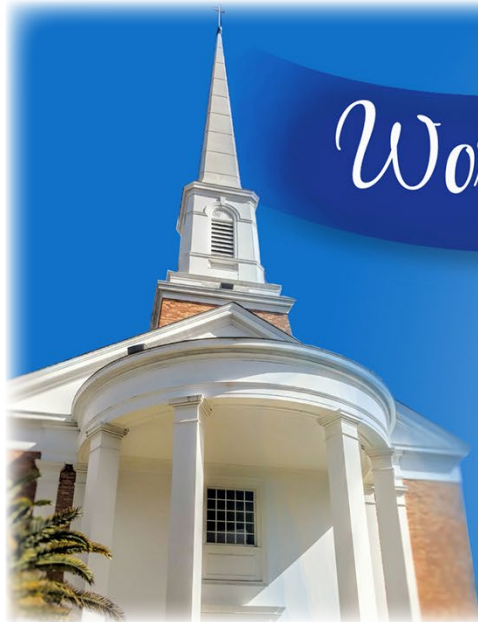


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Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve.

Meet new Associate Pastor, Neal Avirett

As we look forward to the arrival of new Associate Pastor, Neal Avirett, here are a few fun facts about Neal and his family that he recently shared with **Tidings**.

Q. How and when did you receive your call to ministry?

A. I surrendered my life to Jesus my junior year at FSU. At the time, I had no desire



to return to church. However, I quickly realized that I needed other Christians in my life. Two weeks later someone befriended me in Strozier Library, and invited me to the FSU Wesley Foundation. At Wesley, I felt the call to ministry. Following the campus director's invitation, I joined the ministry team.

My call from the beginning has been to bring the Gospel to those who have never or would never darken the door of a local church and to energize those from within to do the same.

In college, it took the form of table talks bridging the gaps between the church and community on FSU's campus, a food ministry to homeless camps along West Tennessee St., and training small groups of students to share their testimony in efforts to spark evangelistic conversations over lunches in the student union. At the time, I also gave my service outside of campus ministry as a children's counselor at Refuge House, a shelter for women and children that have suffered domestic violence. In addition, I volunteered heavily at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital.

Q. Where was your first church and what years were you there?

A. Greenville & Cherry Lake UMC 2002-2007 in Madison County, FL.

Q. How would you describe your ministry style?

A. Loving, Learning, and Leading Together.

Q. What would you say is your most important personal achievement?

A. At Greenville UMC, Easter Sunrise was historically held at a whites only cemetery with two other churches. I worked at building relationships across race and denominations to move the location to the center of town. We celebrated that first Easter with 12 of the 16 Greenville churches in attendance. There were also eight protestors that day. Easter Sunrise in the park continues today 15 years later.

Q. Where and when did you attend university?

A. Florida State University 1993-95

Q. What was your major course of study?

A. Social Work

Q. Where did you attend seminary?

A. Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY

Q. What degrees have you attained?

A. Bachelor of Social Work, Masters of Divinity

Q. What churches have you served and what was your position?

A. I have served as the pastor of Greenville and Cherry Lake UMC, Fort Ogden UMC, and Spring Glen UMC

Q. How long have you been married?

A. It will be 12yrs this August 11th.

Q. How many children do you have (names and ages)?

A. Brianna 8yrs & Adeline 5yrs

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Reading, ping-pong, and good coffee.

Q. What do you do when you want to relax?

A. Go somewhere I've never been, eat something I could never make, and read someone else's book I wouldn't buy.

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Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from April 11 - May 10:

In memory of **Margie Smith** from Booker Moore, Franklin and Cookie Darnell.

In memory of **Ruth McDonald** from Duncan and Mary Ann Moore, Clifford Campbell, Nan Ritchie, and Bill Peebles.

In memory of **Jean Hancock** from June Worthey.

In memory of **Jean Rivers** from The Varns.

In honor of **Debbie and Pat Hurley** for their birthdays from Cindy and Jim Kesler.

Trinity on the Radio



Trinity's 11 o'clock service is now being broadcast on FM station - 101.7

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Q. What is your favorite place on earth?

A. Savannah, GA

Q. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A. Peter's home in Capernaum and Martha's home in Bethany.

Q. If you could have dinner with one person, living or deceased, who would it be?

A. My Grandpa Edgar Avirett

Q. Who was the most influential in your spiritual life?

A. The Miller family of Greenville, Florida.

Q. What is your most unusual talent?

A. Falling off my daughter's scooter without breaking a bone.

Pentecost

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

I had a good friend who after becoming a District Superintendent, and being out of the regular liturgical movement of the church year, walked into worship at one of his churches to discover a birthday cake in the Narthex and helium balloons throughout the sanctuary! He stopped for a moment, trying to figure out what was going on that Sunday in the life of one of his churches. A church anniversary perhaps? Or the birthday of someone in the church who had turned 100?

After picking up a bulletin, he suddenly realized it was Pentecost Sunday! For the early church, Pentecost was the second most important part of the christian year after Easter. Originally, it commemorated both the ascension of Jesus and the descending of the Holy Spirit, but became two distinct celebrations by the end of the fourth century.

Pentecost also became a favorite time for baptisms, confirmations, and ordination with its focus on the work of the Holy Spirit within the church and within our lives. Church members are encouraged to **WEAR RED** on Pentecost Sunday. Last year we distributed Cake-Pops to the children to commemorate the birthday of the Church. We also added to our procession a dove suspended in air to represent the coming of the Holy Spirit to the early church.

Marsha McFee, worship leader and musician, reflects on Pentecost, "I live in the mountains where fire is a danger this time of year, so I know fire also needs fuel to burn. This metaphor of fuel brings another set of questions to our worship: What fuels the fire or fans the flames of our church's ministry?"

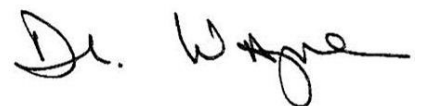
Our answers should be obvious: "Compassion, love, hospitality, mission, a desire for justice" - to name just a few. Whatever we do to focus on the



movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst, remember these questions: What is stirring within you? What is your passion for ministry? What sets you ablaze, or at least warms your heart, as John Wesley experienced at Aldersgate?

For me, Pentecost has always been a reminder that "WE ARE THE CHURCH" together. How we fan the flames of the Gospel is a direct result of our faith lived out together in community. So whether you wear **RED** or not on **June 9, Pentecost Sunday**, remember you are called to be a witness. You are called to fan the flame of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in your life and in the lives of others. May you answer Christ's call to be a witness in your neighborhood, in your community, and into the world around us!

June 9 will be the Reverend Jonathan Brewster's last Sunday at Trinity! Let me invite you to make a special effort to be in attendance and bear witness to the Gospel that he has preached and shared with us all to help us be a bold and faithful witness for Jesus Christ! And by the way, don't forget to wear **RED!**



Music News for June/July

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Summer Music

Most music groups at Trinity take a break over the summer. They return late August or September. That opens up our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday worship services music-wise. We will feature more solos and small ensembles, some quite unique!

Here's a sampler: **June 2** is our annual **Contemporary Music Sunday**. Our Circle of Friends praise band will lead music at all three services. **June 9**, for Jonathan's last Sunday at Trinity we have prepared some special music...shhh, it's a secret! **June 30**, a **visiting steel pan group** from **First UMC Starkville MS** will join our pan groups for special music at all three services. Having just graduated from NETkids, **Katy Bodiford and Bailey Corrigan** will sing and dance **July 7**. We now have **four really talented flutists** attending Trinity. How rare is that for any

church? They will provide special music on **July 21**. August offers a lot of special music including **Bluegrass Sunday August 11**, but we'll save more information for the August Tidings.

Sanctuary Organ News

Since the Sunday after Easter, we have not had use of our sanctuary organ. If you looked closely at the instrument, you would see the three keyboards are missing. After about twenty years, some of the electronics need to be replaced. Just think about how long your home computer lasts. At the same time, other enhancements are being done, including greatly expanded memory so different organists using the instrument have enough of these settings



without interfering with each other.

We look forward to the organ's return, scheduled for **Sunday, July 14**. I am sure our organist, Viktor Billa, misses it much more!



The NETkids performed their musical, "Head-Up Check-Up" for the Trinity congregation, and then went on the road to present it to the residents of Mulligan Place.

The 2019 Trinity Preschool VPK Graduation class!

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

Congratulations to these preschool graduates!

We are so excited for their next big adventure and know that they are definitely ready for kindergarten!



Local Missions supports Socks for Pops

Marti Chumbler
Local Missions member

Aside from ties, socks may be one of the most cliché of gifts to give for Father's Day. But—while our own fathers likely already have a drawer full of socks—homeless people are in dire need of them. Think about it. We rarely donate used socks; instead keeping them until holes appear in the toes.

As a consequence, socks are one of the least likely items donated to shelters. At the same time, they are one of the most frequently requested items. Homeless people generally walk miles every day, often wearing the same pair of socks day after day. Not only do those overused socks fail to keep feet warm as they wear thin, thinning socks lead to painful foot conditions. And, since the homeless often have no place to launder their clothing, their socks become dirty and damp, increasing the risk of skin infections.

Just think how good a clean, dry pair of socks feels when you've been walking a long distance and your feet are hot and



Matching socks are good too!

sweaty, then multiply that good feeling to imagine how good it would feel for someone who hasn't had a new pair of socks in a very long time.

This Father's Day, honor the fathers in your life by donating socks for those most in need of them. On Sunday, June 16th, Trinity will be collecting new, white crew socks for distribution to local homeless persons.

Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight



We are partnering with Socks, Sacks and Supper, an organization created by our own Trinity youth member, Hayden Foster. More information about Socks Sacks and Supper can be found at www.sockssacksandsupper.org.

Remember! This Father's Day, is all about Socks for Pops! Donation boxes will be available in the Welcome Center and the Narthex.

Volunteers Needed for Serving Shelter Meals at The Kearney Center

We serve meals to the Homeless on the first and fourth Monday of every month. The work schedule is broken down into quarters.

Please contact Sabrina Denmark (566-5253 or sab.den@comcast.net) for details and/or to volunteer.

SnackPacks Assembled at Cherry Laurel

Erin Platt
HEO Coordinator

HEO continues to get help with SnackPack assembly regularly from residents at Cherry Laurel Senior Living & Retirement. The Cherry Laurel "SnackPack Team" has mastered the assembly technique with two long lines of tables being worked from end to end. They set a record on Wednesday, April 24th when they bagged a full batch (or 360 SnackPacks) in 45 minutes! HEO wishes to thank everyone who had a hand in this service project: from David Weathersby, Activities Director at Cherry Laurel; Beth and Rev. Wayne Curry and their lovely parents Al & Millie Ferknany; Vivian Smelley and other Cherry Laurel residents who pitched in; TUMCT facilities, Ben and Will, for help with the supply drop and return of SnackPacks to church. HEO also acknowledges those who brought in many SnackPack items donations, which

helped to significantly defray project cost in April. You are invited to contact Erin at eplatt@tumct.org to learn more about HEO and our ongoing SnackPack community-based initiative. HEO is ours, it belongs to all of us!



Trinity Chefs Stock the Freezer

On Tuesday, April 9, the Trinity Chefs got together for some cooking and baking. On the 'menu' was Fruity Salad, Hearty Mixed Bean with Ham Soup, Chicken-Broccoli Casserole and Original Peanut Butter Cookies. They also made delicious Peanut Butter Squares as an addendum to our menu. The Chefs demonstrated their culinary adroitness by preparing, labeling and freezing dozens of meals. I am amazed by how much we can get done in a short window of time, but I have come to learn the Chefs are efficient!

We welcome all of our newest kitchen hands, and extend our deepest gratitude to them for serving others this way. If you haven't joined yet, mark **Tuesday, June 25** down on your calendar and plan to join us for our next event at **11 a.m.!**

Join the BFC exercise fun and fellowship!

Becoming Fit at Church Team

Come join us for exercise all summer long!

BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Series Exercise will continue all summer long! Come join us any Tues or Thurs for fun, fellowship and fitness!

Staying Strong – 9:30 a.m. Tues/Thurs – (Ruth Ann High, Beth Curry – with Jaqui Griffith as a sub) Seated and standing

class format which uses bands, weights, loops, small balls, and more. Come ready for a gentle, but full-body workout with a great group of friends! Perfect class for beginners, or those who prefer no floor exercise.

Variety Mix – 11:00 a.m. Tues/Thurs – (Amy Leach, Elaine Freni, or Beth Curry) Fast paced, total body work-out class format with squats, lunges and more,

using the whole equipment closet full of tools. Come ready to work up a sweat. Variety is the game here! Intermediate to advance class for those who like to be up and down off the floor. Nursery is available by advance reservation only – email Amy Leach.

Fit Mix on Wednesday night will resume in September.



BFC Calendar 

Drop in any time! *Classes in the Parlor*

BFC Series Exercise Classes*

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- 9:30 - Staying Strong
- 11:00 - Variety Mix**

**\$3 suggested donation **Nursery by reservation only*

— **Wednesdays** —

Fit MIX will resume in September 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.

Second Harvest offers **Food for Thought**

*Shari Hubbard, APR
Director of Community Relations, Second Harvest of the Big Bend*

Many people are surprised to learn that one in five people in the Big Bend are hungry, and that our region has the highest food insecurity rate in the state, at 19.6%

Here at Second Harvest of the Big Bend food bank, we are offering a new community education initiative—"Food for Thought" tours. We are excited to welcome anyone who wants to learn more about our food bank operation, and how Second Harvest works together with 135 partner agencies in 11 counties to help address the meal gap in our service area.

Our one-hour Food for Thought tours accommodate 12 participants each month, and include an information session

to learn more about who is hungry in our community, a walking tour of the food bank to see how it operates, and a **complimentary lunch provided by Chicken Salad Chick**. Tours last an hour, and begin at 12:30 p.m. Here are the next available tour dates:

- **Wed., June 26**
- **Wed., July 24**

The most we can accommodate is 12 guests per tour, and an RSVP is required. Any individual or group can register to attend by calling

or emailing as noted below.

Please consider inviting your Circle or Sunday School class! **Contact me at either sharihubbard@fightinghunger.org or call 850-562-3033 (ext. 211).**



Trinity's High School Graduates

2019



Jamie Boykin
Leon High School
Florida State University



Joshua Phillip Bryan
Lincoln High School
Florida State University



Kylie Crowe
Chiles High School
Florida Atlantic University



Wyatt Alexander Duclos
Lincoln High School
Florida State University



Kristen Hamm
Chiles High School
Florida State University



James Hadley McDuffie
Maclay School
University of Central Florida



Zac Prasse
Leon High School
TCC to FSU



Katherine Elizabeth Resavage
Leon High School
University of Florida



Sheldon Ryan Williams
Lincoln High School
Lively Technical College

Youth Happenings in June/July

Lisa Prasse Youth Director Ryan Kielmann Youth Ministry Intern

A Note from Lisa ...

May was filled with so much fun! Our confirmation class completed their year of study with delightful presentations they gave during their banquet Saturday, May 4th and they were each confirmed into the United Methodist Church on May 5th. Our terrific youth choir ushered them in that morning during a beautiful service.

Then at the end of May, our graduating seniors were recognized and honored

for their huge accomplishments on Graduation Sunday and all the while we have been busy preparing for Youth Week, VBS, and our fun trip to Wild Adventures to celebrate all our acolytes and youth choir members' hard work and dedication this past school year! All of these students made me (and their church family at large) so very proud! Sometimes the Lord blesses us so completely as we are in the midst of trying to be a blessing to others!



The High-School Graduation Class for 2019.



The 6th-grade Confirmation Class for 2019.



We are gearing up for a crazy fun summer in the Underground. We have ushered in our new Youth Intern, Ryan Kielmann and he and I are working to make this our best summer yet! Be sure to welcome him when you see him around Trinity!



Hi I'm Ryan, I'm a junior at FSU where I am studying editing, writing, and media. I hope to be a positive influence for the youth at TUMC and I pray I will help them as much as I know I will learn from them.



Confirmation class fun!

Upcoming Events

Check out the youth website for more information: <http://www.tumct.org/connect/community/youth/>

— June and July —

- Jun. 2-8..... Youth Week
- Jun. 9..... VBS Training
- Jun. 10-14: Vacation Bible School
- Jul. 8-13:.... Camp! at Warren Willis
- Jul. 21-25: ..Mid High Mission Trip (Orlando - with Led2Serve)

Summer Camp (for adults)

Dr. Nick Quinton
Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries

What are your summer plans? This is an important question in our congregation, because it feels like everyone does have plans. Summer at Trinity has always been a bit of a puzzle to me. Some of us slow down in the summer with far less hectic schedules. Others of us find ourselves busier than ever. I seem to fall somewhere between. At times I really do find space for respite and relaxation, while I live with incredible haste at other moments. Our first **Summer Camp for Adults** is born of this tension. I have long felt like setting a tone for Sabbath here at Trinity during the summer months. I began this calendar year with this intent. I even tried to track down a portable prayer labyrinth to set a space for contemplative practice and a broader tone for intentionally taking breaks.



But pressing in on me came a number of requests to “get together” as a community over the summer. Many of you requested we do something as a community. What came from these conversations is a variation on our work in small groups and Lay Academy. We cut the number of meetings down from once a week to once a month in June and July. We are still offering multiple classes, but instead of our typical selection of study, we are focused with more hands-on and active classes. Of course we are still planning to break bread together, though we are not serving meals. The result is a completely new offering here at Trinity and another chance to get together! There’s plenty to choose from, so register now! <https://www.tumct.org/trinitys-adult-summer-camp/>

Family Summer Fun!

Allison Corrigan
Director of Children's Ministries

Here are a few things that can get your family out of the house this summer!

Don't sit around all summer binge-watching Game of Thrones and Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood! Put your kids in the family van, drive to the church, and have some family fun and fellowship with other church members! This summer, Trinity is putting together some exciting events for the whole family! And, by the way, this is a great time to invite some friends! Just sign up for each event your family will attend and be sure to let us know how many people to expect. There will be a charge for each event to cover the cost of food and supplies, so please plan to pay with cash or check at the door. This is what we have planned for you:

Family Photo Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m. – 12 noon. This is an event for the whole family! Bring a Bible and work together to solve scripture riddles. Once you solve the riddle, locate what it is you're looking for and take a photo of your group with it! This is a race against time, so work quickly! The

first group to return to Moor Hall with all of the right answers wins! \$5 per family. (There will not be childcare during this event since all are welcome to participate.)

Family Paint & Praise

Saturday, July 20, 2-4 p.m. Canvas, paint, yarn, buttons, fun, oh my! It's Painting with a Twist, Trinity style! Come let your creativity shine as your family works together to create a unique masterpiece of your own!

We will have a professional art teacher available to help instruct and offer any support you may need. \$12 per family (up to 4 people, \$2 each additional person.) This event is recommended for children ages 3 and up, so childcare will be available for 2 and under.

Family Dance Party!

Sunday, August 4, 5-7 p.m. School's going to be back in session soon, but not before we have one last hoorah! Put on those dancing shoes and come let loose on the dance floor! Join us for fellowship, food & fun! Pizza, drinks and dessert are included. \$10 per family. Please note: there will not be childcare during this event asince all are welcome to participate.

Sounds fun, right? Sign-up online: <https://bit.ly/2HnBTZ6>. We hope you can come to all three!



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