceptable in my life and with God's help I turn it into trash, and it is eliminated permanently from my daily experience. Following Jesus Christ, I now walk on away from the experience because this is now eliminated permanently, from my life.

I believe that we should do mental housecleaning often. We clean our houses, we clean our businesses, we clean our environment and yet many never clean the inside of themselves. To live a spiritual life, we must clean the inside of our minds otherwise or, we must walk through the debris of a lifetime daily.

So, as you make your list and put it in the trash, sit on the front porch and watch the trash truck taking away your old thoughts and opinions; don't forget to smile and wave, as they take the old, useless, unnecessary away.

Remember, it is not enough to just write your list. You must take out the trash and allow it to be permanently removed. You must give it to God. With God's help the unwanted and outdated is eliminated from your daily life.

First make clean the inside of the cup and of the plate, so that the outside may become equally clean. Matthew 23:26

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Deuteronomy contains speeches and instructions that may seem redundant to all spoken throughout the Pentateuch. However, it serves as a record to show how God and Moses strived to emphasize the need for loyalty and sticking to the law. The future of these people bears out how easy it was for them to stray and to reveal that neither God nor Moses was over-speaking. Numbers ended with Israel in Moab, where the Jordan River flows into the Dead Sea. The entire Book of Deuteronomy takes place there. Moses gives his farewell address and encourages the army to stay God-centered after crossing the Jordan. The book is most known in Christian circles for its exclusive coverage of the death of Moses.



BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	SUBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 1-3	Israel's Final Wanderings in the Desert
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 4-8	God's Words of Many Warnings
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 9-10	Golden Calf Story Again, Told From Moses' POV
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 11-26	How to love God and keep His commandments
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 27-30	Blessings for Obedience; Curses for Breaking Law
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 31-34	The death of Moses

Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	RANK:
<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 6:4-5	Deuteronomy Rank: 1 Overall: 51

December Happenings

Sundays

- Celebration Service (9:15 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:15 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.m.)
- **Christmas Eve Service** (6:30 p.m.)
- Sunday School (9:15 a.m.)
 - *Communion Sunday: Children and parents worship together in the Sanctuary.*
 - *Other Sundays, children leave after the Praise Set.*
- 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

Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (2nd Mondays, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Treasure Coast Singers (5:00 p.m.)

Tuesdays

- Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)
- Christmas Drama Rehearsals (5th, last rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays

- Blessings in A Bag Packing (12:30 p.m.)
- Beginners Line Dancing (11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.)
- Hooks & Needles (6th and 20th at: 10:00 a.m.)
- Bible Study (4:30 p.m.)
- New Member Class (6:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Beginning Line Dancing (11:30 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Christmas Musical (7th, 7:00 p.m.)
- [Blue Christmas Service](#) (17th @ 7:00 p.m.)
- Women's Bible Study (10:30 a.m.)

Fridays

- Jensen Beach Art League (10th, 9:00 a.m.)
- Christmas Musical (8th, 7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- 1st Saturday: Men's Meeting (8:00 a.m.)
- Christmas Potluck (16th, 6:00 p.m.)

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