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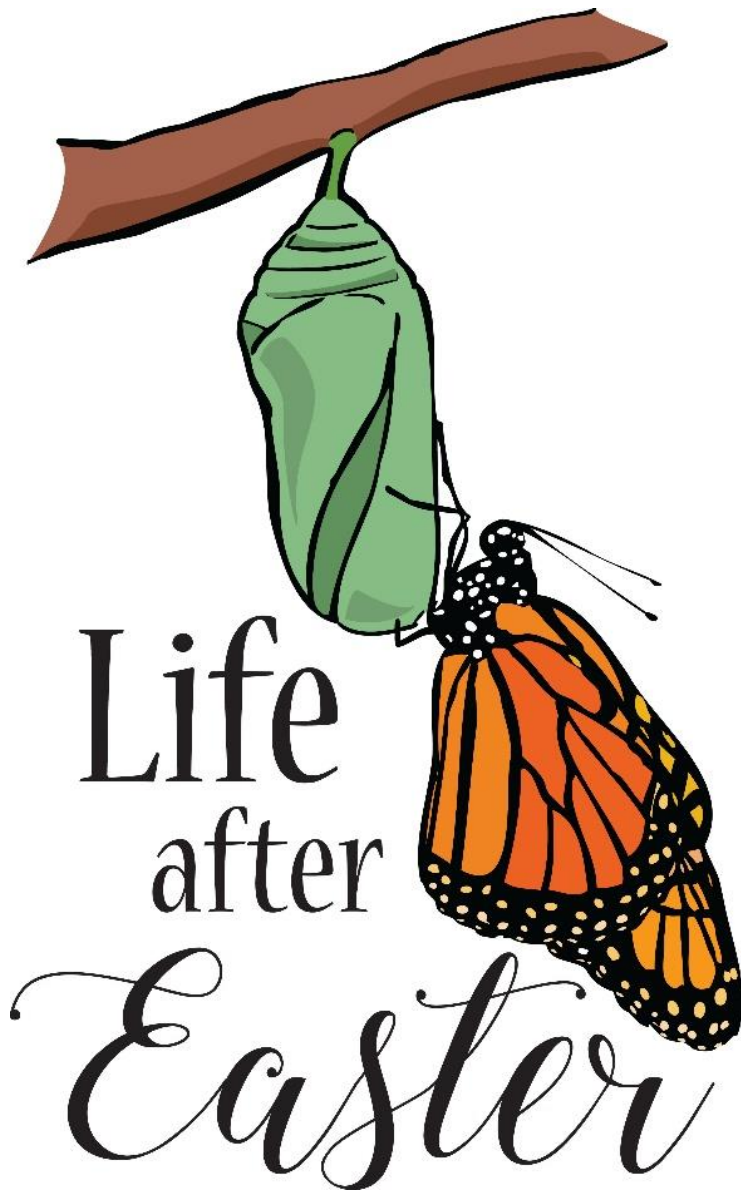
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VOICE OF TRINITY

Proclaiming Jesus Christ to the World



From Our Pastor



Springtime and Butterflies! The time and symbols of New Life and of Easter!



For the past month we have been seeing the trees and plants burst forth with new leaves, flowers, growth, and of course the pollen that makes everything yellow and green. And makes me sneeze! With Easter we think of eggs with the birds and chicks hatching. There have been Easter egg hunts for the children at the church and around the city. And we see butterflies flitting through the breeze.

I have been thinking a lot about butterflies this spring as a symbol of Easter and New Life. Butterflies go through an incredible change, a metamorphosis in life from an egg to a caterpillar (larva), to a chrysalis, and then to emerge as a beautiful, winged creature that flies freely through the air.

It may be because of the recent death and celebration of life of our sister in Christ, Martha "Marty" Wright that my mind has been on butterflies this spring. Marty, who loved butterflies, had endured each day for the past ten or so years in long-term facilities of care. Through medical complications her body had failed her and she had become confined to bed or a wheelchair. When she could she loved sitting outside of the care facility enjoying the fresh air.

Her spirits at times would be dampened, but through her long suffering and endurance she kept the faith. Then in God's time out of death

she was given new life, new wings to soar. At the celebration of life for Marty at Trinity, butterflies were released in memory and thanksgiving for the blessing of her life and for the new life given to her in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We hear in the sixteenth chapter of the Gospel of Mark that when the women came to the tomb of Jesus on that first Easter, they found the stone rolled away.

"As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, 'Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.'"
(Mark 16:5-6)

Raised and given New Life! Jesus who was crucified was alive! Like a butterfly that has emerged from its chrysalis. This spring as you see the butterflies flitting through the air in all their beauty, think of Jesus and the blessing of the Resurrection! Out of death and the grave the Risen Christ brings New Life. Blessings and strength in life to you this Easter season.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Robert



April

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quilters 9:00am	2 CEW 3:00pm	3 Choir 10:30am RHS Spaghetti Dinner 6:00pm	4 F Pantry 4:00pm	5 F Pantry 10:00am	6
7 reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	8 Quilters 9:00am	9 Circle 12:00pm CEW 3:00pm Writers 5:30pm	10 Choir 10:30am	11 F Pantry 4:00pm	12 F Pantry 10:00am	13
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21 Pastor Robert Vacation- reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	22 Quilters 9:00am	23 CEW 3:00pm Writers 5:30pm	24 Choir 10:30am AARP Driving Class 9:00am	25 F Pantry 4:00pm AARP Driving Class 9:00am CEW Spaghetti Dinner 5:30pm	26 F Pantry 10:00am NFAN Luncheon 11:30am	27 Contra Dance 6-11pm
28 Blood Drive 9:00am reSource 9:00am SSchool 10:05am Trad Svc 11:00am	29 Quilters 9:00am	30				



Our Sympathy:

To the family of Marty Wright, who passed away on Saturday, March 2. A memorial service was held on March 9. Marty was the sister of Rae Ettmyer.

First Communion Recipients

Congratulations and God's strength be with four young people who were instructed in and received their First Communion on Sunday, March 17th. They are Ella Kruck, Tyler Dozier, Ella Dozier and Kayden Kinard.

The Daily Devotional - Word in Season

for April through June are available in the Narthex.

Trinity Lunch Bunch Schedule

April 25 –
Whitey's Fish Camp
2032 County Rd. 220
Fleming Island, LF 32203
904-269-4198

June 27 –
Ale Pie House
3951 St. Johns Ave.
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-503-8000

May 23 –
Harp's American Pub & Grill
4070 Herschel St
Jacksonville, FL 32210
904-389-5631

July 25 –
Tupin Thai & Sushi
5907 Roosevelt Blvd #700
Jacksonville, FL 32244
904-503-0168

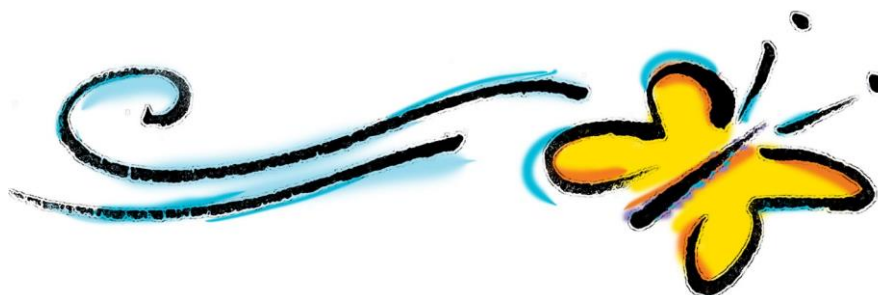
Remember to sign up in the Hall of Memories.

Call Kim with any changes:
904-635-9104



Choir News

Choir practice is every Wednesday at 10:30 am. The Choir needs YOU! See you there!



April Spaghetti Dinners

There will be two opportunities to support our community partners through participating in the Spaghetti Dinners at Trinity:

Spring –

Riverside High Chorus Spaghetti Dinner Concert:

Wednesday, April 10 - \$10.00 per person. Come hear the chorus students from Riverside High showcase their talents and be served delicious spaghetti. Doors open at 6:00pm. Proceeds support the chorus activities. (Sorry, no take-outs).

Annual –

CEW Spaghetti Dinner

Thursday, April 25th - \$10.00 adults, \$5:00 children 12 and under. Support the Children's Enrichment Workshops (CEW) after-school program through its annual spaghetti dinner. Take-outs may be picked up starting at 5:00 pm. Dine-in begins at 5:30pm. Tickets may be purchased in advance.

Bequest from Bardole Estate

Trinity thankfully has received a bequest in the amount of \$39,345 from the estate of Linda Bardole. Linda was a long-time member of Trinity who faithfully contributed to Trinity's mission. We are grateful and give thanks to God for Linda's remembering of Trinity in her estate. May this be an inspiration to all families and members of Trinity. Council will be considering the use of these funds in the coming months.

Holy Week and Easter Thank You

Many thanks to Linda Culverwell and those who helped with the altar guild and in the services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. Thank you again to Rae Ettmyer, Karen Hiers and all the youth how helped with the Easter Breakfast and setting up the glowers for the sanctuary. Thank you to everyone who brought the flowers for Easter. Thank you to Berni Tomaszewski and all who helped with the childrens Easter Egg Hunt.

From the Quilters:

The quilters are in need of fabric to use in making the quilts. If anyone has any fabric to donate to our cause, please let us know or bring it to the church. Preferred: Cotton or Cotton/Poly blend. Can not use microfiber.

Community Easter Party Fun

There was lots of fun to be had at the first Community Easter Party held at Trinity on Saturday, March 23rd. Despite the rain from the night before there were games and craft activities in the Hall of Memories. An Easter Egg Hunt was held outside, hot dogs and snacks were served, and the movie Peter Rabbit was shown.

Many thanks to Rebecca Kruck, Berni Tomaszewski and Rebekah Alenduff for organizing the event. Thank you to Emily, Nevaeh and Mia Guzman, Karen Hiers, Geri Buchanan, Kacey and Kylie Merrit, Annabelle Strasser, Lexi Hiers and others for their help.



**Treasurer's Report
February 2024**

2/1/2024 to 2/29/2024

Receipts

Actual	\$51,216
Budgeted	\$43,063
Actual-Budget	\$8,153

Expenses

Actual	\$37,840
Budgeted	\$39,249
Actual-Budget	(\$1,409)

Year-To-Date

Total Income	\$51,216
Total Expense	\$39,249

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Trinity Food Pantry Highlights

Here's a recap of activity for the first 4 weeks open to date during March 2023:

Date	Patrons	Family Members	# of Zip Codes
Feb.29-Mar.1 st	207	611	26
Mar. 7 th - 8 th	206	629	24
Mar.14 th - 15 th	210	679	26
Mar.21 st – 22 nd	198	641	24
Total	831	2,760	26

Given the pantry will be open on March 28th and 29th we should exceed more than 1,000 Patrons and 3,400 Family Members during March. 30 Different Volunteers Served at the Community Food Panty during March.

Current Schedule for April 2024:

April. 4 th – 4PM-6PM	April 5 th – 10AM-12PM
April 11 th - 4PM-6PM	April 12 th - 10AM-12PM
April 18 th - 4PM-6PM	April 19 th – 10AM-12PM
April 25 th - 4PM-6PM	April 26 th – 10AM-12PM

Thanks again to all those who volunteered their precious time and donated food and money to the Food Pantry. Special thanks to the Riverside Presbyterian Church which is currently conducting a food drive for the pantry. Books and magazine donations are also requested as patrons quickly select those available for their use and enjoyment.

CHURCH STAFF:

Pastor:	Reverend Robert Kinley
Office Administrator:	Lise York
Organist/Choir Director:	Kim Bloomer
Director of reSource Ministry:	Dean Winter
Hostess:	Rae Ettmyer
Custodian:	Scott Piersall

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:

President:	Rusty White
Vice President:	Karen Kuebler
Secretary:	Judy Hassler
Treasurer:	

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Pam Piersall	Judy Hassler	Don Howard
Geri Buchanan	Rusty White	Sandra Bryant
Gene Harvey	Karen Kuebler	Kyle Lind
	Bekah Alenduff	