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

Join the Great Day of Service - Saturday, May 17!

Rev. E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

On **Saturday, May 17**, Trinity members will gather for something special - a **Great Day of Service!**

We'll begin with a free pancake breakfast at 8:00 a.m. in Moor Hall and then we'll all head out to the various missions. There are opportunities for the entire family to be involved. Childcare will be provided for preschool age and younger (please make reservation by calling 222-1120).

Where will YOU serve? Here are the various opportunities:

Lee's Place: They are looking for a group to do inside and outside cleaning, yard work, washing windows, and outside pressure washing.

Hope Community: The group that goes to Hope Community will do some interior painting and some clean-up of inside and outside premises. Even though construction work is under way on one wing of the building, painting of interior halls, the laundry room and public areas may begin without interference. A team of 8-10+ volunteers, hopefully, will be able to complete most of this part of the painting that day. (See page 6 for more information on how to help Hope Community).

Chelsea House: A large group could help in various ways organizing cabinets; doing yard work; painting inside the home, gazebos, and the front and back porches; pressure washing; cleaning out a shed; and repairing an outside laundry room.

Second Harvest: On May 10th, Second Harvest will have their annual Post Office food drive, so on the 17th they can use as many as possible to sort all the food that was collected.

Allen Outreach: They need a small group to fix up a 10'x12' room, pulling up carpet, replacing windows, and painting.

Providence Neighborhood: Needs a few volunteers to distribute free bread, to do some light yardwork, and to pick up trash along a roadway.

The Cabin: (This is the Chelsea House store that takes in used items and then sells them to raise money). They could use a group to sort donations and do some clean-up around the property.

Grace Mission: They need a few individuals to deliver food in the neighborhood.

The Shelter: A group of ten or more could pick up trash around the Shelter and on the lot behind the building. Another group of five or six could come around 12:15 p.m. and bring ice cream and toppings to serve to the guests.

Around our church: Our Vacation Bible School is coming up and we'll be having a work day at the church to get ready. Also, our community garden on Duval can always use some attention. You can learn to make mats and knit hats for the homeless. The whole family can put together snack packs for HEO. There are a variety of other housekeeping, painting and repairs around the church that another group could do.

So, again, where will YOU serve? Sign up today either at the sign-up areas around the church or by email (trinity@tumct.org).

It will truly be a **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE** to our community and church!



Blue Whitaker and Jaqui Griffith are pictured here working in the Trinity community garden on a previous church work day. Working in the community garden is one of the options for the upcoming Great Day of Service.

WAYNE'S WORDS

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
Mar. 18, 2014 - Apr. 18, 2014:



In memory of Jack Crew from Gail and Ron Hock, for the Music Program.

In memory of Peggy Parkey from Bill and Judy Levy, for Trinity Chefs.

In honor of Ruth and Parker Lee McDonald from Jimmie and Nancy Duncan, for the Guatemala Mission.

VBS Sign Up for June 2-6 Session



Dates:

June 2-6, 2014

8:45-12 noon

Registration:

Preschool/Rising

Kindergarten (Fall 2014)

- Must be 3 years old by 8-31-14 and potty-trained
- Open Registration begins Apr. 2 - until full
- Elementary – grades 1-5 (Fall 2014)
- Open registration begins Mar. 10 until full
- [Register here](#)



By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

A book I pick up and re-read every once in a while is a book by Wayne Muller entitled, "Sabbath: Finding rest, renewal, and delight in our busy lives." It seems I always pick it up when I'm going through a hectic and busy time in my life and feel exhausted. It brings me back to what's really important...indeed essential...for a whole and healthy life.

How do I slow down? Is it really possible today to live a Sabbath kind of lifestyle? That's the question that I re-hash over and over again. Whether we're driven by the need to be accepted, a sense of guilt or just our personality-type, it's hard to slow down, isn't it? I'm reminded of something my driver's education teacher taught me back in 10th grade. The yellow light doesn't mean speed up - it means slow down. But the idea of yielding to the yellow lights of our lives doesn't get very good press these days.

The biblical sisters, Mary and Martha, can both teach us a lot about slowing down. When I read and re-read about Lazarus' two sisters, I come away with several feelings. Honestly, I relate to Martha. I know what it's like to be over busy, to be getting things in order, to wanting things just right. I also know what it feels like to get upset at everyone else for letting me do all the work. What parent hasn't complained when their fully-capable teenager watches them mow the lawn, wash the dishes, vacuum the floors- whatever! If my kids were sitting at the feet of Jesus, maybe I'd feel differently, but I doubt it.

I look in the mirror and I see Martha in me. I admire Martha. I want to be like Martha because everyone likes her hard work and ambition. She gets lots of compliments for doing such a good job-- for getting so much done. And that's the problem- that's why I have such a difficult time slowing down because I want everyone to feel like that about me too - you know - that I'm productive and slick and professional and really, really making a difference by everything that I'm involved with.

However, what I would like is to look in the mirror and see more of Mary in me. When you really think about it, it's quite foolish for me to be doing anything other than sitting with Jesus when He's around. But, when my mind plays forward to all that has to get done I miss the best part of life - enjoying the here



and now with the Lord.

I caught myself doing this the other day. I'm on email and I realize there's lots to get through. Then a friend walks into my office to talk. "I can't talk," I'm thinking. "Not now because I have to read and answer my emails" ... and one of them is from the very guy that is in my office. Isn't that ridiculous!? I feel like I don't have time for my friend in person because I have to respond to his email. I want to see Mary when I look in the mirror, I really do. I want to slow down.

Maybe you feel the same way. Maybe you're asking "yes, but how?" Perhaps that's the best place to start. As long as we develop a Sabbath attitude, I think that we can receive it as a gift. We shouldn't strive for Sabbath, or discipline ourselves into Sabbath or, God-forbid, become religious about Sabbath. Jesus said that the Sabbath was made for us, we weren't made for the Sabbath. In other words, we don't get stressed out and "serve" slowing down and resting...no, slowing down and resting is a "servant" to us.

So, take a breather with me. The world won't end if we slow down. Some things may seem to speed past us, but the one thing that really matters will be right there with us. His name is Jesus! Ask Mary ... all of you Marthas out there!

You are loved,

Music News for May

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Rutter Sunday

March 30 was a special Sunday for music makers at Trinity. The 11:00 am service included about 30 minutes of music by John Rutter, presented by our

Both pans groups performed on our church steps during Springtime Tallahassee. You can now see us on YouTube by going to the Trinity website (www.tumct.org) and clicking on the slideshow on the entry page.



In the photo above, a few of the 22-piece orchestra perform during the special Sunday service featuring the music of John Rutter.

NETkids lead worship

We are so blessed at Trinity to have children actively engaged in worship. It is the high point of their year on the Sunday when our NETkids Choirs present their musical. This year, the musical was "Faith Hall of Fame." They were able to tell stories of some great biblical heroes and relate them to our everyday life in ways only children can do. Thank you children and parents!



Chancel choir, Youth Choir and a 22-piece orchestra. The music and Rev. Curry's wonderful sermon combined for a powerful experience. Not sure who was most richly blessed that day, the congregation or the choirs. For both it was an amazing hour of worship not easily repeated. Missed it? We do have a good recording of the entire service, available by contacting the church office.



In the photos above and below, NETkids practice for the musical, "Faith Hall of Fame."

Traveling Pans

It seems the word is out about our steel pans. We will be visiting Lee Memorial UMC near Madison on Sunday, May 4, and Wesley UMC in Tallahassee on Sunday, June 1 to participate in their morning worship services.



In the photos below, choir members and Easter service volunteers, sing the traditional finale, 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's Messiah. They were led by Music Director, Mark Repasky, and accompanied by a brass quintet, and Carol Marchant on the Trinity organ.



Neighborhood Medical Center has many needs

Sabrina Denmark - Co-chair Local Missions Team

Thirty-eight years ago, **Neighborhood Medical Center** started out in the basement of the Presbyterian University Center here in Tallahassee. Dr. Orson Smith brought this agency to Trinity's attention several years ago and has volunteered his services there for many years.

Neighborhood Medical Center offers primary care, mental healthcare, chronic disease management, women's health and pediatrics. They also have specialty clinics such as optometry, cardiology, gynecology and orthopedic to those who cannot afford the care.

Their mission is to serve those in need by providing and facilitating access to care and enhancing the health of individuals through education, prevention and outreach.

Special Needs:

Monetary Donations: Earmarked for medicine only. Make checks payable to Neighborhood Medical Center and mark in the memo line

Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight



"FOR MEDICINE ONLY."

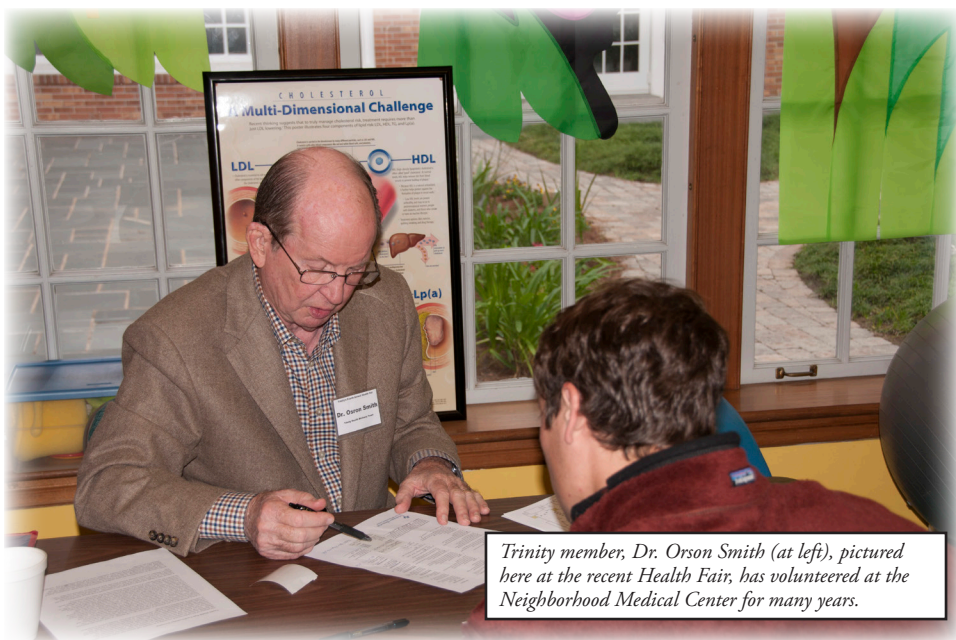
Mail the check to:

Neighborhood Medical Center, 438 West Brevard St., Tallahassee, FL 32301.

**NEIGHBORHOOD
MEDICAL CENTER**



Hygiene Bags: Ziploc bags filled with socks, travel size soap, travel size tooth-brush and toothpaste, travel size deodorant, and travel size comb and brush. These can be delivered to Neighborhood Medical Center and given to the receptionist.



Trinity member, Dr. Orson Smith (at left), pictured here at the recent Health Fair, has volunteered at the Neighborhood Medical Center for many years.

Interested in Volunteering Your Time? Here are 2 ways

- 1.) Go into the website, www.neighborhoodmedicalcenter.org, download and complete the application. Email it to the contact person: Jeanne Freeman at jffreeman@neighborhoodmedicalcenter.org.
- 2.) Or, you may also volunteer with the Health Fair or the Outside Events. To do this, contact Patrice Gray at 850-513-3272 or email Patrice at pgray@neighborhoodmedicalcenter.org.

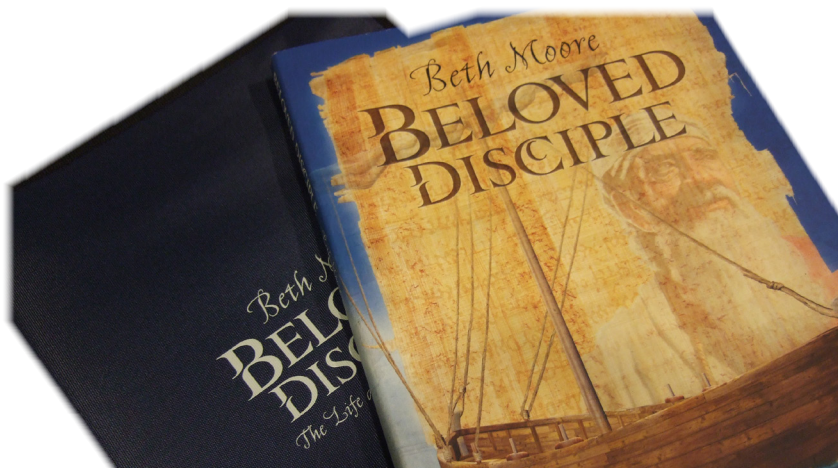
Hours of Operation are:
Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday
8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

Notes from Ruth Ann High - HEO Coordinator

Ruth Ann High
HEO Coordinator

Summer is soon upon us and I am planning on having a summer women's Bible study group again. So, if you are in town any this summer and would like to be part of a study group, consider joining us on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. at Nancy Waugh's home. We will be studying "The Beloved Disciple" by Beth Moore, starting June 4 and ending August 20. As with all summer studies, it will be okay to miss a session due to summer travel.

Questions? Call Ruth Ann at 222-1120 or email me (rahigh@tumct.org).



Health Wellness news for May

Health Wellness Team

Trinity Health Wellness Ministry

Serving God Through—Self, Church, and Community and always being faithful:

- *By maintaining our body, we are better able to physically serve.*
- *By finding ways to be involved at church, we can serve God by helping one another.*
- *By reaching outside the walls of our church, we can serve our community and world.*

Beginning in September 2008 with two exercise classes, the Trinity Health Wellness Ministry now supports multiple mini-ministries, including a dynamic exercise program, which offers six weekly workout classes. Donations to the ministry from participants in exercise sessions taught by Beth Curry have raised over \$23,000, which help fund various local and international charities.

To read about these mini-ministries, please go to <http://www.tumct.org/community/adults/health-wellness-ministry/>

How Can You Serve?

- Volunteer to help in the Community Garden – free vegetables for our neighbors

Marti Chumbler and Margie Smith plant tomatoes into the improved and freshly tilled earth. If you see a ripe tomato, pick it and enjoy eating it! That's why it was planted - for you.



- Make hats and mats for the homeless on the Great Day of Service, May 17, 2014 (instructions provided)
- Join an exercise class to make a small donation, get healthier, make friends, and have fun
- Join our writers and editors to promote and report on ongoing events and projects

Contact Beth Curry bfcseries@yahoo.com or call the church office to sign up.



That is a huge pile of compost! But, Jaqui Griffith, Rev. Curry, and Marti Chumbler knock it down to size - one shovel-full at a time.

Springtime Tallahassee Race Rained Out? - "NO WAY!"

Most of us stayed indoors during the cloudburst on Springtime Tallahassee race day - March 29 - and predicted that the 5k, 10k, and 1-mile race would be a washout. However, six of our faithful team members met for breakfast at church, and 2-3 more members who had not signed up with TUMC team.

"Even though it rained, we all agreed it was a perfect temperature to exercise," said Marie Bradley, Trinity Race Team Coordinator. "We all had a great time." Spoken like a true athlete!

To become part of the Trinity Walkers and Runners team, contact Marie Bradley at mbradley1716@comcast.net or call 850-728-5383.

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**

*\$3 suggested donation **Nursery by reservation only

— Wednesdays —

Classes resume in the Fall

Upcoming Events

GREAT DAY of SERVICE

May 17, 2014

- Make Hats for the Homeless
- Make Mats for the Homeless

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact:
Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com



What rain? This is the group that decided rain was the perfect environment in which to exercise at Springtime Tallahassee!

City approves grant for Hope Community Families

Sam Rogers, Sr.
Hope Community Liaison

Good news! The City of Tallahassee has approved Hope Community's proposal for a \$75,000 grant to renovate a dormitory, previously occupied by homeless men-only, to provide needed additional temporary emergency shelter for homeless families with small children. Construction is expected to commence early in May, pending permitting. The grant limits expenditures to partitioning of rooms, electrical, plumbing, HVAC and toilet facilities. This leaves much to be done to the interior to provide reasonable living accommodations for these families. Since 2012, Trinity members have remained committed to assisting Hope Community in providing safe, comfortable accommodations for family residents. That includes refurbishing the interior of two other dormitories for families and women-only. Here are specifics of what is needed:

Volunteer Workers

A primary focus for Trinity's "Great Day of Service" on Saturday May 17th will be to provide volunteers for interior painting and some clean up of inside and outside premises. Even though construction work is under way on one wing of the building, painting of interior halls, the laundry room and public areas may begin without interference. A team of 8-10+

volunteers, hopefully, will be able to complete most of this part of the painting that day.

Financial Needs

The total out-of-pocket cost of materials and equipment is approximately \$14,000. Approximately \$6,000 has been raised thus far from member contributions, and budgeted by the Local Missions Team. More current and product-specific prices on individual items have been obtained and are detailed as follows:

- 58 single mattresses with bed bug proof covers: cost \$110 each
- 4 automatic commercial grade washing machines: cost \$670 each
- 4 Automatic clothes dryers: \$570 each
- 12 small window blinds: cost \$32 each
- 2 large window blinds: cost \$71 each
- Public area furniture, 3 faux leather couches cost \$480 each
- One faux leather ottoman: cost \$240.



WinM luncheon to celebrate 'Terrific Twos' May 22nd

Linda Yates,
WinM Communications

Women in Ministry has changed the time of its May meeting from the usual first Tuesday noon to Thursday evening, May 22, beginning at 6 p.m. in Moor Hall. President Judy Levy calls it a "Terrific Twos" meeting because it is one of two special meetings this year and each member is to bring a female guest--a daughter of any age, sister, mother, grandmother, friend. All women of the church are invited whether they are members of WinM or not. Childcare will be provided as needed.

The dinner meeting will celebrate the special relationships between women. To add a festive air to the evening, Judy suggests that all may come dressed for a tea party, wearing hats, gloves and similar attire.

Church communications director and photographer, Rex Adams, will be on hand from 5:30-6:30 to take pictures of members and their guests to commemorate the occasion.

Dinner, prepared by members of WinM executive committee, will be served at 6:30.

Reservations should be made by May 15 by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546. Please specify if you need child care.

WinM Action Team Meetings

The Aultie Foster Action Team will meet Tuesday, May 13, in the Church Library at 10:30 a.m.

The Dorcas Action Team will meet in the Church Library at 1 p.m., Tuesday, May 6.

The Alpha Action Team (Circle 1) will meet Monday, May 12, at 10 a.m. at the home of Kathie Pope, 4174 Diplomacy Circle.

The Mary Martha Action Team will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, May 12, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 West Randolph Circle.

The Sojourners Action Team will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, May 7, at St. Johns Cafe.

Susanna Wesley Action Team will meet Tuesday, May 20, 10 a.m. at a place to be announced.

The EFFF (Education, Fun, Fellowship and Food) **Action Team** should contact Judy Levy at 877-5442 or judithlevy@embarqmail.com.

The Voice Action Team will meet Thursday evening, May 15, at 7 p.m., at the home of Debbie Henderson, 4525 Bowfin Drive.

Morning Coffee Action Team will meet at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, at a coffee shop. Contact Ruth Ann High at 894-2806 or rahigh@comcast.net.

Youth Happenings in May

Kelly Rains John Freeze
 Youth Director Youth Intern

undergroundministries.org



A Note from Kelly ...

Well, I have to say writing is not my favorite thing. Give me numbers or people any day, but words aren't my specialty! Each month I drag my feet when it comes to writing this article but this month's article is absolutely my least favorite. This month I have to say goodbye to a church I love so dearly and who has become my church family.

Ten years ago in May, I was hired as the HEO Coordinator here at Trinity. I had just moved to Tallahassee a year prior and started to attend Trinity with my children. Trinity felt like "home" the minute I stepped into our beautiful sanctuary and within months I was ready to join the church and become a part of it all. The HEO position was a great way for me to meet wonderful church members and learn what it was like to be on staff here at Trinity. I loved that job and couldn't imagine doing anything else.

Then, three years later I needed to change from part-time work to full-time work and became the new Youth Director. Well, that was seven years ago and it all feels like it was just yesterday. What is the old saying "Time flies when you're having fun?" Well isn't that the truth! I have

absolutely loved my 10 years here at Trinity and I am taking with me so many great memories.

As we move to another part of Florida where my husband has taken a new appointment as Senior Pastor, I am very sad to leave Tallahassee, to leave Trinity, and to leave my church family. Nobody likes saying goodbye; it's never fun. But this particular goodbye is extremely hard for me. I have been blessed by each and every one of you and I can't thank you enough for bringing me in and letting me be a part of it all.



Trinity is such a strong, dynamic church with a great history and a promising future. It's because of all of you, your dedication, your commitment, and your willingness to help - to step in where there is a need. But most of all, you invite everyone in to be a part of it.

So, thank you! Thank you for allowing me to be a part of

this great church for the last 10 years. I can't even begin to tell you how much you all mean to me, how much I have grown as a Christian, and how much I will miss calling Trinity my church home. Trinity ... you are amazing and I love you all. Goodbye for now.

These are photos from a recent work day by the Trinity Youth at the Madison Youth (MY) Ranch. As you can see, there were fifty youth who showed up to work, as well as several adult volunteers!



Upcoming Youth events for May

- May 3 Confirmation Banquet & Rehearsal 6:00pm
- May 4 Youth Choir Sings 11am
- May 4 Confirmation Sunday 11am Service
- May 4 Praise Band 4pm (2 hours), UMYF 6pm
- May 4 High School Late Nite 8pm
- May 7 Last Bible Study (Middle School 4:30pm, High School 6:30pm)
- May 11 No afternoon or evening activities (Mother's Day)
- May 18 Graduate Breakfast 9:45am (Parlor)
- May 18 Graduate Sunday 11am Service
- May 18 Goodbye Party 6pm
- May 25 Outing or Event (TBA, check website for details)

Upcoming Events

- Jun. 1 Youth VBS Helpers 6-8pm
- Jun. 2-6 VBS 8:30am - 12:00pm
- Jun. 22 Camp forms due
- Jun. 23-28 Warren Willis Summer Camp
- Jul. 9-12 Middle School Mission Trip to Orlando
- Jul. 20-26 High School Mission Trip to South Carolina
- Aug. 3-9 Youth Week
- Sept. 5-7 Rock the Universe

Attention all graduates (and parents)!

The Tidings would like to publish your **High School picture** (and college grad's photos as space allows) with a brief description. Please submit your information and photo to radams@tumct.org no later than **May 10**. The Trinity graduates feature will be in the June/July Tidings.

Trinity adds new members

Trinity recently added nine new members, six of whom knew one another in Kentucky. Please read these brief bios and see if you can solve the mystery.

Bud and Rose Glenn joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership from a local Methodist church. Before moving to Tallahassee from Kentucky in 2010, they were both active in the church. Rose served as President and Circle leader of her local UMW and also served as an officer in the local District as well as with the Kentucky UM Conference. After retiring as an executive in the coal industry, Bud was appointed to, and served as Executive Director of United Methodist Mountain Mission, a local self-supporting non-profit similar to Goodwill. Rose enjoys knitting and crocheting while making prayer shawls, mats, hats, and scarves for the homeless. After loving furniture making as a hobby, Bud now enjoys cross-stitching/needlepoint, cooking and reading.

Jean Ann Glenn is the daughter of Bud and Rose Glenn (see above). Jean Ann also joined Trinity by Transfer of Membership from a local Methodist church. She works for Wendbanner, LLC, and is a Wendy's restaurant franchise owner.

Sean Ellis joined from another denomination. He is the son of Trinity member, Colleen

McConnell, and he works as a hairdresser. **Gene and Phyllis Stanley** joined by Transfer of Membership and were told of Trinity by friends. Both are retired and moved to Tallahassee from Prestonburg, Kentucky in order to be closer to daughter, Glenda.

Glenda Stanley joined by Transfer of Membership from Pikeville UMC in Pikeville, Kentucky. Glenda moved to Tallahassee seven years ago and has one grown daughter, Charla, who lives in Bangkok, Thailand. Glenda is the daughter of new members, Gene and Phyllis Stanley (see bio above). She works for Big Bend Area Health Education Center.

Gary and Barbara Ware joined by Transfer of Membership from First UMC in Crossville, Tennessee. They learned of Trinity through the internet. Gary and Barbara have five grown children: Wayne, Doug, Joni, Jon, and Krista. The Wares recently moved to Tallahassee to be closer to their two daughters and six of their grandchildren after retiring to Cumberland Plateau in 1996. Gary is retired from the USAF and is a longtime Rotarian. He enjoys handyman projects and is a

fixer-upper. Barbara's hobbies include reading, quilting, needlepoint, and gardening.

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New members who joined March 30 are, from left; Bud, Rose, and Jean Ann Glenn; Barbara Ware; Gene Stanley; Gary Ware; Phyllis and Glenda Stanley; and in the inset photo at right, Sean Ellis.