



MONTHLY

Findings

Trinity United Methodist Church

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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

Holy Week at Trinity

Singing "Hosannas" and waving palm branches, the children led the way on Palm Sunday. Special music, a baptism, and the

choir processing - it was a special Sunday! Easter morning dawned dark with rain. But, Easter Parade dresses and smiles were

on display. A brass quintet accompanied the choir and the singing of Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*: "He is risen!"



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
February 17—March 15, 2016:



In memory of **Dr. Ledley Brown** from Dr. Otis and Jimmie Beck, Duncan and Mary Ann Moore, Mr. William G. Smith Jr., The Toothman Family, Mrs. Marjorie Smith, Paul and June Sorrells, and Mrs. Nancy Waugh.

It's time for VBS sign-up

Join us June 6-10 for an unforgettable time at **Cave Quest**. Each day we will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love through these awesome stations:

- Base Camp
- Sing and Play Rock
- Deep Bible Quests
- Spelunker Sports and Games
- Imagination Station
- Cavern Cafe
- Kid Vid Cinema



Each day we will also learn about the children who will be helped by Operation Kid-to-Kid, our mission project. You won't want to miss out on all the fun, so sign up today, invite some friends and get ready to rock!

Dates:

June 6-10, 2016

8:45-12 noon

Preschool/Rising Kindergarten (Fall 2016)

- Must be 3 years old by 8-31-16 and potty-trained

Elementary grade 1-5 (Fall 2016)

Registration:

- \$30 registration fee



Trinity's 11 o'clock service
is now being broadcast
on a **NEW** FM station - 105.3

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

I love springtime in Tallahassee! I was born and raised in Miami and most of my ministry was in the middle part of the state so I never really saw much change of seasons. But in Tallahassee, the dogwoods and azaleas are in full bloom. Trees are starting to break out in color. Everything is starting to turn a new shade of green.

Yes, there's something special about spring. So much new birth; all of nature is growing, budding and blooming. Spring is a season for pretending that you're younger than you are, for finding vibrancy and energy that you lost somewhere during the winter. It is a season of rejuvenation, of optimism, of potential, of growth, of hope, and of new beginnings. For a few moments, even old folks like me can look at the world through the wonder of a child's eyes....anticipating, watching, and waiting for the next surprise every new morning.

Beth and I are enjoying watching birds build a nest in the wreath that hangs on our front door! We can look through the peephole from inside and watch their constant flights back and forth with twigs, leaves, and a piece of string of two. Soon there will be eggs in the nest and we become very careful about using the front door. They have taken over...but it's wonderful to watch! How happy they are, without a care in the world, completely dependent upon God to watch over them and provide their every need.

So here we are, once again in the spring of new life...anxiously awaiting all that God has in store for us. New thoughts to think, new roads to travel, new paths to trod, new heights to climb, new friends to meet, new decisions to make.



What twists and turns are within the days ahead? I don't know about you, but I can't wait to find out! Why? Simply because God is good, all the time! All the time, God is good!

Happy Spring! See you in church!

You are loved,

Music News for April

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Orchestra Sunday is April 10

Trinity has a wonderful adult choir that has enjoyed a long tradition of providing high-quality music. Our main focus is leading the congregation in worship.

On occasion, the choir presents special concerts which are not part of our usual worship services. In recent years, this has become more of a challenge for several reasons. It takes us away from our main focus: leading the congregation in worship. Sometimes attendance at these special concerts is quite low, especially considering all the work the musicians put into it, and the money the church invests in it to hire an orchestra.

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There are many classically trained musicians who play with the orchestra.

So, what to do? In March 2014, the choir participated in its first Orchestra Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. service. This arrangement allowed the choir to sing with a professional orchestra once a year and even better to do it in a worship setting! Rev. Curry graciously agreed to focus his sermon on the theme of the day, which was based on Hymn 451, "Be Thou My Vision". All the choral/orchestra music was written by John Rutter. In March 2015, our Orchestra Sunday featured music by Mack Wilberg and the theme was based on Hymn 377 "It Is Well With My Soul". April 10, our Chancel Choir, with assistance from our Youth Choir, will join with a 25+ member professional orchestra to present 25-30 minutes

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NETkids present musical

Just as the Chancel Choir has spent months preparing for their Orchestra Sunday, our two NETkids Choirs have done the same, preparing to lead worship on April 24.

This is the once-a-year opportunity for our elementary age children to participate in all three morning services! The children present three bible stories that involve water ... a lot of it! You will gain new insight into Jonah and the Whale, Noah and the Ark and Paul's Shipwreck. Thank you, Congregation, for supporting the children of our church and allowing them to



The NETkids performed at Westminster Oaks last year.



This photo is from last year's Orchestra Sunday.

be your music ministers for that morning! Families with young children; if you are not involved in NETkids, this is an excellent opportunity for you and your children to see and hear what our children are up to in this wonderful Wednesday afternoon ministry. So for everyone: Come for the Bible stories and new insights. Enjoy watching Trinity's children as they learn how to be worship leaders!

One More Time!

Trinity's Men's Ensemble sings two or three times a year for worship services. Most of the time Rev. Curry has served Trinity, he has sung with the men. We have scheduled the men to lead worship services Sunday, May 8, so Wayne can sing with us one more time. This seems especially appropriate since the men will be singing on Mother's Day! So, gentlemen, come join us for this special event! Our main rehearsal will be Wednesday April 20, 7:30-9:00 p.m. We will also have one other rehearsal closer to May 8.

Ring Those Bells

Jubilation Bells have had a great year, but we are need one more ringer. You must be able to read music. Interested? Contact Viktor Billa (billaviktor@gmail.com) or Mark Repasky (mrepasky@tumct.org) for more information.



The Jubilation Bells are a favorite on Music Ministry Sunday.

One Church One Child

Melanie Quinton
Local Missions Co-chair

One Church One Child of Florida, Inc., was founded in 1980 to help the State of Illinois address the disproportionate number of African American children lingering in the foster care system. The program was implemented in Florida in March of 1988 to address the state's overrepresentation problem. Innovative social service leaders determined that if one family in each church adopted one child, they could move every child currently in state care into a loving, permanent home. While adoptions in Florida have increased in recent years, the need for this program remains. Therefore, One Church One Child of Florida continues to work to ensure permanency and stability for all of Florida's children.

The Local Missions Committee received a visit from the leaders of **One Church One Child of Florida** in hopes of spreading the word of their mission and their purpose.



One Church One Child OF FLORIDA

Currently, the agency combines the leadership of the religious community with the expertise and resources of an adoption agency in collaborative effort to address prevention, intervention and promotion of adoption. Not only that, but board members, staff and local advisory committee volunteers work with churches, synagogues and faith based organizations of all denominations and the greater community to promote awareness of adoption, generate community resources and support for children in foster care, and increase the potential for successful family placements.

One Church One Child needs Trinity's help. There are many ways to get involved in hopes of forming a one year commitment of our support of their adoption recruitment initiative that results in children getting out of foster care. Here are the eight ways to support this state-wide initiative while joining other churches in Florida helping children find those permanent homes they want and need so badly.



1. Adopt, foster or mentor a child or sibling group in foster care.
2. Sponsor a child for Christmas, back to school, or special occasion.
3. Help recruit other families or individuals who may be interested.
4. Sponsor local activities or events in your community.
5. Join One Church One Child as a Partner
6. Expand your Church Watch Care to include children in foster care and families in local communities.
7. Donate your time or financial support to One Church One Child.
8. Enter the One Church One Child's 6th Annual Perfect Match Tennis Tournament June 4th and 5th at Tom Brown Park Tennis Courts. Online registration <http://www.ococfl.org/>

For more information from One Church One Child of Florida directly, please contact their office at 1-888-283-0886 or the Local Missions Committee (Melanie Quinton 731-234-3386 melaniequinton@gmail.com or Sabrina Denmark at 850-566-5253).

A Trinity Family Retreat - April 16-17

Linzee Buck
Event Coordinator

When: April 16 @ 11:30- April 17 @12:00
Where: Advent Christian Village
11057 Dowling Park Drive
Dowling Park, FL 32060

We are so excited to have a family retreat at Trinity again. Please come and join us. This is a 24 hour retreat designed to create community among families and church members. There will be games, adventures, small group, and large group activities.

With your retreat registration fee, you will get dinner Saturday night, a hotel style room, breakfast, and lunch Sunday. Everyone should bring tennis shoes that will be comfortable to play outdoor games. Bring your own picnic lunch for Saturday as we will not be providing lunch.

This special weekend will be filled with



activities, crafts, games, Bible study, and community building. Please come out and join us for this exciting weekend. There are only 25 rooms available; therefore, rooms will be given on a first come, first served basis. Sign-up forms are online at tumct.org, or if you have other questions, please contact Linzee Buck (linzeelong@gmail.com).

Health Wellness News for April

Health Wellness Team

Health Wellness Ministry

"So refuse to worry, and keep your body healthy."

Ecclesiastes 11:10



Trinity United in Fitness & Fellowship Events

This group holds monthly fitness events for the entire family and works to connect individuals with like fitness interests.



Pictured here are part of the TUFF team (there were over 30!) who won \$500 for missions at the Shamrock Scurry on Saturday, March 12. They have won four years now for having the most participants from a church. Congrats TUFF Team!

Springtime Tallahassee (run/walk) - Apr. 2

The 41st Annual Springtime 10K will be held on April 2. The 10K/5K races begin on Monroe St. in downtown Tallahassee, in front of the Leon County Courthouse and the course will include the rolling hills of the beautiful Myers Park neighborhood. All ages are welcome! Bring the entire family and run/walk together!

Registration info is here: <http://www.springtime10k.com/index.html>.

Contact: Marie Bradley (MBradley1716@comcast.net) for more info.



Family friendly fun! With warmer weather on its way, kayaking becomes even more fun!

Kayaking with TUFF April date TBD

We are still deciding on details based on the poll results. Please watch the bulletin and website for more information. For information on Wilderness Way tours, here is the website: <http://www.thewildernessway.net/index.html>

Mats for the Homeless

Thursday, April 14 - Mats for the Homeless will meet in the Conference Room from 10:30 to Noon. There is still a large homeless population in Tallahassee in spite of the Shelter and other organizations. The simple sleeping mats we make can be used to cushion the ground for sleeping/sitting and can also be used for wrapping up to get warm. Please come to the meeting and we will help you get started making plarn out of plastic grocery bags and show you a simple pattern for making the mats.

April Showers bring ... fresh Veggies from the Community Garden!

Thanks to those who help tend the garden. We could use additional volunteers to help tend and pick! For a short timewise investment, we all reap a huge reward. If you can spare a few hours a month/quarter, contact Gloria Whittaker at whitakgm1002@gmail.com.



For more info about:

- **BFC Exercise or Health Wellness** contact Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com
- **TUFF** contact Marie Bradley - MBradley1716@comcast.net or Beth Perry - BethEllenPerry@gmail.com
- **Mats for the Homeless** - contact Rose Glenn - BudsThorn@comcast.net
- **Community Garden** - contact Gloria Whittaker - whitakgm1002@gmail.com
- **Or visit the website** - www.tumct.org/serve/health-wellness-ministry/

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** —

- 4:15 p.m. - Strength & Balance
- 6:30 p.m. - Power Hour

Upcoming Events

- **Mats for the Homeless** - Thurs., Apr. 14 at 10:30 a.m. - Conference room
- Upcoming TUFF Events**
- Springtime Tallahassee (run/walk) - **Apr. 2**
- April Kayak trip - **date TBD**

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

UMW Focuses on Circles at April 5 Luncheon

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

Have you hesitated to join one of United Methodist Women's six circles because you did not know if their ministry projects and monthly programs would interest you? A wonderful opportunity to find out awaits all women of the church at the Tuesday, April 5, UMW luncheon meeting beginning at 11:45 in Moor Hall.

UMW Membership Chair Linda Phillips will lead a program in which the circles, formerly called action teams, will each present their focus, study programs and ministry. The small fellowship groups usually meet in members' homes or at the church. They include women of diverse backgrounds: single, married, divorced, young, middle-aged and older women.

When the United Methodist Women in Ministry Unit at Trinity was restructured in January 2013, its members chose to emphasize *hands-on* ministry in the community while continuing to support global missions financially.

They operate in conjunction with the purpose of the worldwide organization

UMW Action Team Meetings

Alpha Action Team: will meet April 11 at 10:00 at Donna Frinks house, 2902 Brandemere Dr., Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcus Foster Circle: Tuesday, April 5 at 1:00 p.m. in the church library. Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Monday, April 11 6:00 p.m. 2104 W. Randolph Circle, Julie Pararo, hostess and chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, April 6 at noon, Café at St. Johns. Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Mary Ann Braswell 2370 Carefree Cove, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thursday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Lynette Halter 1515 Paul Russell Rd. # 61 Patti Oakley, chair.

of United Methodist Women:

"The organized unit of United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ: to develop a creative, supportive fellowship: and to expand concepts of mission through participation

in the global ministries of the church."

Our UMW meeting lasts about an hour and includes a delicious lunch for only \$6. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out about UMW. Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations. UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 in the church library prior to the luncheon.

HEO Corner

Ruthann High
HEO Coordinator

Thank you to all my HEO volunteers for three years of helping me - Let's keep going!

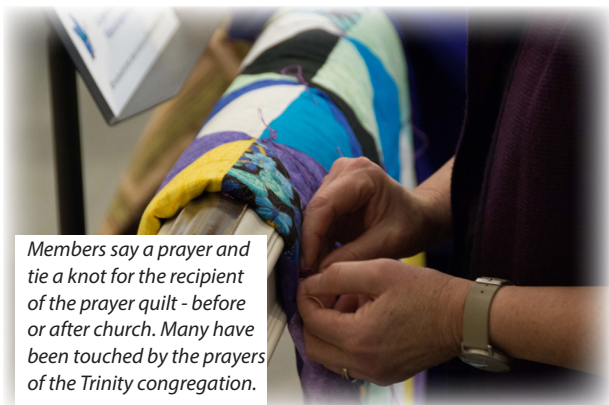
That's right. I have been the HEO Coordinator for three years now, and I love it. Why? The volunteers have been wonderful and with their help, HEO has been able to serve others in many fulfilling ways. When I refer to HEO, I am referring to all the volunteers. In the last three years, HEO has provided several receptions for families following their loved ones' memorial/funeral services. HEO has also handed out snack packs to

over 1,000 individuals. The Trinity Chefs have made many wonderful meals and cookies that have been shared with people who need a meal during a time of need. Since I have been here, HEO has helped the Prayer Quilt Ministry share 125 quilts. Birthday postcards are mailed to many special Trinity members. Easter and Christmas cards are sent out, too. But my favorite part of this HEO ministry has been visiting my new friends who

finding ways to better serve each other. After all, as we have learned this Lent, Jesus wants us to love each other, and HEO has been that vessel that has helped me practice Jesus' love. So thanks again to all my volunteers. You know who you are and please know that I appreciate each and every one of you!

are no longer physically able to attend church. I have made the best of friends and so have my volunteers.

Are we doing a perfect job? No, but we are doing *what we can*. And I think my volunteers are doing an excellent job. During the Visioning process, HEO will be exploring new ways to include more church members in this ministry and



Members say a prayer and tie a knot for the recipient of the prayer quilt - before or after church. Many have been touched by the prayers of the Trinity congregation.



Packing snack packs after the 11 o'clock service is a great way to volunteer a little time to help many.

Youth Happenings in April

Blake Swanson Youth Director
Jeremy Hanna Youth Ministry Assistant



A Note from Blake ...

Spaghetti Lunch April 2

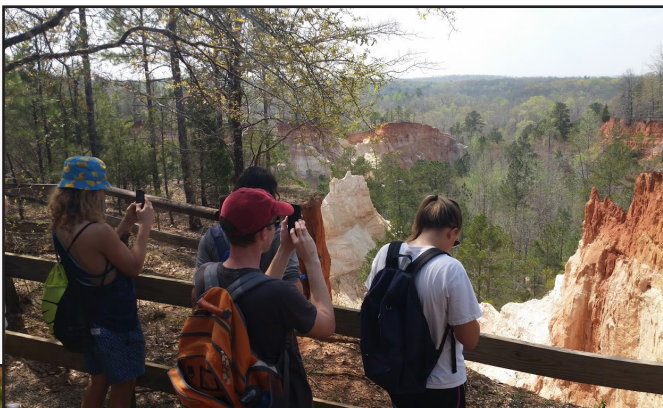
The youth program is moving along well and we want to thank everyone in advance who will be joining us this weekend for our annual Springtime Tallahassee, Spaghetti Lunch, on Saturday, April 2 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. As always, with every lunch ticket, you also receive a parking spot (as available) in the Trinity parking lot. Tickets are \$5 for an adult and \$3 for a child. We hope to see you out there!

Hiking Providence Canyon

March was another great month for us and we took some time to go and explore some beautiful parts of God's creation at Providence Canyon State Park in Lumpkin, Georgia. The pictures you see here are from a hike we took during Spring Break. A group also spent part of their spring break stuffing Easter letters into envelopes that you recently received in the mail. We would like to thank you for your generous support from that offering; you're helping so many of our students go to Warren Willis camp this summer.

Senior photos

For those parents with graduating seniors this year, we are beginning to collect Senior pictures. These will be displayed during Graduation Sunday on May 22. We will also have a breakfast reception for students and families that morning during the Sunday school hour in the Parlor. Please email pictures to both bswanson@tumct.org and radams@tumct.org. We look forward to celebrating with all of you!



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 <http://www.tumct.org/grow/warren-willis-summer-camp/> and follow the

directions that are listed there. Our week for camp is July 18-22.



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.

Orchestra concert Apr. 29

Special concert to benefit Ukraine

An orchestra comprised of FSU music students, organized by Matt Bishop, presented an impressive concert at Trinity late last summer and we had great attendance. Something even better is planned for Friday, April 29 at 7 pm! The orchestra returns and Viktor Billa and a special guest soprano are the featured artists. The vocalist will sing Mozart's "Exsultate Jubilate," and Viktor will perform Poulenc's Organ Concerto.

In honor of Viktor Billa and the soloist, and in appreciation of his service to our community this past year, a free-will offering to benefit the United Methodist Church Center in Kyiv, Ukraine is planned for this concert.

The United Methodist Church Center in Kyiv began in 2002, with a few people taking sandwiches to the railroad tracks in that city to feed homeless children living there. Many families in the Ukraine are not able to support their children due to the difficult financial conditions in the country, and there are an estimated 800,000 homeless children in the Ukraine, with around 100,000 of them living in the capital city of Kyiv.

Funds received in support of this ministry will be given through the United Methodist Church Advance program.

Thank you for your support of this important ministry in the Ukraine!

Donuts for Dads brings out the sweetness at Trinity Preschool

One of the favorite Preschool activities for Dads, and the kids, is the Donuts for Dads breakfast.

The faces on the children as they arrive in Moor Hall and recognize that *their Dad* has come to see them is priceless! After they show their dads the songs they've been learning by singing and dancing, donuts, milk, juice, and coffee are served in the classroom.



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