

TRINITY TIDINGS

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From the Pastor

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As I compose this article, we are approaching the 5th Sunday of Lent, and memories come to mind of our journey. It began with Ash Wednesday and although not everything seemed to be as organized as normal, the basics were still there and most of us let the rest of it go and moved on.

We received ashes on our brows in the shape of a cross. We received Holy Communion, sang a few hymns and we were well reminded of why we had gathered together that night. Really not so much different than all the other Ash Wednesday Services we've attended.

I recall one where we listened to scripture, prayed, sang together, making ready for Lent; ending on a somber note, and singing, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross. And then as we stood for the benediction, we heard the choir singing Christ our Lord is Risen Today... Reminding us that Lent is a journey that leads to the cross... And just as surely to the resurrection.

Lent begins with repentance from sin. Repentance means literally turning. Turning from sin and turning to God. Sin being anything that hurts our relationship with God or people made in the image of God.

In the opening chapters of the bible we're told we are dust – and to dust we shall return. All of us are mortal. Our bodies are made up of earthy material that will return to earth. The first chapters of the bible also tell us we are all made in the image of God. Called and equipped to live as beloved children of God. And God invites the whole world to be reconciled to God through Christ ... And we... frail creatures of dust whom God nonetheless calls to be ambassadors for Christ, are called to offer Christ's reconciliation to the world.

In Lent we are invited to recognize ourselves as both frail human creatures of dust and ashes and as beloved children of God, made in the image of God, renewed in God's image through Jesus Christ.

Given this double-identity, we're called to repent not only of obvious wrong-doing, but also to repent of ways in which we don't live up to our full potential as Christ-followers ... people who are called by Jesus to bring the good news of his reconciling grace and peace to all this world which God so loves. Together we are the body of Christ, called to embody the life of Christ in the world.

In Lent we recall ways in which our relationship with God and neighbor needs repair. Together we make time for prayer, for study of God's word, for worship. It's a time for abstaining from all that distracts us from God. A Time for listening for God, and a time above all, for remembering and rediscovering the breadth and depth of God's love... love divine, all loves excelling.

May the love of God in Jesus Christ fill our Lent with the promise of Easter... May God's grace, peace, joy, and love bless and keep you always.... Pastor John

United Methodist Women

**Share & Care Circle will meet on Thursday April 4th at 5:30 p.m. for Visitation,
Then Dinner at Bradley's, 7:00 p.m.*

**Wesley Ann Circle will meet on Monday April 15th at 9:00 a.m.*

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Saturday April 13th, at 8:00 a.m. for Breakfast,
after is spring clean work day, all are invited!
8 to noon

Did You Know???

North East District April 5-6, 2019 Spring Lay Servant Training
Palm Coast UMC/Palm Coast, FL
(6:30-9 p.m.) Fri. the 5th
(8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.) Sat. the 6th

On April 14th, On Palm Sunday, The Choir will perform a Cantata

The Trustees will meet on April 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 3/24/2019)

Total Budget	\$233,674.00	<u>Designated Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	\$53,924.77	Roof Education Wing-2018	\$1,140.00
Received to date	\$40,454.36	Salary-YthDir&Worship	\$1,249.98
Percent of "needed to date"		Cuba Covenant	\$300.00
that has been collected	75.02%	Children's Home	\$30.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	23.08%	Kids' Klub	\$250.00
Percent of Yearly Contributions that			
have been received	17.31%		



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; 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

April is always such a special time at Kids' Klub as we will be learning about the Easter season. We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 17th. The hunt is a great time to learn about the Passion week. We hope that you will be able to come out and hunt for eggs, eat hamburgers and hotdogs, decorate cookies and learn about what happened to Jesus the week before Easter.

We are so excited about all that we have learned about Jesus and how to follow Him. A very special "Thanks" to all of you who have helped support these activities with your prayers, your presence, and your donations. If you are a kid between three years old and sixth grade 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL: April 17th: Easter Egg Hunt

SAVE THE DATE: May 5th:

Kids' Klub CAKE AUCTION will be held at the church picnic at Rodman Plantation. The cake auction is an important fund raiser for Kids' Klub. Because of your generosity we are able to help those children that might need a little extra, order curriculum and are able to provide additional items for Wednesday nights. We hope to see you at the cake auction this May. We do indeed appreciate your support and prayers.



Sanctuary time under the cross.



Creating pretzels with folded arms which remind us to pray.

Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 4th Tammy Vining
- 7th Valerie Collins
- 11th Robert Reed
- 16th Paul Moran
- 21st Marlin Bechanan
- 21st Errol Findlater
- 21st Anthony Moran
- 21st Ryan Moran



APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m.-Worship	1	2 7:00 p.m. Flame Practice	3 Kids Klub 5-7:00 p.m.	4 Share & Care Circle Visitation 5:30 p.m. Dinner at Bradley's 7:00 p.m.	5 North East District Spring Lay Servant Training April 5 th & 6 th 2019 at Palm Coast UMC /Palm Coast, FL	6
7 Communion	8	9 7:00 p.m. Flame Practice	10 Kids Klub 5-7:00 p.m.	11	12	13 UMM 8:30 Breakfast Spring Clean Work Day!
14 Palm Sunday The Choir will perform a Cantata	15	16	17 Kids Klub 5-7:00 p.m Easter Egg Hunt	18 6:15 p.m. Financial meeting / 7:00 p.m. Ad Council	19 Good Friday No School	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	23 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				





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>

Bible Quiz



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 [Bible Quiz Archive](#).

This week's question...

Which of the following did the father not give to the prodigal son upon his return?

- Necklace
- Ring
- Robe
- Sandals

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Luke 15:21-22

Christian Bible Reference Site

<https://www.christianbiblereference.org/>

