

# Tidings



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## The Resurrection & Abundant Life Issue

# Understanding Easter

by Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt, Lead Pastor

**F**or Christians, Easter is not just one day—it’s a season of 50 days derived in its length from the fifty days between Passover and *Pentecost* (which means “fiftieth” in Greek) with roots in Judaism. The Easter season begins at sunset on the eve of Easter and ends with Pentecost, the day we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church (see Acts 2).

The Easter season is more than an extended celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. In the early church, Lent was a season when persons who wished to become Christians were learning how to live the way of Jesus and preparing for baptism on Easter Sunday. The original purpose of the Easter season was to contin-

ue the formation of new Christians in the faith.

Today, this extended season gives us time to rejoice and experience what we mean when we say Christ is risen and that we, as the church, are the body of the Risen Lord. It’s a season for focusing on the core doctrines and mysteries of the faith and for preparing for the ministries the Spirit has empowered us to undertake in Jesus’s name.

Many churches utilize the Easter season for special studies, like our small group study, *SAVIOR*, this year.

Join us for our Holy Week Services, listed on page 3.

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# The United Methodist Lenten Quiz

**How much do you know about the season of Lent? Test your knowledge with this quiz.**

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?
  - Sacrifice
  - Time
  - Spring
  - March Madness
2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?
  - The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
  - Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
  - Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Why do people give things up for Lent?
  - To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
  - To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
  - To give the acquired savings to the poor.
  - All of the above.
4. What snack food has significance during Lent?
  - Chocolate
  - Pretzels
  - Popcorn
  - All of the above.
5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?
  - Twice a week
  - Twice a month
  - Twice a year
  - Rarely
  - He did not fast.
6. Why does Lent last 40 days?
  - To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
  - To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
  - To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.
7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?
  - Doxologies
  - Alleluia
  - "In the Garden"
  - The communion liturgy
8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?
  - "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
  - "Christ Beside Me"
  - "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"
  - "Come and Find the Quiet Center"
9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.
  - True
  - False
10. When early Methodists in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would:
  - Repent their sins
  - Experience a new birth
  - Rededicate themselves to Jesus
  - All of the above

**Answers provided on page 14.**

Quiz taken from the United Methodist Church's [website](#), reprinted here with permission.

# Resurrection and Abundant Life

by Diane Jacobs, Trinity Church Member

When I am writing this (in early march), it isn't yet officially spring, but we've had enough warm days that azaleas and Japanese magnolias are blooming, and retail garden departments are busy with all of us who dream of future flowers and vegetables. And it all starts in the dust of the earth. The poem, "Kindly Spring," says it all:

## Kindly Spring

by John Newton

Kindly spring again is here,  
Trees and fields in bloom appear;  
Hark! the birds with artless lays  
Warble their creator's praise.

Where in winter all was snow,  
Now the flowers in clusters grow;  
And the corn, in green array,  
Promises a harvest-day.

Lord, afford a spring to me,  
Let me feel like what I see;  
Speak, and by Thy gracious voice,  
Make my drooping soul rejoice.

On Thy garden deign to smile,  
Raise the plants, enrich the soil;  
Soon Thy presence will restore

Life to what seemed dead before.

Springtime brings rain, warmer weather, and the DIY [do it yourself] crowd descends on garden centers and nurseries. Like the poet, our souls seem to droop after not only a normal winter, but over two years of pandemic protocols.

We long to be restored to life, the abundant life of which Jesus speaks (John 10:10).

I believe it's neither accident nor coincidence that nature echoes the Easter resurrection in so many ways. God's creation seems to remind us that there is life after death. From a baby bird emerging from the egg to leaves and flowers springing from dormant bulbs, bare trees putting on new green leaves, to butterflies emerging from cocoons—nature embodies the glory of the resurrection, creation fully alive.

Second century bishop of Lyons, Irenaeus, is credited with saying, "The glory of God is man [humanity] fully alive, but the life of man [humanity] is the vision of God."

This Easter, may we all live into the glory and the vision of God as we appreciate the signs of new, abundant life in God's creation. Amen.

## HOLY WEEK

### Palm Sunday | Sunday, April 10

- 8:30 a.m. in Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary SUN Service in Moor Hall
- 11 a.m. Service with Palm Processional and Kids' Choirs in Sanctuary

### Maundy Thursday Service | Thursday, April 14

7 p.m. Service with communion in Moor Hall

### Good Friday Service | Friday, April 15

12 p.m. in Sanctuary  
Catered lunch following service

### Easter Egg Hunt | Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. at Pisgah UMC

### Easter Sunday | Sunday, April 17

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Service on Portico
- 8:30 a.m. Service with Choir & Bells in Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. SUN Service in Moor Hall
- 11 a.m. Festival Service with Choir, Bells & Brass in Sanctuary

Poem written for Christmas 2021  
by Dot Binger

From a window view of the slope expanse  
I heard myself say, "Oh, no, it can't be snow  
... my eyes are surely fooling me."  
But on that early April day  
I stepped down the slope  
to find a patch of tiny blossoms...  
...white...and sprinkled low like snow!  
Then in one awesome magic moment  
I felt the soul of that blossom sod  
confront the soul of me and prompt a ponder  
... how to transform these Advent Days  
all to Wonder Days of Joy!



# Harvesting Aplenty

By Mary Ann Moore and Gloria Colvin, Creation Care Team Members

**I**-Grow, Divine Dirt volunteers harvested 130 lbs. of turnips, broccoli, kale, and collards on March 7, 2022. Members of Trinity, along with other Green Faith Alliance members, planted, weeded, and watered to help produce this amazing crop. The healthy, nutritious produce is distributed to senior health care facilities, families, and seniors in the Frenchtown area of Tallahassee.



*Gloria Colvin harvesting a tree collard*



# Eastertime

**Easter is a time for many things, and it's worthwhile to take a few moments to reflect on what it means to you.**

**by Brett Ingram, Facilities Director**

**A time of new beginning.** Spring is here. Rejoice. New life is in nature. Trees are budding, flowers blooming, and birds are building nests in preparation for new little ones. Spring rains bring new life to both plants and animals. Pets shed their winter coats for sporting fresh, clean, and new garb. Birds sing their praises in early morning. Cool mornings and warmer days mean starting over and finally getting around to doing that one thing you have been putting off all year.

**A time of reflection.** Think back on the last year of your life and how it and you have changed. I know that this past year has been very different from how everyone was accustomed to living. Have you learned from these experiences? What has happened? Have you grown? Have you matured spiritually or feel as if you have fallen behind in faith? Consider this: you are not alone. If there is someone out there who has not felt the effects of this last year, then they are either living in a world that they constructed for their own self or are in denial.

**A time of forgiveness.** Make amends with someone who has wronged you or treated you poorly, not necessarily become besties, mind you, but at least let go of the negativity or hostility. As God has forgiven us for our sins, we must forgive others. De-stress. Let it go. Also, forgive yourself. You will be healthier in the long run.

**A time for the gift of salvation.** God has provided the gift to each and every one if we choose to accept His offering to us, which is the gift of eternal life beyond this one. The gift of peace. The gift of hope. The gift of sacrifice. The gift of love. For in John 15:13, it states, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." This is what has been done for us.

**A time for joyfulness.** The joy of the day (Easter) is not just a onetime thing. It is a day that should last the rest of your life. Be happy and enjoy the little things, for they are but a fluttering leaf in the wind. Catch them when you can, or they will escape you, falling out of reach upon the ground, camouflaging themselves with the other foliage in life. Be full of joy every day. Change your attitude for the better and try to find at least one thing daily to be happy about. Get into this habit and eventually you won't have to find something every day; it will just happen for you.

**A time for exhilaration.** Be excited about what has happened. Share your enthusiasm with others.

You are in the process of living your life here on earth, so make the most of it. It can be the best time in your life. I know we all have good days and bad days, but if we strive to show our elation and jubilation, then it will transmit to our surroundings and make it a positive experience for everyone, orr it might just annoy some people. But either way it will create an experience.

**A time of praise.** Halleluiah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Praising God for everything He does for us is an essential part of worship. It should motivate us to continue in our daily lives. Every day and everywhere should be a praise not just when you are in the sanctuary.

**A time for celebration.** We should proclaim the coming of Christ every day, all year, not just on special Sundays. We all know some "Creasters" (those who attend church twice per year) out there, and we should not become one of them. The glorification of the day should not be held just to a 24-hour period. I think many may have forgotten this or maybe just don't realize the importance of the events leading up to His resurrection. Celebrate life.

**A time for thankfulness.** Some may say, "Thank you God for giving us this day." Others may say, "Thank God it is over." Still, God should be thanked every day, not just once a year. Be thankful in everything you do and experience. Keeping this in mind will be beneficial to a long and healthy life. I'm not just talking about here on earth, because we don't know when our time is up here, but for all eternal time.

During this Easter season, we shouldn't forget why we celebrate this one day like we do. What made this day different? We must ask ourselves how is it special? I know what scripture says about this day, and I know what the church says, but what do you say? Think about it. We must not forget the experiences and meanings behind this annual celebration. Why was this day so special? For some it may be just another Sunday. I pray for those who think this. For some it is a day of great rejoicing. For others it can be a day (or even a week) of great stress. So, let us not forget why this day is celebrated. Easter comes but only one day a year but I say it should be reflected upon the other 364.

# Your Presence Matters

by **Gabriela Denton, Communications Coordinator**

**M**ost of us look at the world and see that things aren't right. You learn it as a kid with the saying, "Life's not fair." We see suffering and injustice as they relate to the war in Ukraine as global, and as they relate to our neighbors who are struggling to pay rent while working full time as local. We see that and often feel powerless. "What can one person do?" we wonder. When it feels like there's nothing we can do, it's easy to get stuck in a state of apathy or anger.

## A COALITION OF CONGREGATIONS

Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) is a coalition of congregations across Tallahassee who have decided to do something to address injustice. They do this by first meeting in small groups and sharing personal stories about injustice in the community. Then the whole group meets to vote and decide on two issues to focus on. After that, teams of people interested in researching these two issues meet over a series of months to develop some strategies. Finally, a large group of community members present these strategies to our elected officials and ask them for clear commitments at an event called the "Nehemiah Action."

## SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO OFFER

When I first heard about CAJM, I was excited by the mission, but I didn't think I had anything to offer: no special knowledge, expertise, or firsthand experience. But after having watched the CAJM process unfold over the past months, I've come to truly believe that we all have something important to offer by our very presence. A kind of alchemy happens when you get landlords and people struggling with housing insecurity together in the same room, both wanting to find solutions to problems instead of finding blame.

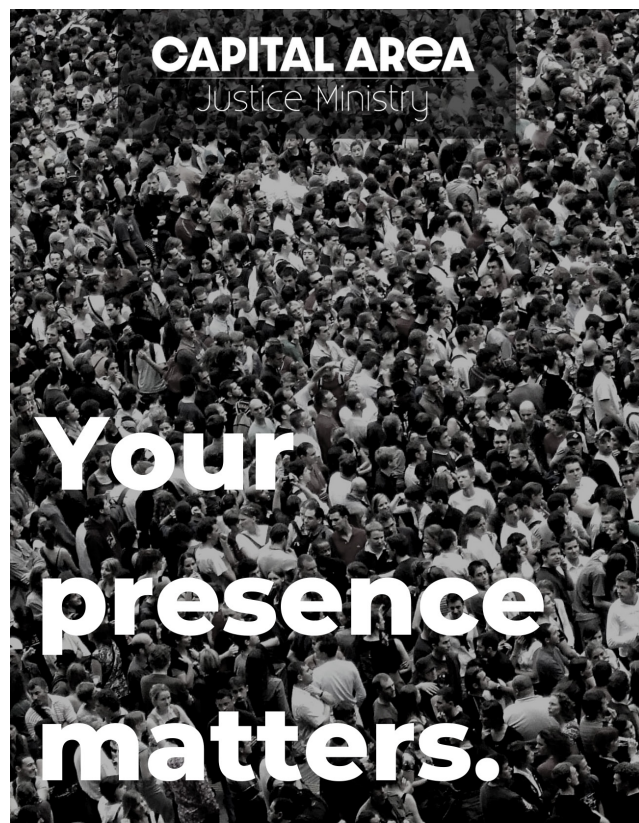
## A COMMUNITY WHO CARES FOR ONE ANOTHER

The beauty of this process is that it isn't about one group of people finding solutions for another. It's about showing up as a community and saying that though our lives and experiences and backgrounds are different, injustice for some members of our community impacts everyone in our community. CAJM is a truly diverse group of people working together to find systemic solutions for systemic problems and working within our system of representational government to hold our leaders accountable for addressing the actual problems in the lives of their constituents.

## YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS

If you haven't participated in any of the CAJM meetings or events this year, that's perfectly okay. The CAJM team has already worked with researchers, community experts, and local government officials to develop several strategies to address gun violence and the lack of affordable rental housing: allocating tax money toward an affordable housing trust fund, strengthening Tallahassee's civil citation program, and creating a diversion program for high-risk youths. At the Nehemiah Action, we will show up as a community to present these requests to our elected officials, and your simple presence that night—no more, no less—will speak for itself. Your presence matters every day, and especially on April 5th. Please join us.

*If you'd like to learn more, please contact Tisha Keller at [tishakeller@gmail.com](mailto:tishakeller@gmail.com). The Nehemiah Action is at the Old West Florida Enrichment Center (2344 Lake Bradford Rd.) on Tuesday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a lawn chair and invite your friends and family!*



**Nehemiah Action** Tuesday, April 5 | 6:30 PM  
Old West Florida Enrichment Center,  
2344 Lake Bradford Rd.  
Join with 2000 people from across Tallahassee to present our requests to public officials and ask for justice to be done in the areas of affordable housing and gun violence.

# A Note From Lisa

by Lisa Prasse, Youth Director

Everything in the Underground is moving right along and we want to thank everyone for supporting us along the way. We're enjoying getting back to normal and are more and more excited and hopeful for all the fun events on the horizon.

Our confirmands continue to grow and work toward becoming more and more prepared to accept their confirmation vows in May, and it's a terrific process to be a part of. We've just returned from an amazing weekend at Warren Willis on our Confirmation Retreat. We had so much fun learning more about one another, and growing in relationship with each other and God. Our youth are the future of our church. Our pastors will join our class this month as we take some of our final steps in that direction and prepare for Confirmation Sunday, May 8.

The first weekend in April brings our Spaghetti Fundraiser during Springtime Tallahassee and we are so very grateful for all who donated spaghetti items and/or purchased tickets! The monies raised will go toward supporting our youth mission trip this summer with the Appalachian Service Project.

We are delighted to be able to host our 30-Hour Famine in person again this year over April 8-9. Our Trinity youth are amazing, selfless, and resilient. During this event our youth donate their time, money, and comfort to support World Vision and their efforts to feed hungry children all over the world. We covet your prayers this weekend and always as our youth help out with this terrific cause.

Please remember the Underground is fully open, and we are back in person for Sunday School Sunday mornings at 9:45, UMYF every Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Youth Bible Study Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We so hope you/your youth will join us then. And we really need help cooking Sunday night dinners! Please contact Youth Director Lisa Prasse at [lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org) or call/text: 850-545-2852 if you might be able to help. It's a fun time and makes our Sunday nights together that much more meaningful.

Meantime, we're working toward lots of other fun times we'll share together. VBS and Camp registrations are open online, plus we're preparing for that aforementioned summer mission trip and our annual Youth Week in August already. We hope you can join us for those fun times too! If you'd like more information regarding any of these events, please just email Lisa at [lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org).



Confirmation Retreat

**Trinity Youth**

# SPAGHETTI LUNCH



**\$5**

**Saturday, April 2, 2022**  
**11 am – 2 pm | Moor Hall**  
Hosted during Springtime Tallahassee

Includes spaghetti, salad, bread, cookie, beverage | \$5 for adults & \$3 for kids

All proceeds benefit 2022 Youth Missions Trips



## SAVE THE DATE!

Apr. 2: Spaghetti Fundraiser during Springtime Tallahassee  
Apr. 8-9: 30-Hour Famine  
Apr. 10: Palm Sunday  
Apr. 16: Trinity's annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Apr. 17: Happy Easter Sunday! (No UMYF)

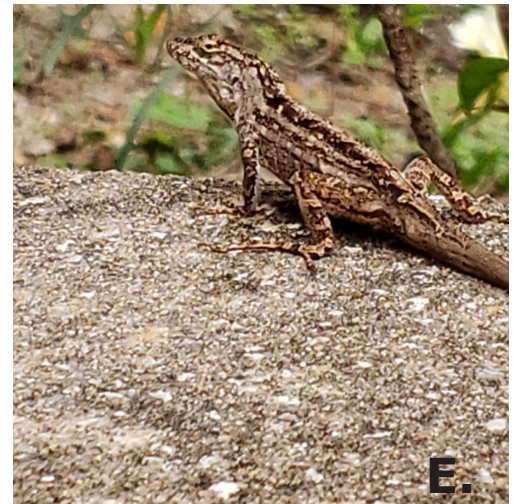
# Guess What Mother Nature Has for You at Trinity

It's that time of year again. Come find what is "spring"-ing up at Trinity! See if you can guess and match the pictures with the list of names. Then see if you know Trinity well enough to match where it might be located on our property. Good luck!

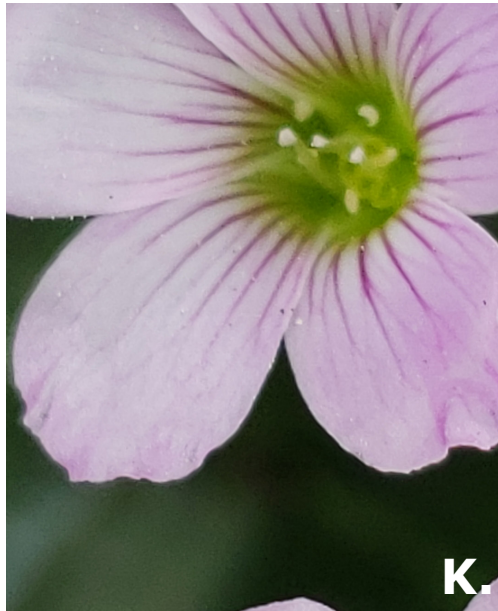
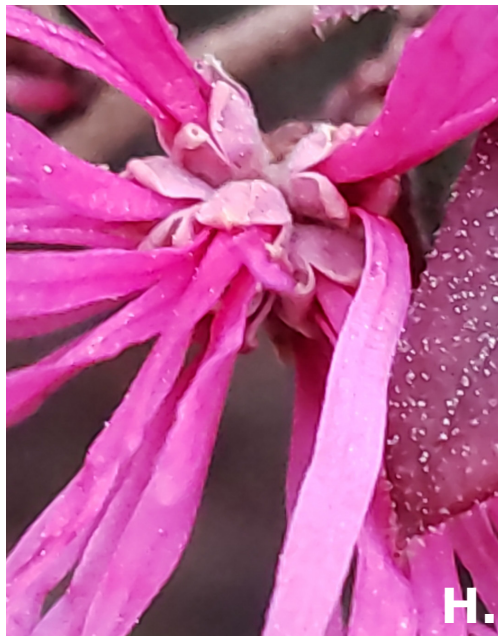
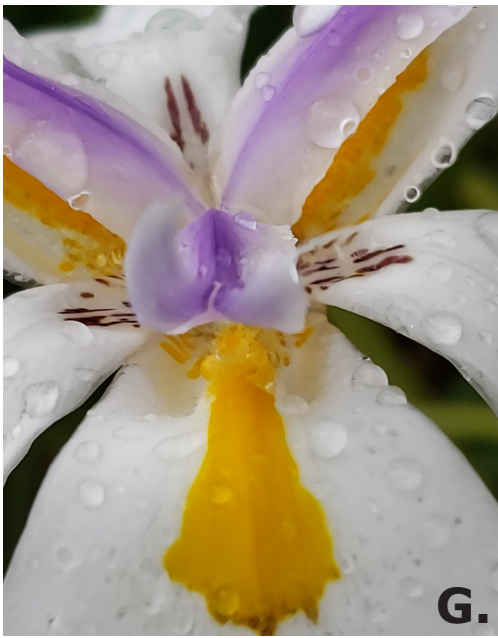
by Brett Ingram, Facilities Director

- African Iris
- American Holly
- Brown Anole Lizard
- Coontie Palm
- Hibiscus Blossom
- Lily of the Nile
- Loropetalum
- Milkweed Bud
- Orange Blossom
- Periwinkle Flower
- Wood Fungus
- Violet Wood Sorrel
- Wandering Jew Blossom

Answers provided on Page 14.





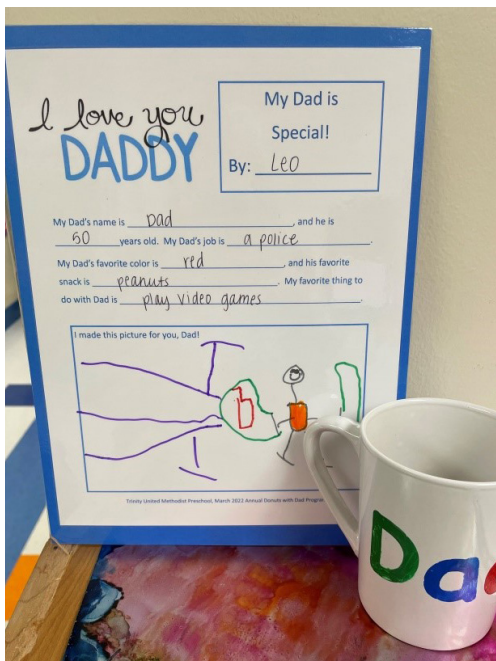


The cooler mornings  
and warmer afternoons.  
The seasonal rain showers  
helping Mother Nature's blooms.  
The time of new beginnings  
and familiar friends.  
With God as our father  
it's time to make amends.

This Lenten season we are looking forward to seeing  
you.

# Donuts with Dad

by Stacey Duggar, Preschool Director



It was wonderful to have our dads join us for one of our favorite activities, Donuts with Dad! We had a great time on the playground celebrating our dads with donuts and coffee. The children decorated ceramic mugs for their dad and completed a survey as well. We are grateful for all of our dads.

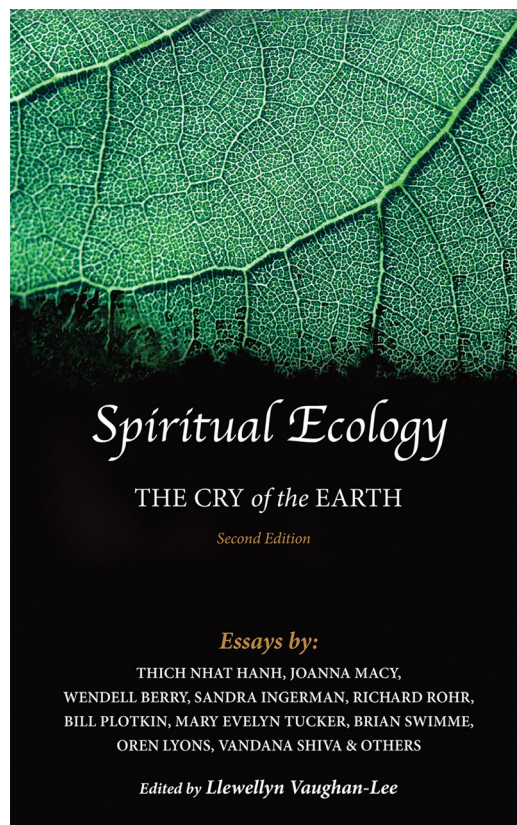


# One Book, One Church

by Gloria Colvin, Chair of Lay Academy, and Mary Ann Moore, Creation Care Team Member

Lay Academy and the Creation Care Ministry invite all Trinity members to be part of a One Book, One Church reading and discussion program this spring. Rev. Bob Gibbs will lead a discussion of several selections from the book *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings beginning April 27 and continuing through May. This anthology of essays on the sacred nature of creation and our need to care for the Earth includes wisdom from many backgrounds and faith traditions. In addition to the Wednesday night programs, we encourage Sunday school classes, youth groups, and other small groups to select writings from this collection to read and discuss. We also hope to involve the Green Faith Alliance community in our Zoom meetings and discussions.

- **Session 1 (April 27)** – “The Next Transition: The Evolution of Humanity’s Role in the Universe,” Mary Evelyn Tucker and Brian Thomas Swimme (Chapter 6) and “Creation as the Body of God,” Fr. Richard Rohr (Chapter 20).
- **Session 2 (May 4)** – “Listening to Natural Law,” Chief Oren Lyons (Chapter 1) and “The World of Wonder,” Thomas Berry (Chapter 2).
- **Session 3 (May 11)** – “The Work of Genesis Farm,” Sister Miriam MacGillis (Chapter 7).
- **Session 4 (May 18)** – “The Koan of the Earth,” Susan Murphy (Chapter 11).
- **Session 5 (May 25)** – “Contributions,” Wendell Berry (Chapter 8) and “The Call of the Earth,” Llewellyn Vaughn-Lee (Chapter 23)



## UMW News

by Nancy Bedford, UMW Communications Officer

We are happy to announce the exciting news that Trinity UMW will hold an in-person luncheon meeting for all members, guests, and interested persons on Tuesday, April 12, at 11:30 in Moor Hall. Our program will feature guest speaker, Chris Titko, Trinity’s director of music. We’re familiar with seeing and hearing Chris sing, play piano/organ, direct the choir, and lead various musical groups. We look forward to getting to know Chris on a more personal “note.”

The lunch will be catered, and **advance reservations are required**. You must have a reservation in order to have lunch. The cost of \$8 for the reserved lunch is payable at the door. If you plan to attend, contact **Nancy Kerce, 850-877-6546**, on or before Friday, April 8.

**United Women in Faith** is the **new name** for the United Methodist Women along with a new logo. The announcement was made in the current issue of *Response*, the members’ magazine. Our new name recognizes the organization’s commitment to even greater inclusivity, action, and impact as women put faith into action in mission to women, children, and youth throughout the world. United Women in Faith board president expressed the following:

“Together we are creating more opportunities for engagement with more women through new programs and updates of long standing programs that embody our core values. Things change. People change. But God remains, and that continues to be the purpose behind everything we do in this organization.”



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# Earth Day Hike with Creation Care

by *Mary Ann Moore, Creation Care Team Member*

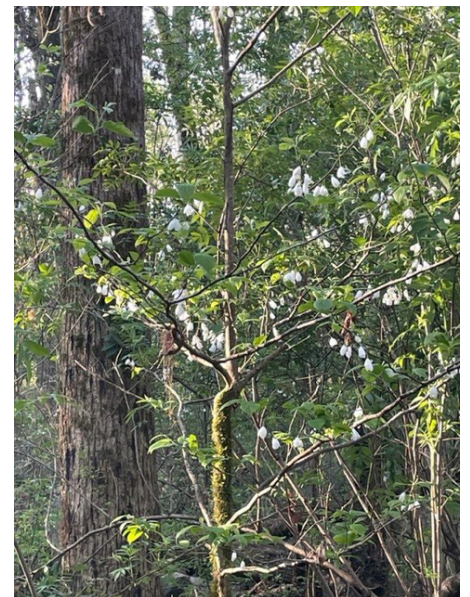
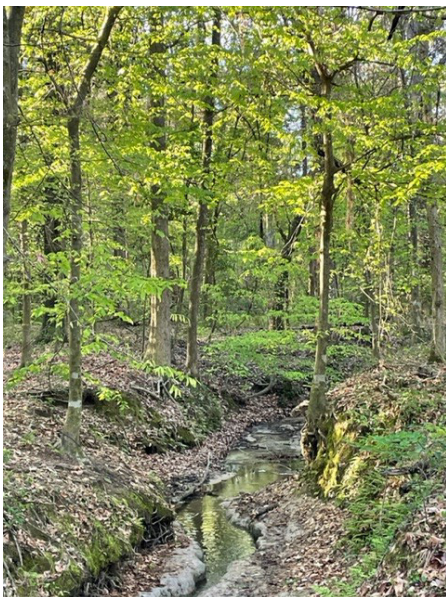
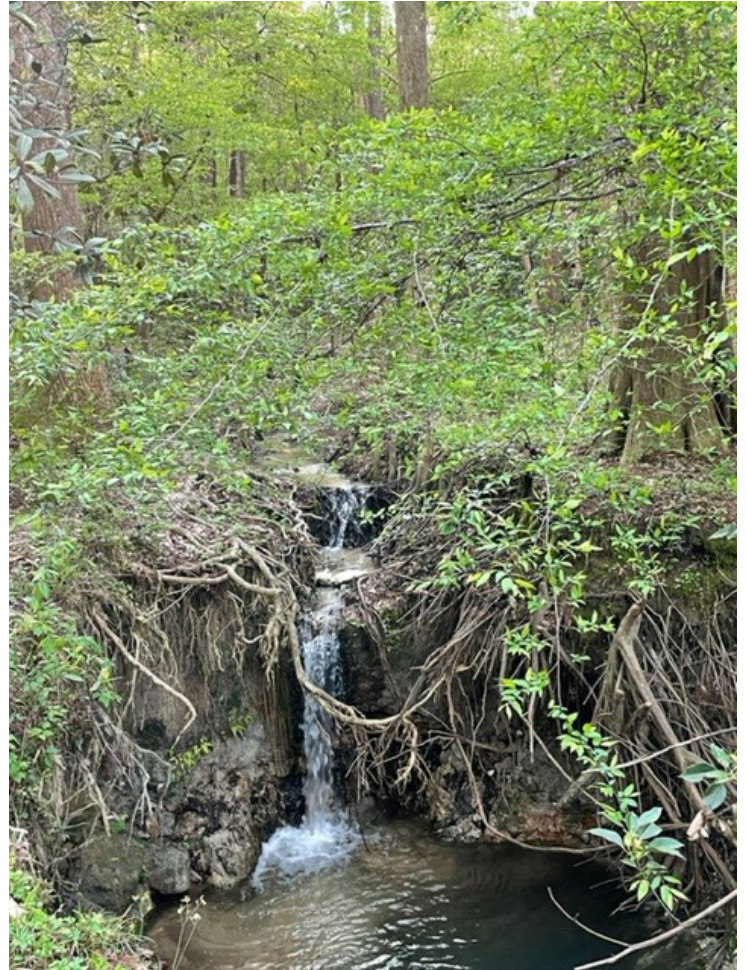
**J**oin the Trinity families and friends to celebrate the worldwide Earth day, April 23, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at Phipps Park. Phipps Park is one of Tallahassee's natural resources and treasures, 670 acres located on the eastern shore of Lake Jackson. We will hike the forested paths with Pam Houmère, Leon County Extension Service arborist. We'll discover trees, wildflowers, birds, and butterflies in this beautiful and unique ecosystem, walking along paths that skirt streams, fields, and lakes.

Phipps Park is managed by a cooperation effort with the NW Florida Water Management District, the City of Tallahassee, and Colin Phipps, the donor of the land. In 1992, this land was set aside for public use, offering baseball and soccer fields, as well as serving as the home of the Red Hills Horse Trials. It contains 670 acres, 600 used for recreation and environmental education.

To access parking, turn west on Miller Landing Road, off Meridian Road. Park in the Gate A. parking lot. Following the "discovery" hike, we will picnic at the home of Mary Ann and Duncan Moore, 2179 Miller Landing Road. Parking is lakeside, and a roadside sign will direct your parking.

In the words of John Philip Newell, theologian, "Let us discover the sacredness of all living creatures," in the forests and amongst each other. On this Earth Day celebration, we will see anew!

Register [here](#) to attend and receive directions to Mary Ann and Duncan Moore's house.



# Becoming Fit at Church

## Spring News

by Beth Curry, BFC Instructor

### **BFO (BECOMING FIT OUTDOORS) ENJOYS WALKING THIS SPRING AT CASCADES PARK**

Want to get out for a nice evening walk and enjoy springtime in Tallahassee with a group of friends? Join BFO (*Becoming Fit Outdoors*) each Thursday evening at 6:15 p.m. at Cascades Park in Downtown. All levels of walkers are welcome, along with pets (on a leash). Groups are paired according to their pace and walk in opposite directions around the park. BFO Leader, Jaqui Griffith, always provides a fun challenge as groups pass each other along the way, and each week shares a special nutritional focus. We've seen some gorgeous sunsets along with geese in the pond, azaleas starting to bloom, and buds coming out on the trees. Come join us as we enjoy the beauty of Tallahassee in the spring!



### **BFC (BECOMING FIT AT CHURCH) EXERCISE RESUMES IN-PERSON CLASS IN APRIL!**

The long-awaited day is here! After two years of successfully Zooming, the entire BFC (*Becoming Fit at Church*) Exercise program is excited to announce that in-person classes will resume in April! With safety always our first priority, CDC guidance and recommendations from Trinity's COVID response team will be followed. And for those who wish to exercise from home, the Zoom option will continue. Participants may choose from six weekly classes in whichever format is most comfortable for them. Join us for Fun, Fellowship, and FITNESS! For more information about BFO, BFC, and class schedules, visit the website at <https://www.tumct.org/serve/bfc-becoming-fit-at-church/>. For registration forms and Zoom links, please contact [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com).

### **BFC EXERCISE SIX WEEK CHALLENGE WAS A BIG SUCCESS!**

BFC Exercise started the new year off with a Six-week Challenge in each class. Every class not only met their challenge but far exceeded their goal whether it was by attendance, doing 4,325 push-ups, or 2,551 sit to stands! The BFC participants raised over \$4,000 for Elder Care Service. Kudos to all who took part! **Together We Can Make a Difference!**

## Memorial Gifts

Trinity received the following gifts from February 11 - March 10:

- In memory of Susan Garnett from Nancy and Emily Waugh.
- In memory of Claire Kelly from Martha Cureton.
- In memory of Christine Moody-Mills from Joe and Vermelle Parker.



Remember to bring fresh flowers on Easter Sunday! Our Flower Cross will be placed on the Portico, ready to receive your flowers. After the cross is filled, be sure to take an Easter photo with it!

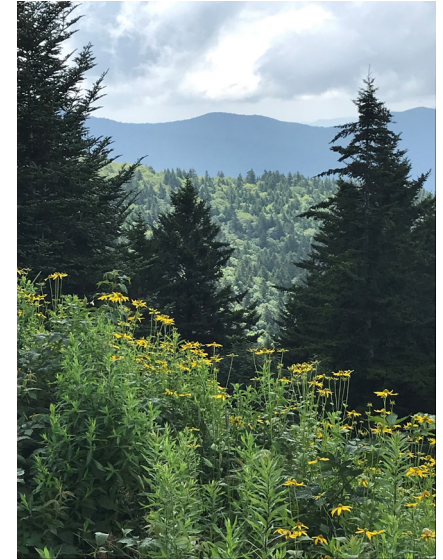


# The Festival of Wisdom and Grace

**"Living Abundantly in the Second Half of Life"  
Lake Junaluska, NC. Sunday, July 31–Friday, Aug. 5**

by Nancy Bedford, Trinity Church Member

It's not too early to plan to attend the Festival of Wisdom and Grace in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. Outstanding speakers, worship experiences, and activities highlight the three-day event. Guests will be able to stay in the modern lakeside Terrace Hotel and enjoy all meals in the large casual dining room.



In addition, the six-day Trinity trip includes lodging and activities in Commerce, GA, and Asheville and Flat Rock, NC. A visit to the Biltmore Estate will be included this year. All transportation and events are carefully arranged for a seamless start to finish!

Those who have previously attended enthusiastically recommend the experience as a time for renewal of soul, mind, and body while embracing Christian fellowship. You are encouraged to participate in this memorable trip. Contact [Nick Quinton](#) for more information.

## Entering Easter

by Brett Ingram, Facilities Director

The eggs will be colored,  
then hidden and found.  
The baskets will be filled  
by all the children around.  
When the sugar rush is over,  
they'll make not a sound.  
For it will be time for sleepy heads  
to relax and calm down.

Their Sunday's best is all cleaned  
and laid out for the season.  
Friends and family will gather  
with the hugs and the squeezin'.  
Now we must not ignore  
but remember the reason.  
God's son gave up his life  
for what some people called treason.

Once Easter is over  
we must not forget  
to live life to its fullest  
and have no regret  
'cause this was all done  
to have everything set,  
for He is waiting for you  
in Heaven, I bet.  
Amen.

### ANSWERS TO THE LENTEN QUIZ (PAGE 2)

1. Spring
2. Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. All of the above.
4. Pretzels.
5. Twice a week.
6. The time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
7. Alleluia.
8. "Christ Beside Me."
9. True.
10. All of the above.

### ANSWERS TO THE FLOWER MATCHING ACTIVITY (PAGES 6-7)

- A. Periwinkle Flower
- B. Coontie Palm
- C. Lily of the Nile
- D. Wandering Jew Blossom
- E. Brown Anole Lizard
- F. Wood Fungus
- G. African Iris
- H. Loropetalum
- I. Milkweed Bud
- J. American Holly
- K. Violet Wood Sorrel
- L. Orange Blossom
- M. Hibiscus Blossom

## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday** | Sunday, April 10

- 8:30 a.m. Service in Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Contemporary SUN Service in Moor Hall
- 11 a.m. Service with Palm Processional and Kids' Choirs in Sanctuary

**Maundy Thursday Service** | Thursday, April 14

7 p.m. Service with communion in Moor Hall

**Good Friday Service** | Friday, April 15

12 p.m. in Sanctuary

Catered lunch following service

**Easter Egg Hunt** | Saturday, April 16

10 a.m. at Pisgah UMC

**Easter Sunday** | Sunday, April 17

- 7 a.m. Sunrise Service on Portico
- 8:30 a.m. Service with Choir & Bells in Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. SUN Service in Moor Hall
- 11 a.m. Festival Service with Choir, Bells & Brass in Sanctuary

### One Book, One Church

Lay Academy and the Creation Care Ministry invite all Trinity members to be part of a five week One Book, One Church reading and discussion program this spring. Rev. Bob Gibbs will lead a discussion of several selections from the book *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning April 27 and continuing through May. This anthology of essays on the sacred nature of creation and our need to care for the Earth includes wisdom from many backgrounds and faith traditions.



### Becoming Fit at Church

Trinity's BFC program will resume in-person classes this month in Moor Hall and continue offering a Zoom option. Email [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) to register; suggested donation \$3 per class.

- Monday at 11:15 a.m. | Flexibility for a Better You (Zoom only)
- Tuesday at 9:45 a.m. | Staying Strong
- Tuesday at 11 a.m. | Variety Mix
- Thursday at 11 a.m. | Variety Mix
- Thursday at 12:15 p.m. | Flexibility for a Better You
- Thursday at 1:30 p.m. | Staying Strong

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Youth Spaghetti Fundraiser at Springtime Tallahassee**  
 Saturday, April 2 | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Moor Hall  
 Trinity Youth will cook and serve spaghetti at Springtime Tallahassee. Tickets cost \$5/ adults and \$3/kids and include free parking. All proceeds benefit our Youth missions.

**Nehemiah Action**

Tuesday, April 5 | 6:30 p.m. | 2344 Lake Bradford Rd.  
 We will join with 2000 people from congregations across Tallahassee to present our requests to public officials and ask for justice to be done in the areas of affordable housing and gun violence.

**Communion Service at Westminster Oaks**

Wednesday, April 6 | 11:30 a.m.

Service with music and communion at Westminster Oaks Retirement Community.

**Thirty Hour Famine**

Friday, April 8 - Saturday, April 9

Our Youth donate their time, money, and comfort to support World Vision and their efforts to feed hungry children all over the world.

**UMW Luncheon**

Tuesday, April 12 | 11:30 a.m. | \$8

The program will feature guest speaker, Chris Titko, Trinity's director of music. The lunch will be catered, and advance reservations are required. If you plan to attend, contact Nancy Kerce, 850-877-6546, on or before Friday, April 8.

**Mats for the Homeless Group**

Thursday, April 14 | 10:30 a.m. | Conference Room

This group transforms plastic grocery bags into warm, waterproof mats that are given to our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

**Earth Day Hike**

Saturday, April 23 | 10 a.m. | Phipps Park

This hike through the beautiful Phipps Park will be led by a Leon County Extension Service arborist. There will be a picnic afterwards at the home of Mary Ann & Duncan Moore.

**Parablelooz!** Kids' Musical

Sunday, April 24 | 11 a.m.

NETKids will perform *Parablelooz!*, an interactive children's musical that combines the excitement of the game show phenomenon with Jesus's lessons.



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### WORSHIP SERVICES

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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  
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