

TRINITY TIDINGS

JULY 2023

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The Trouble Tree

A pastor told of hiring a carpenter to restore an old farmhouse. On the first day when the carpenter was to report for work, he was an hour late. His tardiness, he said, was because he found that his electric saw was not working, and in addition, he had found a flat tire on his old truck.

Nevertheless, he put in a full day's work. When finished, he got in his aged truck and turned the key in the ignition, only to find that the stubborn vehicle refused to start.

Seeing the problem, the pastor offered to take the carpenter home and the tradesman got in the pastor's car. They engaged in friendly conversation on the way and soon arrived at the man's home. Before exiting the car, the carpenter invited the preacher in to meet his family. They both got out and started toward the front entrance.

As they walked by a tree in the yard, the carpenter stopped for a second and touched the tips of several branches of the tree without comment. Entering the home, the smiling carpenter kissed his wife and hugged his two small children who had joyfully wrapped themselves about his legs. It was obvious that the family was close and quite happy.

After visiting awhile, the pastor made his way to his car with the carpenter accompanying him. As they passed by the tree again, the pastor said that he had noticed the tradesman had touched several branches of the tree with both hands when they had passed by earlier. "Why did you do that?", asked the curious pastor.

"Oh," said the carpenter, "that's my trouble tree. I know I can't help having trouble, but I try to keep trouble out of my house as much as I can. When I come home each day, I touch the branches of the tree and symbolically leave my troubles on the tree. In the morning, I pick them up again. But strangely, it always seems that when I am ready to deal with my troubles in the morning, I don't see to have as many as I had the evening before."

Writing about this to his church members, the pastor suggested that Christians could use Christ as the "trouble tree." Thus we Christians could begin each new day with the love, compassion, hope, and courage Christ provides to each of us.

United Methodist Men

There will be no United Methodist Men's meeting, June-September.

Kid's Klub

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

There will be no Kid's Klub, July-August, 2023

Ladies Bible study with Sandra

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

There will be no Choir practice in July

Altar Flowers for July

July 16—Schmidt

July 23—Ryals

July 30--Schmidt



Thank You from the Bread of Life

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*Sincerely,
The Bread of Life*

Murphy's Law goes to church

- The year's lowest attendance will occur when the district superintendent makes a surprise visit.
- Members living 15 miles away will be 15 minutes early; members living two blocks away will be 15 minutes late.
- Saying "Let us pray" or singing "Just As I Am" causes babies to cry.
- When you're right, nobody remembers; when you're wrong, nobody forgets.
- The shorter the agenda, the longer the committee meeting.
- No matter how many show up for choir practice, you will need one more copy of the music.
- The probability of the pastor tripping over the mike cord is greater in special holiday services than at other times.
- If one usher is absent, there will be a large attendance; if both are missing, there will be at least three handouts and it will be necessary to set up extra chairs.
- The furnace only fails when the outside temperature is more than 20 degrees below zero. The air conditioner only fails when the outside temperature is 90 degrees or above.
- The likelihood of a child's giving a humorous response in a children's talk is directly proportional to the seriousness of the discussion.
- A Sunday school teacher will always have a large attendance when he or she feels poorly prepared to teach.

To Claim the Promise

The gospel must stand central to our consideration of the re-creative powers of leisure. "Come unto me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). The gospel speaks to our need for a leisurely attitude, a restfulness that does not necessarily result when we take a break from work. If we will claim the promise of rest, we must be willing to respond to the command, "Come unto me."



Prayer of Concern: Addie Joy; Alayna; Ashton; Austin; Autumn; Barbara; Belinda; Bradley Family; Connie; Carolyn; Carol; Chris; Cheryl; Clint; Cody; Derrick; Dougie; Donna; Ed & Charlene; Hayden Gill; Helen; Jack; James; Jayne; Jeremy; Jim Joey & Micke; Johnny Brooks; Kay Clapp; Ken & Linda; Kim; Kate; Kayla; Kevin; Kerrie; Larry & Jill; Linda & Bill Gardner; Marianne; Misty; Page; Paul & Elizabeth; Ronnie; Rhonda & Randy; Rich; Samantha; Shane; Sharon & John; Shirley & Teresa; Susan Carter;

Tommy & Tami; The Family of Karen and Herb DuTour; 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; The people of Ukraine; your Pastoral family & your Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 6/25/2022)

Total Budget	\$201,118.00
Estimated needed to date	\$100,559.00
Received to date. **	\$71,589.10
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$6,135.15
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	71.19%
Percent of Year that is complete	50.00%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	35.60%
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Children's Home	\$1,106.86
United Methodist Men	\$1,000.00
Cuba Covenant	\$700.00
Kid's Klub	\$995.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$2,499.96
Memory of Don Kennard	\$200.00
Memory of Herb DuTour	\$100.00
Memory of Karen DuTour	\$225.00

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

June was a very busy time at Kids' Klub. We were so excited to be able to share God's love as we went bowling and swimming.

Here at Kids' Klub we want to share God's love with you. We hope that you will come and share God's love with us. We will be meeting each Wednesday starting the second week of August at Trinity UMC. We will be learning about the life of Old Testament people, having new adventures, praying together, singing together, sharing supper, and fellowshiping in Jesus' name.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays starting in August. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!! The Kids' Klub Team



Kids' Klub fellowship at the Bowling Alley



Enjoying God's outdoors at the Reed's pool.



Traveling with Moses. We filled our suitcase (Paper Bag) and traveled to Egypt.



Summer Celebrations starting with preparing Flat Jesus and ending with hot dogs on the fire pit.



Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 02**—Gail West
- 09**—Kyndal Lewis
- 10**—Edward Coles
- 12**—Sydney Breton
- 24**—Joey Schmidt
- 26**—Brenda Simpson
- 29**—Sharon Bennett
- 29**—Michelle Huffman
- 30**—Marlene Ogle

ANNIVERSARIES

- 07**—Ken & Linda Echols
- 18**—Marlin Bechanan & Betty Walston

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sunday Schedule Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30						1
2	3	4 Independence Day 	5 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i>	6	7	8
9	10	11 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	12 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i>	13	14	15
16	17	Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm *Trustee's meeting at 7:00 p.m.	19 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i>	20 *Admin. Finance Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25 Trinity Flame practice 6:00 pm	26 <i>Ladies Bible Study with Sandra at 10:00 am.</i>	27	28	29
30	31					

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday JULY 24, 2023. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing. Thank You!

Christian Bible Reference Site

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