

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

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aster is always a special time at Trinity and there are services for everyone. Listed below is the schedule of activities observed at Trinity during this year's Holy Week:

Oalm Sunday - March 29 Services will be held at the usual times of

8:30, 9:45, and 11 a.m.

Elementary school-age children may join in the procession carrying palms at the 11 o'clock service.

Maundy Thursday - April 2 This service of communion is a traditional observance of the Last Supper of Christ. The service begins in Moor Hall at 7:30 p.m. and moves into the sanctuary.

Jood Friday - April 3

Trinity will again be the host for fellow United Methodists throughout the city for this observance of the crucifixion of Christ. The service begins at 12 noon, followed by a \$6 lunch served in Moor Hall. Lunch reservations need to be made by calling 222-1120.

Easter Egg Hunt - April 4 Don't miss the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday,

April 19 at AJ Henry Park in Killearn. The park is located at 3000 AJ Henry Park Dr.

The activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee, cocoa, games, and face painting. The potluck brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will follow.

See page 6 for more information.

aster Sunday - April 5

Get up early and attend the Sunrise service at 7 a.m. in E. Peck Greene Park across the street from Trinity.

Or come to one of the other three services at 8:30, 9:45, or 11 a.m. The services will feature special music including the opportunity to sing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" with the chancel choir and a brass ensemble at the 11 o'clock service. It's a Trinity tradition that is both fun and inspiring. Come celebrate Easter at Trinity.





Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from February 26 – March 17, 2015:



In memory of **Gerald Jaske** from Rick and Mary Carroll.

In memory of **Sarah Louise Dickson Flow** from Lecky Spector and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lasseter.

Lay Academy classes begin April 15

Lay Academy classes begin Wednesday, April 15 and will continue through May 6. This will be the last term until September.

This term will feature a special class on Tallahassee that will present interesting and little known facts at different times in its history. Each week before the start of the program there will be a slide show of photos from our archives.

In the Men's Group, Bill Fritchman will lead a video-based small group Bible study, in which John Ortberg shows that caring for your soul is necessary for your Christian life.

And, don't forget about the exercise classes offered at 4:15 and 6:30 in the parlor led by Beth Curry.

Please contact Barbara Hynes (222-1120) for more information on Lay Academy.

Help Fight Hunger

Phyllis McCranie Crop Walk Liaison

Trinity has supported the Church World Services annual Crop Walk initiatives for decades. We need a volunteer to serve as the new Trinity Crop Walk liaison.

This person will represent our church on the city-wide planning committee and encourage church members to participate by walking and/or making monetary and food donations.

The city-wide planning committee will meet soon to finalize the event date for the 2015. If you are interested in being involved in this worthwhile project, please contact Phyllis McCranie, pamccranie@embarqmail. com, (850) 671-4815.

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By E. Wayne Curry Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

This month, I would like to devote my column for an important message of our times from Bishop Ken Carter.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent is historically a time in which we remember that Jesus set his face toward Jerusalem and the cross (Luke 9:51). In the past weeks we have become more aware of the sufferings and martyrdom of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ across the global church.

The persecution of Christians is a reality that has been largely ignored in our culture. This is due to our very appropriate desire for religious tolerance, on the one hand, and our muted support for religious freedom, on the other.

Much of the persecution of Christians is occurring in the Middle East and Africa, and includes the genocide in Mosul, the kidnapping of young girls in Nigeria and the beheading of Coptic Christians this year. But it is a mistake to think it is limited to specific regions or groups because sisters and brothers around the world are experiencing a similar fate.

There has been a deafening silence in the face of this crisis. We can no longer remain silent; as the scriptures remind us, "the very stones cry out" (Luke 19:40). It is time to speak clearly and to unite in prayer on behalf of those suffering and dying simply because they are followers of Jesus.

Iam joining with other United Methodist Bishops in inviting United Methodists to pray on behalf of Christians facing persecution. Nothing could be more fitting as we move closer and closer to the final steps on Jesus' journey to the cross where he died so that we might live.

In our baptismal promises we say these words:

'Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world and repent of your sin?'

Christians have certainly persecuted each other, and persons of other faiths and no faith. We come to this act of prayer with humility. And as Jesus teaches us in the Beatitudes, we pray for those who persecute us. Yet we must certainly speak



out whenever someone is persecuted, tortured or killed – whether or not they are persons of other faiths or no faith. But we feel a special sense of urgency to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the face of increasing persecution, suffering and death. Pope Francis recently called this "the ecumenism of blood", as the faithful witness of the persecuted church unites us in the One Body of Christ."

The Peace of the Lord, Ken Carter Resident Bishop, Florida Conference The United Methodist Church

Bishop Carter invites us to join in this prayer:

God of us all,

You love us so passionately that you sent Your Son to help us experience the fullness of divine love. And while we love you, we are not often asked to risk our lives because of our faith. This is not true for many of our sisters and

brothers in Christ. Our hearts break as we see more of them suffering and dying simply because they are living as disciples of Jesus.

We pray for their safety and sanctuary. We pray that you will give them grace in suffering. We are humbled by the witness of these martyred for their faith. We pray for their persecutors, and that acts of violence and persecution will cease.

Help us to grow in our commitment to live as Jesus' disciples. Remind us that we are the One Body of Christ: when one member suffers, all suffer. Stir us to pray unceasingly. And empower us to speak boldly.

We pray all of this in the name of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

You are loved,

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Music News for April

Mark Repasky Director of Music

The Psalms According to NETkids

Once a year, our children's choirs present a 30-minute musical as part of Sunday morning



worship services. This year's presentation will happen on April 26! The musical is titled FolkPsalms. It is based on the biblical Book of Psalms. Of course the children will not recite

all 150 psalms that morning, but you will hear some familiar passages. The children will, in their own unique way, help us to understand more about the Psalms. They will remind us how prayerful these psalms are, and how they run the gamut from exuberant joy to deepest despair. These Psalms express the whole range of human emotions! There is something refreshing and enabling about seeing the world through a child's eyes. Come April 26, and support our children.

Handbell Update

Handbells are sold in octaves. The more octaves, the more bells we have. More bells allow us to ring a greater variety of music with a fuller, more complete sound. Think of an orchestra without string basses or piccolos. These instruments are needed to "flesh out" the sound. They fill in the lowest and highest sound of the orchestra. Over the past 15 years, we have been able to gradually increase the number of bells at Trinity. We are now just one bell short of six 6 octaves. Almost half of the pieces rung by Trinity Ringers and College/Career Handbells now include some of this 6th octave of bells. We look forward to acquiring our final bell soon ... it is called Ab2, and will be the second lowest bell in our collection









A Truly Memorable Worship Service

The 11:00 am service on Sunday, March 22 was special in many ways. The theme was "It Is Well With My Soul," and included the magnificent orchestra. Good news! We have a high-quality recording of the service, with both the spoken word and the music. To get a CD of the service, contact the church office (222-1120).

Fellowship Luncheon April 7 11:45 a.m. - Moor Hall

Lynette Halter UMW in Ministry President

This month UMW in Ministry focuses on the 2015 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, which is an annual observance during which members reflect on the gospel of Christ and make an offering to mission in response to Christ's love and his people. Our program for April, A Gesture of Gratitude, will be presented by treasurer, Esther Harrison. The offering will go directly to provide pensions and health care for retired deaconesses and missionaries. Special music will be provided by Reneé White. You don't want to miss it. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you aren't a member of UMW in Ministry. Call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations.

Organizational Meeting for new Evening Action Team

If you are interested in forming a new evening Action Team with a focus on serving, missions and forming lasting friendships, we have scheduled an organizational meeting for Sunday, April 12 after 11:00AM service. We'll have a Salad Luncheon and learn how to make Mats for the Homeless. Subsequent meetings will take place in the evening. Contact Reneé White, creneewhite11@ yahoo.com or call 850-878-9702 after 6:00 p.m. for more information.

Action Team Meetings

Alpha Action Team (Circle 1): Mon., Apr. 13 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Kathi Pope, chair (mlpopejr@aol.com) for location.

Dorcas Action Team: Tues., Apr. 7 at 1:00 p.m. in Church library. Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Action Team: Mon., Apr. 13 at 6:00 p.m. 2104 W Randolph Cir, Julie Pararo, hostess & chair.

Morning Coffee Action Team: Tues., Apr. 14 at 8:30 a.m. Ruth Ann High, chair. Contact rahigh@tumct.org for location.

Sojourners Action Team: Wed., Apr. 1 at noon, Café at St. Johns. Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Action Team (SWAT): Tues., Apr. 21 at 10:00 a.m. 1111 Wisteria Dr., Linda Yates, hostess, 385-2768, Liz Smith, chair, 576-1533.

The Voice Action Team: Thurs., Apr. 16 at 7:00 p.m. 1503 Sauls St., Christy Crotty, hostess; Patti Oakley, chair.

Faithful (and accurate) counters

Have you ever wondered what happens when you put money in the offering plate on Sunday mornings? Like, who counts all of that loot? Well, each week in a top-secret undisclosed location, this group of volunteers (to the right) helps count the plate without fanfare or recognition. With the help of Comptroller, Christi McClure and Financial Assistant, Nancy Stone, this group of fine gentlemen count the coinage, checks, ones, fives, tens, and etc.

Their help is invaluable and Christi is so proud of her "mighty counting men."

From l-r, Nancy Stone, Franklin Darnell, Charlie Allen, Christi McClure, Ernie Sanders, and Bill Smith.



Glimpses of Guatemala 2015

Jayne Mittan Guatemala Mission volunteer

Meet Samuel

As we were traveling to a medical clinic in Paxabaj, outside of Los Encuentros, we saw a group of women on the side of the road. As we approached, they began to flag down our van and I suspected an accident, because we were on the edge of a steep curve with no shoulder. Through interpreters, they told us to come to their house and see a man. They didn't know what was wrong with him, but they were afraid of him. We grabbed our gear and followed them down the steep embankment to their house. As we got closer, I was assessing my surroundings - a mud hut with a tin roof and two open huts of just poles and tin. A few very skinny cows were tied to posts grazing on whatever they could find. Cow manure was everywhere and a stray chicken was running around. And then I saw him.

He was lying on the ground, amid the cow manure, naked except for a filthy blanket in the full sun with no food or water nearby. My first thought was that the cows looked healthier than he did. Around the bare skin of both ankles were heavy, rusted chains with multiple rusted padlocks. The ankle chains were attached to a longer chain, anchored into the ground at one end and the other to a power pole up the hill. He had a beard and long, nasty dreadlocks that were matted with unimaginable things. He did not acknowledge our arrival, nor respond to our calling of his name. He kept his eyes closed, against the harsh sun I presume, but his lips moved as if he were speaking even though no sound came out.

As we spoke with his wife and mother through the interpreters, we learned that his name is Samuel and he is 26 years-old. He and his wife have two children, but for the last six years, he has been mostly uncommunicative, except for episodes of violent outbursts. During these episodes he yells, screams, and hits everyone and everything with whom he comes in contact. On one of his worst episodes, he destroyed their small house. He appears to see and hear things that aren't there. His wife, his mother, and children are so afraid of him that they had the neighbors help chain him to the pole. The family throws food and water to him from a safe distance. If he is coherent enough, he can feed himself and drink. If not, the stray dogs consume what was thrown.

It was obvious that Samuel is schizophrenic. We explained this to his family - that his behavior is an illness that is completely beyond his control. We offered to help him

with medication to control his delusions and hallucinations which will also help with his behavior. They were happy to know that something could be done and seemed willing to participate in his treatment. We promised to return with the medicine and a plan.

On our return two days later, everything appeared to be the same. Samuel did raise his head or open his eyes and did not otherwise acknowledge us. We explained to his family about the antipsychotic medicine we had brought, how to give it to him, and how we expected it to help Samuel. We asked them to give him his first dose right then, so we could see that they understood our instructions. They hesitated. On further questioning we found out that they couldn't pay for the medicine, so they couldn't give it to him. We explained that the medicine had already been paid for and was our gift. They broke out into smiles and got to work. The plan was to dissolve the pill in a small cup of water for him to drink. That's when we found out that they don't have any clean water. We gave them money to go to the nearby store to get bottled water and some food. When they returned, they gave the medicine exactly as instructed. Samuel drank the cool water with the medicine willingly.

We very slowly and cautiously began to speak directly to Samuel and call him by name. We combined this with gentle touching of his skin, all the while trying to assess his physical condition. He allowed us to perform a cursory physical exam, cut his nasty hair (3 ft. long!), and trim his beard. We washed his feet and ankles, and applied thick bandages under the chains where they were chafing his skin. He

accepted our ministrations without response, for which we were thankful after hearing the stories. I could tell that he was aware of our efforts to help him and soothe his discomfort. He responded to our gentleness with calmness, much to his family's surprise. I could hardly believe the physical transformation in Samuel after just a few moments of attention. His family also seemed surprised.

We turned our attention back to Samuel's family. They could hardly contain their surprise and smiles as we told them that we would provide them a water filter so they could enjoy clean water, build a shelter over Samuel to protect him from the elements, and continue to supply them with the medicine to help him. We educated them in how to care for Samuel in the meantime: making sure that he has clean water and food, washing his body, applying lotion and sunscreen, brushing his hair, trimming his beard, and all of the usual daily grooming we do without even thinking. They expressed concern and fear of touching him, but we reminded them of how he responded to us as total strangers and encouraged them to keep trying.

It was hard to leave Samuel there, still chained. But, I hope and pray that the medicine will work for him and that he will be freed from his psychological chains of delusions, hallucinations, and horribly disorganized, terrifying thoughts. I look forward to the day when he has recovered enough that the violent outbursts cease, his family is no longer afraid of him, and his physical chains can be cut off. And I dream of the day when Samuel himself flags down our van to tell us how he is doing.



Trinity helps Big Bend Cares

Local Missions Committee

— Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight

Trinity Connection

The Local Missions Committee is bringing into the spotlight for April, Big Bend Cares. Trinity UMC has a long association with this agency and is still supporting them today. The following description of their services is from their website.

Agency History

The origin of Big Bend Cares has its roots in the burgeoning HIV/AIDS crisis

of the 1980s. At that time, the agency consisted of just a few volunteers and supporters who struggled to serve and comfort people suffering from AIDS at a time when



treatments were largely ineffective and services were generally unavailable.

Today, nearly 30 years later, Big Bend Cares is a 501(c)3 United Way agency, offering an array of "wrap-around" services. We provide not only case management services to protect and maintain the health of those affected by HIV/AIDS, but also attack the root causes of the disease through vigorous educational efforts and community outreach.

Big Bend Cares is the only agency providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS services in the eight-county Big Bend region.

Big Bend Cares provides education and comprehensive support to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS, serving Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Franklin, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.

We are a 501 (c) (3) agency that serves Area 2B, a Florida Department of Health designated eight-county area including Tallahassee, the capital of Florida. Area 2B is a portion of the "Big Bend" that stretches across Florida's panhandle. Big Bend Cares is the only HIV/AIDS organization to provide case management services, and is the primary AIDS service organization providing HIV/AIDS education in this mainly rural region. Big Bend Cares exists to provide education and comprehensive support to people infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Big Bend Cares could not function without its volunteers. People living with

HIV/AIDS come from all ethnic, cultural and lifestyle backgrounds; therefore, volunteers are needed from all segments of the community. Listed below are the ways in which you can get involved as a volunteer.

Board of Directors

You can apply to become a member of the Big Bend Cares Board of Directors. Board members must prepare for and

attend monthly
board meetings, serve
on one committee,
engage in fund raising
for the organization,
be a good community
representative for
the agency, and
more. Additional
information is

available on the Board Application, which is located on the Big Bend Cares Board of Directors Roster.

Social Services

Volunteers in the Social Services Program provide practical support services to clients such as transportation, assistance at home, and hospital visits or food bag delivery.

Speakers Bureau

Big Bend Cares offers a variety of speakers, from people living with HIV to local community members. Education sessions can be tailored to any audience.

Education/Prevention

Providing prevention outreach to the community through health fairs, public speaking, and training, the Education volunteer is able to reach people of all ages and walks of life.

Special Events

Each year, Big Bend Cares sponsors fund-raising events. Special Events volunteers assist with the planning and implementation of these exciting programs.

Office Support

Office Support volunteers are able to utilize their organizational and clerical

skills to provide much needed assistance with daily operations.

Volunteer Preparation

Depending on your level of volunteer participation, you may be required to attend some volunteer training. Training can consist of a one hour orientation, an AIDS 104 class, and a full-day training. The AIDS 104 class will provide you with basic HIV and AIDS information and enable you to begin volunteer service.

For more information about becoming a volunteer, please call Diana Vossler at 850-656-2437, ext. 301, or e-mail dvossler@ bigbendcares.org



Bring your family and friends to welcome Easter at this Trinity family tradition.

Young and old alike are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch on Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. at AJ Henry Park in Killearn. The park is located at 3000 AJ Henry Park Dr.

Each family is asked to bring one dozen filled plastic eggs and a basket for each child who will be hunting, along with a dish to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided.

Games and face painting by Trinity's youth will begin at 10 a.m. with the brunch and Easter Egg Hunt to follow. Call the church (222-1120) for directions.



Youth Happenings in April

A Note from Blake ...

We find in Scripture the command for us to give thanks in all circumstances. Obviously, this command can be easier at some points in life than others. Sometimes we know exactly why we are thankful and sometimes we have to try to see the positive in a particular tough situation. As we as a youth group finish up this season of fundraising, it is a time when being thankful is the only natural response.

There are many students who will be able to go on missions trips this summer through the support you have given over the last few months. You have bought Christmas trees and a variety of different meals. Many of you have given above and beyond whatever price was placed on an item or meal. All of our youth deserve the very best and you have showed them how much you care for them and we want to say thank you.

We also would like to thank you in

advance for the support that is coming this Sunday through the Easter Offering. Although I have not yet had the chance to experience a week at Warren Willis personally, I have had the privilege to seeing many students' faces light up as they discuss that "one time at camp." It is place where deep community meets fun and excitement. As one of our students said recently to a large group of potential campers from all over Tallahassee, camp provides the opportunity to just recharge. We live in a world that is constantly vying for our attention, whether it is through school or work or a variety of activities. However, at camp our students find a place outside of this normal routine to come together with hundreds of other students like them, looking for a place to just recharge and experience God in a new and different way.



I would ask, just as Pastor Wayne did in the Easter letter, for you to give generously on behalf of these students. The proceeds from this offering allow our students each a substantial scholarship toward the camp fee, as well as part of the bus fee to take them to and from camp. Again, we are so thankful for your continued support of our youth. If you ever have anything that you think could help our youth, whether it be financially, a service you offer, or are even just curious about helping in general, but don't know exactly what that may look like, do not hesitate to let me know. I would love to find a way for you to partner with us. And likewise, if there is a way you think we can help you, we would love to know. Thank you for all that you do and have a wonderful Easter!

Sign Up NOW for Camp!

I know, it seems early, right? But if you want to be part of the great fun at Warren Willis Summer Camp in Leesburg, you better sign up - **NOW**! Just go to the front page of Trinity's website (tumct.org), click on the link and follow the directions that are listed there. Our camp will be Jul. 13-18.







Betty Phifer Day April 19

Miriam Pierce Betty Phifer Class Leader

Though she left us far too young at the age of 47 in 1978, many at Trinity and in Tallahassee remember the vibrant spirit and soaring intellect of Elizabeth Bowman (Betty) Phifer, a teacher at The Florida State University and at Trinity United Methodist Church. She lives on at Trinity as the person for whom the Betty Phifer Sunday School Class is named, a class she founded as the Advanced Studies Class in the 1960s.



On Sunday, April 19, the Betty Phifer Advanced Studies Sunday School Class will host 'Betty Phifer Day' at Trinity. At the 9:45 a.m. class on the third floor of the church, room 307, there will be a discussion of Betty's teachings and legacy by some who knew her well. What would she have us study today? Those who would like to learn about this remarkable woman are invited to join current class members and other attendees.

After the 11:00 a.m. worship service, there will be a reception and light refreshments in the parlor. You are invited. Betty's three daughters, Margie Phifer Tullos, Linda Phifer Rogers and Dorrie Phifer Presson, plan to attend and to tell us about their mother. Also planning

to attend are several former FSU professors who were colleagues of Betty's. It will be an awesome occasion! Please mark your calendar.

At Betty Phifer Day at Trinity, you will learn about the woman who was valedictorian of her high school class, summa cum laude graduate of Stetson University, a gifted debater and teacher at FSU, author of many scholarly articles, spellbinding speaker, wife of the late Professor Gregg Phifer and mother of three lovely daughters.

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Afternoon kickball fun

Shown here are action shots from a recent kickball game with players supplied from the Aldersgate Sunday School class and the Young Adults group (both groups are shown in the photo below).

Game organizer, Marti Chumbler said, "Fortunately, we divided the groups up randomly - rather than by age - so some of us were winners. Win or lose, it was a beautiful afternoon and - aside from an injury or two, a great time was had by all."

What a great way to enjoy a sunny afternoon in fellowship with other church members!



