

TRINITY TIDINGS

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FROM THE PASTOR

BEING THANKFUL DURING THANKSGIVING

11-17-20

Even though we don't observe Thanksgiving as a holy day or a religious holiday, it is a time when most Americans are thankful for the blessings they have received, and I believe expressions of gratitude are proper and appropriate. However instead of expressing our gratitude just one day each year, it seems to me that we should express our thanks every day. I mean, we receive blessings on a daily basis don't we, so we should be thankful on a daily basis.

In the model prayer that we recite each Sunday from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 6:11, Jesus taught us to pray to God so that He might, "Give us this day our daily bread." In 1 Timothy 4:3 we hear that God created foods which are "to be received with thanksgiving." Verse four continues the thought by saying, "For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving." (*Bacon makes everything better!*)

Our thanksgiving should be offered up to God for the blessings we have because **He is the source of all good things.** "Every good gift and every perfect gift are from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17). Many of the people who will be thankful on Thanksgiving Day, will regard it as good fortune or good planning and they'll fail to be thankful to God simply because "all things" we receive are from God, and we should thank Him for all things; All the physical blessings and privileges we enjoy.

You may remember a time when Jesus cleansed ten lepers, but only one of them thanked Him for it. Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" (Luke 17:17-18). Those who receive blessings from God, must be thankful to Him. Christians ought to be even more expressive and passionate in their expressions of thanksgiving to God because not only are they blessed with those material blessings that sustain physical life but they also receive all spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph. 1:3) which sustain them spiritually and enable them to overcome sin and death in order to live eternally.

Those spiritual blessings are the most precious and if you are not receiving them, you should know that they're available to you, if you'll submit to Jesus Christ for the salvation of your soul. You see, there is no better way to show gratitude to God for that which He has graciously given to us than by living in submission to His will, loving, acknowledging, and thanking Him as obedient children. Thanksgiving Day, and every day, let us give thanks to God.

May all good things be yours according to God's grace and mercy and may you have a very happy Thanksgiving.

Pastor John

Announcement from the office of Sam Deputy:
There will be no Christmas Parade this year!

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 will start January 5th, 2021)*

I am sad to let you know that Tuesday night bible study will NOT reconvene in 2020. I was hoping to begin in October, but with all the new COVID-19 cases, I cannot in good conscience begin at this time. We will plan on starting back on January 5th and continue the **Believe** study. We will have a slightly different format. The study will be 7:00 to 8:00-8:15, with no break – but we will have coffee. Hope to see you then. Stay well and stay in THE Word!

Alice

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

Prayer Group with Pastor John

Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. in the Pastors Office-all are invited.

HEART OF PUTNAM FOOD PANTRY

We are collecting Thanksgiving food items for the Heart of Putnam Food Pantry for the next two weeks. Please bring in items that would accompany a turkey or ham Thanksgiving dinner (stuffing, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, etc.). Donations can be dropped off in the Narthex and will be taken to the food pantry on November 24th. Thank you for your generous support. – Lee Ryals

FLORIDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHILDREN'S HOMES

We are only halfway to our \$3,000 goal for the year for the Children's Homes and only one 5th Sunday left - November 29th. A special offering will be taken up that week, but you can make a donation at any time by indicating on your check or offering envelope that it is for the Children's Homes. I realize that things have really been hectic this year with COVID-19, but the Children's Homes appreciate anything that you are able to do.

We are again collecting \$10 Walmart Christmas gift cards for the homes. These can be turned in to the office or given to Lee Ryals. We will be collecting the gift cards through December 6, 2020.

Thanking you in advance for your generous contributions.

CIRCLE OF CONCERN – *Those needing our prayers*: Neva Holley; The Bigsby family; Tommy Brooks; The family of Bonnie Trauerman; Belinda Mullins; Samantha Hayes; 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 11/15/2020)

Total Budget	\$179,727.00
Estimated needed to date	\$158,989.27
Received to date	\$131,346.67
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$5,897.65
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	82.61%
Percent of Year that is complete	88.46%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	73.08%
DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	
Kids' Klub	\$1,280.75
Cuba Covenant	\$1,100.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$4,374.93
Children's Home	\$1,475.00
Memory of Carolyn Brown	\$100.00
Memory of Virginia Alexander	\$50.00
United Methodist Men-Bread of Life	\$100.00
Pumpkin Patch	\$20.00

KIDS' KLUB CORNER

As we approach the month of Thanksgiving, November, we would like to give thanks for all who have been uplifting Kids' Klub with your prayers and donations. What a blessing you are to us. We are back with in person meetings on Wednesday. Things are being done covid-style, but Jesus is still smiling as we fellowship, worship and praise God.

Kids' Klub happenings in the month of November:

November 18th Thanksgiving dinner with Kids' Klub.

November 25th NO KIDS' KLUB/enjoy your Thanksgiving. God has blessed us with so many blessings, among them are your children!

December 4th Christmas Advent Workshop with the children.

December 9th and December 16th, we will be learning about Jesus and His birth.

We thank you for all the support that you have given us through your prayers, your time, and your monetary donations. God has truly blessed us. If you are between the age of three years and eighth grade, we are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesdays. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!! The Kid's Klub Team



Celebrating Fall by decorating cupcakes.



Decorating Pumpkins.



Singing together after story time.



Eating the cupcakes after Fall decorations



Great job of sprucing up the flower bed in front of the youth room.

Pumpkin Patch Update

The Pumpkin Patch at Trinity closed October 31, 2020 after our most unusual and best year ever. We did not receive the pumpkins until October 19, 2020. We did not have any Storytime on Wednesday and no Fall Festival and no school classes on weekdays. We did have our best sales year since we started selling pumpkins in 1999. Customers were glad to see we were open, they were friendly, they followed the social distancing requirements, and they blessed our fundraiser with generous purchases and donations. We collected \$3,112.35 in donations and our percentage of the pumpkin sales. That was a blessing for not only our church but for the Pumpkin Patch USA company who provides the orange friends to us each year. Farmer Bob tended his crop daily, volunteers assisted, and Mrs. Pumpkin came by to visit and socialize with her orange friends. Below is a letter from the owner of Pumpkin Patch USA which he sent to all customers who received pumpkins this year.

Dear Partners, At the beginning of the shipping season it seemed that we would never be able to repay the line of credit we used for the 2020 Pumpkin growing season. So many of our partners passed on doing a patch in 2020 due to the virus. A combination of a pumpkin shortage in most parts of the country and you, the remaining group of dedicated and patient partners, produced record sales at your individual locations. Many of you have experienced a significant increase in sales. We know some of your organizations are also struggling, we hope this helps. So many small businesses, like ourselves, are in trouble. Some are even losing their businesses that took a lifetime to build. This has been a difficult year for all of us, we are extremely grateful to have survived. Please share this story and my Thanks to all Coordinators and volunteers.

Thanks, Richard Hamby

Thanks to all who helped unload the pumpkins. Thanks to all who sat with the pumpkins and welcomed people to Trinity each day. Thanks to all who provided snacks and food for the workers. Thanks to all who lifted the fundraiser up in prayer. Finally, and certainly not last, Thanks to God for helping us as we worked through this event. See You Next Year!



Wish a Happy Birthday To:

- 01 -Carolyn Hayes
- 10 -Beryl Peterson
- 12 -Carolyn Armstrong
- 13 -Lola Herron
- 16 -Tiffany Manning
- 17 -Kathryn Clapp
- 19 -Kameron Curtis
- 21 -Jenna Nettles
- 23 -Julia Hoblit
- 25 -Monica Ringbauer
- 26 -Joseph Ringbauer



ANNIVERSARY:

- 10 -Robert & Nicola Gill
- 12 -Bryan & Carolyn Hayes
- 15 -Aaron & Cindy Levine

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Sunday Schedule</u> Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30 Holy Communion	2	3	4 <i>*Ladies bible study with Sandra Collins 10:00 a.m.</i> *Kids' Klub begins: 5-7 Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 8 th grade.	5 Share & Care Circle 7 pm	6	7
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15	16	17	18 <i>*Ladies bible study with Sandra Collins 10:00 a.m.</i> Thanksgiving Dinner at Kids' Klub	19	20	21
22	23 Wesley Ann Circle 9:00 a.m.	24	25 No Kids Klub	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27 No Christmas Parade	28
29 2:00 pm put up Chrismon Tree	30					



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

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