

# Tidings



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# Meet Rev. Dr. Matthew Williams

by Susan Koehler, Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee

On June 5, Trinity’s congregation will be introduced to Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, and on July 3, we will formally welcome him into the pulpit and into our hearts. Mark your calendars for these two special events. To quote retired pastor Rev. John Willis, “You don’t want to miss it!”

Matthew and his wife, Joy, are excited to return to Tallahassee. Before his appointments in Pembroke Pines and Boca Grande, Matthew served at Killlearn United Methodist Church, four years as director of worship and arts and two years as associate pastor. Matthew and Joy now look forward to raising their son, Ethan, in our community. Ethan will turn two on June 24, and he is already registered in Trinity United Methodist Preschool. (Continued on Page 2)



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On June 5, Wayne and Matthew will conduct a fun and informative interview-style dialogue. However, we're already abuzz with questions and would love a little getting-to-know-the-Williams frontloading. So, here you go. Enjoy a little introduction via some frequently asked questions.

### **Music is so important to Trinity. Does Matthew have a background in music?**

Prior to entering ordained ministry, Matthew served as director of music and choral conductor in multiple religious and educational settings over the course of fifteen years. As a pastor, he is intentional about thematically aligning music and liturgy. He values all types of worship and sees music as an integral part of the worship experience.

### **What type of leadership will Matthew bring to Trinity?**

Matthew's leadership skills have been lauded by both congregants and persons across the connection. He considers himself to have an interactive leadership style, rooted in the practices of listening, creating teams, and delegating. He continually seeks support from key leaders and enters into decisions prayerfully.

### **What can we expect from the pulpit?**

Matthew's preaching has been consistently ranked as highly effective. He follows the lectionary and relies heavily on lectionary readings to form themes and sermon points. In each sermon, he is committed to providing congregants with at least one practical point to apply to their daily lives. Matthew has shown strength and commitment in guiding churches in their understanding of United Methodism and Wesleyan theology.

### **Does he have any experience with international missions?**

Matthew serves on the Board of ZOE Empowers and on the Board of Twelve Churches, Nicaragua. Since 2007, he has taken 14 trips to Nicaragua. As part of Twelve Churches, he has organized pastoral training conferences, assisted in microloan development programs, and helped connect other mission organizations, including Orphan Network and Caring

Partners to Twelve Churches for their partnership. Matthew has also traveled to Rwanda, where he met and embraced our ZOE Empowerment Group orphans and toured HOPE International. Matthew's international mission involvement also extends to work in the Dominican Republic and Haiti.

### **What about local missions?**

Matthew and Joy have invested themselves in multiple local missions in each of the communities in which they have served. They like to connect with the local community and attend community events, both sacred and secular. They look forward to becoming involved in the Tallahassee community and supporting the local missions of "the church with a heart for the city."

### **Enough about Matthew—tell us about Joy!**

Joy's undergraduate degree is in healthcare administration, and she continued her educational pursuits by earning her MBA. She is currently a senior director for Premier, Inc., a healthcare improvement company based in Charlotte, North Carolina. She has a passion for securing the best healthcare facilities for all, and she lives out that passion by managing a reputable team and ensuring a supply team acquisition program that works toward success for healthcare institutions across the country. In her philanthropic work, Joy has assisted hospitals and healthcare clinics in the United States, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua.

### **What kinds of hobbies and activities do the Williams enjoy?**

Matthew and Joy love the outdoors—especially hiking and boating. They enjoy traveling and getting away for some family time at their home in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. They are also fans of bluegrass music. (Just wait until they discover Bluegrass Sunday at Trinity!)

If you want to know more about the Williams family, make sure you have watched the introductory video that can be found [here](#). Also, make sure to attend or tune in to the June 5 service. Remember, "You don't want to miss it!"



## Help Welcome the Williams Family with a Meal

We are excited to welcome Rev Matthew and his family to Trinity this summer, and we are hoping to make their move a little easier by providing some meals. They will be heading to Tallahassee a few weeks before his official July 3rd start date, so these meals will be a great help as they settle in and unpack. [Dietary information and sign up here.](#)

# “God Loves You and So Do I!”



by **Chris Hyde, Staff Parish Relations Chairperson,  
Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande**

**When I think of Matthew, a favorite saying of his enters my mind. It's one you will come to fondly associate with him: “God loves you and so do I!”**

**W**hen Matthew first came to our church, we really needed to hear these words. They have never gotten old or cliché. Because when Matthew speaks, it comes from his heart. Matthew knows God's love is inclusive of all and that nothing can separate us from it.

Inside this unassuming man is a powerhouse, full of wisdom beyond his years, full of passion for Christ. He is a man who feels deeply, cares deeply, and lives out his faith and love for God. He is passionate about missions, has promoted them in our church, and helped our congregation reach out to receive the light, be the light, and share the light of Jesus Christ.

But don't be fooled into thinking he's a goody-two-shoes! Matthew is a regular guy. The kind everyone wants to get to know and spend time with. He is a stellar husband and father and will always put family first. He loves to fish, wander in the mountains, and attend music festivals.

And every now and then, if you are really blessed, you will hear him sing. He and Joy have the most beautiful voices. He truly knows how to integrate powerful music into a worship service. Yet he is wise enough not to overstep his bounds. His sermons will have you spellbound, and you will learn that the Florida Conference is fortunate to have some very special pastors—not just yours who is retiring, but now the one who you soon will be blessed to call “yours.” Please treat him well. He and his family are very special, and although I am devastated to see him go, I am thrilled for you and Matthew and Joy and Ethan that you will be starting this new exciting spiritual journey together. God loves you and so do I!



*Saying Goodbye: Wayne & Ramona Wiatt*

## The Wiatts' Next Chapter

by **Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt, Lead Pastor**

### **WHY DO UMC PASTORS MOVE/GET NEW APPOINTMENTS?**

A little thing called itinerancy. The United Methodist Church has a unique tradition of assigning clergy to churches. Ordained elders must be willing to go where they are sent. The itinerancy system means every pastor has a church, and every church has a pastor. In some cases, larger churches have more than one pastor, and pastors of smaller congregations may serve two or more churches. Some pastors serve in positions outside the local church such as in church agencies, institutions, and specialized ministries.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, began the itinerant system in England. Wesley developed circuits for his assistants to travel, each of which included a large number of congregations when there were just a few pastors and many communities and congregations. Preachers visited these appointments about once a month and changed circuits from year to year, depending on the circumstances.

John Wesley stated that by long and consistent experience, a change of preachers is best. “This preacher has one talent, that (has) another; no one whom I ever yet knew has all the talents which are needful for beginning, continuing, and perfecting the work of grace in a whole congregation.” (From Kathy Gilbert, UMNS)  
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## ARE YOU MOVING, BEING ASSIGNED A NEW APPOINTMENT, OR RETIRING? WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING?

Ramona and I are staying put in Tallahassee and will continue to live in our "forever" home on Lake Talquin. When we moved to Tallahassee six years ago, we were able to remodel our family lake home and expand it to allow for comfortable visits from children and grandchildren, as well as entertaining church members and friends. (We plan to host another Creation Care kayak gathering sometime this year!)

I have been assigned by Bishop Ken Carter, resident bishop for the Florida Conference, to continue full-time as the district superintendent of the North West District (Apalachicola to Alachua). My job will be to oversee the 84 congregations and their pastors in our district. I have been doing this for the past three years in a hybrid role as both lead pastor of Trinity and district superintendent. With the potential changes in the United Methodist Church at the next General Conference in 2024, I will be spending a great deal of time with local churches and pastors as they discern their future.

## WILL YOU STILL BE AROUND?

Though much of my duties as a district superintendent will be to travel across the district, I will certainly be around! We love Tallahassee and the surrounding area. Our plans in a year are to do more traveling and explore the "Forgotten Coast" with a little more attention to detail. I look forward to hiking, biking, and kayaking the St. Mark Wildlife Refuge and many of the surrounding State Parks. We have a National Park pass and actually got to use it last month while visiting Williamsburg and Jamestown, VA!

## RETIREMENT PLANS

My plans are to retire at Annual Conference in June of 2023. As a celebration of that retirement, my final act of ministry will be to lead a trip to Greece on October 7-18 to trace the journey of Paul in Greece; [more information here.](#)

After catching up on my dock time and "remembering how to fly fish," we hope to spend a great deal of time with our children and grandchildren doing "activities" as our grandchildren lovingly call them! It's hard to believe that on my last Sunday at Trinity, June 26<sup>th</sup> at the 11 a.m. service and the picnic to follow, I will celebrate 50 years of ministry (40 ordained) in the United Methodist Church. It's been a great ride! I look forward to seeing you on my last Sunday at Trinity on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. We'll be having only one service of worship that Sunday at 11 a.m., followed by a covered dish picnic in Moor Hall with overflow into the garden. [RSVP here and sign up for a dish!](#)



# A “Best Choice” for Trinity: Wayne Wiatt, Youth Intern/Lead Pastor

by Pam Crosby, *Crossroads* Editor

In addition to preaching and attending to administrative duties, The Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt, lead pastor, has taken part in countless church programs and initiatives alongside members of his congregation. I have gotten to know him best through his participation in—and support of—the Historical Society, especially as a contributor to *Crossroads*, the church’s historical journal of which I serve as editor.

Dr. Wayne always responded to my requests to write for *Crossroads* with an immediate “Glad to do it,” for which I will always be grateful. He authored three articles, one on his introduction to Trinity in the 1970s, which I highlight as a tribute to him. I also invite you to read the entire article about his Trinity introduction as well as his other articles that can be found here in our online archives:

“An Unlikely Youth Director: My Introduction to Trinity,” [April, 2019](#), pp. 4-5

“Trinity in Mission, 1978: Eleuthera, Bahamas” (co-author), [July 2020](#), pp. 14-17

“Reflections on Cuba,” [October 2021](#), pp. 8-9



Wayne Wiatt, 1976

After Wayne Wiatt completed two years of college at Valdosta State, he was ready to take a break. It was 1976, and he set out for some adventure and to “find himself.”

To his delight, his older brother had invited him to move to Aspen primarily to determine if he should pursue a career in the resort industry at some point. He planned to learn to ski during his time there while checking out what working at a plush recreation spot would be like, and then if he was attracted to resort work, he would return to Florida to major in hospitality management at Florida State.

So there he was, working in Aspen, at one of the most luxurious vacation getaways in the world—interacting with the rich and famous! An ideal job! But not quite; in fact—it was a huge disappointment. In “An Unlikely Youth Director: My Introduction to Trinity,” (2019), he described his experience:

**When the Colorado snow finally thawed, I returned home to Valdosta, having accomplished only one goal: becoming a pretty good downhill skier! I quickly discovered that working as a house-boy, hauling firewood, cleaning bathrooms, making beds, and dealing with demanding resort guests really wasn’t my cup of hot chocolate!**

So he had not “found himself” at a Colorado resort after all, but he did discover shortly after returning home that what he had yearned for was answered in response to an altar call at his home church: to be a music minister and travel “an educational path in sacred music.” At the present time, however, he was in need of money and was working part-time at a motel. Soon the perfect opportunity loomed in the horizon:

**My dad retired in May of that year, and my parents moved to their vacation home on Lake Talquin, just west of Tallahassee. I answered a job posting for a summer youth intern at Trinity and interviewed with the Rev. Phil Roughton, one of the associate pastors at the church that year. A few weeks later, Phil called me and told me I did not get the job! The pastors had decided to go with a Duke Divinity seminary student instead. Disappointed, I turned back to my work as a part-time desk clerk at Ramada Inn.**

It was a sad day for young Wayne Wiatt. But a happy turn of events was coming his way:

**I am not sure how my life’s path would have proceeded differently had that Duke Divinity guy followed through and accepted the offer to come to Tallahassee. But two weeks after I was turned down, Phil rang again and offered me the internship, explaining, “The Duke student just called and said he got a better offer in North Carolina. Would you still be interested in the job?” I remember covering the receiver and shouting an exuberant “YES!” accompanied by a fist pump.**

Wayne's recollections of his first Sunday school experience are accompanied with the memories of the sights and smells of the "Youth Basement," which "smelled pretty much the same as it does now—like a room filled with teenagers who have been playing 4 Square (but now it's 9 Square) for hours on end."

In addition to taking part in worship services, his activities included participating in Tuesday Night Bible study in youth homes (with guitar in hand) and youth choir tour in South Georgia, leading a day camp in Maclay Gardens, delivering Meals on Wheels, attending Youth Week, and traveling on mission trips in Tennessee and the Bahamas.

These activities were valuable as work experience—and his "schedule of itinerating around the congregation" was similar to his later life as an "ordained deacon/elder in the Florida Conference." He had dinner in different homes several nights a week, and a church member provided him with room and board. However, Wayne emphasized that it was his adult mentors who especially influenced his path to seminary and beyond:

**I was fortunate to have many mentors who guided and inspired me during those early days at Trinity. Dr. Zimmerman was instrumental in directing me toward ordained ministry and opened doors for me to apply to Emory University's Candler School of Theology for my seminary education. Dr. Green became my mentor in the candidacy process and guided me to eventually interview with the District Committee on Ministry to become a certified candidate in what was then the Tallahassee District of the United Methodist Church.**

**Rev. Roughton taught me about youth ministry and even introduced me to some new chords on the guitar as we joined together in leading youth singing during United Methodist Youth Fellowship at Trinity. I joined the Chancel Choir and met a number of college students attending FSU who made Trinity their home.**

**The Rev. Austin Hollady was leading innovative worship with creative drama and music at the Wesley Foundation, which was groundbreaking for the new contemporary music scene of the early 80s.**

These early years made an enormous difference in Wayne Wiatt's young life, and upon reflection, he shared how beneficial the early Trinity experience had been in his religious formation:

**Looking back at the fact that I was Rev. Roughton's "second choice" for an intern role at Trinity, I will always believe it was the "best choice" for me. Trinity guided, mentored, and encouraged me to answer my call to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church.**

Calling Trinity his "home," he expressed his gratitude that he had "traveled full circle to the place" that had given him his "wings." And although he will no longer be our lead pastor, we hope that The Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt will always consider Trinity his home and in return, we will always consider him as one of our own. In addition, we are grateful that "dealing with demanding resort guests" during that year many decades ago in Aspen wasn't his cup of hot chocolate."

## Full Circle *by Thomas Wiatt, Trinity Church Member*

As Wayne's younger brother, watching him come full circle from Trinity's youth director to Trinity's Senior Pastor has been a blessing. I have fond memories of observing him through the years, always with his supporting and loving family behind him, such as the time he was preaching at Palm Coast United Methodist Church and his toddler daughter Taylor said, "Hi Daddy", over and over, until he paused his sermon long enough to acknowledge her. He has ministered through countless weddings and funerals, always taking the time to develop a personal relationship so he could share from his heart. He has visited

many people in hospitals and nursing homes, always with a gift of prayer and bringing them into the presence of Jesus and allowing God's healing love to flow. He has been a leader for social justice and stood strong in proclaiming that all are welcome at the United Methodist Church. Through it all, he has been my brother, loving me, encouraging me, and letting me know that he is always here for me. I wish all the happiness in Heaven and earth as he moves on to the next phase of his ministry. Thank you, Trinity, for welcoming Wayne with open arms. Thank you, Wayne, for your leadership and love.



*Thomas Wiatt (L) and Wayne Wiatt (R) at the ski resort in Aspen*

# To Lead With Love

by **Julianne Clayton, Former Office Administrator**

When my husband and I moved to Tallahassee nearly six years ago, I remember feeling a little unsure. My husband had a very clear call as a pastor, but I didn't yet know how I would spend my time. As I began to search for employment, a friend let me know about an opening in the office of Trinity United Methodist Church. While I loved the idea of working in a local church, I ultimately decided to apply because of these words from my friend: "You'd get to work with Wayne Wiatt. I know Wayne, and he is a phenomenal person." After working with Wayne at Trinity for almost five years, I couldn't agree more.

In my experience, as head-of-staff, Wayne saw beyond the job description; he saw each staff member as a person. When we inevitably struggled or had bad days, he offered support and understanding, and reminded us that we were worth caring for. When we were caught up in the stress and busyness of certain seasons, he helped foster a team mindset and created space for community and fellowship among the staff. He empowered each of us by giving us agency and trusting us in our ministries—we could be creative,

try new things, and be ourselves in our work. He recognized our giftings and encouraged us to cultivate them; personally, he encouraged my love of writing and supported my decision to pursue a graduate degree in spiritual formation. It was always clear that, in Wayne's eyes, we were more than a staff; we were a team and a family and he cared for us so well.

Wayne understood the assignment: to lead with love. Even in the midst of his own personal struggles and challenges, that is exactly what he did. While I only bore witness to a snippet of his decades-long ministry, I am grateful for the years I got to serve under his leadership. He might soon be retiring from Trinity, but I have no doubt Wayne will continue to serve, shepherd, and pastor those who cross his path because those things are more than just what he does; they are part of who he is.

As we move toward the future, may we always remember and recognize the season of Wayne's leadership at Trinity as the gift that it was. Well done, Wayne!

*Saying Goodbye: Allison Corrigan*

## Training Up Our Children

by **Elaine Freni, NETKids Parent and Volunteer**

I first met Allison Corrigan when she was an elementary school teacher and attending Trinity with her family. We both have girls around the same age. I was serving on the Children's Ministry board and got to know her well when our kids were much younger. The friendship grew from there. When Trinity decided to make a full-time position available in Children's Ministry, I was thrilled when I heard Allison would be the new hire. She took on this new opportunity and has grown the ministry to what it is today. Allison has brought so many families to the church. So many of these families come because their children ask to come back because they love the program. I will be forever grateful for Allison's leadership and her role in fostering a love for Jesus in my own daughter's life. So many other families feel the same way.

It has been such a blessing to volunteer alongside Allison for many years. It is not easy to recruit volunteers to serve kids week in and week out. There have been many times when it looked like we weren't going to get the teachers we needed. One of the things I admire most about Allison is her willingness to ask people to help. I have stepped out of my comfort zone

many times simply because Allison asked me. She can make the impossible seem possible. Many of you have seen that year after year with the amazing VBS she organizes for the children.



*Elaine Freni and Allison Corrigan, VBS 2021*

When I think back at the countless hours of time we have spent together, I think about how Allison always wanted the kids to be the priority. She worked faithfully all these years to make sure that happened. Allison leaves an outstanding children's ministry program. She will be missed greatly by this congregation. I keep thinking about one particular song that the children sing regularly each year. "Train up a child in the way he should go. Even when he is old, when he is old, he will not depart from it." Allison did just that each and every day in her job.

# Going Above & Beyond

by Allison Corrigan, Director of Children's Ministries

Oh, where shall I begin? I have had the absolute honor and privilege of working alongside Lisa Boyd for the past five years. She is one of the most caring, creative, talented, faithful, and dedicated individuals I have ever known. Her careful work behind the scenes is truly what makes the children's ministry at Trinity such a success.

Before Lisa joined the staff at Trinity, you might have called her, "volunteer extraordinaire!" You could always find her helping in various ways around the church from making toiletry packs for the homeless to cooking dinner for the youth to spending hours and hours helping to prepare and implement one of the best VBS programs in town! Lisa's amazing gift of service did not end when she officially joined the staff. It's actually quite the contrary. Lisa always goes above and beyond the time and responsibilities of her position, often giving more than 20 hours extra per week.

Lisa's husband retired a couple of years ago. Now that their daughter, Allie, is graduating from high school and moving out to attend FSU, Lisa and Scott are looking forward to traveling together! Therefore, Lisa's last day as program's assistant to the Children's Ministry will be June 15, 2022.

I have been so blessed to have Lisa, the best assistant a children's director could ever ask for, by my side. But more importantly, I am so lucky to have made such a wonderful friend. Enjoy your retirement, Lisa, but don't be a stranger. You will be missed!



Lisa Boyd at the Christmas Lock-In, 2021

# We Will Miss You, Neal

by Pat & Lyn Bevis, Trinity Members

When we came to Tallahassee just one year ago, one of the things we were most concerned about was leaving our church and our pastors behind. We knew finding a new place to serve and belong would be critical to our transition to a new town. We love contemporary worship and sought it out here in Tallahassee.

We began visiting United Methodist Churches and making notes of the pros and cons of each church. Right from the start, one of the biggest pros about Trinity was Neal Avirett. Neal approached us the first time we visited, making sure he got our names and contact information. He followed up and invited us to meet for coffee or lunch. And he stayed in touch. He called or texted when he hadn't seen us in a week or two. He helped us work through the pros and cons. He took us on a tour of the church building when we expressed concern about finding our way around. He found us places to plug in and do small acts of service as we were able. He came to the hospital and to the house when Lyn was going through some rough health scares and surgery. He even brought food and encouraged others to do so. And he prayed. All we had to do was send a text and he would call. Neal is more than a pastor; he is our friend.



Neal Avirett preaching at Trinity



We feel a little ungrounded knowing he is leaving us. We will miss his friendship, his always being at the other end of a text. We spent a lot of coffees and lunches talking about possible new ministries and projects. We talked about how important we feel it is to combine faith and fellowship and how we can encourage more of that. Neal made Sunday morning more than just a worship experience; he made it a time of friendship and caring for each other, and he made it extend beyond Sunday morning.

We can continue that feeling at Trinity. We will miss Neal and his family. They are special people, and we have been blessed by their presence and their service. But we are people of faith, and we care about each other. We can each do a little more to make ourselves more like Neal. We can invite someone for coffee or lunch. We can ask about their family and follow up with them. We can help others find their way around the church buildings and face the crises in their lives. That's what we do as Christian friends. Thank you, Neal, for helping us remember that.

We wish you the very best on each and every day, as you step out in new directions, to make new friends and care for more people. Our prayers go with you and Julie and the girls as you refocus your lives and ministry in this time of change and transition.

# Be Serving

by Rev. Neal Avirett, Associate Pastor

At any given meal, there are serving spoons. These spoons are larger than table spoons and oval in shape to pick up more food per scoop. They have a long handle to accommodate reaching various types of food, including vegetables and cut up fruit, and to portion out salads. And they're different than a slotted spoon that simply separates the meat or vegetables from its juices, which if we were eating collard greens, is the best part. We call those juices the *pot liquor*. This is where all the flavors meet.

In Acts 6, when the church realized that widows were being overlooked in ministry, leaders began to use a slotted spoon to separate "the ministry of the word from waiting tables." This began a separation of duties between leaders and laity. I believe I've always felt called to be both. I am a serving spoon.

It's difficult to say good-bye to the pastorate and Trinity United Methodist Church. I'm so thankful for the sacred trust and opportunity to serve you, your families, and each and every person who arrived at Trinity responding to the grace of God at work in their life. I'm also excited to begin work with Big Bend Hospice, where I believe God's gifts in me for pastoral care and community service will be exercised in a fulfilling way.

Thank you all for loving me and my family over these short three years, and the enormous privilege of serving as your associate pastor.



## Memorial Gifts

Trinity received the following gifts from April 12 - May 26:

### Honorariums

- In honor of **Pastor Neil and Chris Titko** from Ed Jefferies.

### Memorials

- In memory of **Susan Garnett** from Mike and Diane Ruff.
- In memory of **Miriam Rogers** from Carol and Robert Murrell, Mary Ann Moore, Juanita Whiddon, James and Lucy Carter, Betty Kane, and Paul, Julie, Juliet, and Mary Ruth Pruitt.
- In memory of **Kay Jefferies** from Ed Jefferies.
- In memory of **Ronald Lee Baker** from Velma Matthew.

# A Note From Lisa by Lisa Prasse, Youth Director

**M**ay was filled with so much fun! Our confirmation class completed their year of study with delightful presentations they gave during their banquet Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and they were each confirmed into the United Methodist Church on Mother's Day, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Our terrific youth choir ushered them in that morning during a beautiful service. Then at the end of May, our graduating seniors were recognized and honored for their huge accomplishments on Graduation Sunday and all the while we have been busy preparing for VBS, our fun trip to Warren Willis in July and Youth Week coming the first week of August! All of these students made me (and their church family at large) so very proud! Sometimes the Lord blesses us so completely even as we are in the midst of trying to be a blessing to others!



**Samuel James Bodiford**  
Leon High School  
Stetson University,  
Deland  
Jeb & Trueby Bodiford



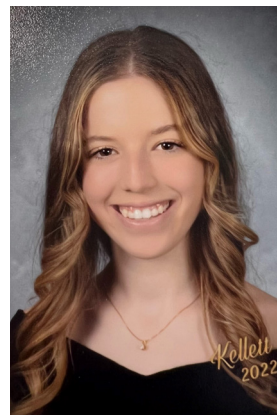
**Allie Elizabeth Boyd**  
Leon High School  
TCC, Tallahassee  
Lisa & Scott Boyd



**Julia Claire Huggins**  
Lincoln High School  
FSU, Tallahassee  
Chip & Sally Huggins



**Philip O'Brien Prasse**  
Leon High School  
FSU College of Music-  
Tallahassee  
Lisa & Ed Prasse



**Kellett Marie Snyder**  
Leon High School  
FSU, Tallahassee  
Scott & Joanna Snyder  
De Witt & Neddy Sumners

**NOT PICTURED:**

**Morgan Evans**  
Leon High School  
University of Florida En-  
gineering, Gainesville  
Elizabeth & Scott Evans

**Riley Young**  
Lincoln High School  
TCC to FSU, Tallahassee  
Ed & Melissa Young

# Preschool Graduation by Stacey Duggar, Preschool Director



**M**ay was busy with many preschool activities and events, but maybe none as special as Graduation. We said goodbye and good luck to 19 kids this year. This class had the unique experience in that they were enrolled during the COVID years with masks and protocols. Don't ever let anyone say that children are not resilient! Watch out "big school"; here comes Trinity United Methodist's Class of 2022, and they are ready!



Five of our 19 graduates this year have been with us since they were babies in the infant room in 2018. What a joy it is to watch them grow and learn! While we are not in the habit of listing full names of our preschoolers, please join me in congratulating Elijah R., Maris R., Finn Y., Jake H., and Jonathan B.

A fun tradition for our graduates is to place their painted handprint on the drinking fountain located on the playground! You may be happy to hear that despite this being permanent paint, no clothes were harmed!



*MK helps Eli place his hand on the side of the fountain.*



*Isla was excited to place her red handprint!*



Our graduates, along with the PK3 classes, celebrated Ms. Allison this month. Each Wednesday for the last 6 years, Allison Corrigan has taught chapel to our oldest kids, and what an amazing job she has done. We are so grateful for the time we got to spend together and for the lessons learned. Thank you Ms. Allison!

### *Exercise Ministry*

## **BFC Ministry Celebrates Its 14th Summer of Exercise at Trinity!**

*by Beth Curry, BFC instructor*

**BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Exercise** will continue to offer six classes per week for our 14th summer in a row at Trinity. Come meet FRIENDS for FELLOWSHIP, FUN, FITNESS (and sometimes even FOOD). There are a variety of classes for all fitness levels, offered via hybrid format (in-person and Zoom). *The COVID situation is closely monitored each week, and protocols for safe exercise will be followed.*

### **Class Schedule**

- Monday 10:00 a.m. NEW TIME! – ZOOM ONLY – *Flexibility for a Better YOU!*
- Tuesday 9:45 a.m. – *Staying Strong*
- Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – *Variety Mix*
- Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – *Variety Mix*
- Thursday – 12:15 p.m. – *Flexibility for a Better YOU!*
- Thursday – 1:30 p.m. – *Staying Strong*

### **Class Descriptions**

***Flexibility for a Better YOU!*** – Foam rolling and stretching on the mat/floor.

***Staying Strong*** – Basic, easy, gentle seated and standing exercise. Good for beginners.

***Variety Mix*** – Fast-paced total body workout with a variety of equipment. Intermediate to advanced.

***BFO (Becoming Fit Outdoors) Walking/Hiking*** will continue to meet all summer long, too. Walkers gather each week at 6:30 p.m. to walk for an hour on one of Tallahassee's beautiful trails. Please check the [website](#) or email [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) for more information or to register in advance for either BFC Exercise or BFO Walking/Hiking.

**Nursery Worker Opening** – BFC Exercise is looking for a child-care worker for our 11:00 a.m. class on Tues./Thurs. Hours are 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 pm. Please email [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) for more information.



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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

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