

MONTHLY

# Tidings

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*Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.*

## Things to do at Trinity this summer and fall

While technically, August is a summer month, it's time to begin our fall programming at Trinity - after all, school is starting soon so summer's over, right? Ask any kid.

This is the time of year when there are programs starting for every age, for every individual and every family - programs to improve yourself, your faith, your church, and your community.

Have you ever wanted to give something back to Trinity, but didn't know where to get started? Well, this next item may be just what you're looking for! Brett Ingram, Trinity's maintenance supervisor, has planned a busy day of projects that absolutely must be done. Have a look at what Brett has planned.

And, keep reading to see what great programs Barbara Hynes, Trinity's Associate Pastor of Discipleship, has planned.

### Work Day at Church

*Brett Ingram  
Maintenance Supervisor*

The Maintenance Department at Trinity United Methodist Church is hosting a Church Congregational Volunteer Work Day or "CCVWD" for short. The CCVWD will be held on Saturday, August 13 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring your work clothes, work gloves, and work attitude to this amazing work changing experience.

Here are a few things you might experience on this special day:

- getting to know and work alongside other members and church employees
- seeing areas of this facility seldom seen by most members
- experiencing a different side of church



Things you will have a chance to do on this magnificent day:

- Pulling weeds and picking up trash
- Moving gravel in the lower parking lot
- Moving furniture
- Removing clutter from the back alley
- Removing clutter from the basement
- Organizing/cleaning the basement
- BTW... We do have a basement!

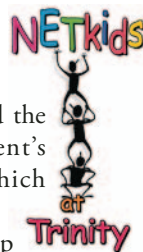
This will be a fun, team-building, low-key Saturday - and some needed work will be accomplished as well! So bring a friend, or bring the whole family (children 13 and older please) and come one, come all to the Trinity CCVWD of 2011. Hopefully, I'll see you there!

### NETkids

*Barbara Hynes  
Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

Make plans now to attend the mandatory NETkids parent's meeting on August 31 which begins at 6:30 p.m.

NETkids is a fellowship group for elementary school children. It meets Wednesday afternoons, September through May.



### Lay Academy

*Barbara Hynes  
Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

Lay Academy is a series of adult education classes offered in five separate terms from September to May. Study topics are of general interest as well as for spiritual growth.

Classes are open to the general public in addition to the Trinity congregation.

A new session begins September 14.

Currently in the planning stages are a **Marriage Enrichment Class** taught by Rev. Curry, **A Look at Journalism** with guest speakers, **Becoming Fit at Church (BFC)** exercise class, with Beth Curry, **Voice for Life**, with Jonathan Hehn, **Guitar** with Ed Prasse, **Computer Literacy** with Julia Young, and the **Men's Group**. There may be other classes as well, so watch for more information in the bulletin, website (tumct.org), and **Tidings**.



### Kate Sullivan Reading Mentors

This year will mark the 10th year of Trinity's involvement with Kate Sullivan's reading mentor program.

Bill Moncrief, Sam Rogers, Mary Margaret Rogers, Cindy Phillips, and Linda Rogers have participated for this entire decade of mentoring outreach through Trinity and Jane Olson has been Trinity's liaison since the beginning. Check out the article on the back page of this issue for information on how to get involved.



### Summer/Fall dates to remember

Aug. 13.....	Church work day
Aug. 28.....	Promotion Sunday
	- Fall Sunday School Kickoff
	- Welcome Cart Grand Opening
Aug. 31.....	NETkids Parents Meeting
Sept. 7 .....	NETkids begins
	- Wednesday night dinners begin
Sept. 14 .....	Lay Academy starts
Sept. 18 .....	3rd grade Bibles
Sept. 24 .....	Clothing Connection

# Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from April 22-July 8, 2011:



In memory of **Elinor Gertrude Lutz Hynes** from Dewitt and Neddy Summers, Orson and Eleanor Smith, Ledley and Oberley Brown, Eleanor Hale, Pat Gosen, Mary Marchant, Bill and Anne Doonan, and Trinity UMC's 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School Class.

In memory of **Edith Helga Francis** from Bob and Martha Tilden.

In memory of **Emmie Kenney Phillips** from Ron and Gail Hock.

In memory of **Rita F. Douglas** from Ron and Gail Hock.

## Guatemala missions needs your help!

Jayne Mittan

This year's mission trip is to Guatemala. In order to raise money for the trip, the mission committee is selling customized stock certificates. In addition to selling "shares" in the trip, they are collecting things to take with them. Each month, they will focus on one thing or group of things that they will need to make their trip more effective. There will be a box in the narthex to collect donations of the items listed below.

In August, they need to collect over-the-counter medication for women. They need the following items:

- Multi-vitamins for women
- Pre-natal vitamins
- Folic Acid
- Vagisill
- Monistat
- Tums



# WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry  
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

One of the blessings of my day is coming to the office and seeing all of our preschool children arriving, most of them with smiles and excitement, one or two with tears and separation anxiety. We've gotten to know each other. I know many of their names; they know me as Pastor Curry, Pastor Wayne, even to some as Pastor Tony (we look a lot alike!). As I was going out of the gate on the playground one time, a little boy yelled, "Hey God! Where you going?" One mother said she was explaining to her daughter who the Pope was, saying he was



like the King of the Catholic church. She responded, "Oh, like Pastor Curry?"

When someone looks at you, whom do they see? Oh, you know who you REALLY are deep down inside. You know your own faults and failures and sins. But there is the image of God in you, too. By what you say and do, you may be the only glimpse of God some people see. What kind of witness are you making for Christ in your everyday life? Not just at church or around your Christian friends, but at work, in traffic, at school, in the grocery store, or even at home. Are those around you able to catch a glimpse of what God is like by looking at you?

Recently I came across this statement by Anthony Bloom in his book, **Beginning to Pray**:



*"Awake in the morning and the first thing you do, thank God for it, even if you don't feel particularly happy about the day which is to come. Ask God to bless this day, that everything in it should be blessed and ruled by him. This day is blessed by God, it is God's own, and now let us go into it. You walk in this day as God's own messenger; whomever you meet, you meet in God's own way. YOU are there to be the presence of the Lord God, the presence of Christ, the presence of the Spirit, the presence of the Gospel—this is your function on this particular day. You must be prepared to walk into situations, one after another, in God's name."*

We need to be keenly aware of our 'image.' People are watching. If they know we claim to be a follower of Jesus, they are watching even closer. What are they seeing?

You are loved,

*Wayne*

# Music News for August

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music

## We begin anew

Yep, it's early August. Those of us leading the various music groups at Trinity are planning big things! Many of our music groups will be soon start up again after the summer break. We want to welcome back all our veterans but also hope to bring new members into each group. Perhaps you are ready to do just that! You can find additional information about our various music groups on our website, [tumct.org](http://tumct.org).

In many cases, joining is easy; simply come to one of our rehearsals. This works for **Chancel Choir, Senior Handchimes, Youth Choir and NETkids Choirs.**

**Chancel Choir** resumes rehearsals on Wednesday, August 24 at our usual time, 7:30-8:45 p.m. This is the flagship choir of the church. It provides music leadership in worship about 45 Sundays each year. If you are an adult and like to sing, this is for you! **NETkids** is an afternoon of varied activities for elementary age children. Among those activities are two choirs and this fall, a handbell class for the older children. NETkids meets 3:30-5:30 p.m. If transporting your child from school to church keeps you from participating, be aware we pick children up from a few schools with our church minibus. Contact NETkids leaders Rev. Barbara Hynes or Genevieve Carroll for additional information. **Youth Choir** meets on Sundays, 5-6 p.m. starting August 28. They sing about once a month at worship services. Our organist Jonathan Hehn is their leader. If you are in middle school or high school and like to sing, this group is for you!

**Circle of Friends** is an audition only group



*The Circle of Friends band leads the SUN Service.*

that meets every Wednesday night, 7-9 p.m. This team leads praise and worship at the SUN service (Trinity's contemporary service) Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m. If you are interested in auditioning,

please contact praise band leader, Lisa Prasse, at [lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org).

**Trinity Ringers** is an advanced handbell group. Ability to read music is a must, and previous ringing experience is recommended. The group is looking for one or two additional ringers. If interested, please contact me ([mrepasky@tumct.org](mailto:mrepasky@tumct.org)). Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 7, 6:15-7:15 p.m. **College/Career Handbells** resumes rehearsals starting Sunday September 11, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Ability to read music is required. We recently began welcoming ringers of all ages to this group. This summer, we said a fond farewell to 5 ringers from our 2010-2011 season, so College/Career Handbells needs a lot of new ringers! **Senior Handchimes** meets on Thursdays, 1:45-2:45 p.m. starting September 15. You must be able to read music to join this group. Our average age is about 65, and we are still going strong!

Our two **Steel Bands** had a great start-up this past school year. Our rehearsals resume Sunday, September 11. We are in need of two more players, one in the 3:45-4:45 group and one in the 5-6 p.m. group. You need to be able to read music and have a good sense of rhythm. Here's your chance to learn a new skill! Contact me ([mrepasky@tumct.org](mailto:mrepasky@tumct.org)) for additional information.

**Youth Praise Band** practices 4-5 p.m. on Sundays. Contact our Youth Director, Kelly Rains at [krains@tumct.org](mailto:krains@tumct.org) for additional information.

**Cherub Choir** is tied to our Sunday School schedule. Mary Alice Mills leads this group and they meet for the last 15 minutes of Sunday School. All children through kindergarten participate. They sing a few times each year for our worship services to the delight of the congregation! They will begin meeting again in early September.

## Calling all Men!

Once each summer, a **Men's Vocal Ensemble** sings at our morning services. This year, the date is Sunday, August 21. It is a rare opportunity for men of the church to meet together for one rehearsal, and enjoy the experience of singing together. Based on

past experience, the congregation loves it! Every year someone says, "Do this more often!" So, how about it, guys? Come to the choir room for some singing and fellowship at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17. We will practice two songs and two short responses. A bit nervous? I choose music that can be learned quickly, most of the men in Chancel Choir will be singing; and there is safety in numbers. All men, high-school age and older, are encouraged to join us. The more singers we have, the better the sound! If you have participated the past few years, invite a friend to come along!

## Something New

**Voice for Life** is a new opportunity at Trinity for those who want to improve their singing voice. Voice for Life is low pressure and for all ages and skill levels; it will be offered as a Lay Academy class in the Fall and Spring. Contact Jonathan Hehn, [jhehn@tumct.org](mailto:jhehn@tumct.org) or 850-980-2812 for more information.

## Trinity Flutes

**Trinity Flutes** is an ensemble for flutists whose goals are flute fellowship and community service. Flutists of all playing levels are encouraged and welcomed. Our director, Mrs. Sue Parsons, can be reached at 850-322-0164 or [Sueparsons@aol.com](mailto:Sueparsons@aol.com). As Trinity Flutes meets on a schedule that is built around our



*The Cherub choir is always a hit when they perform.*

community service projects and the goals of interested members, our rehearsal times and literature playing levels vary. Some are beginners, some have degrees in music, some are "dusting them off" from many years ago... What we all have in common is our love for ministering with our musical gifts and supporting one another. Our past outreaches have included Assisted Living Facilities, church services, hospitals, and private homes. Please call Sue to learn more about Trinity Flutes and how you can become a part of this network.

# Summer Fun

Stacey Duggar  
Preschool Director

Mother Nature had other ideas for our planned water play day in July. Because there was no thunder and lightning, we decided to have



a water day anyway and let the children play in the rain! The kids enjoyed splashing in the puddles, catching rain on their tongues and getting their teachers wet! A good time was had by all!



Jenna, top left photo, enjoys the extra slick slide! Boys will be boys as Kane (left) and Jack play in the nearest puddle. McClaine, Syndi, Dawn-A'Leice, and Cheyenne smile for the camera.

# Trinity welcomes visitors

Nancy Duncan  
Red Carpet Committee

As part of Trinity's welcoming ministry, a Welcome Cart was built and the **Red Carpet Committee** has been staffing it on Sunday mornings. Visit our welcome cart outside the Narthex before or after the 11 a.m.



service!

Bring someone you've met during the service! Before the service, pick up brochures and information on upcoming church activities. Crayons and paper are available for your children or to give to a guest's children near you. Have refreshments after the service and catch up with old and new friends.



If your gift is Hospitality, contact Jimmie and Nancy Duncan to help with this ministry. They can be reached at 385-1084 or by email [duncanjn2@comcast.net](mailto:duncanjn2@comcast.net).

The Welcome Cart is stocked with water, coffee, and informational brochures. Jimmie and Nancy Duncan (photo at left) provide a welcoming spirit and hospitality each Sunday.

# Ritual, Symbol, and Worship

Jonathan Hehn  
Trinity organist

In a class once, I was asked to create my own definition of the term "ritual." That was a surprisingly difficult task, for ritual not only takes an incredible variety of shapes within our own cultures and societies, but there is not even agreement amongst "ritologists" on what actually constitutes a ritual. In the end, my definition went something like this:

Ritual is any repeatable action or series of actions that deals with the negotiation or dissemination of identity.

In short, ritual helps shape our identity. In worship, we engage in a wonderfully complex and ancient ritual which helps negotiate our identity as the Body of Christ, the People of God, a Royal Priesthood baptized into the Lord Jesus. Worship also disseminates that identity to those who seek to know Jesus. In other words, while our worship ritual is primarily for us, "already" Christians, it is also for those "not yet" Christians. Worship is the most important thing we do as the Church, and we must take care when performing our worship ritual, because each little part of it, no matter how small, can have a powerful influence on our identity. This is especially true because, as faithful Christians, we don't just worship one time, but we repeat our worship ritual week after week after week. Worship etches away at our identity like water over a rock.

The thing that allows a ritual to shape our identity is the use of symbols. Within our own

worship ritual, we utilize a whole host of symbols in which we the congregation speak to God and about God, and through which God speaks to us. We don't just assemble haphazardly into the sanctuary for worship, but rather we have a procession down the center aisle, symbolizing that we have now "come into this house to gather in God's name to worship God."<sup>1</sup> We don't just put money in a plate, but we put that plate of offerings on the altar, symbolizing that those gifts which come from God have been offered back to God. We don't just simply remember the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, but rather we break bread together in anamnesis; we re-present the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus in the sacrament of Holy Communion and experience his real presence with us. We don't just sing hymns and say responses for their own sake, but rather these actions symbolically form us into one body, singing and shouting together our praises to God after God has spoken to us through his Word.

Symbols are powerful, and they shape our identity as Christians. This is why the United Methodist Church and all other Christian churches put such a tremendous amount of energy into their worship – because as a ritual, worship is full of symbols that do more than tell us who we are as Christians. They tell us who God is while also shaping us into the image of Christ. When we approach questions or controversies within our own worship ritual,

we should first recognize the power of ritual as symbolic action. Worship is what some call "primary theology," that is, a ritual of worship speaks to us about God and about ourselves more powerfully and more fundamentally than any Sunday school lesson or theology textbook ever could. Thus questions and controversies about our worship rituals are often best approached from the viewpoint of theology, not solely from practical or aesthetic viewpoints.



The "Tau Cross" on the lecturn.

We should also recognize that all symbols are complex and multivalent. Symbols have meanings which are much more profound and varied than they first appear. Churches also sometimes fail to recognize this when discussing controversial aspects of their worship ritual. Congregations divide over issues of musical style, the use of amplification, hand clapping, the use of vestments, or any number of variances in ritual behavior without taking the time to recognize the complexity of the issue, without considering how ritual symbols shape our identity as Christians. Churches often make decisions on aspects of worship without adequately considering the theological implications of those decisions. But we should never view any element of our worship symbol in black and white terms, as inherently positive or negative, as non-theological, or as unimportant. Rather, we should recognize the multiple meanings and theological import of every symbol we use in our worship ritual. By approaching ritual symbol from a careful and nuanced perspective, we can shape our worship in ways which connects us more deeply to the ancient ritual of the church while shaping our identity as Christians for the twenty-first century.

<sup>1</sup> From the hymn "We Have Come Into This House" by Bruce Ballinger, adapt.

# Health Wellness news for August

Beth Curry

## Ride 4 Hope

On June 4th, a group from Trinity participated in the Ride 4 Hope benefiting the Tallahassee Memorial Cancer Foundation.



Several Trinity members participated in the Ride-4-Life bike ride - in the top photo, from left, Dennis Smith, Kathleen Smith, Joseph Parsons, Richard Parsons, Aidan Carroll, Rev. Tony Fotsch, Corinna Carroll, Genevieve Carroll, and Kevin Carroll. In the photo above, Aidan and his dad, Kevin Carroll, share a moment.

This year, 557 cyclists participated in the event and raised over \$130,000 for cancer research.

## Calling All Runners and Walkers

The next planned event for the Trinity UMC Running (and Walking) Club will be the 5K Hurricane Run on Labor Day benefiting the Capital Area Red Cross. This event will be held on Monday, September 5 at the Southwood Office Complex and will include a 1 mile fun run and walk. For more

details go to <http://www.tallyredcross.org/> or contact Richard Parsons (info below).

## How Our Garden Grows!

Have you seen the size of the plants in Trinity's community garden or had the opportunity to sample some of the harvest? If not, be sure to look as you walk up Duval Street. There has been an abundance of delicious cucumbers, okra, eggplant (photo at right), herbs and other tasty veggies. It has been a wonder to watch our garden grow! Soon we will be planting our fall crop. If you would like to help, and learn how to grow a garden like this, please contact Beth Curry or Jaqui Griffith.



## Here are two new projects in the works

### Veterans Village

Several members of the Health Wellness Team in conjunction with FSU will be working on a project at Veteran's Village. Our goal will be to help the Vets, who so generously donated their time to assist us with the building of our community garden, with issues related to general health, nutrition and fitness.

### Mats for the Homeless

Want to know what to do with all those plastic shopping bags you collect? We'll be using them to make Mats for the Homeless. Watch for more information coming soon, but start saving your bags now.



Eleanor Smith (left) and Jennifer Griffith work on some of the first "Mats for the Homeless." Everything you need is shown in the inset at left - plastic bags (cut into strips) and a crochet hook.

## WELLNESS corner



### Tips from the experts Power up with Breakfast!

Breakfast gives you energy to start the day. A healthy breakfast is important for everyone. Get the morning nutrition you need with these quick summer breakfast ideas.

- Layer low-fat yogurt with your favorite crunchy cereal and sliced fruit or berries
- Mix up a breakfast smoothie made with low-fat milk, frozen strawberries and a banana
- Mix leftover rice with low-fat yogurt, dried fruit and nuts. Sprinkle with cinnamon
- Spread almond butter on a whole-grain toasted bagel. Top with apple slices.



(from the American Dietetic Association)



## Be Part of the Health Wellness Ministry at Trinity!

- Participate in one of the Trinity UMC Running (and Walking) Club events
- Participate in Walk to Bethlehem
- Take a BFC Series Exercise class
- Help in the community garden
- Bring supplies for the Medical Mission Team going to Guatemala in October
- Save your shopping bags
- Volunteer to work the 2012 Health Fair



Eggplants are blooming in the Trinity garden.



## Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time!

Classes are in the Parlor

### BFC Series Exercise Classes

- Tuesdays and Thursdays —
- 9:15-10:30 a.m. - Staying Strong
  - 11:00-12 noon - Variety Mix\*

**NO CLASSES Aug. 9 & 11**

### Trinity UMC Runners Club Sept 5, 2011 - Hurricane Run

#### For more information:

Beth Curry ..... BFCSeries@yahoo.com  
Richard Parsons..... rrp Troy@gmail.com  
Jaqui Griffith ..... jaqui-griffith@comcast.net

\*Nursery by reservation only

# The Clothing Connection

Walli Beall

Sometimes the tug of God is too strong to ignore. Such was the case during the Trinity Lenten Study for one study group. We asked, "what if we took the call to 'Extravagant Generosity' seriously, what could it mean for ourselves or for our Church?" The answer became, "**The Clothing Connection**"! While

we cannot anticipate what your personal answer would have been, we ask that you become a part of ours.

This outreach ministry for our church will be a "one day give

away" of gently used clothes and accessories from new-born to adult on Saturday, September 24th from 8:00 until 12 noon. It is open to all friends and neighbors in the community and will be just one answer to the "how can we help" question during this time of economic uncertainty. Many have lost jobs or found work or pay cuts eroding the clothing budget of their families. We can help! The answer is no further away than a trip to the closet and the donation of clothing no longer being used by our families.

There are many volunteers needed to make this sharing ministry at Trinity successful: from sorting clothing to transporting donations to and from the warehouse, from setting up on sale week-end to acting as a Trinity host and shopping assistant on sale day. We ask that you indicate your willingness to serve by visiting Trinity's website, or filling out a volunteer card and placing it in the collection plate. Or you can call and leave a message with Beverly Burleson (591-1874), Prissy Elrod (528-2972), Gayle Webb (591-3738), or Walli Beall (893-3891).

We further ask that you help spread the word to friends who might donate, or to friends who might wish to participate.

Please partner with us in this answer to God's call to "Extravagant Generosity." Nancy Petrandis, Ruth McDonald, DeShea Rimes, Margie Smith, Dot Hayward, Mary Ann Moore, Beverly Burleson, Walli Beall, Prissy Elrod, and Gayle Webb



During Youth Week, the youth ... all went tubing on the Ichetucknee River;



the mid-high group had an awesome messy games night;



and the senior-high group had a great time too;



and, to finish it all off, everyone went to Panama City Beach for some fellowship and fun!

# Youth Happenings in August

Kelly Rains      John Freeze  
Youth Director    Youth Intern

## A Note from Kelly ...

I first want to thank all the parents and volunteers for their help this summer. It has been a very busy one and John and I could not have done it without you. Your dedication and willingness to give of your time and energy is greatly appreciated. Youth Week was an amazing week filled with lots of activities and 77 youth. We could not have pulled it off without our 28 parents and volunteers who helped that week. It was awesome and one of our best scavenger hunts, messy games, and beach retreat



There were 52 kids who participated in Summer Camp this year. Wow!

ever! Thank you, thank you, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Next I would like to thank my chaperones who went on the summer mission trips. Chip Huggins, Brett Ingram, Sheryl Hamm, John Sanderson, and Kevin Sterling really out did themselves this year with our mission trips. It's not just anyone who can work with teenagers each day with a smile in their face and make it through a week full of 16 hour days! All of you

were wonderful and I couldn't have asked for a better group of adults to help cook, drive, paint, dig, fix, haul, and clean with our youth mission teams. Your willingness to take time off of your job and perhaps work even harder that week does not go unnoticed. I am inspired by your service and appreciate your all the words of encouragement you gave our youth every day. I can't thank you enough for all you have done.

Finally, I would like to thank my youth for all they ways you came out and participated this summer. I am constantly amazed by your awesomeness, your energy, your excitement, and your willingness to do just about anything. I'm not sure which week was better (Youth Week, Miami Mission Trip, Ocala Mission Trip, VBS, Camp, or Youth Sunday). What I do know is that you are an amazing group of young adults with lots to offer our church and our world. God loves you and so do I!

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## Upcoming Youth events for August/September

- Aug. 7 ..... No UMYF (Fall Planning)
- Aug. 14 ..... No UMYF (Fall Planning)
- Aug. 21 ..... Back to School Pool Party
- Aug. 28 ..... UMYF
- Sept. 4..... UMYF (Bowling 5-9pm)
- Sept. 7..... Wednesday Pickup begins for Mid-High Bible Study
- Sept. 9-11..... Rock the Universe/Night of Joy
- Sept. 11..... UMYF (Moe's and Movie Night)
- Sept. 18..... Confirmation Meeting 9:45am
- Sept. 18..... UMYF
- Sept. 25..... UMYF

Stay current at [undergroundministries.org](http://undergroundministries.org)

### Confirmation Information Meeting

**Sunday, Sept. 18 at 9:45 a.m.**  
The Underground (youth area)

### Rock the Universe

Sign-ups begin July 31.  
See Kelly for details!



After a super-busy summer of activities - VBS, Youth Week, 2 mission trips, and Summer Camp (whew!) - there were a lot of photos from which to choose. Clockwise, from top left, mid-high and high-school youth participated in, led by example, and even shepherded Vacation Bible Schoolers during VBS week. VBS wouldn't happen with out their help! The high-school group went to Miami for their mission trip to help many different organizations. While there, they attended a spanish-speaking church (above). The mid-high went to Ocala to clean up the National Forest, and stayed at St. Paul's in Ocala.

# Trinity's community-partner-school supply drive

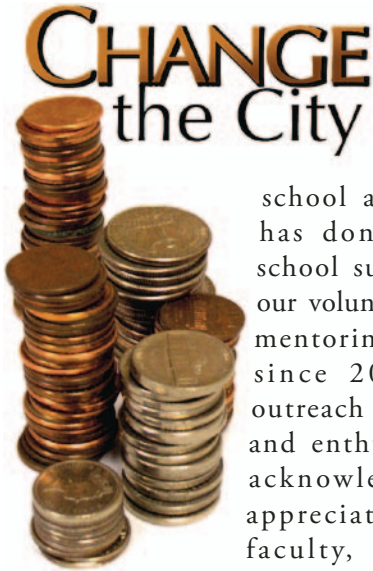
Jane Olson  
Kate Sullivan liaison

The start of the 2011 - 2012 school year is almost upon us and it's not only heating up outside, it's also heating up for our annual Kate Sullivan school supply drive. Kate Sullivan is our community partner school and Trinity has donated both school supplies and our volunteer reading mentoring program since 2002. This outreach is received and enthusiastically acknowledged and appreciated by the faculty, staff, and students alike. We begin each year with the supply drive and initiate the year long mentoring program

in mid September. We will begin our collection to kick off the new school year on Sunday, August 7 and continue collecting through Sunday,



August 14. Collection boxes will be found in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center outside Moor Hall. The donated supplies will be itemized and delivered before the school year starts August 22 to be distributed to students who would otherwise have difficulty acquiring the necessary school items. This year's needs are listed below:



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## School supplies shopping checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> black and white composition books (wide ruled) | <input type="checkbox"/> pocket folders with 3 prongs (solid color) | <input type="checkbox"/> fiskar scissors (pointed)     | <input type="checkbox"/> quart or gallon size ziplock bags     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> spiral notebooks (single subject-wide ruled)   | <input type="checkbox"/> pencil boxes/pouches                       | <input type="checkbox"/> rulers                        | <input type="checkbox"/> hand sanitizer (alcohol free or foam) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> glue sticks                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> colored pencils                            | <input type="checkbox"/> markers (fine point-washable) | <input type="checkbox"/> back packs (no wheels)                |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> #2 pencils (no mechanical)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> clorox wipes                  |  |



# Trinity's reading program - Reading All-Stars

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As this new school year begins, do not think of it as the end of summer. Instead think of it as the beginning of another year of participating in Trinity's mentoring program at Kate Sullivan Elementary School. We begin our ninth year of partnering with Kate Sullivan and this year we are changing it up! To encourage more volunteers, they are allowing more flexibility. They want to give everyone the opportunity to mentor a student by not limiting the days or available times. Our Reading All



Stars program working with first grade students will continue at 9:00 a.m. each morning, rather than only Tuesdays or Thursdays as has been in the past. Now volunteers can choose any morning to work with their student and can even change the day of the week to accommodate personal schedules. If another grade level is preferred, this can be arranged also. The school wants to work with us to encourage as much involvement



as possible. Beth Freeman is our contact person at Kate Sullivan and we have scheduled a mandatory orientation/training meeting for Tuesday, September 20 at 10 a.m. in the Kate Sullivan media center. Former mentors need only to fill out the volunteer forms to update their file and new mentors will stay for a 45 minute orientation. This is such a gratifying and fulfilling experience to encourage a young student to strive and grow a love for learning. If you have any further questions you can contact Jane Olson at janeolson@embarqmail.com or at 385-4540 (home). This is your opportunity to make a real difference in a young child's life!