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November 2016

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,  
 Have you noticed the cooler temperatures the last several days? Not only have I noticed them but I have basked and reveled in them. Even though the calendar tells us that Fall officially arrived more than a month ago, with continuing soaring temperatures, hurricane winds, loss of power, yard debris, apparently very few acorns to be crunched on early morning walks and rarely the sound of a motorcycle, can we really say that "Fall is here?!"



We now find ourselves right smack dab in the middle of our Stewardship Campaign, which for us here at Trinity is a sure sign that Fall is here. This year we are celebrating the Church Universal, the church that loves us, the church we love, the church that nurtures us, the church that comes along beside us! This year we are celebrating Trinity United Methodist Church and the impact she has had on our lives!

Included in our celebrations of gratitude and remembrance for God and the Church, we will also be called to respond to God's grace, God's generosity, God's goodness to us through our own lives. We will take another look at the steps we have taken over this past year with God and see what our next steps will be. We will seek to keep in step with God's Holy Spirit as we are called to in Galatians 5:22-26: **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."**

Our Stewardship emphasis will culminate on Sunday, November 13 during our two worship services when we will be invited to respond to God's extravagant generosity, grace and goodness with our own. Immediately following the 11:00 worship service, we will hold our annual **Consecration Luncheon** including a delicious catered lunch which always receives rave reviews. The cost for the catered meal will be \$8.00 per person or \$30 per family. **You will need to make your reservations known by noting it on the blue attendance card during worship or calling the church**

### Birthdays

- Nov 1 Ruth Packer
- Nov 2 Billy Austin
- Nov 2 Harriet Bolin
- Nov 2 Carolyn Ward
- Nov 5 Don Mogk
- Nov 9 Beth Cushing
- Nov 9 Frank Ford Sr.
- Nov 9 Miro Pamoukov
- Nov 10 Bill Churms
- Nov 10 Lori Ebanks
- Nov 10 Kaylee Helms
- Nov 11 Sterling Carr
- Nov 11 Bob Sollien
- Nov 12 Louisa Stewart
- Nov 13 Becky Hurlbert
- Nov 14 Brian Medendorp

Nov 15 Sean Robbins  
 Nov 16 Howard Leach  
 Nov 16 Karen Robbins  
 Nov 20 Karen Averill  
 Nov 21 Jennifer Panda  
 Nov 24 Madison Huntoon  
 Nov 25 Charlie Cropper  
 Nov 25 Robby Ward  
 Nov 26 Maia Carr  
 Nov 27 Carol Dennis  
 Nov 29 Sue Atkinson  
 Nov 29 Carolyn Harner  
 Nov 30 Jim Armstrong  
 Nov 30 Emily Eunice

office no later than Tuesday, November 8. Thank you so much!

I now invite you to take a look at all of the wonderful ways that God is working through us here at Trinity by reading this month's newsletter. Welcome! May GOD richly bless you as you richly bless all those around you.

Pastor Brian

### Anniversaries

Nov 15 Marshall & Alice Dubberly  
64 yrs  
 Nov 15 Mitch & Trish Frierson  
13 yrs  
 Nov 16 Don & Jan Mogk  
59 yrs  
 Nov 16 Vern & Jackie Westlake  
59 yrs  
 Nov 21 Jerry & Peggy Ferrara  
47 yrs  
 Nov 24 Vernon & Carolyn Linder  
15 yrs



Our semi-annual "**Trustee Work Day**" will be held on Saturday, Nov 5th, from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Put on your work clothes and come help us get both the inside and outside spruced up and ready for the holidays. As the saying goes, "*Many hands make light work*", so any and all volunteers are most welcome.

*Hurricane Matthew* may have had a hand at decimating our telephone system. Repairs have been made but, admittedly, they are temporary since we plan to purchase a new system for our new church facility. Calls can be made out and received, and there is now a way to leave a message to a general mail box which will be picked up by Lori Jones then referred to the intended staff/lay person. The best way

### PASSIONATE WORSHIP

#### Worship Team News



November 6th - **All Saint's Sunday** - We will be honoring those from our church family that we have lost and lighting a candle in their memory. The congregation will be able to come forward and light a candle in memory of loved ones. We will also celebrate Holy Communion.

November 8th - **Election Day Prayer Service** - We will come together as a Christian community to invite God into the election process by asking for His guidance, love, protection, peace and understanding on this significant day. The service will begin at 7:00 am and last approximately 30 minutes.

November 13th - **Consecration Sunday** - We will bring our commitment cards before God's altar and asking for his blessings in the coming year. A catered luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Contact the church office to make a reservation via email, calling and leaving a general message or contacting Lori Jones directly.

November 20th - **Harvest Altar: 10,000 Reasons Blessing Wall** - As we prepare to give thanks to our Lord for the blessings and bounty in our lives, we will get an opportunity to write things we are thankful for and place them on the "Blessings Wall."

November 27th - **1st Sunday of Advent** - Communion will be served.

Carla Rhoderick, Team Leader

### Sermon Topics for November

- Nov 6 **"Surrounded By The Church"** - Hebrews 12:1-6 - Pastor Brian continues his series of messages pertaining to stewardship and our commitment to the church.
- Nov 13 **"The Church Wins, the Church Has Won!"** - Matthew 16:13-20 - The final message in the series will culminate with our making a commitment to God through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.
- Nov 20 **"10,000 Reasons"** - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 - The last Sunday of Pentecost

### INTENTIONAL DISCIPLING

to directly reach staff is to send them an email.

We are sorry for this inconvenience and continue to explore ways to connect a voice mail system (similar to what we had) by which members and the public can easily reach staff. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Charlie Daniels, chair



Members of the **Administrative Council** are busy working on setting goals and developing 2017 budgets for all ministry programs, as well as continuing work on creating new mission, vision and values statements for the church.

The **Nominations & Leadership Development Committee** has met to review submissions by members who are interested in serving in a leadership position for the coming year. If you are interested, there is still time to sign-up. Here are a number of teams that need additional volunteers:

- Evangelism
- Outreach
- Trinity Angels
- Planned Giving
- Communications

Click [here](#) to review/download our list of **"2017 Trinity Offerings"** to learn more.

Several new ministry areas and projects have been suggested this year, but due to lack of leadership they have never been fully developed. If interested, contact me or Pastor Brian:

- **Dine-By-Nine** (casual dinners hosted in the homes of members for the purpose of getting to know other members and developing closer relationships.)
- **Young at Heart** (a monthly luncheon and fun program for seniors age 60+)

One ministry area that has been

## PRAYER WARRIORS NEEDED



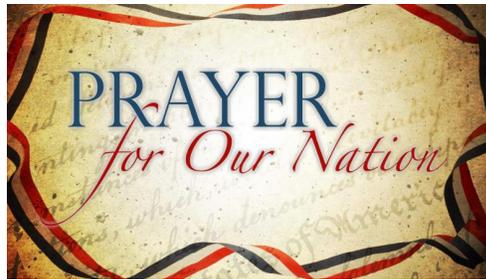
At the October 30 combined service (which was truly inspirational on a number of points) we initiated the opportunity for some of Trinity's best *Prayer Warriors* to pray for and with others - even strangers - at the close of every service.

The world desperately needs all of our prayers, now more than ever. Won't you join with us? We truly believe that with roar of our collective prayers, we can all help heal each other and heal the world.

Feel free to contact us or Pastor Brian, if you have questions.

Grace and peace,

Carolyn Harner, Prayer Team Coordinator  
Mark & Helen Jackson, Evangelism Team Coordinators



## ELECTION DAY PRAYERS NEEDED

Members and friends are invited to participate in an **Election Day Prayer Burst** on Tuesday, Nov 8th from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the sanctuary.

This election is like no other in the history of the United States and we are asking everyone to pray for God's presence and protection over all polling places throughout our communities, state and country. Prayers will be for peace, safety and order as voters enter and leave.

Written prayer samples will be made available that day. Contact me for more information.

Carolyn Harner  
Prayer Team Coordinator



## CONSECRATION SUNDAY PRAYERS NEEDED

On Sunday, November 13, Trinity members and faithful attendees will be asked to make a financial commitment to God and to the church on **Consecration Sunday**. This is a significant day in the life of our church and, in advance of

this day, on Saturday, November 12, we are asking members and friends to sign-up for *one-half to one hour time slots where you will pray at home* - asking God to lift our church, our ministries, and our church families.

A sign-up sheet will be made available during Holy Grounds fellowship hour Nov 6th.

## Youth News

Youth Quote for November: *"If you want something new, you have to stop doing something old."*

One ministry area that has been underutilized for several years is our **Library**. We are now at the point where we need to seek God's leading to discern whether we continue having a library or not. Kathy Clark has agreed to research this area which will include surveying members on their use of the library and whether or not we should maintain it and/or move it to the new church facility. Kathy has asked for input from members via email. Please respond to let her know your thoughts and feelings by writing to her at [geegirl7@cfl.rr.com](mailto:geegirl7@cfl.rr.com).

Feel something tugging at your heart and soul? I am praying that you will listen to that call and respond. Contact me or Pastor Brian, if you would like to serve. Our Church Conference will be held on Sunday, Nov 6th at 12:45. This is our annual meeting where we elect officers, set the pastor's compensation, and set the direction of the church for the coming year. Every member has voting privileges and all are asked to attend. For more information, call or [email](mailto:lori@trinitymethodist.com) me. Thank you and may God bless you and our beloved Trinity!

John Campbell, chair

As we celebrate **Thanksgiving**, I want to share that I am thankful for our youth. I enjoy spending time with them and watching them grow in their spiritual lives. I am also thankful to work with such a unique team. The youth program benefits from many wonderful and dedicated adults who care. Thank you to Pastor Brian, Mrs. Lorena, Mr. Jeff, Mr. Brian, Mr. Frank, Mrs. Lori Jones, Mrs. Conya, Chris, Kali, and Angel for all that they do to assist in building the program and positively shaping the spiritual lives of our youth.



*Blessings,  
Miss Lori*

- Nov 3 **Thursday Night Fun!** - 5:30-7 p.m. at church
- Nov 6 Regular Youth - 3-5 p.m. at church
- Nov 10 DeLand Area Youth Outreach "**Paint Wars**" (after DeLand HS football game) 9-11 p.m. Meet at Plymouth Avenue property
- Nov 13 **Minute To Win It Night** - 3-5 p.m. at church
- Nov 17 **Thursday Night Fun!** - 5:30-7 p.m. at church
- Nov 20 **Movie Night** - 3-5 p.m. at church
- Nov 27 No youth - *Happy Thanksgiving!*

### Master Calendar

The church's master calendar can be accessed anytime 24/7 by going to our website. Visitors can view both previous and coming months. [Click here to view.](#)

To add or correct information on the calendar, email Lori Jones, church manager at [trinitymgr@cfl.rr.com](mailto:trinitymgr@cfl.rr.com) or [Anita Campbell](mailto:Anita.Campbell@trinitymethodist.com).

### Breakfast At Trinity

**Breakfast at Trinity** serves our community a delicious meal once every month. In September, we served 61 men, women and children, with the assistance of 31 wonderful volunteers.



Due to the holidays, our normal fourth Friday schedule will change to the following dates:

**Nov 18 and Dec 9**

We are always looking for volunteers to help. Call Lana Saxon at 736-1008, if interested.



**Happy fall to all our members and friends!**

**United Methodist**



### RADICAL HOSPITALITY

#### Hospitality Team News

The **Hospitality Team** has done some remarkable things over the past year, but (as the saying goes) we have "*many miles to go before we sleep.*"



This month we will review our past efforts, set new

## Methodist Women



We are currently working with our school partner, **Citrus Grove Elementary**, to locate children who are in need of good, sturdy, and safe sneakers to wear to school. The school's student population is made up of 70% Title I students, due to the low economic status of their families. Consequently, many parents cannot afford to purchase new shoes that are safe, sturdy and fit correctly.

Through our **Sneakers 4 Kids** project, Trinity is trying to help that situation again this year. Last year, we were blessed to receive a grant from the *Alice Lockmiller Endowment for Children* for \$1500. Trinity members and friends abundantly gave monies to match the grant and we still have funds left. Last year, we purchased 74 pairs of sneakers.

The school's Parent Liaison has notified all teachers and asked them to provide names of needy students. Very soon, a letter will be going out to the children's parents asking permission for their child to receive the sneakers. If granted, a representative from Shoe Carnival will go to the school to measure each child for a correct fit.

For more information on this benevolent project, contact Lana Saxon & Kathy Clark, coordinators.

This month we will review our past efforts, set new goals and implement new strategies for 2017. As part of that effort we want to ask: What do you think of when you see the term "*radical hospitality*"? Do you feel we have been "*radical*" enough in our hospitality efforts or could/should we do more?



Please [contact me](#) to let me know your thoughts on these questions and suggestions for this vitally-important area of ministry. Together, we can do great things and I look forward to hearing from you. Thanks and may God bless you and your loved ones this Thanksgiving!

David Ross, chair

## SALTY SERVICE

### Stetson Wesley House News



Scrip Cards return...just in time for Black Friday!

**Stetson Wesley House** Board members will be selling "Scrip" gift cards during the fellowship hour on Sunday November 20th. A wide variety of cards from popular online, retail, home improvement, restaurant, gas and grocery stores are available. (There's even one for the new Tanger Outlets, scheduled to open on Black Friday!) The best part about

purchasing a Scrip card is that with every card sale, Wesley House will earn an immediate percentage back (typically between 3% and 15%, depending on the retailer.)

Scrip gift cards are great to give as Christmas presents or for any other special occasion. Stop by our table to peruse the list of stores that offer Scrip cards. Learn how the program works and how every purchase will raise much-needed funds for the Wesley House. Some cards can be purchased at the table, but most will need to be ordered. Checks should be made payable to **Stetson Wesley House**.

For those who would rather get an early start on their holiday shopping, you can shop online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and pay by credit card. Simply click on the green "Get Started" button, enter the Enrollment Code: **L4A999C2318L7** (to indicate that you want your purchase benefit to go to Wesley House) then continue setting up your account.

To ensure delivery (by mail) of your cards before Christmas, the deadline for orders is Sunday, December 11th. For more information, contact a Wesley House Board member.

Lynn Thompson, Conya Hartman and John Campbell  
*Stetson Wesley House Board members*

## Communications Team News

As Thanksgiving nears, I would be remiss without thanking everyone who serves on the **Communications T.E.A.M.** and their efforts this year, for **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore.

It takes an inordinate number of folks to ensure that we continuously communicate all the wonderful things that are taking place at Trinity. Of

## EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY

### Finance Team News



that are taking place at Trinity. Of special note would be **Barbara Bradley**, who faithfully serves as the official *proofreader* of this newsletter as well as numerous other documents such as press releases, printed brochures, website content and more.

**Lori Jones**, who creates our newsletter and bulletins, as well as posting flyers on bulletin boards around the church and maintaining the Master Calendar.

**Conya Hartman**, who creates the weekly PowerPoint announcements, serves as a [Facebook](#) editor, and supervises the **AV operators** (who ensure that we can see and hear everything that takes place during worship and special services/events). **Susan Moor and Carolyn Linder** who ensure that Pastor Brian's *Carrdiographies* are delivered without a hitch via email and Facebook.

**John Campbell** who records those wonderful *Trinity Updates* via telephone

blasts. **Norma Clemente** who faithfully video records (using her trusty phone!) all musical and special liturgical events during worship services for posting on our [YouTube](#) channel. **Donna Beaty** who is a dedicated Facebook editor. **Bob Allinson** who ensures all images that appear on our website are visually stunning. And, finally, **David Ross** who (weekly) edits the audio files of all sermons and posts them on our website for the whole world to hear.

**THANK YOU!!**

Anita Campbell, chair



Our annual stewardship campaign is going on right now and we are asking members and friends to prayerfully consider their financial support of our church for the coming year.

Stewardship is directly linked to discipleship not money. As we grow in grace and dedication to Him, we learn to depend less on ourselves and more on God.

Remember, our mission is to go out and make disciples for Jesus, and stewardship is God's way of raising disciples.

Please examine your personal spiritual development and how it is reflected in your Christian giving. Pray about what God is calling you to do as a reasonable offering in your life so you are ready to make your response. Thank you!

Buster Hunt, chair

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## Poinsettia Orders for Christmas

The poinsettias will be wrapped in gold foil and the cost of each one is \$8. Payment is due at time of order. Forms will be printed in weekly bulletins and can be placed in the offering plate with payment, or turned into the church office no later than Sunday, Nov 6th.



## Building Committee Update

The Building Committee has received four bids from civil engineers we identified as good prospects to do our site engineering. The bids have been forwarded to all committee members for their review. The committee will meet collectively for a formal review before making the final selection. Dana Smith, our architect, will offer guidance to us during the selection process.

Alex Ford, chair

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

### Judy and Bill Ward

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!" - Romans 11:33

Bright, versatile and engaging, Judy Ward, a long-time member of Trinity, has enjoyed a fulfilling life, both professionally and as a daughter, wife, mother and grandmother. Judy was born in Ellicott City, Maryland. Her family moved from Maryland in 1959 and lived in Belleair Beach, Florida. She entered Stetson University and joined Trinity in 1975. "They had such a good Youth Director," she said. She met Bill at Stetson and they were married



Youth Director, she said. She met Bill at Stetson and they were married at Trinity by Trall Heitzenrater in 1977. Judy's parents, Charles and Jean Clayton, fell in love with DeLand and joined Trinity.

[Click here to continue reading the article.](#)



## Faith Partners' Ministry of DeLand

A **Christmas Party** for the children of Faith Partners' Ministry clients will be held on Saturday, December 10th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Plans are to have games, food, stories, a visit from Santa, toys and gifts for the children.

An "Angel Tree" (similar to what Salvation Army does) will go up after November 20th. Trinity members and friends will be asked to take an angel tag and purchase listed gifts for a specific child. Clients will register their children and our list will be checked against other Christmas giving programs in the area to ensure against duplication.

Volunteers are needed now to begin coordinating this huge undertaking. For more information, [contact Steve and Karin Roland](#).

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