



Trinity United Methodist Church Of Jensen Beach Newsletter

“Live by Faith, Be Known by Love, Be Voice of Hope”

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Come, Touch the Robe

The Lenten season is a time of reflection as we remember and acknowledge the amazing sacrifice that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ made for us. It is the perfect time to study our Bibles and contemplate His miraculous journey from the triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to His suffering and death on the Cross at Golgotha. But we are encouraged knowing that death could not hold Him. He fulfilled His promise and prophecy to rise from the tomb on the third day and ascend into Heaven so that we could be saved. *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, so that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life* (John 3:16).



Last month we enhanced our Lenten experience even further (see page 8). The congregation and community rejoiced and celebrated our Lord’s resurrection as the Trinity Choir and Drama Team depicted His amazing story in *Come, Touch the Robe*. Written by Pepper Choplin, our Easter Musical Drama followed Jesus’ path as He enters Jerusalem amid the joyous cries of Hallelujah, heals the sick, blind and lame, and teaches those who faithfully follow Him.

Inspired by the beautiful music and lyrics sung by the Choir, the Trinity Drama Team, comprised of members from our own church, portrayed and brought to life the characters who were with Jesus during His last days on earth. We witnessed His amazing power when a woman simply touches His robe and is miraculously healed of a 12-year affliction. We saw His transfiguration on the mountaintop while His disciples watch in awe and amazement. During a reenactment of the Last Supper, we were touched by Jesus’ selfless act of humility as He washed the Disciples’ feet. Even on the cross, Jesus’ tender act of mercy, love and forgiveness enlightens and changes a soldier’s heart forever. Through each of these personal, touching moments, we pray that you will be blessed by the glory and power of Christ and transformed by His abiding LOVE.

Many blessings,

Terry Henderson, Trinity Drama Team Director

He is Risen

Pastor's Corner

“God With Us”

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.—

Matthew 16:21 (NRSV)

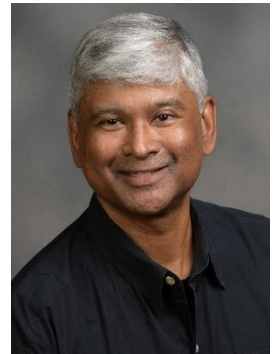
Some of us may remember what comes next: Peter, Jesus' first disciple, rebukes Jesus, declaring, “This must never happen to you.” And Jesus rebukes Peter in return, observing that Peter has set his mind on “human things (Matthew 16:23).”

Knowing how the story turns out, some of us might smugly conclude that we would never commit Peter's error. Unlike Peter, we would NEVER fixate on human, Earthly things!

And yet, jumping to the end of the story is an error in itself!

The truth is, in life, we are where Peter finds himself: In the MIDDLE of a grand historical drama. We cannot fast-forward through our life stories. We cannot skip to the end where we “live happily ever after.” We must traverse life's ever-changing, sometimes uncertain, and frequently painful path in real-time.

Our present challenge is to hold fast to our faith, even as we wander through life's darkest valleys. Some days may be more trying than others, but just as Jesus walked a Path of Ministry with Peter, so He walks with us.



Anil

HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 2nd @ 9:15 & 11:00 AM

**LENTEN PRAYER: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th
5:30 - 6:25 PM * SANCTUARY**

MAUNDY THURSDAY: APRIL 6th @ 6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY: APRIL 7th * 8:00 PM

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:
SUNDAY, APRIL 9th * 6:45 AM
ON JENSEN SEA TURTLE BEACH**

**EASTER SANCTUARY SERVICES:
9:15 & 11:00 AM**



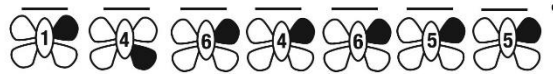
Test your Bible Skills

Puzzle!

Use the code to uncover the angel's message in Matthew 28:7 (NIV).



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Answer: “He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.”

Media Update

Our Yearly Challenge

Each year it happens. The Media Department faces its greatest challenge—Easter Sunrise Service on Turtle Beach! It's our job to coordinate with the sound company which provides the amplifiers and speakers. These are needed to reach the 1000+ people as they sit and stand facing East hoping to see the sun rise out of the water. (Note: this equipment is too expensive for us to purchase to only use one time a year, so we rent the equipment and services instead. Cost? We usually pay between \$2500 and \$3000.)

We meet the company at 3:30 AM so our day starts early. We provide the generator to run all the electrical equipment. Additionally, we bring microphones, a keyboard, cables and more. In all, it takes about two hours to set everything up and test it. Besides myself, there are always volunteers who help set up.

We do our best to provide great sound even though we often must fight the effects of wind and crashing water. We want everyone to hear the great music, the scripture, and Pastor's Resurrection message!

After the service itself, our next challenge is to have enough staff to run the 9:15 a.m. Praise Team rehearsal. We can't get back from the beach in time to do that without more media personnel doing their part.

Although the Easter Sunrise Service is a day that puts lots of pressure on the Media Department, we love being part of this outreach to our community. When we can help share God's love to others, that makes our early morning work worth it.

John Grubb



Hosanna!

BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!

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Pianist: Carol Paul

Facilities: Doug Evans

Media: John Grubb

Be An Encourager!

I want to share my story with you again. The longer I am here at Trinity the more I realize how important it is for us to encourage each other. *Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing* (1 Thessalonians 5:11). I believe that happens at Trinity and it should be our goal to be sure it continues to happen.



When I began my search for a church, I honestly came to Trinity based on the location and the look of the church. I had driven by a few times and thought that might be a nice church to visit. As I reflect on it, I believe God created a desire in me to not just drive by but to attend a service, thus beginning a new spiritual journey in my life.

I remember my first visit; it felt right. The welcoming atmosphere was wonderful, and the music touched my heart. I left that first Sunday knowing I would return. Sunday after Sunday, I came and enjoyed just being a part of the congregation, keeping to myself and worshipping.

God had other plans! God placed Audrey in my path. She became my encourager. She made it her mission to welcome me, sit with me, and most of all encourage me. She introduced me to others in the congregation, and they were encouraging as well. I felt welcomed and wanted. Once the new choir season began, I joined the choir and met more encouragers. Joyce and other choir members really made me feel welcomed. My life was being transformed and renewed through the encouragement of others.

I so appreciate the encouragement I receive from my church family. It is my hope that I can be an encouragement to others as others have been to me. As part of the family of God, our goal should be to encourage and build each other up. We can change lives through encouragement.

Rick Decker



Volunteer luncheon held on March 25, 2023

Music Notes

Why Have Music At All?

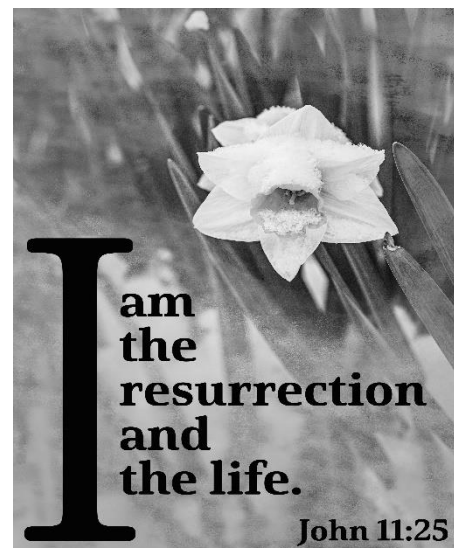
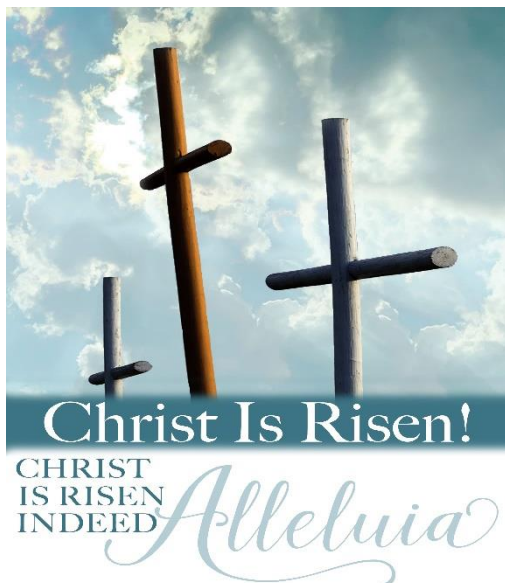
Easter, including Passion Week (also known as Holy Week), is almost upon us. If we think about it, as Christians, Easter is the biggest celebration day of all holidays. It makes perfect sense to sing and make music because Jesus Christ is risen! But what leads up to that day is a week of suffering and Good Friday (the day we remember His crucifixion) is the saddest day for those of us who serve Christ. So, why sing at all? The agony Jesus endured was horrific on all levels. It was so awful, God had to turn His head. However, His torment was with a purpose. God loved us enough to give His only son to shed His blood and die to save us from our sins. What an unselfish gift that was! It's certainly one debt we can never repay.

There are some wonderful classical pieces that tell the compelling story of Passion Week and Easter. You may want to YouTube® some of these and listen for the musical clues that point to the pain and anguish during Holy Week and the joy and glory of Easter. Here are just a few of the most famous ones, but there are many more:

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| Bach: | <i>St. Matthew's Passion</i> |
| Joseph Haydn: | <i>The Seven Last Words of our Lord Jesus Christ</i> |
| Mahler: | <i>Symphony No. 2 (Resurrection)</i> |
| Handel: | <i>Messiah</i> |

Why have music at all? Of course, it's rational to include music at happy occasions, but sometimes, music can help carry us through heart-breaking life experiences as well. Sometimes, music speaks the words we can't find ourselves. Sometimes, music is the **best** way through a dismal situation! Sometimes, MUSIC!

Joyce Grubb



“Creation Care” at Trinity

The UMC has an entire section devoted to *creation care*. Creation care is focused on our environment. Trinity’s contribution has been making the change from Styrofoam to Paper, regarding plates and cups. Baby steps.

Did you know?

Styrene, a component of polystyrene, poses a threat to human life as well as the environment. Polystyrene cups can leach harmful chemicals, like benzene, especially when they’re microwaved; animals sometimes mistake them for food and consume them. Paper cups—including polyethylene-coated ones—aren’t toxic, even when microwaved or eaten accidentally. Long-term exposure to small quantities of styrene can cause neurotoxic (fatigue, nervousness, difficulty sleeping), hematological (low platelet and hemoglobin values), cytogenetic (chromosomal and lymphatic abnormalities), and carcinogenic effects.

As a congregation, we should be avoiding Styrofoam, both personally and environmentally. The most common uses of Styrofoam are for drinking cups, plates, and take-out containers. We thought the technology was good but found out it isn’t—so it is time to make a change. Many are!

- ✚ About 100 cities across the United States have eliminated Styrofoam usage for take-out containers.
- ✚ Universities and cities both have accomplished banning Styrofoam.
- ✚ On July 1, single-use Styrofoam products will cease to be in circulation in New York City due to a new regulation.
- ✚ Dunkin Donuts is no longer famous for the Styrofoam cups that keep coffee warm for hours, as they are now using a double-walled paper cup.

Here at Trinity, you may have noticed we have been removing Styrofoam (aka Polystyrene) from our kitchen. Our Styrofoam plates and cups have been replaced by paper. Such a serious subject is this, that Methodist Churches’ Creation Care groups additionally encourage the elimination of single-use plastics, bottles, and cutlery for all events, and that we teach everyone to be faithful stewards of Creation.

Annual Conference 2022

“We the church were commanded to cultivate the garden God made good, and we are to be responsible for the way we extract and use energy in our churches, homes, and daily lives.” Our Plastic and Foam Free Florida UMC Annual Conference resolution was approved in 2019, as follows:

Resolution No. 4: Resolved that our churches adopt the Creation Care practices minimizing the use of single-use plastics, plastic straws, plastic bags, and polystyrene foam to recognize our relationship to God’s oceans, rivers, lakes, streams, and God’s aquatic creatures thereby loving our neighbors. Also, that churches encourage the elimination of single-use plastics, bottles, and cutlery for all events, and that we teach everyone to be faithful stewards of Creation.

It is wonderful to know, Trinity United Methodist Church of Jensen Beach has reduced its use of Styrofoam significantly over time and is striving to also remove *all* Styrofoam on our campus.

From Styrofoam and plastic to paper. We still have a way to go. Yes, it costs more to go paper, but as Stewards of the Planet, we need to teach by example. It is our responsibility to do what we can to Care for God’s Creation.

Randi



Scenes from *Come, Touch the Robe*



Women's Ministries

Priscilla Circle Greeting Card Mission

Another long-time mission of the *Priscilla Circle* is sending cards to members and friends of ATUMC who are ill, hospitalized, in rehabilitation facilities, independent living, and so forth. Each month we begin our meeting by signing these cards to reach out to those that we are aware of who need a cheery note of encouragement for improved health. We also send sympathy cards to let those who are mourning a recent death so that they know that we understand their grief and that we are there to support them.

If you know of someone who would enjoy a card every month, please let us know. Also, if you have extra cards that you do not know what to do with, consider donating them to the Priscilla Circle. We will use them to brighten someone's day!

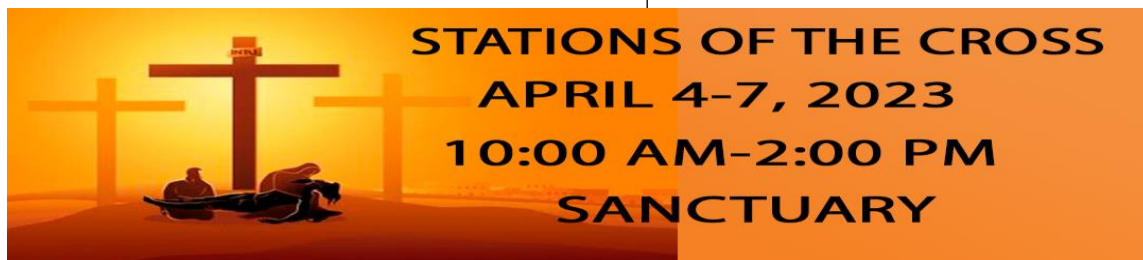
Meet Bonnie Kincaid

Anyone who knows Bonnie Kincaid knows that she will always greet you with a contagious smile and warm heart. She is a long-time member of *Priscilla Circle* and is responsible for preparing the greeting cards for signature. Not only does she address the cards, but she writes a heart-felt note in many of them. Bonnie lives in Jensen Beach. She and her husband, Bruce, moved to Florida from Connecticut 18 years ago. They were married 55 years when he passed late last year. Their son, Kenny, moved to Florida a year or so ago and has been a wonderful support for Bonnie. During her working life, Bonnie was a telephone operator and a certified nursing assistant. She has 3 grandchildren.



Bonnie is a member of the Hooks and Needles group. She loves to embroider. Bonnie attends the 9:15 a.m. service. When you see her, be sure to say "Hi!"

Sandy Smith



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
APRIL 4-7, 2023
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
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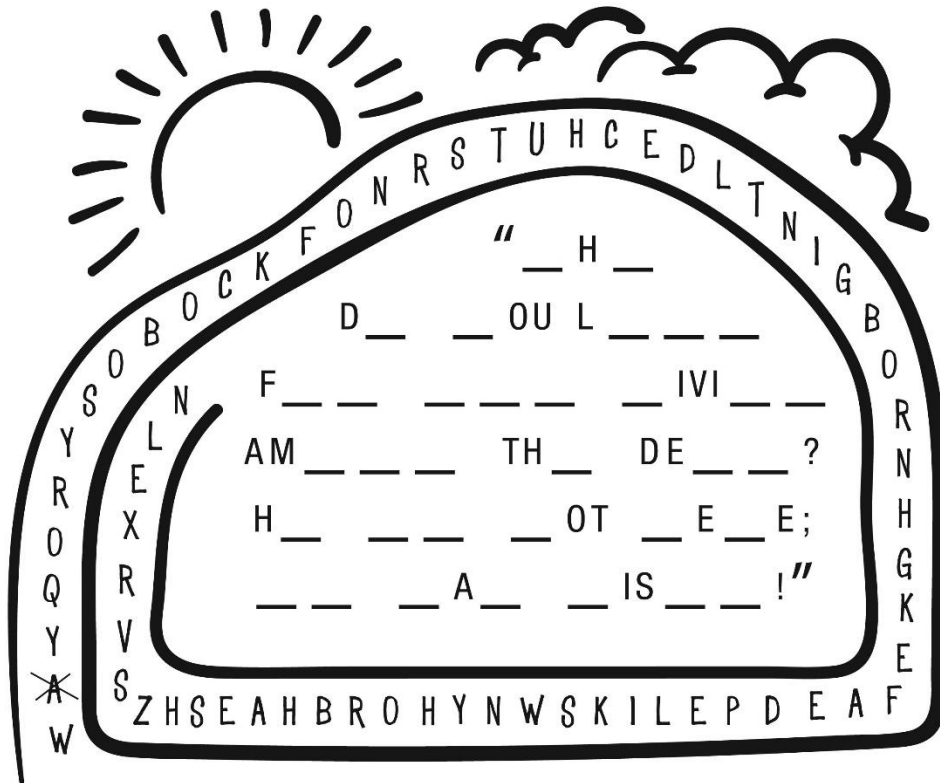
The banner features a background image of three crosses in a landscape, with a person kneeling in prayer in the foreground.



EASTER MORNING *message*

Early Sunday morning, some women who followed Jesus encountered a great surprise. Solve the puzzle to see what the angels told them.

Directions: Cross out every other letter in the maze. Write the remaining letters in order to complete Luke 24:5-6, NIV.



LUKE 24:5-6, NIV

Answer: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" Luke 24:5-6, NIV

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday, we know. And Easter most certainly. But what is Maundy Thursday? It is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated His final Passover with his disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. He then commanded them to do the same for each other,

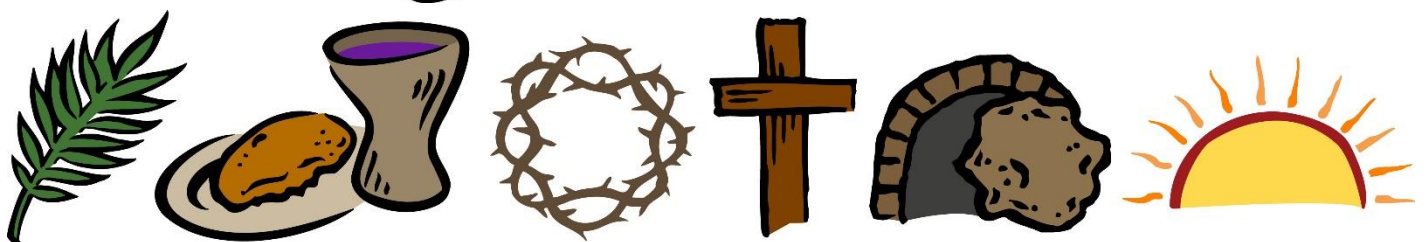
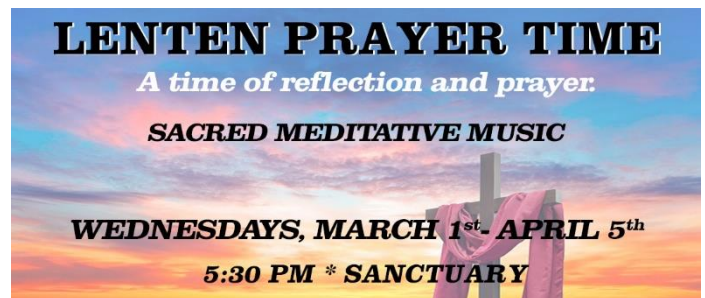
What does Maundy Thursday mean? In Latin it means *command* it was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He made a new commandment to His disciples. Jesus and His disciples had just shared what was known as the *Last Supper* and He as he washed their feet, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you, do this in remembrance of me". In the same way, after supper, He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me", for whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Every time we participate in communion, we recognize what happened during the events of Maundy Thursday. That our Lord Jesus was betrayed, to be tried and crucified the next day on Good Friday.

Don Frye



MAUNDY
Thursday



April Offerings

Sundays

- **Easter Sunrise Service @ Turtle Beach (April 9th, 6:45 a.m.)**
- **Easter Service, Sanctuary @ 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.**
- Sunday School (9:15 a.m.)
 - *Communion Sunday: Children and parents worship together in the Sanctuary.*
 - *Other Sundays, children leave after the Praise Set.*
- Adult Bible Studies (9:30 a.m.)
- 1st Sunday:
 - *Communion*
 - *House of Hope Donations*
- 3rd Sunday: Noisy Change
- 4th Sunday: Discipleship Sunday

Mondays

- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Priscilla Circle (2nd Mondays, 10:00 a.m.)

Tuesdays

- Trinity Ringers (5:30 p.m.)

Wednesdays

- Beginner's Line Dancing (11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.)
- Blessings in a Bag (12:30–2:30 p.m.)
- Hooks & Needles (every other week) (10:00 a.m.)

Thursdays

- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.m.)
- Choir Rehearsal (7:00 p.m.)

Saturdays

- 1st Sunday: Men's Meeting (8:00 a.m.)

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