

TRINITY TIDINGS
November 2017

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From the Pastor

As I began to compose this article I was thinking of all the rain that we've had over the last few months and in my research for Putnam County I came across an interesting story.

In August 1955, over a period of just a few days, twelve inches of rain was dumped on Putnam, Connecticut caused by hurricane Diane. The Quinebaug River runs nearby, which was contained at the time by old earth and stone dams.

Well, the rain was too much for the dams and one by one they burst allowing tons of water to come crashing through the town at speeds of twenty-five miles per hour. Bridges and roads were destroyed, along with one fourth of the town's businesses and homes.

The water poured into a warehouse owned by the Belding Hemingway Magnesium Plant. As the barrels of magnesium came into contact with water, it ignited. The fire department and the rest of the town watched helplessly as barrels exploded, shooting fire 200 feet into the air. The flaming barrels landed on buildings throughout the community and fire spread throughout the town.

Damage to the town ran into the tens of millions, taking years to rebuild.

In spite of the devastation done to this tiny New England town, *not one single person died during the storm*. Putnam, Connecticut was consumed with fire and flood, yet everyone was saved.

When I read about this event, I was reminded of what God promised through the prophet Isaiah...

When you pass through the waters I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze... (Isaiah 43:2)

Isaiah didn't promise that you will be saved from the fire or the flood...he promised that you will be protected in the midst of it. He's saying, in effect, "When you experience circumstances beyond your control, God will protect you and help you get through them."

After a conversation the other day with some folks in the pumpkin patch, I was reminded that some people interpret the devastation as evidence that God was testing them. I don't believe that. The fires and the floods of life are only evidence that we are human. Everyone has problems. Jesus said, "*The rain falls on the just and the unjust.*" (Matthew 5:45)

We all experience tragedy at some time in life. Remember: God is not the source of your problems, he's the solution. He doesn't create the misery in your life, he helps you through it. And during the storm we have his promise...

Do not be afraid, for I am with you. (Isaiah 43:5)

Every season of life brings new opportunities, new challenges, and the occasional storm. Remember, when you face the fire and the flood, that God is with you.

May the Lord bless you as you place your trust only in Him.

Your Brother in Christ

Pastor John

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Methodist Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Please try and attend as we need to plan for the Men's Christmas Dinner on December 9, 2017.

Trinity Thanksgiving Dinner
Sunday, November 19, 2017
6 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Covered Dish – Meat provided
Everyone is invited!!!

SAVE THE DATE !!!!

On **November 24, 2017**

Trinity will have a float in the Palatka Christmas Parade!
This will be a great opportunity to show the community what is happening at Trinity.
Please plan on helping put the float together on
Saturday, November 18, 2017
at Matt & Megan Simpson's house (102 Westover Circle, Palatka),
and being on the float Friday, November 24, 2017 in downtown Palatka at 5:30 p.m.

You are cordially
invited to our church wide

ADVENT WORKSHOP!

November 29, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall.
Please save the date and plan on attending.
Come and fellowship as you prepare you and your house for the Advent Season.
Dinner will be available.

Mark Your Calendar !!!!

Trinity Christmas Dinner

Saturday, December 9 5:30 p.m.

Please plan to join us for this wonderful annual event hosted by the UMM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !!!!

Sunday, November 26 2:00 p.m.

We will be decorating for the Christmas season and need your help. Please join us as we decorate the Christmas Tree and the sanctuary. See you there!

United Methodist Women

Share & Care Circle will meet at Musselwhite's for a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 2. All ladies are invited.

2018 Florida Conference Women's Retreats
"Restored and Free"

February 16-18 March 9-11

Retreat Cost: \$180.00 (double occupancy)
Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park, FL

February keynote speaker is Rev. Geraldine McClellan; Bible Study Leader – Sarah Baldrige
Music Leader – Casey Culbreth

March keynote speaker is Vidalis Lopez; Bible Study Leader – Diane Gutierrez; Music Leader –
Casey Culbreth

Every weekend offers a time for Bible study, enrichment and craft sessions, music, fun,
fellowship and food! **Registration is online and will begin Tuesday, November 1, 2016.**

Go to www.flumc.org/floridaconferencewomensretreats for more information and to register.

Help Bring Christmas Joy

For the past four years, the **Florida UM Children's Home** has requested gift cards in lieu of gifts from our churches. Many churches and groups have found this to be a convenient way to support the children at Christmas. Therefore, they are asking that we purchase gift cards again this year.

The children will not just receive gift cards on Christmas morning. Because the houseparents know the children well, they will go shopping for gifts using a portion of the gift cards. These gifts will be wrapped and placed under the Christmas tree to be opened on Christmas morning,

along with a few gift cards that will allow the youth to go shopping. Their goal is to be able to give each child \$150 in gifts and gift cards.

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Methodist Children's Home. We will again be collecting \$10 Walmart gift cards to take down to the Children's Home for Christmas. The Children's Home sincerely appreciates your generous donations. Gift cards can be turned in to the office or given to Lee Ryals, our Children's Home Representative.

Did You Know???

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5.

Finance Committee meets on Thursday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bride's Room.

Administrative Council meets on Thursday, November 16, at 7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

THANKS - Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the Pumpkin Patch and Fall Festival. As always they were a great success!!! Special thanks to Farmer Bob & Mrs. Pumpkin for the wonderful storytimes. We were able to be a witness of God's love to over 600 school children.

Cuba Covenant

Did you know Trinity UMC is supporting the San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba? We entered into a sister church relationship with them around 10 years ago and several of our members have been to visit the church. Additionally, Pastor Rene' came to Palatka one year and the District Superintendent of the Havana District of the United Methodist Church in Cuba visited also at a separate time. We are a blessing to the church in Cuba with our prayers, contributions and loving support. The Cuba Conference changes pastoral assignments as the Florida Conference does and the San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church has Pastor Alexeis Velazquez Perez as their current pastor. Trinity has sent contributions which were designated for the church in Cuba twice in 2017. Our total sent is \$2,616.56. We sent \$1,217 in January and \$1,399.56 in September.

Pastor Alexeis wrote the following concerning the money sent in September.

We thank God for his support and collaboration with God's work in Cuba. Today I received by the Western Union the money you deposited yesterday (1269.90 CUC) enough for the salary of the missionaries for a year and the rent of the bus to pick up and take the missions on Sundays to the church and then to their distant homes. I think it will be a lot of bend Decision for all, this Sunday we begin this vision, my brother will be until February of 2018, the rent of omnibus is a

little expensive but necessary to reach the souls that live distant from our church. I will send you some pictures this Sunday to show them to our brothers in the faith. Keep praying for our church, families and ministry. God continue to prosper his life church and families and that the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding reigns in their hearts now and always.
Pastor Alexeis.



The bus that is being rented to bring people from the outer parts of the area to meet at the San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church.



Church service on a recent Sunday morning.



Missionaries who go out in Cuba and teach others about Jesus.

Esther varó, Luis Manuel Luis y Yamilsy Días. Enviado

Our Apportionments

Apportionments are the portion of the Trinity yearly budget which are paid to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church for Conference wide expenses as determined by the yearly Annual Conference. Our 2018 Apportionments are determined by adding together the 2016 salary & benefit expenses, operating expenses and program expenses. Those expenses are applied against the “Fair Share Decimal” for our church. The categories which comprise the Apportionments and the “Fair Share Decimal” calculation cost are described at:

<http://www.flumc.org/files/fileslibrary/financial+services/apportionments+guide+2015+082516.pdf>

In reviewing our expenses in terms of salary & benefits, operating expenses and program expenses, they went up from \$158,555 in 2015 to \$178,097 in 2016. This 12.33% increase is what resulted in the 8.38% increase in apportionments (from \$20,802 to \$22,545) for 2018. The 2016 numbers are the latest numbers that have been finalized in order to run the formulas for the 2018 Apportionments. They are based on the year-end report lines of salary & benefits for all lay employees and clergy, operational items and program items.

Compensation for all lay employees and clergy which totaled \$143,187 include:

- Pastor Salary
- Pastor Pension and Health Insurance Payments
- Pastor Housing Allowance
- Pastor Reimbursable Account
- Secretary, Worship Leader, Youth Ministry Director and Custodian Salary

Operational Items which totaled \$26,631 include:

- Honorarium – Visiting Pastor
- Annual Conference Expense
- Church Utilities
- Facilities Repair & Maintenance
- Tuning & Repair of Pianos
- Grounds Maintenance
- Safety Deposit Box
- Tax Exempt Annual License
- Fire Assessment Fee
- Supplies & Printing
- Postage & Mailing
- Office Equipment Maintenance
- Offering Envelopes
- Kitchen Custodial Supplies
- E-Giving Transaction Expense
- Flowers For Sunday Service

Program costs which totaled \$8,279 include:

- Missions
- Worship
- Education
- Uprising Student Ministry
- Kids' Klub
- Fall Festival
- Sound System

Keep the finances of Trinity in your prayers and continue to support the activities with your tithes, offerings and gifts. God Bless You

Gary Simpson

Treasurer

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 10/22/17)

Total Budget	\$234,478.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	193,895.27	Scholarship Fund	475.00
Received to date	154,510.52	Cuba Covenant	2,607.00
Percent of "needed to date"		Uprising Student Min.	1,885.00
that has been collected	79.69%	Children's Home	1,753.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	82.69%	Kids' Klub	1,594.00
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Kairos Outside	25.00

have been received	65.90%	Brie Paulin Mission Trip	100.00
		Vacation Bible School	600.00
		Music Accompanist	200.00
		Annual Conf. Offering	125.00
		Uprising Curriculum	600.00
		Youth Rm Improvements	500.00
		UMCOR Hurricane Harvey	665.00

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers -

Joyce Strickland	Lee West	Charlotte Rose	Virginia Alexander
Gary Armstrong	Herb DuTour	Gail West	Tracy Underwood
Lacey & Faith Claunch			

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

Kids’ Klub happenings in the month of November.

November 15th Thanksgiving dinner with Kids’ Klub and their parents.

November 22nd NO KIDS’ KLUB/enjoy your Thanksgiving. God has blessed us with so many blessing, among them are your children.

November 24th Christmas parade!!! Kids’ Klub will be helping with the church float.

Kids’ Klub will be working hard in the month of November to be ready to share Jesus’ birth through song. We are really excited about this opportunity to be able to share God’s love and joy to the church through our cantata.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend

November 29th Christmas Advent Workshop. All are invited to help prepare you and your house for the Christmas season.

December 10th Children’s Cantata starting at 6:00 p.m.

We thank you for all the support that you have given us through your prayers, your time and your monetary donations. God has truly blessed us. If you are between the age of three years and fifth grade 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 Kid's Klub Team



Learning the books of the Old Testament.

Working on Fall cards to send from the Kids' Klub.

Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 5th - Eric Keller**
- 8th - Neva Holley**
- 10th - Beryl Peterson**
- Jonathan Stout
- 11th - Kevin Fridy**
- 12th - Carolyn Armstrong**
- Cathy Sheffield
- 13th - Lola Herron**
- 16th - Tiffany Manning**
- 17th - Kay Clapp**
- 19th - Kameron Curtis**
- 20th - Henry Mullis**
- 21st - Jenna Nettles**
- 22nd - Michael Kennard**
- 25th - Monica Ringbauer**
- 26th - Joseph Ringbauer**

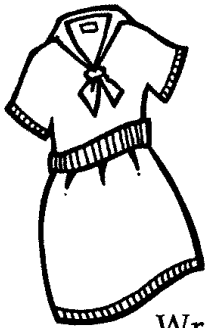
Anniversaries

- 10th - Robert & Nicki Gill**
- 14th - Tate & Kristen West**

Altar Flowers

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

Just for Kids



What should I wear?

Sometimes we change our clothes several times before we're happy! There are two things that are important for you to wear everyday.



Write the answers to the clues on the blanks.
Then write the letters in the appropriate boxes.

1. not silver

1 2 18 4

2. trousers, slacks

21 10 11 17 20

3. women's garment; one-piece top and skirt

5 23 6 9 9

4. jewelry worn on the ear

7 13 23 23 22 16 14

5. open shoes with straps

20 13 11 8 13 18 20

6. clothing worn especially while cooking to protect front of clothes

13 21 23 3 16

7. a bright, festive color

23 15 12

8. men's accessory worn from the neck

25 24 19

What should I wear everyday?

1	2	3	4

5	6	7	8	9

10	11	12

13

14	15	16	17	18	19

20	21	22	23	24	25

(1 Timothy 2:10 and 1 Peter 3:4)

NOVEMBER 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 10 a.m. – Ladies B. S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 6:30 p.m. – Share & Care Circle – Meet at Musselwhites – dinner meeting</p>	3	4
5	6	<p>7 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts 7 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>8 10 a.m. – Ladies Bible Study 5 p.m. - Youth 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	9	10	<p>11 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Charge Conference Crossroads UMC Jacksonville</p>
12	<p>13 9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle</p>	<p>14 6 p.m. – Trustees 6 p.m. – Girl Scouts 7 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>15 10 a.m. – Ladies B.S. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub Thanksgiving Dinner 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 6:30 p.m. – Finance 7:15 p.m – Ad Council 6:30 p.m. – Distict Finance & Trustees Training-LakeShore UM</p>	17	<p>18 8:30 a.m. – UMM Breakfast Meeting Decorate the Christmas Float</p>
<p>19 6 p.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner</p>	20	<p>21 7 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>22 10 a.m. – Ladies B. S.. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving</p>	24 Christmas Parade Downtown Palatka	25
<p>26 2 p.m. – Set up Chrismon Tree</p>	27	<p>28 7 p.m. – Bible Study 7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>29 10 a.m. – Ladies B. S.. 5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub Advent Workshop 5 p.m. – Youth 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	30		