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

Trinity – Hope Community: Part II

The Partnership to Assist Homeless Families with Young Children Continues

Sam Rogers, Sr.

Just over one year ago, Trinity entered into a church-wide ambitious partnership project with Hope Community of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition to assist in improving living conditions for homeless families, with small children, residing

in temporary quarters at the Hope Community campus on West Pensacola Street. By last Labor Day a team of 40+ dedicated Trinity members had contributed their time and money to completely refurbish 15 dorm rooms, nine bathrooms and a laundry room including installation of new washers/dryers. Yes, it was a big job, and it was

well done... totally by Trinity volunteers...but as it turns out, the job is not completed. Not yet!

A dramatic one year increase in Tallahassee's homeless population has resulted in increased demands on Hope Community's ability to provide temporary shelter for homeless families at the existing facility. The lead editorial in the Tallahassee Democrat of February 15th entitled "Challenges Ahead" calls for creative ideas to meet the increase in the number of homeless on our streets. A survey conducted by volunteers this January showed that at least 1,000 persons (90 children) on any given day were homeless, versus a survey in 2011 that showed 683 (71 children) homeless. That's an increase of almost 50% in two years. Hope Community's management team has put forth a series of proposals needed to meet this challenge: chief among them, a project to expand housing facilities available to homeless families,

consisting of eight additional sleeping rooms, four bathrooms and a laundry in the building on Hope Community's campus previously housing women-only. Even with this expansion there remains a waiting list. Hopefully, the improving local economy will work to shorten the time for many residents. Meanwhile, Trinity has been asked to help with providing an improvement in living conditions for homeless families and their children in the expanded quarters.

Trinity's Local Missions Team received a proposal at its February meeting outlining plans for renovation of this dorm to bring its living conditions up to the same standards previously achieved by the work of Trinity members in the original family dorm last year. Those 11 Local Missions Team members who were present voted unanimously to approve continuation of this project. The challenges presented by this increasing homelessness in Tallahassee, as expressed in the Democrat editorial clearly acknowledged the contribution of "...local churches and organizations... [which] response has helped this community make tremendous progress". Our church, "The Church with a Heart for the City," has chosen to remain on the point in providing assistance to our homeless neighbors and their families.

How can we help?

Priority # 1 is the laundry room. Of the three washer/dryer units needed to serve approximately 35-40 residents, there is only one, often-repaired, washer and dryer in working condition. The cost new for a washer/dryer unit each runs \$1240. All eight sleeping rooms, four bathrooms the laundry and public areas need painting.



The author found a new friend at Hope Community



Homeless families congregate in the common living area in the evening and spend time together before bedtime.

Three couches in the dorm living area are in bad shape, and should be replaced. Trinity members who are interested in making a financial contribution should make checks payable to TUMCT with the words "For Hope Community" in the legend. Those wishing to volunteer their time should contact Project Coordinator, Sam Rogers Sr. at srogerssr@aol.com, (phone 893-5396) or Steve and Sabrina Denmark, Joint Chairs of Trinity's Local Missions Team at sab.den@comcast.net or call 893-5635.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
February 21 - March 18, 2013:



In memory of Vernon Parramore from Bill and Marylee Peebles.

In memory of Vernon and Jaime Parramore from Bill and Paula Smith.

In honor of Franklin Darnell from Robert and Donna Eneyart.

Welcome new staff

Please welcome new HEO (Helping Each Other) Coordinator, Ruth Ann High. She has taken over the duties of coordinating this vital and active ministry from Hillary Ryan, who left Trinity to pursue other employment opportunities. Ruth Ann is returning to the Trinity staff following a brief break, after serving the church as the assistant to the comptroller.

Ruth Ann is a long-time member of Trinity and is a very active volunteer in several of Trinity's ministries including; leading Disciple classes, education chair for Women in Ministry, and she has also been a leader of several Beth Moore Bible study groups.

Lay Academy begins Apr. 10

It's time for the last session of Lay Academy. There are several great classes from which to choose in this session. The first class begins April 10, so sign up now! Here is a listing of the classes:

- **Marriage Enrichment with Rev. Curry**
- **Worship: Why We Do What We Do**
- **Beginning Geneology**
- **Women's Bible Study**
- **Men's Group**
- **BFC Exercise classes**



WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

It seems that in many rural districts in India there is no electricity. In a small village in one such district there is a temple where people gather after dark to pray. Inside the temple a beam stretches across the width of the sanctuary, and along the length of the beam runs a row of brass hooks. As the worshippers walk to the temple in the darkness, each one carries a lantern to light his or her way. When they enter the darkened temple, they hang their lanterns one by one on the hooks on the crossbeam. With each lantern that is hung, the sanctuary slowly lights up. Soon, it is ablaze with light, because each worshipper has added his or her own bit of light.

Isn't that a wonderful image of how it is, or should be, with a church? When we each add our bit of light, give ourselves in some way, we are soon ablaze with the light of Christ. But it depends on each of us bringing the light we have, the light we are, and offering ourselves in some way - joining our light to the light of others, so that together we might shine bright with Christ.

Just last week we celebrated the resurrection of Christ. One author has said that the best evidence for the truthfulness of the resurrection is not an empty tomb or a well-orchestrated Easter pageant, but a group of people whose life together is so radically different from the way the world builds a community that the only explanation is that something decisive happened in history. In other words, the truth of the resurrection is seen in people who look and act resurrected, who live with true generosity and bold love - people in whom Christ lives and can be seen.



When we are generous and bold, when we each in whatever way we are able bring and offer our love and time and resources and very selves, we are ablaze with Christ and people know Christ has risen. As we serve in our community ministries, we bring light into the darkness of despair; as we respond with compassion and are a friend to others, we brighten their lives; as we worship and learn and help out in some small way, our congregation grows brighter with hope. The bit of light we each of us has makes a powerful difference.

God knows we live in a world in desperate need of light. Add your bit of light. In the power of the resurrection, let us together burn bright with love and hope and faith.

Wayne

Music News for April

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

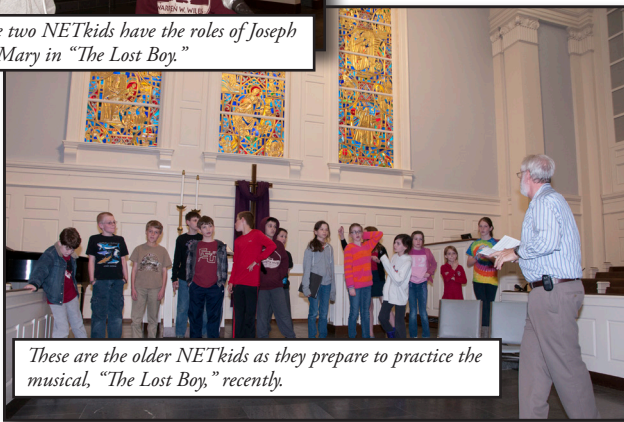
NETkids Choirs Preparing Their Musical

Excitement ran high March 6, for the first rehearsal in the sanctuary with the older NETkids Choir. These third through fifth grade children provide all of the speaking/acting parts and solos for the musical "The Lost Boy." The 75-minute rehearsal was devoted primarily to blocking: Positioning the children for each scene, speaking part, solo, etc. We hope everyone comes to worship services on April 28 to see the finished product and

to better understand how we as Christians occasionally can get lost



These two NETkids have the roles of Joseph and Mary in "The Lost Boy."



These are the older NETkids as they prepare to practice the musical, "The Lost Boy," recently.

and how we can reconnect to our faith through Jesus.

Steel Pans Are Busy

Our two pan groups have not participated in worship services since Music Ministry Sunday, February 3 for good reason. They are preparing for Springtime Tallahassee! On Saturday, April 6, they will present a 35-minute concert on the front steps of our sanctuary. The program will start shortly after the parade is over, which means around 12:15 p.m. This is an outreach of the music ministry at Trinity and only our second year of participation. If you are in the area, come check us out and show your support! About half the program is sacred music ("Kum-Ba-Ya", "When the Saints Go Marching In", "Amazing Grace", "Amen Siakudumisa" and "Open the Doors". The other half consists of more traditional pans repertoire including "La Bamba" "Banana Boat Song", "Volcano" and "Jump in de Line".



Both the "Pans of Praise," and the "Sacred Pans," performed on the Trinity steps during last year's Springtime Tallahassee.

Immediately following the pans concert is an organ recital in our sanctuary; hope you can attend that as well!

Hallelujah Chorus on Easter

We have a tradition here at Trinity of singing Handel's magnificent "Hallelujah Chorus" at the end of the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. Last year, seems we had more members of the congregation come to the chancel to sing with the choir than usual. Hope that continues this year.....come join us!



Everyone is invited to participate in the singing of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus.

Young Adults study the Bible together

Tony Fotsch
Associate Pastor

The Young Adults of Trinity have been busy with fun, study and service this Spring. This photo is from one of the quarterly potluck dinners we enjoy together. The "Southern Style" theme of this past month was a fun opportunity to show off some of our best attempts at down-South cooking. We've got a lot of other fun events planned throughout the Spring, including a church-wide Kickball day!

Our Bible study groups have just finished some meaningful experiences together. The Sunday morning group went through the Church-wide Lenten study, "Staying Grounded in a Shifting World." The Tuesday evening group, which meets at 7:00pm in the church library, just finished "The Bible from Scratch." Both groups will be starting new studies after Easter, and all are invited to join us. For the Sunday morning study, just come to the Conference room during the Sunday School hour. For the Tuesday night study, please contact Nancy Duncan at duncanjn2@comcast.net. Come on out to meet some great people who love to have a great time in the Lord!



These are some of the members of the Young Adults Bible study hosted by Jimmie and Nancy Duncan each week. Back row, standing from left, Ryan Aamodt, James Hunt, Tim, Dave Whitman, Melanie Quinton, and Ryan Buck (holding baby daughter, Hailey-Jo); middle row, standing from left, Catherine Lockheart, Kristen Cline, Angela Petrizzo, Linzee Buck, and Tony Fotsch; front row, seated from left, Holly Hunt, Ellyn Hamm, and Debbie Fotsch.

Madison Youth Ranch – where every child has a future

Gloria Colvin
Children's Home Liaison

In the year since the Florida United Methodist Children's Home announced that it was expanding its programs in order to serve more children in more areas, plans for the new Madison Youth Ranch have been designed and work on the site has begun. A gift of 300

acres of land in Madison County provided the site for what will eventually become the home for 100 children ages 8 through 18, and

a campaign to raise \$8 to \$10 million dollars is helping to finance its development. The Youth Ranch will expand the successful programs of the Children's Home using equine assisted psychotherapy as a means of helping children who have suffered from sexual or physical abuse, abandonment, neglect, family conflict or breakdown.

We are called to help make this dream a reality. In the first phase of this project, the director's home, administration building, two residential homes, chapel and stable will be built. Because of our close



proximity to Madison County, Trinity has a special opportunity to be heavily involved in the development of this campus. Several groups in the church are already planning work days in the coming months. If you are interested in volunteering or contributing to this project or if you would like someone to speak to a group about it, please contact Gloria Colvin (894-3625) or John Willis.



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Preschool stays busy

The preschool has been a busy place recently - United Methodist Association of Preschools conference, Dad's breakfast, and the First Lady of Florida reading to the kids! Yes, that's busy!



These four teachers went to Orlando for the United Methodist Association of Preschool (UMAP) conference and got some great new ideas. Pictured from left, Kristin Power, Jennifer Hopgood, Mary Forstall, and Ryane Ferro



"Come on guys, this is for our dads!"

The preschool kids put on a great show for their dad's at the Dad's Breakfast. Using the theme of Noah's Ark, the kids portrayed the animals on the ark - each group with a different song, a dance, or some just made funny sounds. So cute!



This little elephant guy (far right), stole the show with his total lack of fear and great elephant impression! Funny stuff.



The girls from the preschool dance class represented the birds on the ark with their colorful headgear and spirited dancing.

Be One of the First to Get "The Whole Picture of Health"

Beth F. Curry, ACSM-HFS, AFAA

We are looking for 100 people to "Take the Challenge" of leading a healthier lifestyle. Don't wait! Act now! Here's how!

If you are interested in actively participating in this healthy initiative, please stop by the Welcome Center (see calendar for dates) and have

one of the Health Wellness Team members help you register on-line and show you how to track your daily progress. It's easy and fun, and only takes a few minutes each day! You may also register by visiting www.95210.org anytime. Be sure to email Beth Curry (BFCSeries@yahoo.com) for the Trinity Team passcode.

As soon as 100 people have registered on our Trinity Team there will be a drawing for a \$100 gift certificate to Shaw's Athletics,

so invite your family and friends to sign up too.

So just what is 95210 – The Whole Picture of Health?

*95210 – That's the plan you need to know
From hours we sleep
To what we eat
We help ourselves by goals we meet
That's how you can get "The Whole Picture of Health!"*

From Whole Child Leon

95210 is a community wide strategy for promoting child health and life-long healthy habits for

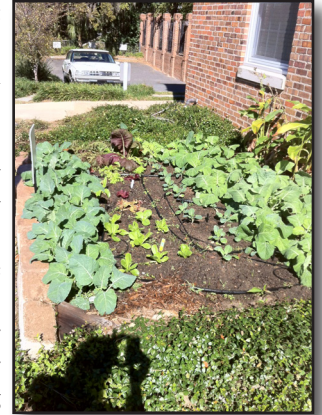
all individuals. With simple health messages behind each number, 95210 communicates key behaviors that promote healthy weight and overall good health. 95210 makes it easy to remember some of the most important steps families, community organizations and worksites can take to prevent childhood obesity and chronic diseases.

Stay tuned for more opportunities from Team challenges to great prizes!

An Easy Way to Get Your 5!

Beth F. Curry, ACSM-HFS, AFAA

Looking for an easy way to get your five servings of fruits and veggies per day? Be sure to stop by the Trinity Community Garden and help yourself to some fresh lettuce, tomatoes or any of the other wonderful spring crops. This garden is planted and maintained for YOU!



Want to get your 1??

Want to get your 1 hour of physical activity per day? Why not try a BFC Series Exercise class? The classes are fun and non-intimidating! See the calendar for the class schedule. Remember - Daytime classes are drop-in to any class, any time. Wednesday Power Hour may be attended by registering through the Lay Academy or by drop-in attendance. Wednesday Better Balance requires registration through Lay Academy (no drop-ins please). Suggested donation for all drop-in classes is \$3 per class. So far participants have raised over \$19,000 for community service and the health wellness ministry!! Think about how many times participants have met their goal of 1 hour per day to accomplish that!



Trinity Runners/Walkers Win Big in the Shamrock Scurry!

Congratulations are in order to the Trinity Runner's/ Walkers Club for a great day at the Shamrock Scurry!

Diana Flagg came in first place in her age group! Mel Quinton ran her first 5K! Tony Fotsch completed the race pushing Christian and Joe-Joe in the double stroller, and carrying a tricycle just in case someone wanted to ride a bike instead! And – all of the Trinity Team who participated allowed us to win the Team Challenge for the church with the most participants! We could not do this without you! Thank you for representing Trinity so well!



Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time! Classes are in the Parlor.

BFC Series Exercise Classes

- Tuesdays and Thursdays —
- 9:15 - Staying Strong
- 11:00 - Variety Mix*

*Nursery by reservation only

— Wednesdays —

Better Balance

- 4:15** only

Power Hour

6:30

**by Lay Academy registration only

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

Richard Parsons - rrp Troy@gmail.com

Please note
NO CLASS
Apr. 3

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 6

Springtime Tally Race

Wed., Apr. 17 & 24 – 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Trinity 95210 Team Registration

Sunday, April 21 & 28 9:15-11:00 a.m.

Trinity 95210 Team Registration

Tuesday, April 23 – 1:00 p.m.

Diabetes Support – Library

Springtime Tally Race next up!

It's not too late to register or to be on the Trinity Runners /Walkers Team for our next big race – Springtime Tallahassee on Saturday, April 6th. There's a 1 mile fun/run, a 5k and 10k. We'll have both runners and walkers again in this race. To register go to: <http://www.active.com/running/tallahassee-fl/springtime-10k-5k-and-1-miler-38th-annual-2013> or stop by the Health Wellness bulletin board outside the Conference Room to pick up a form.

Please be sure to let Richard Parson or Beth Curry know via email if you'd like to be listed on the Trinity Team roster.



Advocacy Days

Trinity hosts Children's
Advocacy Days Apr. 7-9

Trinity will once again host the Florida United Methodist Church Advocacy Days as part of Children's Week at the Capitol.

From the Florida Conference Advocacy Days brochure: *"The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church are partnering with Florida Impact and United Way to host the annual legislative briefing during the 2013 Children's Week. Join us in Tallahassee to advocate for programs and budget priorities that serve the interests of our most vulnerable citizens."*

Toccatarama

Jonathan Hehn
Trinity Organist

On Saturday, April 6, the American Guild of Organists, Tallahassee Chapter, will present the 2nd annual "Toccatarama!" a family-friendly hour of music played on the Trinity organ, the King of Instruments! This event will start immediately following the Springtime Tallahassee Grand Parade, and will be held at

Special flower delivery



Young Bo Long delivers a special bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Roody at Westminster Oaks recently. Flowers that once decorated the church altar, are put in new vases and delivered to our shut-ins where they once again bring smiles of joy.

Trinity. Entrance is free. There will also be a free raffle to win free music on iTunes and door prizes for the first 100 people to arrive. Tax-deductible donations gladly accepted. For more information, please contact event coordinator Jonathan Hehn at 850-980-2812 or jonathan.hehn@gmail.com.

VBS Sign Up for Jun. 3-7 Session



Dates:

June 3-7, 2013

8:45-12 noon

Registration:

Preschool/Rising
Kindergarten (Fall 2013)

- must 3-years-old by 8-31-13 and potty trained
- Trinity families may register Mar. 10 - Apr. 2
- Open Registration begins _ Apr. 3 - until full
- **Elementary – grades 1-5 (Fall 2013)**
- Open registration begins _ Mar. 10 until full
- Afternoon program (limit 12)



Women in Ministry focus on Prayer and Self Denial April 2

Linda Yates
Women in Ministry Communications

Trinity **Women in Ministry** will bring their annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial offering to their luncheon meeting on Tuesday, April 2. The meeting begins at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall and is open to all women of the church.

This year's offering will be used by the national organization of United Methodist Women for a new program called "Living Stewardship: Creating Financial Literacy." The national organization chose the new program out of concern for the struggles of marginalized women, children and families worldwide.

Projects that build the capacity of persons to change their own situations through education about financial choices and the development of financial skills will be supported through grants to groups that work to empower and educate women.

Reservations for the luncheon are strongly urged. Telephone Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by April 1 or sooner.

Women in Ministry Action Team Meetings

Alpha Action Team (Circle 1) will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, April 8, at home of Nancy Mick, 7720 Centerville Road.

The Voice Action Team (Circle 5) will meet Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m., at the home of Christie Crotty, 1503 Sauls Street.

Aultie Foster Action Team (Circle 4) will meet in the church library at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 9.

The Dorcas Action Team (Circle 2) will meet Tuesday, April 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the church library.

The Mary Martha Action Team (Circle 6) will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, April 8, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

For information and the time and place of the **Sojourners** (Circle 8) meeting, call Marti Chumbler at 893-6596.

Susanna Wesley Action Team (SWAT) (Circle 9) will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 16, at the home of Anne Booth, 902 Blackwood Avenue.

Local Ministry Opportunities

More volunteers are encouraged to assist in filling back packs of food sent home with at risk school children each Friday by Second Harvest of the Big Bend. Since January, a team of Trinity women have gone to Second Harvest to fill food bags each first and third Wednesday mornings. In an hour's

time the volunteers fill several hundred bags that are delivered to schools in Leon, Wakulla, Gadsden and Taylor counties. New volunteers are needed. To help ensure that marginalized children and their families will have food to eat on weekends, join other Trinity volunteers in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on the first or third Wednesday.

Youth Happenings in April

Kelly Rains John Freeze
 Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Kelly ...



It's been a busy time for the Trinity Youth. Trinity's confirmation class has been busy with trips to the Trinity Heritage Room (top left photo), where they were hosted by docent, Linda Yates, and to the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Catholic church (photo above). The entire youth group went to the Little Grand Canyon in Georgia, recently (photo at right and below). And, not to be left out of the latest rage, all of the youth did their best "Harlem Shake," making a video out on the playground (bottom right photo). Very funny stuff!



To see this video, go to <http://vimeo.com/61726232>.

Upcoming Youth events for April

- April 3..... Middle School Bible Study
- April 6..... Spaghetti Fundraiser (Springtime Tallahassee)
- April 7..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- April 10..... Middle School Bible Study
- April 12..... Mid-High Madness (Mall Scavenger Hunt)
- April 14..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- April 14..... High School Late Nite
- April 17..... Middle School Bible Study
- April 21..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- April 24..... Middle School Bible Study
- April 27..... Youth Service Day
- April 28..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- April 28..... High School Late Nite

Upcoming Events

- June 3-7 VBS
- June 9-14 Youth Week
- June 24-29 ... Warren Willis Summer Camp
- July 8-15 High School Mission Trip
- August 6-9 ... Middle School Mission Trip

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Spaghetti Fundraiser

Saturday, April 6
 Moor Hall
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Tickets will be on sale through April 6:

- Sundays @ Welcome Center
- Wed. during dinner (5:30-6:30 p.m.)
- at the door on the day of the event

Cost: \$5 Adults — \$3 Kids (K-5th)

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, bread, cookie, beverage, and parking in church lot as space is available.

Special Visitor at the Preschool

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

We were delighted to have Florida's First Lady, Mrs. Ann Scott stop by the preschool to meet with the children and read to them. Literacy is a cause near and dear to the First Lady's heart and she takes every opportunity to meet with groups throughout the entire state.



The preschool kids made this great sign with their handprints to welcome Mrs. Scott. Preschool Director, Stacey Duggar, had met Mrs. Scott at the library and suggested that the Governor's wife come read at Trinity. After speaking with Mrs. Scott's assistant, the date was made for her to come and read.

Mrs. Scott met with the children in the two, three and four year old classes. The children had an opportunity to ask questions and many shared information with her about a variety of topics. Mrs. Scott read the book

Mud is Cake by Pam Munoz Ryan which is about using your imagination. Needless to say, the children were very imaginative with their responses to the First Lady's questions!



Mrs. Scott arrived Friday morning ready to read to the preschoolers.



After Mrs. Scott arrived (photo above), she was greeted by Rev. Curry, Rachel Cone, and Preschool Director, Stacey Duggar (photo below).



As preschool teacher, Kristen Powers, and the three-year-old class listen, Mrs. Scott reads from the book, "Mud is Cake."

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