

TRINITY TIDINGS

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What's Love Got To Do With It?

Garrison Keillor, in the *News from Lake Wobegon*, tells of a young boy, on a late summer day, heading off to college in the next town. The boy is suffering from acute embarrassment because his mother, grandmother, aunt, and an elderly cousin have all piled into the car with him to go to register for his first semester's classes. Here is an 18-year-old being followed by an un-cool collection of relatives into his first college experience.

Speaking of the relatives, Keillor asks, "What is it in the human soul that causes a person to embarrass someone else so thoroughly?" His answer: "Only love could do that."

That struck a responsive chord in me. How many times has God reached down to us humans in love only to have us squirm in embarrassment? How many times has each of us ignored God's loving gesture because it was too embarrassing to respond?

God has been making loving gestures towards humanity since the beginning of time. And since Adam and Eve, we have been responding as embarrassed teenagers. Use a moment to think back on how you have responded to God's love in your past. Maybe a change is in order.

Methodist Men's Meeting

On September 9, 2023, the Methodist Men will host their September meeting and invite all attendees of Trinity to join us. We will have a guest speaker, Eric Botley, who is the chaplain at East Palatka Correctional Institute. Eric will provide a short devotion and update us on the happenings at the prison. He will also let us know of any needs that the prison currently has. There will be a question-and-answer session at the end of his presentation.

Breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:30 a.m. and Chaplain Botley will speak for 20 – 25 minutes. At the end of his presentation we will have a short business meeting for our members, and we expect to be completed with the meeting by 10:00 a.m.

Please plan to attend, if possible, God Bless You All!

Kid's Klub

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

Kid's Klub will return on August 9.

Ladies Bible study with Sandra

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

Choir practice will resume on August 16.



Prayer of Concern: Addie Joy; Alayna; Ashton; Austin; Autumn; Barbara; Belinda; Connie; Carolyn; Carol; Chris; Cheryl; Clint; Cody; Derrick; Dougie; Donna; Ed & Charlene; Elaine Ludwig; Emily & Ransom; Helen; Jack; Jayne; Joey & Micke; Johnny Brooks; Joy; Joyce; Ken & Linda; Kim; Kayla; Kevin; Linda & Bill Gardner; Marianne; Paul & Elizabeth; Ronnie; Rhonda & Randy; Samantha; 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; your Pastoral family & your Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 7/30/2022)

Total Budget	\$201,118.00
Estimated needed to date	\$119,897.27
Received to date. **	\$86,206.17
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$7,299.35
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	71.90%
Percent of Year that is complete	59.62%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	42.86%
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Children's Home	\$1,430.86
United Methodist Men	\$1,200.00
Cuba Covenant	\$900.00
Kid's Klub	\$1,095.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$2,916.82
Memory of Don Kennard	\$200.00
Memory of Herb DuTour	\$100.00
Memory of Karen DuTour	\$225.00

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

WOW!! Kids' Klub is so excited to be starting a new year. Here at Kids' Klub we want to share God's love with you. We hope that you will come and share God's love with us. We will be meeting each Wednesday, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Trinity UMC. We will be learning about people who have followed God, having new adventures, sharing dinner, and making lots of new friends.

August Happenings:

August 9th Kids' Klub starts a new year

August 16th Parent night

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



Summer adventures
with Flat Jesus.



The Unintentional accomplice

A pastor noticed a small boy trying to ring a doorbell, but he could not reach it. Wanting to be of help, the cleric walked up to the child and asked him if he wanted help in ringing the doorbell.

"Yes," said the lad. The pastor put his finger on the bell, looked down and said, "And what, my little man?"

"Now, said the boy while scampering off the porch, "we run!"

Confronting Atheists

William Blake (1757--1827) was a brilliant English poet and artist who lived at the same time the atheists Voltaire and Rousseau were alive. Blake was a strong believer in God. He had many spiritual experiences including visions. Many of his poems have a mystical edge to them.

One utterance of Blake's challenged the unbelieving Frenchmen Voltaire and Rousseau. "You throw sand against the wind," said the poet, "and the wind blows it back again." He meant, of course, that however brilliant people none can outwit God." As someone put it, "Your arm is too short to box with God." The author of the book of Job has God saying, "Shall a faultfinder contend with the Almighty?" (Job 40:2) That ends the argument as far as Christians are concerned.

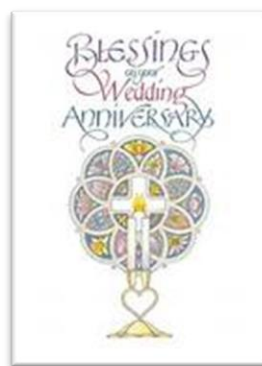
Something Learned

According to an unnamed 65-year-old: "I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your world, meeting new people, and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you."

God Within Us

Glorious indeed is the world of God around us, but more glorious the world of God within us. There lies the land of song; there lies the poet's native land.

--Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 01**—Carlie Ann Drew
- 03**—Matthew Simpson
- 12**—Pam Peterson
- 18**—Wendy Underwood
- 31**—John Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 25**—Bob & Crystal Reed

AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Schedule Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30		1	2 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.	3	4	5
6 Holy Communion	7	8	9 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am. Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	10	11	12
13	14	15 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	16 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am. *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall (Family Night)	17	18	19
20	21	22 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	23 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am. *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	24	25	26
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If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday August 28, 2023. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing. Thank You!

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