

TRINITY TIDINGS

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The controversial and oft quoted comedian George Carlin once said, "There is a great wave of apathy moving across our country; problem is, nobody cares."

The truth in his statement is more prevalent in churches today than when he first stated it. I'm no social engineer, but I think our apathy is fueled by too many of us living in the past. We hang onto all the hurts and past defeats and never look forward to anything positive for the future. I think that's too bad, when we don't trust God to provide

I think it is important to remember the past and rejoice over the 'good' times and grieve a little over the tragedies. I simply think it becomes counter-productive when we choose to stay situated in the past. Hanging onto the past allows us freedom to 'not' set goals. It pushes the pause button on our dreams. It becomes the same thing as a 'pall' on a casket.

Whether we like it or not, life and the world we live in is always changing and we can either embrace change and move forward or we can dig in our toes and fight against it. What is the difference?

Well, embracing change fortifies our trust and hope in God's guidance and provision. It allows growth in our lives to expand. Fruitful things can be realized in a place where hope lives.

Digging our toes into the ground and fighting gives us a good feeling. It makes us feel that we are standing up for what we were taught is right. We boldly stand and proclaim, "We shall not forget nor will we be moved."

Entrenched in the past doesn't allow the future doors of 'good' events to swing open. Our resistance might even slam those future doors shut!

While God is the same yesterday (past), today (present), and forever (future), the scriptures in Jeremiah speak of that which is yet to come.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:11-13, NIV)

Trust God to enrich your life with new and good things. Don't allow the broken past to swallow your hope and diminish the person God created you to be.

God has a new vision for His Church and He want's each of us to be a part of it.

Friends, it's time to put aside apathy and depression and begin to look forward and work toward a bright tomorrow through the power of the Holy Spirit and the righteous work of His children.

May the Lord bless you as you continue to follow His call.

Pastor John



Valentine Dinner

(Sponsored by the United Methodist Men)

Saturday, February 10, 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall Cost: \$10.00 each

Catered by Mew Maws

Everyone is invited!! Contact Lee Doug Brown or the church office if you plan to attend.



Souper Bowl Lunch

Sunday, February 4 12 noon Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Share & Care Circle



Please join us for this special fundraiser hosted by Share & Care Circle. All donations will be used to support local missions.



Fellowship Luncheon

Come join us after church February 25th for a special luncheon sponsored by the Selah Sunday School Class. Come for great food and fellowship and the best part, it's free!!



United Methodist Women

Share & Care Circle meets on Thursday, February 1, at 7p.m. in the home of Jo Dunn, 2211 Palms Ceia Terrace, Palatka. All ladies are invited.

Wesley Ann Circle meets Monday, February 19, at 9 a.m. in the Bride's Room. All ladies are invited.



42nd Annual Women's Spiritual Life Retreat

Tue Up Your Life ...

La Donna Gatlin, Keynote Speaker Ginger Millermom, Worship Leader

February 23-24, 2018

Putnam County Fair Grounds EXPO Center

118 Fairgrounds Rd., East Palatka, FL

Cost: Friday Only (dinner included) \$33.00 - Friday & Saturday (2 meals) \$60.00

Saturday Only (lunch; mug & muffin social included) 35.00

Deadline for retreat registration is February 14, 2017. For more information you may contact the church office at (386) 328-4424 or visit the website at www.cimc.org . Forms are also available in the church office

LEC Family's 2018 Programs
Grow Together

Dad & Me Weekend - April 13-15, 2018
Grandparents & Me - June 25-28, 2018
Family Camp - June 29-July 1, July 20-22, 2018
Mom & Me Weekend - September 14-16, 2018

Life Enrichment Center, 4991 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park, FL 34731
For more information and to register go to www.lecfamily.org

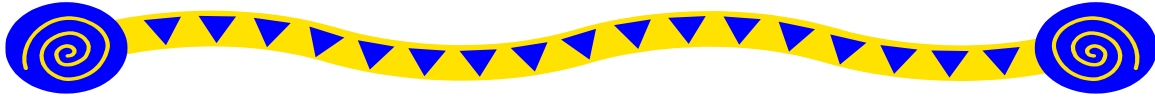
Heart of Putnam Food Pantry

Dear Family in the name of Christ,

Thank you all so much for donating 110 pounds of food on 12/12 for redistribution among the less fortunate in our community. WE are truly blessed to have the love and support of the Christian churches in our area, and I am not sure we would ever be able to meet the need without it.

Through the calendar year 2017 we served a total of 9960 clients who represent 27,407 family members. Of these, there were 10,204 children, 1074 veterans, 4537 people 60 or over, and 3380 with some form of disability. Again, we thank you all so much, and all join in wishing you all wonderful year in 2018.

Sincerely, Marilyn Young, Office manager



Florida Conference Women's Retreats

The Women's Retreats are designed to provide women w a time to intentionally come away from the responsibilities of their home, children, families, and jobs, to set their feet on holy ground' and to meet Jesus Christ face to face.

Come and join us at one of our three weekends held annually at the Life Enrichment Center on the shores of the beautiful Lake Griffin in Fruitland Park, Florida.

Every weekend offers a time for Bible study, enrichment and craft sessions, music, fun, fellowship and food! Spend the weekend in a way that is meaningful to you-bring a friend, bring a group of friends or come and make new friends.

Here are the dates and some information for the 2017 Florida Conference Women's Retreats:

Our Theme for 2018: **"Restored and Free"**

Dates

February 16-18, 2018

March 9-11, 2018

Cost is \$180.00 (Double occupancy)

Commuter w/meals \$135.00

If you have questions regarding registration please contact Lori Buonasera by calling (352)-360-9389 or by email lori2lecretreats.org

Thanks – from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Dear Friends:

I hope that your Thanksgiving holiday was filled with the warmth of family and friends, as well as wonderful food and fellowship. As we approach the Christmas, many of our thoughts turn to helping others as you have done. Your generous gift is most appreciated, and will help to provide for a joyous Christmas for our children here at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home.

Justin's first Christmas with us was not very joyous. He came to the Children's Home one week before Christmas, four years ago. He had been removed from his home due to abuse, and was a repeat runaway with anger issues. He was also failing in school. But he has come to see this as his home and believes it is the best possible place for him. His grades are now all A's and B's, and he no longer runs away. Through our therapeutic program, he has resolved the anger issues, and he has even earned his learner's permit from the DMV. When I asked him recently what he was most proud of, he replied, "I've matured a lot. Now I get to be a role model to the other kids, and help them like I've been helped."

Most of our children here at the Children's Home come from situations of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. We strive to make sure that our children are not only filled with the joys of the season, but also understand the true meaning as well – the message of Jesus Christ.

It is because of friends like you that we are able to provide the loving home longed for by our children and the extra special memories during this holiday season. And there's nothing more important to remember than the Christmas message as conveyed in Luke 2: 14, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

We are very appreciative of your congregation's recent gift of \$710.00. Your generosity is making an impact in the lives of our children.

From our children and staff, we wish you a Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Elisabeth Gadd, Vice President of Development

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 1/14/18)

Total Budget	\$241,737.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	13,946.37	Kids' Klub	100.00
Received to date	7,508.94		
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	53.84%		
Percent of Year that is Complete	5.77%		
Percent of Yearly Contributions that have been received	3.11%		

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayer –The Hayes Family; Starr Douglas; Wayne Hare; Gil Cahan; Joyce Strickland; Gary Armstrong; 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

Our Sincerest Sympathies

To the Hayes Family in the loss of their son Bryan Dylan Hayes, who entered Heaven Weds January 10th. Please continue to pray for the family as they go through this difficult time

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

Kids' Klub will be celebrating Jesus' call for us to "Follow Him" in the month of February. We will be making Valentines, sharing God's love with others, learning about the New Testament and stories of Jesus. 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, 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.



Learning about
Simeon & Anna



Making a dove mobile to
remind us of Jesus'
baptism.



- 4th - Cassidy Smith
- 5th - Dylan Harvey
- Errol Houck
- 6th - Charlene Coles
- 8th - Ashton de los Santos
- Crystal Reed
- 9th - Fran Harden
- 10th - Jordyn Revels
- 16th - Lee Ryals
- 17th - Charles Hunter
- Lynsey Cox
- 19th - D. R. Clapp
- 21st - Justin McKenzie
- 27th - Bethany Frank



- 7th - Donald & Teresa Kennard
- 8th - Chad & Kristi Willoughby
- 12th - Ed & Charlene Coles

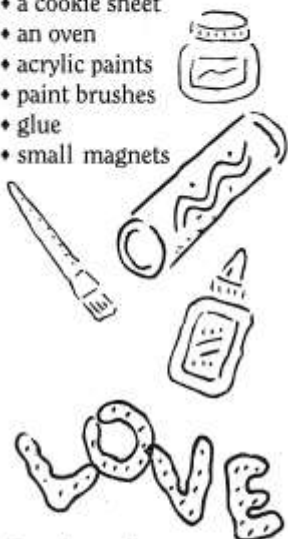
Altar Flowers

- 4th - OPEN
- 11th - OPEN
- 18th - OPEN
- 25th - OPEN

Make Some Magnets

You will need:

- a tube of refrigerated breadstick dough
- a cookie sheet
- an oven
- acrylic paints
- paint brushes
- glue
- small magnets



How to make:

Stretch out the dough. Shape pieces into letters or shapes. Spell "LOVE" or make heart shapes for Valentine's Day. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet at 300° for 30 minutes. Cool. Paint. Glue magnet on back.



Just for KIDS

Mark 12:30-31

Change some of the letters below to find the words in these important verses.

Change: C's to L J's to A K's to O Z's to H
 Q's to T P's to R X's to E

(The other letters stay the same.)



"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ... Love your neighbor as yourself."

FEBRUARY 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>				<p>1</p> <p>7 p.m. – Share & Care Circle</p>	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>12 noon – Souper Bowl Lunch</p>	5	<p>6</p> <p>6 p.m.-Girl Scouts 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>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>8:30-12 a.m. – Mission insight at Crossroads UMC 6:00 p.m. – Valentine Dinner</p>
11	12	<p>13</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Ash Wednesday 10 a.m. – Ladies B.S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	15	16	17
18	<p>19</p> <p>9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 p.m. –Girl Scouts 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>	22	<p>23</p> <p>5 p.m. -James Mull wedding rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4 p.m. Mull Wedding</p>
<p>25</p> <p>12 noon-Luncheon sponsored by Selah Sunday School Class</p>	26	<p>27</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	28			