



Trinity United Methodist Church Of Jensen Beach Newsletter

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

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56th Easter Sunrise Service

Easter comes early in 2024. We will celebrate Holy Week activities beginning the week of March 25th with a week full of activities, services, music, and drama. The week ends with both traditional Sunrise Easter services with a special 6:45 a.m. Sunrise Service at Jensen Sea Turtle Beach Park on Hutchinson Island.

This year’s Sunrise Service will be our 58th Easter service to be held at Jensen Beach! A little history might interest you as most TUMC members were not part of the congregation on that Easter Sunday, April 10, 1966. Indeed, TUMC was just beginning as some members of First Methodist Church of Stuart began the work of establishing a ministry here in Jensen Beach.

According to TUMC founding member Sam Rhodes, “We wanted a church that would serve the growing community of Jensen Beach and Hutchinson Island...and part of our new mission would take advantage of our location near the local beach at Jensen Beach Park. Back in 1965, I went to the authorities and asked for permission to hold a Sunrise Easter Service at Sea Turtle Beach. They gave us their blessing and we have been holding Easter Sunrise Services ever since.”

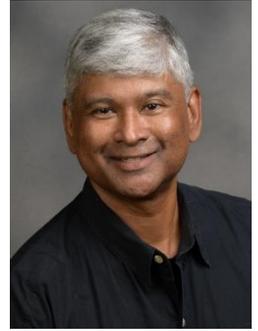
Conducting a Sunrise Easter Service is one of the missions of our Men’s Methodist, Music and Media Ministries. They arrive early, prepare the beach for attendees, direct traffic, and generally help make the service a wonderful experience for all in attendance. Our Sunrise Service is not limited to TUMC members, so get the word out, invite your friends, and we’ll see you early Sunday Morning, March 31st, at Sea Turtle Beach at the end of Jensen Beach Parkway.



Pastor's Corner

“Fair Winds and Following Seas.”

“Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.”—Psalm 146:5-6



Last month, I had the honor of taking part in an annual “Blessing of the Fleet” on the St. Lucie River. Organized by several local boating clubs, on this day, 110 boats passed by ours to say hello and to receive a prayer. Four area ministers,



including myself, took part in the blessing. One of the ministers was Doug Jewett, director of the Treasure Coast Community Singers. Trinity was well-represented on that boat! Folks on board one of the passing boats even shouted, “Trinity Jensen Beach!” YES!

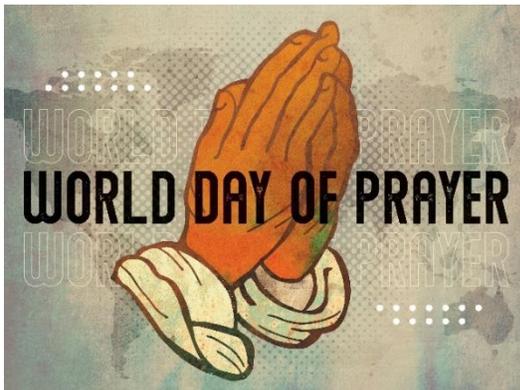
That day, God blessed us with perfect weather and placid waters. I was grateful to minister to our community in this fun and unique way. God willing, I’d be happy to do it again. This is but one of so many amazing ways we at Trinity can proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. Whenever we have a chance to share God’s Love in Christ with someone beyond our Church walls, let’s take it!



“May the seas lie smooth before you. May a gentle breeze forever fill your sails. May sunshine warm your face, and kindness warm your soul. And until we meet again, May God bless you and keep you safe.”
- An Irish Sailor’s Blessing

Photos by Bonnie Stoeppelman

Anil



From the Media Department

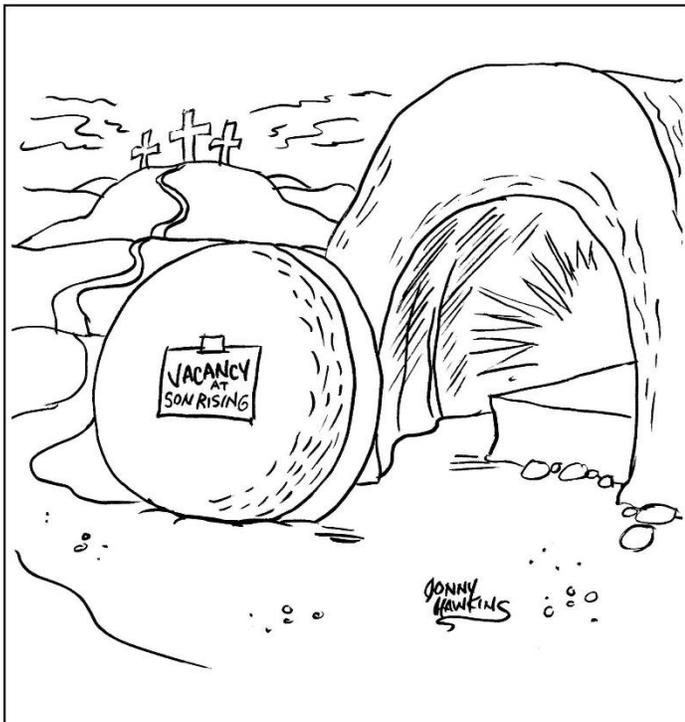
Easter Sunrise Service

Easter comes early this year and so does the work of our Media Department. As I explained in our [article of last April](#), the Sunrise Service entails lots of work for us. First, we meet the sound company on the beach at 3:30 a.m. Then our Music Director, Joyce Grubb, will run a sound check with the Praise Team, usually around 5:30 a.m. After the service, we clean up and head back to church for the 9:15 a.m sound check.

Last year, we heard many compliments for the quality of our sound which went out to more than 1,000 people on the beach. Much of that success is because our sound company, AVC of the Treasure Coast, had purchased some new equipment including new speakers. We are expecting the same results this year. We love the idea that good sound can help spread our message to the many people who join us on Easter morning for the Sunrise Service.

We are always looking for volunteers to help us set up Easter morning. If you don't have anything else to do at 3:30 in the morning, feel free to come join us at Turtle Beach!

John



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Ruth is one story and should be approached as such. It's a great tale about putting faith first when honor is at stake, but so is one's entire future. Ruth was from Moab, a seedy place that had taunted Israel since the Exodus. Ruth chose staying with her mother-in-law and relocating to Bethlehem over a pagan lifestyle in her home country after both became widows. God's reward was the gift of incredible joy, as Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David.



BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	SUBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 1	Naomi's and Ruth's Predicament
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 2	Boaz is Kind to Ruth
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 3	Ruth Meets Boaz on the Threshing Floor
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 4	Boaz and Ruth Marry, Produce David's Grandfather

Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	RANK
<input type="checkbox"/> Ruth 1:16	Ruth Rank: 1, Overall: 1,165

It's Volunteer Appreciation Month at Trinity!

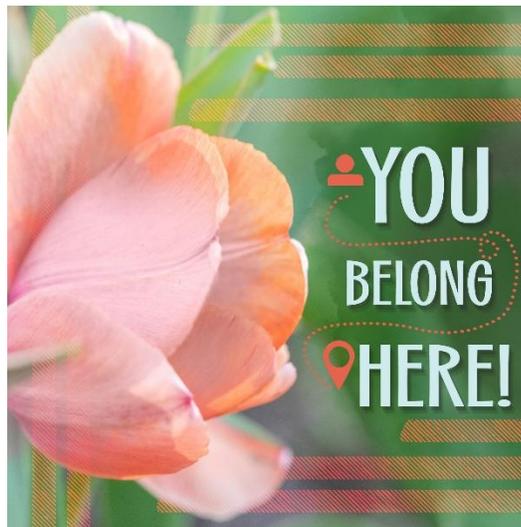
Volunteering in any church can be an under-appreciated task but ever so needed! Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as ourselves and serving others is a perfect way to express that love. Putting faith into action and being willing to step up and fill a needed gap is what our volunteers at Trinity do on a regular basis. As you know we have a lot of activities and events at Trinity and those are possible because of our volunteers.

Whether you are singing in the choir or praise team, ringing handbells, serving on the board, the council, or a committee, ushering, welcoming parishioners, praying, visiting, serving in the fellowship hour, serving communion, teaching, counting, acting, doing Blessings in a Bag, providing office help, serving in the media booth, doing yardwork, or any special project, it is all possible because of our volunteers. Giving of your time and talents to help others is truly the Christian way. Whatever you are doing or plan to do, **You are appreciated!** Last year we asked our volunteers to fill out a survey and from that survey we recorded over 140 volunteers that put in hours and hours of volunteer service. That is truly a blessing to our church and our community!



YOU ARE A BLESSING AND LET ME SAY IT AGAIN.... YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Rick



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2024 Easter Drama

God So Loved

The Trinity Drama Team will be performing the amazing story of our Lord's journey from His Baptism in the Jordan River and healing ministry at the Temple to His Last Supper with the disciples and eventual crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension. Composed and written by Pepper Choplin, *God So Loved* will bring our beloved scripture to life to touch and warm our hearts with His profound and miraculous LOVE.



While rehearsing our annual Easter performance, I am in awe of how many times we experience God's presence. I have often called them *God Winks* and if I were to keep a journal as Reverend Anil encourages, I know my journal would be filled with them. Reverend Anil's sermon on Sunday, February 18th, spoke about John Wesley's discipline of reading the Bible each morning, walking, and reflecting on how God impacts our lives and then writing those revelations, (*God Winks*) in a journal each evening. I am here to testify that during our journey through the process of putting on our Easter drama, God is orchestrating our humble endeavor and will continue to help us shine a light and illuminate His beautiful story of redemption to all who see it on March 21st and 22nd.

I am grateful that Trinity has given me the opportunity to direct the Drama for 20+ years. And throughout that time, I have come to recognize a pattern that is unmistakable! Our Drama Team changes and evolves each year. We start out slowly with sometimes only a few people at the first rehearsal. The next week there may be 5 or 6 more. We persevere, listen intently to the music, and block the play according to how the music leads us. Eventually, as we progress, many more wonderful volunteers join us to make up a full cast of characters. At the beginning of our commitment to produce a new play, I am sometimes asked, "How can we do this with so few people," and I always respond, "Have faith! The people will come; they always do. God is so good!"

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This year our wonderful Trinity member, Mark Yochum, who has played the role of Jesus in our Easter plays for 12 years, is unable to perform due to a medical procedure. We can all agree that Mark has always done a superb job! So, when I discovered this news, I quickly realized that we had a big challenge to overcome. It would be extremely difficult to fill Mark's sandals. But I prayed, listened to God and asked Him to help us find the right man and He answered my prayers. Rob Roadman's name was revealed to me and when I asked him to consider the opportunity, he hesitated for only a moment and then replied, "Yes, the Holy Spirit just spoke to me and told me to say, YES!" Praise God! Now, that was what I call a wondrous *God Wink!*



The Trinity Drama Team is now rehearsing this beautiful *God So Loved* Musical/Drama and we are so grateful to the many faithful Trinity members who have volunteered their time and talent. I would like to acknowledge some of our Trinity members who have served with joy and love for decades, including Al Robinson who has performed in our plays for over 30 years. He reprises his role again this year as Peter. Barbara Roof has been unwavering in her consistent help as an actor and Stage Manager and Nancy Rasmussen has not only acted in our plays for years but helped with the challenging and creative job of costuming. We mourn the loss of her beloved husband, Ed, who played a shepherd and a King in our Christmas plays and a soldier in last year's Easter drama. Thank you, Ed, for your great spirit of love, dedication, and service to our Lord. We miss you!

God reveals His love and grace to us every day. When we dedicate our hearts and minds to reaching out and spreading His message of Hope, Love, and Joy, we will encounter His presence and manifestations wherever we go. God is always with us! I thank Him for taking us on this journey of discovery and service to fulfill our Methodist mission, "[T]o make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

It is our hope that more of those in our Trinity congregation will join us in the next few weeks and experience the awesome joy of performing in *God So Loved*. We meet in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, at 6:45 p.m. each week and the performances are on March 21st and 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Let's work together as a team to change hearts and reveal God's abiding LOVE to all who long for wisdom and understanding. We will, "Live by Faith, Be known by Love, Be a Voice of Hope."

Terry Henderson



From the Music Program

Prep Time

“Come close to God, and God will come close to you.” James 4:8 (NLT)

It’s officially the Lenten Season—a time to grow closer to the Lord. A time of repentance, reflection, and realization. A time of preparation for commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus at Easter. A time to walk the path that Jesus walked and imagine what it was like for Him to love us so much that he laid down His life for us. What amazing love!

Traditionally, there are 40 days set aside as the season of Lent. Matthew 4 teaches that Jesus was tested in the wilderness and fasted for 40 days and nights. Perhaps that’s why there are 40 days of Lent.

This can be a uniquely beautiful time of meditation and worship, whether you’re in the midst of a crowd, or you are alone at home. Here are some ways we can draw closer to God this season:

- Find a quiet place. Make it your sanctuary.
- Sing songs of praise to God. It’s just you and Him!
- Pray.
- Read scripture. Memorize some.
- Take a prayer walk and talk to the Lord surrounded by the beauty of nature.
- Speak a word of encouragement and blessing to people you see. Let them know that God loves them, and so do you.
- Write a love letter to the Lord and read it to Him.
- Listen to the silence and hear God’s voice.
- Fast.
- Pray together in a group by phone or in person.
- Read the same devotional as others and discuss it together.
- Pray the Psalms.

Yes, sing a hymn at home this month. As a musician, this is my favorite suggestion! It’s just you and God! Sing praises to Him every day as we move toward Easter. He will be listening, and you will be blessed! These next few days and weeks can draw us closer to God. Enjoy His presence, and remember:

HE IS RISEN!



RUTH

The Book of Ruth is only four chapters long and is a story. Ruth was from Moab, but after her husband died and her mother-in-law's husband died, she agreed to return with her widowed mother-in-law to Israel. This was a remarkable leap of faith for a young girl, who would have had many chances to remarry among her own people.

1. After the deaths of all their husbands, Naomi told her widowed daughters to go home. Ruth refused. The one who left was named this. *(Ruth 1:14)*
2. Naomi took Ruth back to this famous town in Israel, where they would live. *(Ruth 1:19)*
3. Once there, Naomi told people to call her by this new name, which means "bitter." *(Ruth 1:20)*
4. Boaz saw that Ruth had left her homeland and people out of loyalty to her mother-in-law. He prayed that God would do this. *(Ruth 2:11-12)*
5. To catch Boaz as a husband, Ruth took Naomi's advice to do this very strange thing on the threshing floor. *(Ruth 3:3-4)*
6. Boaz was impressed and complimented Ruth about this feature. *(Ruth 3:10)*
7. When Boaz married Ruth, Naomi became this, even though her friends were calling her a mother. *(Ruth 4:17)*
8. Ruth and Boaz became the great-grandparents of this famous Bible hero. *(Ruth 4:17)*

Choose from:

Bethlehem grandmother King David lie on the floor
Mara not chasing younger men Orpah repay her

St. Patrick's Day

Was there really a St. Patrick? Definitely. And did he really drive the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland.

St. Patrick was born in Britain as Maewyn Succat. At age 16 (around 400 AD), he was kidnapped from his home on the west coast and carried off to Ireland to become a slave who worked as a shepherd. After six years, he escaped; upon returning home he received his call (in a dream) to preach the gospel. He spent the next fifteen or so years in a monastery, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patriciu's, and eventually, Patrick. Although some Christians lived in Ireland at the time, it was Patrick who spread Christianity throughout the land and brought an organized church into existence.



Where does the shamrock come in? We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity. The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being (God). The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the Saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

Some St. Patrick's Day facts. Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now the color that is favored. St. Patrick's day, March 17th, is the traditional day for planting peas. Cabbage seeds are often planted also on the same day too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your nightclothes!

Wishing you a great St. Patrick's Day!

Don Frye

Change

The world we live in is in constant change and so are we. However, God is not. At times everything around us seems to be changing. Our children are growing up, we are growing older, loved ones pass on, and sometimes, we don't know who to turn to, but we can be comforted in the knowledge that our heavenly Father is the rock that cannot be shaken.

Are you at peace with the direction of your life? If you're a Christian, you should be. Perhaps you seek a new direction or a sense of renewed purpose, but those feelings should

never rob you of the genuine peace that can and should be yours through a personal relationship with Jesus. The demands of everyday living should never obscure the fact that Christ died so that you might have life abundant and eternal.

Have you found the lasting peace that can be yours through Jesus? Or are you still rushing after the illusion of "peace and happiness" that our world promises but cannot deliver? The world's "peace" is fleeting, Christ's peace is forever. Peace with God is where all peace begins.

Don Frye



TUMC Community Happenings

February 10th Pancake Breakfast & Flea Market



Priscilla Circle

Hello Everyone. Let me tell you about some special women of Trinity United Methodist Church. We are called “Priscilla Circle,” taking our name from the first century missionary couple, Aquila and Priscilla, who the Apostle Paul called “fellow workers in Christ Jesus” (Romans 16:3).

We meet the second Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please come and join us. We send cards, pray for and support each other, collect food on the first Sunday of each month for House of Hope food pantry which feeds our community, and collect “noisy change” on the third Sunday for the “Heifer International” project whose mission is to end hunger and poverty by providing livestock and training to communities worldwide. We help decorate our sanctuary at Christmas, collect recycled card fronts for St. Jude Ranch for children, help serve at the Men’s pancake breakfasts, and assist in other activities.

We also knit and crochet (Hooks and Needles) every other Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. We make and pray over completed prayer shawls which are given out by our visitation team. We have also given out white handmade Baptismal blankets to baptized children, made baby hats for newborns at hospitals, and helped around the church as needed.

Come join us for fun and fellowship.

SAVE THE DATE

We will have a tea and fashion show on Saturday, May 18th, 2024, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. So, save the date, get your table of friends together and join us. Watch for us to be selling tickets during Fellowship Hour soon.

Nancy Rasmussen

Hooks & Needles

Come join us for fun and fellowship at Hooks & Needles! Our Hooks and Needles group meets every other Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Come join us! We work on our own projects, but we also Knit (needles) and Crochet (hooks) for our Trinity United Methodist

Hello everyone,

My name is Rossilyn (Roz) Miller, the newest member of Priscilla Circle.

February was Love month, Priscilla Circle gave out “Hug Me Bags”, the Heifer Project, the money that we donate will be matched.

Several people within the church toured House of Hope Farm off Citrus in Palm City. What a great place, they showed us how they grow the fresh produce, how it is packaged, and hoping that they will begin helping other farmers to package their produce. The Farm was very well organized.

Easter is March 31st, be ready to hear from Levi for Sunrise service.

Priscilla Circle Tea and Fashion show is April 27th, 1:00-3:00. We will be selling tickets soon, \$20 each.

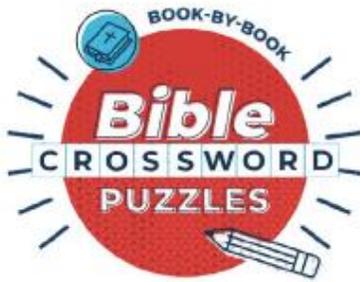
This is my first ever newsletter, and I hope you’ve enjoyed reading it.

I want to also say from my personal persecutive, I am very grateful for Trinity, the members, and how all have opened their hearts. May the Lord bless each of you.

With regards,
Rossilyn (Roz) Miller

Church. We have made prayer shawls and quilts that have been prayed over and given out to people who are ill or shut in. We have made baby blankets, hats, and sweaters that have been give to hospitals. Some of our group have made Christening Blankets, which were given to baptized children here at Trinity. Come join us, enjoy company and fellowship, and create something memorable.

Nancy Rasmussen



RUTH



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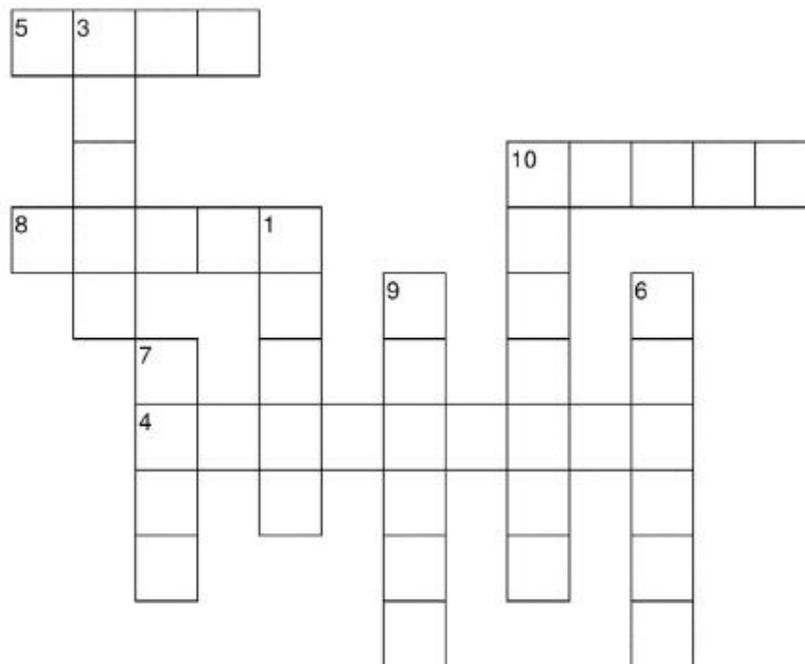
WRITTEN BY:
Prophet Samuel,
most likely



TIME PERIOD COVERED:
1150 BC to 1100 BC

OVERVIEW

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Across

4. Town where Naomi took Ruth in Israel (1:19)
5. Name of the man Ruth ended up marrying (4:13)
8. Ruth's son became the grandfather of this famous Bible hero (4:17)
10. Name of Ruth's widowed mother-in-law (2:2)



Down

1. May the Lord deal with me severely if even _____ separates us (1:17)
3. Name of Ruth's sister-in-law (1:4)
6. When Ruth's son was born, the women ask God for him to be made _____ (4:14)
7. Name of Ruth's son (4:17)
9. Name of the father of Boaz (4:21)
10. Name of Boaz' grandfather (4:20)

Bridging the Generational Gap

In February, we were gifted with a performance by Jensen Beach High School's "Jubilate" Choir.

It was a wonderous sight to see our dedicated church members filling the Sanctuary for this concert. As we were all being bathed in acoustical frequencies, it was obvious that the generational gap was being bridged by occasions such as this. These days, so many events point to the degradation of society. At TUMC, the members of our congregation were able to see, feel, and hear that the hope for the future is still present. It seems, despite all our prayers, and our quest to "Love One Another," horrific scenes are being played out across the globe. Seeing our children rising to the challenge of leading God-Centered lives, is refreshing. As a result of that, restoring hope to people who are now enjoying the fruit of their life labors is what I witnessed at this blessed event.



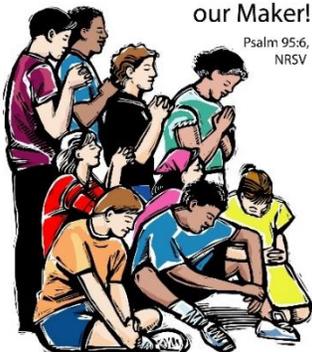
Here at Trinity, we have a Church-School Partnership that provides local students with weekend meals, we host events like Jubilate Choir, and supporting students in their endeavors. I believe we raised upward of \$700.00 towards their Washington DC group trip. We offer a Fall Family Fun Festival, where our congregants can share joy and love with the children and families who come out for this event, our Holiday Musical Dramas are entertaining and educational. We support children and families as we serve the Easter Sunrise Service. We support foster families and serve with Family Promise to lend a hand in difficult times. The more Trinity can support our children and families the more we share the love of Christ with those who

will grow into leaders. The more Love of Christ our children experience the more likely they will grow into loving, caring people. Maybe, they will grow to be disciples of Christ who will transform the world. Yes, Trinity CAN be a part of that!

Randi

O come, let us worship and
bow down, let us kneel
before the LORD,
our Maker!

Psalm 95:6,
NRSV



TUMC Visits House of Hope Farm

Amazing is the first word that came to mind after a recent tour of House of Hope's farm. Through hydroponic farming (growing plants using water and certain nutrients) House of Hope is able to maximize a limited amount of hot house space to grow enough fresh produce to feed over 21,000 people a month. Eight thousand are supported directly and another 13,000 through other agencies within the county. Not only do they grow the food, they harvest, wash, and package it in their own packing house. All through volunteers.



And then, there is the rest of the story. House of Hope also helps people develop ways to improve their lives. They run four food pantries around Martin County, distributing over 1.3 million pounds of food last year alone. Their Clothes Closet provided over 131,000 items last year to adults and children. And through financial donations they were able to assist 191 families with direct financial aid.

As you can see, House of Hope does far more than you might have imagined. In addition to feeding thousands, they are helping people make new lives for themselves. And they are always looking for volunteers to help accomplish their goals. To volunteer, call 772-286-4673 ext. 1013

Brent Rassmussen



March Happenings

Sundays

- *Easter Sunrise Service* (31st, 6:45 a.m., Jensen Beach Park)
- Celebration Service (9:15 a.m.)
- Fellowship Hour (10:15 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (11:00 a.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 (11th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)

Tuesdays

- Lunch Bunch (11:30 a.m.)
- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)

- Drama Rehearsal (6th–27th, 6:45 p.m.)
- New Member Class (TBD)

Wednesdays

- Blessings in A Bag Packing (12:30 p.m.)
- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Hooks & Needles (13th and 27th, 10:00 a.m.)
- Bible Study (4:30 p.m.)

Thursdays

- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Women's Bible Study (10:30 a.m.)
- Choir Rehearsals (6:30 p.m.)

Fridays

- Family Movie Night (15th, 7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- 1st Saturday: Men's Meeting (8:00 a.m.)

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