

TRINITY TIDINGS April 2017

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From the Pastor

As I compose this article we are approaching the 4th 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 in particular 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

Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, April 9
Easter Cantata 10:30 a.m.
"Then Came the Morning"

By Russell Mauldin and Sue C. Smith

When all seemed lost, dawn broke on the most magnificent day in history! **Then Came the Morning** is a powerful Easter musical that celebrates the hope that was brought to us as Jesus rose to life that glorious Easter morning so long ago. It also reminds us through the accounts of the Easter story that Jesus is the only one who can touch and change a life completely.

Good Friday, April 14
6:00 p.m. Service

Easter, April 16
Worship 10:30 a.m.

Living Cross – Please remember to bring fresh flowers for the Living Cross on Easter Sunday. Ladies will be in the narthex to arrange the flowers on the cross during Sunday School and Worship Service.

United Methodist Men

A BIG THANK YOU – During March 2017 the Methodist Men provided breakfast for the WHIF Annual Fundraiser and for the women involved in the Outside Kairos program. Thank you ladies and gentlemen who helped with these two breakfast. The meals were greatly appreciated and I personally want to thank you for your help. Lee Ryals

Breakfast Meeting

Men join us for our monthly meeting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, 2017. We will have a couple of hours of food and fellowship. Please join us!

United Methodist Women

UMW General Meeting

Saturday, April 1 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Hosted by Share & Care Circle

All ladies are invited!

Share & Care Circle meets Thursday, April 6, at 7 p.m. at the home of Jo Dunn, 2211 Palma Ceia Terrace, Palatka. All ladies are invited.

Wesley Ann Circle invites all ladies to join them for their monthly meeting on Monday, April 17, at 9 a.m. in the Bride's Room.

Church Picnic

Sunday, April 23 3-5 p.m. Rodman Plantation

Covered Dish - Hot Dogs & Hamburgers will be provided by the UMM

Please join us for a fun afternoon of games, food and great fellowship.

Don't forget!!

Kids' Klub Cake Auction

This is a fundraiser for the kids so remember to bring plenty of cash to the picnic!

Did You Know ??

Sunday, April 30, is a **5th Sunday**. We will receive a special offering for the Methodist Children's Home. Please be generous with your donation.

Trustees meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18. All members are urged to attend.

Pastor John will be on vacation April 17 thru May 1.

Youth Sunday is April 23. Please plan to attend and support our youth as they lead our worship service.

Brenda Simpson will be our guest speaker on Sunday, April 30.

Youth Spring Break Activities **April 10 – 13, 2017**

All youth 6th-12th grades are invited for a week of fun activities which include: bowling, putt-putt golf, Jacksonville Zoo and much more. Contact Jake McKnight at (863) 640-0188 for more information and to sign up.

Help Wanted For **Vacation Bible School** **June 11-16 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Trinity UMC will be sharing God's word with Preschoolers to Middle School. We are in need of people to help in all areas of this undertaking from the kitchen to classes. This will be an Awesome opportunity to reach out to our children as we "Travel to several countries" in search of God's world. If you are able to help, contact Sarah Bellamy or the church office.

Dad & Me Weekend ***"Learning With Fire"*** **April 21-23, 2017**

\$100 per Dad \$80 per child (ages 5-12)

Life Enrichment Center, 4991 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park, FL 34731

Most of the time, we tell kids not to play with fire – but what if by playing with fire, we could learn more about God? At Dad and Me Weekend, we'll play together, sing together, and learn together, as we allow this "dangerous" element to teach us more about how God moves and works in our families lives! For more information or to register: LECFamily.org or call (352)787-0313

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 3/19/17)

Total Budget	\$234,478.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	54,110.31	Scholarship Fund	150.00
Received to date	42,260.28	Cuba Covenant	1,907.00
Percent of "needed to date"		Uprising Student Min.	413.00
that has been collected	78.10%	Children's Home	557.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	23.08%	Kids' Klub	100.00
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Kairos Outside	25.00
have been received	18.02%		

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers -

Tina Mullis	Joyce Strickland	Bob Murff	Keith Stettes
Gary Armstrong	Sarah Ogle	Virginia Alexander	Herb DuTour
Gail West	Genevieve Jones	Dennis Hayes,IV	Lee West

Those in the nursing homes (**Shirley Cowan, 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

Thanks – From the Children's Home

Dear Friends:

Spring is coming and you can feel it! As the days begin to warm and the sun is setting a little later, new beginnings can be seen everywhere. Those new beginnings of spring and the Easter holiday remind me of the love that our Father showed us through his son, Jesus Christ. It also reminds me of the new beginnings our children have because of your generosity.

Most of us can scarcely imagine how difficult it is to face the new day when you come from a home setting of abuse, abandonment, or neglect. But through your love and support, our children are able to realize that new beginning that they never thought was possible.

Sara is one of our children who had a new beginning here at the Children's Home after being a victim of abuse in a home without a father. I had a chance to speak with her recently, and she told me, "Here at the Children's Home, I feel safe and secure. This is my safe haven. And for the first time, I have a father figure who is there for me. My houseparents are always supporting me."

New beginnings for children like Sara are only possible through your loving gifts, which translate into providing the children with therapy, education, clothing and daily living necessities to reach their potential. The Lord tells us in the book of Job, "And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." And we certainly are seeing great things here at the Children's Home.

We are very appreciative of your congregation's recent gift of \$557.00. Your generosity is making an impact in the lives of our children.

From our children and staff, thank you for your continued love and support.

Sincerely, Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer

Thanks - From Heart of Putnam Food Pantry

Dear Family of Christ:

Thank you so much for your recent gift to the food pantry of 259 pounds of food for redistribution among the less fortunate within our area.

Through February Of 2017 we have served 1946 individuals who represent 5326 family members. This number includes 1991 children, 538 people with some kind of disability, 272 veterans, and 839 people over 60 years of age.

As always we ask our Lord to bless our donors and especially those in our churches for showing what love looks like. Our thanks to you ALL!

Marilyn Young, Office Manager

Thanks –

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who has provided school supplies, clothes etc. for Moseley Elementary. Also, a special thank you to the members of the adult Sunday School classes who assisted with the purchasing of snacks and goodies for Moseley's students and teachers during their Florida Assessment Tests. They are most appreciative of the continued support Trinity provides. Thanks, Alice

Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation

Dear Friends,

Congratulations! You have reached your goal for giving of \$12.00 per member to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home during 2016. Enclosed you will find your ***Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation***. Please display it in a place of prominence where those who have joined together in support of the Home can enjoy and celebrate this great achievement. **(NOTE: Our certificate is located in the narthex.)**

It is our strong desire to partner with you in response to meeting the needs of families in crisis. The pastors and churches of the Florida Conference remain the primary source for referrals. If a need arises, our admissions team is available to consult with you and can be reached at (386) 668-4774.

The goal for 2017 remains at \$12.00 per member. Donors may send contributions directly to the Children's Home or through the church. All we ask is that honorarium and memorial gifts are sent in as quickly as possible, so that we can respond in a timely manner. We continue to rely upon you for primary financial support so please honor the next **Fifth Sunday** offering which will be taken on **April 30th**.

Thank you for your ongoing, prayerful interest in the Children's Home. Please remember that we are available to come and personally thank your congregation, present a video, speak and/or preach. All you have to do is call to schedule a day and time. Until we hear from you, may God continue to bless and be a blessing to you and your church.

Gratefully yours, Rev. Ryan Frack, Director of Church Relations

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

April is always such a special time at Kids' Klub as we prepare for Easter and the blessings that it brings. The Kids' Klub annual Egg Hunt will be on April 5th where the kids will meet at church and trailer over to the Simpson's for the hunt. Kids' Klub is also planning on making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. April will also bring the Kids' Klub annual CAKE AUCTION on April 23rd at the church picnic. The cake auction is an important fund raiser for Kids' Klub. Because of your generosity we are able to host the August retreat, help those children that might need a little extra and are able to provide additional items for Wednesday night. We hope to see you at the cake auction this April. We do indeed appreciate your support and prayers.

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 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.

DATES TO REMEMBER IN APRIL:

April 5th	Easter Egg Hunt
April 23rd	Cake Auction at the Church Picnic

April 30th

Singing at the 10:30 a.m. Church Service



Making pretzels for
Ash Wednesday.

Getting to know our
way around the Bible.

Wish a Happy Birthday to:

- 1st - Dennis Hayes, IV**
- 4th - Tammy Vining**
- 6th - Cody Lee**
- 7th - Valerie Collins**
- 8th - Cayden Annis**
- 11th - Bob Reed**
- 13th - Denise Stout**
- 16th - Paul Moran**
- 17th - Alyssa Gross**
 - William Sweat
- 18th - Jacob McKnight**
- 19th - Edna Houck**
- 21st - Marlin Bechanan**
 - Errol Findlater
 - Anthony Moran
 - Ryan Moran
- 23rd - Mary Ann Houck**
 - Brock Myles
- 25th - Lee Allen Sykes**
- 27th - John Burnett**
 - Payten Parrish

Anniversaries

- 12th - Matt & Megan Simpson**
- 26th - Kenny & Julie Thompson**

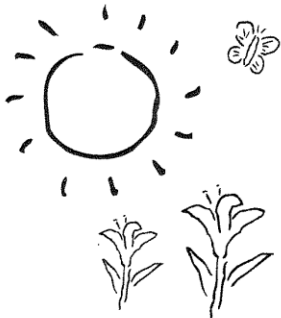
Altar Flowers

- 2nd - OPEN**
- 9th - Saunders**
- 16th - OPEN**
- 23rd - OPEN**
- 30th - OPEN**

Paint Some Stones!



- ☼ Gather some smooth gray stones.
- ☼ Use tempera paints to paint Easter symbols on the stones.
- ☼ Some Easter symbols are:
cross
lily
butterfly
sun
- ☼ After the paint is dry, brush on clear varnish.
- ☼ Let dry overnight.
- ☼ Use large stones for paper weights. Small stones can be carried in your pocket as a "Resurrection Reminder!"



"... and on the third day"

Jesus died upon a cross and was buried in a tomb. When the women went there with burial spices on the third day, what did they find?

Follow the arrows.
Fill in the blanks.

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Luke 24:6

Answer:
The stone was rolled away from the door. An angel said to them, "He is not here, he has risen."

APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>Sunday Schedule 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School 10:30 a.m. –Worship</p>	3	<p>4</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B.S.</p> <p>5 p.m. - Youth</p> <p>5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub Egg Hunt</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10 a.m.–TLC Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Share & Care Circle</p>	7	<p>1</p> <p>9 a.m. – UMW General Meeting</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>8:30 a.m.- UMM Breakfast Meeting</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>10:30 a.m. – Easter Cantata</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth Bowling</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth Putt-Putt Golf</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B.S.</p> <p>7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth – Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 a.m. – Youth - Zoo</p> <p>10 a.m.–TLC Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6 p.m. – Good Friday Service</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8 a.m. – Kairos Outside</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Easter Sunday</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 p.m. - Trustees</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B.S.</p> <p>5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth</p> <p>7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 a.m. – TLC Bible Study</p>	21	22
<p>23</p> <p>Church Picnic 3-5 p.m. Rodman Plantation</p>	24	<p>25</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B. S.</p> <p>5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth</p> <p>7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10 a.m. – TLC Bible Study</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>8 a.m. – Girl Scouts Field Day</p>
<p>30</p> <p>5th Sunday – Children’s Home Offering</p>						

