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The New Year Issue

When I Hear the Call to Justice

Friends, standing in our tradition with the witness of Scripture as my primary reference, I say clearly that our sacred worth is not in question. This is where justice work starts for me.

by Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries

I want to share some Scripture with you: key texts that help frame God’s call to do justice for me—Micah 6:8, Genesis 1:26, and Psalm 139. The witness of Scripture is replete with cries for justice and God’s call to make it so. Each person I know who longs for justice and feels it in their call to ministry articulates it a bit differently. We are hosting a Lay Academy class this upcoming winter term to honor how God’s call to justice comes to each of us differently in Scripture. These Old Testament

texts are the starting point for me in exploring justice in the Bible.

I feel a particular call to do justice as part of my ministry, though if we follow the prophet Micah, we learn that we all share some responsibility to do justice. In Micah 6:8, we hear the prophet’s certainty:

“God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.”
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Most people who feel a distinct calling to do justice will reference this verse in particular. It is a succinct reminder of what we must do as disciples.

Defining what justice entails requires a bit more discernment and work. I start that work in the beginning with Genesis 1:26. In this verse, the author reminds us that we are made in God's image. In the United Methodist tradition, we draw on this text as an affirmation that everyone, every single human being, has sacred worth. We are imbued by our Creator with intrinsic value in the very beginning. The Psalmist puts this reality beautifully in Psalm 139:

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. Psalm 139: 13-14 NKJV

The whole Psalm is a beautiful testament to the reality that I am, and we all are, fearfully and wonderfully made.

Friends, standing in our tradition with the witness

of Scripture as my primary reference, I say clearly that our sacred worth is not in question. This is where justice work starts for me. We hear messages in society that we are not worthy, and worse than messages is the precariousness of life for far too many people. When we claim everyone has sacred worth and we don't see them treated that way, we have work to do. God's call to do justice for me rings loud when the sacred worth of whole groups is uncertain or threatened, be it in the cry for the sacred worth of Black lives or that of people struggling to find affordable and safe housing.

Of course, these texts are only the beginning of discernment on doing the work of justice. The Gospels and the rest of the New Testament offer plenty for reflection and action, as do so many other Old Testament texts. God's call to do justice resounds throughout the witness of Scripture. At Trinity we take this responsibility seriously and offer discipleship opportunities throughout the year that help us discern and articulate the ways we are called to do justice. One of those opportunities is coming this month with the Lay Academy term beginning January 12. You may be new to considering God's call for justice in the Bible, or this may be a significant part of your faith already. Either way, I invite you to join me as we answer the call together as a community.

Lay Academy Winter Term Is Bringing a Focus on Scripture, Justice, and Community

by Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries

Your Lay Academy planning team is excited to present a special course this upcoming winter term in concert with the Trinity Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) team. Beginning on January 12, 2022, we will host a series of speakers to share how they hear God's call to do justice in Scripture.

CAJM includes 22 worshipping congregations with distinct approaches to justice grounded in their reading of Scripture. This class is an introduction to some of these congregations. The six weekly meetings will take place in two parts. Our first four weeks will be led by faith leaders sharing and teaching from their respective traditions. We have commitments from leaders in three other CAJM congregations to share with us. These include Writer and Educator Julianne Clayton from Faith Presbyterian, Minister Marco Waters from Bible Based Church, and Educator Stefanie Posner from Temple Israel. We also welcome Rev. Dr. Bob Gibbs to open the series with a word from the United Methodist tradition. The final two weeks of class will include updates from both CAJM research teams specifically focused on gun violence/criminal justice and affordable housing.

Lay Academy will also feature recurring classes, Parenting Village and BFO (Becoming Fit Outdoors), and will welcome a return of the Men's Group with in-person meetings. Hybrid class options with in-person and Zoom attendance will be available for Scripture and Justice and Parenting Village. [Register here to attend!](#)

Trinity received the following gifts from November 11 to December 10:

In memory of Kitty Ball from Duncan and Mary Ann Moore.

In memory of Betty Ashley from Bill Ashley.

In memory of Laurie Ashley from Bill Ashley.

In
Loving
Memory

Preschoolers' Resolutions for the New Year

by Stacey Duggar, Preschool Director

Merriam-Webster defines "new year's resolution" as **a promise to do something differently in the new year**. We thought it would be fun to ask the preschoolers what they would like to do differently (or at least more of!) in 2022. What are your resolutions?

Harleigh, age 3	I want to play with my sister more.
Isaac, age 3	I want to meet Elsa!
Bayleigh, age 3	I want to learn gymnastics.
Betsy, age 3	I want to go to a new park with Mommy.
Audrey, age 4	I want to play horsey with Daddy more!
Finn Y, age 4	I want to learn about how electricity works.
Brooks, age 4	I want to see real T-Rex bones.
Dalton, age 5	I want to learn about cooking because I want to be a chef when I grow up!
Avalee, age 3	I want to go to yoga.
Oliver, age 3	I want to go to Costco and get ice cream.
Kensley, age 3	I want Daddy to buy a castle!
Charlie, age 3	I want to do Legoland stuff.



Enrollment Dates for the 2022-2023 School Year

Please note the following dates for enrollment in the preschool program:

February 1-4, 2022	Currently enrolled students apply
February 7, 2022	Church member enrollment day
February 8, 2022	Open enrollment begins

If you would like information on the preschool, or would like to schedule a tour, please give me a call at 850-224-8992 ext. 3 or email at sduggar@tumct.org.



Trinity's Creation Care Ministry

By Mary Ann Moore, Creation Care Team Member

From working in the gardens of Divine Dirt, planting and harvesting the produce, our Creation Care team has been hard at work. Volunteers from many faith communities, along with an energetic AmeriCorps team, work in the iGrow garden each Monday morning. Bountiful gatherings of collard greens, mustard greens, peppers, and broccoli leaves are distributed throughout the Frenchtown community.

Tallahassee's Green Faith Alliance, of which Trinity is a member, encourages all faith communities to work together to provide fresh produce to underserved areas of town. This is a generous giving of hearts and hands, building camaraderie with local residents as well as among different faith traditions.

Trinity's faithful workers are Gloria Colvin, Fain Folsom, Linda Rogers, Mary Ann Moore, Rita King, Diane Jacobs, Traya Holladay, and others. Won't you please join us?

In late October, 2021, 20 members of Trinity's Creation Care group, under the leadership of Arnie Rogers, journeyed to the Joe Budd Wildlife Management Area for a hot dog roast over an open fire. Following the picnic supper, we heard an informative presentation by Sandy Beck, St. Francis Wildlife Association's education director, on "Owls of Our Area." The program centered on nocturnal sights and sounds with an emphasis on owls as they are known as the "Kings of the Night." She captivated us by describing the habitats and habits of the screech, barn, and barred owls, bringing each specimen gingerly from their cages to show. We were spellbound seeing these magnificent creatures. Topping the evening off, we took a guided moonlight hike through the woods and learned about other species native to the area. Listen for our next Creation Care recreational outing.



Footsteps of Paul Cruise

May/June 2023

Cost: Approximately \$5,198 (Per Person/Double Occupancy)

Exact Dates and Costs to Be Determined for 2023

This cruise will feature 11 nights aboard ship, with guided excursions at these ports:

Taormina, Italy
 Istanbul, Turkey – 2 days
 Kudadasi/Ephesus, Turkey
 Piraeus/Athens & Corinth, Greece
 Naples/Pompeii, Italy

Explore these ports on your own:

Santorini, Greece
 Mykonos, Greece

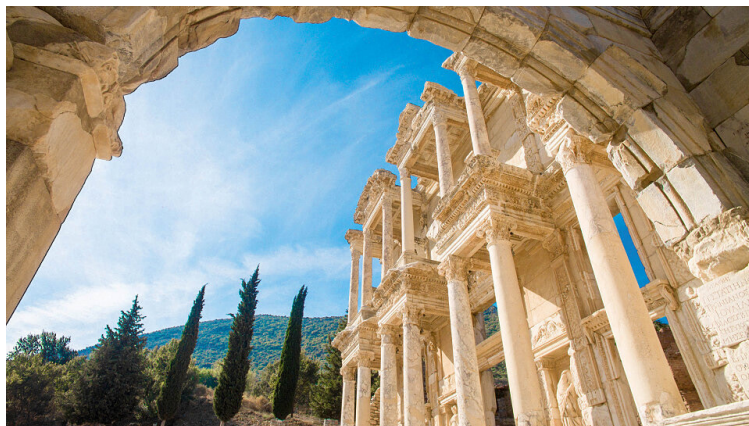
Optional extensions:

Rome pre-tour
 Castel Candolfo/Rome overnight post tour

More information about the cruise company here:

www.EO.travel/biblicalcruises

If you're interested in joining a group from Trinity UMC aboard this cruise, please contact Pastor Wayne at waynewiatt@tumct.org to be placed on the interest list.



Trinity United Methodist Women News

by Nancy Bedford, UMW Communications Officer

Happy New Year from Trinity UMW! In 2022, we hope to return to pre-pandemic activities. As previously announced, our first event will be a reception in March for UMW members and Trinity women at the Lake Talquin home of Pastor Wayne and Ramona. Transportation will be provided from the church so that everyone may easily make the trip. We're eagerly anticipating this event.

The UMW mission is focused on projects supporting women, children, and youth. In addition to UMW global missions, the Trinity UMW budget supports these local missions: Second Harvest of the Big Bend, The Wesley Foundation, Neighborhood Health Services, and Capital Area Justice Ministry.

This month Dorcas Foster Circle is highlighted. At each meeting a circle member chooses and leads a discussion on an article from *Response*, the official magazine of United Methodist Women. The magazine

helps members stay informed about the work of the organization. The articles typically cover topics such as stories about people and projects supported by mission giving, Bible studies, spiritual growth, and information on issues affecting women, children, and youth. At each circle meeting, circle members contribute to a sunshine kitty, whose funds are then donated to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and Warren Willis Camp scholarships. The circle, which normally meets in the church library following the unit meeting, is now keeping in touch by telephone. For more information, contact President Nancy Kerce (877-6546).

The next meeting of the UMW Executive Board will be January 4th in the church library at 10 a.m. All UMW members are welcome. For information or questions, please contact TUMW President Becky Lachance (443-0555) or email rebecca.lachance@hotmail.com.

Looking to Exercise in 2022? BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Series Exercise Ministry Has You Covered!

by **Beth Curry, BFC Instructor**

For thirteen years in a row, even during the pandemic, the BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Series Exercise Ministry has offered a variety of exercise classes at Trinity. The program will continue in 2022! Plans were to resume in person on Jan 11, 2022 along with continuing our popular Zoom option, but with the Omicron variant widely spreading, the return to in-person classes is on hold again. Please join us via Zoom for now! BFO (Becoming Fit Outdoors) will continue to meet at Cascades Park on Thursday nights for weekly outdoor walking/hiking beginning Thursday, January 6, 2022.

There is something for everyone! Great BFC Zoom exercise classes and BFO outdoor walking! For more information or to register for either BFC or BFO please email BFCSeries@yahoo.com. If you are waiting for in-person BFC exercise to resume please email to be added to the update list.

2022 BFC CLASSES AND BFO SCHEDULE

Monday – Flexibility for a Better you – 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday – Staying Strong – 9:45 a.m.

Tuesday – Variety Mix – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday – Variety Mix – 11:00 a.m.

Thursday – Flexibility for a Better You – 12:15 pm.

Thursday – Staying Strong – 1:30 p.m.

Thursday – BFO walking/hiking – 6:15 & 6:30 p.m. start times. Meets at Cascades Park

Staying Strong—gentle, basic class for beginners or those easing back into exercise. Includes warm-up, upper and lower body, core, balance, and flexibility exercises in a seated or standing format.

Variety Mix—fun, fast-paced class, using a variety of equipment. Includes an aerobic warm-up, full upper and lower body resistance training, core training, balance, and flexibility exercises. Intermediate to advanced level class including floor exercise.

Flexibility for a Better You—full hour of relaxation and flexibility exercise. Includes warmup using a foam roller or rolling pin, then moves from head to toe with a series of relaxing stretches. Entire class is performed on the mat/floor.

BFO – Becoming Fit Outdoors Hiking/Walking—an hour walk around Cascades Park. Hike or walk with a partner or small group at the same pace. Bring kids, family, friends, and pets (on leashes). (Please register through Lay Academy.)

Our wonderful team of credentialed BFC Exercise Instructors volunteer their health and fitness expertise to offer these opportunities for exercise at Trinity. To learn more, please contact Instructors Amy Leach, Ruth Ann High, Jaqui Griffith, or Beth Curry; or email BFCSeries@yahoo.com for registration forms and for the Zoom links. Suggested donation is \$3 for each BFC class, which goes to community service, and \$10 for registration for BFO each 5-6 week session, which goes toward program costs. Feel free to drop into any class or walk at any time. Come get fit in 2022 with BFC and BFO!

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	Marti Chumbler		

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2022
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2022

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2023

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2024

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2022

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2023

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2024

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2022

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2023

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2022

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2023

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2024

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A Note From Lisa

by Lisa Prasse, Youth Director

As we kick off another New Year down here in the Underground, I first want to thank everyone who helped us during the month of December. December was a very busy month for our youth including fundraisers and several Christmas events. Our youth have worked hard to raise over \$4,700 toward mission trips this summer and are off to a great start! The youth and I would like to personally thank everyone who helped out during these events and for everyone who came out to support us. Whether you bought a tree or a wreath, a steaming hot bowl of chili at our Chili Dinner during the Festival of Lights, or you were here during one of our many Sunday morning or Sunday evening activities, we are grateful. We literally couldn't have done it without you! So THANK YOU!



Chili Fundraiser Tent

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, January 9: Youth Band, Youth Choir and UMYF resume!

Wednesday, January 12: Bible Study resumes

Monday, January 17: Meals on Wheels (MLK Holiday-No School)

January 27-30: Rock the Universe

Check out the [Youth website](#) for more information



Acolytes at the Hanging of the Greens Service, Dec. 5



Making Advent Wreaths in Sunday School

New Arrivals to the Trinity Library

by Gloria Colvin, Church Librarian

Start the new year with setting aside time to read. The Trinity libraries have many inspirational, thought-provoking, and informative books to choose from. To find a book on a certain subject or a particular title, search the online catalog at <https://tumct.booksys.net/opac/tumct/index.html#menuHome?mode=mobile>. Here are some of the newest additions to the collection.

Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth edited by Llewellyn Vaughan Lee

Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu

No Cure for Being Human (And Other Truths I Need to Hear) by Kate Bowler

White Too Long: The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity by Robert P. Jones

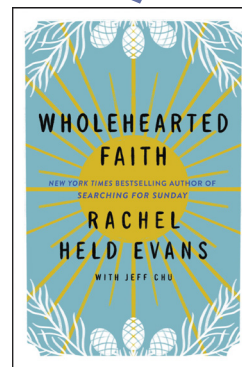
How to Fight Racism: Courageous Christians and the Journey Toward Racial Justice by Jemar Tisby

The Color of Compromise: The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism by Jemar Tisby

Blessed: A History of the American Prosperity Gospel by Kate Bowler

The End of Nature by Bill McKibben

The Difficult Words of Jesus by Amy-Jill Levine



Covenant Renewal Service

January 2, 2022

by Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt, Lead Pastor

On Monday, August 11, 1755, John Wesley introduced what was probably the first real celebration of the Covenant Service in the Methodist movement. Wesley found the service rich and meaningful, as expressed in his journal: "Many mourned before God, and many were comforted" (April 1756); "It was, as usual, a time of remarkable blessing" (October 1765). "It was an occasion for a variety of spiritual experiences I do not know that ever we had a greater blessing. Afterwards many desired to return thanks, either for a sense of pardon, for full salvation, or for a fresh manifestation of His graces, healing all their backslidings" (January 1, 1775).



In London these services were usually held on New Year's Day. Around the country the Covenant Service was conducted whenever John Wesley visited the Methodist societies.

After the time of Wesley, several versions of the Covenant Service were developed, gradually giving Wesley's material less place in the total service. The present service follows our Basic Pattern of Worship, enables the congregation to participate more fully, and updates language. Most significantly, the liturgy, beginning with the Invitation, is taken directly from Wesley's service of 1780.

The heart of the service, focused in the Covenant Prayer, requires persons to commit themselves to God. I can remember as a child our family gathering on New Year's Eve, usually with a delicious "shrimp boil," a tradition carried from my father's family in Mobile, Alabama. After dinner, my mother would gather us in the living room, and we would go around the family circle sharing a wish or hope for the coming year.

The Covenant Service is most commonly held on New Year's Eve or Day and therefore is sometimes called a Watch Night Service. We'll be using part of the Covenant Service in Worship in preparation for Holy Communion on Sunday, January 2, at all three morning worship services.

In preparation for the new year, what is your hope or prayer for your family, our community, and the world in the coming year? Let me invite you to prepare for worship this Sunday with an intentional focus on what you might leave behind from last year and possibly take on in the new year.

Here is **Wesley's Covenant Prayer** that will be included in our service on January 2.

Lord, make me what you will. I put myself fully into your hands: put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and with a willing heart give it all to your pleasure and disposal. O God, I seek to make this covenant with you today without regret or reservation. You have now become my Covenant Friend. And I through your infinite grace, have become your covenant servant. Let this covenant that I have made on earth be ratified in heaven. Amen.



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WORSHIP SERVICES

Early Service: 8:30 a.m. in the sanctuary
SUN Service (contemporary worship): 9:45 a.m. in Moor Hall
Traditional Service: 11 a.m. in the sanctuary

SUN Service and 11 a.m. Service are live streamed
Please visit www.tumct.org for viewing links

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