

TRINITY TIDINGS

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FROM THE PASTOR

WHAT STORM???

¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (2 Timothy 4:18 NIV)

I had just spent several weeks in Illinois attending a class for Bell South. It was the middle of the winter and snowplows had to clear the runway before we could take off. I was on a Delta flight so there was an obligatory stop in Atlanta GA. The weather was still cold but when we landed it looked clear and windy. After a four-hour layover and thirty min. walk across the airport to my departing flight I was ready to finish the last leg of my journey home.

Finally the time came to load up and after pulling away from the gate the Capt. told us over the intercom that there would be a short delay as we waited for the storm to pass.

Storm? What storm? I couldn't see any storm. I wanted to takeoff now! It was getting dark. I was tired. I had been traveling all day. I was ready to get home to a real meal and sleep in a comfortable bed. Instead, I spent the next two hours stranded in a hot, cramped airplane setting in line on the taxiway with the other dozens of planes waiting for the storm to pass. The storm had arrived in all its fury.

Everything had looked fine from my window seat, but the flight crew could see more than I could see, and they knew more about the situation than I could possibly know. The decision to delay our takeoff protected us all from a dangerous situation.

Annoying, as that decision was... it was the right decision.

As we enter a new year, delays and re-directions will continue to occur all the time, almost every day in fact, in one way or another. Things just don't always go the way we thought they would, or the way we want them to. However I believe that those who have placed their lives in God's loving hands should see these annoyances differently: we know that God is in control, that he is causing all things to work together for our good and for his glory. The tiniest delay could be diverting us from the greatest disaster. Or it could just be God's way of preparing you for his perfect timing.

So when life inconveniently re-directs your plans, and it will certainly will sooner or later, remember that God is in the details. He is leading us where he wants us to be.

May God richly bless and keep you in the coming year.

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor John

United Methodist Men

The UMM will have their breakfast meeting in the Fellowship Hall on
January 14, 2023, at 8:30 p.m.

Kid's Klub

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

Starts back on Wednesday Jan. 4th, 2023

Ladies Bible study with Sandra Brown

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in her home. (386) 937-6475

*Wednesday's at 7:15 pm.—Chancel Choir Practice in choir room.

*Tuesday's at 6:00 pm.—Flame Practice

He Took it with him



There once was a rich man who was near death. He was very grieved because he had worked so hard for his money, and he wanted to take it with him to heaven. So he began to pray that he might be able to take some of his wealth with him. An angel heard his plea and appeared to him. "Sorry, but you can't take your wealth with you." The man implored the angel to speak to God to see if the Almighty might bend the rules. The man continued to pray that his wealth could follow him. The angel reappeared and informed the man that God had decided to allow him to take one suitcase with him.

Overjoyed, the man gathered his largest suitcase and filled it with pure gold bars and placed it beside his bed.

Soon afterward the man died and showed up at the Gates of Heaven where he was greeted by St. Peter. Peter seeing the suitcase said, "Hold on, you can't bring that in here!" But the man explained to Peter that he had permission and asked him to verify his story with God. Sure enough, Peter checked and came back saying, "you're right. You are allowed one carryon bag, but I'm supposed to check its contents before letting it through."

Peter opened the suitcase to inspect the worldly items that the man found too precious to leave behind and exclaimed, "You brought pavement?!"

THE SEVENTH FRIEND



When I was first diagnosed with cancer: My first friend came and expressed shock by saying, "I can't believe that you have cancer; I always thought that you were active and healthy." He left and I felt alienated and somehow very different.

My second friend came and brought me information about treatments used for cancer and said, "Whatever you do, don't take chemotherapy. It's a poison." He left and I felt scared and confused.

My third friend came and tried to answer my "whys" with the statement, "Perhaps God is disciplining you for some sin in your life." He left and I felt guilty.

My fourth friend came and told me, "If your faith is great enough, God will heal you." He left and I felt guilty.

My fifth friend came and told me to remember, "All things work together for good." He left and I felt angry.

My sixth friend never came at all. I felt sad and alone.

My seventh friend came and held my hand and said, "I care. I'm here. I want to help you through this." He left and I felt loved!



Prayer of Concern: Everyone effected by hurricane Ian; & Nicole; Addie Joy; Alayna; Amber Vojak; Alex; Ashton; Austin; Belinda; Bill; Carol; Carolyn; Chris; Clint; Cody; Connie; Derrick; Diane & Bill; Donna; Donnie P; Dougie; Freddie Edwards; Gail; Jacob; Jim; Johnny B.; John Ray; Justin; Karen & Herb; Kim; Lilly; Linda & Bill Gardner; Mary Beth; Michelle; Mickie & Joey; Ora & Crystal; Page; Rhonda & Randy; Ricky H.; Samantha; Shane; Sharon; Smith family; TJ; Tammy; Teresa; Val; Wendy Perez; We pray for the people of Haiti; Those in the nursing homes and our shut-ins; We pray for our sister church in San Antonio de Rio Blanco in Cuba; the Persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School & teachers; Children at the Methodist Children’s Home; our National leaders & military; The people of Ukraine; your Pastoral family & your Church

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 12/31/2022)

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| Total Budget | \$197,655.00 |
| Estimated needed to date | \$197,655.00 |
| Received to date. ** | \$135,039.46 |
| Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving | \$11,182.52 |
| Percent of “needed to date” that has been collected | 68.32% |
| Percent of Year that is complete | 100.00% |
| Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received | 68.32% |
| DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS | |
| Kids’ Klub | \$2,035.00 |
| Cuba Covenant | \$1,240.00 |
| Salary-Worship Leader | \$4,999.92 |
| Children’s Home | \$2,452.87 |
| United Methodist Men | \$1,350.00 |
| A Women’s Resource Center | \$140.00 |
| In memory of Don Kennard | \$1,365.00 |
| In memory of Trey Curtis | \$100.00 |
| In memory of Sara Dew | \$425.00 |
| In memory of Phil Lednik | \$200.00 |
| United Methodist Women | \$220.00 |
| In memory of John Alexander | \$100.00 |
| In memory of Bonnie Trauerman | \$475.00 |
| In memory of Ed Griffin | \$50.00 |
| In memory of Jolee French | \$260.00 |

From the Bread of Life

Dear Trinity UMC Men’s group and congregation,

May your heart be warmed, by the simple blessings of Christmas.

We hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a New Year rich in our Father’s blessings. You all are a blessing to us all year long!

The Bread of Life,
Board and volunteers



KIDS' KLUB CORNER

As we begin 2023 with Kids' Klub, I would like to take time to thank all of you that have taken your time and effort to make Kids' Klub such a great place to be. Thank you to Bob and Crystal, Matt and Megan, Emily, Micke, and Teresa who faithfully come each week to help teach, to do Bible study, for play time and making sure we are safe. Thank you to Mr. Joey for getting our dinners ready each week. Thank You to Gary our photographer, accountant, and listener. What an awesome group of Christians that come together to help share God's word with the children. Thank you to the Kids' Klub parents who faithfully share your children each week. They are a blessing! Thank you for the support of the church. You make the children feel special and a true blessing for God. We are so blessed by your prayers, your support and presence, your donations but most importantly by your love. We are looking forward to a great new year filled with Jesus and His wonderful stories and truths. 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.



Advent Workshop
preparing for Christmas



Hot Dogs or Meatballs and
Micke's cookies at the Advent
Workshop.



Stations of the Manger.



A play sharing the Christmas story.



Caroling in the neighborhood.



Caroling in the neighborhood.



Santa sharing the real meaning
of Christmas.,

Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 01**—Gail Cahan
09—Betty Walston
31—Pamela Arrington



JANUARY 2023

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|-----------|--|--|------------------------------------|-----------|--|
| 1 Holy Communion | 2 | 3 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm | 4 Choir Practice- 7:15 p.m. *Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8 th grade. *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins at 10:00 am. | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 Taking down the Chrison Tree | 9 | 10 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm | 11 Choir Practice- 7:15 p.m. *Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8 th grade. *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins at 10:00 am. | 12 | 13 | 14 UMM breakfast meeting at 8:30 a.m. |
| 15 | 16 | 17 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm Trustees meeting at 6:00 | 18 Choir Practice- 7:15 p.m. *Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8 th grade. *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins at 10:00 am. | 19 Calendar meeting 7:00 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm | 25 Choir Practice- 7:15 p.m. *Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8 th grade. *Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins at 10:00 am. | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm | | | | <u>Sunday Schedule</u> Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30 |

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office .Monday JANUARY 30, 2023. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing. Thank You!

Christian Bible Reference Site

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