

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

Who Needs It? We All Do!!!

Walli Beall and Beverly Burleson
Clothing Connection Coordinators

We're talking socks here, and shoes, and shirts and sweaters! We're talking clothes that make a person warm or clothes that make a person feel good about how they look! For if clothing doesn't "make the man," it surely

goes a long way toward lifting a spirit and proclaiming a positive attitude!

It is time for our Trinity Family to seek **gently** used items to donate to Trinity's **Clothing Connection** and thus to area individuals and families whose budgets are stretched (if not broken), and for whom your donated items will be a treasured gift.

If your closet seems low on objects for donation, then turn to friends and neighbors and see if they have "pick-up perfect" items to offer.

The date of the **Clothing Connection** is **September 15 from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon!** Donations will be accepted September 9th through the 14th at Trinity's Moor Hall.

Additions/expansions this year include a Pancake breakfast in the courtyard at 7 a.m. We are also working on a transportation plan to ensure that those in need have a ride to the church.

Please contact Walli Beall (walliwirl@gmail.com), or Beverly Burleson (bbburlson@me.com) if you can help or if you have any questions.

Please keep this ministry in mind as you enjoy summer's leisurely pace and join the **Clothing Connection** team as we work to be a blessing to our neighbors.



Happiness is finding your size at the Clothing Connection! This gentleman came in looking for a suit so he could be more presentable for job interviews. This is why we do it!

What We Need

Based on the very successful inaugural event in 2011, what we need are the following items: (Please let's be conscious of the needs of our guests)

- Men's clothing
- Women's clothing (especially XL through XXXL)
- Children's clothing and jackets
- Shoes and boots for all
- NEW underwear and socks
- Pocket books and back packs
- Sleeping bags and blankets
- Bibles
- \$\$ (to pay for security, for additional clothing, for publicity)
- Worker Bees (who will help with set-up, sorting, the pancake breakfast, transportation, serving and tear-down)



Helping each other is also why we do it!



Coming Soon:

Trinity will be hosting a nine week class on Thursday evenings called, "Financial Peace University," beginning Thursday, September 13. Dave Ramsey is the video teacher of this biblically-based small group study that teaches families to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before! Our guest facilitator will be Mike McClure; Mike has led this course seven times and says that the content of FPU gave him the skills he needed to get completely out of debt and change his financial legacy! Now he volunteers to lead classes so that he can 'pass it on'!

— This program is for YOU if: —

- Your credit cards ARE your emergency fund
- Your dog responds to the name "Ebay"
- You're intrigued by the word "plastectomy"
- Christmas bills follow you into next year - every year!

To see if this class is for you, there will be two, half-hour video previews: Sunday, Aug. 26 at 12:15 p.m. in Moor Hall; and Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 5:30 p.m. in the Trinity library. Or, you can email Mike at fputallahassee@gmail.com for more information.

The cost of the curriculum is \$95/ household, and includes all materials. Make plans now to attend!

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
May 23 – July 5, 2012:



In memory of **William V. "Bill" Hubbard** from Bill and Cynthia Smith.

In memory of **Gifford Hale** from Diane Hale.

In memory of **Lillian Eberly** from Nancy Kerce.

In memory of **Margaret Tutwiler** from Ron and Gail Hock.

In memory of **Eleanor Pederson Hale** from Ledley and Oberley Brown, Ted and Gretchen Newhall, Annabelle Kuncicky, Phyllis Hale, Ronald and Erica Clark, Frank and Ruth Riley and Carmen I. Nelson.

In memory of **Mary Dell Brasington Pararo** from William and Bonnie Ekwall, DeVoe and Shirley Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Smith, George and Barbara Bannon, Martha Carrin and family, Wanda Pace, Ellen Lewis, Ron and Gail Hock, B.M. and G.B. Agravat, Elinor Oven, Jo and Gary Brown, Patricia Reed, Mike Pararo, Jr., Bill and Cynthia Smith and Ledley and Oberley Brown.

WAYNE'S WORDS

*By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe August is here already! I hope you've had a wonderful summer and have had the chance to get away for some good rest and relaxation.

Things don't slow down too much around the church during this time. We began the summer with an outstanding week of Vacation Bible School, a fun-filled Youth Week (page 6), and a Senior High mission trip (page 6). We had 56 children and youth attend the Warren W. Willis Church Camp in Leesburg (page 7). Our mid-high youth went on their mission trip at the end of July. And, all summer long, we continued to work on our Hope Community project renovating 15 rooms to make them warm and welcoming to the residents!

Sunday, August 5, is Youth Sunday. Please don't miss this Sunday!

For almost 188 years, Trinity United Methodist Church has been at work reaching out into our community, and world, sharing the love and good news of Jesus Christ. Thank you for being a part of that outreach!

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 23**. If you remember, back in January, we had a wonderful celebration of our church's ministry through our financial giving, and had one inspirational service followed by an all-church lunch in Moor Hall. So many said we need to do this more than once a year, so the Stewardship Team has planned another Sunday like that one, this time celebrating our 188th Birthday and our commitment to reaching out in mission to the community and world



around us. Our theme for the day is "Growing In Faith Together" (G.I.F.T.!) You'll be hearing a LOT more about this event so plan now to make it a priority on your calendar!

As I begin my fifth year as your Senior Pastor, I continue to be so grateful to God for the privilege of serving such a great church! May the Lord bless us and keep us; may the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us Peace!

You are loved,

Music News for August

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Music at Trinity

Yes, it's early August, but in the area of music ministry, planning for the fall is well underway!

Most of our music groups do not perform during the summer. By mid-September, they will be all up and running! We will soon say "welcome back" to present members of our groups. We also want to say "so glad you are joining us" to many others ... how about you?

Interested in singing?

• For starters, we offer **NETkids Choirs** for children, kindergarten through 5th grade,



The NETkids choirs practice for their yearly performance.

starting **Wednesday, September 12**. The NETkids program meets every Wednesday, 3:00-5:30 p.m., and includes many non-music activities in addition to the choirs. We will offer something special this fall; a steel pan (steel drum) class for the older children. Email me (mrepasky@tumct.org), or Reverend Barbara Hynes (barbarahynes@tumct.org), or visit the website (tumct.org) for more information about the NETkids choirs and program.

• **Youth Choir** is for middle school and high school students, starting Sunday, August 26, 5:00-6:00 p.m.



The two steel bands; Pans of Praise, and Sacred Pans, perform regularly in worship and on the road.

• **Chancel Choir** is our large adult choir that sings nearly every Sunday, September through June. The first rehearsal is Wednesday, August 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Interested in ringing?

• **College/Career Handbells** start Sunday, September 9, 6:15-7:15 p.m.

• **Trinity Ringers** start Wednesday, September 5, 6:15-7:15 p.m. Senior Handchimes start Thursday, September 6, 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Interested in steel bands?

This is a lot of fun, and Trinity has two steel bands. Both groups practice on Sunday afternoons, starting September 9. Looks like we have one opening; contact Mark Repasky (mrepasky@tumct.org or 222-1120) right away. You must be able to read music to join these groups.

Interested in praise bands?

• Our adult band **Circle of Friends** has been running all summer, with rehearsals

on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Contact band leader, Lisa Prasse (lprasse@tumct.org) for additional information.

• Our **Youth praise band** meets on Sundays starting August 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m. Contact Kelly Rains (krains@tumct.org), our Youth Director, or Lisa Prasse (lprasse@tumct.org), our band leader, for additional information.

There are no music skill requirements or try-outs for **NETkids Choirs**, **Youth Choir**, or **Chancel Choir** ... if you like to sing, come join us!



Sally Huggins had her hands full with 11 bells/handchimes when Trinity Ringers presented "Commemoration of the Spirit" on June 17. Our Music Director Mark Repasky thinks that is the most instruments played by one person in any Trinity Ringers presentation for at least 16 years.

If you are interested in the handbell/handchimes groups, or the steel pans, you must be able to read music. Contact Mark Repasky for more information.

Sunday School music returns on Sunday, August 26. Mary Alice Mills leads our **Cherub Choir** which is for two year olds through kindergarten. Mark Repasky and Jonathan Hehn lead music enrichment for first through fifth graders.

Call Mark Repasky (222-1120) or visit tumct.org - Worship/Music for more information on the music groups at Trinity!



The Chancel Choir and Senior Handchimes enjoyed time together at a pool party hosted by the Drakes.



For Guatemala

*Last year daylilies were sold and bought,
To send our pilgrims on a goodwill mission.
The pilgrims didn't know how things would turn out.
The daylily purchasers didn't know how their
daylilies would turn out.*

*Good people helped build a house and
Provided medical services for other good people.
It changed their lives.*

*Hopeful gardeners planted dormant,
Indistinguishable bulbs in their gardens.
As each bud opened, the promised varieties
Revealed themselves.*

*Pilgrims and Planters celebrated!
And so did others!*

By Lora Chapman

In grateful appreciation to Trinity member
Jayne Mittan, for her generous donation
of daylilies last year.



Trinity Preschool says, "Thank you Nancy!"

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

Have you heard the news? Nancy Duncan is retiring from the preschool after 20 years. The preschool will not be the same without her!

While employed here, Nancy has worn many different hats. She began teaching in the three-year-old room in August of 1992 under the direction of preschool director Mary Blackburn. While in the classroom, she influenced many children and developed many thematic units and projects that we still use today. In 1996, Nancy took over the director role when Mary retired.

During her "director years," Nancy implemented many changes that took us from ledger pads to computer spreadsheets! Nancy guided countless families and children as they made the transition from home, to preschool, and then to "big" school!

*A good teacher is like a candle —
it consumes itself to light the way for others.*
— Unknown

In 2004, she made the decision to return to the classroom and has been there ever since. She has taught, at one time or another, in the 2-year-old, 3-year-old and 4-year-old classrooms! That's a great deal of glue, glitter, paint, love, sweat and tears! It's also countless hours spent planning for, praying over and loving the fortunate children in her classrooms.

On behalf of the staff past and present, and on behalf of all of the families that you have cared for over the last 20 years, thank you Nancy! Thank you for the guidance, the wisdom, the laughs and the shared memories. Your contributions to the preschool will not be forgotten and you will be missed more than you know. We wish you a happy retirement; safe travels and happy crafting!



Upcoming Fall Activities at Trinity

Barbara Hynes
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

NETkids

Make sure to get your children signed up for the next session of NETkids, which will begin Wednesday, September 12. NETkids is a great place for kids to renew, continue, and make new friendships. Each session begins at 3 p.m. with supervised play, and continues with videos, craft time, choir practice, and even steel band practice for the older kids - finishing at 5:30 p.m. Check the bulletin, website, or call the church office (222-1120) for more information

Lay Academy

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, and a new session begins **Wednesday, September 19**.

Classes currently in the planning stages: **The Disciple's Path**, taught by Rev. Curry, is a

course that combines a uniquely Wesleyan understanding of growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the vows of membership when we promise to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Ruth Ann High will lead a class on **The Screwtape Letters** by CS Lewis. The **Men's Group**, led by Bill Fritchman, is a class that encourages group discussion. **Becoming Fit at Church (BFC) Series** are exercise classes, led by Beth Curry, designed to help participants improve strength and fitness which allows them to function better on a daily basis. **Becoming a Smarter Consumer**, will be coordinated by Lora Chapman. **Beginning Guitar** is a class led by Ed Prasse. A class titled **Photography - Post-Production Software**, will be taught by Riko Carrion, Rex Adams, and guest presenters. Various photo-enhancing softwares will be introduced.



There may be other classes as well, so watch for more information in the bulletin, website (tumct.org), and the September Tidings.

Summer/Fall dates to remember

Aug. 26.....	Promotion Sunday
	- Fall Sunday School begins
Aug. 26.....	NETkids registration
Sept. 12	NETkids begins
	- Wednesday night dinners begin
Sept. 19	Lay Academy begins

Health Wellness news for August

Beth Curry

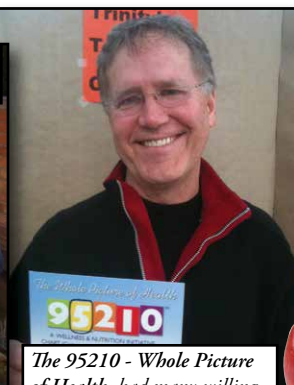
On September 2, 2012 the Health Wellness Ministry will celebrate 4 years of service at Trinity. What started out as the BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Series Exercise program blossomed into a service oriented Health Wellness program. Take a look at just some of what was accomplished in year number 4!



Thanks to these donations of yarn, many Hats for the Homeless were made and given to the needy.



Planting the Community Garden was hard work, but very rewarding in friendships and produce.



The 95210 - Whole Picture of Health, had many willing participants, like Rev. Curry, pictured above.



As a part of the Wellness initiative, Trinity Runners and Walkers groups were formed.



Pictured here is one of the Mats for the Homeless constructed from reused plastic shopping bags.



This is one of the running groups preparing for the Springtime Tallahassee race.

Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time! Classes are in the Parlor

BFC Series Exercise Classes

— Tuesdays and Thursdays —

- 9:15 a.m. - Staying Strong
- 11:00 a.m. - Variety Mix*

*Nursery for 11 a.m. class - by reservation only

For more information:
Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com



Youth Week!



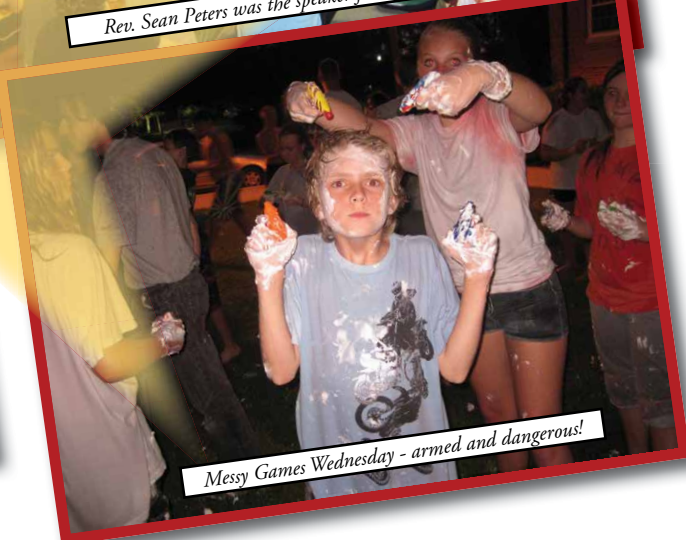
There was a strong turnout for Skating Monday!



Rev. Sean Peters was the speaker for the week.



Messy Games Wednesday best hat contest - swirly top.



Messy Games Wednesday - armed and dangerous!

YOUTH MISSION TO NORTH CAROLINA



Painting a house is fun, but a little scary!



Roofing can be a full-contact sport - my thumb!



Break time after a long morning of house repair.



The whole gang - after a hard week of work.

Youth Happenings in August

Kelly Rains John Freeze
 Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Kelly ...

Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life.

Philippians 2:15-16

This scripture has been our theme all summer kicking off with Youth Week and now concluding with Youth Sunday. I have been challenged by our youth all summer to continue to find ways to "Shine Like Stars" in everything we do. The world around us is constantly telling us what "Star" qualities are, which focus on certain looks, fortune,

and fame. But we as Christians are called to another "Star" quality which looks very different. We are called to accept God's love for us and then to go share that with the world. We are called to help others, include everyone, and become who God created us to be. That's not an easy task for anyone and it takes a lot of work. The youth and I challenge each of you to do just that and to come be a part of Youth Sunday, August 5. We have a very special service planned for you that day and we hope to see you there!



In the photo above, have a look at all of the kids from Trinity attending Summer Camp in Leesburg! Thank you, so much, for your support of this wonderful ministry. In the photo at right, seniority has its privilege! The older youth get a ride to camp in a semi-private coach - which is just fine for the kids pictured in the photo to the left - woohoo - bus trip!



Upcoming Youth events for August

- Aug. 1 Youth Sunday practice 6:30-9:00pm
- Aug. 2 Youth Sunday practice 6:30-9:00pm
- Aug. 3 Youth Sunday practice 6:30-9:00pm
- Aug. 4 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 2:00-5:00pm
- Aug. 5 Youth Sunday (all 3 services)
- Aug. 5 UMYF (Stock the Pantry Party) 6-8pm
- Aug. 12 No UMYF (Fall Planning)
- Aug. 19 UMYF (Back to School Pool Party \$5) 5-8pm
- Aug. 20 School Starts
- Aug. 26 Youth Praise Band Interest Meeting 4pm
- Aug. 26 Youth Choir begins 5pm
- Aug. 26 UMYF (Mission Trip Slideshow & Potluck) 6-8pm

Upcoming Events

- Sept. 2..... UMYF - Bowling
- Sept. 7-9..... Rock the Universe
- Sept. 12..... Middle School Bible Study begins
- Sept. 16..... Confirmation Meeting 9:45am

Rock the Universe

Sign-ups begin August 5.
 See Kelly for details!



Confirmation Information

— Meeting —

Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:45 a.m.

The Underground (youth area)



Retreat Goal: Restructured United Methodist Women To Involve All Trinity Women in Total Life and Mission of the Church

Linda Yates

How can Trinity's United Methodist Women organization be restructured so that all women of all ages and interests will find a place to serve in mission, grow spiritually, learn, and become a part of a supportive fellowship?

You are invited to help answer that question at a planning retreat from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, August 25, at Westminster Oaks' Specialty House, 3927

Meandering Lane. The goal of the planning retreat is to create small focus groups under the umbrella of United Methodist Women through which all women can participate in the total life of the church.

The UMC General Conference, meeting in Tampa in late April and early May, adopted amendments to the Discipline recommended by the Women's Division of the general church. The change creates a new agency called United Methodist Women and removes it from its former connection with the UMC Board of Global Ministry. Each local church can restructure its organization to suit the needs of its members as long as it follows the Discipline.

UMW's purpose remains the same: *A community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole*

persons through Jesus Christ. The supportive fellowship will continue to expand concepts of mission, both globally and locally, especially those pertaining to women, children and youth.

Trinity now has 1,090 women members over the age of 21 who under the proposed new structure may participate in more opportunities that address their personal and spiritual needs,

fulfill their desire to be of greater service (mission), develop their leadership potential, and enjoy the supportive fellowship of other women.

"We hope to structure our UMW organization to coordinate these and other focus groups with schedules for both employed and unemployed, retired, young mothers, and single women," current UMW President Kitty Ball said. "Please come and help us meet your needs."

The retreat begins at 9:30 a.m. with registration and coffee, and the opening assembly begins at 10.

Four discussion groups will then have an hour and a half to develop recommendations for: the administrative structure of UMW; types of new groups to offer; spiritual growth, education, leadership training; and service projects.

Aug. 26 - UMW Sunday

Worship services on Aug. 26 will feature the sermon of a special UMW member, the Rev. Wayne Curry. Members and relatives of all who currently are part of the women's organization of Trinity and similar groups in other churches will be recognized.



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Trinity's community-partner-school supply drive

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan liaison

The start of the 2012 - 2013 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 5 and continue collecting through Sunday, August 12. 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 20 to be distributed to students who would otherwise have difficulty acquiring the necessary school items. This year's needs are listed below:



School supplies shopping checklist

<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	