



# ***Trinity United Methodist Church Of Jensen Beach Newsletter***

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

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## **Something Old, Something New**

Communication is one of the primary ways that people know what is happening on multiple levels. Given today’s technology, communication is often assumed to occur naturally as we often hear of events or things almost as soon as they happen (or perhaps even before they occurred!). Research has demonstrated time and again that what we see or hear in the mediated world affects perceptions we have of people and groups. Research also demonstrates that an informed individual or group often makes better decisions, understands why people “see” things differently, and provides a means to express opinions in an open and constructive way. *Communication is the foundation on which a fully functioning, healthy group maintains itself.*



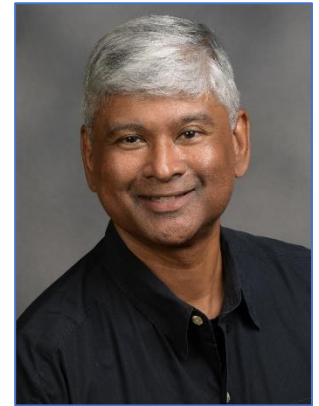
As with any group, there are differences among its members. These differences often lead to separate communities within the group and often identities begin to create perceptions of definitive barriers between subgroups. Within the church these subgroups often distance us in the same way that societal demographics are used to differentiate ourselves from others (e.g., gender, age, income). *Trinity United Methodist Church of Jensen Beach* offers its members a number of different ways to know what is happening at the church. We have a website, weekly emails, and other ways to communicate with current and prospective members.

Increasing communication channels is a way to break down possible barriers between subgroups and we are initiating a “new” channel to provide us with relevant (and irrelevant?) information and activities: Revitalizing the “old” newsletter that once informed members of events and happenings in some detail—offering additional insight and understanding of what Trinity is doing above and beyond the more instantaneous channels found in the modern communication milieu.

What can you expect from this “new” communication vehicle? First, more depth to the things that are happening in the church. Second, additional insights in what groups are doing and how they are affect the church and local community. Third, we will be introducing members to other members, including those who help make major decisions in the running of Trinity. The *Newsletter* (suggestions for a better title are welcomed!) is designed to be monthly and transmitted via email for either on-screen or printed reading. We hope that this “new” communication channel will increase knowledge of church activities and an understanding of the community we know as *Trinity United Methodist Church*.

# Pastor's Corner

*Once more around the sun  
And so, we begin another year.  
Another orbit around the Sun.  
Another series of winter, spring, summer, and fall.  
Another Lent, another Easter, another Pentecost,  
Another Memorial Day, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Labor Day,  
Another Advent, another Christmas,  
And then, Good Old Earth,  
It's time to go around the Sun all over again!  
God willing all this, that is!*



*Reverend Anil Singh*

**I**n the Gospel According to Luke, Jesus tells a story about a wealthy man who stores up all his extra grain in his brand new barn, thinking that finally, he can live comfortably and carefree. But then God says to him,

“You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

*Luke 12:20-21, New Revised Standard Version*

Here, Jesus teaches about the folly of storing up wealth at the expense of all else, especially the love of one's neighbor.

But I have similar feelings about time. We receive every dollar in our wallets, every breath we breathe, and every hour of our lives by God's grace, mercy, and providence. Do we not owe it to God to glorify Him with our every dollar, breath, and minute?

That sounds like a tall order!

And yet, as Methodists, fully committing ourselves to our faith in Jesus Christ has been the order of the day ever since John Wesley's fellow students at Oxford derisively called Wesley and his Holy Club members “Methodists.”

So regular was Wesley's regimen of prayer, scripture reading, fasting, and practicing ministry that his Oxford fellows labeled his group, “Bible Moths,” “Supererogation Men,” “Sacramentarians,” and “Methodists.”

And the only reason a miracle like this made it into the Methodist historical record is that John Wesley sought not to waste a moment of his day: He painstakingly recorded his prayer life in a journal and recorded his faith experiences in great detail. His use of time in this way now blesses us with a treasure trove of first-hand accounts of miraculous events in eighteenth-century England.

Like when he preached in a hall filled with thousands of people. The stands in the hall were so filled that the collective weight eventually caused the entire structure to collapse, yet NO ONE was injured!

And the only reason a miracle like this made it into his journal is that John Wesley chose to spend every minute of his life growing in his love and knowledge of God and encouraged people to do the same! What miracles might we witness if we spent our current orbit around the Sun doing something similar?

Pray. Read your Bible. Abstain from things that harm you or separate you from God or Neighbor. Practice some form of “love your neighbor.” Waste not a minute of the life God gives you! You never know what miracles you'll see when you spend even a little more time loving God!

*“May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance.” —Jude*

*Anil*

# Media Update

During the busy month of December, we received comments and questions in the Media Booth about the Sanctuary sound. People were noticing the crispness of the music and the clarity of the vocals. “What are you doing differently?” some asked. “What has changed?” was also a common question. Everyone who came to us was right on point. Something did change!



*John Grubb*

After twenty years of service, we finally retired our four Bose speakers. They had served us well, but all those years just wore them out. Additionally, we worried these speakers could not work correctly without a particular equalizer. Unfortunately, this device is no longer manufactured and can only be purchased as a refurbished unit. The original equalizer faded out on us last year and we were fortunate enough to find one in California. Still, fearing that we could come into church some Sunday morning and have no sound at all, our Trustees moved forward by giving the okay to order a new system. We ordered four new JBL speakers, a JBL sub-woofer and a new amplifier to handle the new speakers.

In the middle of November, Doug Evans and myself got busy installing the four new speakers and the amp. We removed the old ones and their mounting pieces and then installed everything new. The JBLs fit perfectly, and we were fortunate that we did not have to do any rewiring!

On the first Sunday they were in use, people immediately noticed a difference. As a long-time sound person, I really appreciate the sound quality. Music instruments are clearer, as are people voices. When the Choir or Praise Team sings, it’s so easy to understand each word.

Those of us involved in Media are thankful to the Trustees, Finance, and Church Council for approving this purchase. The system was not inexpensive, as I’m sure you can guess. However, in my book, it was worth every penny.

*John Grubb*



*John installing of o four new Bose speakers*

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# “Prayer Changes Things”

That saying was framed and on the wall in the little church I grew up in and my family lived by it! Growing up in my grandfather’s church certainly had an influence on my life and the way I approach things to this day. I remember my grandmother and my mother answering many of my questions concerning what I should do with “Have you prayed about it?” Now as a young person, I just wanted it; I didn’t want to wait until the prayer was answered and dreaded the “what if the answer is no” response. As I grew older, I want to say matured, but honestly, I grew older but not always maturer, I learned that when I pray, it is important to pray for God’s will, not mine, to be done and that is hard! Our all knowing, all powerful, loving God knows our needs and even our wants before we take them to Him so why pray? Because prayer changes things! It may change the situation; it may resolve a problem, but most likely prayer will change us. Jesus even prayed for “this cup to pass from me” but it didn’t—what it did do was change His spirit. When we pray for God’s will, we need to understand that His will may be for us to change, not the situation to change or the person we want “fixed” to change. It may be that we need to be changed to better manage the situation or the person.



Rick Decker

Why all this emphasis on prayer? Because this is how we communicate with God. Jesus, His own son, prayed to the Father; Paul, one of the most fervent servants of God, prayed to Him constantly. In fact, his writing in *1 Thessalonians 5:17* says to “pray without ceasing.” Prayer is the open line between us and our heavenly Father, not our genie or wish grantor, but our Father who loves us and knows our needs before we pray. He wants us to communicate with Him through prayer.

With so much emphasis on prayer, it is important for us to pray alone and collectively. Here at Trinity, we have that opportunity. We have a *prayer team* that is notified of congregation prayer requests, and they pray for those needs during their personal prayer time. We also have a prayer time set aside on Sunday’s at 10:30 a.m. for us to gather as a prayer group and pray for the special requests and the ministries of our church.

If you feel God leading you to be a part of these prayer ministries, please reach out to me or Nancy Wood and your name will be added to the prayer team list. If you want to join the prayer group on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., just come to the prayer room off the Narthex for 15 minutes of collective prayer time.

Rick Decker





# Music Notes

## Meet Evie Boyle

Some of the most meaningful moments of worship at a beautiful church service occur during music. We are so blessed to have lovely, dedicated people who participate in music at Trinity. Without these folks, where would we be? Today, I'd like to highlight one very special person who adds so much to our ministry.



*Evie Boyle* began attending Trinity in 2001 when she and her husband, Tom, moved from Pennsylvania to Florida. She has been a faithful member of our choir since then. A while ago, there was a short period of time during which she suffered the loss of several family members, including her husband, daughter, both parents, and a brother; yet she kept her faith in God, trusting Him through it all. After the passing of her daughter, Tara, Evie raised her granddaughter (Britnee) until she was an adult, moved away, and married. One month ago, Evie welcomed her first great-grandson into the family.

Evie helps us in countless ways, often without anyone noticing. She is incredibly faithful and dedicated to our music ministry. She acts as our librarian, keeping music updated and in its proper place. She helps us get organized before filing onto the Choir Loft. She's a member of the Choir and Praise Team. Whenever there is a music-related gathering in Fellowship Hall, she can be found in the kitchen preparing before and cleaning up afterward. She often gives rides to other members who need a way to church. Her joy is contagious, and her heart is as big as they come!

She is a blessing to every one of us, and we are better for knowing her. Thank you, Evie! You are irreplaceable!

*Joyce Grubb*

### Coming Up:

Composer Concert with Joel Raney – February 19, 2023 @ 3:00 p.m. – Trinity Sanctuary

Easter Musical/Drama – March 30-31, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m. – Trinity Sanctuary

## **"BLESSING IN A BAG" DONORS/SPONSORS**

**ALL LINE DANCE CLASSES DONATE \$2 PER PERSON  
CACTUS MOON LINE DANCERS  
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF OUR LINE DANCE GROUP  
ST. LUCIE FALLS WOMEN'S CLUB  
TRINITY'S CONGREGATION  
TRINITY'S MEN'S GROUP**

# Women's Ministries

## Hooks & Needles

The Hooks and Needles group meets every other Wednesday in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Known to enjoy a donut or two along with a cup of coffee, we knit or crochet prayer shawls, baby hats, or our own individual projects. Since members have returned from “up North”, our group is now made up of eight ladies. We are always looking for new members who share our common interest in knitting or crocheting for the benefit of others. We pray over our completed projects before they are donated to the Visitation Team who distribute the prayer shawls as they visit hospitals, recuperating centers, and homes. Come join us. We have plenty of yarn and knitting needles/crochet hooks and lots of experience to share with those who would like to learn.



Sandy Smith

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## Devotional

“Commit your way to the Lord. Trust him!”  
*Psalm 37:5 (CEB)*

I love to plan for what is going to happen in the coming weeks or months. I also tend to get stuck in a rut doing the same ministry with people I already know. But recently I felt God leading me to try something new.

God wanted me to take...

### TODAY'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, lead us in new steps of faith, and give us courage as we step out of our comfort zones to serve you. We pray as your Son taught us, “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation” (Luke 11:2-4, NIV). Amen.

Kathleen R. Brewer (New Brunswick, Canada)

Source: <https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals/en-2023-01-09>

## Priscilla Circle

The sisters of the Priscilla Circle meet monthly September through May. Missions sponsored by the Circle include *House of Hope* food donations the first Sunday of each month and *Noisy Change* collection on the third Sunday of the month. House of Hope donations provide needed food and personal care items to individuals in our community. Noisy Change supports the *Heifer Project*, which helps families throughout the world, including the United States, to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities.

The ladies of the Priscilla Circle sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Craft and Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall the last Saturday in November. Along with fourteen vendors, we offered two tables of handmade crafts and a huge table of delicious baked goods graciously donated by the members of our Circle and the congregation. This year's annual craft and bake sale was a success, earning a net of \$755.85 to support our missions. Thanks to the congregation for their generous and delicious donations to the bake sale. We enjoyed this day together welcoming the community into our church fellowship.

Look in February for “You Hug Me Bags” to be distributed near Valentine's Day. We offer a bag to each attendee at both Praise and Traditional Sunday services as a “thank you” for their support of Priscilla Circle activities. Also, an additional bag will be provided to give to someone of your choice in the community thanking them for a service they have done for you, or for a service the individual does for the community. Examples include postal employees, waiters or waitresses, nurses, food store employees, and so forth. It is our goal to make Trinity United Methodist Church known throughout our community by thanking its people for their service to others.

Sandy Smith

# Men's Ministry

Hello, my name is Don Frye, I am the leader of the Trinity United Methodist Men's Group. Some of you may wonder who we are and what do we do?

On the first Saturday of every month, we have a fellowship breakfast where we buy and cook a breakfast, after the breakfast we have a meeting lasting one hour to one and a-half hours. We do four pancake breakfasts fundraisers for our Men's Group a year.

Every Easter we are responsible for planning the Sunrise Service at Jensen Beach, a tradition for over sixty years. Our duties include organizing parking in nine locations and ushering at each location on the beach. This is an awesome event and draws hundreds of participants each year.

We have a free picnic four times a year, where we serve burgers and hot dogs, and our wonderful congregation assists in making side dishes and desserts. Our burgers and hot dogs are grilled right on the premises and eaten in our picnic area or the hospitality room. This year we had a Chili Cook-Off, with sixteen stations! It was amazing and, after just two hours, all sixteen pots were completely empty. The Cook-Off raised funds for our *Blessings in a Bag* program that supports Jensen Beach's Elementary Schools.

Among other things, one of our members takes care of our beautiful church grounds. He prunes and trims of all trees, bushes, and flowers—keeping the outside of Trinity as beautiful as its inside. The Men's Group also decorates and cleans-up for events such as Christmas, putting holiday flags up and taking them down, and helping in the parking lot as needed for concerts and other events. Last year, we built an *exercise trail* that took over two years to complete. The trail has ten stations with a sign at each station explaining the exercise and how to do it. The trail was designed so that the Church is in view of every station.

Come and join us for the wonderful Fellowship, good food, and good times had by all.

*Don Frye*



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## In case you wondered

### EPIPHANY



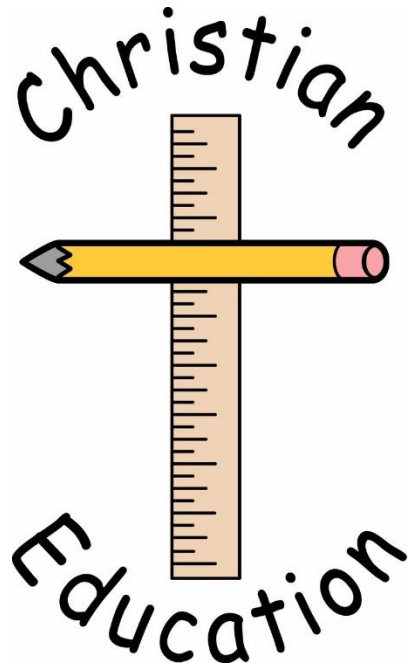
Epiphany Day occurs each year on January 6<sup>th</sup>. The Season of Epiphany is from Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> through the day before Ash Wednesday. It may include anywhere from four to nine Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. The liturgical colors for the Season of Epiphany are white for the first Sunday (Baptism of the Lord) and last Sunday (Transfiguration) and green for the rest of the Season.

# Test your Bible Skills


## The WordSearch

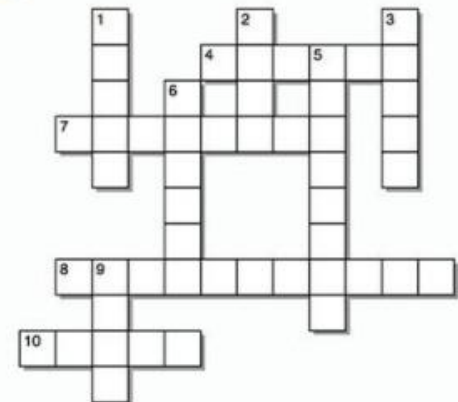
### God's Promises

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Bible Pathway  
**Adventures**  
CROSSWORD  
**KING SAUL**





**ACROSS**

- 4) King Saul died at the battle of Mount \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 31:1 ESV)
- 7) Name of Saul's son who was good friends with David. (1 Samuel 18:1 ESV)
- 8) Saul fought many battles against the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 13:5 ESV)
- 10) Saul reigned for \_\_\_\_\_ years. (Acts 13:21 ESV)

**DOWN**

- 1) Saul had his own \_\_\_\_\_ put on David. (1 Samuel 17:38 ESV)
- 2) Saul was the son of \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 9:2 ESV)
- 3) Saul tried to have his son-in-law named \_\_\_\_\_ killed. (1 Samuel 18:17 ESV)
- 5) King Saul was of which tribe of Israel? (1 Samuel 9:1 ESV)
- 6) This prophet anointed Saul as Israel's first king. (1 Samuel 10:1-2 ESV)
- 9) Whenever Saul was troubled by an evil spirit, David played his \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Samuel 16:23 ESV)



# Blessings in a Bag

**B**lessings in a Bag is a church-school partnership where Trinity provides weekend meals to at-risk children in need. Guidance Counselors at the school site identify and distribute the bags with two days' worth of meals to the students they choose. Currently, we are serving twenty-five students per school site—Spectrum Academy; Jensen Beach High School; Jensen Beach Elementary School; and Felix A. Williams students are served through J.A.S. E.—an after-school program in Jensen Beach, Langford Park.



*Randi Schwartz*



The program was originally developed by Kathy Megerle, and upon her transition was picked up by Anne Pappas and Randi Schwartz. The program was originally developed by Kathy Megerle, and upon her transition was picked up by Anne Pappas and Randi Schwartz. Lead by Joyce Montacelli, Barbara Roof, and Sandy Smith last year, the program is now headed by Trinity's Line Dancing Group; led and coordinated by Madonna McDowell, Laura Asaro, and Sue Nance, with support from Anne Pappas and Randi Schwartz.

This group of dedicated volunteers from both the Line Dance Group and our congregational volunteers pack and deliver about two hundred meals per week to local at-risk students at a cost to Trinity of about \$3000 a month. Great thanks to those who contribute financially! Trinity's Line Dance Group interacts with dance groups from different venues—in fact, Blessings in a Bag just received a donation \$285 from Cactus Moon Line Dancers. The group has hosted fundraiser dinners with a silent auction, dance time, and a great dinner—with all the proceeds going to Blessings in a Bag.



Blessings in a Bag welcomes volunteers to pack and deliver bags and fill out inspirational cards with messages to the children. To help, simply show up in Fellowship Hall on a Wednesday between 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. and speak with Madonna, Laura, or Sue. They can place you where they have the need.



Blessings in a Bag is a program greatly appreciated by the children, families, and schools, as children look forward to receiving these meals every Friday. They take them home and have food for themselves for weekends and even breaks. During Christmas Break 2022, The Team delivered sixteen hundred (1600!) meals to cover the time out of school. This is one way to demonstrate the love of Christ to children, families, and local schools. Another benefit that has risen from this program is seeing the Line Dance Group in prayer before dancing.

What a blessing to Trinity to be able to house a program like Blessings in a Bag. By providing space in our Fellowship Hall for Madonna to hold line-dance classes, we have been gifted all these people who engage in group prayer and provide invaluable assistance in keeping this ministry running smoothly and delivering food to local school-age children in need. Through this ministry we deliver the love of Christ to students, school administrators, and staff at the J.A.S.E. after-school program by consistently keeping our word to deliver food for about three years now with no break in service.



We cannot thank everyone who supports this program enough!

*Randi Schwartz*

# Springing Forward

Easter April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 a.m.



*Looking forward to Easter Sunrise Service*



Trinity Men's Pancake breakfast—January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.  
*Brent Rasmussen and Jim Williams feeding the men!*



Artwork in Fellowship Hall  
*Artist Harvey McVay standing by his featured art  
through the month of January*

# January Offerings

## Sundays

- Children's Church (9:15 a.m.)
- Adult Bible Studies (9:30 a.m.)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:
  - Communion
  - House of Hope Donations
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Noisy Change
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday: Discipleship Sunday

## Mondays

- Line Dancing (1:00–3:00 p.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 (6:30 p.m.)

## Saturdays

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

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