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Monthly Tidings

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

Committee 200 begins planning for Trinity's anniversary

"Ten men, six white and four black, met at the home of a Mr. Myers on the fourth Sunday of September 1824 to organize the first religious congregation in Tallahassee." That's how the story begins in local history books and how it has continued for 194 years as much larger groups, but with a smaller racial ratio, meet for worship every Sunday in the church now called Trinity United Methodist.

In just six years, on **September 22, 2024**, Trinity will celebrate its 200th anniversary. The symbolism of the fourth Sunday celebration was emphasized when Trinity's newly named Committee 200 held an organizational meeting on September 23 in the church's Heritage Room.

Facing a timeline that spans circuit riding preachers, wagonloads of settlers, illnesses, wars, a depression, and Space Age prosperity, Chairman of Committee 200 Lynn McLarty used the committee's first meeting to encourage members to study the church's history and begin to think of programs and events that will tell and celebrate their church's heritage.

Starting with 12 people who have been members of the church for many years, and the senior minister, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt, Dr. McLarty said the group will expand as ideas are chosen which require the special expertise of additional members.

Trinity's committee is expected to work on some events with the Anniversary Committee of the City of Tallahassee, which will also be 200 years old in November 2024.

"Save the Date" requests will be made with the Methodist Bishops' offices of Florida, Georgia and South Carolina, the Superintendent of Northwest Florida District of the United Methodist Church, the Governor of Florida and the Mayor of Tallahassee. The slogan will continue to be used to remind the church of the special event up until the actual date.

A countdown to the 200th anniversary is being published decade by decade in the Trinity History Society's quarterly newsletter, Crossroads, beginning with the October issue. As plans are made by Committee 200, they will be reported in the Trinity Tidings.

Committee 200 members include Bob Bass, Donna Bryan, Marti Chumbler, Gloria Colvin, Dan Drake, Ann Lumsden, Cindy McDuffie, Lynn McLarty, Laura Rogers, Sarah Watters, Palmer Williams, Dr. Wayne Wiatt, and Linda Yates, consultant.



Committee 200 met on the fourth Sunday of September, Trinity's 194th birthday, to start planning for the church's 200th anniversary celebration scheduled for September 22, 2024. Clockwise, from left, are Donna Bryan, Chairman Lynn McLarty, Cindy McDuffie, Dan Drake, Ann Lumsden, Bob Bass, Palmer Williams, and Sarah Watters. Absent were members Laura Rogers, Gloria Colvin, Marti Chumbler, and Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt. (Photo by Linda Yates)

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from September 10-October 10:



In memory of **Virginia Cook** from William and Patricia Spolyar, Bill and Paula Smith, Bill and Alice Grow, Robert and Patricia Spear.

In memory of **Chet Winsor** from Bradley Bolster, Sarah Lou and Murray Garbrick, Norma Christiansen, Sylvia Kelley, John Olson, Sr.

In memory of **Bill Smith** from Charlie and Barbara Allen, Bob and Beverly Burleson, Palmer and Leslie Williams, Jeanie Hinkle, David Vann, Lecky Spector, Bill and Paula Smith, John Wayne Ross, Ronald and Mary Ann Morris, Bill and Lori Mattice, Murray Wadsworth, Murray and Corbin Moore, Mike and Dianne Ruff and family, Carol Otts, TC Federal Bank, Vereen Smith, Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers, Wayne and Ramona Wiatt, John Olson, Sr., Duncan and Mary Ann Moore, Payne Midgette, Betty Fowler, Walli Beall, Booker Moore, Virginia Moore and the "Salty Sisters," Rosann Hooks, Fran Ferenchick.

Homeless Mats

Rose Glenn
Chair, Mats for the Homeless

Mats for the Homeless Group will meet **Thursday, November 8** from **10:30-noon in the Conference Room.**

We strive to be the hands of Christ as we work to create these mats for our friends in need.

We want to distribute the mats at the Christmas Dinner and we need help to finish in time.

So, come and help fold, cut, and roll the balls of plarns (plastic yarn.) If you want to learn to crochet the mats we will be happy to teach you.

If you are saving bags for us, please remember to fold them or just leave them flat. Crunching the bags requires a lot of work to get them ready to cut.

For more information please contact Rose Glenn (BudsThorn@comcast.net). I hope to see you at the next meeting in October!

Serving others after the storm

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

Not long after the winds from Hurricane Michael had subsided and we began to get a clear picture from the destruction, Sally Huggins and Rev. Wayne Curry contacted me volunteering their leadership skills to mobilize Trinity United Methodist Church in the coming months for a sustained response to the overwhelming needs in the panhandle.

Specifically, we have decided to adopt a number of smaller congregations and towns that might not have the attention focused on Mexico Beach and Panama City. These areas will include Port St. Joe, Blountstown, Wewahitchka, Marianna, Sneads, Altha, Grand Ridge, and other small communities in need of our help. We have several of our members with family located in these areas and already have some strong connections in knowing how to respond to the many needs.

While much of the food needs are being addressed by FEMA and organizations like the Red Cross, we are discovering that there is a great need for "On the Go" foods similar to our snack packs that we distribute weekly to the homeless from our Welcome Center.



A billboard in its entirety was deposited onto this home.

We are asking Trinity Members to volunteer to be on one of our teams to be deployed to these communities on a regular basis. The greatest need I have discovered is for persons who are able



Two homes were crushed by one tree.

to help move debris, use a chainsaw, and bring a set of helping hands to assist these residents and help them return to some sense of normalcy in their lives. You can sign-up to help and serve on our Trinity Team by visiting our welcome center or



Brick facades were blown from building fronts in downtown Marianna.

signing up to serve online by visiting this **SignUpGenius** link: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA5A62CA1F49-hurricane

While many of us are still patching roofs and cleaning debris, I continue to be amazed by the generosity and servant spirit that Trinity always displays when it comes to meeting the needs of those around us. I have personally met the pastors of First Port St. Joe (Rev. Geoffrey Lentz), First UMC Blountstown (Rev. Nick Hughes), and First UMC Marianna (Rev. Nathan Atwood). Please keep these pastors in your prayers as they seek to shepherd their congregations to a place of restoration and recovery. Here are a few of the devastating pictures from Port St. Joe, Blountstown, and Marianna.

Music news for November

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Christmas Variety Show

About every eight to ten years, Trinity puts on a variety/talent/Broadway review show. Well, it's that time again! Mark your calendars for Friday, December 14. The 90-minute program will include a dessert buffet! It begins at 6:45 p.m. with the first music presentation starting at 7:00 p.m.



Cindy Repasky and Nan Ritchie performed a duet at the Madrigal dinner in 2013.

So what is on the program - some serious, some funny, and mostly Christmas.

We will enjoy 15-minute presentations by several music groups at the church. Our Chancel Choir will begin the program in a unique way...shh, it's a surprise! Jubilation Bells will play a short Christmas selection

twice: Once the way it is supposed to go, then a second time, quite different. Every member of the group will do something wrong, and you, our audience, are challenged to find each "oops." Here's an example: A ringer suddenly realizes one of his/her bells is on the far end of the table, and the race is on! Think keystone cops for handbells. Ever heard of change ringing? There will be a short demonstration of that hundreds-of-years-old tradition. So what are members of the adult choir REALLY thinking when soprano #1 messes up on her solo during the service and Mr. "out late last night" can't stay awake during the sermon? It's all part of a hilarious 5-minute skit by select members of our Chancel Choir! Our Madrigal Singers will make a brief appearance. Trinity's two NETkids Choirs will present some serious songs and some funny songs about Christmas, angels, Santa, shepherds, sheep, camels and snow. Quick, name five things you did in snow if you grew up in a cold climate like my native northeast Ohio! Not sure? One of the children's songs will "show and tell." We also present the Christmas story

from the point of view of a contrary donkey and bossy sheep, courtesy of Heavenly Chimes. Add to this mix a few instrumental and vocal solos plus a dancer, and you have a fun Christmas Variety Show!

Buy tickets early!

Since we are presenting this only one time, and are concerned about running out of audience space, this will be a ticketed event. We expect about 80 performers including parents of NETkids children.

That leaves about 200 available tickets. Price is \$4.00. Tickets will be available starting November 26 from the church office and at Wednesday night dinners. No tickets will be sold at the door the night of the performance. We expect everyone to leave Moor Hall after the performance SMILING!



Warren May and the Chancel Choir stepped away from the Hymnal at the "Broadway Night" variety show in 2010.



At left, eleven members of the NETkids Omega Choir brought special music and lots of smiles to the congregation at the 8:30 a.m. service on Children's Celebration Sunday. Special thanks to them and their parents for getting up bright and early to be worship leaders for the day! A large group of children sang four selections at the SUN Service. About 50 children provided lots of music at our 11:00 a.m. service.

See more photos from that special service on page 6 and page 8.

Chicken Pilau

Chaires UMC is holding its Annual Traditional Chicken Pilau on **Thurs., Nov. 8**, from **4-8 p.m.** It will include pilau (chicken and rice),



green beans cooked with smoked ham, coleslaw, saltines, a dessert and iced tea or coffee; all for \$10 per plate (children 5 and under eat free). No advance tickets sold!

Chaires United Methodist Church is at 9243 Parkhill Road,

Local Missions supports: Undie Sunday

Paula Smith
Local Missions Committee Member

Trinity's Third Annual Undie Sunday December 9

Undie Sunday has been a very rewarding project for children and families at Trinity. In two years, we have donated thousands of children's underwear to needy school children in Tallahassee. A large bin of underwear was given to Ruediger Elementary School, Riley Elementary School, Allen Outreach, Hope Community and Oak View Middle School last year.

The bins are delivered before Christmas and the response from the staff and teachers is so heartfelt!

Underwear is the second most requested item, behind food, by impoverished families.

Start shopping for bargains now and let's exceed our past donations. There are bound to be some great deals just after Thanksgiving!

Bins will be located in the Welcome Center and the narthex on Sunday, December 9 for donations.

Demonstrate your Christmas spirit and help solve this problem by purchasing

or contributing on **Undie Sunday, December 9**. Containers will be in the Welcome Center all week to help collect as many pairs as possible to help meet this need for our youngest citizens. Thank you dear Trinity members!



Alternative Christmas Giving

Gloria Colvin
Liaison to Madison Youth Ranch

As you begin to think about the Christmas season, consider honoring someone with a gift for a child at the Madison Youth Ranch, the north campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. These children have been removed from their homes because

of abuse, neglect, or family distress and, through the support of Trinity and other Methodist churches in Florida, they are able to experience God's love in a stable, loving, family-like environment at the Ranch.

Contributions or gift cards can be given

to Gloria Colvin, Trinity's representative to the Children's Home. Checks may be made out to Trinity with "MYR-gift cards" in the memo line or sent directly to the Madison Youth Ranch, P.O. Box 38, Pinetta, FL 32350 (indicate that you're from Trinity UMC, Tallahassee).

Hats for Friends meets Nov. 20

Ann Jenkins
Chair, Hats for Friends

Hats for Friends will be meeting once a month this fall. There will be a notice in the Bulletin about these meetings and we encourage interested people to join us. Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month, beginning in September in the Trinity UMC Conference Room from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (**Tuesdays, November 20, and December 18**).

A brief report/update will be

offered at each meeting, beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by a "get together" to prepare for the **December 25 Annual Christmas Dinner** (lunch-time) hat/scarf distribution, and for members to knit, crochet and socialize.

Instruction in knitting, crocheting and using the knitting looms will also be available at these meetings. Please join us!

Operation Christmas Child

Nancy Bedford, Communications Officer

It's time to complete filling your shoeboxes for **collection on Tuesday, November 6**. We hope Trinity members will fill one hundred boxes for National Collection Week. There are empty boxes available at the church and directions are included in the box. Please secure with a rubber band and include the shipping donation of \$9. Shipping donations are welcomed from those who would prefer to do so in lieu of packing a shoebox.

For more information contact Barbara Ware brakun@gmail.com or Linda Phillips, phillips6@icloud.com Ph 524-4243

Becoming Fit at Church in November

Health Wellness Team



The Staying Strong class meets on Tuesday/Thursday at 9:30 a.m.



Become Fit at Church!

Please come join us for BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) exercise, and have a great time of fun and fellowship! Drop in to any class - any time. The suggested donation is \$3 and it is all donated to community service.

Fit Mix exercise began in September with Lay Academy and is led by Elaine Freni. This is a circuit-style class which incorporates strength and cardio into one workout. You will target all muscle groups for a full body training session and increase your stamina and aerobic fitness. Be ready to break a sweat! Intermediate to advanced.

Drop in to any of these classes—you are always welcome! Suggested donation \$3 per class and 100% goes to community service. Registration for Fit Mix may also be made through Lay Academy.

Contact Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com about Staying Strong or Variety Mix.

Contact Elaine Freni - elainefreni@gmail.com for more info about Fit Mix.

BFC 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 —

Fit MIX meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. as part of **Lay Academy**

For more information about BFC, please contact:
Beth Curry (BFCSeries@yahoo.com), **Amy Leach** (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com), or **Elaine Freni** (elainefreni@gmail.com).

UMW in Ministry speaker is Ramona Wiatt

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

UMW in Ministry will meet Tuesday, November 6th at 11:45 am. In Moor Hall.

The speaker is Ramona Wiatt who will speak on "Being Thankful".

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 your lunch reservations. Hope to see you there!

Thank you! Thank you!

A big thank you from UMW to everyone who ordered pecans! We appreciate your orders and the profits will support our missions

UMW Circle Meetings

Alpha Circle: Monday, November 12 at 10 a.m. Westminster Oaks, Contact Cynthia Smith chair.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tuesday, November 6, at 1 p.m. in the church library, Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: No meeting in November, Julie Pararo, chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, November 7, at noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, November 20, at 10 a.m. Specialty House, Meandering Lane, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thursday, November 15, at 7p.m. 2107 Rankin Ave. Esther Harrison, hostess, Patti Oakley, chair.

Children's Celebration Sunday

It was a very special service as many of Trinity's youngest helped lead all three services on Children's Celebration Sunday! Dr. Nick brought a great message and children from three different children's programs at Trinity—

Sunday School, Preschool, and NETkids—sang songs and read the Call to Worship, the Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, and the Scripture Reading. Trinity has been blessed in so many ways!



See more photos on page 8

Youth Happenings in November

Lisa Prasse Ty Revell
Youth Director Youth Ministry Intern

A Note from Lisa ...

As November ushers in the holidays, we usher in the fun in the Underground! Last month was busy and full of activity! We had our third annual Acolyte Training (that's proving to be a really special and fun way to serve during church!) We had a super fun time at the Stewardship Celebration; our Youth Praise Band and Youth Choir rehearsals resumed; and our confirmands received bibles as the youth music team played on during the service!

November promises to be just as packed with fun! The holidays are in full swing! Please be on the lookout this month for your Christmas Tree/Wreath order forms! You'll find them in your bulletins for a couple weeks this month and/or feel free to track down a youth, or Lisa Prasse (lprasse@tumct.org) for more information! Christmas trees and wreaths will be sold November 4-16 and will be delivered the Wednesday night after Thanksgiving, November 28th in the gravel lot from 5-8:00pm. We can even deliver for an extra fee...it's all right there on the order form. Please remember, your contributions when you purchase a Christmas tree or wreath from our youth group help make our mission trips possible! So, thank you in advance!!!

Over Veteran's Day weekend, we will head down to Warren Willis for our annual "Connect" retreat where the youth will

learn more about using their electronics and social media for good. There is a great deal of justice we can be a part of with the right tools being used in the right ways! This is a terrific time of connectivity between each of us and between us and God in one of our favorite places. For more info about Connect, feel free to contact Lisa Prasse (lprasse@tumct.org or 850-545-2852).

Additionally, our youth are working on packing shoeboxes for less fortunate children all over the world. Just get a shoebox, and go to <http://samaritanspurse.org/occ> and click on "How to Pack a Shoebox" to see how you can help! We're trying to collect as many filled shoeboxes as possible by November 4th at the latest.

Finally, please come by Trinity on Saturday, December 1st between 5 and 9:00pm during the Festival of Lights for a warm, delicious bowl of chili made with love by your

Trinity Youth. With the purchase of your bowl of chili, you get a free parking spot as space is available until 5:30 that day! What a DEAL!!!! All proceeds from the Chili Fundraiser will benefit the Youth Mission Trips in 2019. Advanced tickets (\$5 each)

will be on sale in the Welcome Center on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, beginning Wednesday, November 14th as well as the day of the event. Donations of chili are GREATLY appreciated and can be dropped off in the kitchen starting Wednesday, November 28th.

Beyond the "extra" events and happenings, please remember we have regularly scheduled Sunday School at 9:45am Sundays, bible study on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm, and UMYF every Sunday night from 6-8:00pm...we'd love to see you there. Those regular events make the extra events that much more fun! So bring a friend and come hang out with us in the Underground!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 4 - We begin taking tree/wreath orders

November 9-11 - Connect Retreat at Warren Willis

Wednesday, November 21 - No Youth Programming today—enjoy this Thanksgiving!!!

Wednesday, November 28 - Christmas Trees and wreaths delivered—all youth hands on deck!!!!

Saturday, December 1 - Chili Fundraiser

Sunday, December 2 - Hanging of the Greens!



The waterslide on the dock was a favorite spot at the Wiatt's lake house.

Time to order
Christmas
Trees/Wreaths

Funds raised will go to youth mission trips.



It's time to get your Christmas tree! Watch for inserts for buying your tree in the weekly bulletins beginning **Sunday, November 4**.

The deadline for ordering will be Friday November 16.

Pick up will be **Wednesday, November 28** from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.



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