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October 2016

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope and pray all is well with you, your families and all GOD has entrusted to you. Welcome to our October newsletter. I am sure you have noticed but we find ourselves in the midst of amazing change. Some of the changes, over the last 25 years or so, most of us have embraced - cellular phones, home computers, the internet, social media - while there are still a few holdouts who refuse to touch any of those just mentioned, my mother for one. And, as many of you can testify, I haven't fully embraced social media and may never embrace social media.



Technology isn't the only change we are facing. If you are old enough to remember 1965, you may remember that all churches were chock full of people and the Church seemed to still set the tone for the community around her. 1965 is considered by many who look at all the research as the high point for the mainline Protestant Churches in the United States. Most of us (by now really all denominations across the board) have been caught in a steady decline ever since which is for most of my life and if you are a member of the generations X, Millennial (Y) and Z the church has been in decline your entire lives.

Master Calendar

The church's master calendar can now be seen online. Visitors can view both previous and coming months. [Click here to view.](#)

Hard-copies will be available in the church office or in the Narthex on Sundays. To add or correct information seen on the calendar, contact Lori Jones at trinitymgr@cfl.rr.com or 734-4425.

Birthdays

Oct. 3 John Campbell

Oct 5 John Campbell
 Oct 3 Linda Chester
 Oct 3 Hunter Taafe
 Oct 7 Stephanie Ashe
 Oct 7 Dilbert Clifton
 Oct 7 Melissa Fuller
 Oct 7 Sally Hansen
 Oct 8 Heather Bonner
 Oct 8 Caitlin Pickren
 Oct 9 Caroll Erickson
 Oct 12 Kathy Clark
 Oct 14 Betty Mohr
 Oct 14 Ryder White
 Oct 17 Dennis Hansen
 Oct 19 R.V. Helms
 Oct 19 Airon King
 Oct 19 Daisy Poss
 Oct 21 Alex Brunning
 Oct 21 Noah Brunning
 Oct 21 Hermie Clemente
 Oct 23 Beth Britton
 Oct 24 David Austin
 Oct 24 Vicki Butters
 Oct 24 Colby Daniels
 Oct 24 Judy Wall
 Oct 25 Darwin Bennett
 Oct 25 Leon Hamilton
 Oct 25 Logan Taafe
 Oct 26 Steve Roland
 Oct 27 Robert Hall
 Oct 27 William Hennessy
 Oct 27 Jill Miller
 Oct 29 Helen Jackson
 Oct 29 Madison Unger
 Oct 30 Samantha Marino-
 Bennett
 Oct 31 Lu Knight

Anniversaries

Oct 12 Ed & Valerie Hencinski
 31 yrs
 Oct 22 Mark & Lynn Thompson
 33 yrs
 Oct 24 Glenn & Margie Thompson
 65 yrs
 Oct 26 Clifford & Vicki Butters
 53 yrs
 Oct 30 Carroll & Virgie Erickson
 61 yrs

The Trustees last met on September 7.
Some topics of discussion were annual reports

for our Charge Conference,

I am troubled by this continuing decline. I don't remember exact numbers but do know that when I entered the ordained ministry in the Florida Annual Conference we had more than 800 churches here. Now, almost twenty years later, we are down to 650 with more than two hundred of those not showing a baptism, a new member or a profession of faith in the last three years. As I look around I also see other signs. I was thrilled to participate in a marriage ceremony last month in our sanctuary with a young couple who grew up in the church. It had been over three years since I had last had that privilege within our sanctuary. Curious, I checked other churches I am familiar with and found that the number of weddings they have hosted has also plummeted over the last several years. It seems now that many prefer getting married at some exotic locale other than the local church.

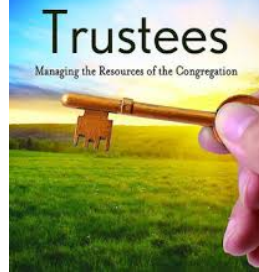
I even learned (during a recent conversation with a friend who is a funeral home director) that more and more they are encountering folks who have no standing relationship with a church, want no standing relationship with a church, and absolutely do not want a minister leading the service for their loved one. This is causing many directors to totally rethink how they do memorial services. Change is indeed everywhere!

What do we do in the midst of such change? Do we hunker down and hide? Or do we remember God's purpose for us - *to make disciples of all nations*. Often times we inadvertently or perhaps purposely hang on to our preferences until the bitter end, until the last one remaining turns out the lights. Perhaps we are called to seek God's purpose and lay our own preferences aside for the benefit of others.

Regardless of how much everything changes, human beings still need relationships. We, as God's people, are called to build relationships: first through ongoing emphasis on our own relationships with God by using our spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, Bible study, service, fellowship, fasting, etc., and second, with those around us.

The next three months are perfect times for us to build relationships with folks in our lives and bring them with us to church. The Church contains the hope for the world in Jesus Christ. Everyone needs hope and we have the pure, unadulterated hope of Jesus Christ that never fades or perishes. Look through this newsletter to see where you can bring

health insurance and the annual "Trustee Work Day" scheduled for Nov. 5th. Volunteers will be needed to perform a detailed inventory of the church property and assets. To volunteer, contact me or Bob Kellogg.



We are looking into security cameras for the facility, due to increased use/traffic by outside groups and the Faith Partners' Ministry.

Constant repairs and maintenance are being done on our restrooms and air conditioners. These systems are quite old, however, and we are quickly reaching the point where they will soon require major renovation and replacement.

Charlie Daniels, Chair



Leadership Team News

The Administrative Council recently

approved the following actions:

- A new alternative giving opportunity will be promoted during the holidays. Beginning after Thanksgiving Sunday, members can make a gift to the Faith Partners' Ministry of DeLand or UMCOR in honor or memory of a church friend or family member. A special form will be inserted in the Nov 27 & December 4 bulletins.
- Three ministries will share contributions received from the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offerings: ***Faith Partners' Ministry of DeLand, UMCOR and Word Made Flesh.***

someone with you to one of the many different opportunities at Trinity - all designed to offer Christ to the world. May GOD richly bless you as you richly bless all those around you by living, loving and leading like Jesus in these exciting times we find ourselves!

Pastor Brian

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

October Events in Worship

Oct. 2: World Communion Sunday with Peter Van Den Berg - Come experience communion as we join with millions around the world on this special day. Pastor Brian will interview Peter Van Den Berg, Vice-President with Christ for All Nations. Bring your family and friends to hear about a phenomenal ministry that is reaching thousands of lives and souls for Christ every week - all over the world. For more information, [click here](#).

Oct. 9: Children's Sunday - Come celebrate all of God's children in worship. We will sing those wonderful, heartwarming children's songs you love to sing and be led in worship by Trinity's youngest and most precious members. You won't want to miss the Children's Moments!

Oct. 16: Laity Sunday - Kitwana McTyer, Interim President and CEO of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (and member of Trinity) will be the guest speaker.

Oct. 23: THE CHURCH LOVES ME! - This will be the first Sunday of our annual stewardship campaign.

Oct. 30: WE LOVE OUR CHURCH! - Special speakers from our congregation will share their personal stories at a combined service. Brunch will be served for all at 9:30 a.m. then the service will begin at 10:30 a.m. Please plan to attend, as we bring both services together for this very special event!

Peter van den Berg



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Breakfast At Trinity - October 28

A woman and her daughter came in to eat about a year ago; she

expressed the need for help for her child, including clothes and shoes for school. Several of our breakfast volunteers were able to help her. The woman was in school at Florida Technical College and was struggling financially. She was referred to the P.E.O. Chapter DT, who eventually got her a grant of \$1800 to help with her schooling. On Sept 16, this woman graduated from Florida Tech.

Those of us who have been volunteers for many years are thrilled that this happened. Each time we serve breakfast to those in need, we never know how God is going to use our service to others. It is indeed a blessing to see a success story that began with our Breakfast. We know God is at work, but sometimes we don't see the result of that work. In this case we did.

Recently, there have been mixed messages as to whether we should continue the Breakfast. Our numbers are down as low as 40 from the high of 100 last year. Last month we served 61 which was an increase over the month prior. Some say if we are feeding 40 or 50 then that's still a good number. Others say we should discontinue it because the numbers are low. I have asked everyone who volunteers to pray about what is the best thing to do. I've also gotten some feedback and we have started marketing the program by posting flyers around town in public spaces, convenient stores and laundromats. We will continue our increased marketing effort over the next 5-6 months to see if our numbers improve and re-evaluate the program next year.

In the meantime, we invite you to join us on October 28 from 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. We are truly reaching seekers and non-believers through this ministry and would love for you to join us!

Lana Saxon
Breakfast at Trinity Coordinator

CfAN CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS

On October 2, Trinity will hold two very special World Communion services featuring evangelist, Peter van den Berg, Executive Vice President of Christ for All Nations (CfaN). Services will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Trinity is honored to have van den Berg as our guest on this special day. The public is invited to attend.

In 1967, CfaN founder, Reinhard Bonnke spent seven long years in Africa with his wife doing the work of missionaries in the traditional way. During those years, the call to evangelism that burned in his soul grew stronger and in 1974 the evangelistic organization that is known as Christ for All Nations began reaching out to the peoples of Africa.

For over 40 years, Reinhard Bonnke and members of the CfaN Crusade Team have been conducting crusades world-wide. (Visit their website at <https://new.cfan.org/> to learn more.) The mission of CfaN is to preach the full gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations, disciple believers, minister in power to the church, fellowship with Christians and worship God in spirit and in truth. Literally, millions of men and women across the globe have heard the good news of the Gospel through this anointed ministry.

Now headquartered in Orlando, Peter van den Berg is the Executive Vice President of CfaN and has worked with Bonnke for over thirty years. After graduating from Theological College in the United Kingdom, Peter began a music-based evangelistic ministry in Europe. After seven years of activity in this itinerant ministry, he joined CfaN. Since that time, he has traveled widely across the world, participating in the evangelistic activities of CfaN and preaching in their *Fire Conferences*.

Peter's preaching ministry is focused on equipping pastors and church workers and challenging them in the call of God on their lives. Since the beginning of this decade, he has preached to 1.5 million delegates in CfaN conferences around the globe. He and his wife, Vangie, have been married for over forty years and they have three children and

six grandchildren.



Won't you consider joining with us to reach out and help others in need? For info, email Lori Hansard at lgjbhansard@totcon.com.



For more information about the Trinity event, contact the Church Office at (386) 734-4425.



Trinity Women's Ministry is looking for a few good women

Interested in reaching outside the church walls to serve our Lord alongside other female believers? Join one of our circles! We've got day meetings and evening meetings to accommodate most schedules. For more info, email Melissa Fuller at fuller_b@bellsouth.net. You'll be glad you did!



Children's Sunday, October 9th

Worship Team News

If you would like to be a greeter at the 11:00 service, please contact Jennifer Griffis or call the church office.

Altar Flower Calendar

There are openings that remain on the 2016 Altar Flower Calendar located in the Fellowship Hall. Reserve your special dates as a way of celebrating a birthday, anniversary or in memory of someone. For more information, call Sue Jackson at (386) 338-4878.

Alternative Giving

Instead of buying a gift for your church friends this Christmas, why not donate money in their honor to one of our outreach ministries? (You can also give a contribution in memory of a relative or someone from the church who was special to you.) This special giving program will start after the Thanksgiving. For more information, contact a Finance Team member.

Poinsettias

Christmas Poinsettias
The deadline for placing orders for Christmas poinsettias is Monday, November 7th. Pricing for 6" poinsettia will be \$8.00 each.

TRINITY LEARNING CENTER NEWS

Trinity Learning Center Update

Thanks to the special effort spearheaded by the loving members of Susanna Circle, our Learning Center was given an extra boost to start the new school term off right. With your help, over \$673 was contributed along with in-kind donations of school & classroom supplies, cleaning supplies, health/hygiene supplies, and arts and crafts supplies. The supplies enabled the center's teachers to have all the materials they needed on hand, and the contributed funds will be used to purchase much-needed items.



We deeply appreciate all your donations and want to say "thank you" to everyone who helped.

With sincere blessings,

Cindy Fox, TLC Director

INTENTIONAL DISCIPLING

New Confirmation Class Forming

There will be an informational meeting with parents of Confirmation-aged children and youth (6th grade - 12th grade) on Sunday, Oct. 9th at 10:00 a.m. in Pastor Brian's office. For more information, call him at 386-734-4425.

Stewardship 101





Transportation Ministry

Giving up on those fun "road trips" these days because you cannot drive? Need a means of transportation for your small group event? Well wait no longer. Call Melissa Fuller to inquire if the church bus can pick up you and your brothers and sisters in Christ to take you to your event. (And, if you feel called to become one of our "approved" drivers, let Pastor Brian know that too!)

The Pecans Are Coming!

They are arriving the first week in November, and the cost is the same as last year - \$9.50 for a one-pound bag. Great for baking or giving as a gift! Look for our sales table in the Fellowship Hall during the Holy Grounds Hour.

Florida Conference Women's Retreats

January 20 - 22

Keynote: Sabrina Tu
Bible Leader: Emily Knight
Music Leader: Donna Allen

February 10 - 12

Keynote: Juana Jordan
Bible Leader: Sarah Baldrige
Music Leader: Belinda Womack

March 3 - 5

Keynote: Sheryl Marks-Williams
Bible Leader: Lisa Stamp
Music Leader: Belinda Womack

The retreats are held at the Florida United Methodist Life Enrichment Retreat Center (LEC) in Leesburg. The weekends are quite full with a keynote speaker, a Bible teacher, enrichment activities, great music and lots of good food.

Registration begins Nov 1. The cost is \$180 for a weekend, based on double occupancy, with \$75 needed at registration. Registration is online and will begin Tuesday, November 1, 2016 6:00 a.m.

If you have any questions regarding registration,

October 23 through November 13, we will be conducting our



Stewardship Campaign, Do you know what this campaign is for and how it benefits our church and its many ministries? Chuck and the committee struggle with Mr. Riley (a classic "Mr. Negative") to understand the full meaning of Stewardship. Click [here](#) to watch the video to learn all about it. Enjoy!

Youth News

Youth quote for October: "The best gift you can gift to yourself is challenging yourself"

- Oct 2 No youth due to Fall Festival
- Oct 9 Regular Youth
- Oct 16 **Corn Maze** in Bunnell
- Oct 23 **Fall Bash** at church
- Oct 30 **Pumpkin Carving Fun!**
- Oct 31 **Trunk or Treat**

Coming in October-**Thursday Nights** with Mrs. Lori and helpers will return. Watch for details.

Corn Maze-October 16th Cost is \$10.00. Watch for times.

Pumpkin Carving- October 30th from 5-8 p.m. Bring side dishes and desserts to share with hot dogs. Prizes will be awarded.

Trunk or Treat- October 31st from 6-8 p.m. Drive, park and open your decorated car trunks in the parking lot by the preschool. Bring your own candy to hand out or we will provide. Come and hang out and see kids and adults having a good time.

Individually-wrapped candy for **Trunk or Treat** is needed. Donations can be dropped off to Lori Hansard or Lori Jones in the church office.

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who came to **Fall Festival** and volunteered.

Thanks to everyone who dropped off items for *Trash and Treasures!*

please contact Lori Buonasera by calling (352) 360-9389 or by email at lori@lecretreats.org.

To learn more about who is planning to attend from Trinity, contact Lana Saxon.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Steve & Karin Roland



God comforts us...that we may be able to comfort those who are in trouble. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

One of Trinity's busiest couples is Steve and Karin Roland. Arriving at Trinity a couple of years ago, they have embarked on an on-going pilgrimage to continue to make Trinity a loving and giving place to learn about Jesus and encourage outsiders into the church.

They came from Pennsylvania, sold all their possessions, lived and traveled in an RV for four years, visiting Florida frequently. Steve had been in the mechanics business (automotive, electric, plumbing) and worked his way up to plant engineer. He was responsible for building and manufacturing aspects with 110 employees, 10 working directly under him. In 1998 he started his own business, an automotive service center, which he still owns today in Pennsylvania with a general manager in charge.

Steve and Karin met each other on a blind date and later married. Each have two children and between them nine grandchildren.

Karin worked as a secretary and bookkeeper and worked for the school system and the American Heart Association. Steve added, "she also worked in the Governor's House along with other secretaries," (which Karin downplayed).

After going to several churches in the area, they attended Trinity. "The first visit Carolyn Harner grabbed us, gave us a royal tour of the church, told us about the church and Sunday school. We were looking for a church where we could get involved in

helping others," Steve related. He had been involved in other churches in Pennsylvania, in Outreach and Mission trips to West Virginia and Karin helped in Sunday school. Prior to her

Blessings,
Miss Lori & Mr. Jeff
Mr. Brian and Mr. Frank



Calling all Movie Fans

Screen junkies - take notice. There's a new small group that has started and it may just be something you are looking for!

Starting in November, there will be a small group of women (members and non-members) that will head to a local theatre to enjoy a movie with other "buffs." Whether it's a new release, a popular blockbuster, an independent, or a time-treasured favorite, this group loves the cinema and wants to share the experience with other cinephiles.

Plans are to select the movie and showing by majority vote, meet at the theatre, watch the show, then head to Starbucks for a latte and time together to share and swap reviews. If you want to join in the fun or know more, email [Anita Campbell](mailto:Anita.Campbell).

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

Hospitality Ministry



Join the team that enables us to boast how we are "one of the friendliest congregations in town" on our [TripAdvisor](#) page. See for yourself how being hospitable to all guests truly *makes a BIG difference* to our visitors. Contact David Ross to learn more.

SALTY SERVICE

Got an idea for a new outreach project? Contact Pastor Brian with your suggestion. Running out of ideas? Here are some for starters:

marriage to Steve, Karin had been a single parent and times were difficult for her. Church members in her previous church in Pennsylvania came with food and support for the family resulting in her passion for helping other people.

After joining Trinity, Jimmy Lawrence asked Steve to take over the Walk-in Ministry. They took charge of the Kitchen Committee and set up a Thanksgiving Dinner, a Valentine's dinner, and a Trinity Picnic. With the encouragement of Cindy Fox, they began a Sunday school class based on the Bible and current events of today. They are on the Evangelism Committee, serve as Greeters, and help with Fall Festival.

Today, they are primarily focused in an on-going food ministry, called Faith Partners' Ministry. According to Steve, "Karin and I want to focus on people to help change their lives." Each Wednesday they travel to Daytona Beach to Second Harvest Food Bank for dry foods, fresh vegetables, fruit and meat. Steve goes into the freezer and cooler where the temperature is 10 degrees and 40 degrees respectively wearing heavy clothing and gloves, while Karin picks the fruit and vegetables. They are allowed only one hour in the facility.

Each Faith Partners client receiving food must have a picture ID and proof of residence, "however we do work around some of the homeless. Steve and I plan on giving out 'Manna Bags' in the future."

The most pleasurable part of Trinity, according to both Steve and Karin, "are the people willing to help; most disappointing is the lack of volunteers. We are working with other churches and individuals in helping with this latest endeavor." Tanner Garthside, First Baptist Church, First Christian Church and the Mormon youth have been very supportive in their help.

A favorite time in Steve's life was spending time with his father fishing, "which I have little time to do anymore. Dad was a mild-mannered man and he did a good job showing us respect for others and their opinions." For Karin, it's being with the grandchildren, who range from 2 to 22 years of age. Steve's most proud time was his professional life, as he felt he succeeded in everything he tried. For Karin, it is putting God above everything; her values have never changed, especially in trying to help others.

Their goal is to help people get out of the situations they are in. This is their mission, their drive: their love for the unfortunate

Mentor or tutor children and youth in an after-school program.	Conduct a casual "hymn sing-a-long" in a local park.
Prepare bag lunches for children/youth at Citrus Grove to take home on Fridays for the weekend.	Prepare Easter baskets for children/youth at Citrus Grove to take home during Easter break.
Attend and support cultural events you have never attended before, for the purpose of learning about different cultures and building relationships.	Send "thinking of you", "get well soon", "sympathy" and other types of cards to shut-ins, persons just discharged from the hospital, those suffering a loss, and caregivers who may need a lift.
Find a street, church, cemetery, or park that has lots of trash or a neglected yard and offer to coordinate a "clean-up" or "beautification" project.	Purchase tee shirts that feature the Trinity logo on one side and the name (or tagline) of your small group/team on the other.
Hold an old-fashioned "hymn sing" and give a 5-minute devotional at local nursing homes.	Hand out free bottles of water with Trinity's name on it at various outdoor events.

Remember, our mission is to **go out** and make disciples for Jesus. One area UM church has adopted a new tagline that says *"The Church has left the building."* Rev. Alex Shanks, the new assistant to Bishop Carter recently said *"We are in a mission field of unchurched people. Let's get moving!"*

Are you ready to get moving?

The Editor

Faith



EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY



Building Committee News

The Building Committee met on September 6 with our architect, Dana Smith of DJ Design, and approved moving forward to schematic design for Phase 1, which will be greatly scaled back from the "ultimate build-out" plans first presented to the congregation.

Phase 1 development will provide most or all of the infrastructure (parking, water, sewer, storm water, and so on) for the ultimate build-out. It will include a chapel which will provide a more formal space for traditional worship services. The chapel will be much smaller than the sanctuary we plan to ultimately build, but of sufficient size to accommodate the current attendance at the traditional service. It also scales back the office space and classrooms, and does not provide space for the walk-in ministry.

The footprint/layout is being designed to accommodate later additions for a larger, formal sanctuary, more office space and classrooms, and other ministries. The architect is coordinating with the committee for selection of an engineer and other design professionals as necessary to get initial governmental permits. He suggested that we limit our consideration to three or four engineering firms. Some of those firms will have in-house consultants for such things as environmental studies and traffic analysis. Others will need to outsource those services.

We do not have a firm cost projection but, even with this scaling back of the plans, it is anticipated that we will need to take out a mortgage for Phase 1 because the timing of payments to contractors



Partners' Ministry of DeLand

The month of August was very busy at Faith Partners' Ministry. At our last meeting, we decided to change our name from Faith Partners' Ministry to **Faith Partners' Ministry of DeLand**. This was to enable people to know who we are. We felt that without the DeLand on the end of our name, perhaps there might be some people who would not know where we are from and recognize us as an agency they may want to partake in.

We are still busy collecting information on our clients. In the months of June through August, we have served an average of 58 people per day. In the first three months of this year, we served an average of 53 people per day. In the first quarter, we were open two days per week, and now we are only open one. [Click here to continue reading.](#)

TripAdvisor Reviews Needed!



Did you know that Trinity has its own page on **TripAdvisor** now? Why, you may ask? It's because many churches take advantage of this marketing tool to attract visitors to their doors.

Right now we only have one review and need more to get a higher rating when compared with other churches in the DeLand area. It's our goal to try and move our rating up from #53 of 76 to #16. Care to help?? Click [here](#) and simply type "*Trinity United Methodist*" in the **Find** search line and "*DeLand*" in the **Near** search line to bring up our church.

If you have never reviewed a place on **TripAdvisor** before, you will have to register with your email. After that, it's easy-pezy!

might not coordinate with pledged income. But, because Phase 1 does include most or all of the infrastructure, we can develop later phases at less expense.

Alex Ford

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