

TRINITY TIDINGS
December 2018

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From the Pastor

Dear friends and family in Christ,

As I compose this letter, I'm thinking of the wonderful Thanksgiving we celebrated with our family and friends. The delicious meal, turkey and dressing...real mashed potatoes and gravy... fresh string beans and lots of other delectable treats. Of course, by the time you read this, the leftover turkey will be a well picked pile of bones and the rest, fond memories. Pumpkins and scarecrows will have been replaced with candy canes and Santa's.

We've entered the season of Advent; another time of anticipation, because it's the time leading up to Christmas. It's a time that brings joy to many people. It is a time in which we reach out to others, enjoy our family, exchange gifts with those we love, and remember the birth of Jesus.

It's important that our faith takes center stage during this holiday season. Jesus was well known for serving those who were on the perimeter of society and we are called to do likewise. We should be very careful not to become so wrapped up in our own celebrations and life that we ignore opportunities to bring joy to others. We should be reminded to keep our eyes and ears open for opportunities to extend God's love to those who are less fortunate.

The season of Advent also invites us to be ready and waiting, not only for our celebration of Jesus birth but his triumphant return. This season invites us to share God's love with everyone we meet regardless of their individual beliefs because it is through our acts of grace that others see Christ in us.

The season of Advent which culminates in the coming of the Christ Child is a time that reminds us how much God loves you and me. My prayer is that we all might find some way to share that special love with those who walk in our tiny piece of the world.

Sharon and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Your Brother in Christ

Pastor John



O, Little Town of Bethlehem

On a quiet night in Bethlehem, heaven's light broke through the darkness with the birth of Christ. 2000 plus years later we reflect how this single event in a humble stable would change the rest of history. Join us during the worship service on December 16th as we take a journey back in time with this incredible story. The narration unfolds the wonder of the events that took place in Bethlehem. New and familiar songs of Christmas are combined to move our hearts to song and celebration of the greatest gift we know and make this a truly special message.

A reception honoring the choir will take place immediately after the service.

Downtown Christmas Parade 2018

Again, this year Trinity UMC had a float in the annual Downtown Palatka Christmas Parade. The theme was to celebrate Christmas. Matt & Megan Simpson came up with the idea of creating a giant birthday cake for the truck and some cupcakes for the trailer. While we were walking down the parade route, we got many positive comments about the "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake. The overall setting up and construction was good and all who participated said they enjoyed the activity. Below are some pictures of the float and the parade.



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United Methodist Women

Share & Care Circle, will meet at Corky Bells for dinner on Tues. Dec. 4th @ 6:00p.m. Don't forget to bring a \$20.00 or under, jewelry gift.

Wesley Ann Circle, dinner will be on Dec. 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

United Method Men

Saturday evening, December 8th at 6:00 p.m. everyone is invited to the sanctuary to enjoy lovely Christmas piano music performed by James Speicher!

Followed by the Christmas Dinner in the fellowship hall and ending with perhaps a fun game or two.

Please invite your friends, neighbors... let's make this a big event, tickets are \$10.00 each. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Did You Know???

***One Achord presents:** The Heart of Christmas, Sunday Dec. 9th , & Monday December 10th, 7:00 p.m. at San Jose Church of Christ, 6233 San Jose Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32217.

Tickets & charities information: www.oneachord.info or call (904)737-2333 ext.4.

*No Trinity Flame practice for the rest of December.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 11/18/2018)

Total Budget	\$241,737.00	<u>Designated Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	\$213,844.27	Scholarship Fund	\$160.00
Received to date	\$150,434.09	Cuba Covenant	\$1,615.00
Percent of "needed to date"		Uprising Student Min.	\$657.04
that has been collected	70.35%	Children's Home	\$1,495.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	88.46%	Kids' Klub	\$2,216.00
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Salary-YthDir&Worship	\$2,916.62
have been received	62.23%	Sound System-2018	\$2,500.00
		Choir Fund	\$100.00
		World Wide Communion	\$5.00
		Annual Conf. Offering	\$275.00
		Roof Education Wing	\$170.00
		Pumpkin Patch	\$30.00
		UMCOR	\$401.00

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers

Carolyn Brown; The Pierce Family; Gary Simpson, The Walston Family; Pam Peterson; Teresa Bechanan; Leslie Lewis; Joyce Strickland; Virginia Alexander; 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; Children at the Methodist Children's Home; our Nation's leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your Church.

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

December Happenings at Kids' Klub:

November 28th Advent Workshop. All are invited! Please join us as we prepare for Christmas.

December 5th The Christmas Family

December 12th Christmas Joy/ There will be a very special visitor. All are welcome.

December 19th Blanket ride and caroling.

Kids' Klub will not meet again until January 16th.

May all of you have a very blessed and God filled Christmas Holiday 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. 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



Praise and Worship at Kids' Klub



Playing a team game at the family Thanksgiving dinner

Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 1st --Virginia Alexander
- 1st --Devon Pierce
- 6th --Matthew Cavuoti
- 6th --Jami Curtis
- 7th --Honor Farrell
- 7th --Gary Simpson
- 9th --Kenny Thompson
- 10th --Della Dehmler
- 13th --James Priester
- 13th --Lee West
- 15th --Don Kennard
- 16th --Faith Claunch
- 16th --Brandon Underwood
- 19th --Harmony Farrell
- 20th --Shirley Saunders
- 21st --John Azula
- 24th --Micke Schmidt
- 26th --Addysen Sheffield
- 26th --Jesse Stephens
- 28th --Kristi Dunn
- 30th --Elizabeth Topolski

Anniversaries:

- 21st --John & Virginia Alexander 18 yrs.
- 28th --David & Gail Cahan 44 yrs.
- 10th --Marlin & Teresa Bechanan 47 yrs.
- 10th --Herb & Karen Dutour 24 yrs.
- 14th --Troy & Cassie Nettles 5 yrs.
- 16th --John & Sharon Bennett 51 yrs.



DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Sunday Schedule</u> 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. –Worship</p>						1
2 1 st Sunday of Advent	3	4 Share & Care Circle Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Corky Bells	5 Kids Klub The Christmas Family	6	7	8 UMM presents at 6 p.m.- James Speicher & Christmas Dinner in the fellowship Hall,
9 2 nd Sunday of Advent	10	11	12 Kids Klub A very special visitor	13	14	15
16 3 rd Sunday of Advent	17 Wesley Ann Circle, will have dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.	18	19 Kids Klub Blanket ride & Caroling	20	21	22
23 4 th Sunday of Advent	24 Christmas Eve The Christmas Candle is lit	25 Christmas Day	26 <u>No Kids Klub until January 16th</u>	27	28	29

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New Years Eve

