

# TRINITY TIDINGS

## December 2021

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### Celebrating Advent

Advent is the time we anticipate the coming of Christ, not only on December 25<sup>th</sup>, Jesus' birthday, but also the climax of history when Jesus returns to complete his victory.

We celebrate that coming in advance (that's what churches are about). No, we do not know the day or hour, but we know that Christ is going to come, and that God will fulfill what has been promised, and that we will experience wholeness what has been promised and that we will experience wholeness, peace, and life that is abundant.

And now is the time to live in the light of that victory! Now is the time to anticipate what is going to be.

Advent is a time to take seriously the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ as Lord over all time, and as Lord over all things—even us.

So let us celebrate, Hope, Love, Joy, & Peace!

## **United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men will host a Christmas Dinner on  
Saturday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. (\$15.00)

**There will be a Candlelight Service at Florahome, Dec. 21, 2021—6:00 pm.**

### **Ladies Bible study with Sandra Collins**

Every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in her home. (386) 937-6475

### **NE DISTRICT UPCOMING EVENTS**

**\*11:00 AM Monthly District KidMin Meeting on Wednesday 12-15-21**

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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



**Prayer of Concern:** Pastor John & Sharon; Bob & Crystal Reed; Jami Curtis; Edward Coles; The family of Jeremy Brown; Joey & Micke Shmidt; Ann; Betty Fales; Ashton; Belinda; Bill and Dianne; Bonnie Collins; Carol; Chris; Carolyn; Austin; Clint; Cody; Derrick; Jill; Karen & Herb; Lilly; Linda & Bill Gardner; Lynn; Mary Ellen; Page; Joyce; Samantha; Sandy; Shane; Thayer; John Ray; Kim; Alex; Tammy; Karl; Beverly; Cindy; We pray for the people of Haiti; 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.

**Please continue prayers for Pastor John as he heals!**

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Through 12/6/2021)**

Total Budget	\$227,066.00
Estimated needed to date	\$213,966.04
Received to date. **	\$113,080.96
Amount of Received to date that came from E-giving	\$9,194.98
Percent of "needed to date" that has been collected	52.85%
Percent of Year that is complete	94.23%
Percent of Yearly contributions that have been received	49.80%
<b><u>DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS</u></b>	
Kids' Klub	\$1,810.00
Cuba Covenant	\$2,260.00
Salary-Worship Leader	\$4,583.26
Children's Home	\$2,747.00
In memory of Harry Strickland	\$700.00
United Methodist Men	\$1,320.00
A Women's Resource Center	\$80.00
In memory of Beryl Peterson	\$300.00
In memory of Ed Griffin	\$50.00
In memory of Jo Dunn	\$520.00
In memory of Trey Curtis	\$70.00

## Thank You from the Bread of Life

Thank you for your generous gift to the Bread of Life. Your support for this ministry enables us to provide nutritious meals for people in need. May God bless you for the help you give to others in our community!

*Sincerely,*

*Judy Guthrie*

Treasurer

## KIDS' KLUB CORNER

November has come and gone, and Kids' Klub has so very much to be thankful for. We thank you for your support in prayers, attendance and monetarily. We are very thankful that you have shared your children with us. They are such a blessing and cherished part of our lives. We are thankful for God's presence at Kids' Klub!!

December Happenings at Kids' Klub:

December 8<sup>th</sup>                      Stations of the Manger

December 15<sup>th</sup>                  Blanket ride and caroling

Kids' Klub will not meet again until January 8<sup>th</sup>.

May all of you have a very blessed and God filled Christmas Holiday season.

God has truly blessed us. 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 Kids' Klub Team

Learning about Moses and the parting of the Red Sea.



Reading about the battle of Jericho in the younger group.



Thanksgiving at Kids' Klub



### Favorite Parables

Young Jimmy's Sunday School teacher asked him if he ever studied the Bible.

"Yes, Ma'am," he replied.

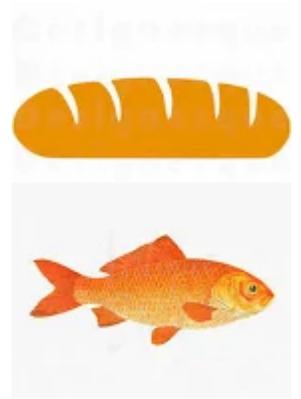
"Then, of course, you have read the parables?"

"Yes, Ma'am," he replied.

"Good," said the teacher. "And will you tell me which parable you like the best?"

"I like the one where everybody loafes and fishes."

---Beulah Collins



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### *Wisdom Defined*

In the Biblical sense, wisdom is the "ability to judge correctly and to follow the best course of action, based on knowledge and understanding" (Lockyer p. 1103). The Wisdom teachings of the Bible follow from the two great themes of the [Ten Commandments](#) and the [Greatest Commandments of Jesus](#): reverence to God, our Creator, and respect for all persons, everywhere.

### *Customs Are not Wisdom*

Biblical-era life for the Jews and early Christians was harsh (Ward, pp. 37-118). Slavery was commonplace. Tyrannical rule by outside powers was the norm. Women's status in society was distinctly second class. Children were disciplined with beatings.

### *Wisdom Is More Than Following the Rules*

A set of commandments or rules can give us important examples of wisdom, but they are only examples. No set of rules can cover all situations, and it is up to us to generalize the commandments to all cases. Many times, as in this passage from Matthew, Jesus condemned the hypocrisy of those religious leaders who observed the law in its strict, literal sense, but violated its spirit:

**"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cumin and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice, mercy, and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. (NAS, Matthew 23:23)**

Wisdom means always acting according to the spirit of the Commandments and not looking for an ambiguity or omission which we can use to evade their true intent. Wisdom means understanding the consequences of our actions and words before we act or speak. Wisdom means having the knowledge and understanding to recognize the right course of action and having the will and courage to follow it.



**Wish a Happy Birthday To:**

- 04**—Troy Nettles
- 07**—Gary Simpson
- 09**—Kenny Thompson
- 15**—Donald Kennard
- 16**—Brandon Underwood
- 20**—Shirley Saunders
- 24**—Micke Schmidt

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 10**—Herb & Karen Dutour
- 14**—Troy & Cassie Nettles
- 16**—John & Sharon Bennett
- 28**—David & Gail Cahan
- 30**—Paul & Jayne Moran



# December 2021



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. <u>Advent Workshop</u>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> HOLY COMMUNION	<b>6</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. <u>Stations</u> <u>of the Manger</u>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> UMM Christmas Dinner at 6:00 pm
<b>12</b>	<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. <u>Hayride &amp;</u> <u>Caroling</u>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Christmas Cantata, by the Chancel Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Candlelight Service at Florahome 6:00 pm.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <i>Christmas Eve            Service, 6:00            pm.</i>	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas            Day</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <i>New            Year's Eve</i>	

If you have any information for next month's newsletter, the deadline to have it in the Church office is Monday December 28, 2021. Please send an e-mail or drop something off in writing.

Thank You!



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