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World Communion Sunday -

October 5, 2025

World Communion Sunday celebrates the unity and diversity of the universal Christian community. As we gather around the Lord's table, we recognize our unity in Christ, joining with others worldwide in Holy Communion.



The Florida Conference
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Trinity's Annual Church Charge Conference Tuesday, October 28th, 6 pm, Haley Hall

Everyone is encouraged to attend this annual business meeting of the Church.

Rev. Debbie Allen, Southwest District Superintendent, is the presiding Elder



Halloween Hay Ride & Trick or Treating

Friday, October 31st

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join us for some Halloween Family Fun! Invite your friends and neighbors!

If you would like to participate or donate candy for the Trick & Treaters, just let Russ or the church office know.

3rd Friday Worship

New Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church in Newtown warmly welcomed Pastor Linda Tice to preach there on September 18th as part of the Newtown Third Friday Community Ministries. She spoke movingly of how much WE can all do together WITH Jesus—using Peter as an example of how he could walk safely on the water WITH Jesus but began to sink without faith and trust in Him.

Pastor Linda even wove a mention of her beloved Gators into the message stating that while one could have individual preferences for their sports team, we all need to come together with Christ to accomplish His larger missions. Her message was received with acclaim and three of our own Trinity United Methodist Church flock were proudly present to hear her.—submitted by Brenda Moore



This month's worship will be on Friday, October 17th at 7pm. If you would like to carpool or caravan, meet in the parking lot on Haley Lane at 6:30

October Mission Collection

Sailor Supplies is a unique program at Sarasota High School where Key Club members stock boxes around campus with hygiene and school necessities for students. This program is funded through donations from community organizations. Below are the items they are requesting: **individually sized only. They aren't able to store large bottles.**

Pads and Tampons

Individually sized:

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes

Shampoo

Conditioner

Soaps/body wash

Contact saline

Contact case

Washer detergent (indiv sized)

Tissues

Hand sanitizers

Deodorant (both male and female)

Body spray

Mousse/gel

**Mission
Moment**

Pastor's Page

Ministry is happening all around Trinity! Just this week alone I have witnessed: our new youth group in action with half of the youth from our church and half from the neighborhood. Thank you Russ for your leadership and encouragement to these youth. Bible study happening both in groups on and off campus from the Wednesday morning group to the Tuesday women at Arietta apartments. Thank you Brenda, Barb and Dottie for your leadership! The dedication of Persis circle planning for outreach ministry during Advent, thank you ladies! The unselfishness of volunteers to give their time above the call to make sure we have words projected for worship – you are appreciated Margie and Sam C!! Carol H pulling weeds and trimming making sure our campus is beautiful! The preschool Board members celebrating the wonderful ministry of the school as they plan fundraisers, great team work led by Nancy! Good discussion of the book club on ZOOM. Those are just some of the ministries I have witnessed this week and I know there are many other examples of people giving of their time and enthusiasm for the work of Trinity to make a difference for Jesus!

These are all efforts to be celebrated! I am grateful for the many people who say YES to give their time and talents in numerous way all year long to share Jesus here at Trinity. I am also grateful for all of you who are so generous in supporting these ministries through your financial gifts. As Trinity begins our Stewardship focus this month, I am not embarrassed to ask all of you to consider how you can give both financially and in your abilities. I am excited by the great ministry happening here and there is more to come! Jesus calls all of us to be a witness to the world and the church is needed now more than ever. The ministries of this church are evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit at work through each of us. Prayerfully consider how God may be encouraging you to take a next step forward for the Kingdom as you say YES LORD!!

Thankful for each of you!
Pastor Linda

October Sermons



10/12 -
Scripture – Gen 1:1-2:4
Sermon – God Says YES

10/19
Scripture – Gen 3: 1-13, 21-23
Sermon – YES, but

10/26 – Commitment Sunday
Scripture – Rev. 22:1-5, 17
Sermon – YES and AMEN

This coincides with the Financial campaign here at Trinity. Financial commitment cards will be available for pick up on Sunday, October 12 or mailed to you. Please enter this time of commitment in prayer listening to God's voice in your life and say YES!

United Women in Faith

Persis Circle will meet in the Mary Hill Room on Thursday Oct. 2 at 5:30 pm for pizza and fellowship.

The UWF Executive Board will meet on Monday Oct. 6 at 1 pm in Haley Hall.

Trinity United Women in Faith will have their Fall Luncheon on Tuesday Oct. 14 at 11:30 am at Stoneybrook CC. \$20 pp Deadline to sign up Oct. 8. Program will be speakers from Family Promise - which supports/helps homeless families.

Saturday Oct. 18 Trinity UWF will host the Southwest District UWF Annual Meeting 9 am - noon in Haley Hall.

Book of the Month

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This month we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of a wonderful book by Parker J. Palmer – Let Your Life Speak. This small book has been a classic book of wisdom for many. Let Your Life Speak offers no simplistic formulas for finding a meaningful path through life's complexities. Instead, it offers real-life experience, thoughtfully mined for insight and wisdom:

Learn how to listen to your inner teacher and follow its guidance toward a sense of meaning and purpose

Reframe your life as a series of "experiments with truth," learning from those that fail as well as those that work
Understand that the doors that close behind you can offer as much guidance as those that open up

Gain inspiration and resolve from the lives of seekers who have walked this path before you

Enjoy the wisdom, compassion, gentle humor and companionship of a master teacher in a beloved book that has helped hundreds of thousands of people find their way toward meaning and purpose.

Pastor Linda will lead fulfilling discussion about this book on Wednesday, October 29th. Time to be determined. Enjoy this reading during this month!

We Need Your Help



Christmas is coming.....UWF is having a Christmas Sale again Dec. 6 & 7.

We need your donations of anything Christmas or something that would make a nice gift. As you are cleaning out closets, and later this fall getting your Christmas Decor out, anything you no longer want, please donate.

Tables will be in Haley West Office for you to place donations. Thanks!

For more information, contact our coordinators:

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Blue Bookcase

The Blue Bookcase now features 10 inspiring new titles. Today's world is fast-paced and often overwhelming. Rediscovering the comfort and wisdom in children's books is invaluable. Revisiting such stories helps us reconnect with love and kindness—qualities that enrich our daily loves.

Together, we can choose renewal and inspiration.—Karyn Eubanks

Trinity Preschool



During Preschool Chapel, Russ has been telling the students the story of Noah and the Ark. They decided to surprise him and come into Chapel, 2 by 2, wearing the animal head pieces they had colored earlier in class.

Children, Youth and Families Ministry

YoUth GrOuP

Wednesdays

4:00 – 6:00

All students ages 12 – 17 are welcome! Meets upstairs in the Youth Room from 4 to 6pm. Open Game Room with Free Pizza and Wi-Fi.

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Inhabit the Garden Centering Prayer Group

“Is that a good thing or a bad thing?” is a question sometimes used to cut through all our rhetoric and analyze things as they really are. We may think it is a way to keep things simple, but our desire for simplicity by putting our experience into either the “good thing” box or the “bad thing” box may indulge our desire to remain in control and resist asking the questions of faith such as “Does God has a perspective right now?”

When we gather on Friday mornings at 8:30 AM in the Garden of Hope, we bring our chairs and form a circle and pray in silence with a shared intention to consent to God’s presence and action within. During our silence, our minds are not a blank. Our thoughts come, we welcome them, and let them go. In the grace of our shared silence we do not need to analyze or categorize them. Our faith is that in our silence God will speak to us in silence.



Our shared silence is not naïve nor does it look away from afflictive emotions or experienced trauma. Those sufferings have real consequences at times very tragic. But our shared faith is that they are not ultimate. This is affirmed in Genesis 1:31, “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day.”

Our circle of prayer is always expandable. You are always welcome to bring a chair and come along and give it a try. We are a friendly informal group. We are a perfect prayer group for people who aren’t. We always love to talk about Centering Prayer so feel free to give me, Stephen Hoffman, a call at 941-773-7008.

Pecans



Fresh Crop pecans are coming
Next month!

Mammoth Halves, Chocolate covered, Cinnamon Glazed and a new flavor—**Salted Roasted** will be available

Pet Blessing



Pet Blessing
November 1st will be our annual pet blessing at the picnic tables on our campus. All pets are welcome for a blessing by Pastor Linda starting at 9 am. Mark your calendar and help spread the word!

Community Food Drive

On September 20, the food drive team sorted 209 pounds of nonperishable food donations for Church of the Palms. Brad delivered. Good number for this time of year! Carroll delivered to Remnant Café: 3 large boxes of food stuff, 1 large box of men's clothing, a nice blanket, and a bag of small bottle of shampoo, lotion, etc.



Saturday, October 18, 9—10:30 am,
Trinity Parking Lot.

Come by to help sort and pack, donation nonperishables or say Hi! Donations can be left in Haley Hall Kitchen anytime.

October Birthdays



Alexis Hammel 10/2
Vickie Meyers 10/5
Marie Piraino 10/5
Jane Cook 10/7
Dave Masterson 10/12
Pam Rader 10/14
Margie Aukland 10/15
Jean Caudle 10/16
Keri Kuhn 10/18
Jim Schindler 10/20
Barbara Hohl 10/21
Emma Kral 10/27
Glen Tranbarger 10/27
Lee Moyer 10/28
Jim Henry 10/28
Kenneth Beck 10/29
Vivian McDorman 10/30

October Anniversaries

David and Janet Wyatt 10/3
Ken and Nancy Smith 10/13
Jerry and Ruby Ralston 10/21
Brian and Keri Kuhn 10/29

Prayers

What an honor it is to lift up our church family in prayer. One of the greatest privileges of Christian life is the opportunity to pray. If you would like to be a part of the Prayer Team, please let the Church office know.

Please lift extra prayers for:

Kay Anthofer, Bianca, Roy Cowles, Becki Creighton, Barb Ellsworth, Karyn Eubanks, Diane Freestone, Jean Henry, Jim Henry, Brenda Lee Hickman, Revella Lee, Elle Lyons, Dottie Morris, Bev Packer, Troy Poulin, Phyllis Pritchett, Steve Puhaly, Rhonda Puhaly, Mary Raymond, Jan Robertson, Tom Robertson, Jerry Ralston, Ken Smith, Carol Swart, Chuck Swart, Debbie Utter, Kara Voyles, Bob Ward, Mary Weaver, Marilyn Williams, Miriam Williams, Betty Woolverton, Owen Woodyard, Pat Woodyard.

Also please pray for our military family: Gunnar Kral, Joshua Marsh, Dylan Mitchell, Brandon Oberkamp, Audrey Santana, Craig Scott, Devin Voyles, Dylan Youngblood.

Note: please let us know if any of the above are no longer in the military service.

Did you know?

Every Sunday a group meets at 10:10 to pray for prayer requests, for the church, for our country. The 10:10 prayer time is a vital undergirding of all ministry at this church. Anyone can be part of this prayer time on Sunday mornings. If you would like prayer for yourself or a loved one come share in this prayer time. If you feel strongly about God at work in this community through the ministries of Trinity, come pray for God's continued guidance. Meet in the courtyard outside the side sanctuary door. All welcome!

Thank you Note

Thank you to the generosity of Trinity United Methodist for your educational scholarship. It was a pleasure to be a part of the Trinity community for over three years as a member of staff and that connection, thanks to your gift, continues into my higher education journey. Thanks to your gift, I can lay aside some financial worries and focus on growing both academically and personally.

Thank you for your continuous support and outreach as I enter this new chapter of my life. - Sebastian

Connect Worship

Sunday Mornings at 9 am

Connect with us as we discover the life-changing power found in pages of Scripture and the absolute joy of knowing Jesus.

Children and families are invited for fun and games in Heritage Hall after the service.

Finance and Stewardship

October and autumn arrive together. These are seasons we recognize and there is one season that is constant. With Trinity for the past 76 years that constant season is the season of generosity. With that in mind, consider this year's commitment campaign. The theme is Y.E.S.

Y represents you and me. Each of us individually as well as the plural "you", the members of Trinity.

E stands for enough. That is where each of us can make enough of a difference witnessing through our ministries to bring people into a relationship with Jesus.

S is for sharing. We give of our time, offer our talents and commit our monies to be active in serving God's kingdom with Gospel Good News.

So say **YES** when you consider your role as a supporting member of Trinity UMC.

Blessings ,
Carroll Hatfield , Trinity Finance

Board of Trustees

As many of you know, we are in the process of having all of the asphalt on our campus re-sealed. The last time we did this was in 2019. Much has happened in the way of weather and wear and tear since then. Even at a quick glance one would conclude that it was time to reseal once more. Unfortunately, as I evaluated our property with the asphalt company representative, we both agreed that deterioration has reached the point where repaving will need to be done the next time our asphalt requires attention. Pothole and damaged or missing asphalt locations are also being repaired. All painted lines parking bumpers and lettering will be done as well. Total cost will be a little over \$11,000.

Another "big" project we are working on involves several concrete slabs outside of the southwest double glass doors of the sanctuary. One slab has shifted which now makes it difficult to completely open the right door. Two adjacent slabs are either cracking or shifting as well. The cost to fix these problems has been estimated at \$3500. PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP IN THIS AREA while we are waiting for the work to be done.

Recently we've had to address another leak in our sanctuary roof which unmercifully dripped onto the bench of our organ! It was attended to immediately by our roofer "Roofs for Life" AT NO CHARGE!! (I've never named a provider before, but I do so now because I recommend them as one of the best companies I have ever worked with.) I am mentioning this leak only for the purpose of making our congregation aware of our aging sanctuary roof and the looming possibility of a near-future replacement.

These issues I have lifted up can be depressing, I know, but they are only a part of the maturing process that all churches go through over the course of time. It is sort of what most of us are experiencing with our own physical maintenance issues as they come and go.

All in all, the physical plant of Trinity is in sound condition. That is because of the faithful care that has been rendered over many, many years. More importantly and much in the same way, our spiritual condition thrives through the love we have for Jesus Christ and the love we have for one another. God Bless!

In Christ's Service,
Dave Masterson, Chair Trinity Trustees

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Join us Sunday at 9:00am or 10:30am for In-Person Worship or Live-streaming
Worship on Facebook at 10:30am.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCSarasota/>

Or watch the recording anytime on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu8ri4OChHWMbbJt3rgfRLg>

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serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*