

TRINITY TIDINGS November 2018

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From the Pastor

Even though we don't observe Thanksgiving as a holy day or a religious holiday, it is a time when most Americans are thankful for the blessings they have received, and I believe expressions of gratitude are proper and appropriate.

However instead of expressing our gratitude just one day each year, I believe we should express our thanks every day. I mean, we receive blessings daily, don't we? And therefore we should be thankful daily.

In the model prayer of the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6:11, Jesus taught us to pray to God so that He might, "Give us this day our daily bread."

In 1st Timothy 4:3 we hear that God created foods which are "*to be received with thanksgiving.*" Verse four continues the thought by saying, "*For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving.*"

(Bacon makes everything better!)

Our thanksgiving should be offered up to God for the blessings we have because He is the source of all good things. *Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning*" (James 1:17).

Many of the people who will be thankful on Thanksgiving Day, will concede it to good fortune or good planning and they will fail to be thankful to God simply because "*all things*" we receive are from God, and we should thank Him for all things; All the physical blessings and privileges we enjoy.

You may remember a time when Jesus cleansed ten lepers, but only one of them thanked Him for it. Jesus asked, *Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?*" (Luke 17:17-18). Those who receive blessings from God, must be thankful to Him.

Christians ought to be even more expressive and fervent in their expressions of thanksgiving to God because not only are they blessed with those material blessings that sustain physical life, but they also receive all spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3) which sustain them spiritually and enable them to overcome sin and death in order to live eternally.

Those spiritual blessings are the most precious and if you are not receiving them, you should know that they are available to you, if you will submit to the gospel for the salvation of your soul.

You see, there is no better way to show gratitude to God for that which He has graciously given to us than by living in submission to His will, loving, acknowledging, and thanking Him as obedient children. Thanksgiving Day, and every day, let us give thanks to God.

May all good things be yours according to God's grace and mercy and may you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Pastor John

HOW CAN WE SAY THANKS THIS THANKSGIVING SUNDAY?

This Thanksgiving Sunday, November 18, we will lift our hearts hands and voices in gratitude to our God for His mercy and grace. As we seek to honor Him for what He has done for us, we recall the Emmanuel's words in Matthew 25, verse 40- "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Uhm, our Lord is telling us that being His hands and feet to those who are less fortunate than we are, is essential to our life with Him. This, we believe, is backed up to His words in the Old Testament, for example in Leviticus 23 verse 22- "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field when you reap, nor shall you gather any gleanings from your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the Lord your God."

So, instead of proving just one meal to members of our community who are in need this Thanksgiving, we want to multiply it.

We are there for asking you to bring a bag or two of non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Sunday, to be laid at the altar as we humbly ask our God to accept them from thankful hearts. We will ask our Pastor to bless them after which they will be distributed to the needy. If you know anyone who can benefit from this, please tell us.

Your local Missions Team

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP DINNER

The annual covered dish Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner will be held Sunday, November 18 at 6 pm. Join us as we give thanks to God for ALL that He has given us. Please bring a covered dish, meat will be provided by the Women's Groups.

Thanks!

ALICE

United Methodist Men

Breakfast Meeting

November 10, 2018 8:30 am Fellowship Hall

All men and their sons are invited to join us for breakfast.

Please come out and enjoy a morning of food and fellowship.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Share & Care Circle meet on Thursday, November 1, at 7 pm at the home of Jo Dunn- 2211 Palma Ceia Terrace, Palatka, FL. All ladies are invited.

Wesley Ann Circle, will meet on Thursday, November 19, at 9 a.m.

Did you know??

Finance Committee next meeting, Nov. 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Bride's Room.

Ad Council Nov. 15 at 7:15 pm

Girl Scout Troop # 2422 meet in the youth room on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15 7:30 pm

Altar Flowers-If you would like to furnish flowers for any Sunday in November, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Narthex.

NOVEMBER 23rd: It's the CHRISTMAS PARADE!!! Trinity is entering a float. We want to show others what is happening at Trinity. It is great fellowship and a lot of fun. Mark your calendar and plan on helping build the float and walk beside or ride on the float in the parade.

Christmas Tree going up on November 25th at 2:00 p.m. In need of lots of help!

Trot For Hope

Please join us as we participate in the 6th annual Trot for Hope to benefit our local Christian radio station, WHIF 91.3 FM. This fun 2 mile run/walk at 9 am on Thanksgiving morning takes place in downtown Palatka. It's a great way to support the station and burn off a few calories before the big feast. Trinity has a team and we would love for you to join us. For more information and to sign up go to <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Palatka/TrotForHOPE#>. Our team name is **Trinity UMC**. We **HOPE to see you there!**

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 10/31/18)

Total Budget	\$241,737.00
Estimated needed to date	\$199,897.12
Received to date	\$137,613.98
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	70.48%
Percent of Year that is Complete	80.77%
Percent of Yearly Contributions that have been received	56.93%

DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS

Kids' Klub	\$2,196.00
Uprising Student Ministry	\$657.04
Scholarship Fund	\$160.00
UMCOR	\$401.00
Salary-YthDir&WorshipLdr	\$2,499.96
Children's Home	\$1,495.00
Annual Conference Offering	\$275.00
Sound System - 2018	\$2,500.00
Cuba Covenant	\$1,515.00
Choir Fund	\$100.00
World Wide Communion	\$5.00
Roof Education Wing - 2018	\$100.00

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers

Pierce Family
Joyce Strickland
Starr Douglas
Carolyn Brown

Walston Family
Virginia Alexander
Pam Peterson
Wyatt West

Leslie Lewis
Teresa Bechanan
Cahan Family

Those in the nursing homes (Jean Moore) and our shut-ins; San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba; the Persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School teachers; Westover Mobile Home Park Ministry; Children at the Methodist Children's Home; our Nation's leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your Church

Pumpkin Patch Update

The Pumpkin Patch closed on October 31, 2018 after a good year of talking to school children who come with their school class, talking to people who come for pictures and all others who stop by to purchase a pumpkin and get pictures or relate stories about how long they have been coming to the patch. The Wednesday night story time and Saturday Fall Festival were well received and fun for all involved.

We sold \$6,529.00 worth of pumpkins. We get to keep 25% of the sales and we also had \$292.00 of donations from the people who come to the patch for the activities described in the paragraph above. In total Trinity UMC made \$1,924.25 to pay for our City of Palatka Fire Assessment Fee. This more than covers one year of the fee so we are already working on next year.

A special thanks to all who worked the patch. You were a blessing and God smiled on us as we did our form of ministry. Below are a couple of pictures from the patch.



KIDS' KLUB CORNER

As we approach the month of Thanksgiving, November, we would like to give thanks for all who helped to make the Pumpkin Patch and the Fall Festival such a success. We are very, very grateful to all who worked the patch. Your time and effort were a blessing. We would also like to thank those that worked, donated candy, and prayed for the Fall Festival. You blessed us as well as the people who came. Thank you so much you are a blessing to us and to God.

Kids' Klub happenings in the month of November.

November 14th Thanksgiving dinner with Kids' Klub and their family.

November 21st NO KIDS' KLUB/enjoy your Thanksgiving. God has blessed us with so many blessing, among them are your children.

November 23rd Christmas parade!!! Kids' Klub will be helping with the church float.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend

November 28th Christmas Advent Workshop. All are invited to help prepare you and your house for the Christmas season.

We thank you for all the support that you have given us through your prayers, your time and your monetary donations. God has truly blessed us. If you are between the age of three years and sixth grade 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 Kid's Klub Team



Singing about marching
and serving in the
Lord's Army



Coloring pictures for the Kairos
Outside weekend. Serving
others with actions.

Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 1st --Carolyn Hayes
- 4th --Gary Peterson
- 4th --Susan Phillips
- 8th --Neva Holley
- 10th --Johnathon Stout
- 10th --Beryl Peterson
- 11th --Richard Piestrak
- 12th --Carolyn Armstrong
- 12th --Cathy Sheffield
- 13th --Lola Herron
- 13th --Ashley Priester
- 16th --Tiffany Manning
- 17th --Kay Clapp
- 19th --Kameron Curtis
- 20th --Henry Mullis
- 21st --Deborah Hancock
- 21st --Jenna Nettles
- 22nd --Michael Charles
- 22nd --Michael Kennard
- 23rd --Reid Harriett
- 25th --Monica Ringbauer
- 26th --Joseph Ringbauer



NOVEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Sunday Schedule</u> 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. –Worship				1 7pm-Share & Care circle	2	3
4 Holy Communion Daylight Saving Time ends	5	6 6:15 pm- Girl Scouts 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	7 5 p.m.-Kids' Klub Chancel Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.	8 10 am-Prayer Group	9	10 UMM breakfast 8:30 a.m.
11	12 9 am-Wesley Ann Circle	13 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	14 10 am-Ladies Bible St. 5 p.m.- Kids' Klub Thanksgiving Dinner Chancel Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.	15 6:30 Finance meet 7:15 Ad Council 10 am-Prayer Group	16	17
18 6 p.m.-UMW Thanksgiving Dinner	19	20 6:15 pm- Girl Scouts 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	21 No Kids Klub	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 Christmas Parade	24
25 2 p.m. Setup Christmas Tree	26	27 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	28 Chancel Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.	29 10 am-Prayer Group	30	

Recipes



30 Minute Shepherd's Pie

Recipe submitted by CJ Walter

It's easy comfort food.

30-minute Shepherd's Pie

Cook Time: 25 minutes

Level: Easy

Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients:

2 pounds potatoes, such as russet, peeled and cubed
2 tablespoons sour cream or softened cream cheese
1 large egg yolk
1/2 cup cream, for a lighter version substitute vegetable or chicken broth
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, 1 turn of the pan
1 3/4 pounds ground beef or ground lamb
1 carrot, peeled and chopped
1 onion, chopped
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 cup beef stock or broth
2 teaspoons Worcestershire, eyeball it
1/2 cup frozen peas, a couple of handfuls
1 teaspoon sweet paprika
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley leaves

Directions:

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender, about 12 minutes. Drain potatoes and pour them into a bowl. Combine sour cream, egg yolk and cream. Add the cream mixture into potatoes and mash until potatoes are almost smooth.

While potatoes boil, preheat a large skillet over medium high heat. Add oil to hot pan with beef or lamb. Season meat with salt and pepper. Brown and crumble meat for 3 or 4 minutes. If you are using lamb and the pan is fatty, spoon away some of the drippings. Add chopped carrot and onion to the meat. Cook veggies with meat 5 minutes, stirring frequently. In a second small skillet over medium heat cook butter and flour together 2 minutes. Whisk in broth and Worcestershire sauce. Thicken gravy 1 minute. Add gravy to meat and vegetables. Stir in peas.

Preheat broiler to high. Fill a small rectangular casserole with meat and vegetable mixture. Spoon potatoes over meat evenly. Top potatoes with paprika and broil 6 to 8 inches from the heat until potatoes are evenly browned. Top casserole dish with chopped parsley and serve.