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Findings

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

Get ready for Lent with upcoming events

Ash Wednesday March 1

It is that time of year again as we prepare for Easter through the contemplation of Lent. This year should be even more exciting than previous years. Thanks to Reverend Willis' recent trip to the British Isles, we will be able to experience vicariously what it is like to visit some of Britain's finest cathedrals and at the same time study the saints that were associated with them.

During Lent, we as Christians meditate with awe and thanksgiving on the great paschal mystery — the salvation God offers to us sinners through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ at Easter. At Trinity we begin our preparation through several guided activities.

One of these activities is the **Ash Wednesday** service on **March 1 at 6:30 p.m.** This year's service will follow the order of worship from **Evensong**. In the Anglican church, Evensong is a daily evening service with prayers as prescribed in the Book of Common Prayer (circa 1662). We will have a **Choral Evensong** and our service will consist primarily of music. The service will also include prayer, scripture, and the imposition of ashes, but will not include a sermon.

Before the service, a church-wide dinner will be available at 5:30 p.m. for just \$5.

Please call 222-1120 to reserve your spot for this delicious meal.

Another of the special activities at Trinity involves sharing our thoughts and prayers with our fellow church members in small gatherings we call **Lenten groups**. These small groups gather weekly at someone's home, the church or sometimes even at restaurants.

Each year our

Programs Minister, Barbara Potter, collects names of interested members and makes small groups. Some of the groups meet year round, while others meet only during the Lenten season. Either way, the collective group is always stronger from the number of members involved. That's why it's important to become involved in one of these groups. Often times your experience can help show someone something they couldn't otherwise see. The groups are guided through the season with the help of several activities and study aids. The main guide for this group study is the **Lenten Journal**. These journals are produced each year and are a daily

guide to scripture readings and personal reflections. These guides are relatively inexpensive to produce and a suggested donation of \$6 covers the production. The guides are used in conjunction with the Lenten groups, but are also very useful for individual study and introspection.

As you will read in Mark Repasky's music article on page 3, one of the other Lenten activities involves music. Throughout the Lenten season, the Trinity music program concentrates its energy in producing music appropriate to the season.

And, of course, there will be an exciting **new addition** this year. It is bound to be enlightening and at the same time very interesting.

Lent is a time when we prepare for the miracle of Easter. Why not challenge yourself to become a part of a Lenten small group this year and learn more about the season and yourself. You won't regret it.



Frank Leonard led this Lenten group hosted at the home of Tom and Beth Perdue.



This Lenten group met in the church conference room at lunch-time each week and was led by Reverend Willis.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from December 10, 2005 through January 10, 2005:

In memory of Charlotte Leverenz Blee by her Family (Continuing Gift for Organ Trust Fund).

In memory of George Foster by Julia A. Foster (for Radio Broadcast).

In memory of Georgianna Wollschlager by Abigail and Ron Hock (for H.E.O.).

In memory of William Joseph Quinly by Nancy and Jimmy Petrandis, and Mr. and Mrs. William A. Grow.

In memory of Dr. Lyndon Gregg Phifer by Mr. and Mrs. William A. Grow.

In memory of Fannie Wilson Smith by Patricia Yancey Martin and Gayle Nelson (for Fannie Wilson Smith Trust).

In memory of Aubrey Davis by Alison and Daniel Wagnon.

In memory of John Madison Harrell by Alison and Daniel Wagnon.

In memory of Daniel Wagnon by Alison and Daniel Wagnon.

In memory of Thomas Livingston by Alison and Daniel Wagnon.

In honor of Rev. and Mrs. John Willis (for Children's Home), **Rev. Wayne Cook** (for Children's Home), **Rev. Barbara Potter** (for Children's Home), **Mr. and Mrs. Mark Repasky** (for Organ Fund), **Elizabeth La Jeunesse** (for Organ Fund), and **Kelly Rains** (for H.E.O.) by Oberley and Led Brown.

In honor of Gifford and Eleanor Hale by Joanne Hale Lazar (for H.E.O.).

In honor of William G. Smith, Jr. by Patricia Yancey Martin and Gayle Nelson (for Fannie Wilson Smith Trust).

Heart to Heart

Being there for each other

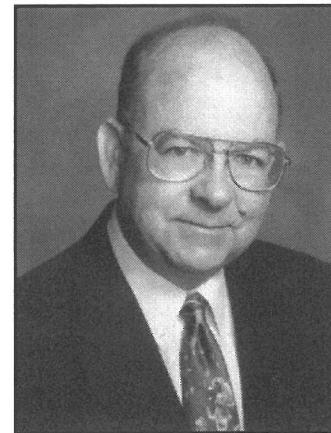
By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

Molly's been sick! Poor ole dog—it's just not like her. During the past month, she made three different trips to the vet for this unknown ailment. She got sick, listless, and wouldn't eat. She'd go to the vet, get antibiotics, and get better — then she would get sick again. Finally, the vet said those words you just don't want to hear, "I have no idea what's wrong with her." Finally, she got better and is now back to her old self.

However, during one of her "sick times" she did something strange. Something she had never done in the almost six years we have had her. She came over next to me and sat down as close as she could possibly get. She just sat there and leaned her head up against my leg.

As I thought about it, I realized we are just like her. When she was down, depressed, not feeling well—she wanted to be close to someone. She didn't want to go through this down time by herself. Somehow, suffering is made more bearable when it is shared with another. We all need "someone to lean on" in our time of misery.

Isn't this how we are supposed to be for one another as a church?



I guess this is some of what the Bible means when it tells us to "Bear one another's burdens." How are you doing? How are we doing? Sometimes all it takes is just being there. Just don't try and scratch them behind the ears!!

Project Lifesaver gets February "Change"

Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

The recipient of February's "Change" will be **Project Lifesaver** a reliable rapid-response partnership with law enforcement. Clients that are enrolled in this program wear a personalized wristband that emits a tracking signal. A rescue team using a mobile locator have an average recovery time of less than 30 minutes. The "change" will be used to

purchase batteries for the wristbands.

What another wonderful project for our "change" to be utilized and to show that Trinity members indeed have "a Heart for the City." That "change" you deposit in those designated receptacles does make a difference.



A signal is sent from this device, which is worn like a wristwatch, to alert searchers of a lost individual.

Music Ministry Sunday is February 19

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

This is the one time each year when nearly all of the music groups of the church come together during one worship service! The 11 a.m. service that day likely will include three handbell groups, two or three praise bands, two children's choirs, a youth choir and adult choir, children's Orff instruments



The NETkids choir performed at last year's Music Ministry Sunday.

ensemble, and a wind ensemble in the balcony.

Interested brass and woodwind players are encouraged to contact me by February 12 about participating. Jack Crew, former Band Director at Lincoln High School, will conduct this group. You will lead the congregation in one of the hymns that morning (no organ). This is easy stuff! High school students and adults are eligible to participate. We usually have 10-18 players in this group. You will practice at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday February 15, in the balcony of the sanctuary. So, dust off that old horn and join in on the fun!

The 11 a.m. service will also include a brief dedication ceremony for our church musicians.

This is an excellent opportunity to invite to our church service, friends and neighbors who really enjoy music!

Chancel Choir prepares for April 2 concert

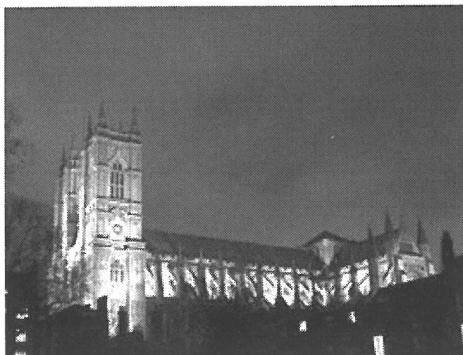
Westminster Abbey in London is one of the most famous cathedrals in the world. It is the traditional church of English royalty and the site of many coronations and state funerals over the centuries. A large amount of music was written by famous composers of the day for these royal occasions.

This special concert by our Chancel Choir and 15-piece orchestra will enhance your Lenten Journey as we present "The Funeral Music of Queen Mary" (1695) and "Coronation Anthems" for King George II (crowned king in 1727). Both of these events took place at Westminster Abbey amid much pomp and circumstance!

Here's an interesting footnote on how the German composer Handel was called upon to write coronation anthems for English royalty. King George II was proclaimed king on June 14, 1727, three days after his father's death. His coronation took place October 4 of that same year. Handel had spent a number of years in England and was well known as an opera composer. King George II knew of him and appointed him to compose music for his coronation. This collection of music is now known as the "Coronation Anthems".

Our Organist Elizabeth LaJeunesse will also perform (with orchestra) an organ concerto written by Handel to round out this program. Whether we are royalty or strictly commoners, this concert should be a moving experience for all who attend!

Singers interested in joining our Chancel Choir for this special concert must begin



attending Wednesday rehearsals (8:15-9 p.m. only) starting February 15. We will extend the rehearsals to 7:30-9 p.m. a few weeks before the performance. Contact me if you are interested in participating in the unique concert, or simply come to the February 15 rehearsal!

Evensong for Ash Wednesday

Many elements of the traditional Evensong worship service, as one would experience in the cathedrals of England, will be incorporated into our Ash Wednesday service set for 6:30 p.m. on March 1. The Chancel Choir is already preparing special music, which will include some short musical selections sung in Latin and chant-like musical interludes. A special feature is the Magnificat. This is the musical version of Mary's response when the angel Gabriel announced she would become the Mother of Jesus.

The pipes are calling...

Elizabeth LaJeunesse, Organist

Most of us realize how fortunate we are to be part of a church so richly blessed as Trinity. Even so, there are things we all take for granted. Housing a pipe organ of such magnitude and capabilities as our Casavant is something few churches in our region can claim, yet those of us here at Trinity get to enjoy this magnificent instrument as it plays a vital role in worship each Sunday.

Those of you who were members when the organ was installed may remember witnessing parts of the lengthy installation process, all the while knowing that the end

result would be spectacular. The instrument we have serves not only to enrich our congregation, but as an outreach to the musical community as well. It is with this in mind that we must every so often remind ourselves of what we have, and put it to good use!

Our organ will be featured, as it so deserves, in recital on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30 p.m. by Andrew Clarke. Mr. Clarke is entering his twenty-seventh year



as organist and choirmaster of Riverside Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, and is a published composer of both organ and choral works. His program will include works by Bach (the famed "Toccata and Fugue in D minor") and Mendelssohn, as well as some of his own compositions. Trinity is so fortunate to have the instrument we have, to enable us to host such an accomplished performer. Mark your calendars now, and spread the word as we promote "organ awareness"!

Love to go to UMW meeting

Linda Yates

Laura Shrewsbury Smith, motivational speaker, humorist, published author and co-owner of Mahan Preschool in Tallahassee, will speak about love at the February 7 luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women, beginning at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall. All women of the church are invited to come hear Laura Smith share her experiences and family life stories.

Reservations for lunch should be made by calling the church office, 222-1120, by Friday, February 3.

Ms. Smith majored in early childhood education and literature/drama at University of North Florida, Jacksonville. An entrepreneur, she has successfully started and run three businesses. Besides her current involvement in Mahan Preschool, she is producing a series of children's videos entitled "Granny Smith & Friends." She has published two recipe books, and is currently working on a third, "Someone's in the Kitchen with Granny."



Over the past 35 years, she has worked extensively with children of all ages as volunteer probation officer, Girl Scout leader, Sunday school teacher, and a youth leader. In Plano, TX, she served on her church staff for 12 years, as nursery director and director of Mom's Day-Out program she founded. This is where her "Granny Smith" character was born.

As Granny, she has made numerous personal appearances,

was a frequent guest on radio shows in both Texas and Florida, and recently taped a pilot for a cable television show.

UMW circles announce meeting schedules

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 13, at the home of Nancy Peterson, 358 Hunters Crossing. Co-hostesses are Jean Johnson and Gail Croy.

Circle 2 will meet immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting Feb. 7 in the church parlor.

Circle 3, the Martha Circle, will meet Tuesday, February 21, at the home of Jackie Hand, 506 East Williams Street.

Circle 4 will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the church library.

Circle 5 will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9, at the home of Patti Oakley, 1804 Indian Head Drive.

Circle 6 will make plans for the coming year at their meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 13, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 W. Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 will meet for lunch at St. John's Cafe, 12 noon, Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the home of Linda Yates, 1111 Wisteria Drive.

Women interested in becoming a member or attending meetings of any of these circles are invited to contact this month's hostesses by calling 222-1120.

Trinity Chefs

*Kelly Rains
HEO Coordinator*

Do you know who the Trinity Chefs are? Did you know that 60 casseroles, 38 soups, and 115 salads were prepared by the Trinity

their time once a month to cook meals for others. They come to our church kitchen with their smiling faces and offer expertise

in preparing all sorts of casseroles, salads, and soups. All of these food items are then put into the HEO freezer so that a meal is ready at a moments notice. Once the HEO office becomes aware of someone in need, such as a death in the family or an illness, the food is taken out of the HEO freezer and delivered right away. There are also additional volunteers who help in delivering the food. If you would like to help with deliveries or know of someone who could use a meal,

please contact Kelly Rains at the church office (222-1120). Thank you!

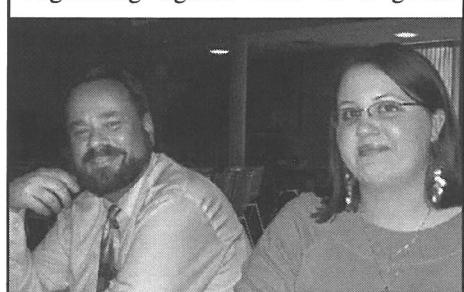


From left are Nancy Peterson, Peggy Parkey, Oberly Brown, Barbara Allen, Hazel Bradley.

Chefs just last year? The Trinity Chefs are a wonderful group of women who volunteer

Adopt-A-Nole

Our Adopt-A-Nole program is beginning again. This is a great



Reverend Wayne Cook and Julia Pribyl. opportunity for Trinity members to reach out to college students. Students away from home miss family dinners and the opportunity to interact with families in a "home environment."

Please let us know if you would like to participate in this exciting opportunity for ministry and fellowship. Call Jimmie or Nancy Duncan at 222-1120 for more information.

Upcoming youth events

Sheri Koyles,
Youth Director

Friday, February 10: The Confirmation Class visits Temple Israel. Meet at the Pizza Hut at the corner of Mahan and Capital Circle NE at 6:00 p.m. Please bring \$7 to contribute to your pizza and soda purchase. (Adults wanting salad, or an alternate menu item, should bring their own \$)

Friday, February 17: Mid-High Madness. Check the church and/or youth website for details regarding this event for 6th-8th graders. BRING A FRIEND FOR A SPECIAL PRIZE!



Saturday, February 18: Saturday Night Life (SENIOR HIGH) invades an FSU basketball game! Please sign-up for your ticket by calling the youth hotline (545-2852) and leaving your name. 20 Tickets are available. The 'Noles



Don't forget Bear Sunday February 12

Janet Stainer,
Bear Sunday Coordinator

Make sure to bring a brand-new teddy bear to church with you on "Bear Sunday" – February 12, 2006.

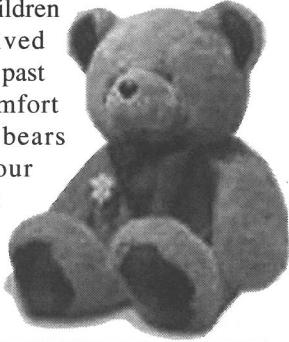
This is a great way to bring some love to a child from one of the following deserving recipients of the Trinity bears this Bear Sunday: **Big Bend Hospice**, represented by Bill Perry, Coordinator of the Caring Tree. These are given to children who have recently lost a loved one. They are very enthusiastic and appreciative.

Leon County Elementary School Clinics, represented by Lorri Pilkington, Coordinator of Health Services. Lorri told me that she and a co-worker were recently discussing "Bear Sunday" at Trinity and wondering if the School Clinics would once again be chosen to receive the bears.

Lee's Place, received by Brenda Rabalais, Executive Director. Lee's Place offers grief counseling and half of their clients are children who are very

appreciative of the bears.

Letters from children who have received these bears in the past speak of the comfort and joy these bears bring. Open your heart and bring a teddy bear to church on Sunday Feb. 12.



Music intern writes letter of thanks to Trinity

Have you ever gotten a thank-you note that you feel you should have written first?

Trinity has had the pleasure of having Abby Selph serve as our music intern for the last two and one half years. While here, she touched many lives through her work with the Youth Choir and College Career Handbells. The good news is that her sister, Audrey, will continue her sister's work as

our new music intern.

The following are excerpts from a thank you letter Abby wrote to Trinity: "I want to offer my gratitude to you for the wonderful two and one half years I've spent as your College Music Intern. From the many times I've been privileged to stand in front of musical ensembles in rehearsal or in the sanctuary, I've been able to practice being a music

teacher. I am so lucky to have had that opportunity.

I appreciate your love and support as a congregation, and will be forever grateful that Rev. Willis and Mark Repasky put their faith in me and allowed me so many opportunities to grow in a church with such a wealth of talent and strong leadership. It has been an honor to be a part of your church."

Ushers needed for both 8:30 and 11 a.m. services

If you are naturally friendly and like interacting with people, head usher, Chip Huggins, has just the volunteer job for you.

As we are evaluating our spiritual gifts and determining how best to serve our God, this is a service to the church that needs your support.

Whether you are male, female, young, old, a married couple, a family, single, or otherwise, Chip can find a place for you.

The schedule for being an usher allows for one month of service followed by two months off. You will work a total of 16



Ushers & Greeters

Sundays per year, and be off for the other 36 Sundays. You do not need to work both services either. Just sign up for whichever service is more convenient to your schedule.

Or, if you are a people-person and love to meet other people face to face, Trinity also needs greeters. A greeter is the first person who comes into contact with our members each week and is also the face of Trinity to our Sunday visitors. Please call Reverend Wayne Cook at 222-1120 for more information.



Usher retires

After 30 years of faithful service, Hollis O. Pemberton, Jr. is retiring from ushering.

He was born in Tampa but has been in Tallahassee since 1936 when he joined Trinity. He has been a very active member over the years having taught Sunday School in the Wesley Fellowship class, as well as participated in the choir for many years.

Thank you Mr. Pemberton.

Ways to give to the Trinity Endowment Fund

*Eleanor Smith
Trinity Endowment Fund Co-Coordinator*

The Endowment Fund was established in November 2003 to provide members and friends the opportunity to make charitable gifts to Trinity. The money that accrues is intended for church purposes which are not funded through the annual operating budget, with the intent of supplementing the programs and ministries listed below. The donor can designate the area and only the interest will be distributed, leaving the principal to remain in perpetuity.

The recipient area's are:

- Worship and Music ministries
- Unbudgeted property maintenance
- Mission projects
- Children and Youth ministries
- Mid/Older adults
- Community outreach

There is a Trinity Endowment Fund Committee that oversees the fund and reports to the Church Council. The committee serves by position, rather than by name. The positions of membership include: Finance Committee Chair;

Trustees Committee Chair; Church Council Chair; Staff/Parish Committee Chair; a Designated Secretary; and an At-Large member.

Gifts can be given "outright" such as cash, securities, or property. Gifts may also be "planned" such as through a will, charitable trust, or life insurance.

My husband, Orson, and I have decided to make a gift to the Endowment Fund. It is good to give during one's lifetime and be able to see the benefit of the gift. If you desire to contribute a gift to the endowment, please contact me or Beth Langford as co-coordinators of the committee.



Come sing in the SUN Service Praise Band

Is singing one of your spiritual gifts? Are you looking for a way to serve Trinity? Lisa Prasse, the SUN Service leader, is looking for someone to sing in the Circle of Friends Praise Band.

The SUN Service is a contemporary service that is accompanied musically by contemporary instruments such as guitars,

drums, piano, and bass guitar. The service begins at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. The band practices each Wednesday evening. The members of the praise band are also leaders of the worship.

If this sounds like something in which you would like to participate, please call Lisa at 222-1120 to set up an audition.

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