



# Trinity United Methodist Church Of Jensen Beach Newsletter

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

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## There is a Season. . .

**B**et you were thinking that this is going to be about Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Eve. Well, if you were, you were wrong. We know from Ecclesiastes (3:1) that there is season for all things.

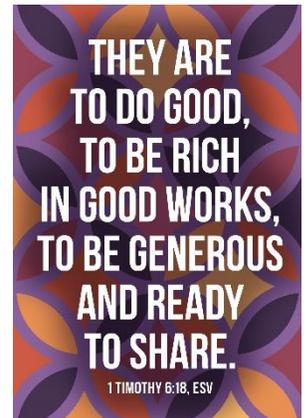
Different denominations have different seasons. We, as United Methodists, follow three basic seasons—*Christmas* (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany), *Easter* (Lent, Easter, Pentecost), and *Ordinary Time*. For those of you who have attended other denominations, there is a fourth season—Stewardship.

Stewardship is a time when congregational members pledge how much time, talent, and financial support they will give, usually about four Sundays of special requests from church leaders to make a “pledge” for the forthcoming year.

Although many United Methodist churches conduct stewardship campaigns, Trinity United Methodist Church does not. Part of this may be due to our split congregations (Season, Regular, Praise, and Traditional) and differing obligations members have. Part may be due to our leadership’s focus on the spiritual and community rather than on the financial (assuming of course that we are being held to a sound financial plan). Still, as Pastor Anil notes (see page 2), it costs to operate a church.

Given the state of today’s economy, what offering share should congregational members make financially? Traditionally, this amount would be to “tithe” or make a pledge of 10% of income (note—it may be individual, family, or other sources). To be honest, tithing is not an easy sell. Believe me, as a Stewardship Chair at other churches I’ve tried. Financial stewardship is very personal and is dependent on income—fixed or not. However, if we rethink this as something as simple as giving something up, something we normally do daily, then we might rethink the process.

What does a cup of coffee cost and how many cups of Starbucks do we purchase on any given day? What about taking that amount and adding it to your weekly, monthly, or yearly financial donation to Trinity? For instance, if you contribute \$5.00 a week now, an offering equal to one cup of Starbucks coffee a week (\$2.15) would be equivalent to a weekly offering of \$7.15—a 20%+ increase. If each of us did this, think what Trinity could do for the community, for the physical plant, for special events and music, Christian education, and so forth. Increasing your giving by the cost of a cup of coffee a week probably wouldn’t even be missed. Think about it—what would you be giving up, adding say 10% more to your weekly giving?



# Pastor's Corner

## Giving With Love

*Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.—2 Corinthians 9:7-8*

The first time I sat in church as an adult, I loved every minute: The architecture, the purple choir robes, the classical music, especially the sermon.

Then the offering plates came around.

And I asked myself, “Is this what it’s all about? I just heard all this talk about “Free Grace” and here they are asking for money.”

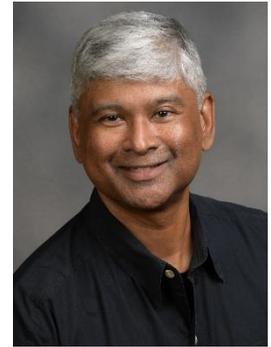
It took a while for me to put it together that the marble pillars, the stained-glass windows, the organ and choir robes, the mission trips—and yes, the air conditioning—all came from individuals giving collectively. Without our gifts, where would we be?

God breathes life into us. God meets our every need. God has graciously given us everything we have and has surrounded us with loving people. How shall we respond to the generations of generosity, care, and divine love that precede us?

The Apostle Paul might suggest that we “pay it forward.” Let’s give out of whatever abundance we have so that the Good News of Jesus Christ will continue to radiate within Trinity UMC and out into the world!

Give as an act of worship. Give as an act of faith. Give as an expression of love. Amen.

(You can give electronically by going to our webpage, <https://trinity-jb.com/donate>, and donate by credit card or debit card!)



Anil



# From the Media Department

## Christmas Musical Drama Media Help

**B**elieve it or not, our Christmas Musical Drama is next month! While we know that many reading this article are already involved (Choir, Drama, Ushers, Makeup, Costumes, Narrator), we're searching for some help. Our musicals are always challenging for the Media Department. There's sound, lighting, and camera work. Each of these is demanding during a musical and we almost never have enough help in the Booth.

If you aren't already involved and think you might like to help us with the technical end of the Christmas Musical, I encourage you to come see me before, between or after services on Sunday morning but not during the service, please! Or, if you like, you can email me at

[johngrubb@trinityjb.org](mailto:johngrubb@trinityjb.org) and we can discuss ways you might become a technical junkie like the rest of us! 😄

I will say, that while the Media portion of our musicals can be stressful, it's also very rewarding. When we're able to support the music and drama which is presenting God's message, it is a real blessing. When we can do so without any technical issues and without interrupting the flow of the Holy Spirit, that's even better.

Think it over. See if God might put it on your heart to give us a hand in the Booth. Then, contact me and we'll talk!

*John*



# Tis the Season...

Here it is again! The season I am referring to is our busy season! It starts around the beginning of October and ends after Easter. We welcome our winter families back and we start our various activities that fill our weekends and even some of our weekdays. We have Bible Studies, we have pancake breakfasts, picnics, Musical Dramas, special services, concerts, dinners, and this year we are adding the Fall Festival to our list of events. That is just a partial list. It's a busy time, but the most important thing to remember during this busy time is the reason we do it.



We are called to be disciples; our Christian duty is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and our events help us do that. Everyone can participate in our activities and help spread the love of Jesus to our community. It is wonderful to share with each other, but we also want to share our joy and Jesus with the community.

What can you do? It's simple, pray about it and volunteer where and when you can. We can share Christ through our volunteering. This is the time of year we can get stressed out with the hustle and bustle of our busy season, much like the holiday season, but through prayerful choices and a willingness to be used for the glory of God, that stress can become joy.

Share what we are doing at Trinity with your family, friends, and neighbors. What better way to share the message of Christ than through our outreach to the community? Certainly, invite them to church, but invite them to the activities as well. We want our families, friends, and our community to know Jesus and the joy found in Him. Let's make our busy season a fun and fruitful season for Jesus!

*Rick*



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**Choir Accompanist:** Carol Paul

**Facilities:** Doug Evans

# From the Music Program

## Giving Thanks For Music!

*“Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world”.—Martin Luther*

Can you even imagine a day without music? Next month, it will be Christmas. Just a mention of the name of this holiday starts music playing in your head! And almost everyone has a favorite or special song from long ago. Are there any married folks who aren't moved when they hear “their” song? Just consider what a church service would be like without music! Music is truly woven into our daily lives, and I'm so happy that's true!

Music has the power to speak to our souls. It can transport us to a different place without having to buy a plane ticket. Hearing music can trigger memories of our childhood, places we've been. It brings happiness, helps soothe and comfort, aids in communicating our deepest thoughts, reduces anxiety, produces pleasure and relaxation, and can inspire us.

God created all things, including music! It is a gift from Him to us. Job (38:7) tells us that, when He laid the foundation of the earth, “...the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy”. And in Revelation (5:13) we see that at the end of time, “...every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, (will be) singing ‘To the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’” God gave us music from the beginning of time through the completion!

When we sing or play in an ensemble, we are all of one mind. We are completely unified speaking the same language at the same time. We are One. When, at church, we are united in our worship of God Almighty, it's a little taste of what Heaven will be like when we'll sing with the angels and everyone else who is there glorifying our God together! How overwhelmingly wonderful is that!

Thank You, Lord, for the gift of music. May we never take it for granted. We are so grateful to You for this great treasure we have been given!



Joyce

### HOLIDAY MUSICAL DRAMAS 2023-2024

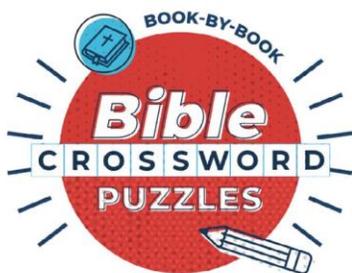
SAVE THE DATES...

CHRISTMAS : THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup>

EASTER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>

YOU WONT WANT TO MISS THESE!

SAVE THE DATE! TRINITY'S FIRST ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:00 PM STAY TUNED FOR THE CALL FOR HELPERS! SAVE THE DATE!



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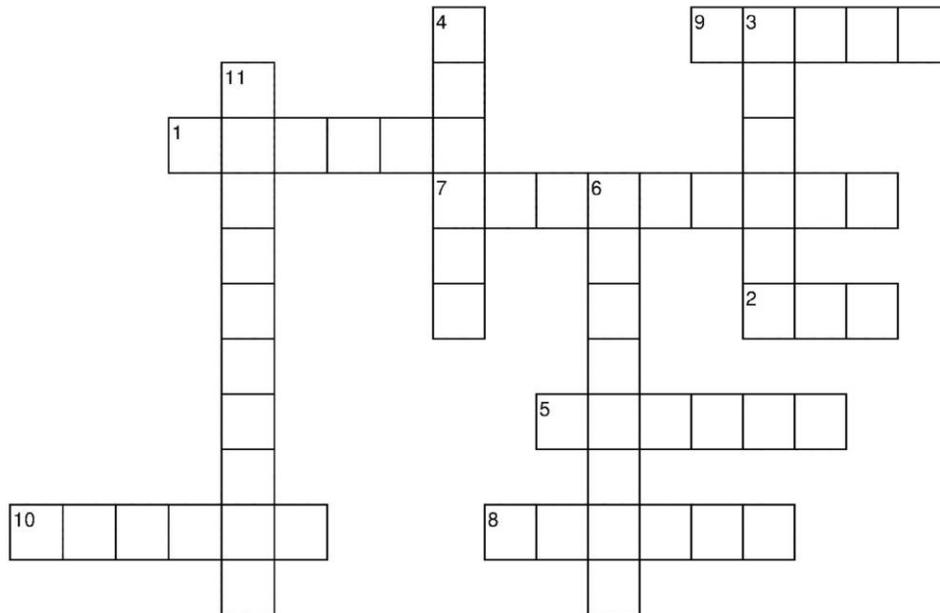
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Moses



**TIME PERIOD COVERED:**  
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## OVERVIEW

The famous "40 years" of desert wandering is established in Numbers for the Hebrew people. Israel could have been a nation after two or three years, but Numbers shows them being terrible fighters with little to no faith, so God sends them to wander and build maturity and strength.



### Across

1. A way of numbering clans and families (1:2)
2. God is not human that He should do this (23:19)
5. This animal spoke prophetically to his master (22:28)
7. Moses talked God out of destroying the corrupt people by saying that this nation would find out (14:13)
8. A man in the military usually had to be of this age (1:24)
9. Moses sent word to this king of the Amorites to let the people pass through, though the king refused (21:23)
10. This sister of Moses spoke ill of his wife and ended up with leprosy (12:10)



### Down

3. This prophecy about Christ says that a scepter will rise out of \_\_\_\_\_ (24:17)
4. Numbers 1:10 lists the descendants of this famous Bible hero from Genesis
6. Unclean people, even those in mourning, should celebrate this holiday (9:10)
11. The daughters of this man became among the first women in history to own land (27:1)

# A Big Thank You From Priscilla Circle!

Priscilla Circle meets the second Monday of each month. All women are invited to join us.

However, we know that many of our helpers cannot be available at that time. Therefore, our meetings usually range from 12 to 22 members. Our busy season is coming up and we know that *all of you* reading this help us in our ministry of helping others. Here's how:



- **Bake sales**—So many of you bring us lovely goodies to sell. Then you come to the events and purchase items for sale!
- **House of Hope**—On the first Monday of each month, you fill up the Shopping cart with non-perishable items & we deliver them.
- **Noisy change**—You help fill up the buckets for the Heifer Project.
- **Special events**—You come out, enjoy the outing & usually purchase items that are for sale at our events.

These special event monies are used to help at Trinity. For instance: Priscilla Circle purchased the 'gold' *nametags* for photos of our service members, *the wagon* used for Blessings in a Bag, *cards & postage* for cards to members who are sick, bereaved, and congratulatory cards. As well as many other items over the years.

So, please come out to our meetings if and when you can. There is nothing to "join" and no dues to pay. *Remember we do appreciate your support. Again—Thanks,*

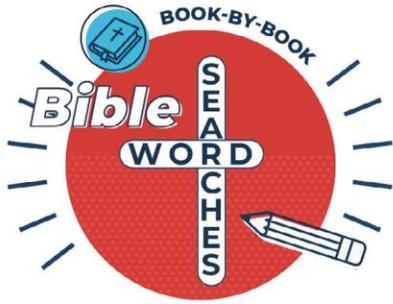
*Sandy*

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## Welcome With a Schmeear

Trinity UMC recently hosted the Jensen Beach Chamber of Commerce as members gathered for their monthly Networking Breakfast Meeting. Business leaders from around Jensen Beach learned a little about Trinity's ministries to our local community while enjoying coffee and bagels. During the meeting, one member mentioned that her parents were married at Trinity 35 years ago! What a wonderful reunion! We were blessed to welcome Chamber members and hope to host them again in the future. Let's continue to be the friendliest Church in town!





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

A **CENSUS** way of numbering clans and families (1:2)

A man in the military usually had to be **TWENTY** years of age (1:24)

The **LEVITES** were not included in the census, they were appointed to care for the **TABERNACLE** (1:50)

Unclean people, even those in mourning, should celebrate **PASSOVER** (9:10)

Moses' sister **MIRIAM** spoke ill of his wife and ended up with **LEPROSY** (12:10)

The Israelites complained that it would have been better to die in the **WILDERNESS** or return to captivity in Egypt (14:13)

Moses sent word to **SIHON**, the king of the **AMORITES** to let the people pass through, though the king refused and was defeated (21:23)

A **DONKEY** spoke prophetically to his master **BALAAM** (22:28)

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The daughters of **ZELOPHEHAD** became among the first women in history to own land (27:1)

# Where is God When You're Dying?

So much conflicting information. The soul never sleeps, you sleep until the resurrection, best be at peace with Christ or you'll go to hell, there is no hell.....

As a Methodist—Wesley knew the secret to dying well was living well. Keeping our end in view reminds us that life is a precious gift from God and should not be squandered on “penultimate pursuits”.

It is said you will be reunited with loved ones after the resurrection, yet you will dwell with the Lord forever...

What is the theological understanding of eternal life? It means “forever.” It means when life ends here, it continues somewhere else. It is a quality of life that begins on earth and continues in heaven.

Methodists believe that those who believe in God and love God will spend eternal life with Him. Mortal life is understood as a gift from God, and when a Methodist dies, he or she is taking a step closer to eternal life with God.

Whatever happens immediately after death, we live with hope in life eternal and in the assurance that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 8:38-39).

What is dying well according to John Wesley? To live well, Wesley would say, would be that we live the life of God, that we are living Holy and pure lives. And if we live well, we'll die well. In fact, that's one of Wesley's key phrases that they died as they lived, meaning that they died Holy deaths just as they died Holy lives.

What happens to the soul after death in the Bible? Ecclesiastes (12:7) tells us what happens when a person dies. It says, “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.” In other words, when a person dies, his or her spirit goes back to God, the body returns to dust, and the soul of that person no longer exists. The soul no longer exists? A soul is the combination

of body and spirit. When the two no longer exist together, there is no soul and there is no consciousness of anything (Google Research). Your soul speaks of your inner life in relation to your own experience; your mind, heart, will, and imagination. It also includes your thoughts, desires, passions, and dreams. But your spirit speaks of the same inner life in relation to God; your faith, hope, love, character, and perseverance. God gets the spirit, and the soul ceases.

It's all getting more complicated to me—as if your soul no longer exists, can you recognize your loved ones passed before you? So many questions. Many differing answers, depending on your source of information.

What is the Methodist prayer for the end of life? In the name of God the Father who created you; in the name of Christ who redeemed you; in the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you. May you rest in peace, and dwell forever with the Lord.

Is God with you when you're dying? The Bible certainly does indicate that when we die, we enter immediately into God's presence if we belong to Christ. From our earthly point of view, death looks somewhat like sleep—but not from God's point of view.

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How long does it take to get to heaven after dying? It is said we enter heaven immediately upon our death, or our souls sleep until the second coming of Christ and the accompanying resurrection. (To me, this is closer to “rest in peace” than having your loved one “watching over” each of their loved ones....) But wait—what about the statement that your soul ceases to exist? So much to investigate.

Most have chosen to believe what the Bible appears to overwhelmingly propose: our spirit penetrates heaven immediately after we take our final breath. This fits with the First Law of Thermodynamics which states “Energy is neither created nor destroyed but can be transferred from one form to another”.

So, in our personal faith, God is always with us. We are continuously striving to follow Jesus’ teachings—Love One Another. When going through life, truly seeking to treat others as you would like to be treated, while all the time being faithful to Christ and his teachings, studying the Word—what more can you do?

Is God There? He is *always* there. It is up to us to nurture our desire to seek and find God in life. In that way, He will be there for your death. Perhaps when thinking of death—rather than an end, consider it a beginning. Kind of like a promotion. A promotion from an earthly life to a heavenly life with the Lord.

My takeaway? You cannot begin to intellectualize God’s function in all things. It is all about *faith*.

Randi

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## Flu Season is Here!

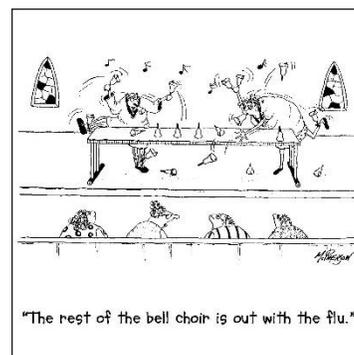
We don’t know how serious the strain might be, and many people are several years from their last infection and maybe even their last vaccine. People 65 and older should look for one of the three vaccines recommended for them: fluzone high-dose quadrivalent, fluvad quadrivalent, and flublok quadrivalent. (if you can’t find them, get the regular flu shot.) Who should get a shot? Unless you have certain rare allergies, a flu shot is recommended for all adults *every* year.



How effective are those shots? Data show that the vaccines recommended for people ages 65 and up are more potent than the regular flu shot. In these older populations, they work about 20 percent better than the standard vaccine. *Timing is the key*, if you haven’t already had the shot, get one as soon as you can. According to the centers for disease control and prevention, it can take about two weeks to reach full effectiveness.

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# NUMBERS | 04 OT



Numbers is an oft-misunderstood book among Christians, and therefore is often overlooked. Following Leviticus, with a name that implies more rules, it actually contains quite a few great stories, which are packed in records. Numbers begins where Exodus ends, with the journeys of Israel through the wilderness. The reading can be quite engaging if the reader keeps in mind that the Hebrews were extremely accurate record keepers, both of numbers and of events. It is proof that they can be trusted to present an Old Testament that is reliable.



## BREAKDOWNS

● = Classic Bible Stories

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	SUBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 1-4	Rules for Locating Tribes in Camp
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 5-8	Rules for Cleansing, Offerings, and Celebration
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 9:1-14	Passover Rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 9:15-23	Description of the Cloud Israel Followed
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<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 14	God Angers Over Lack of Trust
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<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 16	Three Foolish Young Men
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 17	Aaron's Staff Sprouts
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 18	Duties of Priests and Levites
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 19	Water for Cleansing
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 20:1-13	Moses' Sin in Hitting the Rock Twice
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 20:14-29	Death of Aaron
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 21:1-8	Moses Makes the Bronze Snake
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 21:10-35	Moab, Sihon, and Og
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 22	Balaam's Donkey Speaks
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 23	Three Messages of Balaam
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 24	Four More of Balaam's Messages
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 25	Men Sin with the Moabites
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 26	Moses Takes a Second Census
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 27:1-11	Zelophehad's Five Daughters Own Property
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 27:12-23	Joshua Will Succeed Moses
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 28-30	More Rules
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 31	Moses Carries Out Revenge on the Midianites
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 32	The Reubenites and Gadites
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 33	Israel's Journey Laid Out
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 34	Borders of Canaan Established for Israel
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 35:1-5	Towns for the Levites
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 35:6-33	Cities of Refuge
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### Most Popular Verses

✓ BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSES	RANK
<input type="checkbox"/> Numbers 1:2	Numbers Rank: 1 Overall: 801

# November Happenings

## Sundays

- 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)
- 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

## Mondays

- Priscilla Circle (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (6:45 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 (8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at: 10:00 a.m.)
- Bible Study (4:30 p.m.)
- New Member Class (6:30 p.m.)

## Thursdays

- Line Dancing (1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m.)
- Women's Bible Study (10:30 a.m.)

## Fridays

- Quilters Guild Sewing Class (17<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.)
- Jensen Beach Art League (10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.)

## Saturdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday: Men's Meeting (8:00 a.m.)
- Fall Festival (4<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m.)
- Pancake Breakfast (11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m.)
- TCCS Concert: *Magnificent Magnificats* (18<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m.)
- Annual Christmas Bazaar (25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.)

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