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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 to get much needed renovation

Why is it called "Moor Hall"

21 years after its doors were opened to Trinity members, Moor Hall received its current designation. In May of 1985, the Board of Trustees voted to honor the memory of Frank D. Moor by naming that area of the church "Moor Hall."

Needed new name

Originally referred to as the "basement fellowship hall," or "the Fellowship Hall," Moor Hall really needed a new name.

They called him "Mr Trinity"

What do we know of the man for whom Moor Hall is named? On the dedication plaque in Moor Hall we learn that Mr. Moor was so honored for "his lifelong association with, generosity to, and leadership in Trinity United Methodist Church."

From church publications we learn that "His gifts to his beloved church of leadership, wisdom, vision, and material wealth made him a peerless example of Christian discipleship to the church and to the community, and won for him the altogether appropriate and deserved title "Mr. Trinity. His influence long will continue to be felt in all of the areas of Trinity's life to which he so modestly, unselfishly and effectively gave his leadership: the Sunday School, the Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee, all of the building committees organized during his adult life, the Administrative Board (now the Staff/Parish Relations Committee)." It's little wonder his memory was so honored.

Time for a makeover

Moor Hall is one of the few areas in the church which has never been extensively remodeled since the building was constructed in 1964. With the exception of wallpaper and paint, Moor Hall looks exactly the same as it did March 11, 1964, the first day it was officially used.

Since Reverend Willis has been at Trinity, the Sanctuary, the church offices, the Parlor, and the Conference Room have all been remodeled. But not Moor Hall.

The proposed plans, which have been approved by both the Trustees and the

Church Council, include many new features that will make Moor Hall a much more useable area. Details of the many improvements will be described in later issues of the Tidings.

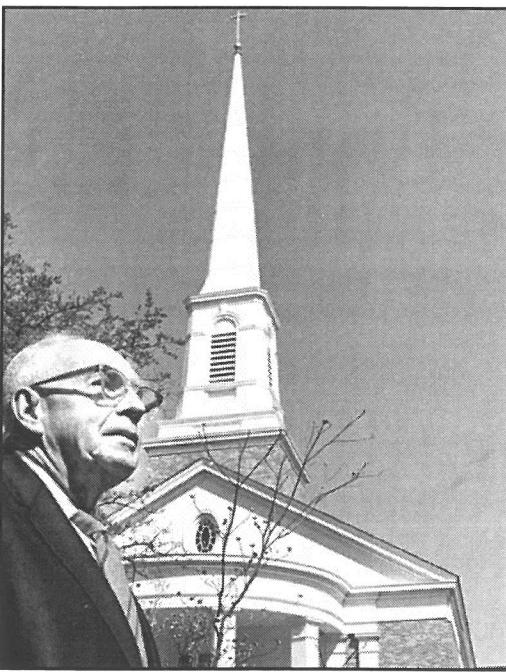
Hardest working room

According to Reverend Willis, Moor Hall is "the hardest working room" in any of Trinity's buildings. It is used for the SUN Service, Wednesday night dinners, movie nights, wedding and funeral receptions, and special church dinners. Various groups inside and outside of Trinity also utilize it.

Believe it or not, currently there is no one person who knows how to operate all of the sound/lighting/video equipment. The audio/video components were put together piecemeal, part by unmatching part, over many years. It's very complicated and difficult to operate.

The Trustees have said that they want to make sure that the enhancements are "done right and completed all at once."

With so much going on in this one area, it will be good to finally have it more user friendly.



Mr. Moor is pictured here in front of the then new Trinity facade. There is a plaque in Moor Hall that reads: Frank D. Moor, Oct. 19, 1894 - May 29, 1984. Frank D. Moor, "Mr. Trinity" because of his life-long association with, generosity to, and leadership in Trinity United Methodist Church."

Spring ahead Mar. 11

Daylight Savings Time (DST) will take effect this March 11 at 12 o'clock midnight. Since we don't want to miss your smiling face, make sure to move your clock *ahead* one hour.



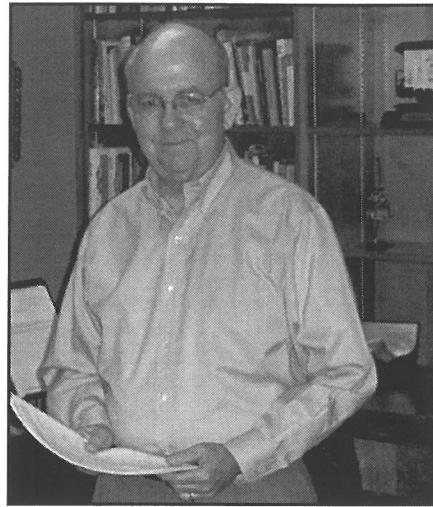
The goal of DST is to maximize the number of hours available during typical waking hours by adjusting clocks ahead an hour.

Lent Demystified

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

What you always wanted to know about Lent/Easter, but were afraid to ask.

1. The first day of Lent is called:
 - A. Epiphany
 - B. Pentacost
 - C. Ash Wednesday
 - D. Maundy Thursday
 - E. Good Friday
2. On Ash Wednesday, the priest places ashes on the worshipper's forehead in the form of:
 - A. A star
 - B. A donkey
 - C. A cross
 - D. A "Z"
3. The ashes that are used are:
 - A. From the Yule log
 - B. Previous year's burnt Palm Sunday branches
 - C. Saved from the parsonage fireplace
 - D. Purchased at the Cokesbury Book Store
4. Where does the word "Lent" come from:
 - A. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who would always get lint on his robes before Easter
 - B. The old English word "Lengten," meaning Spring
 - C. From the man who developed Lentil soup
 - D. An early American banker who would not charge interest for money lent before Easter
5. Mardi Gras is a French word that means:
 - A. Party grass
 - B. Fat Tuesday
 - C. Last Fling
 - D. Great Mary
6. Spring housecleaning is associated with Easter and Lent because:
 - A. Ancient customs said you should get rid of all traces of meat and meat by-products
 - B. It was finally warm enough to do so
 - C. It was a way of serving God, and cleanliness is next to Godliness
 - D. It was the only time the women were not out working in the fields
7. The name Easter comes from:
 - A. Easter Island in the Pacific
 - B. Was named after Ester in the Old Testament
 - C. EOSTRE, the Tutonic goddess of spring
 - D. This was the name of the Roman emperor's wife after Christianity became acceptable
8. What is the origin of the Easter egg?
 - A. This came from a largely agricultural nation who had little else to give their friends at Easter



- C. At the time of Jesus, palms were a sign of victory
- D. They were big and the color appealed to people of that day
14. What celebration was going on during Holy Week in Jerusalem?
 - A. Yom Kipper
 - B. Festival of the goats and sheep
 - C. Passover
 - D. The emperor's coronation
15. By which of the following names has the last week of Jesus' life been known during history?
 - A. The Great Week
 - B. The Holy Week
 - C. Week of Holy Passion
 - D. The Week of Forgiveness
 - E. All of the above

Find the answers on page 8

John

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from January 10, 2007 through February 10, 2007:

In memory of Keith Whitney Cureton by Martha and David Cureton (for Organ Fund).

In memory of Lucile Doonan by U.M.W. Circle 3 (for Preschool Scholarship Fund).

In memory of Jon Lawson Stapleton by Cynthia and Bill Smith, Sue and Stanley Parsons (for Children's Ministries), Rebecca J. Hood (for Blanket Sunday), and Oberley and Ledley Brown (for Children's Home).

In memory of Berry I. Gatlin and Elsie S. Gatlin by B. Kenneth Gatlin and Willard E. Gatlin.

In honor of Margaret S. Witte's 97th birthday for H.E.O.

March Music news

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Chancel Choir prepares for Maundy Thursday

Holy Week seems an ideal time to focus once more on the theme of our Lenten sermons, "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross." Hopefully, the past several weeks have been a spiritual journey for all of us as we ponder Christ's final utterances before his death. A number of composers over the centuries have set these words to music, a rather demanding project!

Perhaps the best known of these is by Theodore Dubois, a French composer and church musician who died in 1924. His oratorio is quite evocative and involves continuous interplay of soloists, chorus and organ. Early on, Dubois really makes the angry crowd demanding Christ's death come alive. The interplay between Christ and the repentant thief on the cross touches the heart. The bass solo on the text "God, my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?" truly conveys Christ's sense of abandonment. We are swept up in the cauldron of searing emotions as we contemplate Christ's final hours on the cross.

Certainly this will prepare us for the joyous celebration of Easter just a few days hence!

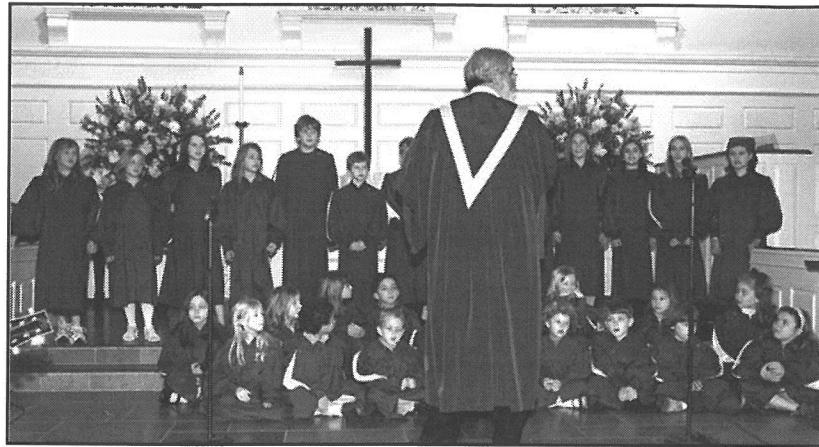
Practice makes perfect

The Chancel Choir has been rehearsing the Dubois oratorio since early

January and will present it as part of our Maundy Thursday service on April 5 at 7:30 pm. The service will include communion and stripping of the church which are traditional elements of our Maundy Thursday service.

Winter Ring a Great Success!

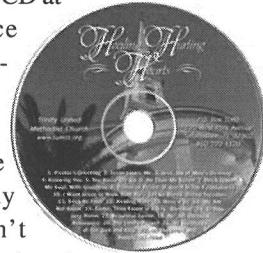
Seven handbell choirs came together for about 9 hours of ringing on February 23 and 24. The event was hosted by our church, and is the only handbell workshop held in the Tallahassee area on a yearly basis. The 70+ ringers enjoyed getting together and learning more about the art of handbell ringing from Puerto Rico clinician Carlos Rivera.



Music Director, Mark Repasky, prepares the NETkids choirs for Music Ministry Sunday on February 18.

Healing Hurting Hearts CD

Make sure to pick up your copy of the Healing Hurting Hearts CD at the church office Monday-Friday from 8-5, at the Wednesday night dinner check-in table, or in the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. If you can't pick one up, call the church office at 222-1120 and a staff member will be happy to mail one to you.



Preschool Party!

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

The Trinity United Methodist Preschool celebrates "P" – no it's not what you might think! The prekindergarten class is working its way through the alphabet and is now focusing on the letter "P". To celebrate, Mrs. Duclos' class had a "Parents in Pajamas eating Pancakes Party"!

It was a perfectly precious party and participants parted with particularly pleased palates!



In the top photo, Hillary and Susan Kohler enjoy breakfast together at the pajama pancake party.



Mrs. West, left, and Mrs. Duclos cook up another delicious griddle full of pancakes.

March Youth news

Ryan Frack,
Interim Youth Director

Wednesday Activities Reminder

☛ Mid - High School Pick-up at your school ending time

☛ Mid-High Bible Study: 4:30-5:30pm

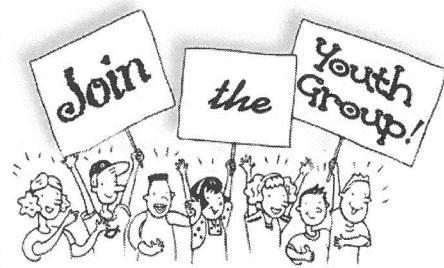
☛ Dinner: 5:30pm

Mid-Highs without a parent or older sibling in 6:30 activities must go home after dinner

☛ Senior High Bible Study: 6:30-

7:30pm

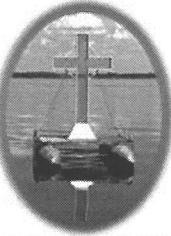
All Senior High students must be gone by 8pm



Wednesday,
March 21
NO ACTIVITIES
Spring Break

Important Upcoming Dates

March 2-4:
Confirmation
Retreat at
Warren Willis
Camp in
Leesburg



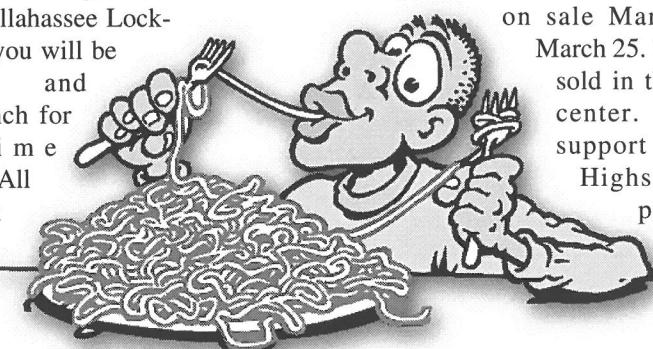
March 18: NO UMYF

Don't forget to check the website for current updates on YOUTH EVENTS

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION:
www.geocities.com/undergroundministries

Friday and Saturday, March 30 and 31:

Springtime Tallahassee Lock-In at church (you will be working!) and Spaghetti Lunch for Springtime Tallahassee!! (All those going on the Senior High Mission Trip are required to work!)



Spaghetti Lunch tickets will go on sale

Sunday, March 11, and will continue to be on sale March 18 and March 25. They will be sold in the welcome center. PLEASE support the Senior Highs as they prepare to serve on their mission trip to Hinton Rural Life Center in Hayesville, N.C.!

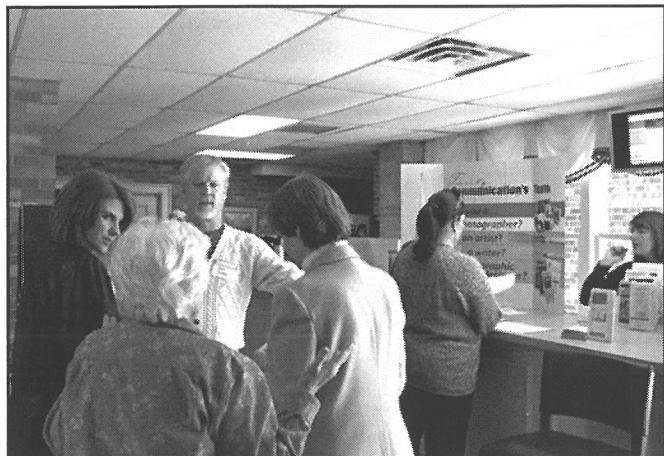
Trinity ministry Expo a great success

Over 20 Trinity ministries and several outside agencies participated in an Expo



Chair, Tami Chandler, stands in front of a display which describes the mission of Trinity's Children's Ministry. The display also showed many volunteer opportunities where Trinity members could contribute their time and energy.

Sunday, February 11. The purpose of the Expo was to educate the congregation about the many different areas in which Trinity's ministries serve the community and Trinity members. It also helped members find areas to utilize their newly discovered spiritual gifts. Over 300 members had either attended small groups or had participated in a day-long seminar to learn what spiritual gifts God had given them.

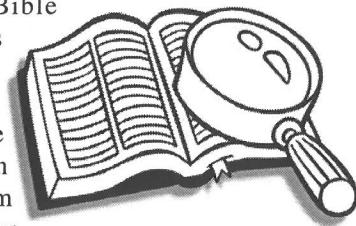


Among the exhibitors and volunteers at the Expo were, from left, church secretary, Sarah Childs, Mary Lee Peebles, Dan Drake, Minister of Programs, Barbara Hynes, Natalie Wolfe, and Deanna Ramsey.

If you missed the Expo, call 222-1120 for more information

In-Depth Senior-High Bible Study

Are you a senior high school student? Are you looking for a more in-depth Bible Study this year?



If you are, then please join us on Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. for our new study. Please contact Ryan Frack at 222-1120 if you are interested in this Bible Study.

Serving from the Heart Dinner one-of-a-kind

Reverend Willis said this would be unlike any dinner ever served in Moor Hall. And, he was right! With a maitre d' (also known as Reverend Willis), linen tablecloths, fresh flower arrangements with tulips, and live music, Moor Hall was transformed into a romantic getaway by Nancy Harrell for a sold-out crowd of



Nancy Harrell, above, was responsible for creating the beautiful dining ambience in Moor Hall.

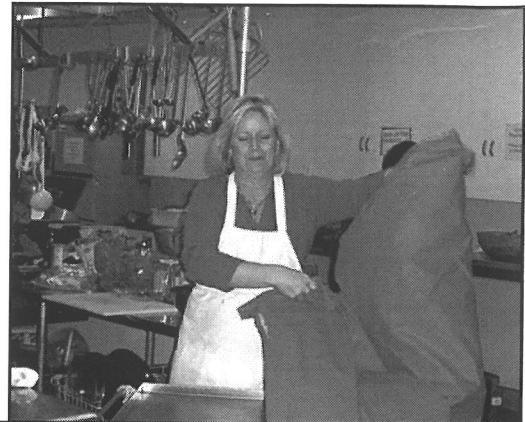
At right, linen tablecloths, real glasses, and fresh flowers - wow!



Trinity diners.

Music talent and variety were the words of the evening as performers offered appropriate selections. There was everything from a wonderful duet featuring David and Elizabeth LaJeunesse to two very spirited tunes by Stanley Marshall on his harmonica.

The entrées served were either a beef tenderloin, or for the vegetarians, a baked Portabello mushroom that was as big as your head! A baked potato and fresh rolls were also served with dinner. To finish off a wonderful meal, a choice of dark chocolate cake or orange cake were served with coffee. If you missed it ... well, maybe next time.



Nancy Stone, at top, was responsible for all of the delicious food served.

Claire Huggins, in the middle photo, enjoys a do-it-yourself sundae with the children in the Gregory Room.



Among those enjoying a Valentine's day dinner were, above from left, Chip Huggins, Sally Huggins, Donna Bryan, Michael Bryan, Elizabeth LaJeunesse (facing away), Dawn Long, Eddie Long, and David LaJeunesse.

HEO takes Communion to members during Lent

*Kelly Rains,
HEO coordinator*

HEO is always looking for ways to help our members who are physically unable to come to church. There are many ways we reach out to these special members, but on March 4, HEO will be doing something new. A group of HEO volunteers will be taking communion out to our members who wish to participate in this special event. March 4 will be

Communion Sunday here at Trinity, and on that Sunday we will have 10 travel communion kits on the altar as well. These communion kits will be blessed and included in our 11:00am worship service. After the service, our volunteers will take these kits and deliver Christ's most wonderful gift to

our homebound members.

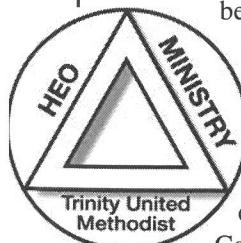
This is a great way for those members to still feel a part of this church! Many of these members faithfully listen to the service weekly from home via radio. On this particular Sunday, they will get a chance to participate in Communion as well, with the help of our volunteers.



This portable kit allows volunteers to give Communion to homebound members.

This is a very exciting new way for HEO to reach out to our members. We are always looking for volunteers to help

us do what we do. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kelly Rains at 222-1120 or krains@tumct.org.



Kate Sullivan book drive

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan Reading Mentor Coordinator

As the new **Kate Sullivan Library Media Center** nears completion, we at Trinity have a unique opportunity to contribute to our partner school's students education by expanding the number of books available to them. We are asking you to donate any amount toward the purchase of new library books. Your contribution will cover the cost of a library quality book and the Accelerated Reader (AR) test which accompanies the text. The average cost of a library bound book, the AR test, and cataloging is between \$20 and \$25.

Any amount will be greatly appreciated and our church's name will be placed on

a permanent bookplate inside the cover. What a lasting gift to these hard working students and this outstanding school!

Checks may be made payable to **KSE PTA - books** and

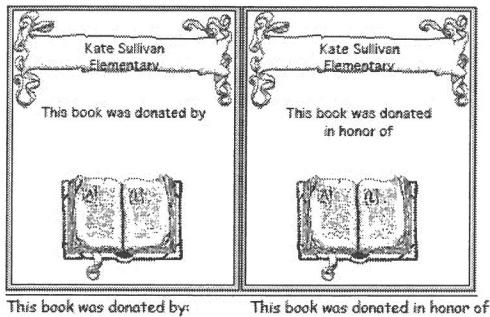
put in an envelope ear marked for **Kate Sullivan books**. You can then place the designated envelope in with the Sunday offering or simply mail to the church office at: Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box

1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302. We will collect throughout the months of February/March and keep you apprised of the number of books procured in Trinity's name.

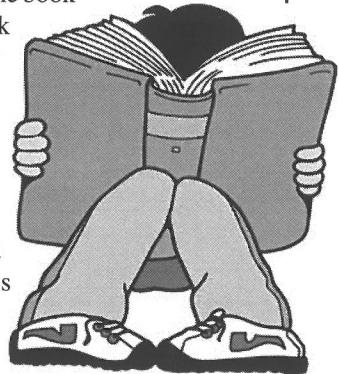
Let's help expand the children's opportunities to learn and consider inviting others to donate as well. They have built it,

now we'll fill it!

Please ensure that your name and address are clearly visible because Kate Sullivan wishes to send a thank you to each contributor. If you feel inclined to donate the entire \$25 toward the purchase of a new book, the book will be book plated in your name. You can even designate particular books. Contribution forms and further details about how to designate books are available at www.sullivan.leon.fl.us or at the front office of the school. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Hal and Roxi Beardall at 422-3352 or by emailing them at nelhal2@yahoo.com.



Here are examples of the bookplates that will be used inside the books that are donated to the new Kate Sullivan Media Center.



Cancer survivor to speak at luncheon meeting

Linda Yates

United Methodist Women will hear May Walker, a member of the local Breast Cancer Survivors group, speak about breast cancer awareness at their luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, March 6**. The meeting begins at **11:45 a.m.** In Moor Hall and is expected to last one hour. All women of the church are invited. Reservations may be made by calling the church office at 222-1120 by **Friday, March 2**.

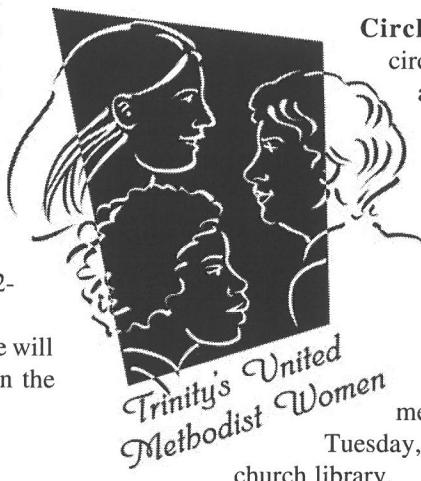
UMW's executive committee will meet at 10:45 a.m. March 6 in the conference room.

UMW Circle Meetings

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, March 12, at the home of Joyce Peters, 1332 Hollow Oak Circle.

Circle 2 will meet in the church parlor

immediately following the UMW luncheon meeting on March 6.



Circle 3, the Martha circle, will meet at 10 a.m., **Tuesday, March 20**, at the home of Sandy Fulton, 2018 Longview Drive.

Circle 4, the Aultie Foster circle, plans to meet at 10:30 a.m., **Tuesday, March 13**, in the church library.

Circle 5 will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, March 8, at the home of Patti Oakley, 1804 W. Indian Head Drive.

Circle 6 will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, March

12, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 is scheduled to meet at noon Wednesday, March 14, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 20. Call Liz Smith, 576-1533, for the location.

New Circle at Trinity

Circle 10 has begun a new fellowship group. We are meeting the fourth Thursday of each month at **7 p.m.** for devotions, fellowship, and occasional service.

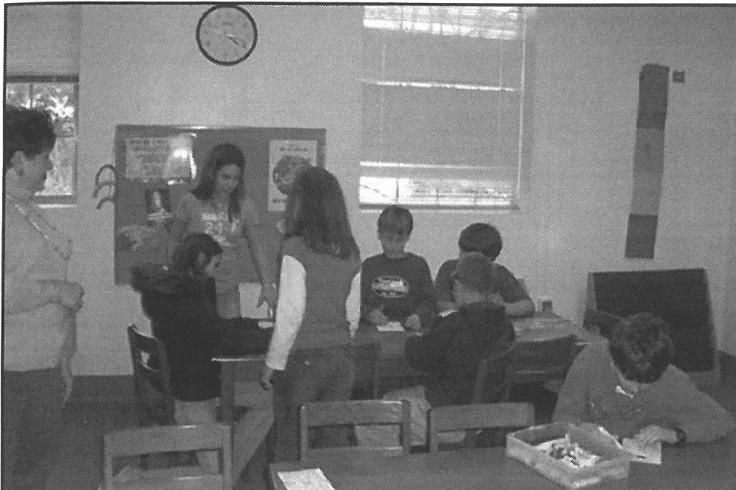
Meeting locations are to be announced in the bulletin prior to gathering. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday, March 22**. We hope you will join us. For more information, please contact Dawn Long at 544-5664.

NETKids Look Forward to Spring

Kathy Drake
Program Assistant

Time for Spring activities

After a busy fall season leading into these cold winter months, the NETKids are



Linda Trammell on a Bible Venture with Jessica Danforth, Justice Merlau, Maria Parsons, William Thyer, Casey Crow, Rob Lytle, and Tommy Donelan.

looking forward to the much anticipated line up of spring activities. What have we been doing so far, you ask?

Fiesta revisited

We kicked off the year with a *Back to the Fiesta* celebration (fondly remembering the summer's VBS theme), signing up 43 elementary children with ages ranging from Kindergarten through the 5th grades. In the "Treehouse", we have **Lynn Barr** returning as the Arts n' Crafts guru with **Bradi Wilson** (one of our beloved youth) in assistance.



Sally Huggins leads the Second and Third grade hand-chime group. Members of the group include from left, Sarah Kellet Clark, Anna Parsons, Meredith Huggins, Lindsay Cunningham, Cassie LaJeunesse, Hannah Prasse, and Lauren Henderson.

This year, we've added **Linda Trammell** in our "Bible Ventures" room where Bible stories come alive through movie clips, skits and other activities.

Brett Ingram stopped in as often as he could to help us get our Train layout prepared for Christmas and, wow, did it turn out beautifully! We hope you got a chance to see the great job the kids did while it was on display in the Conference room.

Some of our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders participated in hand bells and then moved on to Orff instruments while others joined with the 2nd graders to explore hand-chimes with **Sally Huggins**.

Christmas performance

Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas without a NETKids' evening performance of the Christmas story (presented in a most unusual fashion) under the direction



We had great fun and great food that night!

Now, it is February and we have already completed two mission projects. On January 10th, our kids put together small bags of laundry soap "cups" tied with messages and Bible verses to be delivered to The Shelter, which has had many needs publicized in the paper lately.

This past Wednesday, **Phyllis Henderson** led the kids in making Valentines. Some will go with **Kelly Rains** as she visits our homebound members and some will go to **Nancy Duncan** as she prepares the "I CARE" boxes for our out-of-town college students. Great job, kids!

Upcoming activities

As we move into Spring, we are starting work on a Springtime Tallahassee train layout and getting excited about three activities: 1.) Music Ministry Sunday; 2.) our annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner on April 11, in which the kids invite their school teachers or other teachers/adults in



Lynn Barr with some of the Treehouse gang: Rachel Bielling, Rachel Hunt, Kayla Chandler, and Savannah Sterling.

of **Mark Repasky**, **Elizabeth LaJeunesse** and **Kathy Drake**. We want to especially thank **Lisa Prasse** who covered the job of accompanist for **LuAnn Snider** (we miss you, LuAnn!).

their life to a delicious dinner where the kids are the hosts and also perform a few songs, and 3.) our spring musical, entitled **Heroes of the Faith** which will be performed during the 11 o'clock service on April 29 as well as at Westminster Oaks on May 2.

How do we do it?! A lot of prayer, patience and perfectly wonderful volunteers!

Lent Worship schedule

Since the emphasis for the church in 2007 was the *Serving from the Heart* program, Trinity will not have an organized small group focus for Lent this year. Instead, Reverend Willis has prepared a Lenten worship schedule that will examine *The Seven Last Words of Christ*.

The Seven Last Words of Christ

Mar. 4 "Today you will be with me in Paradise."

Mar. 11 "My God, why have you forsaken Me?"

Mar. 18 "I thirst."

Mar. 25 "It is finished. Into Your hands I commend My spirit."

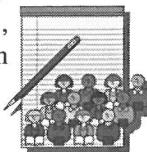
Apr. 5 *The Seven Last Words of Christ* – Chancel Choir Special musical Oratorio
Maundy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
service
Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar

Lent answer key

1. C	4. B	7. C	10. C	13. C
2. C	5. B	8. C	11. C	14. C
3. B	6. A	9. B	12. B	15. E

New member classes

Trinity will hold new member classes on March 4, 11, and 18. 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.



Girl Scout cookies still available

Trinity's Girl Scout Troop 169 still has cookies available for sale. Please fill out the green form in the Welcome Center and drop the form in the box there.

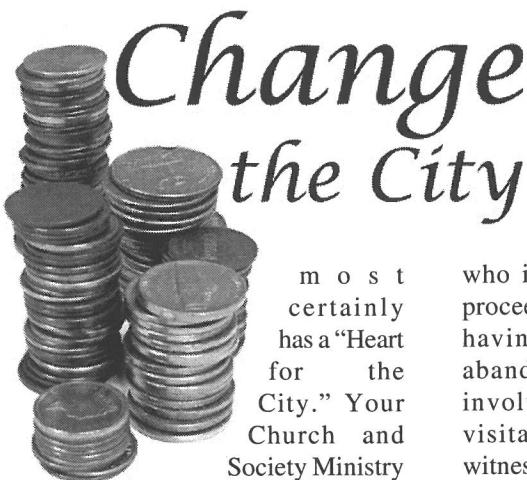


The Girl Scouts will call you to make arrangements for pick-up. The Girl Scouts thank you for your support. Call Debbie Danforth for more information at 322-5927.

March's "Change" will go to Guardian Ad Litem

Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

"Change the City" is just one of a number of Trinity's community involvement programs that lovingly express that the Trinity congregation



most certainly has a "Heart for the City." Your Church and Society Ministry

Team has selected the **Guardian Ad Litem** program, as represented by **Child Advocates II**, as the recipient of the March "Change."

Child Advocates II is organized to

accept donations and provide funds and services for children and volunteers in the **Guardian Ad Litem** (GAL) program.

The GAL is a trained community volunteer who is appointed by the court and whose sole task is to represent the best interests of a child

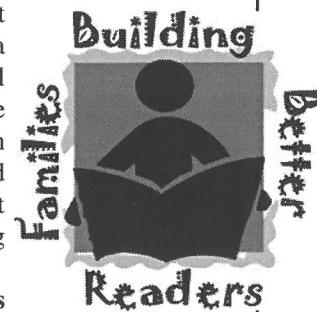
who is involved in court proceedings as a result of having been abused, abandoned, neglected, involved in custody/visitation disputes, or witness to a crime.

Your contribution of that loose pocket "change" in those designated receptacles will again assist in "Helping Heal Hurting Hearts."

Families Building

Better Readers

On Saturday, March 3 at 9:30 a.m., a reading workshop will be led by Jana Sterling, a Trinity member, under the Volunteer Florida Foundation. This workshop will teach participants how to set children up for a successful reading practice at home with ten research-based activities that improve reading performance.



Families Building Better

Readers (FBBR) is a dynamic reading workshop designed for parents, grandparents, mentors and anyone who wants to help a child in elementary school learn to read and enjoy reading.

Please call Jana Sterling for more information at 922-6310.

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