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# Trinity

# Tidings

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*Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.*

## Witness with power

Kitty Ball  
Trinity Delegate

This was the theme of the 2006 Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The event was held May 31 – June 3 in Lakeland. Attending from Trinity were Rev. John and Pat Willis; Rev. Wayne, Janet, Lyndsay and John Cook; Rev. Barbara Potter (along with husband and new Bethel minister Rev. George Potter); Kelly, Malinda and John Rains; Bill and Alice Grow; Miriam Peirce; and Kitty Ball. Kelly Rains' husband, Dr. Vance Rains, Campus Minister at FSU's Wesley Foundation, was also there.

Over the three and a half days there were many sessions—opportunities for information, inspiration and fellowship. These included laity and clergy sessions, memorial service, business sessions, bible study, holy communion, mealtime gatherings, musical entertainment, celebration of 50 years of women in ordained ministry, and service of ordination. The highlight of all these sessions for us Trinity folk was the ordination of our own Rev. Wayne Cook.

A few statements by different distinctive

speakers from the conference, which can serve to challenge us are:

1.) "Clergy are called to preach and teach the gospel. Laity are called to lead into mission. We should never lose the priority of being in mission."

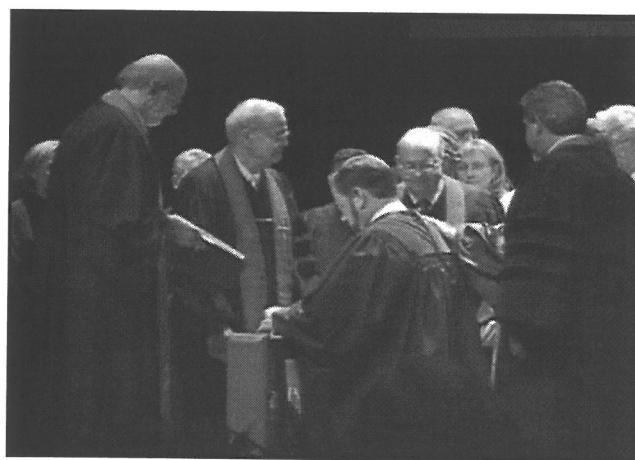
2.) "Christian calling is not by choice but by surrender. We must learn to be a disciple, see people with Jesus' heart. A seasoned disciple is someone consistent in their walk with Christ – reliable and dependable."

3.) "We have

connections within United Methodism giving us the ability to connect people for ministries who have the same passions. Share your gifts with others."

4.) "We need to be open to what God is doing around us, open to change. Lives can be changed. Our faith is about God's kingdom on earth not just eternity."

A personal pleasure for me was seeing and reconnecting with former Trinity pastors and pastors' wives – Art McClellan, David and Barbara Hodges, Beth Fogle-Miller, Gene and Emily Ann Zimmerman, Irma Norman, and Melvin Ware (from the 1960's).



Bishop Timothy Whitaker, far left, the Florida Conference Bishop, ordains Trinity's Wayne Cook an elder in the United Methodist Church. Just to the right of Wayne is Reverend John Willis.

## Supply drive for Kate Sullivan School

Jane Olson  
Kate Sullivan volunteer

The 2006-2007 school year begins August 14. Trinity is once again collecting supplies for students of need. We will collect donations this year on Sunday August 6.

Collection boxes will be located in the narthex and in the Welcome Center.

### The supplies that are needed are:

- family sized box of Kleenex
- pencil sized school box
- pocket and brad folders
- Crayola colored pencils - 12 & 24
- black and white composition books
- Fiskar scissors - sharp
- highlighter markers

If you are interested in the mentoring program at Kate Sullivan, please call Jane Olson at 385-4540. Look for information on this program in the September Tidings.

## What's new with Reverend Willis?



Trinity members express their love for Reverend Willis by saying a prayer over, and tying a knot in the prayer quilt made expressly for him. He continues to improve, so make plans now to attend his homecoming August 20. Please read his column on page 2.

# Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from May 10, 2006 through July 10, 2006:



**In memory of** Charlotte Leverenz Blee by her Family (continuing gift for Organ Trust Fund).

**In memory of** Georgianna Wollschlager by Dr. and Mrs. Steve Roady.

**In memory of** Lewie E. Moates by John and Mary Leslie Olson.

**In memory of** Tom Humphress by Cynthia and Bill Smith, Mary J. Marchant (for Wesley Fellowship Class), Clara Jane Smith, Rebecca Hood, Mr. and Mrs. R. Spencer Burress, William G. Smith, Jr. (Capital City Bank), Mary and Bill Bell (for H.E.O.), Oberley and Led Brown (for Children's Home), Mart P. Hill, Ernest B. Korst, Jr., Joe R. Williams, Dorothea S. Parker (for H.E.O.), John and Mary Leslie Olson, and Nancy and Harry Waugh.

**In memory of** Minnie McGill by Christine McClure (for Preschool Fund).

**In memory of** Tom Peterson by Mary R. Branan (for H.E.O.).

**In memory of** Bobbie M. Weatherly (for Ministerial Scholarship Fund) by Bill Moncrief, Mrs. Harry Middlebrooks, Helen Middlebrooks, and Hal Middlebrooks, Blair M. James, Oberley and Led Brown, Mabel Kilner, Lota G. Coffel, Dr. and Mrs. Harvel Dawirs, Patricia M. Barrineau, Lenora P. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. McDaniel, Jr., Mrs. Kathleen R. Hays, and Barbara Stewart.

**In honor of** Carter Glenn Willis by Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers (for Children's Home).

**In honor of** John G. Willis, Jr. by Beverly and Bill Douglas and Natalie Wolfe (for Children's Home).

## Heart to Heart

### I Miss You

By John G. Willis, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

It has been almost a month since I picked up a pen to write anything. As most of you know, I had surgery at the end of June. After several days in the hospital, I have been home recuperating. I knew what to expect with the surgery, but I really wasn't sure what would follow.

Two things have surprised me. First is how long it is taking me to bounce back to my former self. (I was told it would take a while, but I just didn't believe it.) The second thing is your response. It has simply been overwhelming! The prayer quilt, the books, the food, and the cards have just been more than I ever could have anticipated. While I have been at home convalescing, I have received several hundred cards, and each and every one has been very special to me. When they arrive, I take each one, open it, and read it carefully. (It is the highlight of my day.) I know each one represents someone who cared enough to go to the store and pick out just the right card. Then take it home and write a personal note on it, address it, stamp it, and mail it. Each day when they arrive, it is like a joyful dose of medicine that makes me better.



However, underlying all of this, and most important, is your prayers. I know they have helped and healed my body and spirit.

I really don't feel worthy of all this, but really appreciate it. You are such a wonderful congregation, and I love each of you. I am grateful to Wayne and all the staff for doing such an outstanding job while I am gone.

God bless you each,

### "Would you give the devotional?"

Margie Mixson

Do you feel inadequate when your group chairman asks "would you please give the devotional at the next meeting?" If so, there is help for you in the Trinity library.

Among several books of devotions is the aptly titled **Dear Lord, They Want Me To Give the Devotions!**, by John Schroeder and Shane Groth. There is a sequel by the same authors, **Dear Lord, They Want Me To Give the Devotion Again!**

Each book contains more than 50 one- or two-page devotions, arranged alphabetically by topic, such as Change, Fear, Forgiveness, Happiness, Memories, Relationships, Truth, etc ...

Each devotion consists of three basic parts:  
1. a Bible verse related to the topic;

2. a story, anecdote, or example that relates to the topic; and
3. ways the Scripture relates to us in our lives today.

In addition, each book has a section on how to create your own devotion from scratch.

Check the books under Dewey Decimal System #242 on our shelves for these books and others, such as **Homework for the Heart: Devotions for Teachers** by Lisa Flin and Barbara Younger; and **Coffee Book Devotions** by Marjorie Kimbrough.

With help from these books, you will be able to prepare a devotion with more confidence.



# Music news for August

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music

## Calling all men

Guys, here's a chance to have some fun and do a good deed for your church at the same time! Yes, it the one Sunday each year we men take over the choir loft. We will present two songs and a few short responses at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on August 20.

Our practice is set for Wednesday, August 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. You need not be a world-class singer to do



this—a number of our Chancel Choir members will be there to "hold things together," and the music is chosen to enable us to be ready in just one rehearsal. That's right, just **ONE** practice is needed to whip our group into shape, so come on out and have some fun. We must be doing something right — I hear more positive comments on the Sunday the men sing than just about any other Sunday of the entire year. Guys, if you are high school age or older, COME JOIN US!

## We begin anew

Just as spring is associated with the return of life in the natural world, fall is the time the music ministry of the church springs back to life. Most of our music groups stop during all or part of the summer. They then make a clean start again each August or September.

This is a great time to consider joining one of our wonderful music organizations! We have many to choose from.

## Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir is the flagship choir of the church, singing about 45 Sundays each year. We sing at numerous special services each year such as Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve. Once or twice each year we present special music, like a concert or Sunday morning cantata. The group enjoys occasional social activities as well; a small family within the large "family" of the church. We resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 23 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

## Circle of Friends

This is the 9:45 a.m. SUN Service praise band, led by Lisa Prasse. They do not take a summer break, so their rehearsals are ongoing. Meet them on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. in Moor Hall. You can contact Lisa at 671-3986.

## Trinity Ringers

This advanced handbell group meets on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. starting September 6.

You must be able to read music to join this group and previous experience ringing bells is recommended.

## College/Career Handbells

This group is about half college students and half young adults. They meet on Sundays 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting September 10. You must be able to read music to join.

## Youth Choir

We begin rehearsals again on Sunday August 20, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the choir room, starting with a lot of new music! This is for all middle school and high school



*The Youth Choir practices every Sunday night, right before Youth group.*

students — bring a friend! We plan to travel this coming summer as part of the Trinity Youth tour/mission project.

## Youth Handbells

We had a great "start-up" season last year! We meet in the bell room on Sundays, 4:30-5:15 p.m. starting Sunday, August 20. This is for students in middle school and high school students! We will travel this coming summer as part of the Trinity Youth tour/mission project.

## Youth Praise Bands

Last year we expanded to two Youth Praise Bands! Contact Sheri Koyles, our Youth Director, for additional information about these groups.

## NETkids

This wonderful afternoon of exciting and fun activities for children in grades K-5 begins Wednesday, September 6. Children arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. and finish at 5:30 p.m. Planned music activities for the fall include two vocal groups and a



*The NETkids Choir is comprised of children in grades 3-5. They perform about once a month at Sunday worship services, at Christmas, and other times throughout the year.*

handbell group. Transportation is provided from a few elementary schools. Contact the church for additional information.

## Cherub Choir

Children who are two year olds through kindergarten in age can join the Cherub Choir, which meets on Sundays during the Sunday School hour. They are ably led by Kristin Dow and will be starting up in late August or early September.

Joining these music groups is pretty simple; just come to one of our rehearsals. Additional information about music groups at the church is available by contacting me, or the other leaders mentioned above, at the church at 222-1120. Also, check information on our church website [www.tumct.org](http://www.tumct.org) and click on the "music" link.

When new members are received into our church, the minister asks: "As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?" Since most of our music groups participate in Sunday worship services, this is an excellent way to provide our "presence" and "service" to the church.

# Volunteers make a difference

Betty Ashlock

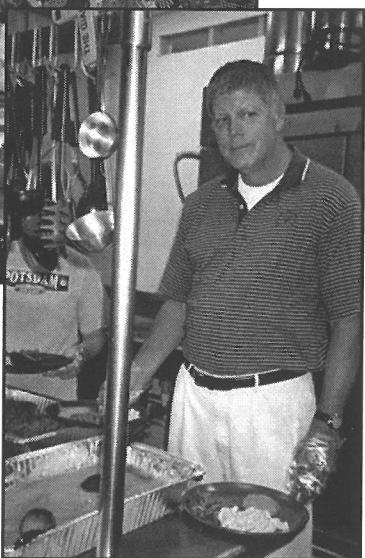
## About the Homeless Shelter

Over 150 volunteers from Trinity have been serving the homeless since 1991.

Sometime before 1991, the First



Above, Barb Smith takes foil off of a special dish. At right, Brent Chumbler loads up a plate for one of the homeless.



Presbyterian Church began the feeding of the homeless at their church. At that time there wasn't a homeless shelter anywhere in Tallahassee.

### How Trinity got started

Trinity became involved thanks to the

efforts of J. Peterson, a teacher in the Cornerstone class, who along with his wife, Nancy, began cooking meals at their home to bring to The Shelter. They always cooked on the first Monday of each month.

From that humble beginning, the program has grown to the point that now Trinity cooks and serves meals at The Shelter on the first, fourth, and fifth Mondays of each month.

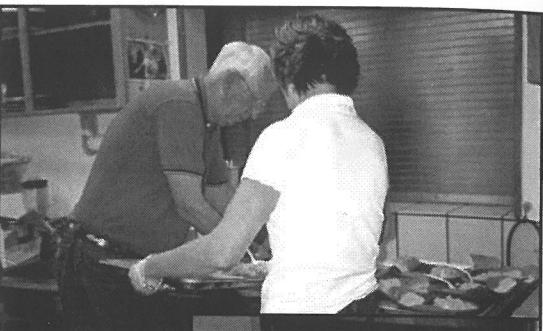
### Organization the key

Now, instead of one group, as was the case when the Petersons and their Cornerstone class started the program, there are nine groups that continue the program throughout the year. With the current system, each group prepares meals only three times each year.

### Your help needed

If you are interested in getting involved with this most worthwhile activity, please call the number at the end of this article.

We are also compiling a list of volunteers



Jim Ashlock and Debara Jump prepare plates at The Shelter, above, as Marti Chumbler, at right, pulls prepared food from the oven.

who have served through the years. Please contact Betty Ashlock at 893-8599 to

help update the list or to volunteer for cooking or serving at The Shelter.



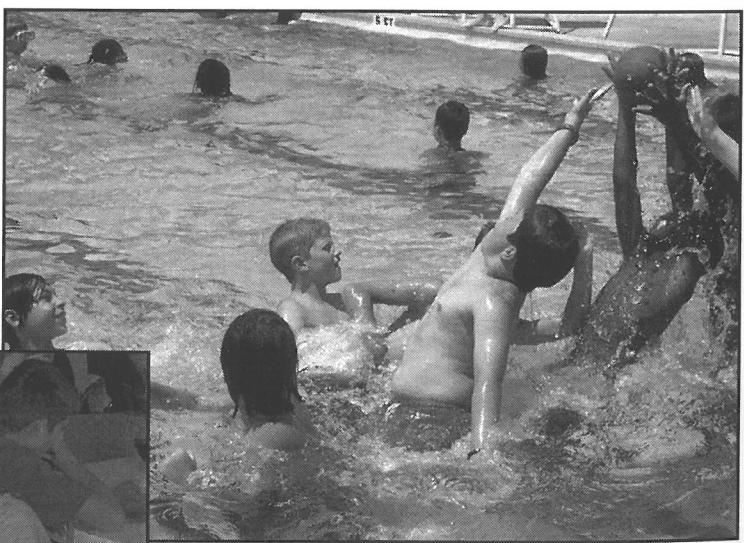
## Summer Camp at Leesburg a hit with Trinity campers



Above, friends Alex Ingram and Jessica Danforth enjoy a sunny moment poolside at the Leesburg swimming pool.

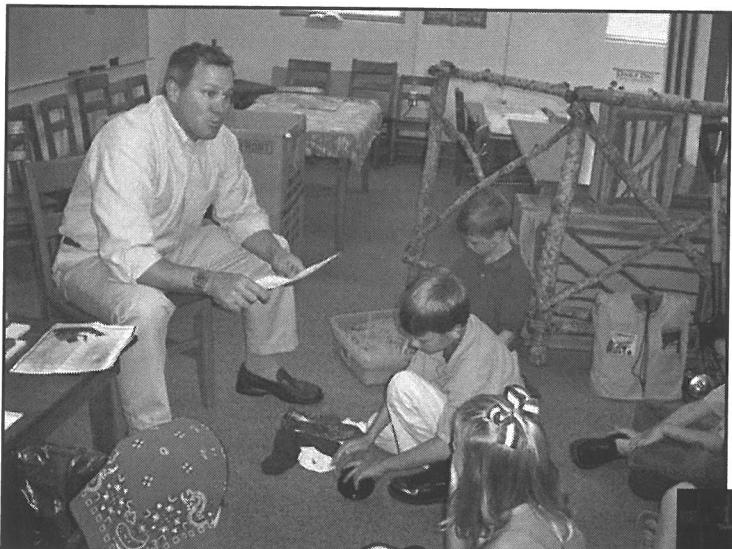


At right, Sarah Beth Miller and Mary Beth Waddill show off their clean plates after another delicious meal at camp.



Ben Bryan goes high for the ball in a game of water polo in the pool. This year's camp was well attended as 58 Trinity youth took advantage of the discounted tuition. Each year Trinity contributes a \$100 scholarship toward each camper's cost for camp.

## Reverend Willis receives special card from Trinity children



In the photo above, Steve Watson explains to his class why it is important to let Reverend Willis know how much they care about him. The class then created a beautiful card that was presented to Reverend Willis.

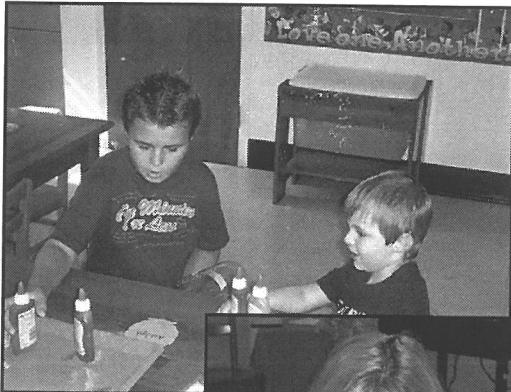


At top right, Raphael Fortier and Aydan Koyles add their artistic flair to the card in progress. The entire class worked hard on the card.

At right, another group from the class puts the finishing touches on Reverend Willis' special card. They are from left, Nicholas Ihasz, Meredith Huggins, Cassie LaJeunesse, and Mary Lynn Steinmeyer.



## Vacation Bible School at Trinity



Above, Jonathan Danforth shows Carter Nash the ropes during activity time at VBS.



At right, Lynn Barr helps Andy Zippay work on his project.



"The adults" show the kids that VBS is not all about study. At left, Kitty Ball and Alice Grow share a light moment before the kids get to their station.

Below, Alice presents a live reenactment from a selected Bible passage as fellow actor Kitty Ball looks on.



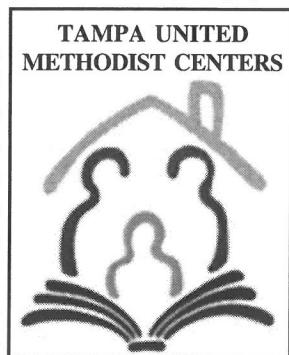
# August Youth news

Sheri Koyles,  
Youth Director

## Summer Mission Experiences

The middle school students worked with the Tampa United Methodist Centers in early June. They aided both child care centers in clean-up and yard maintenance. They also spent some time interacting with the children. All 15 students served Christ with enthusiasm, and really enjoyed themselves.

The high school students traveled to Mississippi to aid in the hurricane relief projects. They repaired some damaged roofs, and replaced the vinyl siding on the parsonage of Byrd Wesley UMC. They were rewarded for their hard work with a full day whitewater



trip down the Ocoee River. They all represented our Lord and Trinity in a remarkable fashion.



Allyson Chrisco helps a thirsty boy get a cool drink while on the Mid-High mission trip to Tampa.

Thank you for all the support you offer our students that enables them to have a summer mission experience.

## Wednesday Program Resumes

September 13

After school study hall will be available followed by dinner at 5:30 p.m. There are Bible studies available for: Mid-High from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and High School students from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



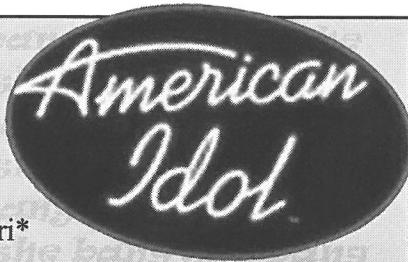
Ara Hirst and Casey Waddill help with child-care on the Mid-High mission trip at the Tampa United Methodist Centers facility.

## UMYF Fall Kick-Off

Sunday, August 20

### "American Idol Lip-Sync"

\*Submit your favorite cheesy music to Sheri\*

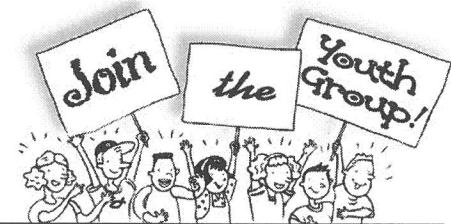


## ROCK THE UNIVERSE RETURNS



Friday, Sept. 8 - Sunday, Sept. 10

- \$25 Deposit due by July 30
- Deposit holds your spot! (30 spots)



## SKI TRIP

December 27-30

Cataloochee in North Carolina



## Youth Sunday

August 13

Please join us for this special opportunity to share with our church family what God has been doing in the lives of young people!



*The world with its lust  
passes away, but he who does  
the will of God remains forever.*  
1 John 2:17

\*\*We will have a preparation day on Saturday, August 12, from 1-4pm.\*\*

## High-school students trip to Mississippi/Tennessee



Part of the trip involved helping homeowners recover from last year's hurricanes. Sarah-Ashley McClellan, Becky Hall, and Susanna Zorn pose with homeowner Dot Bradford (third from left).



Treasures were found in unusual places. Youth Director, Sheri Koyles, raises a cross found in a pile of debris. Pictured, from left, are Vanessa Carey, Bob High, Sarah Gilleland, Alee Erskine, Sheri Koyles, Caitlyn Chrisco, Melissa Gilleland, and Jimmy McKinnell.



Finished with the work portion of their trip, the group is ready to do some whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee. Here they are shown straddling the line between two states, Georgia and Tennessee.



The entire crew posed for this picture taken in front of Byrd Chapel United Methodist Church in Carriere, Mississippi. Byrd Chapel provided overnight lodging for the group. Jim and Debbie McKinnell, Steve Hirst, and Marti Chumbler assisted Sheri Koyles with logistics during the trip. Taska Zorn also contributed to the trip by providing all of the meals.

### Thank-you note to Mid-High youth

The following was sent to Trinity from the Director of Development at the Tampa United Methodist Centers, Inc. after the Trinity mid-high youth spent a week there:

Dear Sheri,

Please accept and extend our heartfelt gratitude to the young people and adults who worked so hard during your three-day mission trip last

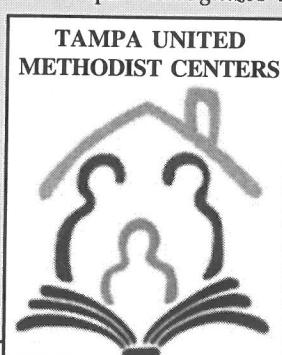
week. Tampa United Methodist Centers recognizes that this was truly a labor of love and a sacrifice of time and funds that will help special children to learn and grow in ways many never knew was possible.

I have heard only glowing reports of your hard work. You really helped TUMC Children's Services with much needed sprucing up.

Please assure everyone that we feel deeply blessed to have such gracious support. Your dedication and service will make a big difference in little lives! You are a vital part of our ministry.

May God Continue to Bless You As You Continue to Bless Others.

In Christ,  
Kitty Carpenter  
Director of Development  
Tampa United Methodist Centers



## The Pipes are calling

Elizabeth LaJeunesse  
Trinity Organist

There are many things in Trinity's sanctuary that make it visually beautiful — the stained glass, the ornate columns, and of course the organ pipes. But there is also beauty in what is heard, and you, as a congregation, have a rare opportunity to hear not just organ music, not only piano, but both together!

So many "traditional" churches have organs in their sanctuaries, but usually no piano to be used with the service. Many



*Elizabeth LaJeunesse practices on Trinity's Casavant organ.*

"contemporary" churches rely heavily on piano and other instruments, but rarely use the organ — if they have one at all.

Come and experience the best of both at a pre-worship recital on **Sunday, August 6** beginning at **8:15 a.m.** and then also at **10:45 a.m.** Michael Bryan and Elizabeth LaJeunesse will present a program of spirituals for organ and piano as a duet. Come listen, and enjoy the beauty of both of these fine instruments.

## Church and Society member honored

Ron Hock, Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

The Church and Society Ministry Team ministers to a number of programs/agencies within our community. Members become involved by establishing coordination/liaison with the agency assessing the needs and providing assistance and support whenever possible.

One of these programs is the Kate Sullivan Elementary School Project where a team member coordinates the collection of back-to-school supplies for students. In addition, two members provide one-on-one student monitoring. One of these members is Bill Moncrief who, along with Jane Olson, has provided this service for five years. Well, Bill has recently been named "Senior Volunteer of the Year" for Kate Sullivan School and was honored at a special dinner. Thanks Bill for your outstanding and most caring work.

## Letters of love

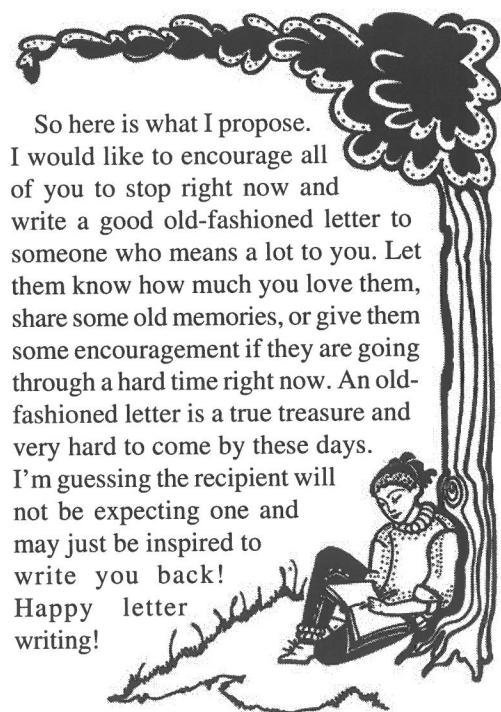
Kelly Rains,  
HEO coordinator

Just the other day I was cleaning out some desk drawers and came upon some cards, letters, and notes I had saved over the years. I couldn't resist and decided to take a break from cleaning and sat down to read a few. As I looked through them I had numerous cards and letters from my husband, sister, and other family members. I even had some letters from grandparents, who are now deceased, that I treasure dearly. It was interesting as I read through this rather large stack of "letters of love." I laughed, smiled, reminisced, and even had a few tears brought to my eyes. It was so much fun remembering what life was like, experiences I've gone through, and who made the effort to send me a note. I have encouraging notes from my parents when I was in college. I have "I miss you" notes from my twin sister as we (for the first time) had to go our own ways after college. I have all the romantic cards and letters from my husband as we dated in

college and many of the ones since then. This particular stack of letters didn't even include all the notes and artwork I've saved through the years from my kids, all the well wishes we received as our children were born, or all the get well cards I got when I was very sick several years ago.

What is the point here? I think there is something special about the thought and effort that goes into an "old-fashioned" letter. You know, the kind most kids seldom write these days. The ones that make you feel really loved, because you know the time it took for that person to stop everything in their life so they could write out their thoughts to share with you. These I treasure the most. Now don't get me wrong, I love cards, phone calls, pictures and emails just like anyone else. I have to say text messaging isn't for me but lots of people like that too. Today, both kids and adults alike live by the new electronic ways of communication. These are all good, but my question is "How will they ever be able to stumble across some old messages 10 years from now and reminisce about the past?" All of the electronic messages will be deleted by then. How will they be able to appreciate where they've been and who

encouraged them along the way? How will they remember what Grandma's handwriting looked like? These are precious memories to me and my letters will be going back into that drawer so that I can stumble across them again in another few years.



So here is what I propose. I would like to encourage all of you to stop right now and write a good old-fashioned letter to someone who means a lot to you. Let them know how much you love them, share some old memories, or give them some encouragement if they are going through a hard time right now. An old-fashioned letter is a true treasure and very hard to come by these days. I'm guessing the recipient will not be expecting one and may just be inspired to write you back! Happy letter writing!

# Programs at Trinity keep everyone involved

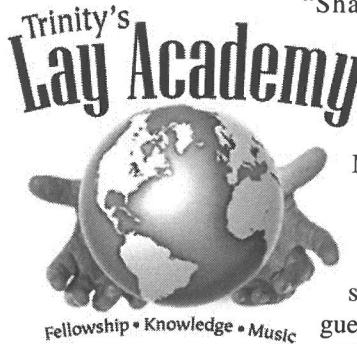
Barbara Potter  
Director of Programs

## Lay Academy preview

Get set for another challenging year of classes in Lay Academy on Wednesday evenings starting September 13. Classes will include a spiritual growth study,

"Shalom, Salaam, Peace" which will look at the concept of peace in the Middle East from Hebrew, Arabic, and Christian standpoints with

guest speakers who will address the situation there. A new short term Disciple class, a computer class, the men's group, a women's Bible study are also in the planning stages. Watch for our Fall brochure in mid-August.



## Welcome Back Wednesday

Mark your calendars now for our annual Welcome Back Wednesday Dinner at 5:30 on September 6. NETkids and Youth Bible Study will begin that day. There will be a NETkids parent's meeting immediately following dinner. Watch the Bulletin and September Tidings for further details.

## Trinity Treks

Trinity Treks is getting geared up for another program year. Our 2006-2007 schedule is now being constructed. If you have a special interest or would like to be in on the planning, contact

Barbara Potter at the church office.



Sunday School teacher, David LaJeunesse, supervises this "dig" as students learn the meaning of God's treasures.

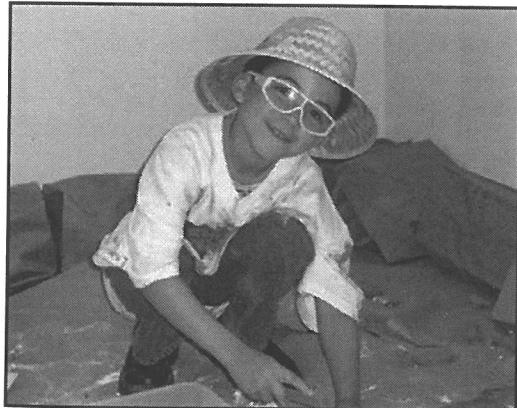
## Live B.I.G. This Fall at Trinity

Get ready to Live B.I.G. starting Sunday, August 20, Promotion Sunday. There will be registration tables on the first and second floor hallways for parents to register their children for our new program year in Sunday School which will introduce our new curriculum, Live B.I.G.

Preschool and kindergarten classes will meet on the first floor and grades one through five will meet on the second floor. There will be a parents gathering in Room 305 following registration.

Refreshments will be served and parents will have a chance to meet each other and find out about our adult classes.

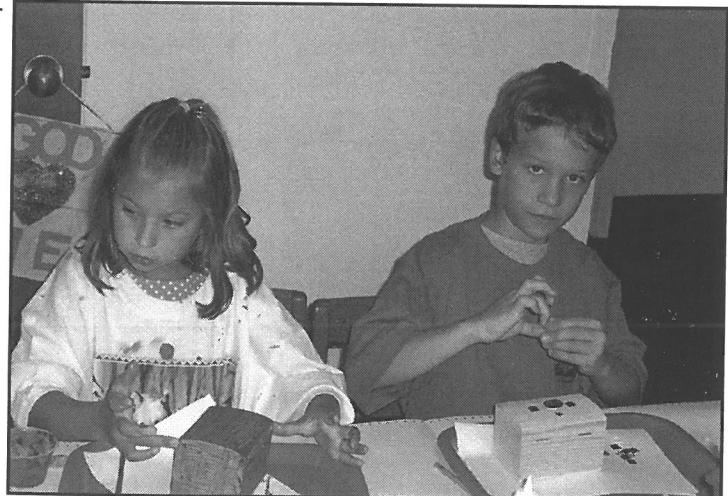
At 10:15 a.m., there will be a short presentation of the new curriculum we are launching and other important information on children's ministries at Trinity.



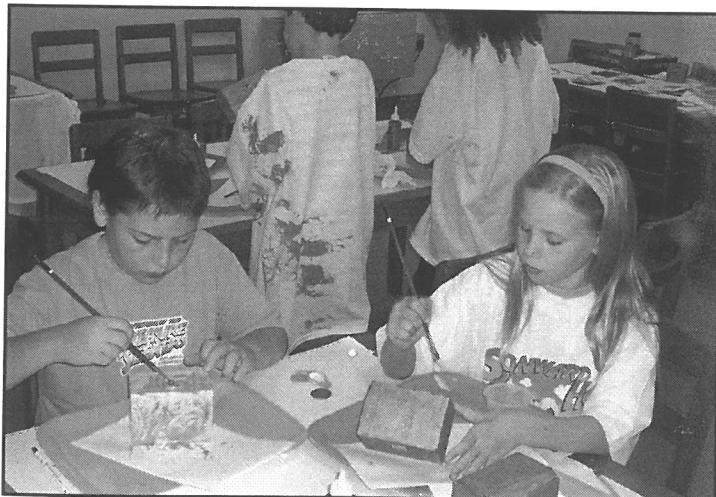
Raphael Fortier digs for hidden treasure during Sunday School class. Note that he is wearing all of the necessary protections for the job at hand.

## NETkids

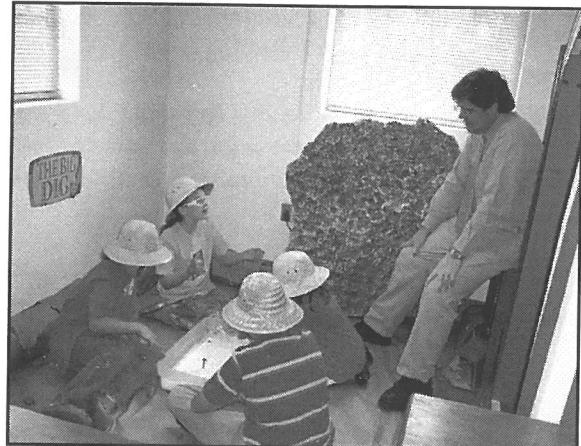
NETkids will kickoff their Fall program on Wednesday, September 6. Children in kindergarten through grade 5 may participate. Children gather after school on the playground and rotate through various activities until 5:30. This is a great way for children to make church friends, have fun and grow in faith. For additional information, contact Barbara Potter or Kathy Drake.



In the photo above, Sarah-Kellet Clark and David Jensen work on their "treasure boxes." The boxes will be used to store their treasures.



At left, Christopher Francis and Katherine Watson have moved on to the painting stage of constructing their treasure boxes.



# School Clothes from Angels

Lora Chapman  
ECHO Team Member

The Devil may wear Prada, but 15 local school kids will be wearing new clothes from Trinity Angels.

Every Adult Sunday School Class "adopted" at least one child, and some of the larger classes adopted two or three. (Each child gets two outfits.)



Each child submitted a list of desired clothing items and Trinity's Adult Sunday School classes were able to provide for 15 children. A note of encouragement was also included in each package of clothing.

Although we would like to know that our adoptees were thrilled with our selections, the requirement for anonymity prevents this from happening. Not to be discouraged, however, Judge Parker McDonald

composed a letter of encouragement to his young recipient, and put it in his gift bag. The text of his letter says;

*"Dear Friend, I know you only by your number, but have enjoyed buying you these clothes. Hope that they are OK.*

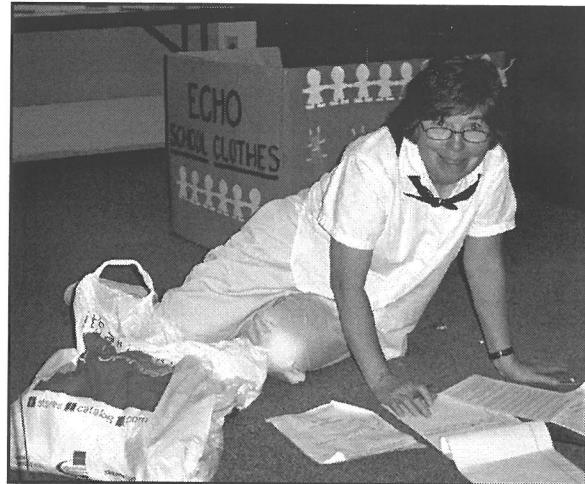
*I hope you have a good life. Study well and pay attention in school. Get a good education.*

*If you have a special need, contact ECHO. They can get in touch with me and I may be able to help out.*

*Your friend from Trinity United Methodist Church."*

The members of the Trinity/ECHO team thought this was such a good idea, we put letters of encouragement in all the bags. Basically our letters said, "We hope you like your new clothes; we hope you have a good year in school; Study Hard!"

The Church and Society Committee wishes to thank all you angels who helped make this project a success. We would especially like to recognize new member Toni Hale, shopper extraordinaire, who was the leader of the



Lora Chapman, shown here checking the contents of each bag of clothing, was tireless in organizing the clothing drive and getting people involved.

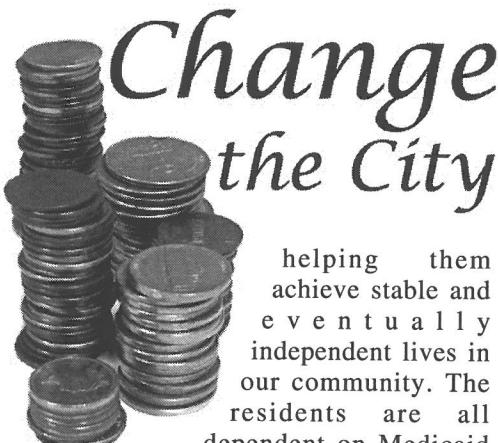
shopping team that bought outfits with the money raised from cash donations.

Honorable mention also goes to Alison Banksom, who found the most for the money deals for the kids adopted by the **Bible Journeys** class. The bulging bags in the ECHO collection box attests to other shopper's prowess who will also receive stars in their crowns at the appointed time.

## "Change" for August

Ron Hock  
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

The Hilltop Residential Program will be the recipient of the August "Change." This facility assists the mentally ill and has a capacity for 16 patients. It is a program that specializes in assisting patients with long-term mental health diagnoses, and with



helping them achieve stable and eventually independent lives in our community. The residents are all dependent on Medicaid for funding, rent, and incidentals, and are also in need of

To be angry is to revenge the faults of others on ourselves.

Alexander Pope

dental care, eye-glasses, and prescription shoes, to name just a few of their needs.

As always, that small "change"

collected in those designated containers adds up and is always most appreciated. We continue to demonstrate that Trinity is "a Church with a Heart for the City."

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