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# Monthly Tidings

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.*

## The Trinity/Hope Connection - Care for Homeless Families

Sam Rogers, Jr.

Hope Community Liaison

Hope Community is a local non-profit facility providing emergency shelter and rehabilitation to homeless families with small children (under age 18). Hope gives their residents a safe and caring place to live while they seek to get their lives back on track. Trinity has provided long-standing financial support and volunteer work crews since 2011. In addition to shelter and meals, Hope Community's professional staff help residents with a variety of services including job placement, assistance with permanent housing and child care. A partial list of Trinity's past support includes: complete interior painting and refurbishing of three housing dormitories, new furniture and laundry equipment, children's needs, and preparing and serving the evening meal once each month. Hope Community is not a place for persons seeking a free handout. Rather it has an admirable record of success in helping the homeless to return to the community as contributing citizens.

In a word, the results have been remarkable! In fiscal year 2015-16, Hope Community served 1,054 individuals, 58% of whom were children. Each night, between 50-55 families find shelter at Hope - compared to 15-20 units in 2013! On average, 74% of residents exit Hope after six months to more permanent housing - with most earning a regular paycheck!

### Tamara's Story

Tamara is a young woman with three

small children who came to Hope recently on the morning of Mother's Day. Hers is a fairly typical story:

Like many women who come to Hope, Tamara was the victim of abuse from her children's father but she felt she could survive as long as he didn't hurt



the children. Unfortunately, the violence began to extend to the older daughters Camile (8) and Maya (6) and that is when she decided to leave, and not return. Now in the care of Hope Community, Tamara and her family have made new friends and feel safe for the first time in a long time.

Tamara's professional case manager helped her enroll the children in new schools and day care which gave her time to seek employment. She is now working two part-time jobs. Additionally, she has enrolled in classes through the "Prosperity Center" at Goodwill and has plans to take night classes at TCC. Soon Tamara and her children will be moving into permanent housing!

### Hope for the Future

Hope Community is a last resort for many families facing homelessness. Upon arrival they are usually depressed, anxious, desperate and broken. Hope provides these families with a chance to catch their breath and refocus their lives. In addition to safe shelter and three meals a day, they have a kind ear to listen and receive compassionate guidance and direction, gaining real hope for a better life. Most importantly, they exit Hope with restored dignity and confidence in the possibility of a better future for themselves and their children. Trinity is among several local religious and community organizations that help make this possible.

### How we can help

In the past 2-3 years, demand for sleeping facilities has risen so sharply that military cots are being used in the dining hall to accommodate the overflow of residents. Hope has 163 beds and yet many nights there are as many as 220 residents. Additionally, Hope is now required to provide full-time staff on premises 24/7 versus the Monday-Friday five-days-per-week in 2013. Revenue increases have not kept pace with these necessary increases in expenses. Trinity's **Local Missions Team** has responded by voting unanimously to give financial assistance to help cover short term necessities. But it won't be enough. Please, give as you are able to this great local resource for families in need.

## Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from  
April 12, 2017 – May 16, 2017:

In memory of **Corena Ingram**, from Charles and Linda Yates, Bill and Cynthia Smith, Duncan and Mary Ann Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winchester.

In memory of **Mary Blackburn**, from the Susanna Wesley Action Team of the United Methodist Women.

In memory of **Charlie Huggins**, from Bill and Cynthia Smith.

In honor of **Laurie, Rosie and Watson Shiver**, from Gail Melton.

## UMW Missions Award

*Nancy Bedford*  
Communications Officer

Trinity UMW has awarded **Hannah Prasse** (pictured below) \$1,000 in order for her to continue her education and mission work after high school. This award was presented at the 11:00 church service on the Sunday in May which recognized the 2017 high school graduates from Trinity. Thank you, Hannah, for your many accomplishments. We wish you well as you begin the next journey in your life.



Hannah Prasse

## Christmas Child Shoeboxes

*Nancy Bedford*  
Communications Officer

UMW will continue the shoebox ministry in the fall! This is a reminder that summer tax-free school supplies may be a good time to shop. Dollar Tree is another source with all items a dollar or less year round. We look forward to the challenge of Trinity exceeding the hundred boxes sent last Christmas!

**NEW!**

Trinity's 11 o'clock service  
is now being broadcast on a

**NEW FM station - 100.7**

Click!: <http://ow.ly/ru8M30cbXr2>

# Pentecost Sunday - June 4

*Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt*  
Senior Pastor

On the first Sunday of June, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday at Trinity! As part of our celebration, we invite you to wear "**RED**" on Sunday, June 4. Pentecost falls 50 days after Easter and is commonly known as the celebration of the birthday of the Church. The scriptural foundation for the season of Pentecost is found in the New Testament, Acts 2:1; 20:16; and 1 Corinthians 16:8. Historically, it is based upon the Old Testament Feast of the Harvest, or the "Day of the First Fruits" found in Exodus 23:16; 34:22, and Numbers 28:26. Pentecost corresponds with traditional springtime festivals centered around themes of planting and harvest. When I was in elementary school, we always participated in the Florida Folk Festival held at Stephen Foster Memorial State Park. Our elementary school opened the festival with the traditional "May Pole Dance" that ushered in the Spring and the Summer months. These springtime festivals always carried with them an expectation of abundance, growth, and blessing.

After Easter, the disciples were lost without Jesus! But Jesus had promised them that he would not leave them comfortless or orphaned. After the resurrection and before his ascension to his Heavenly Father, Jesus said in John 14:16, "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, another Advocate (the Holy Spirit/Comforter), to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth... he abides with you and will be in you. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. So Peace I leave with you..."

It happened in the Upper Room, on the 50th day after Easter, when the disciples had gathered back together in the same place, where they had experienced the Last Supper with Jesus. This time, the wind blew, tongues of flames descended upon them, and they began to speak in other tongues as the "spirit gave them utterance."



Pentecost was the evidence of the abundance of God's Spirit as it descended upon his people! It exponentially empowered the New Testament church to explode with power and authority as the followers of Christ began to spread through Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth! (Acts 1:8).

As the New Testament church grows, Pentecost reminds us not only of God's power through the Holy Spirit, but it calls us to be a witness and evangelist as together we share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ through the ministries of the church.

Thank you for being a faithful witness! I count on you to continue to share the Good News of Trinity UMC during our summer months as we seek to Worship, Grow, and Serve in the Tallahassee community and beyond! Bring a child to our Vacation Bible School, sponsor a youth to Summer Camp at Leesburg, welcome a neighbor to join you in Sunday school and Worship!

I Love Being Your Pastor,



# Music news for June/July

Mark Repasky  
Music Director

## Calling all Men

Several times each year, a men's vocal ensemble is organized to provide special music for our worship services. Well gentlemen, now's your chance to participate! We practice in the choir room on Wednesdays, June 7 and 14, 7-8 p.m. We sing at all three services on Sunday, June 18 ... it's Father's Day!

If you cannot get to both Wednesday rehearsals, one will suffice. If you enjoy singing, this is for you.

Dads, bring your sons (middle school age and older). Guys, invite your friends. Never done this before? Come, give this a try ... it's fun and very rewarding. Every time the men sing, several people in the congregation come to me and say how much they appreciate it and wish the men would sing more often. We've got the music, we've got the choir robes. Now we just need YOU!

## It's Party Time!

A number of Trinity music groups enjoy end-of-the-year parties. It is a chance to get together for food, fun, and fellowship.... and NO REHEARSAL! NETkids enjoyed a skating party at Skate Inn on May 10.

Heavenly Handchimes celebrated another great year with a party at the home of **Barbara Leonard** on May 18.



Chancel Choir gathered at the home of **Kathy Drake** on May 20. The adult music groups rehearsing on Sunday afternoons and evenings also enjoy a party together each year. This includes Jubilation Bells, Pans of Praise and Sacred Pans. On Sunday, April 30, we met in the church courtyard and Moor Hall for burgers, hot dogs and lots of potluck items, and something special caught my attention. Entire families were invited to attend and many did. We had four children (from three families) under the age of 8 and were thrilled with an announcement that a member of one of those groups was pregnant for the first time! So good to have little ones at this event. I think this bodes well for this church in the future!

## Assignment for Parents

After a summer break, we hope to welcome many elementary aged children

to our wonderful NETkids program in September. Parents with children already in the NETkids, make it your goal to invite another family to participate. Your children can help with this! To families who have never participated in NETkids: Look into this very special ministry for children, then come join us this Fall! We are able to provide transportation to the church for many of the children, so don't let transportation issues stop you. Contact NETkids Director,

**Allison Corrigan**, or me for additional information. We just finished the 2016-2017 season (did you see our great musical at worship services April 30?), and hope this coming year will be even better!

## Special Summer Music

Summer is the time we offer music from some of our really talented musicians.

June 11<sup>th</sup> will feature a flute solo and string quintet and on June 18, the Trinity men will sing. July 16 will be "Percussion Sunday" with **Rafel Fortier** and **Zac Prasse** performing with Trinity's organist, **Viktor Billa**. **Alex LaJeunesse** will play two solos on marimba and steel pan. We will also sing some congregational hymns with organ and drums. July 30<sup>th</sup> brings "Orff Sunday" with some of our talented adults playing these beautiful instruments.

# Preschool Graduation!

Stacey Duggar  
Preschool Director



The kids performed some of their favorite songs for families and friends!



These two friends (below) will be at the same elementary school in the fall!

A good time was had by all - especially by those who used the selfie frames (above)!

# Why Local Missions?

Rev. Jonathan Brewster  
Associate Pastor



Perhaps you noticed that almost every healthy and vibrant church has a missions team or committee. This is a group of people devoting their time, energy, and talents to serving outside the walls of the church, in order to reach people with the love of Christ and proclaim the good news of the gospel. Additionally, this team feels called to be bridge builders, reconcilers, and develop relationships between the church and local communities. To be sure, it is an extension of love to those who need to be loved.

So, why does the church do this? The simple answer, I believe, is it portrays and acts in accordance to the character of God. Historically, the most obvious way that the church understands the character of God is through relationship. God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is in perfect relationship within the Godhead. God perfectly knows the Son, the Son knows perfectly the will of the Father, and the Holy Spirit makes known the

works of the Father and Son to the world. There is no separation or demarcation; there is no disunity or disloyalty; there are no competing agendas. Instead, as Augustine reminds us, "There is the lover, the beloved, and love." The same way this perfect love extends to one another, it also invites us into the relationship so that all can be a part of the family.

Likewise, the incarnation reminds us that Jesus extends his hands of love towards humanity in order to bring us into perfect harmony with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is an invitation, to us, to become a part of God's perfect love. This is local missions. The great commandment tells us, "Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations". In response to God's loving invitation we, in turn, reach out to others to be bearers of a message and embodiments of that message. The message is one of relationship, restoration, and redemption in God's kingdom. Local missions has the incredible responsibility

of helping communities, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, supporting local agencies, and offering the gospel in ways which show that experiencing God's love does not always happen within the confines of the church walls. To be sure, God transcends our boundaries and encourages us go into the world so that all people can hear and experience the good news of Christ.

Thus, local missions are the embodiment of Christ acting in and through the people of Christ. This is why local missions exist in the local church. It is the where the deep needs of the world meet the love of God found in Jesus. This is why local missions are vital to any healthy congregation. Moreover, this is why Trinity is passionate about missions. It is why our mission statement reads, "Because of God's love shown to us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve." Thank goodness for local mission!

## HEO Corner - Prayer Quilts Touch Many Hearts

Ruthann High  
HEO Coordinator

The prayer quilt ministry continues to be one of my favorite ministries at Trinity. Trinity has given over 300 prayer quilts to individuals who have benefited from our prayers. These beautiful quilts - hand-made by our church members - have provided comfort and hope to many friends and families in need.

Any church member can request a prayer quilt for somebody who could benefit from extra prayer. The recipients do not have to be church members. The reason for the prayer quilt can be specific or vague. We do like the recipient to know in advance that Trinity will be praying for them, and we ask that person for what they would specifically like us to pray. There is a form for this on the website and in the Welcome Center. You could also contact me ([rahigh@tumct.org](mailto:rahigh@tumct.org)) or call me at the church office (222-1120). Let's continue to make Trinity a praying church for others.

*The following is an example of Trinity prayers reaching someone in need. Trinity member, **Marti Chumbler** requested a prayer quilt for friend, Jeff Brummett. He wrote:*

"Marti,

I came home Thursday evening to find a box on our doorstep addressed from Whitney and Will. She also shared with me there would be a quilt from you. What I wasn't expecting when I opened the box was the feeling that overcame me when I saw the quilt, sign and program. I was overwhelmed and humbled beyond words. I was honestly brought to tears when **I realized people who don't even know me had prayed over this quilt for me.** It was if I could feel it when I held it in my hands and I can't even begin to describe how uplifting it was.

What a wonderful gift!

The Trinity United Methodist Church of Tallahassee was always going to have a special place in my heart because our children were married there. But now I feel like I am one of its family!

By God's grace, my surgery went extremely well and I am doing really well with my treatments to date. Some may not understand this but I honestly feel in many ways my situation has been one of the biggest blessings of my life. Among

other things, it has shown me beyond any doubt how powerful and far reaching God's love for all of us really is. This quilt is the perfect example.

Marti, this was powerful for me; it means more than you can imagine and I want to thank you for not only thinking of me, but also for such a wonderful gift. It has moved me in a way I have never been moved in my life, and I will be forever grateful. I hope that someday I have the opportunity to thank everyone at the church personally but until then please share my gratitude with everyone.



Best wishes,  
Jeff"



# Wellness Activities for June/July

Health Wellness Team

Experts say that staying fit will increase your life expectancy, not to mention the quality of your life!

## Becoming Fit at Church (BFC)

**Staying Strong\* (9:30 am. Tues./Thurs.)**

**Jaqui Griffith** [Jaqui\\_Griffith@comcast.net](mailto:Jaqui_Griffith@comcast.net)

**Ruth Ann High** [rahigh@tumct.org](mailto:rahigh@tumct.org)

### Variety Mix\*

**(11 am Tues./Thurs.)**

**Amy Leach** [AmyCleach@hotmail.com](mailto:AmyCleach@hotmail.com)

Please let Amy know in advance if you need childcare.

**Power Hour (6:30 p.m. Wednesdays)**

**Elaine Freni** ([dafreni@comcast.net](mailto:dafreni@comcast.net))



**Note: Beth Curry - [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com)**

- will alternate teaching Staying Strong & Variety Mix on Tuesdays & Thursdays with Ruth Ann, Jaqui & Amy.

BFC Exercise morning classes continue ALL summer long.

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This group participates in local races (running and walking), kayak and hiking trips, and many activities for all ages. Join us for fun and fitness with Trinity friends.

Look for details of all activities (upcoming and past) on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1080560685348664/> For more information about TUFF, contact **Marie Bradley** at [MBradley1716@comcast.net](mailto:MBradley1716@comcast.net) or text 850-728-5383.

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**Power Hour** will take a break for the summer. Classes will resume in September. Please contact the class leader if you have any questions.

\*Suggested donation \$3/class goes for community service or Health Wellness fund.

## Show Love for Others

**Community Garden** – Shari Hubbard ([TallyShari@gmail.com](mailto:TallyShari@gmail.com))

During the next few months, please enjoy tomatoes, eggplant, and red, yellow and green peppers in the vegetable plots. In our herb garden, you'll find basil, oregano, dill, parsley, mint, thyme and rosemary (mature rosemary plants are located in the garden planters along the sidewalks in the courtyard facing the library).

Our garden is for the enjoyment of the community and Trinity members, and we encourage you to visit the garden and both enjoy, and share, the bounty! We are also

actively looking for gardening enthusiasts (no previous experience necessary) to join our team! Please reach out to **Shari Hubbard** ([tallyshari@gmail.com](mailto:tallyshari@gmail.com)) or **Gloria Whitaker** ([whitakgm1002@gmail.com](mailto:whitakgm1002@gmail.com)) with questions and to volunteer.



**Hats for Friends** (formerly Hats for the Homeless) – **Judy Levy** ([judithtlevy@embarqmail.com](mailto:judithtlevy@embarqmail.com))

This group creates hats and scarves for those in need. There will be no meeting until September. Please work at home. Notify Judy Levy if you would like to learn to make hats and scarves or learn more about the group.

**Mats for the Homeless** – **Rose Glenn** ([BudsThorn@comcast.net](mailto:BudsThorn@comcast.net))

These mats provide comfortable, moisture-resistant sleeping mats for those in need. We will continue to work at home during the summer, so please save your bags. See you in September.



## Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time!

Classes 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 —

(Power Hour will break for the summer)

### Upcoming Events

- **Mats for the Homeless** will meet again in September.
- **Hats for Friends** will meet again in September.

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact: **Jaqui Griffith** ([Jaqui\\_Griffith@comcast.net](mailto:Jaqui_Griffith@comcast.net)), **Ruth Ann High** ([rahigh@tumct.org](mailto:rahigh@tumct.org)) or **Amy Leach** ([AmyCleach@hotmail.com](mailto:AmyCleach@hotmail.com))

# 2017 High School Graduates



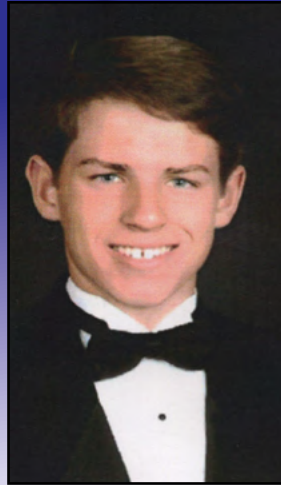
**Austin Taylor Boyd**  
Leon High School  
TCC to FSU



**Toben Cherry**  
Leon County Home Education  
UNF International Business



**Hannah Christine Duclos**  
Lincoln High School  
University of Florida



**Scott Alexander Epting**  
Leon High School  
Stetson University



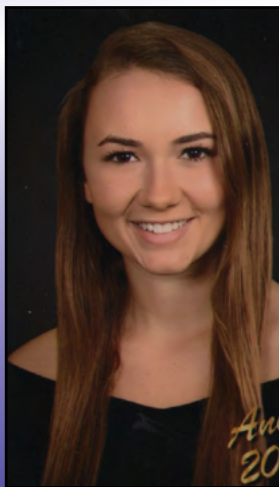
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Homeschool/Wakulla HS  
Florida State University



**Christopher Alex Francis**  
Leon High School  
TCC



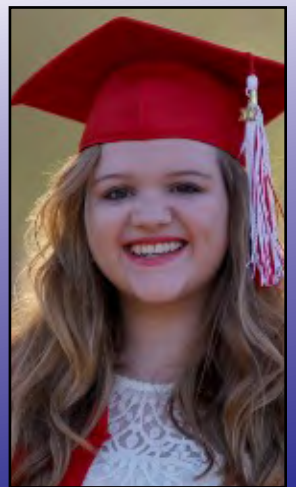
**Meredith Christine Huggins**  
Lincoln High School  
TCC



**Anna Noelle Parsons**  
Leon High School  
TCC to FSU



**Hannah Jane Prasse**  
Leon High School  
Florida State University



**Destiny Grace Sasser**  
Leon High School  
TCC

## Help welcome our new Youth Intern, Kyle Bell!

Lisa Prasse  
Youth Director

Things do not slow down for the youth during the summer! While our intern, **Tanner Johnson** will be away for the summer, we're delighted to introduce our summer intern, Kyle Bell.

Kyle is 24 years old and is engaged to his high school sweetheart! He enjoys archery and other fun outdoor activities. He's from Hobe Sound, Florida and a Seminole! Kyle received his Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from FSU

and is currently pursuing an M.B.A. Kyle says he hopes to one day live in the mountains!

Now you know a little more about Kyle, so when you see him around Trinity be sure to smile and say hello and help him feel that warm welcome that Trinity is so well-known for!





# Youth Happenings in June/July

Lisa Prasse Youth Director    Tanner Johnson Youth Ministry Assistant    Kyle Bell Youth Summer Intern



## A Note from Lisa ...

May was filled with so much fun! Our confirmation class completed their year of study and was confirmed into the United Methodist Church on May 7. Then at the

was my first class of confirmands AND graduating seniors and I could not have been more proud. Sometimes the Lord blesses us so completely as we are in the midst of trying so desperately to be a blessing to others!

We are gearing up for a crazy fun summer in the Underground. Check the "Upcoming Events" box below right to see what's coming up with our youth.

Also, please check the website for more



The 2017 Confirmation class was introduced to the congregation in May.

end of May, our graduating seniors were recognized and honored for their huge accomplishments (photo below)! This

information and if you have any questions, please call/text (850-545-2852) or email **Lisa Prasse** ([lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org))



Each confirmand spoke of how the confirmation classes and events became meaningful personal experiences.

## Sign Up **NOW** for Camp!

The time is **NOW** if you want to be part of the great fun at **Warren Willis Summer Camp** in Leesburg! Hurry! Sign up now - **Last Chance!**

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

directions that are listed there. Our week at camp is July 10-15.



**Upcoming events!**

**June-July**

**June 3**.....Kids Against Hunger event

**June 4-10**.....Youth Week

**June 12-16**..VBS!

**June 18-22**..EPIC (mid-high mission trip)

**July 10-15**....Camp at Warren Willis



# Children's Summer Programs

Allison Corrigan  
Children's Programs Director

I can hardly believe almost a year has gone by since I began as Children's Director here at Trinity! I can't begin to tell you what an amazing year it has been. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Trinity's sweet children, and look forward to watching each of them grow in Christ over the coming years! I am so blessed to work with such a fabulous group. Thank you giving me this opportunity!

## Summer Sunday School

Regular Sunday school classes will end on June 4th. Summer Sunday school will begin on June 11. Elementary students (rising 1st-5th grade) will meet together in



Room 205. Preschool children (ages 3-rising Kindergarten) will meet together in Room 203. Our regular Sunday school volunteers will be taking a break over the summer, so parents, we need your help! We will need 2 adult volunteers in each room each Sunday. Please sign up to teach just one Sunday! You can sign up on Trinity's website, [www.tumct.org](http://www.tumct.org).

## NETkids at Trinity:

*Navigating, Exploring, and Trusting God's Word!*

NETkids finished up the school year with a bang! In the last 2 weeks, they presented



the musical "Acorns to Oaks" at all 3 worship services, performed at Westminster Oaks, and had an end of the year skating party! Plans are already underway for NETkids in the Fall! We have such a great time together, and hope you'll join us! NETkids meets every Wednesday during the school year from 3:30-5:30. Each week, we grow closer to God and each other through play, Bible study, crafts, woodworking, games, choir, and more! Online registration will be available toward the end of the summer. As you make plans, please consider making NETkids a part of your fall activity schedule!

## Kids Against Hunger Food Packing - June 3rd

Trinity will be working together to pack meals to help feed hungry families. This is a great project for the entire family! Stop by the Welcome Center or children's hallway



Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Whitt, Senior Pastor  
Jonathan Brewster, Associate Pastor  
Barbara Hynes, Associate Pastor of Discipleship  
Rex Adams, Director of Communications

and pick up a container of mini-M&Ms. Enjoy the M&Ms for yourself, and then fill the empty container with quarters. Each container can hold 40 quarters, which will supply meals for 40 children. Return your containers to church when you are done! For more information or to sign up to help, contact **Barbara Hynes** ([barbarahynes@tumct.org](mailto:barbarahynes@tumct.org)) or call 222-1120.

## Vacation Bible School— Maker Fun Factory! June 12-16, 8:45 a.m. - 12 noon

This year's hands-on program is going to be aMaZiNg!!! As children meet some truly unique Bible buddies, they will discover that they were created by God and built for a purpose. Have you registered?

Spots are filling up quickly, so don't delay! VBS is open to children age 3 thru rising 5th grade. Rising 6th-12th graders can serve as youth volunteers. Register on Trinity's website or fill out a registration form in the Welcome Center or children's hallway. We can't wait to see you there!

