

TRINITY TIDINGS March 2018

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From the Pastor

“Pastor, my son came home from school today and asked me what we believe about dinosaurs.”

“Pastor, my daughter came home from school today and asked me what we believe about evolution.”

“Pastor, do we believe in angels?”

“Pastor, is it a sin to get divorced?”

You might be surprised at how many similar questions I get.

Sometimes these questions hold deeper meanings and are more personal. “Pastor, do you have time to meet? There’s something important I want to talk with you about.”

Behind each question is a person with questions about their faith, which have been shaped by their unique understanding of how they see the world. I love to hear them because each one of these questions brings life to my calling because they offer an opportunity to glorify God by speaking the name of Jesus into their lives.

The answers to many of these questions seem to change from time to time due to contemporary knowledge on the subject, knowledge that can challenge our faith on many fronts. The strange thing is that this “contemporary knowledge” has been around since the beginning of humanity. Every generation believes it has surpassed the one before it in wisdom and knowledge to a degree that renders all previous ages primitive and simple.

Today, people are certain that the universe is 14.6 billion years old, that all life evolved from a common ancestor, and that it all came into existence from the “Big Bang.”

Today, people are certain that the major world views, religions and the beliefs that came before represent less educated thinking and were based on inferior knowledge. We are advanced; they were backwards. We are moving forward!

The current educated opinion is that we must leave the past behind, throwing the baby out with the bathwater. That which is new must be

better because it's based on updated understandings, whether in material goods or accepted human behavior and faith expression.

How this contemporary philosophy sees the world is constantly changing, it is always evolving. Every new revelation changes the lens through which the world sees itself and replaces what came before it. But most people can't see that it has always been this way and that what is believed to be true today is just the next thing to be replaced by what is discovered to be true tomorrow.

As Yul Brynner once said, playing The King of Siam in the movie "The King and I"; "IT IS PUZZLEMENT".

But it doesn't have to be this way. This month, we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. That is, the singular event in human history that fundamentally changes the way we see the world, God's role in it, and what our future holds. The resurrection of Christ destroys what we thought we know about being human. It bends the laws of nature to God's will, and gives us a lens through which to see the world that is radically different than every Contemporary Perspective that came before it, or that has come since.

Death has been defeated. It is tragic, but it is not final. That God raised Jesus means even more than the fact that he's real; it means that he is concerned about each one of us as individuals and that he is willing to do anything, including die, to save us from ourselves.

It means we matter to him. The resurrection of Christ does not need to accommodate itself to whatever the contemporary thinking or theology; it stands apart from the always-changing opinions of men.

In the beginning was the Word... and He still Is.

Happy Easter,
Pastor John

Fellowship Lunch

Sunday, March 18 12 noon Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Kids' Klub

Everyone is invited. The lunch is free to all. Come and join us!

Did You Know???

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 11.

United Methodist Men will be busy this month serving others. On Tuesday, March 6 they will prepare breakfast for the employees at WHIF Radio Station during their Share-a-Thon. Thanks men. We appreciate all you do!

United Methodist Men will be hosting a breakfast on March 10th and that will also be a church clean-up day!! Everyone is invited, the more the merrier. Many hands make less work!!!

Finance Committee meets on Thursday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room.

Administrative Council meets on Thursday, March 15, at 7:15 p.m. in fellowship hall.

United Methodist Women

Share & Care Circle will meet at the church on Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m.. All ladies are invited!

Wesley Ann Circle will meet on Monday, March 19, at 9 a.m. at CP Deli. All ladies are welcome.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 2/19/17)

Total Budget	\$241,737.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	32,541.52		
Received to date	28,981.98	Kids' Klub	240.00
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	66.35%	Uprising Student ministries	165.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	13.46%		
Percent of Yearly Contributions that			

have been received

8.93%

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers -
The Armstrong Family, The Alford Family, Wayne Hare, Star Douglas, Gil Cahan,
Joyce Strickland, Virginia Alexander, Gail West, Lee West**

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

Wow!! What an awesome month March is going to be at Kids' Klub. Kids' Klub will be celebrating Jesus' call for us to "Follow Him" in the month of March. We will be learning about the parables that Jesus told to help us learn about Him. If you are a kid between three years old and fifth grade come and see what blessings God is showing us. We will learn about Jesus' love, 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

MARCH 18th Kids' Klub will be hosting a luncheon after church. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. We will need you all!!!

MARCH 21st Kids' Klub Easter Egg Hunt



Time under the cross.



Making pretzels on Ash Wednesday to remind us to pray with praying hands.

Easter Is Coming!!!!

Please join us during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 25, as the combined choirs presents "O What a Savior". Created by Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith this Easter musical features new and classic songs of the church. It is the story of Easter. The testimony of every redeemed soul. The celebration of victory over sin and life everlasting through Jesus' death on the cross and His glorious resurrection.

Good Friday service will be Friday March 30th at 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 2nd - Kaylee Davis**
- 3rd - Jeff Cahan**
 - Mallory Huskey
- 5th - Katelynn Manning**
 - Jimmy McNeill
- 8th - Stran Cahan**
 - Nickie Gill
- 9th - Ben Browning**
 - Colby Hudson
- 10th - Angela Bechanan**
- 18th - Robert Hare**
- 21st - Howard Carnes**
 - Karen Larsen
- 22nd - Tom Sykes**
- 27th - Trevlyn Sheffield**
 - Tracy Underwood

28th - Robynn Hare
31st - Vicki Hare

Anniversaries

1st - Henry & Tina Mullis
12th - Errol & Andrea Findlater
15th - Robert & Sharon Fridy

Altar Flowers

5th - OPEN
12th - Underwood
19th - OPEN
26th - Hare

Make a



You will need:

- 30 unlined index cards
- markers
- stickers

How to make:

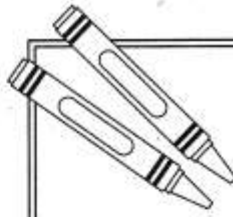
Write each of the words from the list below on its own card. Make a second set. Decorate with stickers or markers.

Play:

The object of the game is to find cards that match. Shuffle all the cards. Lay them face down in 5 rows of 6 cards. Choose 2 cards. Keep them if they match. If they don't, return them to their places face down. Continue until all cards have been matched.

Words to write:

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| Faith | Love |
| Healing | Help |
| Jesus | Patience |
| Kindness | Mercy |
| Gentleness | Peace |
| Generosity | Hope |
| Prayer | Joy |
| Grace | |



Just for KIDS HELP!

Wouldn't it be nice if we never had to make any hard decisions or choices, or face any big challenges? Sometimes we just don't know what to do! But there is help!

Read James 5:13-18.

What do these verses tell us to do?

	A	F	L	P	T
	C	H	N	R	W
	E	I	O	S	Y

Use the graph to find the answer.

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Pray in faith. Pray for each other. Pray earnestly.

MARCH 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sunday Schedule 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. – Worship</p>				<p>1</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – Share & Care Circle – Visits and Dinner</p>	<p>2 World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Holy Communion</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B.S. 5 p.m. – Youth 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. United Methodist Men breakfast</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B.S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:30 p.m. – Finance 7:15 p.m. – Ad Council</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Noon-Luncheon sponsored by Kids’ Klub</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B. S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <p>10:30a.m. – Easter Cantata</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B. S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>