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Monthly Tidings

Trinity United Methodist Church

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

2019 Celebration Sunday!

The Joy of Generosity was certainly on display during the Celebration service on Sunday, October 20. With all of the children and youth music groups participating in the service, from the smallest voice in the Cherub Choir to the amplified Youth Praise Band, music filled

the sanctuary with the gift of innocence and beauty.

After the service, members were directed into Moor Hall for a good old-fashioned pot-luck lunch with the church providing the fried chicken.



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from September 11 - October 10:



In memory of **Spider Webb, Jr.** from Bob and Beverly Burlison, Fran Ferenchick, Duncan and Mary Ann Moore, and Franklin and Cookie Darnell.

In memory of **Marshall Frinks** from UMW Circle One.

In memory of **Jerry Conger** from UMW Circle One.

In memory of **Bridget Phillips** from Kelley and Linda Phillips.

Chicken Pilau

Chaires UMC is holding its Annual

Traditional Chicken Pilau on Thurs., Nov. 7, from 4-7:30 p.m. Menu - Chicken

& rice, coleslaw, pole beans (seasoned with real ham for flavor), saltines, desserts & a beverage; all for \$10 per plate (children 5 and under eat free).

No Advance Tickets Sold - Eat In or Carry Out - As Long As It Lasts!

Entertainment On-stage!

Chaires United Methodist Church is at 9243 Parkhill Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32317.



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Cards of Comfort

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

I can't remember the last time I was on the receiving end of "Community Care." As I have journeyed through my recent surgery, what I didn't realize was the power of comfort through the hands of many. On our dining room buffet, these cards have greeted me for the past 2-3 weeks as I prepared and recovered from my recent surgery. There were days when I was truly overwhelmed by the many expressions of love and support on behalf of my church family and my immediate family.

After my tests and surgery were complete and I was in full blown recovery and recuperation mode, a card came in the mail last Tuesday from my daughter and her family in Gainesville. The outside of the card simply read, **TO THE WORLD YOU MAY BE ONE PERSON, BUT TO ONE PERSON, YOU MAY BE THE WORLD.** -unknown-

Inside the card were these words...

Dad,

They didn't have typical get well cards at Fresh Market, but this one is

perfect. We love you so much and are glad to hear the surgery was successful! You are "the world" to us, and I hope you can feel more like yourself soon! Wishing you a restful recovery, where your body can heal and do exactly what it needs to do. As I'm sure Mom will remind you, rest, rest, rest - and don't push yourself. We love you! Taylor

P.S. To Pops (From Coraline, our 3 year old grand-daughter)

Thank you for doing your surgery. I hope you come back soon. Love, Coraline



These thoughts were echoed in scores of cards from dear friends and our Trinity Family. Ramona and I have been overwhelmed by your support, prayers, and expressions of love. I can tell you that from

the receiving end, it meant more than you will ever know!

I Love Being Your Pastor, and this time, you have "pastored me!"

The Gator/Seminole Showdown Kickoff!

Join us in our annual rivalry against the Gators!

Mention you are with **FSU Wesley** at checkout and we will receive 20% towards the Showdown

Come on out for a fun, kid friendly night!

Friday, Nov. 1, 2019 | ALL DAY | Grub Burger Bar

3425 Thomasville Rd, Suite 21
Tallahassee, FL
(Next to Trader Joe's)

This kicks off our friendly competition with **Gator Wesley!**

Throughout November you can give a gift of any amount or pledge per point during the big rivalry football game on November 30.

If you are interested in donating or learning more please visit:

GatorSeminoleShowdown.com

Save the Date!
The Showdown starts November 1

Music News for November

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Music Makers Needed

Heavenly Handchimes is a fun group of mostly senior citizens that enjoy one another's company and enjoy making music together. We move at our own pace and have a good time. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 1:45-2:45 p.m. We are looking for additional members....how about you? The only requirement is that you can read music. Contact me (mrepasky@tumct.org or 212-0701) for additional information.

Guess Who?

She grew up at this church and was very active in the Youth Group. Now she is majoring in Sacred Music at FSU. She is a veteran of NETkids Choir, and Youth Choir and the Youth Praise Band. Now she is very active with the FSU Wesley Foundation. Her parents are highly trained musicians and they are part of the church staff here at Trinity. Yes, it is Hannah Prasse! Many of you certainly remember her.

Hannah will present her Junior voice recital in our chapel on Friday, December 6 at 7 p.m. All are invited to attend and see what Hannah has accomplished as a singer these past few years. It is always gratifying to see one of our own pursuing a music degree in college. Even better, being in sacred music, perhaps one day, she may become a church music director!



Mark your calendars for a free concert on **Friday, November 8 at 7 p.m.**! Viktor and Yuliia Billa will again dazzle as they perform selected works in the Trinity sanctuary!

It Has Been a While

Viktor and Yuliia Billa sometimes join forces to present recitals. If you have attended any of these, you can vouch for their top-notch quality. They are both consummate performers! Mark your calendars for Friday, November 8! Viktor and Yuliia present their recital at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Composers include Handel, Bach, Mozart, Saint-Saens, Bellini and Richard Strauss.

Thank you, Chancel Choir!

Each fall, a luncheon is held after the 11 a.m. service honoring our Chancel Choir. It is one way the church says "thank you" to the choir for its dedicated service week after week. These musicians are indeed worship leaders every time they sing. Their goal is to enhance the worship service and bring people closer to God. This event takes place Sunday, November 3 in Moor Hall and is always well attended.



Heavenly Handchimes perform at a recent service.



The Chancel Choir is the flagship of the music programs at Trinity.

What do You Wish for?

Sue Parsons
HEO SnackPack Team Lead

Dear Church Family,
Good morning. I am thankful for this day. This past Thursday, as folks came to church for some love (and a SnackPack), I decided to ask them if they had any wishes or prayers and made a prayer list for them:

- "Love and care"
- "apartment"
- "financial support"
- "that I might receive my husband's SS check as he passed away 3 years ago"
- "sleeping bag"
- "Big Mac"
- "a million dollars"
- "whatever"
- "for God to show up right now"
- "to go back home and be with family"
- "go back to Redding"
- "more money"
- "a new home"
- "actual day trading"
- "to have some money"
- "bring people to the light"
- "to see my Mom in Indiana"
- "eye surgery" (has a visible abscess in his left eye that he says is very painful)

- "I'm good, pretty content"
- "I'm alive to see another day"
- "Prayer for health"
- "Better life"
- "no thanks"
- "No, because it could always be worse"
- "keep focused and to have strength"
- "have a good year"
- "healthy kids"
- "stability"
- "\$50 gift certificate to Chic-Fil-A"
- "I'm good on that"
- "peace of mind"
- "\$20 Walmart Card"
- "opportunity to get life straight"
- "hot chocolate"
- "my Mom's health"
- "pray for all the sick people in the world"
- "blessings for everyone"
- "everyone to have a great day"
- "heavy sweat shirt cause no one has them till November and it's getting cold"
- "for everyone to love one another and get along"
- "peace, love, joy, and happiness"
- "Go back to Virginia"

- "be more healthy"
- "have good faith"
- "9.5 mens steel toed work boots and size 8 slip resistant women's shoes"
- "I'm set"
- "I'm good"
- "I want for nothing"
- "Prayers for my brother and sister"
- "Pray for my heart disease"
- "for better days"
- "Prayer for returning to Puerto Rico"
- "To have a good weekend"
- "to read the bible"
- "being stable and having a place to stay"
- "Thank God for waking me up cause no one else did:"
- "Prayer for house for my 5 children and me"

I wanted to share this with you and will offer these up in prayer this week.

It is a blessing to spend time with these folks and to ask about their weeks, share smiles, and connect with them. Many come not because they are hungry, but because we "make space" for them. I'm thankful they come.

Homeless Mat Group

Rose Glenn
Homeless Mats Chair

It has been said that when we go to church that we "**Enter to Worship - Leave to Serve.**" Have you asked yourself if you are you doing your part in serving God? We could all do more. If you are looking for a way to serve, I would invite you to come join the **Homeless Mats Group**. Most of the work can be done at home. We meet

once a month to fold and cut the bags and to teach any one to crochet.

Our next meeting will be **November 14**. We meet in the **Conference Room from 10:30-noon**. November is the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving and thank God for all our blessings. If you have a roof over your head, food on the table and clothes

on your back, you are truly blessed. Many of our homeless neighbors do not have any of these things. Hopefully our mats will help them get a night of restful sleep. Please come and help us get the mats ready to give out on Christmas Day at the Community Dinner.

Men and women are welcome.

Save the Date - (the real) Santa Party!

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

We are excited to announce that **Trinity Preschool** will be hosting a **Cookies with Santa Party** on **Saturday, December 7, from 4-6 p.m. in Moor Hall**. This event is geared towards preschool and elementary aged children and will include cookies and milk, games, and a visit from Santa! There will be plenty of opportunity to sit on Santa's lap, and you are welcome to bring your camera to capture the moment

for posterity! While the event is free, a donation of \$5.00 is appreciated.

Saturday is the annual Festival of Lights in Downtown Tallahassee, so we hope that you will come by to see Santa, enjoy some chili with the Trinity Youth, and watch the parade later in the evening! This is a family event and no childcare is provided.



A Tribute to the Founder of BFC!

Ruth Ann High
Exercise Leader

Today I would like to wish Beth Curry a very happy birthday. Her birthday is November 1. And for her birthday let me share with you how much I appreciate her getting me involved in Trinity's exercise ministry, something Beth started 11 years ago. I had neck and back pain. But after visiting a doctor and a physical therapist, I learned that staying active was the best cure for my pain. And the Staying Strong class helped inspire me to get more active.

And now I get to help lead the class once a week. I have made great friends in this class and have learned the importance of living an active life for all ages. We have participants in their 90s and 80s who are **STAYING STRONG**. They are great role models for all ages in the class, too. We have a great time and we are taking care of our bodies. By exercising, we all hope to live productive and active lives. Exercising also helps one's body recover more quickly should one need to have surgery.

JOIN US!!!

Our goal in this exercise class is to make it EASY for new participants to join. We do not want people to ever feel intimidated by the exercises. We try to provide a fun and easy way to enter into exercising. Beginners are always welcomed. All ages and abilities, too. If you have any questions, please contact me and I will be happy to tell you about our classes. Rahigh@comcast.net

Beth has been a great leader in this area and I am proud to be a part of her team. Happy Birthday, friend, and thank you for all your dedicated hard work over the years. Many of us are extremely grateful.

Come join us for FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FITNESS!

Drop in to any class – any time! Suggested donation is \$3 per class.

BFC Tues/Thurs morning exercise program continues all year round

Staying Strong, taught by Ruth Ann High

or Beth Curry (with Jaqui Griffith as a sub) on Tues/Thurs at 9:30 a.m., is a wonderful way to begin or return to exercise with a gentle standing and seated format which includes strength, balance and flexibility exercise too. **Beginner level.**

Variety Mix, taught by Amy Leach or Beth Curry, is the perfect Tues/Thurs morning class at 11:00 a.m. - offers a fast paced, full body workout. Come join us one day and give it a try! It's a great group and many stay to have lunch together afterward while waiting to pick children up from preschool programs. **Intermediate to Advanced level.**

Fit Mix available on Wednesday nights during Lay Academy

Fit Mix – Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. – Try a circuit style class which incorporates strength and cardio into one class.

Intermediate to advanced. Contact Elaine Freni (elainefreni@gmail.com) for more information.

- Registration of \$10 for Fit Mix may also be made when Lay Academy sessions begin and is due on the first night of class.

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

- Drop into any class – any time – for FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FITNESS!

- The suggested donation is \$3 per class for all classes.

- One hundred percent of donation are used as follows: Morning classes to community outreach/missions. Evening classes to fund minor class needs/equipment. Over \$55,000 has been raised to date.

Nursery

- Baby/Toddler childcare is free and available by advanced



The author, left, and Beth at the BFC Christmas party last year.

reservation ONLY for Tues/Thur Variety Mix class at 11:00 a.m. Contact Amy Leach (AmyCLEach@hotmail.com). The nursery is also free and available for Fit Mix at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays through the regular Wednesday Night church nursery.

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*

— **Wednesday** —
Fit MIX is offered 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 Luncheon November 5 at 11:45

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

The speaker will be Dr. Kimball Thomas (photo below). His topic will be TEMPO, a program he wrote and manages for the City of Tallahassee. The initiative is a community outreach program for local youth ages 16-24 who are not in school, unemployed and could be subject to crime, poverty, and domestic violence. TEMPO provides mentoring, life coaching, and resources to assist with education, workforce training and jobs. Since launching in 2017, TEMPO has over 650 participants and no participants



- UMW Circle Meetings**

Alpha Circle: Monday, November 11, at 10 a.m., Oak Room, Westminster Oaks, Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcus Foster: Tuesday, November 5, at 1 p.m., in the church library, Nancy Kerce, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Thanksgiving donations, No meeting, Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, November 6, at noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, November 19, at 10 a.m. Specialty House, Meandering Lane, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m., 2107 Rankin Ave. Esther Harrison, hostess, Patti Oakley, chair.

commit or recommit crimes or violate probation. TEMPO currently has been nominated to the International City/County Management Association for its "Community Health & Safety" Program Excellence Award program and lunch.

For 2019. Please join us for lunch as we welcome Dr. Thomas and learn about TEMPO! You don't have to be a member of UMW to attend. Please call Nancy Kerce 877-6546 for reservations.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

We invite all those interested in participating in this ministry to pack a gift filled shoebox for a child. OCC cardboard boxes are available in the Welcome Center. Please take an empty box including an instruction pamphlet. Return filled boxes to the Welcome Center **on or**



before Sunday, November 17. After that date boxes you will need to **take your shoebox directly to Tallahassee Heights UMC!**

If you don't enjoy shopping but would

like to participate, donations of \$9 which will cover the cost of shipping are appreciated. For your convenience this can be done online. You can help make a difference in a child's life!



Gloves for our homeless friends

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

UMW is collecting gloves for distribution at the Trinity Christmas Dinner.

Black gloves for men are the most needed, but all gloves are appreciated! Look for the glove container in the Welcome Center.

Thanks for your support!



Thank you!

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



Youth Happenings in November

Lisa Prasse Ryan Kielmann
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); 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 1-17 and will be delivered the Wednesday night after Thanksgiving, December 4th, in the gravel lot from 5-8:00 p.m. 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!!!

November 1st-3rd we will head down to Warren Willis for our annual "SERVE" retreat where the youth will learn more about exploring our call to act locally. We will explore our relationships with our neighbors and seek the best way to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. 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 "SERVE," 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 6th at the latest.

Finally, please come by Trinity on Saturday, December 7th between 5-8:00 p.m. 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 2020**. Advanced tickets (\$5 each) will be on sale in the Welcome Center on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, beginning Wednesday, November 13 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 27.

Beyond the "extra" events and happenings, please remember we have regularly scheduled Sunday School at 9:45am Sundays, bible study on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m., and UMYF every Sunday night from 6-8:00 p.m. ... 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

- Nov. 1:**We begin taking Christmas tree/wreath orders
- Nov. 1-3:** ...SERVE Retreat at Warren Willis Camp
- Nov. 27:**No Youth Programming today—enjoy this Thanksgiving!!!
- Dec. 4:**Christmas Trees and wreaths delivered—all youth hands on deck!!!!
- Dec. 7:**Chili Fundraiser
- Dec. 8:**Hanging of the Greens!



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 1.**

The deadline for ordering will be Friday November 17.

Pick up will be **Wednesday, December 4** from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Curriculum is Key in Sunday School

By Jim Patterson

Oct. 7, 2019 | NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UM News)

When you really think about it, the story of Noah's ark is disturbing.

An angry God drowns all of civilization with a massive flood. The only ones saved are Noah, his family and the animals he takes with him. Everybody else dies.

Now try to think how you would tell that story to a Sunday school class without giving children nightmares about floods.

"Churches love talking about that story with kids because it's got rainbows — and rainbows are fun — and lots of animals," said Brittany Sky, senior editor for children's resources at United Methodist Publishing House.

"But the story itself is very difficult," she said. "We try to make sure what we're teaching is age-appropriate and as they get older, they do deal with harder texts."

This delicate balance is difficult to accomplish without a theologically sound curriculum. That's where United Methodist Publishing can help.

The company has started rolling out its new Bible Story Basics curriculum through its Cokesbury retail arm, while the fifth year of its popular Deep Blue curriculum is still widely used.

"We want to address the issue we continue to hear year after year through conversations with church members about children not knowing the Bible," Sky said. "So Bible Story Basics really focuses on the Bible story and teaching children tools so they too can study the Bible."

Attendance of children in United Methodist "faith formation groups" has declined from 787,421 in 2012 to 727,129 in 2017, according to the denomination's General Council on Finance and Administration.

Although that decline undoubtedly reflects the decrease in attendance at United Methodist churches overall, executives with United Methodist Publishing are doing their part to spark interest by regularly rolling out new curriculums to keep the attention of children and aid in their faith development.

"I have noticed a bigger excitement about Sunday school since we've switched to this (Deep Blue) curriculum," said Megan Teegarden, associate director of children's ministry at Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, Tennessee. "Since I've started using it, I've noticed there are more conversations between kids and parents or between kids themselves when they're leaving Sunday school."

"They're excited about what they're learning."

Brentwood United Methodist has a thriving Sunday school program, averaging 200-300 children in attendance each week with 800-1,000 on the rolls. The Bible Story Basics curriculum is under review there, Teegarden said.

"I think that everything Cokesbury puts out is positive," she said. "They really do think about all the different contexts churches have, so there's something for everyone."

Print materials are still the most popular with Sunday school teachers, although the Publishing House does offer apps and videos.

"We have created some digital platforms, but most of our church leaders are more comfortable with print," Sky said. "We've not seen that go away like we expected."

Sunday school in Methodism dates back to at least 1737, according to "The Encyclopedia of World Methodism." John Wesley taught children Sunday afternoons before the evening service when he visited Georgia, and the question of how to best instruct adults and children was debated at the first Methodist Conference in 1744.

The fortunes of Sunday school have

ebbed along with the church in the U.S.

"At so many churches, people aren't coming," said Marj Pon, associate publisher for teaching and learning at the United Methodist Publishing House.

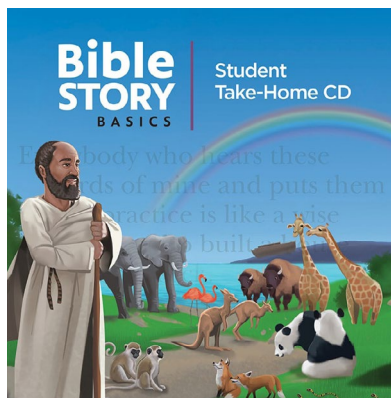
"If they do come, it's sporadic. ... Children are not necessarily being brought to Sunday school, so they're not necessarily being folded into the body of Christ."

The relationships a child builds at church are second only to parents in influencing whether they embrace Christianity, Pon said.

"The parents at home are the most influential on what happens on Sunday morning or at churches," she said. "Sunday school curriculum helps with that, but it's not the key piece."

The main goal of Sunday school is to "help children to feel loved and know they are children of God," Pon said.

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The cover of the lesson plan from the Bible Story Basics curriculum for teaching the story of Noah's ark. Courtesy of the United Methodist Publishing House.



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