



Trinity United Methodist Church Of Jensen Beach Newsletter

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

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The Church Bulletin

Question: *What may be the most produced church material yet often relegated to the recycling bin?* **Answer:** *The church bulletin.* What exactly does the church’s bulletin do? Why is it important and what does it do?

Personally, I don’t recall Sunday services as a child with a bulletin (or even a children’s page to color or to circle each *the*). Instead, there were hymnal boards on both sides of the Sanctuary with the day’s two or three hymns for the service. Back in the day people usually attended their local church, as they had since birth or the church they began attending once they had moved to the area. Of course, today we have our bulletin online which saves paper and gives our Snowbirds a way to follow us.



Back then it was an expensive undertaking to produce a weekly bulletin. For special services (Christmas, Easter), bulletins with preprinted covers were often purchased. The service information was then either mimeographed or copies made on the inside pages. Today’s technology allows us to produce our bulletins on our computer screens, adding graphics where wanted, and then sending them to a laser printer for full-color printing. Bulletins are something we have come to expect. They provide the service order, other items. We don’t think much about dropping them in a recycle bin on our way out of the service.



Front

involved with, and it serves to introduce visitors to us as well. What does our Sunday bulletin say about us? How does it differentiate us from others? What does it tell others? My father-in-law used to collect church bulletins when the family was visiting other relatives or on vacation. Looking at them he could see what was emphasized by the pastor and congregation, what things a particular church was engaged in at that time (e.g., youth and community events, discipleship, outreach), and provided ideas for advancing his church (he was a Presbyterian Ruling Elder). Perhaps we might do the same as we travel this summer and bring back to Trinity some ideas of what others are “saying” in their church’s “calling cards”.

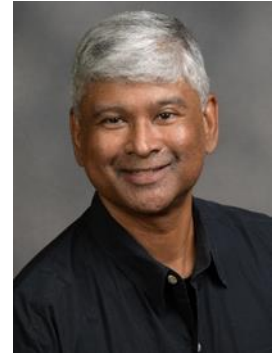


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Pastor's Corner

“Summer Travels”

“**W**here can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.”—
Psalm 139:7-10



As one season closes, another opens: The Sun migrates from south to north. Chilly breezes give way to warm and sometimes rainy skies. Birds migrate to their summer homes. The Earth and everything in and around it remains in a state of perpetual motion—and so do we!

As many of us may travel to other parts of the country this summer, perhaps even other parts of the world, remember that as the Psalm above declares, God will be right there with us!

Let's keep our eyes peeled for signs of God's mercy, compassion, and love. Let's look for opportunities to proclaim the Kingdom of God, in word and action. And let's hold our Lord and Savior close, as both our compass AND our destination.

Let's look for Christ in everyone we meet this summer!
Bon voyage!

Anil



Time Has Made A Change!

Lately, I have been thinking about how time has made a change. As Mother's Day approaches, it reminds me of the way things used to be. My grandparents are gone, my parents are gone, and my brother and I live 11 hours apart. We used to all live in the same area, but time has made a change.

I am now the "older generation" with the memories of yesterday. I remember the Mother's Day celebrations, getting Mom and Grandma corsages for their special day, the dinners when we would gather as a family to celebrate special occasions. All of our holidays were celebrated with family dinners. Unfortunately, those don't happen like they used to. It was a time to share in love and memories and leftovers! I miss the leftovers! HaHa!



Time has made a change! Now get togethers are so sporadic because of varied schedules, locations, and a variety of other reasons or simply because no one wants to bother! Then when everyone is together, everyone spends more time with their face in their phone than they do talking with each other. Time has made a change!

We've allowed distance, technology, and dare I say, selfishness to interfere with our family or family as it used to be. I know that memories tend to focus on the fond ones, there were some not so fond ones too, but we were still family and we still gathered together to celebrate holidays and family.

This walk down memory lane may seem strange for our church newsletter, but if you think about it, we see the same behaviors in our church family. We come to service and go home and don't make much effort to interact beyond that. And where are our families? We used to all attend church together and not just on holidays, but every Sunday. We need to get back to family worship. We are very fortunate here at Trinity for the various opportunities we have to get together, share in fellowship, and worship as an extended family. We need to be sharing that with our families and friends as well. We need to take every opportunity we can to create new memories and new relationships within the body of Christ because time marches on and certainly time will continue to make changes!

Rick Decker



Bible Reference

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Author



Pentecost Sunday

According to the United Methodist Church, Christians used a wide variety of symbols to express their faith. At times, these symbols provided believers with a sort of secret symbol that only initiates would understand. When a Christian met a stranger, he or she could draw one-half of the *ichthys* or “Jesus fish” and wait to see if the other could complete the drawing. There were a number of different Christian symbols, including the Chi-Rho, Alpha and Omega, anchor, fish, cross, dove, six-point star, and pelican.



Pentecost is the birthday of the church. The flame represents the Holy Spirit and images often include a dove or cross imbedded in the flame fingers. The birthday story begins with the Apostles and other followers of Jesus who gathered to celebrate the feast of the summer harvest. At the celebration a great wind was heard and what looked like flames appeared over the disciples and each disciple began speaking in tongues—languages that greatly differed. Miraculously, each of the followers heard the apostles speak in their own *native language*. Peter realized that this was the work of the *Holy Spirit*, lighting a fire in the disciples and changed their fear to the courage to begin sharing the story of Jesus throughout the world.

Source: United Methodist Church

What IS the United Methodist Church?

“The United Methodist Church is a global denomination that opens hearts, opens minds, and opens doors through active engagement with our world. The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Does Trinity Meet the Mark of the Mission?

How do we share the Love of Christ with others outside of our church walls? Consider: *Blessings in a Bag*, *House of Hope*, *Hands and Feet*, *Heifer Project*, and of course our own *Choir and Praise Team*.



As Jesus would be, we are, as in the way of feeding the hungry and clothing those in need.

Trinity engages with our world and puts faith and love into action. Imagine—as you donate a bag of bags to *Blessings in a Bag*, someone stacks them flat, so they are more easily accessible to the people packing the food. Someone is keeping track of inventory and keeping foods stocked—so the actual deliveries can take place. A busy, engaged, and serving ministry.

Not only do the children and their families feel the love, but so do the school staff that distributes the weekend supply of meals. Every week during the school year, this happens.

House of Hope. You place your donation in the cart. We then weigh it, unload it from the collection cart into someone’s car, and deliver to House of Hope. Of course, someone at home is collecting, carting to the church, and unloading their car.... Loving others as themselves.

Noisy Change. Your change going to the Heifer Project must be counted, accounted for, and distributed.

Hands and Feet. You collect and drop off items, we collect and store—until someone drives here to pick up—and deliver the load to that destination. These items are stored and used for children being picked up in an emergency situation and brought to a care destination with only the clothes (or PJ’s, or a just diaper) on their back. If not you, then SOMEONE is making sure these things get done!

Not to mention our Pancake Breakfasts, Holiday Musical Dramas, Easter Sunrise Service, Concerts, Art Shows, our open dawn-to-dusk Fitness Trail, Hooks and Needles ladies donating baby hats and prayer shawls to people in need, and more, are involved in sharing love with others.

None of these offerings to our community happen magically. Our dedicated, engaged congregation—and people choosing to serve in leadership roles—make everything happen. *Do we share God’s love in these settings? Do those we are serving to walk away feeling better? Is Trinity making the mark?*

We have an open table—everyone is truly welcome to partake in our Communion, enjoy our Sermons, participate in groups and classes, and take on a leadership role if so moved. This inclusive attitude is exactly what Jesus would want to see from His people. As we emulate Jesus, and become ambassadors of His Teachings, others will no doubt feel called to rise to the challenge as well. As they go forth spreading the Good News, we at Trinity have fulfilled our mission—Creating disciples for the Transformation of the World. Can grace, mercy, and love change the world? Can we do MORE?

How can YOU become involved in this process? ASK RICK!

Seriously, stay tuned for Next Month’s Newsletter! Answering a bit about: “What are some things the Methodist Church at large is involved in?” then, The Path to Discipleship.

Want to know more about the United Methodist Mission? : <https://www.umc.org/en/rethink-church/topics/questioning/what-is-a-united-methodist>

Apple Tree Art in Fellowship Hall!

Trinity United Methodist Church continues to support local artists and artistic groups by hosting a gallery of local art in the Fellowship Hall.

Over the past year we have hosted local artists whose work has ranged from oils to watercolor to photography. In some months the art references an eclectic set of art from various artists, in other months the art represents works of individual artists.

During the month of May, we will be hosting the art of young artists from Apple Tree Academy. Both Apple Tree and TUMC are excited to see the art created by students aged three to five years.

Please stop by Fellowship Hall during Fellowship Hour and see what these young people have created!



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Communications: Randi Schwartz

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Music: Joyce Grubb

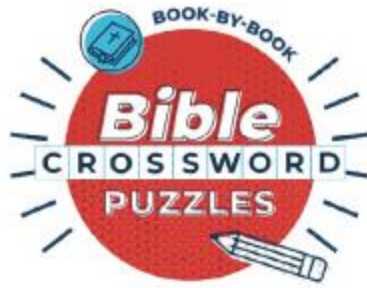
Organist: Dr. MJ Montague

Choir Accompanist: Carol Paul

Facilities: Doug Evans

Media: John Grubb

Test Your Bible IQ



1 JOHN



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WRITTEN BY:
Apostle John

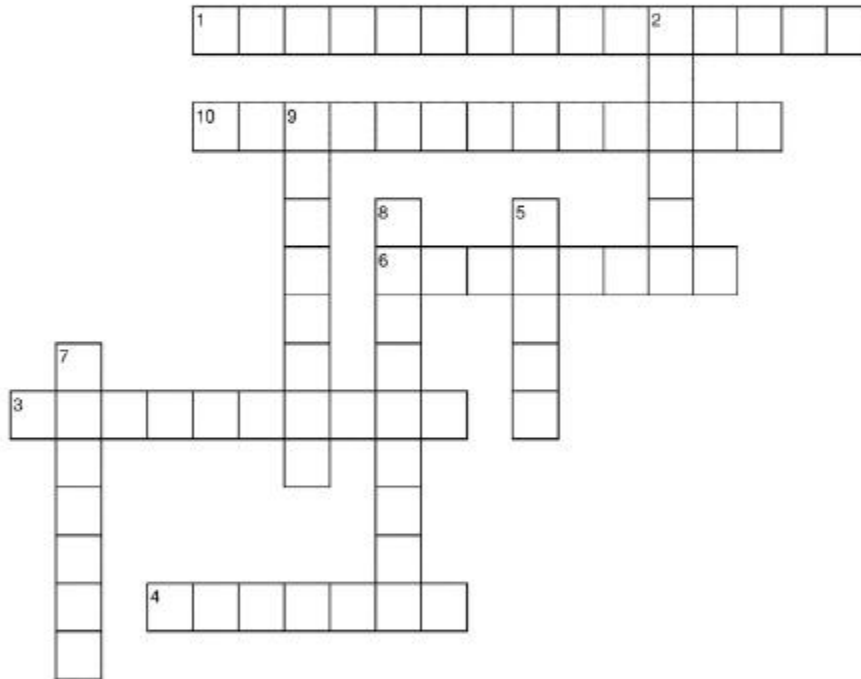


TIME PERIOD COVERED:
90 AD to 95 AD

OVERVIEW

The Apostle John wrote 1 John to combat false teachings called "Gnosticism." Gnostics taught that Jesus was a spirit, not God in the flesh. Erroneous teachings like this created imbalance in believers that could spoil their faith.

John also wanted people to know that love is most important. Love comes from God. When we feel it, we know that God is near.



Across

1. If we confess our sins, God will purify us from all _____ (1:9)
3. If we walk in the light, we will have _____ (1:7)
4. Dear friends, let us love one _____ (4:7)
6. If we sin, we have an _____ in Christ (2:1)
10. About the most important truths, God has given us _____ (5:20)



Down

2. Do not believe every _____ (4:1)
5. The love of the Father is not in you if you love the _____ (2:15)
7. If we claim to be without sin, we _____ ourselves (1:8)
8. For our sins, Jesus is the atoning _____ (2:2)
9. In God there is no _____ (1:5)

Music Notes

Pulling Out The Stops

What a blessing it is for us at Trinity to have an organ at our church! There are not many churches able to claim that. The organ is one of the instruments used today in Traditional and, in some cases, also in Contemporary services and is one of the earliest instruments going back to 200 BC. Built in Greece originally, it was, and still is, a very intricate mechanism containing keyboards (called manuals); foot pedals (to be played like a third and fourth hand); windpipes with air blowing through to sustain notes; stops (button-like objects which stop the air from blowing through the wrong pipes). In early days, organists had to pump with their feet to get the air flowing! No need to go to a gym! Click here to read more: <https://www.miss-music.com/pipeorgans.html> .



We are blessed to have a most talented organist at our church who ministers weekly at the 11:00 a.m. service. Her name is MJ Montague. Here's her story:

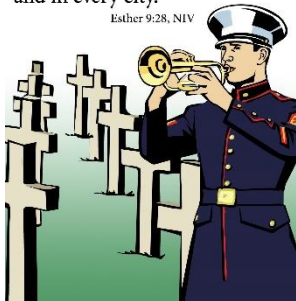
I began my music career at an early age with piano lessons from my older sister. I continued in piano with a Master's in Music Education from the University of Michigan. I then began teaching K-12 public school music. Since my father was a minister, and most churches assume that anyone who plays piano also plays the organ, I had already begun playing in churches. One of my most exciting times was at a Christian school in Jamaica, where I was the church organist and choir director, the K-12 music teacher, the community choir organist, and director of children's and junior choirs. I also gave class lessons in organ, piano, guitar, and accordion. After three years, I returned to the University of Michigan where I began my doctoral studies giving the doctoral recital in organ. Most recently, I've retired as Director of Music Education and University Organist at Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia. Over the years, I've been both choir director and organist at several churches; but Trinity, working with Pastor Anil and Joyce, has been among the best!

God bless you, MJ. We are so happy you're here! Keep pulling out those stops!

Joyce Grubb

**THESE DAYS SHOULD BE
REMEMBERED AND OBSERVED**
in every generation by every
family, and in every province
and in every city.

Esther 9:28, NIV



Women's Ministries

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle members are proud to celebrate Mother's Day with our church family by offering red carnations in honor of Mothers who are living and white carnations in honor of our deceased Mothers.

Did you know that the first **Mother's Day**, as we know it today, was held in America in 1908, 115 years ago. Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother in Grafton, West Virginia. She held carnations at this first Mother's Day celebration because it was her mother's favorite flower.

Anna's mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died in 1905. She was a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the Civil War. Her mother is also credited with the creation of "Mothers' Day Work Clubs" to address public health issues. These clubs also taught local women how to properly care for their children.

After her mother passed away, Anna's mission was to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor Mothers, "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." Slowly over the next six years the United State of America began to acknowledge and celebrate the Day. Mother's Day was officially made a United States Public holiday in 1914.

In the beginning Mother's Day was about the maternal bonds between mother and child and the positive impact mothers had on society. In the early 1920s Anna Jarvis became so very embittered by the commercialization of Mother's Day that she protested and tried to rescind this celebration. We are so glad she did not succeed.

Priscilla Circle Meeting Change and Hook and Needles Meeting Dates

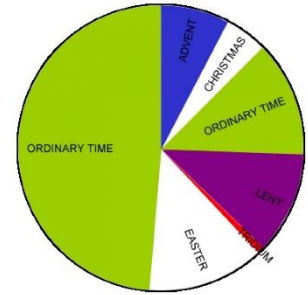
The Priscilla Circle meeting has been changed to Monday, May 15th when we will enjoy fellowship with one another during a brunch meal. This will be the last Priscilla Circle meeting until September.

The Hooks and Needles group will be meeting on Wednesday, May 10th, and Wednesday May 24th. Our Hooks and Needles group continues to meet throughout the summer. Come and join us for a quiet morning of fellowship and sharing. We have experienced knitters and crocheters available to help you learn or refresh your hand craft skills.



What is the Christian Year?

Ever wonder what or how the United Methodist Church celebrates the year? As seen in the figure to the right, the year is separated into various parts. Basically, the Church’s year is separated into two periods of time, one dealing with Christmas (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany) and Easter seasons (Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, in which we are currently observing). The second period is called Ordinary Time and during it the Church observes Trinity Sunday, All Saints’ Day, and Christ the King Sunday. Note, too, that each period has colors assigned to it. These colors are often associated with how the sanctuary is prepared for Sunday worship as well as what the pastor may add to his or her vestments.



United Methodist Ecclesiastical Year

In general, the United Methodist Church’s calendar year follows a structure similar to other Christian denominations, with differences attuned to various Church pieties. Part and parcel to the Church year is what is called the “Common Lectionary” or the flow of a cycle of scriptural texts that guide the Pastor’s planning during the year (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/2023-revised-common-lectionary-sundays-special-days-only>). Understanding how the Church perceives its year and helps us better understand what we should expect during Sunday and special services.

In next month’s Newsletter we will explore the Church’s year in more detail.

TUMC Demographics—First Quarter 2023

New Members: N=X

January	2
February	9
March	<u>2</u>
	13

Attendance (Average):

	January ^a	February	March	Average
9:15	108	123	115	115
11:00	<u>121</u>	<u>132</u>	<u>134</u>	<u>129</u>
Total	229	255	249	244

Newsletter Views:^b

108	118	110	112
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Tithes and Offerings:

January	\$35,707
February	\$29,938
March	\$35,776

^aJanuary, 5 Sundays; February, 4 Sundays; March, 4 Sundays.

^bNumber of times *viewed* on TUMC website.

If

The word *if* is interesting. It is one of the most important words in the Bible because it speaks directly to our responsibility to God. Most promises in the Bible have conditions and the word *if* speaks to those conditions. Our responses to God's commands affect our relationship with Him and determine our receiving from Him, Jesus used the word *if* all the time. Almost half of the 574 occurrences in the *New Testament* are in the four Gospels. Clearly the choice is ours on the way we see the word *if*. The following is a few ways Jesus used the word *if*.

“[B]ut *if* you truly obey my voice and do all that I say, then I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies.” Exodus 23:22.

“[*If*] also after these things you do not obey me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.” Leviticus 26:16.

“[A]ll these blessings will come upon you and overtake you *if* you obey the Lord your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2.

“[*If*] you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land.” Isaiah 1:19.

“[*If*] I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear.” Psalm 66:18.

“[M]y heavenly Father will also do the same to you, *if* each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart.” Matthew 18:35.

“[T]hat *if* you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10 : 9.

Don Frye

Meet Barbara Roof

You always expect to see Barbara in the kitchen or planning to help out others. But do you know much about Barbara? She was born in Southern Illinois and has been a resident of Palm City for some 51 years now. She and her husband, Raymond, were together for 30 years until Raymond passed last year. In her past, she has worked in the office of an internal medical doctor, been a CNA, and a bank teller. But throughout it all, she has been a volunteer who very unselfishly sees a need and then tries to identify how to fulfill these needs in her various volunteering roles. She raises parrots and milking goats at home. Barbara and Beth Phillips worked together in Christian Hearts, an organization that fulfilled the needs of the homeless and needy.



Barbara picks up food from Publix on Sunday mornings to provide sweets for our Fellowship Hour. She also heads up the preparation and organization of food for gatherings in Fellowship Hall following funerals. She will always greet you with a smile and is so very willing to lend a helping hand.

TUMC New Members

- Debbie Brookins
- Yolanda LaHara
- Dara Coburn
- Deborah Moore
- Alan Tarkka
- Beth Tarkka
- Margaret Waronicki
- Yvette Southard
- Paula Edwards
- Linda Montessi
- Jim Bolton
- Kimberly Hoag



May Offerings

Sundays

- Praise Service (9:15 a.m.)
- Traditional Service (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 (10th and 24th at: 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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