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FROM THE PASTOR

Thinking About America – Praying For America”

The anxiety level is off the charts in America these days. I wish it were not so, but we are a people who are stressed and anxious, concerned and worried, confused and mad. To be sure, this isn't the first time America has dealt with hardship – anybody over 50 years old will tell you that. We have certainly seen our share of economic difficulty, social injustice, natural disasters and war (not to mention threats of war). That said, I sense a growing level of unease and unrest in our nation. That feeling is exacerbated by what we, along the Gulf Coast, are experiencing with the BP oil spill which is in its 66th day (at the time of the writing of this article) of tarnishing our beautiful beaches. The lives of those men and women who depend on fishing and the seafood industry may well be forever altered by this growing disaster in the Gulf. Yes, we are living in trying times – time which try our spirit, our resolve, and our hope for a better and brighter day.

On July 3rd, 1776, the day before the signing of the Declaration of Independence, George Washington wrote a letter to his wife, anticipating the hardships which would soon occur. Here, in part, are his words – *In a few days you will see a Declaration setting forth the causes which have impelled us to this mighty revolution and the reasons which will justify it in the sight of God. I am fully aware of the toil and blood and treasure it will cost to maintain this declaration and support and defend these states; yet through all the gloom, I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory.*” Those words truly ring home to me in these days. I, too, can see the rays of light and glory which will be our strength as we walk through these days and months. America is a great nation. On our very worst day, we are still the greatest nation ever in the history of our world. We are filled with people of character and resolve – men and women who understand that our strength and security will never come from government, but from the hand of God.

Let me ask you, individually, to set aside some time each day and pray for our nation – pray for our leaders – ask God to give them wisdom such that they will see the light of Glory and guide our people toward it. You may feel hopeless, but you are not powerless. The scripture admonishes the people of God to humble themselves and pray – to seek His face – and to turn from their wicked and sinful ways. I invite you to make this admonition your personal resolve in the days ahead. On Sunday, July 4th, we will hold three special worship services here at Trinity. We will center our hearts on what a great nation we have and give thanks for those who are, and have been, willing to help it remain so. I encourage you to plan on being here and invite a friend, as we celebrate our God-given freedom as Americans.

I'm praying and pulling for you.

Bobby



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Welcome Receptions for Pensacola DS

Let us, clergy and laity alike, meet and greet incoming District Superintendent Jeremy Pridgeon and his wife, Abigail. Welcome receptions will be held July 11, 2-4 p.m., at St. Luke UMC; then at the other end of the district July 18, 2-4 p.m., at Ft. Walton Beach First UMC.



July Order Deadline: Mail in and check orders, Thursday, July 15th
All other orders due by 12:00 pm. Thursday, July 22nd .
Distribution: Saturday, July 31st, beginning at 8:30 am



The Trinity Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, July 1st, at 11:30 am, at the East River Smokehouse, 330 Mary Esther Cutoff, in front of the Santa Rosa Mall. There is a coupon in the Gulfcoast Coupon Book! The group will meet on Thursday, July 15th at La Famiglia in Destin. Call Tom Stewart for reservations—864-4512. Everyone is welcome!!

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The offices are moving!

The next time you come in—you may be looking at a fruit basket turnover!! Sarah Craig is moving to Pastor Nancy's old office, Matt Hull is moving to Sarah's old office (next to Pastor Bobby), and Christina Hale will be moving into the office between the Cry Room and the Puppet Room. Lot's going on!

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY CLINIC!! JULY 25th 2-4 pm at Mary Esther UMC



This year, in an effort to make an even larger impact on our community, we will be partnering with Mary Esther UMC for our Back to School Supply Clinic. The clinic will be held on Sunday, **July 25th from 2-4pm**. We ask you to encourage parents of school-age children to come and get the school supplies they need. We will also be providing free haircuts for children, free health screenings & fingerprint identity cards.

We are in need of help from our church family with donation of time from hairdressers, volunteers to help welcome and visit with guests during the clinic & donations of school supplies listed below. Many times, volunteers are able to buy discounted supplies in bulk, so monetary donations are also of great value. Supplies are needed by Sunday, July 18th.

Supplies needed: Pens (blue, black and red), #2 pencils (10 pack), mechanical pencils, glue sticks (2pack), loose leaf paper (wide and college ruled), spiral notebooks (70 pages, wide and college ruled), large pink erasers, crayons (24 count), washable markers (8count), highlighters, index cards (100 count), colored pencils and –pocket folders. Please call Paula at 862-4169 to volunteer or with questions, or email



Christmas in July 2010 Campaign

As you make your gifts, you will have the option of selecting the recipient of your offering.

Your choices will be: 1) The United Methodist Children's Home
2) Children in Crisis (CIC)

In the past our annual gift has gone to The United Methodist Children's Home. Children in Crisis has been added to provide you with the opportunity to support a local recipient. Please designate on your check either "UMCH or CIC". If you choose to simply indicate "Christmas in July" on your check, the funds will be divided 50/50 between the two choices.

This is your opportunity to GIVE A CHILD A CHANCE to know a better life. We pray you will support this worthwhile ministry. Donations can be made at any time during the year, not just during our annual campaign.

If you have any question, please contact Marni Roake, Trinity's local church representative for UMCH and CIC at 862-1300.



TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, THURSDAYS, 6:30 – 7:00 PM

DEAN FELLOWSHIP HALL,

Price: 30 Minute Class on Thursday \$3.00

Tuesday and Thursday Hour Sessions – 7:00 – 8:00 pm \$6.00

Zumba is a dance fitness program created by dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez in Colombia during the 1990s. The program combines Latin and international music with dance in an effort to make exercise fun. Zumba classes are offered through licensed instructors in more than 60,000 fitness center locations in 105 countries and seven-and-a-half million participants. The Zumba program is recognized by the America's leading fitness educators, including the Aerobic Fitness Association of America, IDEA Health and Fitness Association, and the American Council on Exercise.



United Methodist Women

The UMCOR Baby Shower was a Great Success!!!! Thank you, thank you to all who attended and/or supported the UMW Baby Shower for UMCOR. Ladies came and brought their friends and they enjoyed a wonderful afternoon. Rev. Cheryl Vaughan recited the Book of Ruth with such beauty and understanding. Our Lisa sang Ruth's wedding song, "Whither Thou Goest", as Kevin accompanied her, and Susan Kuhn closed with assurances of God's wisdom that is available to us all the time. The gifts for layette kits and birthing kits were many and more than \$450 in donations will add greatly to the gifts.

The Trinity UMW unit is grateful for your support. If you would like to join the UMW unit, please contact any member, or call Edna Sherrow, 244-3687.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL BY UMW

You will want to mark your calendar for August 22. That is when the UMW will sponsor the annual ice cream social. All donations will go toward the sanctuary renovation. Already the ladies are planning to make their favorite desserts. More details will be in the August newsletter.

BOOKS, GIFTS AND MORE -- SALE FOR UMW MISSIONS

A two-day sale of wonderful books, gift items and more will be held in Dean Fellowship Hall on Friday and Saturday, July 9 and 10, from 8 am until noon. We have great books and gift items which have been donated. All funds raised will be used for missions with women, youth and children.



Summer Choir (8:30 Worship)

Join us in Summer Choir which meets at 8 a.m., Sunday's in the Choir Room, through mid-August. We will sing for Patriotic Sunday, July 4th, at both 8:30 and 11:00 services. We will sing the next Sunday, July 11th, but at 8:30 only. The 8:30 only schedule will remain until mid-August.

No previous music experience is needed, just a desire to bring praise to our Lord through your voice. We share music with the congregation that needs minimal rehearsal. We would love to have you join us, or if you know of someone that should sing with us, then please be the "little bird" that told someone! If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Shular (862-4169 or email Kevin.Shular@Trinityfwb.com).

Solos & Ensembles

People who would like to sing or play a solo or in an ensemble are invited to participate in worship. If you would like to do this, please contact Kevin!

Hymn of the Month—"My Faith Looks up to Thee"

This text by Ray Palmer looks to Jesus as our source of faith. It acknowledges Jesus as the source of faith, prays for strength through the difficulties and sorrows of life, and asks for faith and trust at the hour of death. Set to Lowell Mason's devotional tune "Olivet", it has become one of the most widely used hymns of faith.



**TUMC CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY**

IT'S COMING!!!!!!!!!!

We are set to sail on our "High Seas Expedition" July 11-15, 2010.

We invite all children ages 4 (by 9/1/2010) – just completed 5th grade to sign up and join us on this wonderful adventure. We will meet each evening from 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We are still in need of volunteers in all areas!! Crafts, Recreation, Drama, Snacks, and Class Shepherds and in the nursery. We need your help in surrounding our children in an environment of Christian love and support and to model the faith and discipleship we teach.



If you would like to donate items for this week please contact Paula: paula.roane@trinityfwb.com or call the office.

**REGISTER FOR VBS ON OUR WEBSITE!!
(Participants and volunteers) LET'S GO!!!!!!!!!!**

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Volunteers are needed for our children's ministry for Sunday School during our summer months at 9:45 am. Please come and help nurture our children on their journey with God one or two times this summer. Call or email Paula if you are able to help out this summer.

BLESSING OF THE TEACHERS

We are joining with Mary Esther UMC, Shalimar UMC and First UMC Fort Walton for the annual "Blessing of the Teachers" dinner and service to be held on July 28th at Mary Esther UMC.

Dinner is \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children. Teacher and 1 guest eat free!

Dinner begins at 5:00pm with the service following at 6:00pm. For reservations contact Mary Esther UMC at 243-7595.

Come join us for: Slow simmered pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans!

Join us as we celebrate our teachers and a new school year!



Our youth group will be attending the Oakwood Summer Camp at Blue Lake from July 5th through July 9th. Please keep them in your prayers as this is a very spiritual retreat for our students.

Our youth Summer Mission Trip to Livingston, Alabama to work with Alabama Rural Ministries is July 19th—July 24th. What a great group of youth we have! This is our 4th consecutive summer working with ARM, and it is such a blessing each year!. We continue to meet on Wednesday evenings for our summer beach bible study, from 5:15 pm until 8pm. Wow! What a busy summer!



FEEDING THE FLOCK— 50 YEARS OF FEEDING THE FLOCK AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Members of the church are preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from all of you!! Our cookbook will be beautifully illustrated and bound, and is sure to be treasured for years.

We would like you to submit 3 or 4 of your favorite recipes so you can be represented in our memorable collection. Your name will be printed with each of your recipes.

Each cookbook will contain helpful cooking hints, recipe category dividers, a table of contents, an index, and special pages of interest to our community (i.e. history of Trinity). The cookbook will be typeset in an easy-to-read format and professionally printed and bound.

Proceeds from our cookbook sales will help with church renovations and/or future projects of our church. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a success.

We anticipate a great demand for our cookbooks, and we want to be certain we order enough. You can reserve one or more copies for yourself and your family at this time to be assured of receiving them.



Chronic Illness/Pain Support Group to Start Soon

Trinity United Methodist Church is planning to begin a chronic illness/pain support group.

What is the definition of a chronic illness? Anything that causes continuous pain or an incurable illness such as fibromyalgia, diabetes or heart disease, chronic fatigue syndrome, migraines, back pain.

The support group, HopeKeepers, is designed to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of the person who lives with chronic illness or pain, through a Christian environment. A Hope Keepers group gives people the opportunity to openly discuss their faith, their illness, and all the areas of their life that are affected by these two factors (relationships, marriage, finances, parenting, careers, etc.). If you are interested in joining this group and would like to provide feedback during this planning stage, please contact Gail Widener at 862-7799 or gwidener@cox.net.



OHHH...IT'S HOT OUT THERE!!

As summer approaches and we are thinking about those cookouts along with boating and fishing, remember as temperatures increase, so does the electric bill. We are facing that same issue here at the church. We have taken precautions to try to keep costs down but **we need your help**. The thermostats have been preprogrammed to only go up and down no more than 5 degrees. So, if you are in a room that seems a little warm, you may adjust the temperature down, but please **do not push the hold button**. Changing the thermostat will keep that new temperature for a two hour period, and go back to the original programmed number after two hours. We have done this to try to hold costs to a minimum. Since there is so much space to cool, we would like not to have to cool it when we are not here. Our goal is to keep the temps at a comfortable level, heating or cooling, and reduce the use of electric while we are not using the facility. If by chance you are too cool, please feel free to adjust the thermostat up a degree. You would be surprised that one degree can make such a difference. The same is true if you are too warm. Please, keep in mind, that everyone may not be the same temperature that you are. Also, we have to pay dearly for our electric bill, so please help us monitor it and be good stewards of what God has so graciously provided. Thank you in helping keep the temperatures at a reasonable number while we are in God's house.

SUMMERTIME, TRIPS AND TITHES!!

Summertime has begun! This time of year, for many of us, means vacations, out of town trips, and family fun. For our church, this means increased youth activities, VBS, summer camps, and increased utility bills. The summer months historically have been the highest months for expenses and the lowest months for tithes. I have been searching and praying for an answer to this continued problem. After checking into several ways in which I could assist our members by offering online giving, the best answer was provided by the members themselves.

Extensive research has gone into the possibilities available. Everything that could be set up by the church has fees involved. Some members have set up recurring payments through **their on-line banking with no fees involved**.

Please check your bank to make sure that it will be no extra charge to your account for on-line payment to the church directly from your checking accounts. This is the quickest and easiest way to make sure that your contribution to our Lord is received with no charge to you.

Reasons for signing up for Electronic/On Line Giving:

No need to bring a checkbook or cash to Church

Peace of mind knowing that Trinity is receiving your contribution even when you are unable to attend

Pay tithes online with access at your convenience, anytime, or anywhere

You can schedule one-time or recurring deductions and never worry about forgetting your tithe

Thank you for your time and please remember that if I can help you in any way, I will be glad to do so at any time, please call Jackie at 862-4169.

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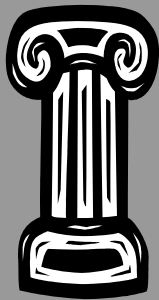
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Our Mission Statement

As a loving people of God, we will come together to glorify God and win persons to Christ by:

- **Reaching Up** through praise and worship,
- **Reaching In** through growth in faith and stewardship,
- **Reaching Out** through service and fellowship.

Return Service Requested

Important Dates to Remember

Please let me know again if you would like the newsletter by mail. Call Sarah Craig at 862-4169, or email sarah.craig@trinityfwb.com

Also—if you would be interested in coming in to make the copies of the newsletter for display, please let us know! Volunteers are always welcome!

Church Meetings/Closings to Remember:

Monday, July 5th—Office Closed

Tuesday, July 13th, 6:00 pm—Finance Mtg. 102/103

Monday, July 19th, 6:00 pm, Trustees 102/103

Tuesday, July 20th, 6:00 pm—Church Council Mtg.
102/103

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The deadline to submit articles is the 20th of each month.

The deadline to submit information for the weekly worship bulletin is Wednesday.