

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## October 2018

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### From the Pastor

Jesus and the disciples had been preaching along the Jordan River and Jesus made the decision to go up to Jerusalem. As they walked, they had groups of people who would join their little band for a time and Jesus would speak with them and teach them.

I think it kind of went to the disciple's head, because the account in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Mark's Gospel says in verses 35-37, Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." "What is your request?" he asked. They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

His answer basically was... you don't know what you're saying... and I'm not sure you can handle it. And besides... it's not up to me but to my Father.

And then he told them something that has great bearing on what we're doing this evening...in verse 43 he said: "Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant" (Mark 10:43). We serve God by serving others.

The world defines greatness in terms of power, possessions, prestige, and position. If you can demand service from others, you've arrived.

In our self-serving culture with its "me first" mentality, acting like a servant is not a popular concept.

Jesus, however, measured greatness in terms of service, not status.

God determines your greatness by how many people you serve, not how many people serve you.

This is so contrary to the world's idea of greatness that we have a hard time understanding it, much less practicing it. The disciples argued about who deserved the most prominent position, and 2,000 years later, Christian leaders... lay and clergy alike... still jockey for position and prominence in churches, and denominations around the country.

Tons of books have been written on leadership... but few on servanthood. Everyone wants to lead; no one wants to be a servant.

We would rather be generals than privates. We want to be "servant-leaders," not just plain servants. But to be like Jesus is to be a servant. That's what he called himself. God shaped us for service, not for self-centeredness.

God often tests our hearts by asking us to serve in ways we're not shaped.

If you see a man fall into a ditch, God expects you to help him out, not say "I don't have the gift of mercy or service."

And while you may not be gifted for a particular task, you may be called to do it if no one who is gifted at it is around.

Your servant's heart will reveal your maturity. No special talent or gift is required. Anyone can be a servant. All it requires is character and willingness. Jesus says, "You must have a servant's heart." The question that we must ask ourselves is "Do I have the heart of a

servant?" With so many in need in our community, I hope your answer is a resounding Yes! Jesus also said, "You can tell what they are by what they do" (Matthew 7:16).

I remain your servant in Christ,

Pastor John

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### **United Methodist Children's**

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone at Trinity who continue to give so much to financially support the children's home in Enterprise & Madison. It is because of your generous support that so many children are given a second chance in life, a chance that might not be possible without the children's home. We have 1 more 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday this year to collect our goal of \$3600, so again thank you for your loving support.

We will again be collecting the \$10. Walmart gift cards to make there Christmas a little brighter.

Lee Ryals,  
Children's Home Rep.

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**Super Charge Conference**  
**October 20, 2018 9am-12 noon**  
**Crossroads United Methodist Church Jacksonville**

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### **United Methodist Men** **Breakfast Meeting**

**October 13, 2018 8:30 am Fellowship Hall**

All men and their sons are invited to join us for breakfast. Please come out and enjoy a morning of food and fellowship.

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***UNITED METHODIST WOMEN***

**Share & Care Circle meet on Thursday, October 4, at 7 pm at the home of Jo Dunn- 2211 Palma Ceia Terrace, Palatka, FL. All ladies are invited.**

**Wesley Ann Circle, will meet on Thursday, October 15, at 9 am**

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**Did you know??**

**Finance Committee next meeting, Nov. 15, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Bride's Room Ad Council Nov. 15 at 7:15 pm**

**Girl Scout Troop # 2422 meet in the youth room on the first and third Tuesdays at 6:15:30 pm**

**Altar Flowers-If you would like to furnish flowers for any Sunday in October, please sign up on the flower calendar in the Narthex.**

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## **STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 9/30/18)**

Total Budget	\$241,737.00	Kids' Klub	\$2,196.00
Estimated needed to date	\$181,302.75	Uprising Student Ministry	\$657.04
Received to date	\$129,851.43	Scholarship Fund	\$160.00
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	71.62%	UMCOR	\$401.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	75.00%	Salary-YthDir&WorshipLdr	\$2,291.63
Percent of Yearly Contributions that have been received	53.72%	Children's Home	\$1,455.00
		Annual Conf. Offering	\$275.00
		Sound System-2018	\$2,500.00
		Cuba Covenant	\$1,415.00

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### **CIRCLE OF CONCERN – Those needing our prayers**

**Pierce Family**

**Joyce Strickland**

**Cahan Family**

**Carolyn Brown**

**Walston Family**

**Virginia Alexander**

**Starr Douglas**

**Wyatt West**

**Leslie Lewis**

**Teresa Bechanan**

**Pam Peterson**

Those in the nursing homes (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

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COME ONE! COME ALL!

And share in the opportunities to show God's love at  
Trinity UMC!

OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>: The PUMPKINS arrive at Trinity. Come dressed to church in your unloading the pumpkins outfit. We will unload the pumpkins after church and share lunch.

OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup> until OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>: Come and share God's love as you help at the Pumpkin Patch. There is something for everyone to do; watch the patch, take pictures, sell pumpkins, talk about Trinity, help with classes and show others God's love.

OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>: FALL FESTIVAL at Trinity from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Please plan on helping. It takes a village to put the Festival on. We are in need of everyone to help work, create new ideas and show God's love to others. Let's make this the best Festival ever.

NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup>: It's the CHRISTMAS PARADE!!! Trinity is entering a float. We want to show others what is happening at Trinity. It is great fellowship and a lot of fun. Mark your calendar and plan on helping build the float and walk beside or ride on the float in the parade.

## **KIDS' KLUB CORNER**

Wow! October is here and with it comes great opportunities at Kids' Klub. We are learning about the blessings that come with being in the family of God. The pumpkins will be arriving around the middle of the month and with that comes Story Time. We hope that if you are between the ages of three and fifth grade that you will join us on Wednesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dinner is served each Wednesday.

A special "Thank You" to those that took the time to attend Kids' Klub Night Out. The children are so blessed by your presence.

Upcoming Events to know about in October:

October 14<sup>th</sup>                    PUMPKINS ARE COMING!! Please come and help our orange friends get off the truck. It is great fun☺

October 17th & 24th   Story Time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 27th                FALL FESTIVAL from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays in October. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!

The Kids' Klub Team



Placing one of the ornaments that were made at Kids' Klub on our Kids' Klub Family Tree.



Sharing prayer concerns and celebrations at sanctuary time. The children are a blessing.

**Wish a Happy Birthday to:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> --Nicholas Charles**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> --Rachel Brown**
- 4<sup>th</sup> --Emily Ann Simpson**
- 6<sup>th</sup> --Sandra Collins**
- 7<sup>th</sup> --Pat Hyman**
- 10<sup>th</sup> --Sarah Azula**
- 11<sup>th</sup> --Lonnie Vining**
- 12<sup>th</sup> --Justin Fales**
- 13<sup>th</sup> --Connie Echols**
- 13<sup>th</sup> --Jason Sheffield**
- 14<sup>th</sup> --David Cahan**
- 18<sup>th</sup> --Jason Reed**
- 22<sup>th</sup> --John Alexander**
- 23<sup>th</sup> --Jerry Dunn**
- 23<sup>th</sup> --Emily Pritchett**
- 25<sup>th</sup> --Donald Preston**
- 27<sup>th</sup> --Herb DuTour**





# OCTOBER 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>	1	2	3	4 Share & Care circle-7pm	5	6 DOC Training 11:00 am Kairos Prison ministry
7 Holy Communion	8	9 6:15 pm- Girl Scouts 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	10 5p.m- Kids' Klub  7:15 pm-Chancel Choir Practice	11 10 am-Prayer Group	12	13 8:30 am-UMM Breakfast meeting
14 Pumpkin Patch: Pumpkins arrive	15 9 am Wesley Ann Circle	16 Trustees 6:00pm  7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	17 <u>Pumpkin Patch story time</u> 6:30-7 pm 10 am-Ladies Bible S. 5 p.m. – Kids' Klub 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	18 10 am-Prayer Group	19	20 <b>Super Charge Conference</b> 9-12 noon
21	22	23 6:15 pm- Girl Scouts 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	24 <u>Pumpkin Patch story time</u> 6:30-7 pm  5 p.m. – Kids' Klub  7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	25	26 movie	27 Fall Festival 3-5 pm
28	29	30 7 pm-Trinity Flame 7 pm- Bible Study	31 7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice	10 am-Prayer Group		