

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## February 2020

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### FROM THE PASTOR

Well, quite literally, the word “Lent” was originally a German word (Actually from an early Germanic tribe call the “Teutons” which were around before there was even a country called Germany.) that meant “spring season”. Lent has been used for centuries by Christians to describe the 40-day period that leads up to the Resurrection of Our Lord.

We use the season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, as an opportunity to consider the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. As part of this meditation, we realize that it was our sin that put Jesus on the cross and His suffering should be our suffering. The death he died should be our death. It’s kind of a sobering thought, don’t you think?

That’s why, although I preach about sin throughout the year, we really emphasize it during Lent. Lent is a season of repentance that culminates in Christ’s death...the payment for those very same sins we’ve been pondering for the last 40 days.

So how do we commemorate it? Well first, we do it solemnly. When you consider that Christ suffered and died in our place, there’s nothing else we can do.

We use the season as a time to re-focus ourselves on Christ and the cross. This may mean that we try to create or re-create good spiritual disciplines like prayer, devotion, or study of God’s Word. It may mean that we make weekly attendance at Sunday worship services more of a priority in our lives. It may mean that we examine our giving practices and determine if we are indeed giving cheerfully as a response to the gifts God has given us. It may mean that we fast.

Oh... that one hurts! Fasting is something we don’t talk about much, but it historically has been one of the identifiable marks of Lent. Martin Luther writes that “Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training.” Jesus gave his disciples instructions not for *if* they fast, but for *when* they fast. However, remember that fasting is just a tool like any discipline used during Lent, to help you consider anew Christ’s sacrifice.

I like to think that when you fast, you’re kind of telling your stomach that it doesn’t rule your life. If you fast, hunger pains may call to mind the suffering that Christ endured. If you chose to fast, the time you once used for eating might now be replaced with prayer, meditation and devotion...which as I said earlier... is the whole point of the season.

May God richly bless you and your family during this Lenten season no matter how you choose to observe it!

Your brother in Christ,

*Pastor John*

### **United Methodist Men**

- Bread of Life lunch at the Presbyterian Church  
February 8th, 11:30-12:30.
- February 15th. 5pm-7pm. Valentines Dinner in the  
Fellowship Hall, by UMM- \$10.00 per person.

### **United Methodist Women**

- Share & Care Circle meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.  
*No Share & Care this month.*

*The Ladies of Share & Care Circle invite you to join us for a “Superbowl Luncheon” following the church service on Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts. Your donations will be appreciated as this is a fundraiser for our missions’ projects. Mark your calendar to come & eat on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>!*

- Wesley Ann Circle meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 9 a.m.

### **Bible Study**

- Bible Study with Alice is in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Bible Study with Sandra Collins is in her home on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.  
call- (386)-937-6475

### **Did You Know???**

- We will be having our annual unified Ash Wednesday Service  
on Wednesday Feb. 26, 2020  
at 6:00 p.m.

- Equip 2020 will be on February 29, 2020 at 10:00—3:30 at  
Beach UMC 325 7th Ave N  
Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

-The Baby Bottle Fundraiser for A Women’s Resource Center (AWRC) is going on right now at Trinity. The deadline to return the bottles is Sunday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, that’s when Pastor John will have a blessing over them. There are extra bottles in the narthex if you need one. Thank You for supporting LIFE.

On Sunday, March 8, Brad Hall, the executive director of Rodeheaver Boys Ranch, will present the morning message. He will be providing some information regarding the ranch and bringing a gospel message. We will have envelopes for contributions to the ranch in the bulletin on that Sunday morning and would encourage you to contribute if you are led. The United Methodist Men talked about having Brad come and we felt it would be good for the congregation to hear what is happening at the ranch. We encourage you to support the ranch with your prayers and finances. We look forward to seeing each of you at the morning service on March 8.

God Bless You,

Gary Simpson



**CIRCLE OF CONCERN** – *Those needing our prayers:* Samantha Hayes; Herb Dutour; Joe Dunn; Carolyn Deel; Tia Lingle; Marilyn Reid; Charlene Cole; Debbie Bacon; Carolyn Brown; The Pierce family; Leslie Lewis; Chris Schmidt; Virginia Alexander; 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 2/2/2020)**

|  |              |
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| Total Budget   | \$179,727.00 |
| Estimated needed to date                                   | \$17,281.44  |
| Received to date   | \$14,087.84  |
| Percent of “needed to date”<br>that has been collected     | 81.52%       |
| Percent of Year that is complete                           | 9.62%        |
| Percent of Yearly contributions that<br>have been received | 7.84%        |

**DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Kids’ Klub            | \$165.75 |
| Cuba Covenant         | \$100.00 |
| Salary-Worship Leader | \$416.66 |

## KIDS' KLUB CORNER

Kids' Klub will be celebrating Jesus' call for us to "Follow Him" in the month of February. We will be sending Valentines, sharing the Good News with others, learning about the New Testament and blessings from Jesus. If you are a kid between three years old and seventh 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.



Singing and Praising  
God



Making Valentines to share  
the Good News



Preparing Valentines to send out.

**Wish a Happy Birthday To:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Zachary Simmons
- 4<sup>th</sup> -Cassidy Nichole Smith
- 6<sup>th</sup> -Charlene Coles
- 8<sup>th</sup> -Ashton Kyler De Los Santos
- 8<sup>th</sup> -Isabella Hayes
- 8<sup>th</sup> -Crystal Reed
- 9<sup>th</sup> -Fran Harden
- 16<sup>th</sup> -Lee Ryals
- 17<sup>th</sup> -Charles Hunter
- 17<sup>th</sup> -Lynsey Cox
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -Jimmy Wood



**Anniversaries**

- 7<sup>th</sup> -Donald & Teresa Kennard
- 12<sup>th</sup> -Edward & Charlene Coles



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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday    | Saturday  |
|---|---|--|---|--|-----------|---|
| <p><u>Sunday Schedule</u><br/>           Sunday School: 9:45<br/>           Worship: 11:00 a.m.<br/>           Flame: 9:00 a.m.<br/>           Chancel Choir: 10:45</p> |   |  |   |  |           | <b>1</b>  |
| <p><b>2</b><br/> <b>Holy Communion</b></p> <p>Superbowl Luncheon after Church Service</p>   | <b>3</b>  | <p><b>4</b><br/>           7:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.</b></p>  | <p><b>5- 10:00 a.m. Ladies - Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home.</b></p> <p><b>5-7p.m. Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade.</b></p> <p>-Flame Practice at 6:00p.m.<br/>           -Choir Practice at 7:00</p>   | <p><b>6</b> No Share &amp; Care Circle today</p> | <b>7</b>  | <p><b>8</b> UMM--11:30-12:30 p.m. Bread of Life Lunch served at the Presbyterian Church</p>                         |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>   | <p><b>11</b><br/>           7:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.</b></p> | <p><b>12 - 10:00 a.m. Ladies - Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home.</b></p> <p><b>5-7p.m. Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade.</b></p> <p>-Flame Practice at 6:00p.m.<br/>           -Choir Practice at 7:00</p> | <b>13</b>  | <b>14</b> | <p><b>15</b><br/>           UMM Valentine Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$10.00</p>   |
| <b>16</b>   | <p><b>17</b><br/>           Wesley Ann Circle-9:00 a.m.</p> | <p><b>18</b><br/>           7:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.</b></p> | <p><b>19- 10:00 a.m. Ladies - Bible Study with Sandra Collins in her home.</b></p> <p><b>5-7p.m. Kid's Klub Fellowship Hall, kids age 3 thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade.</b></p> <p>Flame Practice at 6:00p.m.<br/>           -Choir Practice at 7:00</p>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <p><b>25</b><br/>           7:00 p.m.<br/> <b>Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall with Alice.</b></p> | <p><b>26</b> Annual unified Ash Wed. Service at 6:00 p.m.</p>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> | <p><b>29</b><br/>           Equip at Jax Bch UMC<br/>           10-3:30 p.m. must register/ \$10.00 per person.</p> |



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

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