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

Music Ministry Sunday Recap!



It was another successful Music Ministry Sunday at Trinity. It was Mark Repasky's last one as Music Director, and what a joyous occasion it was. With twelve different groups performing, it was quite a sight to see. As well as to hear! It is always a lovely event and a time for us to present our best musical offerings for our congregation. It featured the praise band, multiple choirs, handbells, handchimes, and of course a full orchestra. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year so memorable!

Gifts to Trinity

In Loving Memory -of-

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

In memory of **Lee Everhart** from John Olson, Sr., Palmer and Leslie Williams, Bill and Lori Mattice, and Carolyn Owen.

In memory of **Larry O'Steen** from Right at Home Tallahassee and Warren and Susan Tedder.

Homeless Mats

Rose Glenn
Homeless Mats Chair

The Homeless Mats group will meet **February 13 in the Conference Room from 10:30 - noon**. Please join us to learn how to cut, roll and/or how to crochet.

We are again in need of GROCERY TYPE plastic bags. We ask that you fold the bags neatly (not crunch them). We CANNOT use newspaper bags, heavy plastic bags, or laundry bags. We use any color. There is a basket in the Welcome Center where we collect bags or if that is full you can leave them in the big blue cabinet down the hall outside the Conference Room. Contact me at budsthorn@comcast.net



Get Ready for Lent!

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

I went back to my exercise class on Monday to get "ready" to get into shape this spring! After my surgery in October, everything seems tender and less firm! In short, my body is really not ready to exercise, but then again, is it ever going to be ready? There comes a time when we just have to start! As the old Nike commercial used to remind us, Just Do It!

I ran across an article last week by George Martell that shared some great ideas about preparing for the Lenten Season, beginning with Ash Wednesday on February 26. Here is a modified plan that might be helpful for all of us to get into shape by the time Lent begins:

1. Get moving physically

Being made of both body and soul, I'm still inclined to forget how much the body tends to influence the state of my soul. On the days when I sit around on the couch or binge-watch a show on Netflix for hours, I find that I'm much less likely to have the energy to get off the couch and do something productive! But on the days when I've taken a walk, or exercised a bit, it couldn't be more different. I'm more cheerful, more hopeful, and have more energy to give to others. It's the perfect state of mind to try to begin to make some changes and become more disciplined in my life.

2. Get moving mentally

Feed your mind. Even if you aren't doing spiritual reading, any reading at all might be more helpful than you think. Just reading a whole article, instead of just the headline and then a quick skim of the content has a way of fostering the habit of following through on what you've started. It helps me learn not to give up easily. And the mind, like any muscle, needs to be exercised in order to stay strong. Using your mind more often can help deepen your understanding of your faith, which is rich beyond measure, and has so much to offer.

3. Start noticing your problem areas

Now is the time to start thinking about what areas of your spiritual life need some attention and review. A good examination of conscience will direct you to changes that are personally right for you, both physically and spiritually, helping you see your Lenten goals more clearly.



4. Make it to Worship!

You've already made a good examination of your conscience and your needs, so don't waste it. "Get Thyself to Worship!" Find your way to communion and the Altar of Confession. It's always a good choice to find a way to be closer to Jesus. After all, isn't that the whole point of our Christian Faith?

5. Pray, pray, pray...

Someone once told me, when all else fails, PRAY! You don't have to be in the mood, you don't even need to have that much energy, and you don't need to have that much to say for your prayer to be a good one. What matters is perseverance. Never underestimate the power of prayer. When my grand- daughter prays at the table, it is often the simplest of prayers, but they are often the most profound as they speak into the center of my heart.

Prayer may be hard at first, but once it's part of your routine, it becomes second nature. And wouldn't we love it if daily prayer was second nature to us all?

Lent can be a wonderful time to put your life back in order! We are still putting up Christmas and my wife Ramona is determined to sort through our many decorations and organize them by separating them into used and unused, indoor and outdoor, cloth and mildew proof! We are choosing which ornaments will stay and which ones will be given away. It takes time, but the end result will be peace of mind and an organized attic and closet. May we begin this season of Lent with an intentional prayer life!

St Paul reminds us to "pray without ceasing..." (1 Thessalonians 5:17) Maybe we can start with praying every day, for now!

Dr. Wayne

Wheel Chairs & Rubber Duckies: How Powerful It Can Be, When Words Are Put to Music

Mark Repasky
Music Director

A Christmas miracle?

About 10 years ago, our two children's choirs were visiting a nearby retirement facility, as they do three times each year. It was near Christmas so it involved a lot of Christmas carols, including a sing-along with the residents. Nearest to the children were several people in wheelchairs. Some of them were quite unresponsive. While leading the children, my back was to the audience so I did not see what happened during the sing-along. But retirement facility staff in the room certainly did. One came excitedly running to me after we finished our program. Imagine our conversation: "See that woman in the wheelchair over there? She has not spoken at all for quite a few weeks....nothing. But when we started singing familiar Christmas carols like Silent Night and O

Come All Ye Faithful, she perked up and started singing along!" How powerful it can be, when words are put to music!

Rubber Duckies

Funerals are usually very emotional experiences for the immediate family, especially if the deceased was quite young. During my time as Music Director at First United Methodist Church of Tarpon Springs, a family had several children in our Children and Youth Choirs. They were an active family in the church. The father even went on one of our Youth Choir tours as a chaperone. He became quite ill and in a few weeks passed away. Of course that was a difficult funeral even for my wife Cindy and I. The family asked Cindy to play some meaningful piano music before the service was to begin. She of course agreed. One of their requests was

"The Rubber Duckie song". You can google it and watch Sesame Street character Bert sing it. But why at a funeral? Because the children fondly remembered their father singing it to them, sometimes at bathtime. So of course, Cindy played it. How powerful it can be, when words are put to music!

And so it is, when we join together in worship to sing hymns and praise songs. If you feel you cannot sing, perhaps you can read the words as others sing them. Those words are a part of our precious faith, part of our walk with God! How powerful it can be, when words are put to music!



It's February! You Know What That Means.. **Bear Sunday**

Sabrina Denmark
Local Missions Volunteer

Sunday, February 16th

Bring a cuddly teddy bear to help a hurting child. Trinity has been donating these bears for many years to Caring Tree of Big Bend Hospice, Children's Home Society, Hope Community and a few other agencies that distribute them to children in stressful situations.

Children's Home Society helps children in need through independent living, foster care, education and more. They continue to provide children with a strong foundation from which to grow.

Hope Community is part of the Big Bend Homeless Coalition in Tallahassee. It is their residential facility with support services for homeless families with children and homeless single women. They provide food and shelter.

Caring Tree of Big Bend Hospice was created in 1995 as a community outreach of Big Bend Hospice. The program is designed to meet the unique needs of grieving children and teens.

The Caring Tree creates safe, therapeutic, and age-appropriate environments in which young people and the adults around them can learn to understand and cope with loss.

The Caring Tree combines short and long term services to provide comprehensive opportunities for healing and education.



20 Year Anniversary Organ Concert, February 21

Viktor Billa
Organist

Console Upgradings and 2020 Celebration Concert

During summer in 2019 the organ console was upgraded by Casavant - combinations system from 64 to 999 levels of memory, with piston sequencer; new display panel showing the memory level, current piston and crescendo level; record and playback capabilities; new keyboards with bone-covered naturals and ebony sharps and other works.

The Celebration concert will take place **Friday, February 21 at 7 p.m.** by Trinity organist Viktor Billa. The program will include masterpieces of the most famous works by J.S. Bach, Franck, A. Guilman and virtuoso composer Marcel Dupre. A special dedication will be to one of the former organists, Myron Mundy. In his memory will be performed "Sketches on African-American Spiritual Songs" by Hungarian composer Antalfy-Zsiross Dezsö.

And the crowning piece of the program is Concerto for Organ, String orchestra and Timpani in G Minor by Francis Poulenc under the direction of Yuliia Billa as a conductor, and Viktor Billa soloist.

Unlike other musical instruments, each pipe organ is a unique creation. In the 120-year history of Casavant Freres no other organ has been built with the same list of stops, in an identical configuration or with the particular visual appearance of this instrument. Just as each church is architecturally different, so too are its acoustics and the musical needs of the congregation. Therefore, the task of the organ builder is to conceive and blend the appropriate elements in order to assure a successful result when the organ is installed and voiced in its home.

While no two organs are alike, organ design is not an undisciplined art. There must be an overall tonal concept, or tonal architecture in order to give structure and form to the resulting instrument. One may think of good organ design as a kind of tonal pyramid where the foundation is provided by the bass voices, with other stops representing the tenor, alto, and soprano registers. In this instrument each of the four divisions (Grand Orgue, Récit, Positif and Pédale) has a well-developed complement of stops from bass to treble, thus providing a solid foundation of tone at various levels of dynamics. There are no less than seven stops in the instrument at the 16-foot pitch. Four flue stops and three reed stops. The flues consist of two open stops, the Contrebasse and Violonbasse and two stopped wood ranks, Soubasse and Bourdon. Casavant Opus 3786 occupies a physical position similar to that of the previous organ, however, in order to bring the sound of the instrument more directly into the building, two new cases were created to house the principal stops of the Grand Orgue and Pedale divisions on the left and right sides of the chancel respectively. The expressive Récit and Positif divisions are behind the casework on the right, while the Grand Orgue and Pedale divisions are housed in a similar position on the left. The woodwork of the two cases and console incorporate architectural details found on the choir modesty



screen and wainscot, while the hand-carved pipe shades feature a decorative motif found in the altar.

"When we were informed that the commission for the new organ for Trinity United Methodist Church was to be entrusted to us we were extremely pleased to have this opportunity to build an organ for Florida's capital city, not only to serve the congregation but also to be a tool for outreach to the community at large. We trust that its musical voice will enrich and inspire all those who hear it for many generations." **Casavant Frères**

History of our Organ - Opus 3786

The delivery of Casavant Opus 3786 was accomplished on Oct. 12, 1999. As the large truck was unloaded during the day and safe places to store the pipes and other components were found, the full realization of the magnitude of the project was apparent.

The installation crew, Organiers Guy Leclerc and Mario Vanasse, had assembled and disassembled the instrument in the Casavant factory, where every detail had been tested prior to shipment. The technical expertise of the crew, their intimate acquaintance with Casavant Opus 3786 and their people skills facilitated the installation, which was completed within the allotted time of four weeks.



**History of our Organ - Opus 3786
(continued)**

The month-long process for the tonal adjustment of Opus 3786 afforded the congregation opportunity to become acquainted with the visual presence of the instrument in its place in the sanctuary. The painstaking work of voicing was done by the Casavant team of Yves Champaigne and Jaeton Robert; as this phase progressed, Dr. Michael Corzine, Professor of Organ at Florida State

University, and Trinity Organist James E. Lorenz provided consultative assistance. The organ was accepted on behalf of the Board of Trustees by Dr. Corzine and Mr. Lorenz on Dec. 10, 1999.

The dedication of the instrument was conducted at both the 8:30 and 11 am. worship services of the congregation on Dec. 19, 1999. Before the organ had been

played in public, Opus 3786 was presented to the Board of Trustees by the Chairperson of the Organ Committee, Dr. Myron R. Blee. Mrs. Eleanor H. Smith, Chairperson, accepted the organ on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

CPR Certification Offered at Trinity - February 18

Ruth Ann High
Exercise Leader

On Tuesday February 18 at 11:00 a.m., in conjunction with Healthy Heart Month, a two-hour American Heart Association CPR/AED class will be offered at Trinity. Barry Hartin, with Southeastern School of Health Sciences, will return again as our instructor. If you have never taken a CPR class with Barry, you are urged to attend. Not only will you learn how to perform CPR, but you will come out of class knowing you have the skills to confidently respond should the need arise. In fact, some participants from previous years' classes have actually had to use their skills in real life situations, and they have reported back how invaluable this class was.

To reserve your spot (deadline - Friday February 15), please mail the following information to:

Trinity UMC, PO Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302 - Attn: Beth Curry

Your name
Phone number
Email address
Address
\$45 check made payable to Southeastern School of Health Science

Payment MUST be made in advance no later than Fri Feb 15 - to reserve your spot. Class will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. There is also limited infant/toddler nursery available. Please email AmyCLeach@hotmail.com for reservations.

For more information stop by the Health Wellness Bulletin Board outside of the Conference Room on the ground floor or email Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com.

Do You Know Where the Three AEDs at Trinity are Located?

Seconds matter! Could you find one of these lifesaving Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices quickly, if needed while at Trinity? There are three.

- **On the first floor** - in the Welcome Center on the wall above the old church bench.
- **On the second floor** - in the hallway at the top of the stairwell between the Office Door and the Staff Lounge.
- **On the third floor** - in the hallway at

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.



Epiphany Luncheon

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

Dr. and Mrs. Wiatt hosted the retired pastors and spouses of Trinity for a luncheon celebrating Epiphany. As part of our celebration, one person won the prize of wearing the Epiphany crown. Trinity is blessed to have such wisdom and support from our retired clergy families.

From time to time, they have assisted with communion, funerals, weddings, teaching Bible Studies, leading Lay Academy Classes, and being ambassadors for Trinity in so many ways.

We are blessed to have them at Trinity! In attendance were Wayne and Beth Curry, Margaret Osteen, Helen Fletcher, John and Pat Willis, Barbara Hynes, Ramona and Wayne Wiatt, Neal Avirett, Bob and Brenda Gibbs. Not pictured are David and Cinda Hortin and Ann Booth.



UMW Luncheon - February 4

Nancy Bedford

The monthly luncheon meeting of UMW in Ministry will be held on Tuesday, February 4, at 11:45 in Moor Hall. The meeting topic will be Madison Youth Ranch which will include video testimonials from the youth, equine therapy usage and sending personal valentine greetings from UMW members. You don't have to be a member of UMW to attend. Please contact Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations.

Madison Youth Ranch

The Madison Youth Ranch, opened in 2014 in Pinetta, FL is an expansion of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. This rural residential facility on several hundred acres in Northwest Florida serves young people in this area in need of a home. They may be wards of the state, experiencing emotional problems too great for parents to deal with, or recovering from a life crisis. Often the children have not been in a traditional

family or have been living on the street. Houseparents provide assistance to youth which includes learning manners, courtesy, and basic cooking skills in addition the children attending public school. Each residential cottage houses 12 boys or girls who are provided with an individual bedroom that they learn to keep clean and tidy. They are also

provided with a trail bike for recreational outings. The most important mission of the ranch is to let the children know that people love them and to bring the component of faith into their lives.

Contact Trinity member Dan Drake ddraco@comcast.net for more information on the ranch and how you can help provide support.

UMW Circle Meetings

Alpha Circle: Monday, February 10, at 10 am, Oak Room, Westminster Oaks, Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcas Foster: Tuesday, February 4, at 1 pm, in the church library, Nancy Kerce, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Monday, February 10, 6 pm, 2104 W. Randolph Circle, Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, February 5 at noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, February 18, at 10 am. Specialty House, Meandering Lane, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thursday, February 20, 1804 W. Indianhead Dr., Patti Oakley, hostess/chair.



Youth Happenings in February

Lisa Prasse Youth Director
Ryan Kielmann Youth Ministry Intern



A Note from Lisa ...

As January ushered in another new year, so did our youth! We are back up and running in the Underground and it never ceases to amaze me just how quickly we're running! Please see a little of what we're running toward in the coming months and be reminded of Sunday school every Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Underground and mid-week youth bible study on Wednesdays at 6:30pm!

We went to work as hands and feet over the MLK holiday as we helped our church family deliver Meals on Wheels! It was so wonderful to visit with friends-new and some we've seen on these same paths in years past!

We had a little fellowship in Orlando over the weekend as they hosted Rock the Universe! We had a terrific time of retreat, worship, and just plain fun together during that 3 day whirlwind of a trip!

We had fun exploring different worship during January as our confirmation class went on the road with a fun Friday night dinner at Moe's and a terrific service with our friends at Temple Israel. It's wonderfully eye-opening to see how others worship and to learn about why they do the things they do and believe what they believe.

This month we're going to visit the Catholic Church as we take in a Sunday morning service together on February

9th. This is another awesome opportunity to see how different worship can look, sound, and feel. Confirmands will learn even more as we head down to Warren Willis for our Confirmation Retreat later this month. The next couple months will be full for our confirmands!

Our juniors and seniors were invited to a weekend retreat at Warren Willis at the end of January where they connected to college ministries from all around the state of Florida. Those ministries were represented by volunteers, workshop leaders, worship bands, and speakers. The kids had a great time and made some terrific connections with new friends they hope to connect with a little later in their lives.

We're busy preparing for our summer mission trips and are so grateful for your support leading up to these big events! We look forward to sharing all we learn there and the work we'll be able to do there as the hands and feet of Jesus. Thanks always for all you do to support and promote our terrific youth group. We are endlessly grateful!

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



Summer "Save-the-Dates" 2020

June 1- 6Youth Week

June 7VBS Training

June 8 -12Vacation Bible School

July 6 - 11CAMP

Week 5 at Warren Willis

(Registration is open!

Feel free to go to warrenwilliscamp.org and get registered! More info coming soon)



Guatemala Trip 2020

What You Need to Know!

We are pleased to announce some of the details for our 2020 trip to Guatemala. The trip dates are **November 7 -14th**. We have secured 15 seats on our flights at just \$10 over what we paid last year, which makes our total airfare costs just \$580 per person. With the ground fees added in, that brings our total to \$1360 per person. This price includes the trip to Antigua on Friday. The fees for medical clinics and construction are pending, and depend upon whether or not we go to Boca Costa, as before. That is something we can discuss at our first meeting, as it will affect our fundraising efforts.

There is a deadline of February 10th to pay the \$100 per seat deposit for our group rate.

If we don't have at least 10 people confirmed at that time, we will lose our group rate. If you are in the Tallahassee area and want to go, please consider flying with the group so we can meet our minimum. Otherwise, we will lose our group rate and will have to pay the regular fare, which is running \$2,000-2,700 per person. You can send checks directly to Jayne Mittan, made out to Trinity United Methodist Church. Her home address is 11398 Buck Lake Rd., Tallahassee, 32317. Please put "Guatemala Airfare Deposit" in the memo line. Jayne will make sure they get to Trinity. If you are not in the Tallahassee area and want me to make your reservations, please let us know as soon as possible! This special rate may not last long.

Our flight details are as follows:

Nov.7, 2020
DL1988 TLH-ATL
6:25am-7:28am
DL904. ATL-GUA
10:37am-1:03pm

Nov. 14, 2020
DL906. GUA-ATL
2:06pm-6:31pm
DL5057. ATL-TLH
10:35-11:42pm

Looking forward to another great year and another life-changing week in Guatemala.



Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Whitt, Senior Pastor
Jonathan Brewster, Associate Pastor
Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Adult Discipleship and Education
Rex Adams, Director of Communications

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Preschool Enrollment for 2020-2021

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

Do you know anyone who would like to join these smiling faces in the Trinity preschool?



Please note the following dates regarding enrollment at the preschool:

For the 2020-2021 school year:

- Currently enrolled families may enroll February 3-5, 2020
- Church members may enroll February 6, 2020
- Open enrollment begins February 7, 2020

If you are interested in learning more about the preschool, please call me at 850-224-8992 or sduggar@tumct.org.