

**TRINITY TIDINGS**  
**October 2017**

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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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The **Fall Festival** is looking for YOU!!!

October 28, 2017

At Trinity United Methodist Church

From 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We will be hosting our annual Fall Festival. The Festival committee is working hard to reach out to our community. There are many opportunities for you to help. Please join us and help show God's love.

**NOTE:** Don't forget to sign up on the sheets in the narthex to work at the Pumpkin Patch.

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***Pumpkin Patch***

**October 16-31, 2017**

**Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Sunday 12 noon – 7 p.m.**

*Bring your family, neighbors and friends!!!*

*Pumpkins in all shapes and sizes*

**Mrs. Pumpkin and Farmer Bob** will have storytime on  
Wednesday, October 18 & 25 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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*We need your help!!!!*

**Pumpkins Arrive Sunday, October 15** (tentative date)

**Mark your calendar and plan to come help unload the pumpkins.**

**Also – We are in need of individually wrapped candy for prizes at the Fall Festival.**

(You may leave the candy in the narthex or the church kitchen. Thanks)

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### **United Methodist Men**

#### **Breakfast Meeting**

**Saturday, October 14 8:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall**

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

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### **United Methodist Women**

**Share & Care Circle** will meet on Thursday, October 5, for visitation and dinner. Meet at the church by 5:30 p.m. to visit our church shut-ins and then enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. All ladies are invited.

**Wesley Ann Circle** will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, October 16, at 9 a.m. in the Bride's Room. All ladies are invited.

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## Budget Review

For those of you who are unaware, Trinity is experiencing a budget dilemma as we try to pay our required expenses and our obligations to the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. The comments and discussion below pertains to our yearly budget through the end of August 2017. That is 66.7% of the year. I have broken down the categories based on the way they are accounted for and show 66.7% of yearly budget and YTD Expense.

Category	Budget	Expense	Pct of Total Budget
Staff-Parish	\$101,303.40	\$103,081.73	65.46%
Apportionments & Taxes	\$14,772.78	\$5,016.54	9.55%
Trustees	\$25,443.00	\$17,491.00	16.44%
Administrative	\$4,290.00	\$3,862.33	2.77%
Programs	\$8,946.30	\$7,882.86	5.78%
	\$154,755.48	\$137,334.46	88.74%

We have collected Year-To-Date 80.03% of the needed revenue for the first eight months of the year. If we continue that collection rate we will be approximately \$47,000 short in our revenue to pay for the expenses. We need to increase our giving where possible while trying to decrease our spending where possible.

Our largest category, Staff-Parish, is salaries, benefits and education for staff. Those expenses we will spend close to 100%.

Apportionments & Taxes are paid to the Florida United Methodist Conference, the State of Florida and the City of Palatka.

Trustees category funds utilities, property and liability insurance, grounds maintenance, capital improvements, repairs to facilities and tuning/repair of pianos.

Administrative is for Office Operations, web site, postage, offering envelopes, copy machine and supplies.

Programs category funds local and foreign missions, Sunday School, music supplies, Uprising Student Ministry, Kids' Klub, Fall Festival, Vacation Bible School.

Two Thirds through the year we have spent 88.74% of Two Thirds of the budget. We are only collecting 80.03% so you can see we are not going to be able to pay

some things which we need to pay. The major one is Apportionments which have only been paid at 17% through this time. We need each giving unit (envelope holder) to contribute so we can meet our obligations.

Also, we have paid for some of the expenses with transfers from groups such as Uprising Student Ministries, Kids' Klub, Designated Improvement Fund and Playground Maintenance. Please pray about your contribution and help Trinity move forward with our obligations.

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 9/17/17)**

Total Budget	\$234,478.00	<u>Unbudgeted Contributions</u>	
Estimated needed to date	171,349.31	Scholarship Fund	475.00
Received to date	134,529.38	Cuba Covenant	2,607.00
Percent of "needed to date"		Uprising Student Min.	1,745.00
that has been collected	78.51%	Children's Home	1,753.00
Percent of Year that is Complete	73.08%	Kids' Klub	1,569.00
Percent of Yearly Contributions that		Kairos Outside	25.00
have been received	57.37%	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

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

<b>Joyce Strickland</b>	<b>Lee West</b>	<b>Charlotte Rose</b>	<b>Virginia Alexander</b>
<b>Gary Armstrong</b>	<b>Herb DuTour</b>	<b>Gail West</b>	<b>Tracy Underwood</b>

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

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**Sympathy** – Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to:

- the family of Genevieve Jones who entered heaven on August 30
  - Shirley Saunders and family. Shirley's sister, Latrelle Taylor, entered heaven on September 3.
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**Congratulations** to Matt & Megan Simpson on the birth of their son, Evan Matthew Simpson. Evan was born on September 10, 2017. He weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Don & Teresa Kennard and Gary & Brenda Simpson. Great grandparents are Margaret Richters and Jean Kennard.

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### **Thanks from Heart of Putnam Food Pantry**

Dear Christian Family:

Wow! Thank you all SO much for bringing us 219 POUNDS of food for redistribution within our community. There are still so many in need and this helps us so much with this ministry.

Through the month of August we have served 7033 clients representing 19,163 family members. Of these, 7176 are children, 3151 are over 60 years of age, 750 are US Veterans, and 2172 suffer some disability. We could not meet this need without the love and support of the Christian Community in this area.

Again, blessings on your congregation for obeying the Master's command: "Feed My Sheep."

Marilyn Young, Office Manager

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**Thanks from the Florida United Methodist Children's Home –**  
Dear Friends:

Our children have been having a great summer on both the Enterprise campus and Madison Youth Ranch. Our Summer Fun Program has included a wide range of activities from field trips to pool parties. The children have been able to go to Fun Spot in Orlando, Speed Park Motorsports in Daytona, bowling, movies, and more. But as the summer is drawing to an end, it is time to begin preparing for another school year. Everyone from houseparents to therapists to our Education Department are gearing up so the children have the materials they need, and are on course to succeed in the coming school year.

Heather is one of those success stories that never would have happened if not for the support of friends like you. She came to live here at the Children's Home about this time last summer. Her school year got off to a rocky start, and she was really struggling to reach her goals. Her therapist here on campus helped her with the transition of living at the Children's Home, and her houseparents gave her love and support to restore her confidence. Our education department never gave up on herself and her dreams, and she actually graduated from high school a year early. Now she is spending this summer preparing to enter college in pursuit of her degree.

Heather's success at school would not have been possible without your support. Your continued support provides our children with the therapy, education, clothing and other necessities for a happy and healthy life. You really are helping them to succeed.

**We are very appreciative of your congregation's recent gift of \$556.00. Your generosity is making an impact in the lives of our children.**

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

Sincerely, Elisabeth Gadd, Chief Development Officer

**Note: October 29<sup>th</sup> is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.**

**We will receive an offering for the Children's Home**

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## KIDS' KLUB CORNER

Wow! October is here and with it comes great opportunities at Kids' Klub. We are learning about heroes of the Old Testament such as Elisha and Joshua. 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 15<sup>th</sup>                      PUMPKINS ARE COMING!! Please come and help our orange friends get off the truck. It is great fun☺



October 18th & 25th Story Time from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 28th 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



Talking about friends and Jonathan.



Telling the story about David the shepherd.



A sheep for snack to illustrate story about David the shepherd.

## 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.

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What should I wear everyday?

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

*Wish a Happy Birthday to:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Lori Ann Parker**
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Emily Simpson**
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Sandra Collins**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Joe Breton**
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Michael Dunn**
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Sarah Azula**
- 11<sup>th</sup> - Lonnie Vining**
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Jason Sheffield**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - David Cahan**
- Misty Manwaring**
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Jason Reed**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - John Alexander**
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Jeanine Mauldin**
- Donald Preston**
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Herb DuTour**
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Teresa Hayes**
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Jason Goss**

**Anniversaries**

- 15<sup>th</sup> - Harry & Joyce Strickland**
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Bill & Fran Harden**
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Mitchell & Tina Huskey**

**Altar Flowers**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Gill**
- 8<sup>th</sup> - OPEN**
- 15<sup>th</sup> - OPEN**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - OPEN**
- 29<sup>th</sup> - OPEN**

# OCTOBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><b>World Communion</b></p> <p><u>Sunday Schedule</u></p> <p>9:15 a.m. – Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 a.m. –Worship</p>	2	3	<p>4</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>5</p> <p>5:30 p.m. – Share &amp; Care Circle – Visitation and dinner</p>	6	7
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<p>15</p> <p><b>Pumpkins Arrive</b></p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 a.m. – Wesley Ann Circle</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6 p.m. – Trustees</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 a.m. – Ladies B.S.</p> <p>5 p.m. – Kids’ Klub</p> <p>5 p.m. – Youth</p> <p>6:30 p.m. - Storytime</p> <p>7:15 p.m. – Chancel Choir Practice</p>	19	20	21
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<p>29</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Children’s Home Offering</b></p>	30	<p>31</p> <p>7 p.m. – Bible Study</p> <p>7 p.m. – Trinity Flame Practice</p>		28	29	30

