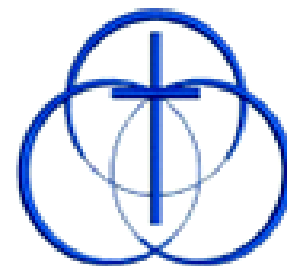


TRINITY TIDINGS JANUARY 2024



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Whose Son Are You?

Dr. Fred Craddock, a beloved teacher and gifted preacher, has often told a heart-tugging story about a man he met in a restaurant down South. When the man heard that Dr. Craddock was a minister, the fellow began telling the minister about his unfortunate childhood. The man had been an illegitimate child who had felt shunned by his peers and looked down upon by many people in the small town where he lived. He was a rejected and lonely boy.

One day, he heard of a new minister in town, and he decided to go to the church where the man would be preaching. As he listened, he was captivated by what he heard. The preacher's sermon was so moving that the boy sat in contemplation for a little while, even after the benediction. When he started to leave, his shyness compelled him to attempt by-passing the preacher without shaking hands.

But suddenly, as he came near to the tall man, he felt a strong hand on his shoulder. Compelled to look up, he saw the preacher's smiling face. Then he heard the pastor say, "What's your name, boy? Whose son are you? Before the lad could answer, the pastor continued, "I know who you are. I know who your family is. There is a distinct family resemblance. Why you're the son of God!" Then the loving preacher put his long arm about the boy, pointed him to the door and said affirmatively, "Now, go claim your inheritance!"

When the man finished telling the story, he said to Dr. Craddock, "You know, mister, those words changed my life." Then he got up and left. Dr. Craddock was so fascinated by the experience, he asked the waitress who the man was. She answered, "That was Ben Hooper, two-term governor of Tennessee." Who can measure the power of a few well-chosen words spoken in love?

Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

The Methodist Men of Trinity will be having a breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be provided, and all men are invited to attend. We will discuss plans for future meetings and share ideas on upcoming speakers for our next meeting.

Gary Simpson

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Kid's Klub

On Wednesdays 5-7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.
Kids ages 3 thru 8th grade.

Ladies Bible study with Sandra Black

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in her home. (386) 937-6475

Choir & Flame Practice

*Wednesday's at 7:15 pm.—Chancel Choir Practice in choir room.

*Tuesday's at 6:00 pm.—Flame Practice



Prayer of Concern: Addie Joy; Alayna; Ashton; Austin; Autumn; Barbara; Belinda; Beverly; Byron; Connie; Carolyn; Carol; Casey; Chris; Cheryl; Clint; Cody; Derrick; Dougie; Dustin Zuleger; Donna; Ed & Charlene; Elaine Ludwig; Family of Tameka Proctor; Heather, Cody, & baby Tory; Grace; Helen; Jack; Jayne; Jennifer; Jerry & Laura; Jim; Micke; Johnny Brooks; Joy; Ken & Linda; Kim; Kayla; Kevin; Linda & Bill Gardner; Lowell; Marianne; Mary Keefe; Paul; Ronnie; Rhonda & Randy; Samantha; Izzy; Sandra; Shane; Sharon & John; Susan Carter; Tommy & Tami; Those in the nursing homes and our shut-ins. We pray for our sister church in San Antonio de Rio Blanco in Cuba; Moseley Elementary School & teachers; Children at the Methodist Children's Home; our national leaders & military; America; The people of Ukraine; Pray for peace in Israel; your Pastoral family & your Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 12/31/2023)

Total Budget	\$201,118.00
Estimated needed to date	\$201,118.00
Received to date. **	\$147,068.68
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$13,031.55
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	73.13%
Percent of Year that is complete	100.00%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	73.13%
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Children's Home	\$2,546.86
United Methodist Men	\$1,975.00
Cuba Covenant	\$1,500.00
Kid's Klub	\$1,875.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$4,999.92
Memory of Don Kennard	\$300.00
Memory of Herb DuTour	\$100.00
Memory of Karen DuTour	\$275.00
Disaffiliation Fund	\$62,985.00
Memory of Joyce Strickland	\$225.00

A special thank you to Brenda Simpson, Bob Reed, and Emily Simpson for the beautiful and delicious reception for the choir following the Christmas cantata. As usual, everything was wonderful. The choir appreciates it more than you know!

Thanks

Alice Ryals

Right Idea...Wrong Example

When a young boy arrived late for Sunday School, his teacher asked him if anything was Wrong. "Well," the lad replied, "I was supposed to go fishing with my dad but at the last minute my dad said that I really needed to go to church."

The teacher was impressed, and she asked the boy if his dad had explained to him why It was more important to go to church than to go fishing.

"Yes," the child answered, "Dad said that he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

Thank You,

The Administrative Council (Leadership Team) would like to thank those who contributed to Trinity's Disaffiliation Fund.

Through the Grace of God and your generous donations we were able to reach our goal!

Our disaffiliation was approved at a special session of The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church on December 2, 2023. Immediately afterwards, the check to the FLUMC for the exit payment under paragraph 2553 of the Book of Discipline was sent.

Trinity officially became **Trinity Global Methodist Church (TGMC)** on December 15, 2023!

Please join us in praying for the continued ministries of Trinity and the Global Methodist Church.

Alice Ryals

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

As we begin 2024 with Kids' Klub I would like to take the time to thank all of you that have taken your time and effort to make Kids' Klub such a great place to be. Thank you to Bob and Crystal, Matt and Megan, Emily, Micke, Teresa, Gail, and David who faithfully come each week to help teach, to do Bible study, for play time and making sure we are safe. Thank you to Mr. Joey for getting our dinners ready each week. Thank You to Gary our photographer, accountant, and listener. What an awesome group of Christians that come together to help share God's word with the children. Thank you to the Kids' Klub parents who faithfully share your children each week. They are a blessing! Thank you for the support of the church. You make the children feel special and a true blessing for God. We are so blessed by your prayers, your support and presence, your donations but most importantly by your love. We are looking forward to a great new year filled with Jesus and His wonderful stories and truths. Come and see what blessings God is showing us. We will learn about Jesus, play games, sing, and pray together. Supper will be served each week. We are looking forward to seeing you from 5:00 to 7:00 each Wednesday afternoon.



Advent Workshop preparing for Christmas

Stations of the Manger.



Mary and the Angel Gabriel.



Bingo as we learn about John the Baptist.



Telling the Good News as the Shepherds did by creating Christmas cards for mailing.



The Christmas Story



Santa sharing the real meaning of Christmas.

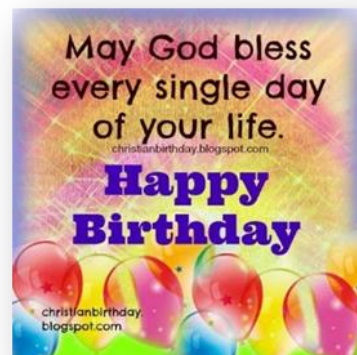
Need for Assurance

“Mama!” the little girl shouted as she dashed through the house. Then she saw her mother standing on a chair taking a bud vase out of a cupboard.


“What is it?” asked the mother. “What do you want?” Calmly, the child answered, “Nothing. I just wanted to see you.” Then the child went outside to play again, reassured that her mother was nearby. Then the mother considered how she herself needed to make contact with God throughout the day to be reassured by His nearness. “Father, I just want to know you are present.”

Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 01—Gail Cahan
- 09—Betty Walston
- 14—Tate West
- 19—Hannah Huffington
- 30—Eva Mankey



JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Schedule Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30	1 New Year's Day 	2	3	4	5	6
7 Holy Communion *Taking down the Chrismon Tree	8	9 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	10 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i> *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	11	12	13 Trinity Methodist Men's breakfast meeting at 8:30 am
14	15	16 Trinity Flame practice 6:00pm *Trustee's Meeting at 7:00 pm	17 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am</i> *Choir Practice @7:15 p.m. Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	18	19	20
21	22	23 Trinity Flame practice 6:00pm	24 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i> *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	25 *Calendar Meeting at 7:00 pm	26	27
28	29	30 Trinity Flame practice 6:00pm	31 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i> *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	1	2	3

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday January 29, 2024. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing. Thank You!

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