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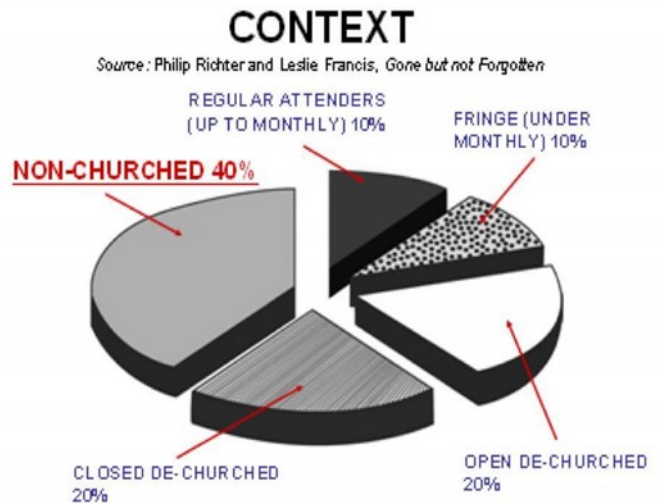
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## Holiday Challenge: Make an Invitation a Week

The Holiday Season is the  
Perfect Time to Pray and Invite!

### Understand Who You're Inviting

This pie chart helps us understand the US population's relationship with Christ and His church. Are you surprised? Think about the people you know and come in contact with in a given week. Which group best describes each person? Do you know persons in different groups?



### Different groups are best reached in different ways

- Regular Attenders have a church home and are active participants one or more times per month (10%)
- Fringe Attenders have a church home and are active participants less than once per month (10%)
- Open De-churched persons have had a church home in the past but not currently. They are open to reconnecting with a church family. (20%)

**“Come and See”** – You can effectively reach persons in these three groups by Inviting them to a worship service, special event, seminar, or small group on the church campus. Look through the newsletter to find great invite opportunities. Pray about it, give them a call, offer to pick them up or meet them at the door. If we all brought one person, think of the difference we would be making in all those lives for Christ.

- Closed De-church persons have attended church in the past but are not currently. They are not open to reconnecting with a church family, usually because they have been hurt by a church experience. (20%)

**“We’re different”**- This takes much more prayer and relationship building. Help persons discover our congregation is different from the hurtful one they previously experienced. Different might mean relationships, theology, style, values, motivation, and/or goals. Build trust, pray, and invite them to events which will meet felt needs like Surviving the Holidays, the Longest Night Healing Service, Thanksgiving or Christmas worship.

- Non-churched persons have no personal experience with church. What they know of Christianity comes from books, film, TV, and other media. They may not have had a Christian in their family/friends for generations, have never had a Christian in their family/friends, or even know a Christian.

**“Go!”** - Reaching persons in this group is similar to foreign mission work. It’s about cross cultural relationship building on their turf rather than the church campus. Invite them to your holiday party or a Christmas Eve Service. If you’re interested in starting an offsite small group, see me. – Lisa <><

### Pray for Favor and Courage

*Based on a prayer from Pray for Me by Tony Souder*

Father, your glory, steadfast love, and faithfulness are worthy of sharing at every opportunity. Cause your steadfast love and faithfulness to be in the forefront of my heart and mind. Give me the freedom to naturally make invitations and share your greatness and Good News with those around me. Grant me favor as I speak on your behalf. Soften the hearts of those who hear of your goodness through me. Bring people to saving faith and baptism. Bring them to a home in your family and church. Bring them to the fullness of life in you, now and forever. For your glory and for our good I pray, in Jesus’ name, amen.

# Worship at Trinity in November

## October 29

All Saints Day Remembrance: In both services, you'll have a chance to remember and honor those who have died, especially those who have encouraged your faith in Jesus Christ.

Recognizing the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation: Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church on October 31, 1517 and the world was never the same.

Sermon: The 7 Essentials: Speech (Ephesians 4:25-5:2)

## November 5

Holy Communion at both services

Sermon: The 7 Essentials: Conduct (Colossians 3:1-17)

Preschool 20th Anniversary Celebration: 3-6pm in Heritage Hall

## November 12

Sermon: Wise, Foolish, Evil (Proverbs 9:6-10)

## November 19

One Combined Thanksgiving Service at 10am

Bring a large covered dish for the meal following the service. Meat, drinks, and place settings will be provided

Sermon: First Fruits (Deuteronomy 26:1-11)

## November 26

Christ the King Sunday

Guest Preacher: Ken Birt

Sermon: Acceptance (Matthew 25:34-40)



# Trinity Preschool



## 20th Anniversary Celebration for

### Trinity Preschool

Come join us Sunday, November 5, 2017 from 3-6 pm in Heritage Hall for mingling, music, silent auction, appetizers, dessert, and a short program.

If you know of any alumni of our Trinity Preschool, please invite them and bring them to our celebration. We would love to have everyone come reminisce. No tickets necessary.

Questions? Contact Pam Rader [psrader@verizon.net](mailto:psrader@verizon.net)

## Congregational Care



### Grieving? Know someone who is?

the holiday season can be especially painful when you are grieving a loved one's death, Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Please join us for this encouraging seminar

**Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 9 to 11 am**

Breakfast served from 8:30 to 9 am.

RSVP before Nov. 26th

The cost is \$5 per person which includes a workbook for daily help through the holiday season.

Child care is available - please let us know when you register

### Diabetes, Retinal Photographs, and Blood Pressure Screenings

**November 12th 9 am - noon, Haley Hall**

Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose, also called blood sugar, is too high. Over time, having too much glucose in your blood can cause health problems, such as heart disease, nerve damage, eye problems, and kidney disease. **You can take steps to prevent diabetes or manage it.**

An estimated 30.3 million people in the United States, or 9.4 percent of the population, have diabetes. About one in four people with diabetes don't know they have the disease. An estimated 84.1 million Americans aged 18 years or older have prediabetes. Over 50% of blindness in mature adults is caused by Diabetes.

Sarasota Lions Club will be offering **FREE diabetes, digital retinal photos, and blood pressure** checks on Sunday, **November 12<sup>th</sup>** in Haley Hall from 9-12.

**FASTING IS NOT REQUIRED.** Results are shown in 5 seconds with or meters. Specially-trained R.N.s will be available for questions and counseling!

Also, if you wish, we will take a Digital Retina Photo. This is sent to a group of ophthalmologist (eye surgeons) in Orlando, who donate their time and read the photo, diagnoses any disease they see, suggest a plan of treatment, and return this to your ophthalmologist. **NO COST TO YOU.** This is normally \$200 to \$300 and is not covered by all insurance companies.

Questions???? Contact Lion Hank, or Lion Roy, or Lion Louise, our church members. Hank's phone is 941-809-7188.

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### In Need of a Resource to Help You Through a Difficult Time?

Are you or someone you know going through a difficult circumstance such as divorce, depression, financial stress, anxiety, or death of a loved one? Care Notes are topic related booklets which say the right words at the right time and make a healing difference in people's lives. These booklets communicate that God cares and is near no matter what situations you or your loved ones are facing. The Care Note display can be found in the back of the Sanctuary.

# Gift Giving Opportunities

## Christmas gifts for Philippi Shores students

Our partnership with Phillippi Shores Elementary School provides opportunities to help struggling families. Once again we are joining the school staff with a project that started years ago. A "Giving Tree" in the staff lounge displays cards with Christmas wishes of needy students. Over the years the number of families needing Christmas help has grown to include over 60 children.

Trinity's goal is to provide gifts for 20 children. Please consider blessing one of these kids as part of your family's Christmas plans. Carol Harris will have student wishlists available in Haley Hall on **Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup>** before and after services. You will choose a wishlist card to take with you when you shop. Please gift wrap your items and bring them to the church by **Sunday December 3rd**.

Questions? Contact Carol Harris 941-928-4828 [harrimail@comcast.net](mailto:harrimail@comcast.net)

## Wish Lists for The Pines Residents

We have received wish lists from 22 residents of The Pines. We hope to fill these wish lists as we have for many years with the generous response of Trinity friends. Please pray about this and if you can make one of The Pines residents happy by filling their list, we can make their Christmas a little brighter. Please look for Margot Stanton in Haley Hall each Sunday and Wednesday evening with the lists. Donated Gifts will need to be given to Margot the beginning of November.

Also, please donate items for The Pines Christmas Gift Shop. This event provides a "mini mall" for the residents to select a gift or two for family or friends at no cost.



**UMCOR GIFT CARDS** Tired of buying stuff for Christmas folks on your gift list really don't need? Looking for more meaningful gifts which speak to the true blessings of this holy season? We're here to help! Consider making a donation to the United Methodist Committee on Relief in their honor. Come by the office during the week or to the table in the courtyard on Sunday mornings starting November 12. Make the donation. We'll supply you beautiful cards to present as your gift.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If you haven't already done so, please stop by the decorated table in Haley Hall and pick up a shoe box (or as many as you wish) to fill and send to a needy child through Samaritan's Purse. This year, we are asked not to include any candy or toothpaste. These items do not always travel well. There will be information at the table helping you decide dos and do nots in your selections, and if you have any questions, there will be someone there to answer them! If you have children, take them shopping with you! It is a good experience for them to know they are giving to someone less fortunate than they are. It's a great feeling to know that they are making another child so happy.

We are asked to include \$9.00 per box to assist in transportation, but due to some very generous donations, we will provide \$5.00 per box, asking you to include only \$4.00! If you want to track your box, you can do that online. We will have that information for you!

We ask that the boxes be returned to the church by Sunday, November 5th, at least no later than Wednesday, November 8. Pastor Lisa will bless the boxes on Sunday, November 12, and then they will be on their way! Thank you so much for supporting this very important Christmas Mission, as you as the giver will reap a reward also! You have made someone very happy!!



## Finance Team Report

### Financial Report as of end of September 2017:

Jan. – Sept. income \$330,149

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(w/prepaid pledges prorated)

Jan. – Sept. spending \$344,495

Negative cash flow - \$ 29,170 prorated  
Negative cash flow - \$ 14,759 not prorated

70% of apportionments paid through September (\$29,837)

## UMCOR

### United Methodist Committee on Relief

As hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, and wild fires devastate people and communities around the globe, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) responds through disaster response coordination efforts, assessment, training, and relief and recovery grants. Below are just a few of the grants approved by the UMCOR board.

Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church \$1,000,000

Louisiana Conference of The United Methodist Church \$500,000

Rio Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church \$816,418

Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church \$1,000,000

UMCOR is also working with Bishop Hector Ortiz, episcopal leader of the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico and Global Ministries board member, to assess the relief and recovery work needed.

So far, the Trinity UMC family has donated \$7,215.00 to UMCOR this year.

## Scholarship Ministry

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinity Scholarship Golf Tournament resulted in \$3,596 for the Scholarship Ministry! Winners of the tournament were: Scott Hunt and Team!



## Church Charge Conference

Our yearly church-wide business meeting will be held Sunday, November 12 at 3pm at Grace UMC in Venice. At this meeting we'll worship together with other congregations, hear testimonies, and hear an inspiring message from our district superintendent, Rev. Dr. Rini Hernandez. We'll also hear reports on our church health, approve the 2018 salary and benefit package for the pastor, and take an official vote on recommending Jimmy Hilliard as a certified candidate for ordained ministry. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Trinity is Moving  
Forward with Christ



If you haven't return the 2018 Faith Pledge Card, please do so. Thank you for your ongoing support of our wonderful Trinity United Methodist Church!

# UMWWomen

The UMW Board assembled 120 small Halloween favors at their Oct. 5th Board meeting which were taken over to Phillippi Shores Elementary School for teachers and staff to show our appreciation for their dedication to children. All three circles at their November meetings, will be preparing a small Christmas Favor to be taken to the staff in early December.

October UMW meetings were wonderful....we are seeing more ladies joining UMW and we are blessed to have them!

UMW Executive Board will meet THURSDAY Nov. 9th at 9:30 am - 12:30 pm at Jan Robertson's home. This is a very important meeting as we make decisions on completing our financial disbursements to various missions for 2017, elect our slate of officers for 2018 and plan our meetings and fundraisers for 2018.

All women of Trinity are welcome at circle meetings....a great time of fellowship and offers opportunities to be in mission for women, children and youth. We have 3 circles, one morning, one afternoon, and one evening:

Hannah Circle will meet at Barb Hohl's Condo Clubhouse, Hidden Hollow Club House, 4399 Sandner Dr., Sarasota, at 1 pm on Monday Nov. 13th. Barb Hohl and Pam Pierce are co-hosts. If you will be attending, contact Jan Robertson at [janrobertson@verizon.net](mailto:janrobertson@verizon.net), 941-922-7152

Ruth Circle will meet in Haley Hall at 9:30 am on Tuesday Nov. 14th. Ginny Lints and Laurie Ward are co-leaders. If you will be attending, contact Ginny at [ginnydon54@comcast.net](mailto:ginnydon54@comcast.net) 941-371-2750

Persis Circle will meet in Wesley Room at 6:30 pm on Tuesday Nov. 14th. Pam Rader is the leader. Contact her at [psrader@verizon.net](mailto:psrader@verizon.net) 941-374-0506

World Thank Offering is a special offering UMWWomen take each fall...showing our thankfulness for our blessings and sharing some of our \$\$ with District/Conference UMW to use where most needed. I remind all circle members to bring your special offering to your November meetings.

Also, a reminder to members to complete their 2017 pledges and COPA payments as soon as possible. If you have questions on this, contact Brenda Lee Hickman, treasurer at 941-921-9392. Thanks!

Finally...SAVE THE DATE...UMW annual Christmas lunch will be at Glenridge on Tuesday, Dec. 5th at noon. JoAnn Rall is our hostess and it will be a very special day. Tickets are \$10@ and will be available at circle meetings or at church on Sunday Nov. 19th.

I am humbled to lead such an awesome group of women who serve and give so much to so many!  
Sincerely, Sherrill Carr, President

The **Big Blue Book cart** in Haley Hall has many interesting books that are part of the UMW Reading program...where we encourage women to read books about Education for Mission, Spiritual Growth, Nurturing for Community, Social Action and Leadership helps. The book case also has Response Magazines there too..which are most interesting because they have many articles about what UMW is doing in the world.

**But...anyone can enjoy these books...we welcome you to!!** Just check out books the old fashioned way...sign the library card in the book and leave it in the box. Then when you return the book you put the library card back in the book and place the book back on the blue cart.

COMING SOON TO THE "BIG BLUE BOOKSHELF" ...

- \* ... Kidnapped in Somalia for 460 days...
- \* ... Risking everything, leaving Islam for Christianity...
- \* ... Undercover Among North Korea's Elite...
- \* ... 50 Women every Christian should know...
- \* ... God uses the World to shape the church...
- \* ... Fighting Alzheimer with strategies, faith & humor...
- \* ... Find Joy listening in on the Dalai Lama & Desmond Tutu...

And More !!!

# Children and Youth Ministry

## Sunday Mornings

Promise Kids (age 5 – grade 5)  
9:00-10:15am  
Youth Group (grades 6 – 12)  
10:30-11:45am

## Wednesday Nights

Youth Group (grades 6 – 12)  
5:00-7:30pm  
Kids Chorus (grades 1 – 5)  
5:15-6:00pm  
Youth Tutoring (grades 1 – 8)  
6:30-7:30pm

## Sunday, November 5

**4:30-7:30pm**

Roller-skating Party

Meet in Haley Hall at 4:30pm (transportation provided). Cost:\$2 per person. Children & Families welcome!

## Sunday, December 17

**6:00-8:30pm**

Family Movie Night  
+ Christmas Cookies  
& Prayer Walk

Meet in Heritage Hall at 6:00pm. Bring 2 dozen homemade cookies to pass out to our neighbors.

## February 4 – March 25, 2018

Confirmation

Are you a young person in grades 5 through 8 and wanting to know more about following Jesus or becoming a member at Trinity? Talk with Russ about Confirmation in person on Sunday morning or Wednesday night.

## April 1, 2018

Easter  
Eggstravaganza

## June 11-16, 2018

Warren Willis  
Summer Camp

## June 26-30, 2018

Family Church Week  
*Psalm 91: God the  
Great Protector!*

## Pray for Me



Prayer Champions will soon finish the first round of the Pray for Me devotional prayer guide.

Our commitment is to pray for our children and youth for one school year, allowing us to read through the guide three times before school's out. As we begin the second round, we hope you'll expand your prayers to not only include your child or youth, but also the other Prayer Champions on your team! Include their names as you pray to God knowing someone else is also praying for you!

## Tutoring



Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Are you interested in helping students with their homework? Do you have certain God-given gifts that you can offer to help young people in our community? Reading, math, science, and more - your time and prayers are appreciated! Call Russ at (941) 924-7756 ext. 158 to learn more.

## TGIWednesday Schedule

	Children	Tweens & Teens	Adults
Before Dinner	Kid'z Chorus 5:15pm Mary Hill Room	Youth Group 5pm Upstairs Rooms	Bible Buddies 4:45pm Wesley Room
Dinner	Dinner 6pm Haley Hall	Dinner 6pm Haley Hall	Dinner 6pm Haley Hall
After Dinner	Tutoring 6:30pm-7:30pm Upstairs Rooms	Tutoring Mentors 6:30pm-7:30pm Upstairs Rooms	Wascally Wesleyans 7pm Wesley Room  Owen's Video Group 7 pm Office

## KIDZ Chorus

**Kid'z Chorus Presentation-** Wed., November 1 After TGIW dinner in Haley Hall. Cost is only your donation but we need to know if you are coming. Sign up in Haley Hall or contact church office before noon on Tuesday



### TGIWednesday Dinners -

We need one more cook willing to commit to one Wednesday a month. Please respond with your availability and interest to church office, or note on Connect Card

How about dessert? We also need a dessert coordinator - arrange for folks to bring something sweet each week at the end of the TGIW dinners.

## Italy Tour led by Bishop Carter

### Florida Conference Italy Tour

Led by Bishop Ken Carter April 3-12, 2018

Please contact Pastor Lisa if you have any interest or questions. Deadline November 6th

Immerse yourself in the rich traditions of the Christian faith as you visit Venice, Assisi, Siena, Florence, and Rome. In each setting we will be inspired by great art, architecture, and the stories of the faithful. Join the Bishop and friends from across Florida for this post Easter pilgrimage. Pastor Lisa is ready to lead pilgrims from Trinity, our sister churches in Sarasota, and anyone else who is interested. Discounts for registering early. **All Inclusive Pricing:**

Round trip airfare  
First Class Hotels

Breakfast and Dinner Daily  
Guided Tours

Deluxe A/C Motor Coaches  
Gratuities



## The Reformation

### The Birthday of Protestantism

submitted by Barb Ellsworth

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The Reformation was a religious movement of the 16th century out of which evolved the Protestant church. It was not a revolution seeking to overthrow the existing order of things, but a movement, endeavoring to cleanse, purify, and develop the church even closer to Christ's intentions for it.

October 31st is observed by many Protestants as Reformation Day. On this date, in 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 Theses or propositions on the church door at Wittenberg, Germany. We will remember and celebrate on Sunday, October 29th in both services.

The door of the castle church was used as a bulletin board for the University. It was common practice to seek debates on various subjects by drawing up a set of propositions and nailing them to the church door. They also secured publicity for the opinions of the writer. Luther wrote expressing his beliefs on indulgences and forgiveness.

Luther did not expect his ideas to start any trouble. He wrote them in Latin because he wanted them discussed by the professors and church leaders. Earlier that same October, with the prince of Saxony and attendance, Luther stressed the following in his sermon:

- Christ's atoning mercy as the essential of salvation
- Persons justify themselves by faith. Good works result as an acceptance of this free gift
- The Christian religion is fellowship with God. A father loves his son because he is his own, not because anything the son has done for him.

At Spires in 1529, leaders of the reform movement met to draw a formal statement of "protest" to the Roman Catholic hierarchy. As a consequence the word Protestant was coined. Luther is recognized as the father of the Reformation. That was the Reformation. Now, what is the Reformation? It is the church - leaders, congregation, and individuals - examining themselves in the light of God's Word and ever seeking to be more honest with themselves and more faithful to our Lord.

## Staff Parish Relations Team

Another year has almost passed. As we all prepare for the holidays, I want to call your attention to another tradition here, that of honoring the staff at Trinity UMC for their service throughout the year. Our particular tradition is to provide a **Love Offering** to show our appreciation for their work on our behalf.

Sometimes we take for granted the work they do for us. Just as we are all joined together as members of the household of faith, our staff shares a common passion for serving our congregation in a variety of ways. Collectively, they publish our weekly programs and monthly newsletters; keep our grounds and buildings clean; provide youth programming and nursery services; lead worship services through music; organize volunteers; keep us financially secure; and provide thought-provoking sermons and classes. And the list goes on.

Taken together, the staff is part of the glue that keeps us functioning. We hope you will consider participating in this offering. We will announce the offering on Nov 26th and ask folks to make their donation no later than Dec 4th. You can drop your check in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. Be sure to make out your check to Trinity UMC and designate it for *Staff Love Offering*.

I also want you to mark your calendars for and plan to attend our annual Staff Appreciation Reception on Dec 10th in Haley Hall, immediately following the traditional service. Please take a moment to thank the members of our staff for their dedicated service.

Sam Cipoletti

SPR Chair



# Trustees' Report

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We made it through the storm with very little damage to our lovely campus, and we are so ever grateful to our loving Father! Much of the neighborhood was challenged by downed power-lines and loss of power. Fortunately, our facilities are back on line and back to business. Special thanks go to Wendall Pritchett and crew for placing storm shutters on Haley Hall, and taking them down afterward. Also, to Ed Degrenia and Mark Calmes for their post-storm team with Wendall in removing brushy debris from the campus and clearing broken fencing around the parsonage. What would we do without these caring volunteers?

And that last question is not just a rhetorical question...what would we do? What *could* we do?

We all know from news reports and our own neighborhood associations that all private landscapers and municipal and county grounds maintenance companies were overbooked and backed up for months due to Hurricane Irma. To that end, it would not be feasible for the Trustees to entertain bids for landscaping or soil moving endeavors until next year. Although it was on our "working agenda", the landscape committee has been delayed in moving forward with refurbishing of plant beds. That's the bad news. There is, however, some good news:

**Landscaping of Courtyard-** A presentation to the Trustees was given by Jared Anthofer and Ryan Hicks for improvements to the courtyard area between Heritage and Haley Hall. Jared and Ryan are candidates for Eagle Scouts, and they jointly presented their proposed community service projects, necessary for their achievement of Eagle Scout: Jared proposed the development of a Ga Ga Ball/ Four Square Court, popular now among children and youth at camps, to be placed in the back middle of the area. Ryan proposed hardscaping and bed development for a memory garden around the play court as a separate but related project. Each Eagle Candidate must prepare a proposal, research and estimate the costs, fundraise to cover the cost, and arrange for the labor and installation of their projects. They must report these requirements to their troop to achieve the status of Eagle Scout. After general discussion, the Trustees agreed to accept both project proposals. A subcommittee of Trustees will be working with Jared and Ryan on specifications as the project develops. Stay tuned for how we, as a congregation, may be able to work in conjunction with our scouts to enhance improvements. One idea may be pavers with names engraved as part of the memory garden. Benches? What would you like to see, or what would you like to donate to the project? (see the suggestion form provided to communicate with us). Be in thought and prayer about this endeavor, not only for the benefit of our campus, but for the development of our young scouts as leaders for the next generation. They are a blessing to us beyond riches!

**Roofing-**The Trustees are receiving bids for replacement of the parsonage roof. We first received bids 3 years ago, as the expected life warranty on the roof had long expired, and repairs were needed. Over \$8,000 dollars had been designated to roof replacement, but not yet spent. A recent legacy gift from the Armstrong Estate has almost doubled that amount, although increased cost from bids originally received 3 years ago may be needed to complete the project. As with landscaping, the expected timeline for getting roofing done has been delayed due to storm damage claiming priority on contractors calendars.

**Campus Facilities Audit-** The Trustees have contacted The Conference Insurance Department, who advised that they don't have a recommendation for a third party vendor who conducts facility audits. However, AON insurance service, who provides coverage for all Florida Conference Churches, does a limited number of free campus safety risk assessments, and we were able to get Trinity UMC Sarasota on the list to be reviewed this year. In as much as a Risk Assessment is not an evaluation of the church equipment, a facilities audit/ reserve study is still needed. Trustees will move forward with the facilities audit (to be paid for from Nelson Fund, not budget or General Reserves). The reserve study will help us improve our budget and replacement list, by letting by evaluating our existing equipment, and letting us know what expenditures are coming next.

## A Journey with Christ

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**While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. - Luke 24:15**

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful discernment and invitation from a sponsor. After one accepts this invitation they complete an application. The Emmaus leaders prayerfully consider each applicant and in God's time, the person is invited to attend a three-day experience of New Testament Christianity as a lifestyle.

Through the formational process of accountable discipleship in small groups and participation in the Emmaus community, each participant's individual gifts and servant-leadership skills are developed for use in the local church and its mission. Participants are encouraged to find ways to live out their individual call to discipleship in their home, church, and community. The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip the local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Please see Pru, Hank, Pastor Lisa, or Ed if you are interested. Also, you may get LOTS of information at <http://emmaus.upperroom.org/about>



## Volunteers

The following positions need a servant-hearted volunteer. Contact the church office with your "yes!"

**Webmaster** Keep the church website up to date. Immediate need.

**Crop Walk Coordinator** Announces and recruits Trinity Team members for the annual fundraising walk. Immediate need.

**Sanctuary Cleaning Team member** One Thursday morning a month to dust and straighten the Sanctuary to prepare for Sunday worship services.

**Piano player for Brookdale ALF Christmas program** and rehearsals. Contact activities director, Serena, at Brookdale on Swift Road 941441-2913

**Tablet Donation** - We're needing a gently used tablet to live-stream our 9 am services on Facebook. It needs to be WIFI compatible and have a great camera. If you have one, pass it along to Chris Dutton.

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### Some Unsung Heroes, Thank you!

These are some of the folks who quietly and faithfully work behind the scenes every week:

**Counters** - Jan Robertson, Sandy Thayer, Carol Eggers, Tom Thayer

**Sanctuary Team** - Pru Beishline, Charlotte Bryner, Steve Cook, Octavia Cross, Diane Freestone, Gennie Guyrica, Ginny Lints, Karen McGuirt, Ethel Paki, Anne Riviere, Barbara Smith, Margot Stanton

**Bulletin printing** - Carol Swart, Diane Ladny

**Acorn mailers** - Ginny Lints, Hal and Margot Stanton, Roy and Louise Cowles and many others when needed.

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### Celebrating Barbara Smith --

16 years of faithful service always with a smile!

## New Small Group Studies

The Friendship Class meets every Sunday at 9 am in the Mary Hill Room. This is an informal, fun group that enjoys a discussion type format (you are free to speak, read or just listen).

We are just completing a rather intense Bible study and are looking forward to an Advent/Christmas book by one of our favorite authors, J. Ellsworth Kalas. We have always enjoyed his "From the Backside" series. This study is titled Christmas from the Backside.

You will feel most welcome in this group. Our new study starts Sunday, November 5th



The Wascally Wesleyans meet each Wednesday at 7 pm in the Wesley Room

This weeks topic is learning how to "BE STILL" and listen for Gods voice.

It is eye opening as we learn how to talk to God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Come and join us for this uplifting study.

## Welcome



Gayle,

Val,

Rick Ramirez

Vickie Meyers



If you are interested in making a public commitment to Christ and His Church and/or being baptized, contact Pastor Lisa via the church office

## GlorYoga

**What is Yoga?** Yoga is a series of stretches and poses that you do with breathing techniques. It offers the powerful benefits of exercise along with enhanced awareness of the mind, body and spirit connection. In **GlorYoga**, we as the creation, give glory to God, our creator. And since **yoga** is gentle, almost anyone can do it, regardless of your age or fitness level. Modifications and progressions of poses are offered to meet your level of practice.

Persons at all levels of fitness are welcome, including beginners and seniors.  
**GlorYoga Basics** - Wednesdays starting at 8:45am, A mixed level class, including mat and chair instruction

**GlorYoga** – Thursdays starting at 4:00pm, A mixed level class, mat only  
Classes are \$5 each or \$20 per month. First class is free  
Drop-ins are most welcome! No pre-registration needed.

Location: South Gym of Heritage Hall - Trinity United Methodist Church Campus  
Certified Fitness Instructor: Jennifer Means. Contact Jennifer at [gloryyoga@gmail.com](mailto:gloryyoga@gmail.com) for more information.





# Pictorial Directory

## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Thank you!!! Friday Nov. 10 and Saturday Nov. 11 photo times are filled!!! There are a few slots left on Thursday Nov. 9th, so be sure to get signed up soon....either online during the week or in the courtyard on Sundays.

www.iTrinity.org and click on Photo Directory Appointments at the top of the page.

If you just cannot participate on the November dates....there will be another opportunity for photos on January 26 & 27, 2018. We will open the online sign ups for January after the November photo sessions. But you can be thinking now of which day you will sign up then.

We want everyone in our directory....it is such a valuable resource to "make the connection" between names and faces. So sign up soon.

UMW ladies are hosting the sign ups on Sunday and being hostesses on photo days...thank you all!



As you get ready for Fall, remember the **Churchwide Rummage Sale** coming in January. (January 17 - 20, 2018)

Set aside those unneeded items in a box, be they books, bags, bangles, buckets, etcetera in your home. We will be able to accept donations after the new year. There are lots of mission projects depending on us!

# November Birthdays



- Thomas Surprise 11/1
- Maryalice McIntyre 11/3
- Steven Zeman 11/3
- John Lopez 11/6
- Audrey Pritchett 11/7
- Lauren Taylor 11/8
- Dave Dirmeyer 11/8
- Betsy Bundy 11/9
- Evelyn Miller 11/9
- Jim Golm 11/11
- Eric Odenweller 11/11
- Marina Alberici 11/12
- Fiona Ryan 11/12
- Bic Saunders 11/12
- Patricia Hunte 11/12
- Carol Eggers 11/13
- Ginger Evans 11/13
- Sharon Sanders 11/14
- Amanda Dumas 11/15
- Donn Raymond 11/17
- Dianne Debergh 11/18
- Ethel Paki 11/19
- Melissa Stalo 11/19
- Janet Marine 11/20
- Andy Pritchett 11/20
- Cathy Tjaden
- Sarah Wagler 11/20
- Evan Smith 11/21
- Joy Voyles 11/24
- Phyllis Baier 11/26
- Jerry Ralston 11/26
- Susan Hicks 11/27
- Danielle Schweid 11/27
- Ann Golm 11/28
- Craig Jorgensen 11/28

# November Anniversaries

- Curt & Kim Eskew 11/3
- Chuck & Carol Swart 11/3
- Jason & Jennifer Means 11/12
- Steven & Denise Zeman 11/12
- George & Ruby Cook 11/16
- Hank & Natasha Lunsford 11/22





# PRAYERS....

## PRAYER PROMPTORS

Please contact the Coordinator, Phyllis Pritchett with any special prayer request. Your request will be relayed through 60 prayer partners. Contact her by cell phone at 356-6943 or email [phyllispritchett@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllispritchett@hotmail.com)

**Please lift extra prayers for:** Rose Aguilera, Enos Allen, Jim Barnett, Ken Beck, Jane Becker, Pat Birt, Bobbie Bruce, Helen Cihlar, Nancy Crase, Bud Duffey, Barbara Ellsworth, John Ellsworth, Roz Eskew, Ginger Evans, Tom Evans, Bert Hooglander, George Hoskins, Dorothy Kendig, Susan Keyser, Helen Krotec, Nancy Ostuni, Phyllis Pritchett, Maryalice McIntyre, Rob Purser, Stanley Scherer, Barbara Smith, Ken Smith, Debbie Utter, Joan Utter, Bill Watson, Glenn Wood, Sally Wood, Pat Woodyard

**Our Prayers are with the family and friends of Arlaine Bower who died on October 24, 2017.**

**Also please pray for our military family:** Justin Chivas, Ed Degrenia, Kevin Gifford, Tanner Holly, Gunnar Kral, Joshua Marsh, Dylan Mitchell, Eric Neumeier, May-Ree Neumeier, Brandon Oberkamp, Audrey Santana, Craig Scott, Greg Sutton, John Turley, Aaron Utter, Dylan Youngblood.

*If you know someone you would like to be put on the Acorn prayer list, or if you wish to be removed, call the church office at 924-7756 or email [phyllispritchett@hotmail.com](mailto:phyllispritchett@hotmail.com)*

## Serving in November



## GREETERS MINISTRY

### November 5:

9:00 am: Mark and Margie Aukland  
10:30 am: Diane Freestone, Tom Surprise  
Welcome Center: Becky Carlin  
Crucifer: John Ellsworth

### November 12:

9:00 am: Mark and Julie Calmes  
10:30 am:  
Welcome Center: Barbara Hunt  
Crucifer: Owen Woodyard

### November 19 One Service 10 am

Greeters: George Hoskins, Patti Leathers  
Welcome Center: Jim and Solita Tay  
Crucifer: Marguerite Hankins

### November 26:

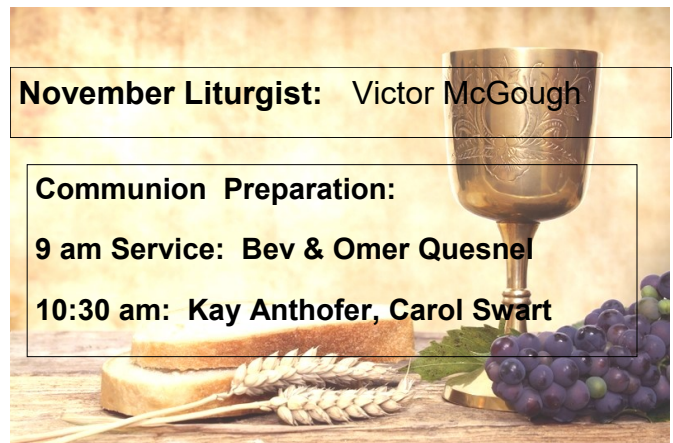
9:00 am: Dave and Susan Francisco  
10:30 am:  
Welcome Center: Ethel Paki  
Crucifer: Owen Woodyard

**November Liturgist:** Victor McGough

### Communion Preparation:

**9 am Service: Bev & Omer Quesnel**

**10:30 am: Kay Anthofer, Carol Swart**



November 19th  
10am Worship Service  
**THANKSGIVING  
SUNDAY**





# November 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Every Sunday:</b> 9:00 am & 10:30 am <b>Worship</b> 9:00 am & 10:30 am <b>Adult Small Groups</b> <b>Nursery Hours</b> 9 -11:30 a.m. <b>Promise Kids</b> 9 - 10:30 a.m. <b>Youth Group</b> 10:30 am <b>ESOL 9 am</b>	<b>Every Monday:</b> 6:00 am Breakfast Group at Dennys	<b>Every Tuesday</b> 9 am TVB Rehearsals  10:30 am Program Staff	<b>TGIWednesday:</b> 8 am: 40 minutes of hymns, a devotion and communion 8:45 am GlorYoga 11 am: Pastor's Bible Study 4:45 pm Bible Buddies 5 pm Youth Group 5:15 pm Kidz Chorus 6 pm TGIW Dinner 6:30 pm Tutoring 7 pm X-Claim Rehearsal 7 pm Wascally Wesleyans 7 pm What is Your Story?	<b>Every Thursday:</b> 9:00 am Sanctuary Team 10:00 am Al Anon, Mary Hill Room  2pm Daniel Plan 4 pm GlorYoga 6:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsals	<b>Every Friday:</b> 8:00 am Breakfast Group at Tasty Home Cookin'  11am Book Study at Der Dutchman Sun Porch  Church Office Closed	(Other weekly small groups available -  iTrinity.org  for more information.)
			1 TGIWednesday schedule (see above)	2  4 pm GlorYoga, Heritage	3	4
5 Holy Communion 9:00 am XClaim! Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship <b>3 pm Preschool 20th            Anniversary Celebration</b> 4:30 pm Youth Roller Skating	6	7 Election Day  6 pm Trustees	8 SHOEBOX Return deadline  TGIWednesday schedule (see above)	9 UMW Executive Board  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Photo Days 11am - 5:30pm              Heritage Hall           </div> 4 pm Yoga	10	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">             Photo Day              10am - 4:30pm           </div>
12 9:00 am XClaim! Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship 3 pm Church Charge Con- ference, Grace UMC	13 1 pm Hannah Circle, Barb Hohl's  6:30 pm Preschool Board	14 9:30 am Ruth Circle, Haley  6:30 pm Persis Circle, Wesley	15 TGIWednesday Schedule  7 pm Combined Choir and Praise Band Rehearsals	16 Preschool Family Feast 4 pm GlorYoga 6:30 pm Combined Praise Band and Choir rehearsals	17	18
19 <b>10 am            One Combined Worship            Service</b>  <b>Thanksgiving Pot Luck            Lunch follows</b>	20 11:30 Ladies Lunch Lift	21	22 No TGIWenesday Dinner	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 9:30 am Christmas Musical Choir Rehearsals
26 9:00 am XClaim! Contemporary Worship 10:30 am Traditional Worship	27 Noon Men's Lunch Bunch  6-8 pm Admin Team Training for 2018 Leadership Council	28 9:30 am Arts & Crafts Group	29 Acorn Published  TGIWenesday Schedle	30  4 pm GlorYoga		

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Check out the new Facebook page for **Trinity Preschool**, too.

Head to the church website, [www.iTrinity.org](http://www.iTrinity.org), for recordings of the Sunday messages and other great info.

# *Church Staff*

Pastor: Rev. Lisa Ann Moss Degrenia  
Traditional Worship Director: LaTerry Butler  
Director of X-Claim!: Jan Potter  
Director Congregational Care: Tammy Barnett  
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Secretary: Karen Remfrey  
Custodial Staff: Dwayne Diggs

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday thru Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Closed Friday