

TRINITY TIDINGS

NOVEMBER 2023

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Thanksgiving: The Religious Freedom Holiday



As we think of the Pilgrims who established the first Thanksgiving Day, we need to recall the reason they left the land of their birth and came to the New World. The Puritan separatists were not allowed to worship freely in England according to the dictates of their hearts and minds. In August of 1620, they boarded two small ships, the *Speedwell*, and the *Mayflower*, in search of religious freedom in undeveloped America.

The *Speedwell* soon sprung leaks and most of the crew and passengers transferred to the *Mayflower* before the *Speedwell* turned back. There were 102 Pilgrims who suffered the 67 days of rough sailing before they finally landed in Plymouth Bay in November 1620.

Their troubles were just beginning. No housing awaited them. No reception group. No physicians or medical facilities. There were no stores. A cold winter lay ahead with sickness for most of them. At one point, only six people were well enough to help the sick and the dying.

By March 1621, not even a year after arriving, only 51 of the original 102 remained alive. It would be another two years before a ship arrived carrying supplies to help them. They were compelled to live off the land in whatever way they could.

Fortunately, some Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to plant corn, how to fish the waters, how to find game, how to live without the comforts of England or Holland.

The newcomers built houses. They farmed. They fished. They filled a storehouse with corn and other foods. At the end of the first harvest, they decided to hold a feast of celebration and have a time of thanksgiving to God for their freedom to worship as their hearts desired.

They invited their Native American friends to enjoy the occasion with them. Ninety came and stayed for three days. They must have enjoyed the worship, feasting and merrymaking.

The main point to remember is that the Puritans were willing to pay an enormous price for the privilege of freedom of worship. They were profoundly grateful to God! Here, in America, no established church harassed them, no government agency restricted them, and no one ridiculed them. They were free to worship in the manner they chose. And they did just that!

On Thanksgiving Day we will be grateful for our abundance, thankful for our manifold blessings. Let us also be profoundly appreciative of our freedom to worship according to our hearts and minds.

**Remember Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday Nov. 5, 2023.
Turn your clock back 1 hour before bed Saturday night.**

The United Methodist Men's meeting

Saturday November 11, 2023, 8:30 in the Fellowship Hall

Kid's Klub

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

Ladies Bible study with Sandra Black

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

From the Bread of Life

We are so thankful for your generous contributions to the Bread of Life.
Your support allows us to care for this needy community!

Thank you,
Bread of Life



*The pleasure of your company is
requested at the wedding of*

Carsyn Drew & Aaron Samples

November 11/2023

4:00 in the afternoon

Rodman Plantation /298 County Rd 310/Palatka, Florida

Reception to immediately follow

For wedding registry please visit: [theknot.com/aaronandcarsyn](https://www.theknot.com/aaronandcarsyn)



Prayer of Concern: The Family of Joyce Strickland; Addie Joy; Alayna; Ashton; Austin; Autumn; Barbara; Belinda; Beverly; Connie; Carolyn; Carol; Casey; Chris; Cheryl; Clint; Cody; Derrick; Dougie; Dustin Zuleger; Donna; Ed & Charlene; Elaine Ludwig; Grace; Helen; Jack; Jayne; Jennifer; Jim; Joey & Micke; Johnny Brooks; Joy; Ken & Linda; Kim; Kayla; Kevin; Linda & Bill Gardner; Marianne; Marlene; Paul & Elizabeth; Ronnie; Rhonda & Randy; Samantha; Izzy; 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; Pray for peace in Israel; your Pastoral family & your Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 10/29/2023)

Total Budget	\$201,118.00
Estimated needed to date	\$170,176.77
Received to date. **	\$122,077.13
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$10,539.45
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	71.74%
Percent of Year that is complete	84.62%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	60.70%
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Children's Home	\$2,011.86
United Methodist Men	\$1,500.00
Cuba Covenant	\$1,300.00
Kid's Klub	\$1,545.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$4,166.60
Memory of Don Kennard	\$200.00
Memory of Herb DuTour	\$100.00
Memory of Karen DuTour	\$275.00
Disaffiliation Fund	\$36,080.00
Memory of Joyce Strickland	\$225.00

Words to live by

- Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way.
- Don't find fault. Find a remedy.
- Discipline is the soul of an army. It makes small numbers formidable, procures success to the weak and esteem to all.
- Love is a fabric which never fades, no matter how often it is washed in the water of adversity and grief.
- Even though we can't have all we want, we ought to be thankful we don't get what we deserve.
- It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart.
- A real family man is one who looks at his new child as an addition rather than a deduction.
- If you want to see people's lives touched and changed by the Lord, you must love them.

Using the Car

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father if they could discuss the use of the car. His father said, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible, and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it."

After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. His father said, "Son, I've been really proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man replied, "I've been thinking about that. You know, Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, why even Jesus had long hair..."

To which his father replied, "Yes, and they walked everywhere they went!"



KIDS' KLUB CORNER

As we travel through the month of Thanksgiving, November, we would like to give thanks for all who helped to make Kids' Klub such a great place to be. We are very, very grateful to all who worked the patch. Your time and effort were a blessing. We thank those generous people who have given to Kids' Klub through donations, hands you have made and the prayers you have lifted up. Thank you so much, you are a blessing to us and to God.

Kids' Klub happenings in the month of November.

November 15th Thanksgiving dinner with Kids' Klub and their family.

November 18th Set up for the parade float at Matt and Megan Simpson's house

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

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

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 6th Stations of the manger at Kids' Klub

December 13th Hayride and caroling.

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 about Sadrach, Meshach and Abednego



Sharing our love by coloring shields for the Kairos Outside Retreat.



Learning about Daniel in the Lion's Den



Storytime at the Pumpkin Patch on Wednesday night



Wish a Happy Birthday To:


- 01—Carolyn Hayes
- 11—Richard Piestrak
- 12—Carolyn Armstrong
- 13—Lola Herron
- 13—Ashley Priester
- 16—Tiffany Snow
- 23—Reid Harriett
- 23—Julia Hoblit
- 25—Monica Ringbauer
- 26—Joseph Ringbauer



ANNIVERSARIES

- 12—Michael & Sandra Black
- 12—Bryan & Carolyn Hayes
- 14—Tate & Kristen West
- 15—Aaron & Cindy Levine

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Schedule Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30			1 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am. *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	2	3	4
5 Holy Communion Daylight Saving Time Ends	6	7 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	8 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am. *Choir Practice @7:15 Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall	9	10	11 UMM breakfast meeting 8:30 am
12	13	14 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	15 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am *Choir Practice @7:15 p.m. Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall (Thanksgiving Dinner)	16	17	18 Set up float for Christmas parade.
19	20	21	22 No Kid's Klub or Choir practice	23 Thanksgiving Day 	24 Christmas Parade	25
26 Setting up the Chrismon Tree 2:00 pm	27	28 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	29 Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am *Choir Practice @7:15 p.m. Kid's Klub 5:00-7:00 pm—Fellowship Hall (Advent Workshop)	30		

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday November 27, 2023. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing. Thank You!

Christian Bible Reference Site

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