

Gray Weekly News



Week Leading to Sunday, March 20, 2022

Welcome Dr. Nick Quinton!

Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministry, Trinity United Methodist Church, will join us on Sunday, March 20. Dr. Quinton answered his call to ministry after serving in a variety of leadership positions at Trinity for several years, including the Spiritual Outreach Team, Nominations Committee, Visioning Leadership Team, Staff Parish Relations Committee, Church Council, co-leader for our Young Adult Ministry, and lay leader. He served as pastor of Lake Jackson United Methodist Church before returning to Trinity in his new position as director of discipleship and adult ministries. Nick first joined Trinity with his wife, Melanie, shortly after they were married. They are parents to two boys, Jackson and John Robert.

Please contact Anita Durham at 850/933-8469 if you need assistance while Pastor Beth is out of town (March 11 - March 21). The church office will be open normal hours, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, so call and leave a message if you need help.

Third Sunday in Lent



Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

1st Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Dr. Nick Quinton

News and Notes

THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 20

Please join us on Sundays at 11 am. If you are unable to come in person, you can watch our livestream at graymemorialumc.org/facebook.com or graymemorialumc.org/youtube, at 11 am or any time after that at graymemorialumc.org/



If you have prayer requests, please contact Norma Adams, Jennifer Skinner or Gail Teems.

You may also call the church office at 850/385-6441 or send a text to 850/933-8469.

Prayer Requests

Sam, Patsy and Betty

George, John and Patty

Brenna, Bella, Joyce and Bob

Friends in need of strength and peace of mind

All those who are suffering from accidents, illnesses and surgery

Household Items Needed

We are collecting new and gently used household items for a young single mother and her 3 year old daughter. They are trying to make a fresh start after suffering through domestic violence. With help of public assistance, they have moved into an apartment on March 14, but they have no furniture, no household goods, linens, etc, and almost no clothing. The daughter is size 4-5T; gift cards for them at either Target or Walmart would be nice also. Donations may be brought to the church. Contact Anita at 850/933-8469 or leave a message at the office 850/385-6441 if you need help with furniture and other heavy items. Thank you to everyone who is willing to help!



BASKETBALL FOR ALL

Sunday, March 27 - 5 pm

Food, fun and fellowship

Volunteers are needed to provide food, set up, clean up and cheer on the basketball players.

We All Pray for Ukraine

The church around the world lifts up prayers for the people of Ukraine. Following is a message from **United Methodist Bishop of the Nordic Baltic Area, Bishop Christian Alsted**:

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” *John 14:27*

There is war in Europe; Russia has invaded Ukraine, which is a free independent democracy. War and violence are evil and always entail considerable human costs. The Christian message points to the path of reconciliation and never to war and violence as a solution to conflicts. In the face of this evil, we pray for a logic different from the one based on geopolitical competition. We pray for a change of hearts and minds of leaders; we pray for de-escalation and dialogue instead of violence and war.

The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church say: *“We deplore war and urge the peaceful settlement of all disputes among nations. From the beginning, the Christian conscience has struggled with the harsh realities of violence and war, for these evils clearly frustrate God’s loving purposes for humankind. We yearn for the day when there will be no more war and people will live together in peace and justice.”* —2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles, ¶ 164

Our central conference consists of Nordic, Baltic, and Eurasian countries, including Russia and Ukraine. The Christian church is not nationalistic, and our relations with our brothers and sisters in other countries are not limited by nationality or culture. We have deep relations with Methodists in Ukraine and in Russia, and although we are influenced by our culture and the political realities, we must never allow this to hinder or break our unity in Christ.

We stand with the United Methodists in Ukraine in prayer for protection, reconciliation, and peace. We pray for pastors, leaders, and congregations in The United Methodist Church in Ukraine; may God grant that their witness of reconciliation and peace will bring strength and hope to the Ukrainian people. We pray for Bishop Eduard Khegay, bishop of both Russia and Ukraine; may God give him the wisdom and grace that he needs in his ministry and leadership under these challenging circumstances.

In the Nordic and Baltic episcopal area, Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania all have borders with Russia; and in addition, Latvia and Lithuania have borders with Belarus. In the Baltic countries in particular, the invasion of Ukraine causes great concern.

The United Methodists in the Nordic countries stand with the Methodists in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania in prayer for protection and peace. May the church's testimony of reconciliation and peace in Christ offer hope and strength to the people in the Baltic countries.

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In the coming week, we will enter the season of Lent, which, in the church, is a time for prayer and soul-searching. I call on all our congregations to intercede for the people of Ukraine and for the leaders in the world who have the power to bring an end to war. I call on all our congregations to pray and fast for reconciliation and peace in the world. May God, in his grace, open our eyes to the things that make for peace, may he protect us all from the escalation and spreading of war, and may we follow him on his path of truth and peace.

May Christ have mercy on us all.

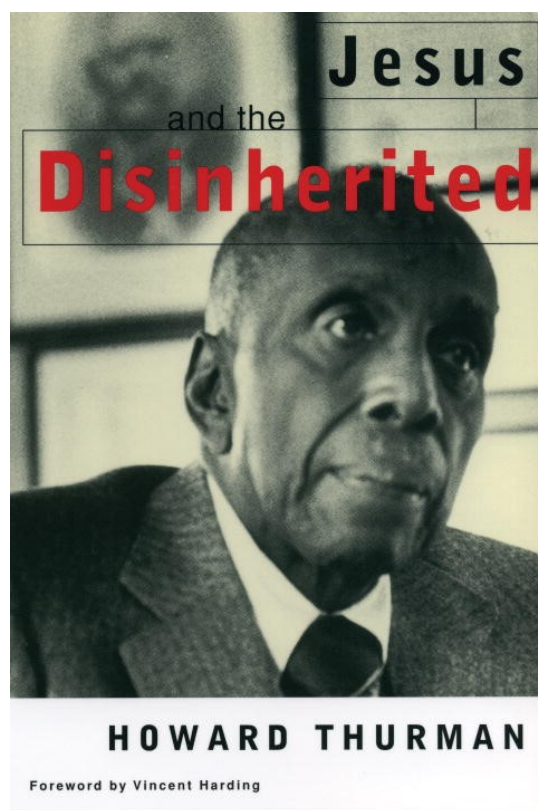
Christian Alsted, Bishop

Study of “Jesus and the Disinherited”

The entire North West District is invited to participate in a study of Howard Thurman’s book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*. This six-week study will be theologically exciting, spiritually stimulating, and communally transforming, as we engage the work of one who greatly influenced the life and ideology of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Do you love Jesus, thought-provoking conversation, and personal growth and development? If so, this study is for you!

Join Nick Quinton, Latricia Edwards Scriven, and Michelle Shrader on Mondays at 6pm for six weeks, **beginning Monday, May 2, 2022**, via Zoom.

Registration information will be sent out in a few weeks.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: No Lenten study on March 16.

Thursday, March 17	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice
Sunday, March 20	11 am	Worship Service - Dr. Nick Quinton, Guest speaker
Monday, March 21	5:30 pm 7 pm	Community Yoga Hartsfield Village HOA Meeting At Gray
Tuesday, March 22	7 pm	Board of Trustees Meets via Zoom
Wednesday March 23	7 pm	Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Beth Via Zoom
Thursday, March 24	10 am 5:30 pm	Bible Study Choir Practice
Sunday, March 27	9:30 am 11 am	Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Beth Worship Service