

TRINITY TIDINGS
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From the Pastor

Autumn officially begins on September 22 this year. This bit of information from the internet may simply reaffirm what you already know: “Earth’s two hemispheres will receive the sun’s rays equally. Night and day will be approximately equal in length. The name ‘equinox’ comes from the Latin for equal and night. But, since Earth never stops moving around the sun, these days of equal sunlight and night will change quickly.” For those of us in this part of Florida, it will be hard to think of Autumn on September 22nd when the average high temperature for Palatka on that date is 89. We know however, cooler temperatures will follow soon, and we might even find ourselves singing “Autumn Leaves”. Sorry, those of you who are younger, you will have to look up “Autumn Leaves” on your smart phones.

Now you might wonder what all this talk about autumn and temperatures and equinoxes has to do with anything. Well, it’s meant to remind us that God has provided markers to help us remember changes that take place in our lives. Things don’t stay the same. With each change in the seasons, we can look back and marvel at what is new and what is no more.

Think about the career tracks that didn’t exist ten years ago. Try to remember when you didn’t have a television that you could pick up

and carry with no help and hang on the wall. September 22, 2018 will come and go and before we know it, September 22, 2019 will be upon us and once again we will begin to think about autumn.

I am reminded of Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 which begins “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven; a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted...” I believe we often take for granted the wonder that is the workings of our world. We hardly note the passing of the equinoxes or the solstices. We don’t even think about the intricacies of it all and how fragile this world is and yet how enduring and magnificent. Each of us lives out our years in a part of the world where the average life expectancy is almost 80, (79.45 to be exact).

We move through each day and talk about how hot or how cold it is without remembering the same conversation a year ago. We become so wrapped up in the here and now, that we ignore the workings of the universe and the passage of time or the changing of the seasons. I suppose, at least in part, this may be due to our ability to be insulated from these changes today. Many of us go from our heated/cooled home to our heated/cooled car to our heated/cooled place of work and never really feel the extremes. We can watch our favorite programs on our own schedule with the help of DVRs rather than natural time. We can almost become Convinced that we are in control and are indeed masters of our own fate, if we had not read and thought about the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1-15 or any of the other wonderful scriptures that remind us of the wonders of God’s world and that we are God’s creation.

None of what we have in the world came from us. Everything in it came from God; from the principles that apply in the working of any mechanism to the formulas that went into making the latest plastic. Can humankind turn back the clock or speed up the clock? Not really, so we might as well start getting ready to put away those summer clothes and look for the long sleeve shirts. Just remember, we live in a world that belongs to God, a world about which we know very little. Will you need those Summer Clothes on the first day of Autumn? Only God knows for sure, remember we live in Florida.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor John

Calling All Trinityites: Are You Up For The Spark Challenge!!

Here it is – Based on Matthew 25 v 34-36, we are asking each member of the church to undertake a project of his/her own choosing or to get together with other members to work towards enriching the lives of one or more persons, basically fill a need wherever it exists. Also, as we commit ourselves further to be our Savior's hands and feet in this community, we hope that you will invite these people to visit or become a part of our church family.

Importantly, your involvement must be sustained, not a one-shot deal. Jesus gave us some ideas about how we can go about this in the above-mentioned passage and the field is wide open – give a caregiver a break, visit the sick/homebound and read to them, buy groceries for someone in need...

Some, if not all of you, are already involved in volunteer work. However, we are asking you to do something under the umbrella of the Spark program if you cannot transfer the work you are already doing. We need to keep a register of our work, so we can be seen as an active church and hopefully keep our doors open, even as we answer the call of Matt. 25.

A Wesleyan bible study entitled – “Wanted: Ordinary People” states: “God's plan for the church is for it to live and function as a body. It is the body of Christ. Every child of God has a responsibility to contribute to the life, health and growth of his/her own

church. God Himself...seeks to use each one as a conduit for His grace and love to bless other people – Christians and non-Christians. As individuals fill the place of ministry for which they have been gifted, God is seen among His people.

So, let us reinforce that we are Sparks, willing to fan the flame of God's love!

Your Local Missions Team
Pat Hyman , Chairman

United Methodist Children's

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Trinity who continue to give so much to financially support the children's home in Enterprise & Madison. It is because of your generous support that so many children are given a second chance in life, a chance that might not be possible without the children's home. We have 2 more 5th Sundays this year to collect our goal of \$3600, so again thank you for your loving support.

We will again be collecting the \$10. Walmart gift cards to make there Christmas a little brighter.

Lee Ryals,
Children's Home Rep.

Fall 2018 Lay Servant Training

Deadline to register - September 5

Classes will run on Friday, September 14, 2018 (6:30-9 p.m.) and Saturday, April 15, 2018 (8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.) with lunch and snacks provided. The classes will be held at Ortega UMC | 4807 Roosevelt Blvd | Jacksonville, FL 32210. Class sizes are limited to 15 students per class. Be sure to register early. **NO walk-in registrations please. If you want to register by check, please call Pam at the District Office at 904-396-3026 and she will help you get registered.** Deadlines to register is September 5, 2018 @ Noon.

<https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/NorthEastDistrictFall2018LayServantTraining71>

Super Charge Conference
October 20, 2018 9am-12 noon
Crossroads United Methodist Church Jacksonville

Fellowship Lunch
Sunday, September 23
12 noon Fellowship Hall
Everyone is invited
Hosted by Son Seekers Sunday School Class

United Methodist Men
Breakfast Meeting
September 8, 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 meets on Thursday, September 6, at 7pm in the home of Jo Dunn -2211 Palma Ceia Terrace, Palatka, FL. All ladies are invited.

Wesley Ann Circle will meet at CP Deli for a breakfast meeting, Monday at 9am.

Volunteers Needed
Ravines State Garden
Saturday September 22, 2018 9am-12 noon
Lunch provided

Ravines State Garden is having a work day and needs your help. If you or your group (Kids Klub, UMM, Sunday School Class) would like to help, contact Rachel at 954-778-0409.

Did you know??

Church Office-We have a new church secretary, Carolyn Hayes. Her husband is Bryan Hayes, son Jimmy & granddaughter Isabella. New office hours are 8:30am to 12 noon, Mon. Tues. Thurs. & Fri.

Finance Committee meets on Thursday September 20th at 6:30pm in the Bride's Room

Ad Council meet on Thursday

Children's Home-Sunday September 30, is a 5th Sunday. A Children's Home Offering will be received during the worship service.

Girl Scout Troop # 2422 will be meeting in the youth room on Tuesdays at 6:15-7:30 pm. We are happy to let the scouts use our facilities.

Altar Flowers-All Sundays in September are open. If you would like to furnish the flowers on one of these Sundays, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Narthex.

Cuba Covenant

Trinity has been in a Covenant agreement with the San Antonio Del Rio Blanco church in Cuba for many years. As part of that covenant we provide funds for their mission needs. In the past two years they have had missionaries who go out and bring others to the church for worship. They have started several new mission churches and have been blessed by the support Trinity provides. Keep them in your prayers and financial considerations in the coming year.



A bus ministry is provided to bring people to the church for worship service.



Worshippers gather for a picture after a Sunday service.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 8/19/18)

Total Budget	\$241,737.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	153,410.02	Scholarship Fund	160.00
Received to date	110,862.17	Uprising Student Ministry	657.04
Percent of “needed to date”		UMCOR	401.00
that has been collected	72.27%	Kids’ Klub	1,986.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	63.46%	Salary-YthDir&Worship	1,666.64
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Children’s Home	980.00
have been received	45.86%	Annual Conf. Offering	275.00
		Sound System-2018	2,500.00
		Cuba Covenant	1,415.00

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers

Pierce Family
Joyce Strickland
Cahan Family

Walston Family
Virginia Alexander
Starr Douglas

Leslie Lewis
Teresa Bechanan

Those in the nursing homes (**Edna Houck, 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

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

September is here and we are so excited to be learning about "The Family of God" and the Old Testament. We are looking for you to join us as we learn about, share, and serve Jesus. We hope that if you are between the age of three and fifth grade that you will join us on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!

The Kids' Klub Team

September 26th Kids' Klub Night Out

Save the Date:

October 14th Pumpkins arrive

October 27th Fall Festival/3:00p.m. till 5:00p.m.



We are learning about the family of God.



Family Night was a time for parents and children to review the past and plan for the new year.

MOSELEY TEACHERS BREAKFAST

August 7th saw almost 80 teachers and staff from Moseley Elementary as well as District personnel enjoying a delicious “Back-to-School” breakfast hosted by Trinity. As you may be aware, Trinity has adopted Moseley Elementary for many years. In addition to praying for them daily throughout the year we provide needed school supplies, clothing items for the students and food for the back pack program.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with this worthwhile project. It is truly appreciated!

Pictures from breakfast:



Wish a Happy Birthday to:

1st -- Robert Fridy, Jr.

2nd --Carsyn Drew

6th --JD Ogle

7th --Marisa Annis

--Clay Breton

10th --Evan Simpson

11th --Cindy Fegter

--Jeff McKenzie

12th --Dennis Hayes III

13th --Zachary de los Santos

16th --Kyle Coleman

--Joyce Strickland

17th --Sharon Fridy

--Teresa Kennard

--Lynsey Wrenn

26th --Bryan Hayes

27th --Karen Jo Revels

29th --Tonia Hare

30th --Hayden Gill

SEPTEMBER 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
<p>2 Holy Communion</p>	<p>3 Labor Day</p>	<p>4 6:15 pm- Girl Scouts 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study</p>	<p>5 5p.m- Kids’ Klub 7:15 pm-Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>6 10 am-Prayer Group 7 pm- Share & Care Circle</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 8:30 am-UMM Breakfast meeting</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study</p>	<p>12 10 am-Ladies Bible S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>13 10 am-Prayer Group</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17 9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle</p>	<p>18 6:15 pm- Girl Scouts 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study</p>	<p>19 10 am-Ladies Bible S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>20 10 am-Prayer Group 6:30 pm-Finance 7:15pm-Ad Council</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23 12 noon Fellowship Lunch</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study</p>	<p>26 10 am-Ladies Bible S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub Night Out 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>27 10 am-Prayer Group</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 5th Sunday Children’s Home Offering</p>						