

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## SEPTEMBER 2021

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### FROM THE PASTOR

As I was considering what to say to you today, for some reason the death of Robin Williams came to mind. This is the 7-year anniversary of his death.

I remember the headline on the screen: "Breaking News: Robin Williams Dead of Suspected Suicide." As I read the article back then I thought about all the TV shows and movies he was in and how he almost always played a quirky, happy character. But along with the humor there was usually an underlying lesson on life and morality as displayed in movies like "Good Morning Vietnam," "I Sing the Body Electric", and one of my favorites, "Dead Poet's Society". Its theme was "Carpe diem or seize the day" and it addressed family conflict, academic pressure, and teen suicide in an upper-class private prep-school.

Unknown to his fans, Robin Williams battled depression and drug and alcohol addiction at various points throughout his career. The man who made the world laugh had some serious internal struggles. Many of us have difficulty understanding how someone so wealthy and famous could struggle with something like depression. But that's how depression is. Rich or poor, celebrity or regular person, young or old, it can affect anyone. And sometimes the person we least suspect is the one who's struggling with it the most.

I dealt with chronic depression in my life for many years. It took over a year to just to diagnose, but because of the faithfulness and help of God, a caring pastor, and a doctor who was a pioneer in diagnosing and treating this condition, I was able to recover before arriving at the place that Robin Williams had been living for many years.

One of the problems is that too often, we're afraid to admit when we need help. Especially if we're in a ministry or leadership position within the church where we help others or where people look up to us in some way. Somehow, we believe the lie that we have to have everything together ourselves or we can't do anything for anyone else. (Or at least we must make it look that way.) So, we keep it all inside. But how many others would get the help they need if more of us had the courage to do it?

It's sad that it takes the untimely death of someone famous like Robin or even a close friend or family member to get us thinking and talking about these things.

But these are conversations that need to be had, and it's my prayer that this increased awareness will save some lives. I'm also praying that we'll learn to use the spiritual gifts that we've been studying the last several weeks to take care of each other and look out for each other a little more.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Pastor John

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### **United Methodist Men**

The next UMM breakfast meet is, Saturday September 11, 2021, at 8:30 am.

### **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**

will resume on Wednesday, September 8  
at 10:00 a.m. in her home. (386) 937-6475

### **NE DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*11:00 AM Monthly District KidMin Meeting on Wednesday  
September 15, 2021.**

### **Fall Lay Servant Training September 11-12, 2021**

Garden City UMC | Jacksonville, FL  
Saturday, September 11 2021, at 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## Certified Lay Minister Training - 2022

We are in the final stages of planning for a Certified Lay Minister Training in 2022. There are several prerequisites to meet before you can register for the training. We will share all the details once everything is finalized, but if you are interested in a general overview, please contact Pam in the District Office. 904-396-3026/[flumc-ne@flumc.org](mailto:flumc-ne@flumc.org).

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THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who provided school supplies for Moseley Elementary! My car was totally full (and it took two of Moseley's large carts) of supplies when I delivered them. They were MOST appreciative of everything. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile mission.

As some of you may know, Trinity has been providing a back-to-school breakfast for Moseley Elementary since 2014. In years prior to COVID-19, the breakfast was held in our fellowship hall. It was always a wonderful time of fellowship and lifting up the staff and students in prayer. Last year and this, we were still able to provide the breakfast, we just had to take it and drop it off at the school. It saddens us that because of COVID protocols we were not able to stay and visit, but at least we let them know that Trinity is continuing to care about them and pray for them. (Trinity also gave each staff member a welcome back gift and a bag of homemade cookies.) A special thank you to **Bob & Crystal Reed** for the beautiful fruit, and **Sharon Bennett, Gail Cahan, Micke Schmidt** and **Brenda Simpson** for the casseroles.

Thanks for all that you do.

Alice Ryals

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We have the prayer shawls for anyone in need. Please take one for friends or family in need of prayer, comfort & encouragement. Homemade from our ladies of Trinity UMC, Made with love and prayers. Come by the church office to pick one out. The office is open M-Th 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Call 386-325-5272.

If anyone would like to help make Prayer Shawl(s), it will be greatly appreciated!

Thank You, God Bless



**KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.**

**CIRCLE OF CONCERN** – *Those needing our prayers:* The family of Brandon Richardson; Valarie Collins; Jill Sheffield; Bill, Jeane, & Sunita; Samantha Hines; Sandy Sanders; The Bigsby family; Tommy Brooks; Bonnie Trauerman; Belinda Mullins; 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 8/31/2021)**

Total Budget	\$227,066.00
Estimated needed to date	\$152,832.88
Received to date. **	\$81,942.95
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$6,125.00
Percent of “needed to date” that has been collected	53.62%
Percent of Year that is complete	67.31%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	36.09%
<b><u>DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>	
Kids’ Klub	\$1,145.00
Cuba Covenant	\$1,960.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$3,333.28
Children’s Home	\$1,787.00
In memory of Harry Strickland	\$700.00
United Methodist Men	\$420.00
A Women’s Resource Center	\$60.00
In memory of Beryl Peterson	\$300.00

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**KIDS’ KLUB CORNER**

September is here and we are so excited to be learning about “The Family of God” through David. We are looking for you to join us as we learn about, share, and serve Jesus. We hope that you will join us on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00. Come learn and enjoy all the things that God has blessed us with. God Bless!



Family Night at Kids' Klub



Reminding us through Noah that God is always with us.



Creating encouragement rocks to share with others.



Working to make ice cream as Noah worked hard to follow God.



Learning about Noah through questions that were on the beach ball.



Distributing the encouragement rocks.

## Flower Calendar:

### **September 5:**

- 1.—Holy Communion
- 2.—Sharon

### **September 12:**

1. Schmidt
2. Schmidt



### **September 19:**

1. Open
2. Open

### **September 26:**

1. Open
  2. Open
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### **Wish a Happy Birthday To:**

- 01**—Sandy Sanders
- 02**—Carsyn Drew
- 06**—J.D. Ogle
- 08**—John Bennett
- 10**—Evan Simpson
- 11**—Cindy Fegter
- 12**—Andrew Echols
- 16**—Joyce Strickland
- 17**—Teresa Kennard
- 26**—Bryan Hayes
- 29**—Tonia Hare
- 30**—Gill Hayden

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> Sunday School 9:15 Worship: 10:30			<b>1</b> <u>Choir Practice 7:15</u>  *Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8th grade.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  Altar flowers- 1. 2.	<b>6</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <u>Choir Practice 7:15</u>  Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8th grade.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Altar flowers- 1. Schmidt 2. Schmidt	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <u>Choir Practice 7:15</u> Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8th grade.  <b>*11:00 am monthly            district KidMin            meeting</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>  Altar flowers- 1. 2.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <u>Choir Practice 7:15</u>  Kid's Klub 5-7, Fellowship Hall. Kids ages 3 thru 8th grade.	<b>23</b> Administrative Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Altar flowers- 1. 2.	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday September 27, 2021. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing.

Thank You!



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/>**

