

TRINITY TIDINGS

MARCH 2021

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What is a Parable?

Jesus' parables are short stories that teach a moral or spiritual lesson by analogy or similarity. They are often stories based on the agricultural life that was intimately familiar to His original first century audience. Some aspect of an unfamiliar concept, such as the kingdom of God, was compared to something from everyday life that could easily be understood. It is the lesson of a parable that is important to us.

Jesus was the Master of Teaching in parables. His parables often have an unexpected twist or surprise ending that catches the reader's attention. They are also cleverly designed to draw listeners into new ways of thinking, new attitudes, and new ways of acting (Getty-Sullivan, pp. 2-4).

Each of Jesus' parables teaches only one or two important lessons. It is a mistake to look for meaning in every sentence or detail of the story (Lockyer, *Parable*). If we get bogged down analyzing the details of the parable, we may miss the central point, as in the proverbial saying, "You can't see the forest for the trees."

Why Did Jesus Teach in Parables?

When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. And he said to them, "To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; in order that:

'They may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.' " (NRSV, Mark 4:10-12)

Jesus' explanation seems harsh and out of character. Was He deliberately trying to hide the truth by speaking in parables? Were the mysteries of the kingdom of God to be known only by the disciples? Both experts and lay persons are puzzled, and many different explanations have been proposed.

Jesus quoted from [Isaiah 6:9-10](#). The prophet Isaiah had found that people were so lost in sin that they resented hearing God's Word and deliberately turned away. Jesus experienced the same disappointment and frustration. Thus, the most common interpretation of Jesus' saying is that the people's hardness of heart (pride, arrogance, and prejudice) prevented them from understanding and accepting Jesus' teachings.

United Methodist Men

Second Saturday of the month, 8:30 a.m.

United Methodist Women

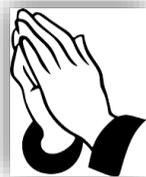
Share & Care Circle with Gail Cahan, first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Wesley Ann Circle with Karen Dutour, third Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study

-Bible Study with Alice is every Tues. in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study is postponed until further notice!

-Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins is on Wednesday's, at 10:00 a.m.
call- (386)-937-6475



CIRCLE OF CONCERN – *Those needing our prayers:* The Bigsby family; Tommy Brooks; The family of Bonnie Trauerman; Belinda Mullins; Jimmy Wood; Thayer; Lillie; Kayla; Jo Dunn; Carolyn Deel; Tia Lingle; Kathy Baker; Charlene Cole; Leslie Lewis; and Taylor; Those in the nursing homes and our shut-ins; San Antonio de Rio Blanco Church in Cuba; the persecuted Church; Moseley Elementary School & teachers; Children at the Methodist Children's Home; our Nation's leaders & military; your Pastoral family & your church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 2/28/2021)

Total Budget	\$227,066.00
Estimated needed to date	\$39,299.88
Received to date. **	\$24,069.43
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$1,620.00
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	61.25%
Percent of Year that is complete	17.31%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	10.60%
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Kids' Klub	\$50.00
Cuba Covenant	\$200.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$833.32
Children's Home	\$595.00
In memory of Harry Strickland	\$700.00

Would You Like to Help?

Trinity has three teams of two people each who count the tithes, offerings, and donations on Sunday morning at the conclusion of the 10:30 service. Each team counts one month and then has two months off. The counting takes about 30-45 minutes and requires that the collections be taken to the night deposit box at TD Bank in Palatka at the end of the process. The teams are currently in a transition as several members have been unable to come for various reasons. We need two to three additional persons who would be willing to help if one or both of the team members are unavailable. The hope is that we would know soon enough before the Sunday service so plans can be made. If you are interested or would like more information, call Gary Simpson (386) 972-0708 and we can talk about the process.

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

Kids' Klub celebrated Jesus' call for us to "Follow Him" in the month of February. We sent out Valentines to share the Good News with others, celebrated the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service which began our journey to the cross, focusing on preparing for Easter. As we journey into March we will be learning about Jesus and His love for us. If you are a kid between three years old and eighth grade come and see what blessings God is showing us. We will learn about Jesus, play games, sing, and pray together. Supper will be served each week. We are looking forward to seeing you from 5:00 to 7:00 each Wednesday afternoon.



Working on our memory verse,
John 14:6



Sharing a snack that illustrates
the story of Jesus' first miracle.



Wearing the ashes to show that
we love Jesus and are trying to
follow Him.



As we prepare for Easter, we are
reminded that we are changed by
having Jesus in our hearts.

NE DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS

*Mondays March 1, 8, & 15 at 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Advanced Lay Servant-Lay Servants as Christian, Transformational Leaders with Ms. Carol Carroll.

*Tuesdays March 2, 9, 16 at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Advanced Lay Servant—Public Prayer with Ms. Tina Roach.

*Wednesday, March 17 at 11:00 am. Monthly District KidMin Meeting.

Spiritual Enrichment Experience (S.E.E.) - UMW Spring Event

The NE District UMW will be hosting a one-day Spiritual Enrichment Experience (S.E.E.) on March 13, 2021 @ Middleburg UMC. Registration is online this year. Check out our website for more information - <https://www.flumc.org/eventdetail/14958625?month=3&year=2021&day=1&display=m>.

REGISTER HERE

Develop an
INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PATH
Two-Part Workshop
When: March 20, (part 1) & May 8, 2021 (part 2)
9:30am—12pm

Where:
VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM
Link will be sent via email upon registration.

Is your congregation clear on your process for discipleship?
Do you know if your discipleship process is effective?
Do you have a team working on the discipleship pathway in your church?

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

Team Registration is encouraged
there is no cost to attend.

COVID-19 and Prayer

Let us all continue to pray, hug, (with masks on) & love those around us and those we come in contact with. Share the love of Jesus Christ...continue his passion for kindness, compassion, and sacrifice.

Flower Calendar:

March 7-- Holy Communion

March 21-- Open

March 14--Open

March 28-- Open

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, (April) the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday March 22, 2021. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing.

Thank You,

Carolyn Hayes



Wish a Happy Birthday To:

03-Jeffery Cahan

08-Stran Kellan Cahan

08-Nickie Gill

10-Angela Brown

13-James Beryl Peterson

18-Robert Hare

27-Tracy Underwood

28-Robynn Hare

31-Vicki Hare



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

12-Errol & Andrea Findlater

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30	1 Advanced Lay Servant- Lay Servants as Christians 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	2 Advanced Lay Servant- Public Prayer with Ms. Tina Roach 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	3 <i>*Ladies bible study with Sandra Collins 10:00 a.m.</i> *Kids' Klub 5-7 Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 8 th grades.	4 Share & Care Circle 7 p.m.	5 World Day of Prayer	6
7 Holy Communion Altar flowers- Sharon	8 Advanced Lay Servant- Lay Servants as Christians 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	9 Advanced Lay Servant- Public Prayer with Ms. Tina Roach 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	10 <i>*Ladies bible study with Sandra Collins 10:00 a.m.</i> *Kids' Klub 5-7 Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 8 th grades.	11	12	13 (S.E.E.) - UMW Spring Event
14 Altar flowers- Open	15 Wesley Ann Circle 9:00 a.m. Advanced Lay Servant- Lay Servants as Christians 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm	16 Advanced Lay Servant- Public Prayer with Ms. Tina Roach 7:00 pm-9:00 pm	17 <i>*Ladies bible study with Sandra Collins 10:00 a.m.</i> *Kids' Klub 5-7 Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 8 th grades. *Monthly District KidMin Meeting. 11:00 am	18	19	20 Part 1 of a Discipleship Pathway workshop 9:30-Noon
21 Altar Flowers- Open	22 Deadline for newsletter articles	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday Altar Flowers- Open	29	30	31			



How much do you know about the Bible? Find out with this week's [Bible Quiz](#) and [Crossword Puzzle](#).

Christian Bible Reference Site
<https://www.christianbiblereference.org/>

