

MONTHLY

# Findings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

## Special presentation of Amahl December 5 & 6

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music

You can really get into the Christmas spirit by attending our production of **"Amahl and the Night Visitors"** on **Wednesday, Dec. 5 and Thursday, Dec. 6.**

"Amahl" is a 50-minute Christmas season opera. That's right, Trinity musicians are presenting an opera! It is the only opera I am aware of that is frequently presented by churches. Our church presented it at least twice during the years that Walter James was Music Director here. First Baptist Church has presented it within the past 10 years. It is popular with churches because of a strong connection to the biblical story of the three wise men and the poignant message of hope and mystery it conveys, qualities many of us feel with the coming of Christmas each year.

The opera features three kings and their page, some rowdy shepherds, four dancers and of course the two main characters, Amahl and his mother. The opera takes place at a poor widow's home. She has one child, a crippled boy named Amahl. They are near starvation when visitors, the three wise men, arrive and ask to stay overnight. I don't want to give away the whole story, but during the opera, nearby shepherds visit the kings with food and dance, Amahl gets in trouble for "stretching" the truth, we find one of the kings is nearly deaf, someone tries to steal the three wise men's

gifts intended for the baby Jesus, and a miracle occurs. The entire story is told through the eyes of young Amahl, making it interesting for youth and children as well as adults. There are about 20 members in the cast, mostly Chancel Choir members.

American composer Gian-Carlo Menotti wrote the opera. It was the first opera commissioned especially for television and received its premier on December 24, 1951.

The entire story is seen from little Amahl's point of view. He is supposed to be a child of 13, but we cheated. **Sarah-Ashley McClellan** plays the part of Amahl, while **Nicole Grace** is the mother. The kings are **Warren May, Gregory Hilliard and Dan Hall.** We are especially pleased that 6 former members of our Youth

Choir are involved in this production. Plus, present Youth Choir member, **Avery Smith**, plays the page to the Wise Men. Fifteen members of Chancel Choir are also performing in the opera!

There is **no charge** for this event, though collection plates will be available following the performance for those who wish to make a donation to help defray costs of the production.

This is an excellent opportunity to introduce opera to children and youth, since it is short, has lots of action and is presented from the

point of view of the young teenager Amahl. We'll really put Moor Hall's new lighting and sound equipment through its paces!

Since we are presenting "Amahl and the Night Visitors" as a gift to the community, **admission is free and there are no tickets.** You can come for our Wednesday night dinner and stay for the show (call 222-1120 for dinner reservations)! What a great way to launch into the spirit of the Christmas season!



### Holiday services

#### Sunday, December 23

Time	Location	Minister
8:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	John Willis
9:45 a.m.	SUN Service	John Willis
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	
11:00 a.m.	Sanctuary	John Willis

#### Monday, Christmas Eve\*

Time	Location	Minister
4:00 p.m.	Chapel	Barbara Potter
5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary	John Willis
8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	John Willis
11:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Wayne Cook

\* All Christmas services will have candlelight except 11:00 a.m. service.

\*\* Please note: no Sunday School.

#### Tuesday, December 25

No Services  
Office Closed



*Sarah-Ashley McClellan and Warren May play key parts in Trinity's production of "Amahl."*

# Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from October 10, 2007 through November 10, 2007:



In memory of **Monty Wells** by Walli Beall.

In memory of **R. Spencer Burress** by Mrs. Bet McKinnon and Helen Braddock.

In memory of **James O. "Jim" Blackburn** by (for Preschool Fund): The Trinity Preschool Staff, Martha T. Tilden, Lee A. Everhart, Leslie L. Spector, Eleanor and Orson Smith, Legare/Walthall Family, Genevieve C. Scott, John and Mary Leslie Olson, Betty B. Kirby, Mrs. Bet McKinnon, Peggy and Joe Hughes, Devoe and Shirley McEwan Moore, Sheila and Dean Merlau, Sara B. Gibbs, Sancil Holder, Judy Antley, Susan and Wayne Schroeder, and Mary Marchant.

In memory of **Josephine "Jo" Burress** by Mr. and Mrs. James D. Seymour, Betty and David Swindell, Mrs. Bet McKinnon, Helen Braddock, Clelia and Cliff Moore, Griffith Pugh, and Steve and Barbara Roady (for H.E.O.).

In memory of **Harry M. Waugh, Jr.** by Gail and Ron Hock (for H.E.O.), Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith, Genevieve and Charles Rosenberg, Frances and Terry Lewis, Elizabeth Ann and Ernest Korst, Jeanne and Julian Hamilton, Bebe Smith, Martha Gene Wigginton, William G. Smith, Jr., Ann and Jim Miller, and Mary Pat Peacock.

In memory of **Rose Pugh Howe** by Richard L. Almarode (for H.E.O.), Bill Moncrief and Sons (for H.E.O.), Robert and Lawson Howe, Jeanne and Julian Hamilton, Beverly B. Conrad, Charles and Carol Long, Leon and Miriam Sims, Dot Rigsby, Directors, Officers and Staff of Farmers & Merchants Bank, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Denmark, Jr., Glen and Mamie B. Page, Betty and Lee Cook, Bill and Mary Bell (for H.E.O.), and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lester, Jr.

## T Heart to Heart T

### What you always wanted to know about Advent/Christmas

By John G. Willis, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

1. Advent is the \_\_\_\_\_ Sundays before Christmas?

A. 3

B. 4

C. 5

D. 52



2. Which of the following is not an Advent hymn?

A. O Come, O Come Emmanuel

B. Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

C. O Come, All You Faithful

3. Which of the following is Charles Wesley's best known Christmas hymns?

A. The First Noel

B. Angels From the Realms of Glory

C. Hark, The Herald Angels Sing

D. Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer

4. Which of the following is not a Christmas hymn?

A. Joy to the World

B. We Three Kings

C. It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

5. Silent Night was originally written to be played on the :

A. Organ

B. Piano

C. Guitar

D. Tuba



6. The person most responsible for the manner in which we celebrate Christmas:

A. Benjamin Franklin

B. Charles Dickens

C. Jesus Christ

D. Abraham Lincoln

7. The person credited with devising the first nativity scene was:

A. J.C. Penney

B. St. Francis of Assisi

C. Bishop Timothy Whitaker

D. Jules Verne

E. Leonardo da Vinci

8. The reason we celebrate Christmas on December 25 is:

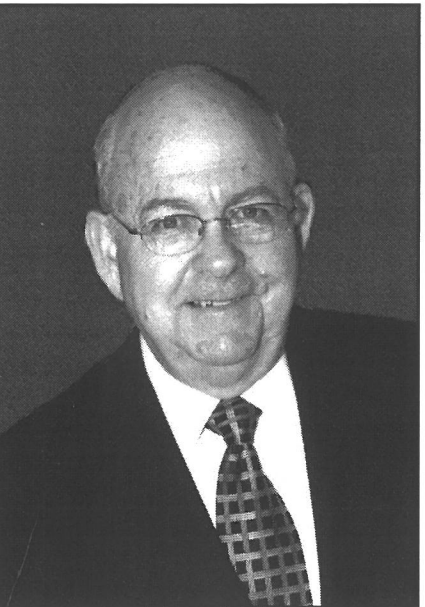
A. It gives shoppers plenty of time after Thanksgiving to do their shopping.

B. King James decreed it so.

C. It coincides with a Roman pagan holiday.

9. Purple is the color for Advent because:

A. Grapes are plentiful at Christmas.



B. All the other colors were taken.  
C. It is the royal color for Christ the King.  
D. The most beautiful flowers are this color.

10. Incarnation means:

A. A term florists use in arranging carnations.

B. A term for a country with a lot of automobiles.

C. God coming to earth in the form of a human being.

11. There are \_\_\_ days between Christmas day and Epiphany:

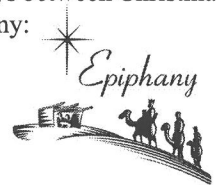
A. 0

B. 1

C. 10

D. 12

E. 40



12. The most significant event which happened on Epiphany was:

A. First Super Bowl was played.

B. The wife of Zechariah had her 23rd child.

C. Baptism of Jesus Christ.

13. The word Chrismon means:

A. Christ's monogram

B. Kris Kringle's middle name

C. One Lord

D. Hebrew for Mary and Joseph's dog

*John*

Find answers in the middle of page 8.

# Music news for December

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music



The Advent-Christmas season is always special for those involved in church music. Many of the groups here begin practicing Christmas music in early October! Here's a schedule of our musical offerings for this glorious season.

**December 1:** Come to the sanctuary of First Baptist Church for a 3:00 p.m. gala concert featuring 6 - 8 handbell choirs including our own **Trinity Ringers**. **Ring in the Season** is celebrating its 10th anniversary, and is (as far as I know) the only massed handbell concert held in Tallahassee on a yearly basis. Songs include "Angels We Have Heard on High", "Silent Night", "March of the Wooden Soldiers" and "Arabian Dance" from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite".

**December 9:** Carol Marchant, who frequently plays organ at our church when Elizabeth LaJeunesse is on vacation, will present a pre-worship recital before the 11:00 a.m. service.

Come about 20 minutes early if you can and enjoy such selections as "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen", "What Child Is This?" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

**December 16:** Our **NETkids Choirs and Handbells** will start with a pot-luck dinner at 5:00 p.m. in Moor Hall, then present a 45-minute musical program starting at 6:00 p.m. Come and see what the children have been up to! They will present "The Surprising Christmas Pageant." It is a humorous retelling of the Christmas story you don't want to miss!

**December 23:** Sue Parsons is setting up our

**2nd annual Christmas Carols Instrumental Ensemble!** You may remember last year, about 20 instrumentalists provided pre-worship music, and we are back by popular demand! Here's what Sue wants you to know:

## **2nd Annual Christmas Carols Instrumental Ensemble**

Due to popular demand and a church brimming with musical talent, we will come together again and play Christmas carols during the 11:00 pre-service. Our goal is to enjoy the musical spirit of the season as we practice alone, together, and share it with our Congregation. The carol arrangements are very playable, even for those that do not play regularly. We hope you will join us.

There are parts for all stringed and band instruments, guitars, and recorders. Last year a harmonica also blessed us! Members and non-members are invited. If you know a musician that doesn't have a church family and would enjoy coming to Trinity to celebrate the season, they are welcome.

Please contact Sue Parsons (224-7720 or Sueparsons@aol.com with questions and to sign up. Registration ends on Dec. 9th so that the music can be chosen according to our instrumentation and distributed so all can practice. Merry Christmas!

**December 24:** Christmas Eve is always an exciting time for Trinity Church! The 4:00 p.m. service music leaders will be Warren May and Organist Elizabeth LaJeunesse. The 5:30 p.m. service features a live nativity scene and music by our **Youth Choir**,

**NETkids Choirs and NETkids Handbells.** At 8:00 p.m. we have our traditional lessons and carols service featuring **Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers**. The 11:00 p.m. service will include a small vocal ensemble and communion.

Some other Christmas season activities at Trinity Church: NETKids Choirs and Youth Choir visit retirement centers in December. Our Pre-school children present their Christmas program on Friday December 14 at 6:30 p.m. in Moor Hall.

## **Singers needed**

As in recent years, a number of Chancel Choir members will be unavailable for the 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service, so we are looking for additional singers. We pick "safe" music for the three anthems we sing that night. Can you join us? We will practice the Christmas Eve music at our December 12 and 19 rehearsals from 8:15 - 9:00 p.m., and meet at 7:30 p.m. on December 24 in the choir room. Questions? Contact me at the church. You will help make the service even more meaningful for the congregation by singing in the choir that night!

## **Trinity Flutes**

Are you a flutist interested in giving of your time and talents? **Trinity Flutes** will begin rehearsing on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Parlor, on November 28. Bring your flutes and a music stand if you have one. We will meet, flute, and dream about our future. Please call Sue Parsons (224-7720 Sueparsons@aol.com) for further information.



# Trinity Planning to Host Community Christmas Dinner

Gloria Whitaker  
Community Christmas Dinner Coordinator

This is the 20th year that Trinity has the privilege of hosting the Annual Community Christmas dinner. This festive occasion is open to everyone, but is especially intended for people who don't want to cook, who would otherwise be eating alone, or who don't have the means to have a festive Christmas dinner. There is wonderful music, great food, and incredible fellowship. I don't know who receives the most blessings from the dinner, those who are served or those who serve. Volunteers come from all over our community to help with the dinner-single people, couples, families- and they

come back year after year because it is such a blessing to be part of this festive celebration.

If you would like to be part of the efforts this year there are many ways to help. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, set up, and clean up. Monetary donations are needed to help defray the cost of the dinner. Donations of candies, packages of new socks (the work kind), toothbrushes and tooth paste, little juice boxes with straws are all examples of items that go into goodies bags that are given to our guests as they leave the dinner.



Please accept this invitation to come and be part of this much appreciated Trinity-sponsored community event. Call or email Blue or Gloria Whitaker at 878-6064 or gloria@talweb.com if you'd like more information or would like to volunteer to help.

When asked why she came out to do volunteer work on Christmas day, one of our youth once said "We want everyone to know that they are always welcome here, and we want them to know that there is always someone who cares about them here." As John Willis is often heard to say, "Amen, and Amen."



# Youth news for December

Kelly Rains  
Youth Director



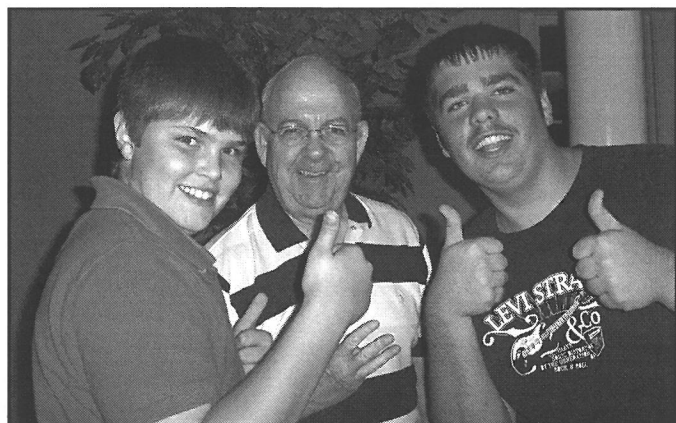
## A Note from Kelly ...

It's hard to believe the holidays are upon us and it's time to make preparations for Christmas. It seems like just yesterday that we had 26 youth participate in Celebration Sunday, 17 youth make financial pledges to Trinity for next year, 13 participate in the Crop Walk to fight hunger, and 13 confirmands receive their new bibles. That doesn't even include shoeboxes and trees sales. Oh wait, that was last month! Let me fill you in on what we are doing this month.

We are kicking off the month with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chili Fundraiser on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 3:30-7:30pm. Hopefully everyone has already purchased their tickets and will be attending the 2007

Winter Festival. Be sure to stop by and enjoy our wonderful chili dinner and free parking. Then on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, the youth will offer another Parent's Night Out from 3-8pm to provide parents a chance to get some Christmas shopping done perhaps a dinner out without the little ones. Proceeds from both events will go to youth missions next summer.

The remainder of the month we will offer several ways to celebrate the season and our ministry. Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, all youth are invited to the Youth Christmas Party at the Hirst's residence as well as our Mid-High and Senior High Activities planned for this month. (See website for details).



*In the photo at left are pictured the three Johns: from left are, John Rains, son of Youth Director, Kelly Rains and FSU Wesley Fellowship pastor; Reverend Vance Rains; Reverend John Willis, and John Cook, son of Reverend Wayne and Janet Cook.*



*Trinity was well represented at the recent Crop Walk. From left are Rev. John Willis, Pat Willis, Emily Hirst, AnnaLee Drake, Jennifer Griffith, Torre Ippolito, Justice Merlau, Michaela Wolfe, Rev. Barbara Hynes, Jessica Danforth, Malinda Rains, Kayla Sims, Kayli Ganim, Youth Committee Chair, Jaqui Griffith, John Rains, April Bradley, Jonathan Danforth, and Youth Director, Kelly Rains. Trinity's participation in Crop Walk was coordinated by Ron and Phyllis McCranie.*

## Upcoming Youth events for Dec./Jan.

- Dec. 1 ..... Chili Fundraiser 3:30 -7:30 p.m.  
(All youth needed)
- Dec. 2 ..... SaLT Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- Dec. 2 ..... UMYF
- Dec. 5 ..... Wednesday school pick-up  
and Bible studies
- Dec. 8 ..... Babysitting Fundraiser 3:00-  
8:00 p.m. (All youth needed)
- Dec. 9 ..... UMYF (Christmas Party at  
Hirst's house)
- Dec. 12 .... Wednesday school pick-up  
and Bible studies
- Dec. 16 .... UMYF
- Dec. 19 .... NO Wednesday activities  
(early release school day)
- Dec. 21 ... Mid-High Madness  
(shopping/movie-see  
website for details)
- Dec. 22 ... SNL (Senior High Activity)  
Check website for details
- Dec. 23 ... UMYF (Christmas Movie)
- Dec. 24 ... Christmas Eve Service  
5:30 p.m. (Youth participating)
- Dec. 25 – Jan. 12 — NO Youth  
Activities (Please spend  
time with your families!!)
- Jan. 13 .... UMYF Resumes  
SaLT Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- Jan. 16 .... Wednesday school pick-up  
and Bible studies resumes

## Parents Night Out

The youth will be offering their services again for parents to take the night off. Babysitting will be available Saturday, **December 8 from 3 p.m.-8 p.m.** and we hope this will be a great time for parents to get some Christmas shopping in and perhaps a dinner out too. Children from 1-year-olds through 5th graders are welcome and they should bring their own dinner. Babysitting services will be in the Gregory Room (youth area) and fees will be by donation only. All proceeds will go to summer youth mission trips which include the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and an international trip to Mexico. To reserve your spot, please email Kelly Rains at [krains@tumct.org](mailto:krains@tumct.org) or call the church office at 222-1120. Thank you for supporting our youth!



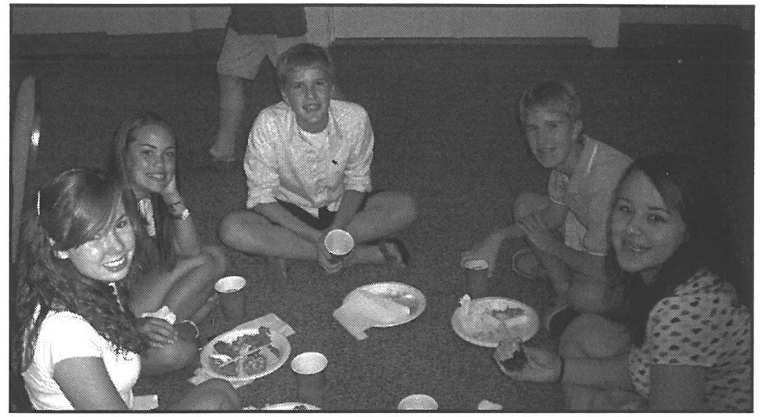




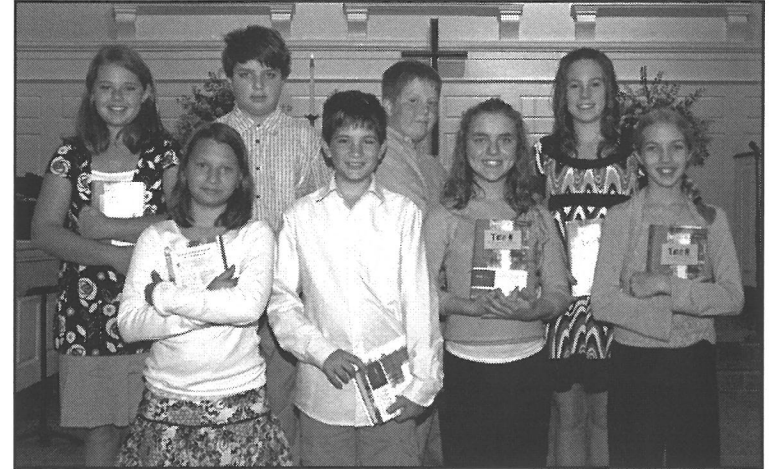
"Snack Packs" for dinner? The packs are usually given to homeless visitors by HEO but the youth were participating in a "focus on hunger" month.



Malinda Rains performed a beautiful liturgical dance associated with the Ark of the Covenant (Trinity's Ark was designed and built by Brett Ingram).



Eating lunch after the rededication of Moor Hall are, from left, Natalie Jump, Tori Bradley, Brad Olson, Jeff Olson, and Michaella Wolfe.



This group of 6th graders recently received Bibles they will use while going through confirmation classes. From left to right they are: Sydni Russell, Caitlyn Coates, Rob Lytle, Michael Rudell, Drayton O'steen, Maria Parsons, Justice Merlau, and Alexandria Ingram.



## Ministry of the month

### The Shelter

Steve and Sabrina Denmark  
Church and Society liaisons

The Ministry of the Month for this month is **The Shelter** which Trinity has been supporting for many years — not only through monetary donations but also by providing evening meals on the first, fourth, and fifth Monday of every month. There have been, and still are many people at Trinity that donate their time for this worthwhile ministry. **The Shelter** serves over 200 different people each day, 2,600 each year, and records over 60,000 nights of lodging. There will be 150,000 meals served this year — all provided by at least 50 different groups with Trinity being one of them.

Government tax dollars only account for 5% of **The Shelter's** operating budget. Private contributions from the community

along with funding from **United Way** make up the other 95% of their operating funds. **The Shelter** spends up to \$10,000 each year providing free medication to clients, dispensed by licensed nurses who are on duty each evening.

The cost to provide free lodging, meals, showers, towels, hygiene needs, medication and crisis intervention is only \$7.25 per



person, per day. **The Shelter** helps families with housing start-up costs, such as utility deposits and other basic needs to move them out of the Shelter.

**The Shelter** has never had a stabbing, suicide, or homicide in 19 years, even though they accept and work with hundreds of people each year who suffer from moderate to severe mental illness.

Thank you for the "Spotlight" on **The Shelter** and your continued support. **The Church and Society Ministry** appreciates all of you for being a part of **The Shelter** ministry by the giving of your prayers, time and money.

The items listed below are always in need at **The Shelter**. There is a container outside of Moor Hall where you may drop off your donation. We take the supplies to **The Shelter** on a weekly basis.

**Items needed:** socks, underwear, t-shirts to wear under regular shirts, men's jeans, sweat shirts, outer t-shirts, tennis shoes, personal hygiene items, foot powder/spray (athlete's foot), hydrocortisone ointment, Benedryl (tablet form & off brand is fine), cough drops, laundry detergent, and toilet paper (they go through 4 big packs that you get at Sam's each day)

**One more item:** We need volunteers to help with the fourth Monday in December which is Christmas Eve. Please contact Steve or Sabrina Denmark (524-0658 cell; 893-5635 home) if you can help.

## Give Yourself A Present

Sheila Merlau

As December approaches and I mark my calendar with all of the important dates, there is one event that I circle with special emphasis — one that is just for me. It is the **Service of Hope and Remembrance**, which this year will be observed in the sanctuary on **December 12 at 6:30 p.m.**

Not too much is said about it, but each year a faithful following gather for what I feel is one of the most touching services of the year. It is a service of hope: Hope for the future. Hope for all of God's promised gifts yet to come.

And Remembrance: memories of many gifts. His gifts of the special people and important events in our lives that may or may not have had fairy tale endings... passed and gone for now, but not forever.

Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Christ, should always be joyous. But for some the Christmas season is not always a joyful one. Pausing to acknowledge sorrow, and being thankful for blessings, is realistic and beneficial.

This is one chance at Christmastime for me to sit quietly, listen and remember past Christmases with those who are no longer here. I come alone as do many others. I see the newly divorced, and the unemployed

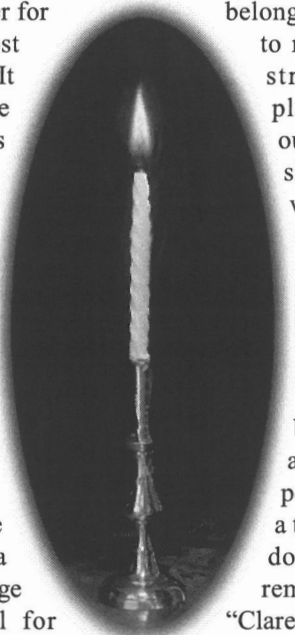
as well as people who have lost loved ones both recently and long ago. We all have our reasons for "hope and remembrance." I am allowed to take part in a tangible way by lighting candles in their memories on a beautiful screen up near the altar. Watching "my" special candles glow throughout the service, along with the other candles that

belong to the people in the pew next to me, soothes my spirit. Once strangers, we now share a pleasant connection because our loved ones' candles burn side by side and by implication we are sharing the same faith and similar memories of times past. In one more way I have new family in Trinity and in Christ.

Barbara's words fill my brain and soul with thoughts beyond the urgency of today and tomorrow and I am at peace. At the end of the service, a tiny bell, for your tree or your door, will be given to you to remind you of your own special "Clarence".

This is a very, very special service. Regardless of how you're dressed, in your work clothes or your casual clothes, I hope you will take the time to stop by.

Give yourself a present. You'll find yourself returning it every year.



## A Time to Pause

Barbara Hynes  
Minister of Programs

Are you feeling rushed, scattered, overwhelmed? We talk much of peace and joy as the holidays approach but often life can produce just the opposite emotions. We all have expectations of what the holidays will hold and depending on our state of mind they can sometimes be far from those depicted by greeting cards and shopping mall carols.

On December 12, you are invited to take a break from it all and join us in the sanctuary for a candlelight service at 6:30 p.m.

This service, led by Rev. Barbara Hynes, was first introduced at Trinity in 2001. It is designed to provide a time to pause and honor our need for reflection amid all the holiday bustle. It is a time to recognize the losses each of us has experienced in our lives. Whether it is the personal loss of a loved one, a relationship, a job, or something less tangible such as a sense of peace and centeredness, loss is often felt more deeply during the holiday season. At this quiet service there will be special music, congregational singing and prayer. Persons will be invited to light a candle of hope for themselves or others and will be invited to take home a remembrance as a symbol of God's loving presence.

Come join us as we pause to remember and look forward in hope for peace to be with us, and all mankind, this Christmas season.



## Did you know that HEO has an inventory of health care equipment?

Rita May  
HEO coordinator

Yes, that's right! Over the years our HEO has collected an inventory of health care equipment which is available to YOU to borrow for the asking. Someone asked me recently "Are Trinity members aware of the HEO health care equipment that is available?" With all of our new members, I thought it might be a good idea to "get out the word" once again. Here goes.

**How does the HEO Health Care Equipment loan program work? It's as simple as 1-2-3:**

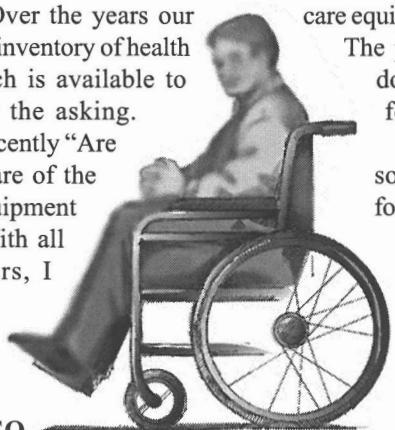
Someone has a gently used piece of health

care equipment that is no longer needed. The person gives HEO a call and donates the piece of equipment for use by others.

It is available for you, or someone else, who has a need for it.

We have walkers, shower seats, bedside commodes, canes, crutches and even several wheelchairs. If you or some one you know needs to borrow a piece of health care equipment for a while, give HEO a call at 222-1120.

*P.S. Thanks for the wonderful outpouring of food pantry items last month. Because of*



*you, we have a replenished stock of "snack packs" for our homeless friends. With winter coming, the need will*

*continue to be great. Thanks for your continued contributions to this important Trinity ministry — Remember, the HEO food bin is right by the main entry door to Moor Hall!*



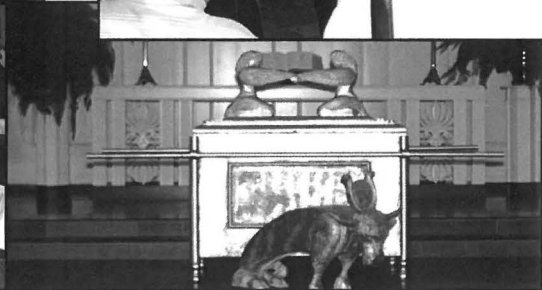
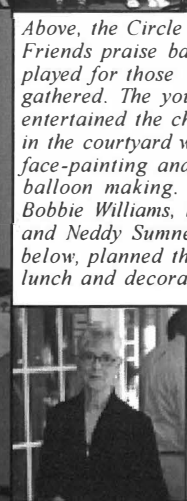
## Moor Hall Rededication a big hit!



Well over 100 people came downstairs after the worship service on November 4 to help rededicate Moor Hall and celebrate God's bounty on Celebration Sunday. Above, Reverend Willis, Church Council Chair, Ann Lumsden, and Reverend Cook lead the rededication service. At left, Trinity member, Clifton Quinly, niece of Frank Moor, enjoys the rededication. During the worship service, the Ark of the Covenant and the golden calf were displayed.



Above, the Circle of Friends praise band played for those gathered. The youth entertained the children in the courtyard with face-painting and balloon making. Bobbie Williams, left, and Neddy Summers, below, planned the lunch and decorations.



## Preschool Children to Sing at UMW Luncheon

Trinity's Preschool children will sing at the December 4 luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women, heralding the beginning of the Christmas season with a round of cheerful songs. Their music will be followed by inspirational messages of Advent.

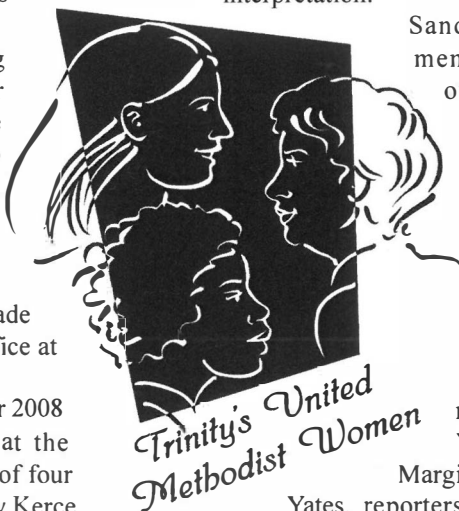
Mothers of the young singers and all other women of the church are especially invited to attend the luncheon which will begin at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall. Reservations for the lunch (\$5) should be made by calling the church office at 222-1120.

New UMW officers for 2008 will also be installed at the meeting. Ending a term of four years as president, Nancy Kerce will be replaced by Linda Yates, and Patti Oakley will be installed as President-elect. Other new or continuing

officers are Judy Levy, secretary; Esther Harrison, treasurer; Shelia Merlau, program coordinator; Pat Willis, spiritual growth coordinator; Pam Reed and Miriam Peirce, social action; and Liz Smith, education and interpretation.

Sandra Genetin, membership and outreach; Nancy Waugh, program resources; Mary Lee Peebles, sunshine and love; Hazel Bradley and Jean Bellyk, co-chair, nominations; Oberley Brown, local church responsibility; Jean Young, HEO liaison.

Margie Mixon and Linda Yates, reporters, Monthly Tidings; Ollie Dawirs, Church Women United; Nancy Kerce and Maxine Mantooth, music; Julie Pararo and Sally Huggins, historians.



### UMW Circles to Meet

**Circle 1** will meet at the home of Mart Hill, 1420 Vieux Carre Drive, at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 10. Co-hostesses will be Betty Sellers and Ruth McDonald.

**Circle 2** will meet immediately following the Dec. 4 UMW luncheon meeting in the church parlor.

**Circle 3** will not meet in December.

**Circle 4** will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 11, in the church library.

**Circle 5** will meet for dinner Thursday, Dec. 13, at a time and place to be announced by Patti Oakley, telephone 877-4898.

**Circle 6** will not meet in December. Instead the circle will take poinsettias to shut-ins as their Christmas project.

**Circle 8** will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at St. Johns Cafe.

**Circle 9** will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Dec. 18, for a covered dish luncheon at the home of Miriam Peirce, 2004 Duneagle Lane.

**Circle 10** will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 20, at the home of Janet Cook, 757 Derbyshire Road. Bring cookies to share.





## Halloween at Trinity

It has become a tradition that the preschool children "trick-or-treat" the office staff each Halloween. Here are some photos from a recent visit.

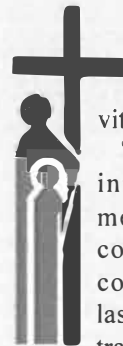
*In the photo at left, Reverend Barbara Hynes, Trinity's Minister of Programs, passes out treats to the kids outside her office.*

*The Trinity United Methodist Preschool Staff gets into the Halloween spirit - in a royal way! Pictured here kneeling are from left: Mary "Miss Mary Sunshine" Forrestall, Ashley "I forgot my sash" Payzant, Natalia "Miss Demeanor" Lanquedoc, Nancy "Miss Abbie Normal" Duncan, Melody "Ms. Fix-It" Smith, standing from left to right are: Candace "Ms. Competitive" Duclos, Giles "Mr. Wonderful" Paul, Dominique "Mrs. Wonderful" Hicks, LuAnn "Miss Kiss and Hug 'Em" Huggins, Stacey "Miss Understood" Duggar, Wendy "Miss Sugar and Spice" Cheney, Victoria "Miss Trinity" Tetley, Rosa "Miss Trinity Junior" Morris.*



## Fifth Sunday offering goes to FUMCH

Christmas is the time for giving. When you give to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, the interests and well-being of deserving children, youth and families are addressed in vital Christian ministry.



Through this Home, the influences of God's tender mercies and noble human compassion powerfully combine and intervene to lasting benefit, preserving and transforming life.

The Children's Home has many attractive giving plans. Don't forget about the **Alternate Giving** option this Christmas.

For more information, please call (386) 668-4774 or visit their website at [www.fumch.org](http://www.fumch.org).

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## December "Change" to help The Shelter

Ron Hock  
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

The "Change the City" program was created to provide a vehicle whereby the membership could contribute that loose "change" to a worthwhile organization. Collection receptacles are located at the front entrance of the church (the narthex), the entrance by the altar, and in Moor Hall.

Trinity's Church and Society Committee is responsible for monitoring this program and for selecting the recipients for the monthly collections.

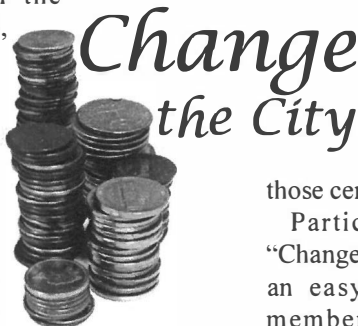
The recipient of December's "change" will be **The Shelter**. Open seven days a



week, **The Shelter** provides a place to sleep and meals to the homeless men and women and any accompanying children.

Trinity provides some funding and volunteers prepare and serve meals on two Monday nights a month and a fifth Monday night for those certain months.

Participating in the "Change the City" program is an easy way for Trinity members to further demonstrate that Trinity is a church with "A bigger Heart for the City" and a concern to Heal Hurting Hearts.



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