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

A Prayer for Christian Education in 2018

Dr. Nick Quinton

Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries

It's an exciting time for education at Trinity! We are well underway in our church-wide Lenten study. This is the one place each year that we intentionally study together as a church. Our theme is the power in each of our stories. We are working, collectively, to describe our experiences with God and in the process developing a shared language of God's grace. My hope is the dialogue we are building around what we share in Christ, grows so intense that even the toughest topics and most divisive issues lead to understanding rather than disruption.

Our efforts could not be more prescient. One of the speakers in our "Media Literacy" Lay Academy series described the partisan tension in our society with the word contempt. He made the case that our public discourse is defined more by anger and resentment than love and

acceptance. People seemingly refract every issue through a partisan lens, which lamentably leaves little room for agreement. It is all too normal now to discount, dismiss, or even reject another person's thoughts because they are not our own. As members of Christ's church we must resist this temptation and be the voice of peace and connection.

We are authentically peacemakers at Trinity. In many ways our Lenten study has grown out of the work our small groups have done over the last several months. We dialogue and we discuss a variety of topics; some tough and others simple. Our newest small group, Faith Dialogues, has actually adopted the *Courageous Conversations* model for discussions developed by the United Methodist Church. Though all of our small groups certainly apply the *Courageous Conversations* mindset,

this small group has taken intentional steps to engage one another in dialogue about contentious issues. If you are interested in doing so as well, you can find a collection of materials at <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/topics/courageous-conversations>.

At Trinity, we are intentionally creating space to practice dialogue with each other

by building on our shared experience of God's grace. One of my favorite quotes from the *Courageous Conversations* material sets the tone for what our congregation is and has been doing. The authors write, "spaces for intentional learning (discipleship) help the church display to the world the unity that exists and our genuine love for one another (John 13-14)." In my words, it's through growing disciples with Christian education that we seek a different, grace-filled, outcome from tough conversations than what is normally heard in society. That we can set the example of love in how we dialogue with one another for the world is my hope for Christian education at Trinity this year. By living out the love of Jesus with one another, and sharing it with our neighbors, I pray we each learn to speak into the contempt gap with love and grace.



The Betty Phifer Sunday School class meets in Room 307.



The Bible Journeys Sunday School class meets in Room 306.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
January 11 - February 10:



In memory of **Gerald Harris** from Mark and Betty Morgan; John and Jenny Bryant; Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hatcher; Scott and Phyllis Treadway; Jimmie Beck and family; Ralph and Sharon Robinson; Tom Haney; Wayne and Margie Mixson; Kirk and Patty Brown; Gail and Ron Hock; Blair, Nancy, Ben and Mary Elizabeth Williams; Stephen and Susan Foster; Kathryn Lewis; Ben and Betty Jane Betts; Joe and Marti Hughes; Paul Greenwell; Cookie, Franklin, and Chip Darnell; Jerry and Lenora McDaniel; S. A. and Marcia Sheppard; Nora Nell Jackson and Family.

In memory of **Bob Deison** from Mart Hill and Joe and Marti Hughes.

In memory of **Cole Rimes** from Joe and Marti Hughes.

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Have you seen the exciting brochure created by the **Local Missions Committee?** It will keep you informed of:

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This brochure is very informative and is kept up to date.

Pick up your copy in the Narthex today!



An Easter Reflection *The Stations of the Cross*

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

I was probably a teenager before I was introduced to the “Stations of the Cross.” Since the early days of the Christian Faith, followers of Jesus have told the story of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims visited Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites connected to the life and ministry of Jesus. We are looking at the possibility of a trip to the Holy Land in 2019 and I hope you will consider joining us for this unforgettable experience where the Bible comes alive as we have the opportunity to “walk where Jesus walked!”

The sites associated with Jesus’ life and ministry have become important connections for Christians who visit Jerusalem on a spiritual pilgrimage. By the 1500s, people all over the world started creating “replicas” of the Jerusalem journey known as “The Way of the Cross.” Eventually, these shrines became the 14 Stations of the Cross, walked by millions on annual pilgrimages to the Holy Land and many Christian denominations will re-enact and remember these devotionally during the Lenten Season.

You may be wondering why the sites are called The Stations of the Cross. The word “Station” comes from the Latin word that means to stand. As sojourners are walking from Christ’s trial to His crucifixion at Calvary, they stop and stand at certain sites (stations) that commemorate various events that took place along the way. As you come to each station, you are invited to pray, read the Scriptures, and contemplate the scene before moving on to the next station.

As you walk from one station to the next, your walking becomes a devotional act, because you are walking with Jesus as He walks to Calvary.

There are 14 Stations of the Cross where a story of Jesus’ journey to Calvary is remembered and reflected upon. Prayer and meditations accompany each stop along the way.



The 14 Stations of the Cross:

1. Jesus in the Garden of [Gethsemane](#);
2. Jesus is [betrayed by Judas](#) and [arrested](#);
3. Jesus is condemned by the [Sanhedrin](#);
4. Jesus is [denied by Peter](#);
5. Jesus is [judged by Pilate](#);
6. [Jesus is scourged](#) and [crowned with thorns](#);
7. Jesus [takes up his cross](#);
8. Jesus is helped by [Simon of Cyrene](#) to carry his cross;
9. Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem;
10. [Jesus is crucified](#);
11. Jesus promises his kingdom to the [repentant thief](#);
12. Jesus entrusts Mary and John to each other;
13. Jesus dies on the cross; and
14. [Jesus is laid in the tomb](#).

I hope you will plan to join us on **Saturday, March 24** as a few of these scenes will come to life as Trinity once again hosts, **Easter Fest: The Road to Resurrection!**

I look forward to joining you as we make our way to the Cross and embrace again the Power of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday!



The Garden of Gethsemane.

Music news for March

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Pans on the road

Our two steel pan groups will travel to St. George Island UMC on March 17 & 18. They'll lead the music at the 10:15 a.m. service and enjoy lunch together with that congregation. Then they'll set up at the nearby St. George Island Lighthouse Park and present a 45-minute concert. It is a fun outing for our 12 pan players and a great outreach ministry for Trinity!

Orchestra Sunday

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 25! That is the date our Chancel Choir will combine forces with a professional orchestra to present special music for the 11:00 am service. We expect 26 instrumentalists and hopefully 40 in the choir. Each year we choose a theme and tie it to one of our hymns. This year, it is "How

Great Thou Art," which is one of the best-known selections in the Methodist hymnal.

Something new — the Prelude

That service will feature Viktor Billa playing the piano with the orchestra: a mini piano concerto on "How Great Thou Art." A few minutes later, the entire congregation will sing that hymn. In between, as is our tradition on Palm Sunday, our children will process with palms and present a Palm Sunday song.

A few other selections for the morning are well known: "This Is My Father's World" and "Morning Has Broken." Our pastors will also deliver several short meditations during the service. It will be a wonderful day of worship and music. Invite your music loving friends!

Seen in the congregation

Do you have experience ringing handbells? We are looking for you! OK, you have never rung before but read music: we can teach you the rest. We are looking for you too. Retired and interested in some great fellowship and low pressure music making? Heavenly Handchimes is looking for you! Contact me (mrepasky@tumct.org) for more information.

Play a musical instrument?

Perhaps you can join our own Trinity orchestra and/or our instrumental ensembles. The orchestra played February 25. The woodwind ensemble plays March 11. The string ensemble will play April 22. The woodwinds and strings both play June 10. Interested? Contact their Director Carol Marchant or me (mrepasky@tumct.org) for more information.



The NETkids traveled to St. George UMC last month to help lead worship. Look at all of those involved parents!



This group of bell-ringers from Trinity attended the annual Winter Ring workshop at First UMC in Bainbridge GA. Back row from left: Gary Mathews; David LaJeunesse; Mark Repasky; Gary Cherry; workshop leader, Jeff Faux. Front row, Renee White, Allyson Puckett, Karalee Poschman, Erin Platt, Sandy LeBlanc, and Becky LaChance.

UMW speaker is Ramona Wiatt

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

The next meeting of UMW in Ministry will be **Tuesday, March 6** in Moor Hall.

The guest speaker will be Ramona Wiatt; her topic will be "My Favorite Things".

Everyone is invited to attend, even if you aren't a member of UMW. Monthly

meetings are an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, informative programs and a delicious lunch. Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations. Hope to see you there!

*Executive Committee will meet in the library at 10:30 am. Please note that in addition to officers the executive committee includes a representative from each UMW Circle.

UMW Circle Meetings

Alpha Circle: Mon., Mar. 12, 10 a.m. at 2902 Brandemere Dr.; Donna Frinks, hostess, Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tues., Mar. 6, at 1 p.m. in the church library; Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Mon., Mar. 12, at 6 p.m. at 2104 Randolph Cir.; Julie Pararo, hostess/ chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wed., Mar. 7, at noon at the Cafe at St. Johns; Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tues., Mar. 20, at 10 a.m. at 2370 Carefree Cv. #5748; Mary Ann Braswell, hostess, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thurs., Mar. 15, at 7 p.m. at 4525 Bowfin Dr.; Debra Henderson, hostess, Patti Oakley, chair.

Watch the bulletin and website, www.tumct.org/connect/ (then select UMW Circles) for details as they become available



Operation Christmas Child

Last year the Big Bend/Tallahassee Area provided 12,839 shoeboxes!

It's not too early to be thinking about "Shoebbox Season" and sharing God's love with children around the world. Each month until National Collection Week, Nov. 12-19, suggested items will be highlighted. Current items are sunglasses, tote bags/purses, bandanas, jewelry, hair bows and wrist watches. Watch for sales and garage sales of these items as well as Dollar stores! Last year Trinity filled 50 boxes. Let's increase that number in 2018!

In the photo at right, children receive their Christmas shoeboxes in Mexico.



Trinity in Mission - Loving Our Neighbors

Paula Smith
Liaison to Griffin Heights

Trinity volunteers are in action - again - in Griffin Heights!

We have the privilege of sprucing up a small home on Fourth Avenue, a five-minute drive from Trinity United Methodist Church.

The home has been cleared and cleaned and we are soon to begin painting the inside: two bedrooms, one bathroom, a living room and kitchen, totaling 900

square feet of space. Please join us in painting and fixing this home. Volunteer times are flexible, so let us know when you are available and we would love having you with us! The most important skill required is kindness and a desire to help.

Do you have an excess of home furnishings? We need your generosity to furnish the home once painting is complete. A bed, lamp, chest

of drawers, desk, rug, dishes, towels, sheets, etc. are all on our wish list. If you discover you or someone you know has a surplus of household items, please contact us. We can put those items to good use. In return, you will receive the joy of knowing you have loved your neighbor and helped a friend.

Please contact Paula Smith, 850-545-8471, or Dot Hayward, 850-933-9111.

Health Wellness News for March

Health Wellness Team

Staying Strong – Tues. and Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - (Taught by **Ruth Ann High** or **Beth Curry** with **Jaqui Griffith** subbing) – a good class for beginners or those wanting an easy, gentle workout — mostly standing and seated.

Variety Mix – Tues. and Thurs. 11:00 a.m. (Taught by **Amy Leach** or **Beth Curry**) – A fast paced hour packed with a variety of exercises, equipment and formats. Intermediate to Advanced.*

Bootcamp – Wed. 6:30 p.m. (Taught by **Elaine Freni**) – A group interval

format that builds strength and fitness. Intermediate to Advanced.*

— Nursery is available —

What else – All classes are held in the Parlor. Wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes. Bring water, and a towel or mat for the floor for Variety Mix and Bootcamp classes if you like.

Questions – contact: **Beth Curry** (BFCSeries@yahoo.com), **Amy Leach** (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com) or **Elaine Freni** (ElaineFreni@gmail.com).



Sleeping Mats for the Homeless

Rose Glenn (BudsThorn@comcast.net)

You can help the homeless and benefit the environment at the same time. By collecting grocery type bags which we crochet into sleeping mats, you will be giving a homeless person a soft place to lay his or her head and keep the bags out of the oceans and landfills.

Please join our fun group on Thursday, March 8 from 10:30 to noon in the Conference Room. Place donated bags in the bins in the big blue cabinet outside the Conference Room.

For more information, contact **Rose Glenn** 727-8526 or budsthorn@comcast.net.

Hats for Friends

– **Judy Levy** (judithtlevy@embarqmail.com)

Hats for Friends (formerly Hats for the Homeless) finished 2017 with contributions to our friends at the 2017 Christmas dinner, Allen Outreach, church visitors, The Kearney Center, and Grace Mission.

We are dedicated to knitting or crocheting hats and scarves during the year. We hope we can offer a class at Lay Academy for knitting or crocheting instruction in the future.

We are also looking into making hats for cancer patients. If there is a desire, we would like to make a monthly meeting at church for instruction, knitting, crocheting, and socializing. If any of this strikes your fancy, please contact Ann Jenkins (amdjenkins@yahoo.com). We are re-organizing and reaching more people interested in participating and finding new organizations that need our contributions.

Thanks to the many knitters and crocheters for their past contributions; we look forward to many more years of service.

Anyone interested in joining our group, please contact **Martha Tilden** (gator1984@comcast.net), **Earline Adkison** (leadkison@comcast.net) **Ann Jenkins** (amdjenkins@yahoo.com) or **Judy Levy** (judithtlevy@embarqmail.com).



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Note: Look for details of all activities (upcoming and past) on our Facebook page. For more information about TUFF, contact **Marie Bradley** at MBradley1716@comcast.net or text 850-728-5383 or Facebook Messenger.



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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** —

(Bootcamp) is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 as part of Lay Academy)

Upcoming Events

- **Mats for the Homeless** will meet on Thursday, March 8 from 10:30 - 12 noon.
- **Hats for Friends** will not meet in March. Please keep making hats!

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact:
Beth Curry (BFCSeries@Yahoo.com) or **Amy Leach** (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com)

Spring into the Providence Community Garden

Lora Chapman
Providence Community liaison

Green is for Kermit the Frog.
Green is for St. Patrick's clover.
Green is for the Providence Community Garden.

The main crops this time of the year are greens: collards, turnips, mustards, kale, cabbage, and broccoli—six of the 12 Wonder Foods.*

There's no problem growing vegetables; the problem is keeping the green weeds from overgrowing the planting boxes and obstructing paths between them. There are also problems with cast-off paper and plastic products from clandestine sources, which detract from the garden's radiant beauty.

Since the Providence Community is one of Trinity's Local Missions, and an

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important feature of that community is the garden, a **Clean-up, Spruce-up Day of Service** is being organized. It will take place on Saturday, March 10th, with "one hour of power:" 10:30-11:30 a.m. **

We need weed-eater operators, wheel-barrow drivers, mulch and compost shovelers. We need baggers for recyclables and baggers for non-recyclables. And we have jobs for those with undiscovered talents!

If you can help, please call Lora Chapman (222-4949 or email, shchappy@hotmail.com).

Like **Kermit** says, "It's not easy being green," but it sure is rewarding!

*The 12 Wonder Foods are calculated from an unscientific personal preference determination that changes hourly.

**March 24th is the RAIN DATE.



Visit Children's Home Enterprise Campus

Gloria Colvin
Florida UMC Children's Home liaison

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is hosting a **Day on Campus** at its main campus in **Enterprise on Saturday, March 17**. This is a great opportunity to see firsthand the transformational ministry and beautiful facilities that we, along with all of the United Methodist Churches in Florida, support through our fifth Sunday offerings and other gifts.

The Day on Campus will include a program featuring performances by some of the children, a picnic lunch, and tours of the group homes, chapel, and the rest of the campus. There are a limited number of spaces on the Trinity van for this daylong trip. If you're interested in going, please contact Gloria Colvin (gpcolvin@yahoo.com or 894-3625).



Youth Happenings in March

Lisa Prasse Youth Director Tanner Johnson Youth Ministry Assistant

A Note from Lisa ...

In March, we will begin our Lenten study with many of the other members of our church. To quote our very own Dr. Quinton, this year we'll explore "The Power of Your

fellowship on Super Bowl Sunday, and we worked a little helping clean up around the game room in the Underground to help raise money toward our upcoming mission trips...the high schoolers leave for theirs this month! We'll head to the Bahamas Methodist Habitat in Eleuthera, Bahamas to learn even more about helping those in need. Please pray for our travels, good health, and servant's hearts while we're away. In addition to that trip, the Shamrock Scurry, the St. Patrick's Day Fest and other mission opportunities, we're definitely staying busy!

Please pray during March for the many upcoming events headed our way, and please come get involved! Our Spaghetti Dinner at Springtime Tallahassee is a big fundraiser that helps support our mission trips. You can help us by donating spaghetti noodles and sauce. There will be a collection bin in the Welcome Center all throughout the month of March! Tickets will also be for sale-\$5 for adults and \$3 for kids buys you a delicious spaghetti lunch at Springtime Tallahassee! We have Easter Fest after that, and then our annual 30-Hour Famine takes place Easter weekend. It's a busy time, but a wonderful time and we'd love to have you!



The confirmation class visited Temple Israel recently.

Story." In this series, a team of guides led by Ben Arment, share their own stories of God's grace using the narrative elements in King David's story. Following their lead, each of us will work to articulate God's divine presence in the movements of our own lives. I can't wait to dive into this with our youth and hear their stories of how God shows up and shows out in THEIR lives!

After a wonderful trip to Temple Israel at the end of January, in February we visited St. Thomas More on our second confirmation field trip and learned a bit about Catholicism. We're having a great time learning how different denominations do things and why.

We shared a fun time of celebration and

upcoming events headed our way, and please come get involved! Our Spaghetti Dinner at Springtime Tallahassee is a



Parents, Cassie Conn, Ed Young, and Russell Large helped out on the recent confirmand trip to Warren Willis Camp in Leesburg.



Save These Dates!

- Mar. 3**Shamrock Scurry!
- Mar. 17**St. Patrick's Day Fest
- Mar. 10-18**High School Mission Trip
- Mar. 24** EasterFest!
- Mar. 25**Youth praise band plays at 11:00 service
- Mar. 30-31**30-Hour Famine
- Apr. 1**Easter!
- Apr. 7**Spaghetti @ Springtime Fundraiser!!
- Apr. 5**Confirmation Banquet/Rehearsal
- Apr. 6**Confirmation Sunday/Youth Choir sings at 11
- May 20**Graduate Sunday (recognize seniors)
- Jun. 10-16**Youth Week!
- Jun. 17-21**Mid High Mission Trip (TBD)
- Jun. 18-22**VBS
- Jul. 9-14**Camp at Warren Willis! (Registration is open! Go to www.warrenwilliscamp.org NOW and get registered for week 5! More info coming soon!)

Preschool Helps the Muscular Dystrophy Association

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

The preschool held a Hop-A-Thon recently to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). Children hopped in place for 1 minute and asked for donations per hop. Volunteers came in

to count the hops and encourage our children. Fifty kids hopped over 5,000 times and raised a whopping total of \$561.25!

Not only did our kids raise money for a worthy cause, but they were taught a curriculum, provided by the MDA, of compassion and understanding for those who are afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy. We talked about differences in abilities, how their muscles work, and the importance of healthy physical activity. I am so proud of these kids!



The children were willing (and enthusiastic) participants.



The people in the background were counting the number of hops - 1, 2, 3, etc...



Preschool Director, Stacey Duggar (center) presents the money to Chrystal Ralys of the MDA.



The smiles were priceless, and abundant!

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Second Harvest volunteers make a difference

One of the ministries where Trinity members really make a tangible difference in people's lives is the backpacking at **Second Harvest**. These backpacks feed hungry children (and adults) who would go without a meal, or sometime two meals, but for the food that they receive from Second Harvest.

If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Mary Ann Moore (mmoore1018@aol.com).

Trinity members who participated recently were, Patti Oakley, Mary Ann Moore, Ann Melder, Amy Henderson, Carol Rosen, Barbara Ware, Morgana Thomas, and Liz Smith. Not pictured: Susan McAllister and Linda Phillips.