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Findings

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Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow and serve.

Mark your Calendars for August 30 after church!

Initiative drafting workshop -

Sunday, Aug. 30, noon-2:30 p.m.

Initiative Drafting, the final step in Visioning... for Tomorrow's Harvest, is the long-awaited opportunity to make your ideas for Trinity's future known.

WE NEED YOU to help create the actual steps to make our Mission, Vision, Goals and Strategies come to life. On Sunday, August 30, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, our congregation will share a brief meal and begin a highly interactive workshop, drafting a comprehensive blueprint of ideas, detailing the specific projects and programs to activate our plan.



For those who have wanted to get out of the 30,000' atmosphere of strategic planning, this is the day where the "rubber meets the road"... a fast-paced, high-energy opportunity to engage, dig in and identify the best ideas for Trinity's future. Christina Drouin, our talented consultant, will guide us through the process.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend

Church Council approved the Vision and Goals recently drafted on Visioning Day and refined by the Visioning Leadership Team. On August 30th, we will use these tools and spend two hours creating and collecting initiatives. Your ideas are *critical to Trinity's future.*

Have a look at the body of work accomplished to date by over 300 Trinity participants:

MISSION: Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow and serve.

VISION: TUMC will be a diverse Christian community shining as a beacon of God's love, actively engaged as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.

GOAL I

Become a Diverse Community of Vibrant Faith

By 2020, TUMC will be a diverse and vibrant community engaging children, youth, and adults in learning and living their faith.

Strategies:

A. Innovate dynamic and exciting opportunities for fellowship, study, worship, and prayer that meet the needs of youth and families with children.

B. Develop people and ministries to nurture the personal faith journeys of diverse seekers within and beyond the congregation.

C. Promote awareness and understanding of TUMC's opportunities for enlivened worship and spiritual growth to an ever-growing network of friends.

D. Increase opportunities for congregants to grow in faith by prayerfully giving to fund TUMC's mission and vision.

E. Increase the use of technology to build a diverse community growing in faith.

GOAL II

Grow in Fellowship

By 2020, TUMC will be a place where all

God's people feel welcome, included, and empowered.

Strategies:

A. Increase opportunities for fellowship among all ages and backgrounds.

B. Develop a welcoming and comprehensive system of incorporating new members, from first visit through active involvement.

C. Encourage all members to discern their spiritual gifts and actively serve in ministry.

D. Strengthen and develop new lay leadership.

E. Ensure congregants are well-informed about opportunities for involvement at TUMC.

F. Increase the use of technology, especially social media, to share information and build community.

GOAL III

Shine as Christ's light

By 2020, TUMC will serve as Christ's light of love and hope to our faith community and the world.

Strategies:

A. Adapt and innovate pastoral care ministries and services to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse congregation.

B. Increase collaboration between TUMC and other faith-based and community organizations to serve more local needs.

C. Expand outreach to become a leading community resource.

D. Increase member engagement in community, local, and global outreach ministries.

E. Increase the use of technology as a tool in outreach, pastoral and congregational care, and evangelism.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
May 15 — July 21, 2015:



In memory of **Becky Wells** from William Grow, Lavon & Beth Stripling.

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In memory of **William Hubbard** from Rob & Donna Enyeart, Bill & Cynthia Smith.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

I hope you've had a wonderful summer and had the chance to get away for a bit of rest and relaxation. Beth and I are looking forward to enjoying some of our own 'R and R' in a couple of weeks at our time-share on Bradenton Beach.

It's hard to believe summer will be over in 16 days. Yes, I know the 'official' end of summer is September 21st, but for most of us the summer ends when school begins on August 17th; when we return to work and familiar routines and lean into the busyness of fall and all its new beginnings.

Speaking of new beginnings: On the front page of this month's **Tidings** you will read about our **Visioning Initiative Drafting Workshop** on **Sunday, August 30**. This may well be one of the most important events you can attend as we put hands, feet and heart to the dreams and visions



we have for Trinity's life and ministry in the years ahead! So please put this date on your calendar NOW and plan to be at church on:



Sunday, August 30th,
immediately following the 11 a.m.
service.

-Lunch provided. Nursery provided.
**YOU bring open hearts and
minds, willing hands and feet, and
enthusiastic spirits!**

I can't wait to see what God has planned for Trinity as each of us commit anew...our time, talents, gifts, service and witness to Christ and His Church!

You are loved,

Madison Youth Ranch appreciates Trinity's generosity

Gloria Colvin
Florida UMC Children's Home Representative

Thanks to the generosity of many Trinity members, we were able to provide some summer recreational opportunities for the children living at the Madison Youth Ranch, as well as quite a few toiletry items that they can use throughout the year. The owners of Skate World generously donated passes for the children to have several roller

skating outings. We also provided a gift card so that they could go to the movies. The staff at the Youth Ranch was most appreciative of these gifts and expressed their thanks to Trinity for providing these fun activities and needed toiletries for the children and for supporting the work of this new campus of the Florida UMC Children's Home.

Music News for August

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Where do you fit in the Music Ministry?

Most of our music groups take some time off each summer. But now is the time of year when we begin to gather the groups together once again and resume our music-making and music-leading at Trinity. A joyful "welcome back" goes to all returning musicians; so glad you are back for another year. But what about the many who are not in any music group?

Perhaps there is a group you might be interested in joining.....now that puts a smile on the Music Director's face! If you have musical talent, if you enjoy singing or accompanying or playing an instrument, WE WANT YOU!

You can join many of Trinity's music groups by coming to one of our rehearsals. That is true of **Chancel Choir**, **Youth Choir**, and our two **NETkids Choirs**. Other groups require some music background, especially the ability to read music. To join these groups, you should contact the leader of each



The NETkids perform several times each year.

group. Contact Lisa Prasse (lisaprasse@aol.com) about **Circle of Friends Praise Band** and **Youth Praise Band**. Contact me (mrepasky@tumct.org) about **Trinity Ringers**, **College/Career Handbells**, **Heavenly Chimes**, and the **Two Steel Pan Groups**.

You will begin to see rehearsal schedules for the different music groups in the weekly bulletins in late August and early September. First rehearsal for Chancel Choir is Wednesday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Special Sunday morning music in August

Many of you will remember last summer when our congregation was introduced to two very talented young musicians at Trinity, Alex

Metzger, pianist (below) and Adriana Fortier, violinist (left). They are both in middle school now and continuing their music studies in earnest. We invite you to come to the



Don't miss the special music at 10:40 on Sunday, Aug. 2.

sanctuary at 10:40 a.m. Sunday, August 2. That morning, Alex and Adriana (photo above) will present a 20-minute pre-worship recital. Isn't it wonderful these young people will share their talents with members of the church?

Our two steel pan groups have not played at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services at Trinity since Music Ministry Sunday, February 1. Since then, they have presented music elsewhere, but not in our sanctuary. Good news; they will both participate in worship services on **August 9!**



The Men's group will sing Aug. 23 at all three services.

August 16 is Youth Sunday. Isn't it wonderful our church supports its youth and has them lead worship one Sunday each summer. It will be different and vibrant and heartwarming. Come see what the new generation has to teach us!

Each year we gather as many men together as we can for a special Sunday of music making. Gentlemen, that date is **August 23**. All high school and adult men are encouraged to participate. The more we have, the more effective we will be. We always have enough men from Chancel Choir to make it a safe experience. If you are male and like to sing, come join us! We put it all together on Wednesday, August 19 with a 7-8:30 p.m. practice in the choir room. For those that cannot make this rehearsal, we offer Sunday, August 16 6-7:30 p.m. in the choir room. Those that can, come to both! We sing at all three morning services August 23. Contact me if you have additional questions.

Last but not least, the Chancel Choir returns to the choir loft on **August 30**. We really miss their leadership during their summer break and look forward to another great year of music making with this wonderful group of dedicated musicians.



There is always room for more singers in the Chancel Choir.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Melissa Quiton
Local Missions Committee

Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight



Trinity Connection

The Local Missions Committee is bringing into the spotlight Big Brothers Big Sisters. Trinity is partnering with this agency in an effort to show the volunteer opportunities. The following description of their services is from one of their brochures.

Big Brothers Big Sisters mission

Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. We want all children to achieve success in life.

How it works

Big Brothers Big Sisters has been actively serving youth in the Big Bend area for over 40 years. Volunteers serve as mentors and role models to help youth increase their self-confidence, reach their greatest potential, and see themselves as having happy and successful futures. Each match is fully supervised by professional staff for the life of the match so they can grow into lasting friendships.

Many things happen before a match is made. After they express interest in a program, all of our Bigs go through a thorough background check and careful interview process. Big Brothers Big Sisters builds matches based on shared interests, personalities and preferences. Once matched, Big Brothers and Big Sisters develop friendships with their Little Brothers and Little Sisters that last a lifetime.

Community-Based Mentoring Volunteer Requirements

Community-Based Mentoring is about one-to-one time spent between the volunteer and the child doing things out in the community they can both enjoy. Four hours a month are filled with shared interests and activities like: shooting hoops, playing games, sharing pizza, taking a walk, or just hanging out and talking. The schedule can be flexible to meet the needs of mentors and young people in all types of situations. Some Bigs meet their Littles on the weekends or in the evenings. Others get together with their Littles after school.

In the Community-Based program, Big Brothers and Big Sisters provide children and youth with individualized time and attention on a regular basis, for the life of the match. During unstructured outings, filled with conversations and shared activities, matches develop

relationships that help youth manage everyday challenges and stresses that are a part of growing up. During the time with their Bigs, children gain new skills and explore new interests that expand their experience base beyond their family and neighborhood.

Mentor 2.0 at Godby High School

Our newest program, at Godby High School, provides mentors to a select group of 9th, 10th and 11th graders. It empowers students to focus on graduation, prepare for success in college and achieve their career ambitions. Mentors with college degrees meet students face-to-face once every 6 weeks on campus. Mentors may also meet with the student on Leon County school grounds for activities.

For more information please contact Trinity member, Melanie Quinton, at melanie@bigbendmentoring.org



Notes from HEO

Ruth Ann High
HEO Coordinator

Thank you for all your donations with the snack pack ministry. Over 380 different individuals have come to Trinity to receive a snack pack since January. It has been rewarding to meet these people who appreciate the assistance as they move in and out of Tallahassee. I would like to invite Trinity members to help assemble some of these snack packs and share the stories I have learned about some of our homeless friends.

Come help me make snack packs following the eleven o'clock worship on Sunday, August 16. Bring pudding cups, Vienna sausage, applesauce cups, cracker packs, small granola bars, or water bottles. Or, just come help with the supplies we have. I will be happy to explain how HEO has been helping our neighbors through this Snack Pack Ministry. If you cannot come and would like to learn more, please contact me

at 222-1120 or email me at rahigh@tumct.org.



Health Wellness News for August

Health Wellness Team

by Health Wellness Team

TUFF - Trinity United in Fitness and Fellowship (formerly Trinity Runners and Walkers)

Inspired by the Visioning process at Trinity, we've re-organized our Trinity Runners and Walkers group in the Health

- **Turkey Trot**
- **Jingle Bell Run**

• Possibly a color Run or Tails to Trails
We also plan to offer small group (neighborhood) events for church members such as, running, walking, families with small children meeting at a park, trail hikes ... so many possibilities.

We will post ideas on the Trinity website and use an email blast Beth to alert everyone about an event, at least one event a month. We encourage members to upload pictures, send us ideas, and spread the word around.

Kickoff Meeting – You're invited!

We're planning a Sept. Kick off at Cascades Park from 10am-12pm, meeting at the kid's water area. Date TBD, following the next church-wide Visioning meeting.

EVERYONE is invited to participate! Bring snacks, lunch, drinks and be ready for fitness and fellowship. Contact Marie Bradley for more information (mbradley1716@comcast.net).

Community Garden

This summer's crop has been great! Don't miss out on the free veggies - eggplant, cucumbers, herbs - parsley, Rosemary, basil, thyme, oregano, chives. Help yourself and pick some for a friend.

For more information about the Health Wellness Ministry, contact Beth

Curry (BFCseries@yahoo.com) or visit the website at www.tumct.org/serve/health-wellness-ministry/



Wellness Ministry. TUFF's purpose is "Building healthy bodies ready to serve".

TUFF T-shirts will be available for online ordering this fall. We'll use the same red color and Trinity logo on the front with the scripture, "I will run and not be weary... walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31. We'll redesign the back.

TUFF will offer 4-5 races a year for full group participation:

- **Shamrock Scurry**
- **Springtime Tallahassee**

Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time!

Becoming Fit at Church

BFC Series

Exercise Classes

— Tuesdays and Thursdays —

- 9:15 ~ Staying Strong
- 11:00 ~ Variety Mix**

Classes are in the Parlor.

Upcoming Events

— Guatemala Mission —

October - medical donations appreciated!
Boxes are in the Narthex and Welcome Center.

**Nursery by reservation only. Suggested donation \$3/ class for community service or Health Wellness fund..

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry visit tumct.org/community/adults/health-wellness-ministry/ or contact: Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com

Meet the new staff at Trinity



Rev. Brewster, shown here on his first Sunday at Trinity, delivered his first sermon on his second Sunday.

Rev. Jonathan Brewster

We welcome Rev. Jonathan Brewster, our new Associate Pastor, and his family to Trinity. Jonathan began his ministry here July 1, 2015. He writes:

I am originally from Fort Walton Beach. I am married to my wife Sarah of seven years and we have two children, Charlotte (5) and Weston (3). I am a graduate of Florida State University, where I earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in social work. After graduating from Florida State, I served as a substance abuse counselor where I worked with individuals of all ages. In 2011, I received the call to ministry and attended Asbury Seminary,

where I graduated with an M.Div.

Sarah also graduated from Florida State and has a bachelor's degree in psychology and an Ed.S. degree in School Psychology.

I enjoy all types of activities and love to experience new kinds of adventures. I also love reading, exercising, golf, MMA, cooking, and most of all, spending time with friends and family! I am so blessed to be a part of the Trinity family, and have great expectations as I look forward to what the Lord has in store for the future. *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11

Jillian Folkerts

Jillian is Trinity's new Pastors' Administrative Assistant. Here is her biographical sketch:

I was born and raised in the only state where you can use your hand as a map. Michigan IS the best state ever, as ranked by Yahoo Travel – I believe Florida was 50th :) I grew up in the lovely town of Grand Rapids.

I graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Development. After graduating college in the summer of 2012, I moved to Florida and started working at an Eckerd Youth Alternative Program called Camp E-Nini-Hassee, a rehab/group therapy

wilderness program for teenage girls. I worked for one year as a Houseparent to foster care girls in the programs Independent Living Group Home. After my one year contract ended the church I was attending, Seven Rivers Presbyterian Church of Lecanto, Florida, offered me a full time job working with church wide events and membership.

I am a laughter enthusiast, a thrift store junkie, coffee & gum addict, terrible speller, DIY fanatic, explorer of the world, a fledgling photographer, foodie, and a new fiancé to Nate Whitchurch (Date soon to be set).

The thing I love about Trinity thus far



has been the welcome. I feel right at home and at ease among you. Thank you for your friendly reception and genuine interest in my life and needs. I look forward to serving you!

Trinity's community-partner school supply drive

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan liaison

The start of the 2015 - 2016 school year is almost upon us, so it's time to start shopping 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 2** and continue collecting through **Sunday, August 9**. 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

17, and will be

distributed

to students

who would

otherwise

have difficulty

acquiring the

necessary

school items.

This year's

school supplies

are listed below:



| School supplies shopping checklist | | | |
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| <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-sized 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 (not mechanical) | <input type="checkbox"/> clorox wipes | |

Youth Happenings in August

Blake Swanson Youth Director
Jeremy Hanna Youth Ministry Assistant



A Note from Blake ...

It is amazing how much has happened since the last Tidings was published. Our students experienced Youth Week where they were challenged to take their faith to the next level. Nearly 40 students participated in VBS in a variety of roles, as Everest was a huge success! In the middle of July, 43 students headed to Warren Willis Camp in Leesburg for an amazing week of camp - they all drew closer to the Lord and with one another. This week, the high school students are on a mission

trip to New Orleans and the middle school students are preparing to leave for Vero Beach.

We have also added Jeremy Hanna (pictured below right - with Mario) to our staff as the Youth Ministry Assistant. Jeremy has been working with the students all summer and has done a fantastic job. He has been attending Trinity for a little over a year, and also participating in the Young Adult ministry.

Overall, this summer we have had a theme of community, and being with

one another. We have met in homes and at local ice cream places and had the chance to just be with one another as a group, laughing and sharing stories. As we look ahead, we are excited at the ways the Lord is going to work through our community!

We would specifically like to invite you to join us on Sunday, August 16th for Youth Sunday. It is a great way to see many of our students sharing their gifts and talents. Thank you again for all that you do to support our youth!



Summer camp at Leesburg and swimming are always fun. Put them together and you have super-fun!



New Youth Ministry Assistant, Jeremy Hanna at Youth Week.



Trinity knows how to do VBS! It helps when there are lots of willing youth volunteers - and lots of enthusiastic kids!



New members join in June

Matt and Sara Cooksey joined from other denominations after moving to Tallahassee from Tennessee. Sara and Matt both work at Altrua Global Systems and Matt is studying vocal performance at FSU. They have been married since January of this year. They found Trinity on the internet.

TJ Cutchins joined from another denomination. TJ has been employed with the FSU Police Department for 22 years and is Director of Uniform Patrol. He has two children and three grandchildren.

John and Sharon Frazier transferred their memberships from another United Methodist church. They have lived in Tallahassee for 9 years after moving here from Miami. Their daughter, Allison Corrigan and family are members here. John and Sharon are both retired and met at church 53 years ago.

Jim and Marcy Friedle transferred their memberships from another United Methodist church. They have two adult children and six grandchildren. They enjoy spending


time with family, visiting the coast, jogging, playing cards, working in the yard and spending time with their grandchildren.

Veronica Kampf joined by Affirmation of Faith. She has two children, a son, Hunter, and a daughter, Trinity. Veronica is a proud wife and mother and has been a cake decorator and caregiver. She is currently a homemaker and loves animals, nature, and seeing new places.

Russ and Genie Morcom transferred their memberships from another church. They are both retired and moved to Tallahassee from Indialantic 13 years ago. Russ retired from the semiconductor industry and Genie retired from teaching. They enjoy FSU, golf, and yoga.

David and Melissa Ramba joined from different denominations. They have three children, Megan (18), son Harley (14), and a new baby girl born July 1, Virginia Kate. David has his own law firm, Ramba Law Group, and is a lobbyist, and Melissa works as a lobbyist with the Florida Retail Federation.

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Rich and Gail Steed transferred their membership from another United Methodist church. They have one adult daughter, Chelsea. Gail is on the faculty at FSU and Rich is a teacher and coach at Chiles High School.



New members joined at the 9:45 SUN Service and at the 11 o'clock traditional service. In the photo to the left, front row from left to right are: Veronica and Hunter Kampf, Gail and Rich Steed, and TJ Cutchins; in the back row from left to right are; David and Melissa Ramba, John and Sharon Frazier, and Matt and Sara Cooksey. In the left inset photo below are, Russ and Genie Morcom, and in the inset below are Jim and Marcy Friedle.