

MONTHLY

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

Moor Hall construction update

Great progress so far

The building contractor has torn out all that will not be used and now it's time to begin rebuilding the interior and put in all the wonderful new improvements. In fact,



This photo was taken from the back of the stage looking into Moor Hall. At the time of this photo, the workers were framing the stage area.

most of the rough framing and drywalling has been completed.

But now begins the more time-consuming part of the renovation. The finish work is always what takes the most time. Trinity's

renovation of Moor Hall is currently right on schedule.

Devil in the details

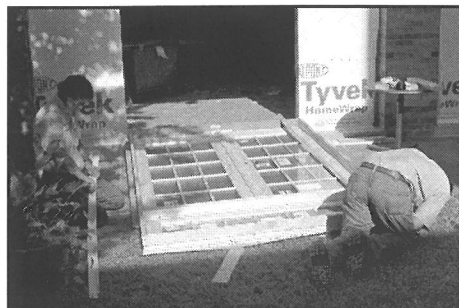
From this point forward in the renovation, progress will come in smaller, less noticeable increments as the work will be dependent on scheduling one contractor before another to allow the correct sequencing. But thus far, the contractor has done a very good job of juggling the subcontractors.

Where we stand

At press time, the following projects have been completed or are near completion:

The stage has been rebuilt to its new configuration and drywalled. The vinyl wallpaper has been stripped from the walls and pillars and is ready for paint. The old windows into the prayer garden have been removed and the new ones have been installed. The old wooden china closet/partition, outside the kitchen, has been removed and the new sound-blocking walls, with built-in china closets have been framed and drywalled. The new audio/video control booth has also been framed and drywalled. And, the electrical wiring has also been roughed in.

Everything is currently on schedule, so watch for further updates on the Trinity website, tumct.org, and in the Tidings.



In the photo above, the first new prayer garden window is being installed. The new configuration of the kitchen entrance and the new audio/video control booth is seen in the photo to the right.



Financial update of Moor Hall renovation

*By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor*

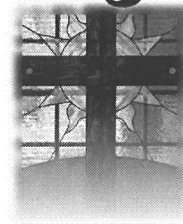
The Trinity congregation has really responded to the renovation of Moor Hall. So far, we have received over \$170,000 in contributions and pledges toward the renovation. All of these gifts are over and above what Trinity members have pledged for yearly giving.

The initial projected cost was approximately \$300,000. The Trustees decided before the project was started that should a shortfall occur in the renovation fundraising that Trinity would not borrow money to complete the project. Rather, the principal of an interest-bearing trust account would be used to offset any deficits in fundraising.

We are very grateful for all that the congregation has already done. Pledges and contributions are still coming in. The Finance Committee and the Trustees would like to ask that all gifts toward the renovation of Moor Hall be completed by the end of August.

This fall, we will have a celebration and re-dedication of our newly renovated fellowship hall!

the
**Moor Hall
Renovation
PROJECT**



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from May 10, 2007 through July 10, 2007:



In memory of **McKenzie Ellen Conn** by Boyd Family Farms, Inc.

In memory of **Helen Walker** by Barbara Ann and Jim Blue, Mildred and Carrol Dadisman (for H.E.O.), and Mary Elisabeth and Francis Black (for Children's Home).

In memory of **Myron Blee** (for Pipe Organ Maintenance Fund) by Beth Schapiro and Janet Womack, Jerry and Karen Nickels, Floride and Neal Dickert, Carol Deady, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Key, Mr. and Mrs. R. Spencer Burress, Bill and Marylee Peebles, Nancy Kerce, Dave and Nene Wood and Daniel, Jessica and Sara Moore, and Mildred and Carrol Dadisman.

In memory of **Margaret Harper** by Nancy Kerce (for H. E. O.).

In memory of **Louis Cook** by Lee A. Everhart.

In memory of **Alice "Polly" Shelley** by Elizabeth S. James, and Ledley and Oberley Brown (for Children's Home).

In memory of **William J. "Bud" Flynn** by Charlotte and Carson McNab.

In memory of **R. Spencer Burress** by Mildred and Carrol Dadisman (for Moor Hall Renovation) by Abigail and Ronald Hock (for H.E.O.), and (for Fannie Wilson Smith Trust) by Payne Midyette, Bill and Marylee Peebles, Mr. William G. Smith, Jr. (Capital City Bank), Shirley and Albert Thornton III, Jeanne and Julian Hamilton, Estelle N. Stewart, Barbara Y. Skipper, Barbara and Elston Roady, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Seymour, Elaine W. Smith, Patty Hill Smith, Eleanor and Orson Smith, Lisa and Harry Miley, Mary Lou Norwood, Sallie and Duby Ausley, Melissa White, Wallace and Nelma Hamilton, Dean and Lina Knox, Ronald Nettles, and Rebecca J. Hood.

Heart to Heart

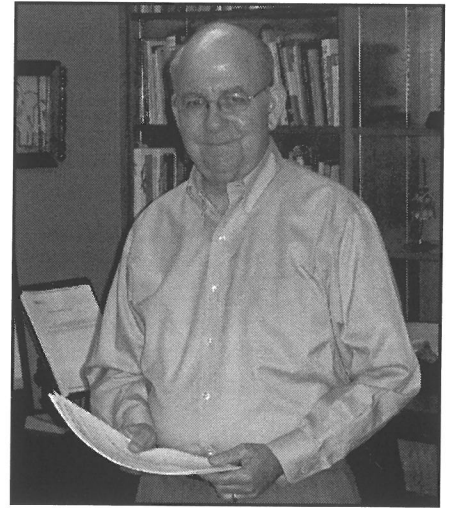
After much prayer and consideration ...

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

... at Pentecost, I announced our emphasis for the coming year. It is that we should have a "bigger" heart for the city. It's not that we don't have a heart for the city. It's that I believe we need to have a bigger heart than we already have. I am not proposing a new program or a new emphasis. We are already involved with many groups that are reaching out in ways that are consistent with who we are and what we believe. They are accomplishing their ministry better than we ever could by ourselves. By partnering with them, we can accomplish so much more. I want to, and I believe God wants us to, grow in reaching out to others in our community.

We are already involved with 19 different groups within the Tallahassee area! Our goal will be for us to increase our involvement with these both in participation and financial support. For most of these, we will need to move toward doubling our volunteer involvement and doubling our giving. (As the Tidings goes to press, our budget has not been set. In order to accomplish this, we would need to move from about \$20,000 to \$40,000).

*We will do this by focusing on a different ministry each month. We will feature the **Ministry of the Month** in the Tidings and the*



bulletin. Our "Change the City" will also go to help this group. It will be our goal to include this increase in our budget for 2008.

We can do it. I know we can have a "bigger heart." I'm counting on you, and more importantly, there are a lot of people in Tallahassee who are counting on you!

God bless,

P.S. The ones we will be working with include, but are not limited to: Tallahassee Girls Choir, Kate Sullivan Elementary, Boys and Girls Club, ECHO, Refuge House, Community Christmas Dinner, Hope House, Neighborhood Health Services, Big Bend Hospice, the Shelter, and Hilltop.

August ... a time of rebirth?

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

It certainly is for the music ministry of the church! Most of our groups that stop for the summer suddenly come to life again in late August or early September. This is also an excellent time to join one of our groups; we always welcome new members! The only music groups with restricted enrollment are the adult bells (Trinity Ringers) and College/Career Bells. You must be able to read music to join these

6:00 p.m. starting August 26. Invite a friend! This is your opportunity to be leaders in our Sunday morning services, as we sing about once a month during the school year.

Youth Handbells will not be offered in the fall, but might begin again in January.

The Youth Praise Band is for middle and high school students. They practice on Sunday afternoons. Contact our Youth Director, Kelly Rains, or the band's leader, Jim McKinnell, for additional information.

NETkids Choirs and Handbells/Handchimes is for kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet as part of the NETkids program on Wednesday afternoons starting September 5. A special (mandatory) parents meeting about the wonderful NETkids program is scheduled for that day at 6:20 p.m. Watch the Tidings and church bulletins for additional information about NETkids.

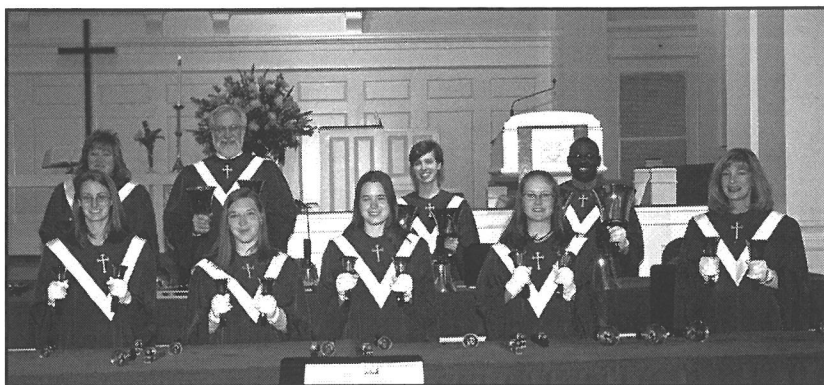
Cherub Choir is for 2 year olds through kindergarten. They meet on Sundays as part of Sunday School beginning in late August or September.

Young Women's Ensemble to Sing

Our 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on August 12 will feature a young women's ensemble. Their only practice is August 8, 7-8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. So who is in this ensemble? Typically, over half of them grew up at our church and were in the Youth Choir. Others are in Chancel choir. They range in age from 18 to about 30. We don't want to miss anyone that might be interested in this event. If you have not been contacted by someone about this group and would like to participate, contact Mary Alice Mills at 664-1886 right away!

Something New

Is there enough interest to form a handchimes ensemble for senior adults



The College/Career Handbells rehearse on Sundays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

at Trinity? This group would meet during the daytime once a week for 45-60 minutes and ring easy music. Ability to read music is not required. Eventually, they might develop a ministry of visiting retirement centers



The NETkids Omega choir helped lead worship on Music Ministry Sunday. Back row from left are Savannah Sterling, Ella Smith, Tommy Donelan, Casey Crow, Ben Bryan, Jessica Danforth, and Justice Merlau. Front row from left, Kayla Chandler, Kathryn Crotty, Matthew Huggins, April Bradley, Alex Ingram, and Cassie LaJeunesse.

groups. Joining all of the other groups is easy; simply come to one of our rehearsals and we will sign you up! If you have questions, contact me at the church, 222-1120 or mrepasky@tumct.org. So which music group would you like to join?

Chancel Choir is for college students and older. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 7:30-9:00 p.m. starting August 15. This is the most important choir at the church and we need a steady influx of new singers to be our best!

Circle of Friends Praise Band is for college students and older, singers and instrumentalists. Rehearsals are in Moor Hall on Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 p.m. and run year round. Contact their Music Director, Lisa Prasse, at the church for additional information.

Trinity Ringers is an advanced bell group for adults. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. starting August 29.

College/Career Handbells is for young adults. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting September 9. This is a great way to stay involved in the music ministry of our church after high school.

Youth Choir is for all youth, 6th grade through 12th grade. Rehearsals are on Sundays, 5:00-

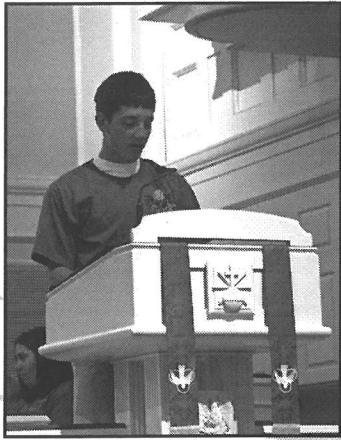


Led by Elizabeth LaJeunesse, the NETkids Alpha choir is pictured here. On the back row from left, Hanna Prasse, Lauren Henderson, Lindsey Cunningham, Rafel Fortier, Kylie Crow, Meredith Huggins, Sammy Fadool, and Sarah Kell. Front row from left, Claire Reed, Michael Henderson, Mark Ingram, Madison Sterling, Callie Albrigo, Emma Stripling, Josh Bryan, Alex LaJeunesse, and Toby Cherry

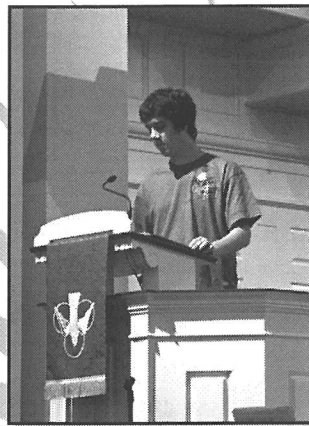
in the area. Also, they could occasionally ring at our church services. We need a minimum of 8 ringers and would do better with 10 to 12 ringers. If interested or if you need additional information, please contact me at the church by August 20. We would start meeting in early September. Come, give it a try....it's a lot of fun!

Experienced Dancers and Choreographer needed

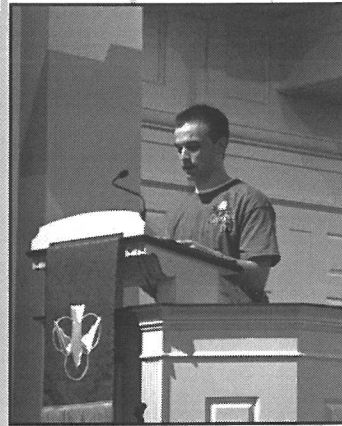
Musicians at Trinity will present the short Christmas season opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on December 7 and 8. This is an exciting project, which will involve a dance scene of 3-5 minutes. We need 2 to 4 dancers, preferably high school age. Also, we are looking for someone with the necessary background to choreograph this shepherd's dance, which is described as combining the qualities of primitive folk dancing and folk ritual. Please contact me if you are interested!



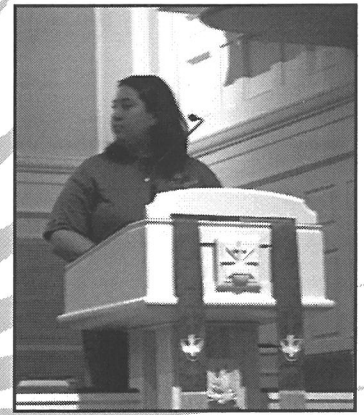
Darryl Ruddell spoke of important mentors in his life.



Alex Drake led the morning prayer.

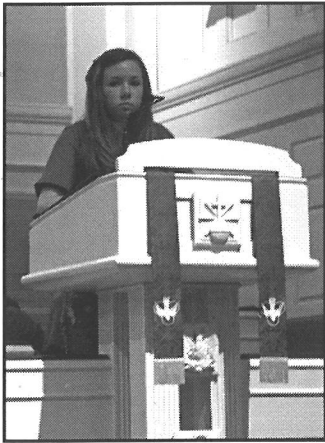


For his very first sermon, Ryan Frack did a great job.

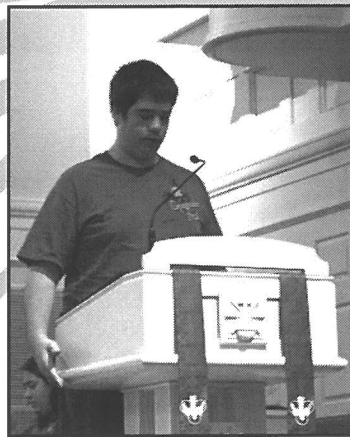


Lyndsey Cook read scripture.

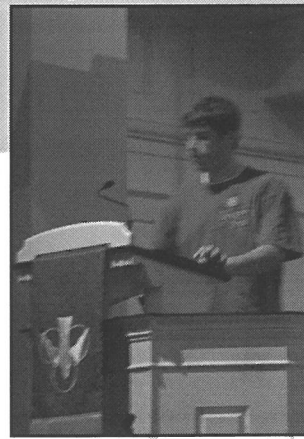
Youth Sunday 2007



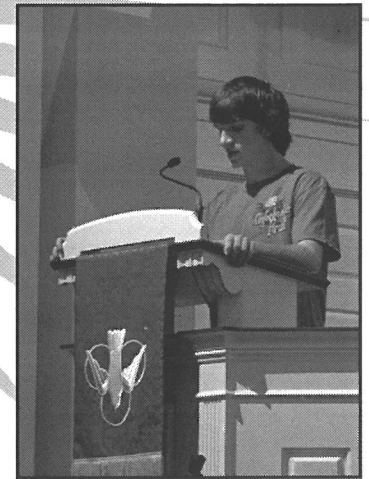
Natalie Jump led the reading of the Nicene Creed.



John Cook welcomed the congregation.



Jordan Renken also read scripture.

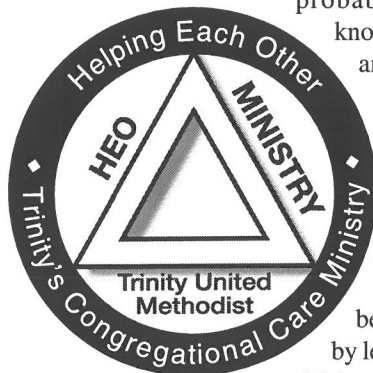


Bob High reflected on the importance of family.

HEO Volunteers – “On Top of the Summer List!”

Rita May,
HEO coordinator

On June 28, HEO sent a letter to HEO Volunteers and to all who expressed interest in HEO Volunteer ministry at Trinity's EXPO last spring. The letter started “You probably, don't know it, but YOU are “on top of my list” for summer planning for HEO!”



HEO Volunteers have each been contacted by letter, and soon will be contacted by telephone, to determine preferences for ministry with HEO for the coming year. HEO looks forward to having a strong Volunteer Ministry Team in the fall, so that we truly can “Serve one another in love.”

(Galatians 5:13)

In what kind of ministries are HEO Volunteers currently involved?

In the past three months –

- Trinity Chefs have baked and cooked and filled up our freezer for summer with meals for delivery.
- Volunteers have visited the homebound and recuperating.
- Receiving blankets (lovingly prepared by our United Methodist Women) and Trinity Chefs meals have been delivered to families with newborn babies.
- Flowers from Trinity's altar have been delivered to cheer folks in the hospital and rehabilitation facilities.
- Prayers and Squares Volunteers have been quilting beautiful prayer quilts for those in need of prayer.
- Individuals have baked cookies.

- Volunteers have hosted a funeral reception.
- Upper Rooms have been delivered to homebound Trinity members.
- Prayers and cards of encouragement have gone out to individuals with special needs.

HEO Volunteers are a vital part of ministry at Trinity—we are blessed by our Volunteers' faithfulness and willingness to serve!

If you or someone you know needs HEO, please give HEO a call at 222-1120 or email rmay@tumct.org.

Food Pantry Needs:

The HEO food pantry has been busy. We still have need for certain items. If you would like to help, please bring items to the HEO food bin, outside of Moor Hall.

Items needed —

- individual juice boxes,
- flip top cans of meats, and
- nutritional snack bars

Leesburg Summer Camp



Matthew Huggins enjoys skating on wacky skating night.



Amelia Carroll seems to like wacky skating night.



Mariel Scheffers wears proper protection for skating on wacky skating night.



The lighted cross in the lake is an image all campers can take home and remember.



Jimmy McKinnell has a question as Mary Beth Waddill, Natalie Jump, Amanda Wolfe, and Bob High look on.



Ella Smith has on the big hat during wacky skating night.



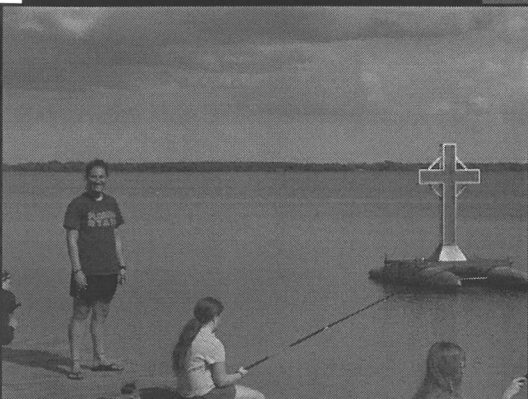
AnnaLee Drake hangs out with some new friends at camp.



Former youth group member, turned camp counselor, Claire Mott-Smith, takes a cruise on one of the jon boats.



Kathryn Crotty is always so creative.



Jordan Perry supervises the fishing off the dock as part of her camp counselor duties.



Youth Director, Kelly Rains, far left, speaks with Brad and Jeff Olson as other Trinity youth look on.



More Trinity youth, from left, are Holly DeVlieger, Casey Waddill, Logan Paredes, Michaela Wolfe.

Youth news

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

This summer has been so much fun and a great way for me to really get to know our youth. They continue to amaze me and make me so proud to be part of such a great ministry. June was full of great ways to serve here at our church and around town. No matter what I put out there, our youth were ready to get involved and help out where they could.

Our first "Parents Night Out" (see photos below) was a huge success and will be followed by another night of babysitting coming this fall.

Youth Week (photos on facing page) was awesome and we totally exhausted ourselves that week with fun activities while growing in our faith. We concluded Youth Week with **Youth Sunday** (see photos on page 4) which I hope many of you were able to attend. They did a great job and so did our youth intern, Ryan Frack, a.k.a. Mr. Preacher!

Also this summer, we had over 40 youth come and serve every morning at **Vacation Bible School** (see photos on page 11) to help Trinity pull off another terrific session! It was great to see these youth take charge and be role models for our younger children. We all had fun and maybe that's why this summer is flying past. We are having too much fun if that's possible! Speaking of fun, just last week we took 55 campers to our **camp in Leesburg** (see photos on page 5) and we had a blast. Camp continues to be a great place for us to go each year and we always come back fired up about Jesus.

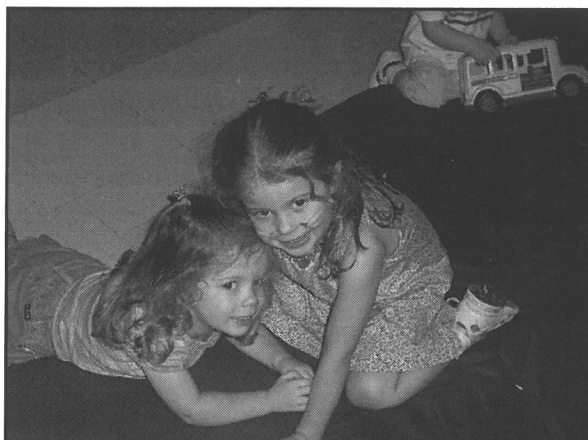
Next month I will talk about our mission trips and also our plans for the fall. There is never a dull moment down here in the youth area and I can't thank the parents enough for all their help this summer.



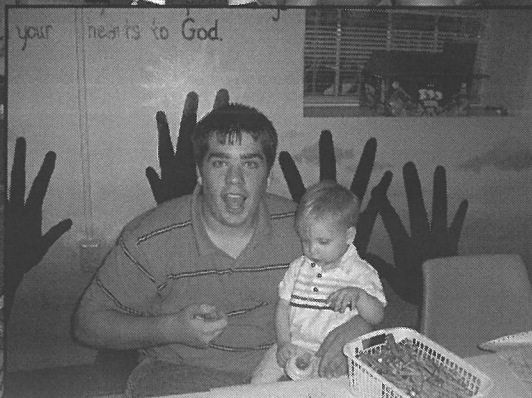
Upcoming Youth events for August

- Aug 5** SaLT Team lunch and meeting 12 noon
- Aug 5** Regular UMYF (*Duke Party for Ryan Frack*)
- Aug 12** Youth Council meeting and lunch 12 noon
- Aug 12** Back to School Pool Party at the High residence (7280 Anglewood Lane), meet there at 6 p.m., dinner \$3, pick up at 8 p.m.
- Aug 19** Regular UMYF
- Aug 20** School starts!!!!
- Aug 26** Regular UMYF

— PARENTS NIGHT OUT —



The first "Parents Night Out" sponsored by the youth went very well. There were many happy parents who enjoyed a night without the kids, and there were many happy kids who enjoyed a night with the "big kids." And, the donations were put to good use on the July mission trip!

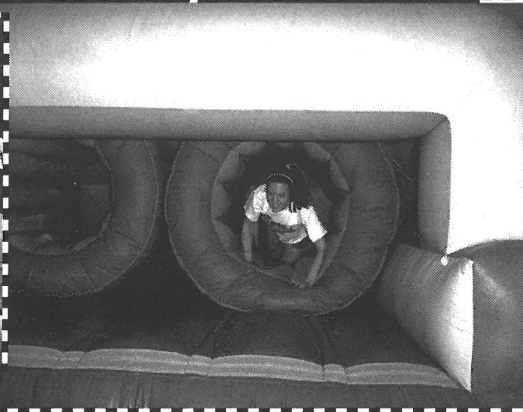
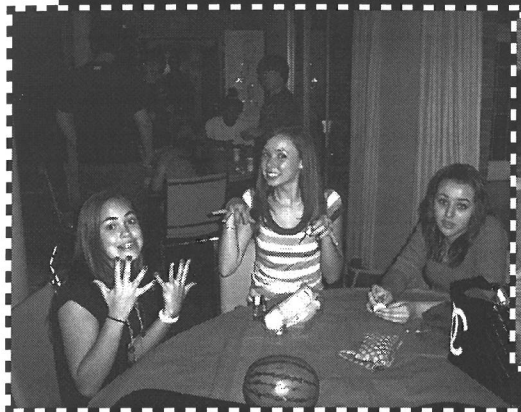


FYI

Youth Hotline Number and Kelly's Cell Phone: 545-2852.

Youth Website: www.geocities.com/undergroundministries

◆ Youth Week at Trinity ◆



Ministry of the month

Kate Sullivan School

As part of Trinity's new "bigger heart for the City" initiative, the **Tidings** will profile the featured ministry each month. The profile will attempt to explain what the ministry does for the community and detail ways that Trinity helps the ministry. This month, the **Tidings** will profile Kate Sullivan school.

Trinity has had a long and successful relationship with Kate Sullivan School. Back when the "Church with a Heart for the City"

My reading mentor

Rex Adams
Director of Communications

When I was a small boy, I wanted to be like my older brothers and go to school. They always had wonderful stories about what they were learning. Watching my brothers leave for school each morning just about drove me crazy. But I was too young to attend until my Dad, a United Methodist minister, moved our family to a sparsely populated area in central Kansas.

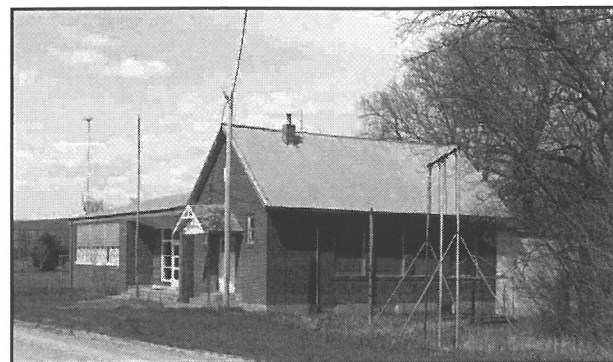
The community is called Lyona and the county operated a two-room schoolhouse called Carry Creek school. One side of the school was for grades 1-6, and the other side of the building was for grades 7-12. One teacher for each room. There wasn't a kindergarten there for me, but they *would* accept a five-year-old as a first grader. I was finally in!

Unfortunately, it wasn't long before my teacher, Mrs. Beem, recognized that I

wasn't learning to read like the other first graders. I remember it was frustrating seeing the other kids in my class doing their workbook problems. I wanted to learn too but when I looked in the workbook, it was only the pictures that made sense to me.

That's when my teacher, Mrs. Beem, suggested a reading mentor to my parents.

I can remember my mentor's name to this day, — Yvonne Seline. Twice a week, after school, Mrs. Seline would spend a precious hour teaching me to read. As an incentive for me to learn, she promised a male and female guppy. I couldn't wait to



Carry Creek School is no longer a functioning school. My classes met on the left side of the building.

get to the end of the course so I could have my very own guppies. And did I ever have guppies after that!

I will always remember Mrs. Seline and the door of knowledge she opened for me through reading.

Being a reading mentor at Kate Sullivan school can change someone's life too. Make a difference and volunteer to help someone learn to read. They will never forget you.



Kate Sullivan school

initiative was first being talked about, Kate Sullivan School was one of the first places suggested. And, they are a very appreciative partner. The following thank you note was sent to Rev. Willis and Trinity parishioners by Kate Sullivan's Assistant Principal, Pam Stephens:

Thank you so much for your generous donation once again of school supplies and ["Change the City" offering] for our students. We had almost 100 more students this year and your generous donations were used for students in grades K-5.

Thank you for remembering us each year for the past 5 years. You have been great partners!

Sincerely,
Pam Stephens
Assistant Principal

Supply drive for Kate Sullivan School

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan volunteer

The 2007-2008 school year begins August 20. Trinity is once again collecting supplies for students of need. We will collect donations this year on Sunday, August 5 and Sunday, August 12.

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 or contact her through email at janeolson@embarq.com.

There are two sessions available for mentoring with one meeting on Tuesday mornings and one that meets on Thursday mornings. They both meet at 9:30 a.m.

Look for information on this program in the September **Tidings**.

Exciting new programming for Fall

Barbara Hynes
Minister of Programs

Lay Academy preview

Get set for another challenging year of classes in Lay Academy on Wednesday evenings starting September 19. Classes will include an environmental study, "Tending God's Earth" which will look at issues we face concerning the environment and what we can do to be good stewards of God's creation. A **Disciple I** class, "Becoming Disciples through Bible Study," will be offered for the first time in several years. This is a long term study of 36 weeks. It is a large commitment but the benefits are life changing. If you have never experienced **Disciple**

please consider seriously joining this group. You will be blessed in ways you can't imagine.

The men's group will also be

meeting with new topics for Fall and several other interesting offerings are in the planning stages. Watch from 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 5. NETkids and Youth Bible Study will begin that day. There will be a NETkids parent's meeting immediately following dinner. The Disciple I class will also hold an introductory session that night.

Watch the Bulletin and the September Tidings for further details.

Trinity Treks

Trinity Treks is getting geared up for another program year. Our 2007-2008 schedule is now being constructed. The next planning meeting will be on August 21 at 11:00 am. If you have a special interest or would like to be in on the planning, contact Barbara Hynes at the church office.

NETkids

NETkids will kick-off their fall program on Wednesday, September 5. 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. This Fall we will be parallel Lay Academy with our own version of Tending God's Earth. We plan to have a W.H.A.L.E. of a time! Brochures and registration forms are available on the table outside Room 204. Pick up two and bring a friend. For additional information contact Barbara Hynes or Kathy Drake.

Friday Flicks

Friday Flicks will be on August 24 in the parlor at 7 p.m. Bring your 50 cents for popcorn and soda.

Trinity Treks



Evening Book Group

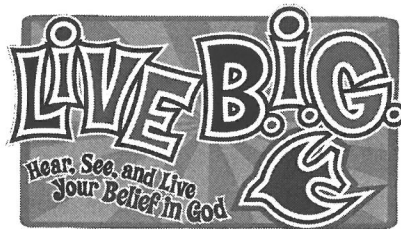
The August book will be *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Piccolt.

We will meet on August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Call Barbara Hynes for information on location at 222-1120.

Get Ready to Live B.I.G.

Get ready for a new year of Live B.I.G. starting Sunday, August 26, Promotion Sunday. This will kick off our program year for Children's Sunday School. There are classes offered for children ages two years through 5th grade. We have loved our new curriculum and are excited to see what a second year will hold. You won't want to miss a week! 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. 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 310 following registration for new parents and parents who would like to find out about our new adult class that is just starting and other opportunities at Trinity. Refreshments will be served and parents will have a chance to meet each other and find out about all the opportunities Sunday morning at Trinity has to offer.



Trinity's
Lay Academy



Fellowship • Knowledge • Faith

Mountain Music Sunday brought back memories

Mountain Music Sunday was presented for the first time at Trinity on July 8. Several very talented musicians and singers participated and were warmly received.

In his opening remarks, Reverend Willis observed that "this time of year, people from Tallahassee go to the mountains. Well, we're bringing the mountains to Trinity."

And the mountains *were* in Trinity in the form of the rich music from the mountains of the eastern United States.

The singing was led by Rob Werner, who also played clawhammer banjo, and by Carol Ann Mathews. The congregation participated in singing several hymns from

the old Cokesbury hymnal. Songs like "The Church in the Wildwood" and "Bringing in the Sheaves" were familiar to many.

Perhaps the highlight was the superb dulcimer and guitar playing of Aaron O'Rourke. He played guitar in a duet with fiddler, Katie Geringer, and then played a wonderful version of "Amazing Grace" on the dulcimer.

While many said it reminded them of church from their youth, the consensus from those in attendance was Trinity needs to do this more often.



Musicians and singers included, back row from left, Randy Hock, Ed Prasse, Brian Durham, Rob Werner, and Rev. Wayne Cook. Front row from left, Aaron O'Rourke, Katie Geringer, Lisa Prasse, Carol Ann Mathews, Betty Ashlock, and Lyndsey Cook.

Trinity feeds Habitat volunteers

Ron McCranie
Habitat for Humanity Coordinator

Trinity hosted breakfast and lunch for almost thirty Habitat for Humanity volunteers during a work day on Saturday, June 23.

Trinity's coordinators for Habitat for Humanity, Ron and Phyllis McCranie, dished up a variety of muffins, fresh fruit,

coffee and juices for an early morning breakfast before the volunteers went to work. Lunch included sandwiches, chips, a variety of soft drinks and candy bars. Over seventy bottles of water were consumed during the hot summer day.

Habitat for Humanity is a very active community service organization with ten homes already built during the past year.

Construction of these homes is made possible through financial and volunteer support by area churches, civic and private organizations.

A new home sponsored by area Methodist churches is tentatively scheduled to begin construction on November 10. There will be



Trinity's Habitat for Humanity coordinator, Phyllis McCranie, second from left, makes sure volunteers are well fed at the breakfast sponsored by Trinity.



Hungry volunteers begin queuing up in front of the Trinity food tent as another day of home building gets started at the Habitat for Humanity house (in the background at left).

opportunities for Trinity members to help on various Saturdays during all building phases, from setting trusses, to painting and landscaping. Fun and fellowship are guaranteed for all. So, pick a Saturday and contact Trinity Habitat liaison Ron McCranie to sign up. Ron can be reached via telephone at 850-671-4815 or by email at mccranie@hotmail.com.



Trinity member receives honorary law degree

One of Trinity's members, Linda Wells, recently received an honorary law degree from Bethune Cookman. Linda is the chair of the Bethune Cookman Board of Trustees and also serves on its Educational Policies Committee.

A brief listing of Ms. Wells' activities reveals what is surely a very busy schedule.

She is co-chair of the Bishops Capital Campaign Commission for the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, a position she has held since 2005 after being recruited by Bishop Whitaker.

She is chair of the University of Florida Religion Department Advisory Board. She has served on this board since 1989. Also at Florida, she serves on the Board of Directors of the Foundation for which she recently received its Outstanding Volunteer award.

But what is really important to her is family. She and husband, former Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice, and current Florida Supreme Court Justice, Charlie, have 3 children. From their two daughters, a pediatrician and an attorney, and son, also an attorney, they have five grandchildren.

It becomes apparent very quickly that her grandchildren are her true joy and source of pride.

Stanley Marshall former chair

Interestingly enough, the Trinity connection with Bethune Cookman

University, a United Methodist affiliated university, continues from Trinity member, Stanley Marshall.

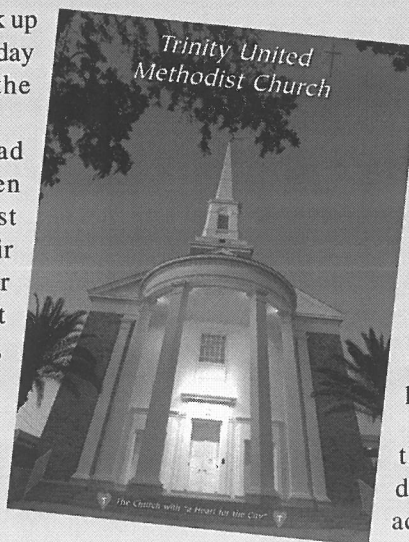
He is the former chair of the Board of Trustees and, of course, Mr. Marshall is also the former president of Florida State University.

Pictorial directories still available

Make sure to pick up your copy on Sunday mornings in the Welcome Center.

Those who had their picture taken will be given first priority to get their directory. After those members get their copy, everyone else may pick up a copy.

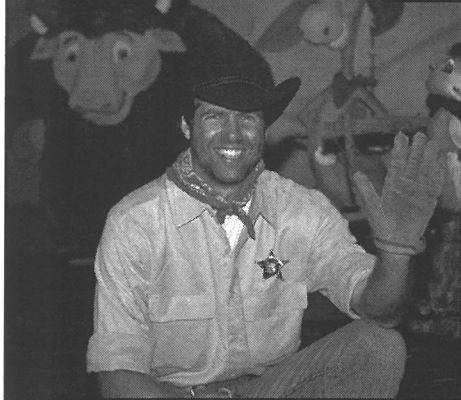
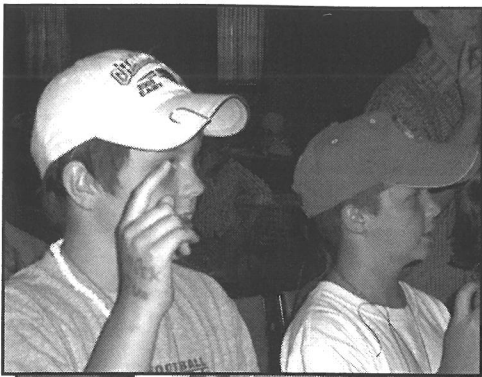
In the directory, you will find pictures of your



friends as well as a section in the back of the directory with telephone numbers and addresses for other Trinity members.

The quality of the photographs and the layout of the book is much improved over previous directories.

There is no charge for the directories, but donations will be accepted.



Vacation Bible School 2007



Trustees consider energy alternatives

As part of an initiative to make Trinity more energy efficient, and a better steward of available resources, the trustees have met and talked about several options.

Solar power option

The largest and most ambitious plan would be to convert to solar power. This would entail placing solar panels on the existing roof in order to draw energy from the sun. While this sounds like a great idea, current technology would require an investment that would not pay for itself for over ten years. And, in ten years there may be improvements to solar technology that will improve efficiency and lower the initial investment.

How can you help?

Perhaps one of the best ways the congregation can help Trinity be more energy efficient is by turning off air conditioners and lights when leaving a room. If you know you are the last person to use a Sunday School classroom, please turn off the lights.

The pipes are calling

Elizabeth LaJeunesse
Organist

On August 12, you won't see any titles listed in the bulletin for the Prelude, Offertory, and Postlude- no Bach fugues, or hymn tune arrangements. Why not? Because the organ music for August 12 will be improvised by guest organist Kim King.

Kim, an Eastman-educated organist, is a local attorney, and is also an organist at nearby St. John's Episcopal Church. He is especially skilled at hymn playing and at improvisation, which is the art of creating and playing music that is not written out.

While I am serving as organist for the Sunday morning worship at neighboring First Presbyterian (as part of an organist exchange), I hope that you will warmly welcome Kim King to the bench, and enjoy the product of his musical creativity as he shares his special gift with Trinity!



Dr. Galloway brings recognition

Dr. Mike Galloway, President and CEO of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH), came to Trinity to speak on June 24. He brought a certificate recognizing Trinity as one of the top ten giving churches in Florida.

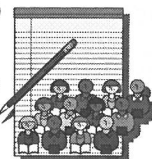
Trinity gave over \$120,000 last year to the FUMCH, in passing the goal set by the conference. This is something about which all Trinity members can be proud. Please continue giving generously on those special fifth Sundays.

New member classes begin August 12

Trinity will hold new member classes on August 12, 19, and 26. New members will join on August 26 at the 11:00 a.m. service.

If you are interested in joining, or if you know of someone who is wanting to join our congregation, classes begin at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor.

Call 222-1120 for more information.



Membership Class

August "Change" goes to Kate Sullivan

Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

"Change the City" is one way, among others, whereby Trinity's congregation continues to show that the church has a "Heart for the City." Digging into those pants pockets and purses and depositing that loose change in those designated containers on Sunday mornings is how you support this project.

All those nickels and dimes do add up and do assist a worthwhile organization.



Change
the City

Your Church and Society Ministry Team has chosen **Kate Sullivan**

Elementary School as the recipient of the August 'change.' Trinity has been a partner to Kate Sullivan for over five years.

The money collected will supplement Trinity's outreach program. Volunteers provide assistance to the ongoing Crocodilian project which includes a most beneficial reading mentor program.

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