## TRINITY TIDINGS June 2019

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#### **Keep Unity**

## "May the Lord lead your hearts and God's love and Christ's patience." (2 Thessalonians 3:5)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ. As we move closer to July 1 and I begin my added duties at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Interlachen, I realize there have been some who have expressed feelings of uncertainty and anxiety over this change in my appointment status. Most of your distress seems to stim from concern about the health problems that I have experienced over the last several months. Let me just say that thanks to many prayers and several good doctors those problems are under control and I am feeling better today than I have in a long time.

Having said that, I understand your uncertainty; I've had those same feelings myself. However, I have always placed myself and my ministry in God's hands. Like the song says, "Wherever He leads, I'll go."

Sharon often shares meaningful devotions with me from Max Lucado. This is one such devotion from May 23<sup>rd</sup>. It's amazing how God always has the right thing to say at the right time. From the Gospel of John 12:35, "All people will know that you are my followers if you love each other".

Stop and think about this verse for a minute. Could it be that *unity* is the key to evangelism, shouldn't it have precedence in our prayers? Should we, as Paul said, "make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3)? If unity matters to God, then shouldn't unity matter to us? If unity is a priority in heaven, then shouldn't it be a priority on earth?

Nowhere, by the way, are we told to *build* unity. We are told simply to *keep* unity.

From God's perspective there is but "one flock and one shepherd" (John 10:16). Unity does not need to be created; it simply needs to be protected.

How do we do that?... Does that mean we compromise our convictions? No. Does that mean we abandon the truths we cherish? No. But it does mean we look long and hard at the attitudes we carry.

(Taken from "In the Grip of Grace" by Max Lucado)

As we move into the new appointment year, I'm sure there will be challenges along the way as there are every year. Just remember that this is not my church and it's not your church, it's God's Church and He's going to take care of it as long as we do our part to preserve unity within the family and most important, to make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. Remember that God loves you and so do I.

Your brother in Christ Pastor John

## United Methodist Men United Methodist Women No circles meet until September.

## Did You Know???

Share & Care will host a dinner at Carrabba's in St. Augustine, all are invited, meet at the church 5:30 p.m. on June 6.

The Chancel Choir will not meet in July 3-31, And we will not have Tuesday night bible study during the summer

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 5/26/2019)

Total Budget	\$233,674.00		
Estimated needed to date	\$94,368.35		
Received to date	\$66,084.22		
Percent of "needed to date"			
that has been collected	70.03%		
Percent of Year that is Complet	te 40.38%		
Percent of Yearly Contribution	s that		
have been received	28.28%		

#### **Designated** Contributions

Roof Education Wing-2018	\$1,140.00				
Salary-YthDir&Worship	\$2,083.30				
Cuba Covenant	\$500.00				
Children's Home	\$678.00				
Kids' Klub	\$1,707.00				
Missions-Local Outreach	\$500.00				
Memory of Jean Moore	\$250.00				
Memory of Henry Mullis	\$1,455.00				
Memory of Rodney Sheffield	\$175.00				



**CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers--** Carolyn Brown; The Pierce Family; The Walston Family; Teresa Bechanan; Leslie Lewis; Gail & Lee West; Joyce Strickland; Samantha Hayes; Chris Schmidt Virginia Alexander; Those in the nursing homes and our shut-ins; San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba; the persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School & teachers; Children at the Methodist Children's Home; our Nation's leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your Church.

#### KIDS' KLUB CORNER

Here at Kids' Klub we want to share God's love with you. We hope that if you are between the ages of 3 and sixth grade that you will come and share God's love with us. We will be meeting each Wednesday thru the end of June at Trinity UMC. We will be learning about the life of Jesus, having new adventures and sharing supper.

#### Summer Fun with Kids' Klub

Pentecost Celebration

June 12th	Swimming and Pizza at the Reed's
June 19th	Bowling in Palatka and Burger King
June 26th	Jonah and water day

Kids' Klub will NOT be meeting during the month of July. We will begin in August with our annual retreat.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!! The Kids' Klub Team





Two of the cakes which were auctioned at the church picnic.



Hanging our chain which was linked with reasons why Jesus is our friend.

## Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 05<sup>th</sup> Alice Ryals
- 06<sup>th</sup> Norma Dunn
- 07<sup>th</sup> Carol Vazquez
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bob Murff

- 11<sup>th</sup> Sherett Lí Peterson
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pearlíne Wilson
- 15<sup>th</sup> Tammy Corbett
- 15<sup>th</sup> Joyce Snyder
- 16<sup>th</sup> Shirley Davis
- 17<sup>th</sup> Línda Echols
- 17<sup>th</sup> John McKenzie jr
- 19<sup>th</sup> Rob Couk
- 24<sup>th</sup> Nícole Larsen
- 27<sup>th</sup> D.J. Weller
- 29<sup>th</sup> Robert Reid
- 30<sup>th</sup> Jo Frances Cone



JUNE 2019								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
2 <u>Sunday Schedule</u> 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m Worship Holy Communion	3	4 7:00 p.m. Flame Practice 7:00 p.mBible Study Brides Rm		6 Prayer Group-led by Pastor John-10:00 am <u>Pastors Office</u> Share & Care Dinner at Carrabba's in St. Augustine; Meet at church; 5:30 p.m.		1 8		
9	10	11 7:00 p.m. Flame Practice 7:00 p.mBible Study Brides Rm	12 Kids Klub 5-7:00 p.m. Pool Party at the Reed's - 7:15 Chancel Choir Practice-Choir Room	13 Prayer Group-led by Pastor John-10:00 am Pastors Office	14	15		
16 Father's Day Breakfast for Father's Day	17	18 7:00 p.m. Flame Practice 7:00 p.mBible Study Brides Rm	Kids Klub	20 Prayer Group-led by Pastor John-10:00 am Pastors Office	21	22		
23	24	25 7:00 p.m. Flame Practice 7:00 p.mBible Study Brides Rm	26 Kids Klub 5-7:00 p.m. Water Day - 7:15 Chancel Choir Practice-Choir Room	27 Prayer Group-led by Pastor John-10:00 am Pastors Office	28	29		
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UMC foodies from all over the Florida Conference swap and share recipes here. You'll find secret family recipes, holiday drinks, kiddie snacks and tons more. The list is always growing, so check back often to see what's cooking! https://www.flumc.org/recipes



How much do you know about the Bible? Visit us every Monday to find out. We'll have a new question waiting for you below the fold. If you can't wait a week for more, check out the <u>Bible Quiz Archive</u>.

## This week's question...

Why could Judah not drive out the inhabitants of the valley?

- Because their chariot drivers were better trained.
- Because their chariots were faster.
- Because they had chariots of iron.
- Because they had more chariots.

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