

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

## imagine! has people talking about Trinity

This year's stewardship theme is "imagine." As part of the campaign, cards were placed in pews that asked two questions:

- (1) What excites you about what God is doing at Trinity?
- (2) What do you imagine for Trinity's future?

In other words, what do you like about Trinity, and what would you change about Trinity? Have you asked yourself these questions yet? After all, this is your church.

The following are responses to these questions from your fellow Trinity members:

- (1) Well balanced programs in so many areas. Continue with outreach to the community and encourage members to participate. (2)Basically, keep up the present direction.
- (2)I'd like to see us begin a Diabetes Support Group that would meet once a month. I'll help put it together.
- (1) The special music programs and music for Sunday service. (2) Continued special music offerings such as bells, steel drums, Orff instruments.
- (1) Plenty of opportunities to outreach. Good food! (2) Overpass over Duval Street to avoid jay walking.
- (1) The music! Great variety of programs. Wonderful food at dinners. Wonderful ministers and staff. (2) High rise parking garage.
- (1) The vibrant children and youth programs.(2) Continued growth of initiatives to work for social justice.

- (1) NETkids. Youth Choir. UMYF. Thanks to their leaders. Choir is great. (2) Keep on.
- (1) Exercise classes. Lay Academy. Music programs. Youth programs. SunService. Ministers. Memorial Tree. Vegetable Garden. UMW. Nancy, our cook. (2) Parking garage on gravel lot with gym; printer for computer lab; more computer classes in Lay Academy.
- (2) New ventures in foreign mission groups—people and financial support. Opening our eyes and hearts to new people in the church. Local outreach to people in our area, often with community groups. Reaching families who might be unchurched through our preschool and exercise groups. Breezeway outside chapel area closed in for a Welcome Center. Multi-use facility with parking garage attached. Person to connect volunteers with volunteer opportunities—an advocate for matching server and service. More emphasis on U.S. and foreign mission.
- (1) That He is helping us make a difference in Guatemala. (2) God will bring more members to the church with everyone's help.
- (1) I'm excited that God is leading Trinity and its leaders and lay people to serve Him in creative, loving, and enthusiastic ways: for example, the Clothing

- Connection. (2) I imagine for Trinity's future continued loving and obedient service to God and His will.
- (1) Prayer partnerships. VBS. Community Garden. (2) More of these and more.
- Ministries. Services. Music. Youth program.
   More community outreach—leadership in Methodist community.
- (1) I am thrilled that our church is so welcoming and is attracting so many new and wonderful members! And additionally that so many are finding ways to serve the Lord here! A full house! Balcony and all!
- (1) Young couples and singles are finding avenues of Christian service and the gracious love of God. Thanks be to our Lord. (2) A community that continues and grows in its support of its varied folk and opens wide its doors to all who search for fulfillment in faith and service.



## Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from November 15 - December 13, 2011:



In memory of Mary Blackburn from UMW Circle IX.

In memory of **Samuel Brooks Rogers** from Bill and Marylee Peebles.

In memory of **Homer Maxwell Fletcher**, **Jr**. from Bill and Cynthia Smith.

In memory of **Vashti P. Smith** from Herman W. Smith and family.

In honor of the College and Career Handbell Choir from Paula and Bill Smith.

### Preschool Enrollment

Stacey Duggar Preschool Director

Preschool Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school year will begin in February using the following schedule.

- For current students• February 1-10, 2012
- For church members February 11-14, 2012
- Open enrollment begins February 15, 2012

Please call Stacey Duggar at 224-8992 x3 for more information.



# WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

## imagine!

You've been seeing that word a lot around the church the last few weeks and will continue to see it in the first few weeks of January as we lead up to our Celebration Sunday on January 22nd.

You will soon be receiving in the mail your Commitment Card for 2012. IMAGINE what God can and will do through Trinity United Methodist Church when all of us do our part by making a generous financial commitment to our church!

Our Stewardship Team has set a goal of 500 pledges...certainly not



IMAGINE and then put hands and feet to all the exciting things God has planned for us in the years to come!

Please pray about YOUR commitment

to your church for 2012 and respond as you are able. Be sure and mark Sunday, January 22nd as an important day on your calendar and plan to

attend our Celebration Sunday worship service...ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:30AM...and stay for a time of food, fellowship and fun at our church wide luncheon afterwards! It will be a great day!



an unrealistic goal in a church of our size. Our proposed budget for 2012 is \$1,572,000, which is the same as our 2011 budget. Our Church Council and Finance Committee have worked diligently trying to hold the line on our budget without sacrificing important ministries that make Trinity the strong and vital church that she is.

Trinity United Methodist Church has been a beacon of light for 187 years here in downtown Tallahassee! 187 years! Throughout those years thousands of faithful members have given sacrificially of their financial gifts, their prayers, their talents and their witness. They IMAGINED a church with a heart for this city and left us with a wonderful legacy. May each one of us continue to

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## Music News for January

Mark Repasky Director of Music

#### Music Ministry Sunday Jan. 29

Most of the music groups at Trinity gather together one Sunday each year. On that special day, we celebrate with one another and with the



congregation, we offer praise to God and we recommit to being leaders in worship through music. It's Music Ministry Sunday! The 11 a.m. service will likely include 10 music groups. Come, celebrate with us!

#### Friends of the Groom

No, we are not inviting you to a wedding. We are inviting you some very special activities February 17, 18 and 19. How often have you seen a professional drama team that specializes in Christian drama? For most of us, the answer is never and we're not sure

what to expect. Here's your chance to find out!

Come to the church on Friday, February 17. Potluck dinner is at 5:30 p.m. The 6:30-8:00 p.m. program by our three professional actors will be fast-paced and fun. It is designed for all ages, and includes a lot of audience participation.

Come to the church on Saturday, February 18. The time slot from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

will include three workshops for people interested in drama ministry at the local church. We are encouraging interested persons from the entire Tallahassee community to attend. Certainly there are some interested folks here at Trinity that will come as well. The February Tidings will provide more information on each workshop. The time from 2:00 p.m. to

4:30 p.m. will be devoted to preparing Trinity's drama groups for Sunday morning services. We will likely have two big dramas and possibly one or two short ones. "The Royal Visit" lasts 10 minutes and requires 14 actors and actresses. This must be memorized in advance. These parts are for adults and high school students. Interested? Contact me soon, so I know you want a part, first come, first served. The drama, about the Israelites

crossing the Red Sea, requires no advance learning of parts. Friends of the Groom will help us prepare the whole thing



at one rehearsal! An unlimited number of students in 3rd through 8th grade can participate. Come enjoy the Friends of the Groom special performance in our sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. ... Christian drama at its best!

Come to the church services on Sunday, February 19. Thirty minutes of each service will be devoted to dramas, including ten minutes by our three professionals. Our theme for the morning will be "Dramatic Encounters with God."

## FSU Wesley Foundation Needs Your Help

Diana Flagg, President FSU Wesley Foundation Board of Directors

The FSU Wesley Foundation, a United Methodist Campus Ministry, is holding its annual fundraising event known as The Garnet, Gold & Blue Jean Banquet & Silent Auction on February 25.

This is Wesley's one major fundraising event held each year. Wesley has an operating budget of about \$360,000, with two-thirds of it coming from donations from alumni, parents, friends and supportive churches like Trinity. The remaining one-third comes from the United Methodist District and Conference appropriations.

Wesley is reaching more students than ever before and growing disciples for Christ. They have expanded to two worship services – Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and Monday evening at 8 p.m. About 600 students are in attendance for these services. During the week, about 20 family small groups meet for Bible study and fellowship. They have

a student leadership team of about 100 students. Also, students participate in four mission trips throughout the year to Guatemala, Nicaragua and Haiti. Great things are happening at Wesley!

Your help is needed in making the 2012

Garnet, Gold & Blue Jean Banquet and Silent Auction a success! If you would like to make a donation to the silent auction and/or to attend the banquet, please contact me at diflagg@centurylink. net or at 850-566-2253. Suggested items for the silent auction are: themed gift baskets, gift certificates to restaurants or spas, sporting event tickets, theatre tickets, artwork, services, beach house weeks/weekends,

hunting trips, fishing trips, etc. Also, if you are interested in making a one-time gift or regular contributions to the FSU Wesley Foundation, please contact Wesley's office at 850-222-0251 or donations can be made online at http://fsuwesley.com/



#### TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### Church Officers for the Year 2012

Please note: The number after the member's name in parentheses (2) indicates the number of years the member has served in this position.

#### Trinity's Church Leaders



Marti Chumbler



Andrew Moor



Beverly Burleson

LAY LEADER



Benson Green
Staff/Parish Relations



Sam Rogers, Jr.
FINANCE CHAIR



Lori Mattice

#### • Church Council •

Council Chair - Marti Chumbler (2) Council Secretary - Anne Parker (6)

Lay Leaders - Andrew Moore (3), Beverly Burleson (1)

Lay Members of Annual Conference - Ann & Bob Lumsden (5),

Warren May (5), (Alternates) Lynn Wollschlager (5), Rita May (5), Germain Fritchman (2)

Church Treasurer - Bill Peebles (13)

Pastors - Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Rev. Tony Fotsch

Associate Pastor of Discipleship - Rev. Barbara Hynes

Director of Music - Mark Repasky

Director of Youth - Kelly Rains

Director of Communications - Rex Adams

United Methodist Women President - Kitty Ball (1)

Youth Council Representative - Jacqui Griffith (4)

Children's Home Representative - Gloria Colvin (3)

STANDING COMMITTEES/CHAIR: Board of Trustees - Lori Mattice (6)

Board of Trustees - Lori Mattice (b)

Finance Committee - Sam Rogers, Jr. (3)

Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Benson Green (1)

Committee on Lay Leadership - Senior Pastor/Rev. Curry

CORE MINISTRIES/CHAIR:

Church & Society - Steve and Sabrina Denmark (3)

Communications -

Adult Ministries - Marti Chumbler (7)

Children's Ministries - Kristen Harrison (4)

Missions - Frank Leonard (3)

Music - Gary Mathews (2)

Spiritual Outreach - Jimmie and Nancy Duncan (4)

Worship - Jayne Mittan (2)

Health and Wellness - Beth Curry (3)

#### CHAIRS OF OTHER MINISTRIES:

Preservation of Church History - Linda Yates (9)

#### Commmittee on Staff Parish Relations (Benson Green-Chair)

201220132014Larry PendletonBenson GreenGail StewartZachary WardPaula SmithJohn SimsKathy DrakeNick QuintonJudy Levy

Committee on Finance (Sam Rogers, Jr. -Chair)

201220132014Andrew MooreChip DarnellFranklin DarnellWilliam Smith, IIICassie ConnBrewser BrownBrent ChumblerSam Rogers, Jr.Brantley HendersonBob SmithCathy McCarty

Board on Trustees (Lori Mattice-Chair)

201220132014Glen McDuffieDon BourassaBeverly BurlesonRobert McDonaldDan DrakeChip HugginsLori MatticeAmber PendletonJohn Stewart

Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (Wayne Curry-Chair; Andrew Moore-Vice-Chair)

201220132014Joanna WardKathy KeifferJudy LevyRita MayLarry PendletonBill FritchmanDennis SmithMary Ann MooreAndy Harrison

#### Church and Society (Steve and Sabrina Denmark- Chairs)

2013	2014
Steve Denmark	Lora Chapman
Sabrina Denmark	Julia Young
Orson Smith	Terri Sue Lawson
	Steve Denmark Sabrina Denmark

#### Missions (Frank Leonard-Chair)

2012	2013	2014
John Elliott	Olivia Swedberg	Don Zorn
Sam Rogers, Sr.	Jordan Perry	Taska Zorn
Todd Resavage	Jenna Lockwood	Luke Stevens
Frank Leonard	Leslie Elliott	Valorie Stevens

#### Spiritual Outreach (Jimmie and Nancy Duncan-Chairs)

2012	2013	2014
Bill and Sandy Kappes	Aaron Podey	Zach and Joanna Ward
Luke and Valorie Stevens	Mike Watters	Chip and Taff Collette
Nick and Melanie Quinton	Andrew and Kristin Wiggins	Julie Pararo
Jimmie and Nancy Duncan	Laura Albritton	Bill and Ann Doonan
	Luke Ihnen	Valerie Gardner

#### Communications

2012	2013	2014
Chris Womack	Janice Flake	Yvonne Shaw
John Koehler	Mike Watters	Debara Jump
Aaron Podey	Helena Sims	Julia Young
•		Richard Parsons

#### Health and Wellness (Beth Curry-Chair)

Orson Smith, Gloria Whitaker, Richard Parsons, Ginger Parsons, Miriam McLarty, Karen Skilling, Jayne Mittan, Jacqui Griffith, Debbie Danforth, Luke Stevens, Terri Sue Lawson, Luke Ihnen

#### Children's Ministry (Kristin Harrison-Chair)

2013	2014
Kristin Harrison	Joanna Ward
David LaJeunesse	Ed Young
Hillary Ryan	Bob and Tracie Sutherland
Sheryl Hamm	Candace Duclos
	David LaJeunesse Hillary Ryan

#### Youth Ministry (Sheryl Hamm-Chair)

2012	2013	2014
Sarah Christovich	Lisa Prasse	Jana Sterling
Amber Pendleton	Kim Johnson	John Cook
Sheryl Hamm	John Crotty	Jordan Perry
Brett Ingram	John Sanderson	Debbie Danforth

#### Adult Ministry (Marti Chumbler-Chair)

2012	2013	2014
Nick Quinton	Marti Chumbler	Judy Levy
Margie Wright	Matthew Christovich	Julie Pararo
Cindy Phillips Donelan	Nancy Kerce	Eric Ryan
Bill Fritchman	·	•

#### HEO Executive Committee (Toni Hale-Chair)

Peggy Parkey, Jean Young, Toni Hale, Kathie Pope, Donna Frinks, Shelia Merlau, Rhonda Work, Debbie Fotsch, Nancy Kerce, Rita May

#### Red Carpet Team (Warren May- Chair)

Warren and Rita May, Eleanor Smith, Dennis Smith, Jimmie and Nancy Duncan, John and Gail Stewart, Franklin and Cookie Darnell, Dale and Marie Bradley, Maxine Mantooth, Barbara Leonard, Laura Mills, Ruth Ann High, Wanda Pace, Ralph and Kathy Keiffer, Bill and Sandy Kappes

#### Worship (Jayne Mittan-Chair)

2012	2013	2014
Leslie Hancock	Bill and Meg Hilaman	Lynda Hanson
Barbara Leonard	Esther Harrison	Jayne Mittan
Laura Mills	Tricia Willis	Diane Kite
Amber Pendleton		

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## Installation of Officers at Jan. Meeting

Patti Oakley

Our first New Year meeting will meet on January 3, 2012 at 11:45. There will installation of Officers. Please come and meet your new officers for the 2012 – 2013 years.

The Program is "Beginning Mission Possible but not Impossible".

Are you curious yet? Come and find out what this is all about.

Reservations for the luncheon (\$6) should be telephoned to Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Friday, Dec. 30. Persons wishing to hear the program but not eat lunch are invited to sit on the sidelines without reservation or cost.

#### **UMW** Circles to Meet

Circle 1 -- will meet Monday, Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mart Hill, 1489 Vieux Carre Dr.

Circle 2 -- Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 12:45 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Circle 4 -- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Circle 5 -- Will meet Jan. 9 at the home of Debbie Henderson, 4525 Bowfin Dr. Call 536-0322 for details.

Circle 6 -- Monday, Jan. 9, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle (385-9791).

Circle 8 -- Wednesday, Jan. 4. at noon at St. John's Cafe

Circle 9 -- Tues., Jan. 17, 10.00 a.m. at the home of Joyce Payne, 4436 Meandering Way. Call 877-0081 for details.

## Trinity Book Club

Barbara Hynes Associate Pastor of Discipleship

At our gathering on December 8th, we extended planning for upcoming gatherings by deciding on books through May. Just in case you want to make a suggestion to someone who is struggling to think of what gift to give you for Christmas, here are the books we'll be reading for the first 5 months of 2012.

• Jan. 26 - The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver (At Beth Trotman's); • Feb. 23 - Please Look After Mom by Kyung-sook Shin (At Lib Gablehouse's); • Mar. 22 - Dreams of Joy by Lisa See (sequel to Shanghai Girls) (Location TBA); • Apr. 26 - State of Wonder by Ann Patchett (Location TBA); • May

24 - Destiny of the Republic: A Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President by Candice Millard (Location TBA).



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2012

Gary Mathews Maxine Mantooth Samiri Hernandez Barbara Leonard

#### Music (Gary Matthews-Chair)

2013

Jennifer Harrell Pat Stafford Nancy Waugh Gary Cherry 2014

Armando Garcia Nan Ritchie Rosie Wyatt Jessica Bahorski

#### Altar Guild (Susan Thomas and Debbie Hurley-Co-Chairs)

Earline Adkison, Lynn Barrera, Shirley Benson, Becky Bishop, Beverly Burleson, Anne Jolley Byrd, Cindy Campbell, Linda Clark, Trish Clements, Ann ColemanLiz Dameron, Cookie Darnell, Prissy Elrod, Donna Frinks, Myra Hannah, Lynda Hanson, Eloise Harbeson, Dot Hayward, Gail HockDebbie Hurley, Leigh Mallard, Corbin Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Nell Morse, Marjorie Orrick, Julie Pararo, Laura Rogers, Cynthia Smith, Kathleen Stinson, Susan Thomas, Nancy Waugh, Gayle Webb, Bobbie Williams, Marylin Williams, Pat Winchester

#### Communion Stewards (Sandra Genetin-Chair)

Earline Adkison, Shirley Kirwin, Lynda Hanson, Patti Oakley, Barbara Allen, Victoria Tettey, Jenny Bryant, Barbara Leonard, Jayne Mittan, Amber Pendleton, Patricia Wilson, Beverly Douglas, Rhonda Work, Beth Butcher, Margie Smith

#### Church History (Linda Yates-Chair)

Bill Peebles, Vernon Parramore, Norman Booth, Bob Yates, Jim Ashlock, Lynn McLarty, Bill Fritchman, Marylee Peebles, Nancy Waugh, Richard Parsons, Bobby Hinson, Leslie Williams, Ann Lumsden

#### Lay Academy Planning (Liz Smith-Chair)

Wade Birch, Cindy Phillips-Donelan, Sam Rogers, Sr., Lora Chapman, Shelia Merlau, Cherie Rowland, Marti Chumbler, Aaron Podey, Sarah Watters, Barbara Hynes, Dot Binger, Gloria Colvin, Matthew Christovich, Julia Young

#### Preschool Advisory (Maggie McWhirter-Chair)

2012

Pam McRae Barb Shoplock Adrienne Campbell Maggie McWhirter Lena McLane Melodee Moore **2014** Clarissa Dunlap Cameron Ulrich Ruth Davis

## Youth Happenings in January

Kelly Rains Youth Director John Freeze Youth Interi

## A Note from Kelly ...

The youth would like to say THANK YOU to everyone who purchased a Christmas tree or wreath and for everyone who purchased a bowl of chili during the Festival of Lights. Both fundraisers were a huge success and proceeds will help offset summer mission trip costs. Your support is greatly appreciated!



# Upcoming Youth events for January

See website - **undergroundministries.org** - for full January calendar)

### Summer Events



## The Whole Picture of Health

Terri Sue Aldridge

The New Year has rung in and that means a fresh start with high hopes, new goals and of course that age old promise to get healthy. Don't worry this article isn't about guilting you into giving up chocolate cake—guilt usually leads to chocolate anyways! But we do want to encourage you to attend Trinity's upcoming Health Fair. Mark your



calendar for Sunday, February 12th from 9:30am-1:00pm and get ready to get the whole picture of your health.

In partnership with Whole Child Leon, Trinity is launching a new challenge—The Whole Picture of Health, 95210. Imagine what our congregation can accomplish when we all commit to healthy habits! This year's fair will include informational and screening booths, door prizes and of course the Youth Group's annual Soup & Salad fundraiser.

You are probably asking yourself, "What is 95210?" 95210 for Health! These are five daily habits that can help adults and

children live healthier lives and sustain a health body weight.

- Get at least 9 hours of sleep
- 5 Eat 5 servings of fruit and vegetables
- 2- Limit screen time to 2 hours or less
- Get at least 1 hour of physical activityEliminate sugary drinks and tobacco

Our screening booths will include glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure, bone marrow, vision, and hearing just to name a few. And you don't want to miss learning more about the importance of body composition, depression, smoking cessation, asthma awareness, dental health, healthy eating and gardening, and the many amazing opportunities with which to become involved as part of the Health Wellness Ministry like the Trinity's Runners Club (walkers are welcome!) and BFC Series Exercise classes.

The commitment is straight-forward. Notice I did not say it was easy. Pledge to take it one day at a time, one fruit and vegetable at a time, climbing into bed thirty minutes early as you strive to reach that goal of 9 hours of sleep. YOU CAN DO IT!

Make a commitment to you and your family to move toward living 95210 everyday—you have nothing to lose (besides those last 10 pounds!) and everything to gain.

## Help Preserve Trinity's History

Linda Yates Church History Chair

Members of Trinity's Preservation of History Committee invite you to be on their team. Do you like history? Storytelling? Writing and research?

Do you like writing blogs or vignettes for a web page? Have experience creating a video? Willing to be a resource as a longtime Trinity member who has personal knowledge of its programs and ministry?

These skills and and many others are needed to make the church's Heritage Room a living history of its 186 years—a place to hear and see the story of early generations of people like you who placed their faith in God as they built families, a church, a community, a state through difficult times.

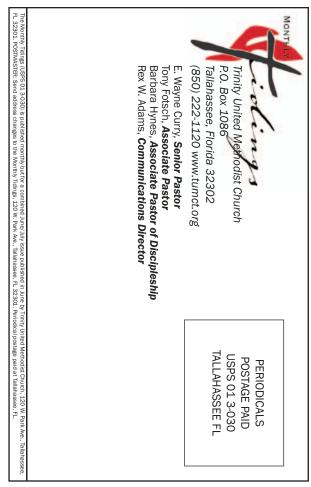
A writer by the name of Henry Glassie said, "History is not the past, but a map of the past drawn from a particular point of view to be useful to the modern traveler."

Trinity's History Committee has a similar

goal and offers several opportunities for you to be part of the team.

- Serve on an Editorial Committee to revise/republish Trinity's history by 2024, the church's 200th anniversary.
- Serve on a web page committee to write a short version of the church's history and vignettes about people and events.
- Research and write history of Trinity's Sunday school and other educational programs; develop video or Power Point.
- Complete scrapbooks of choirs, Boy Scouts, youth and adult mission trips, other ongoing programs.
- Prepare special exhibits or videos about John Wesley, Methodism in America, United Methodist Women.

Volunteer team members are asked to e-mail Chairman Linda Yates at yateslin@comcast.net or telephone her at 385-2768.



### NETkids continues

It's always a good time to join NETkids. But, you may ask, what is NETkids? NETkids is a program for children in grades K-5. They meet every Wednesday during the school year, from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Activities include Christian fellowship activities (videos and music), crafts, choir practice, bell-ringing for the older children, and supervised play on the playground.

The choirs perform at worship and also take their music "on the road." During the fall semester, the kids learned and performed a short play titled "Sleepover at the Stable" as part of the variety talent night, **Christmas Potpourri**. Then, they went to Sterling retirement home and performed the play and sang carols.

The new year is a perfect time to sign up your children! Contact Barbara Hynes for more information (222-1120).



The chickens in the short play, "Sleepover at the Stable" were a hit, hit, hit!