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

## Help is on the way for Moor Hall

Marti Chumbler

Moor Hall Renovation Campaign Chair

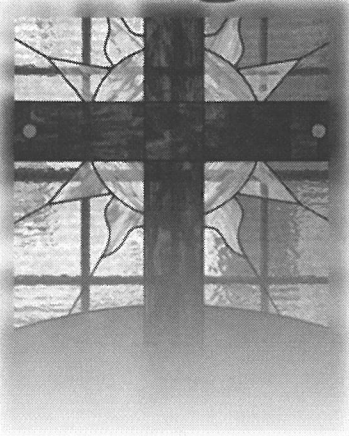
### Dear fellow Trinity family members

If your home is like mine, the kitchen seems to be the room toward which everyone gravitates. More formal activities may occur in either the dining room or the living room/parlor, but the casual camaraderie and the lively conversation most often takes place in the kitchen. At Trinity, our kitchen is both literally and figuratively Moor Hall. Moor Hall is where we gather for meals, for contemporary worship, for Christian education, for entertainment, for fund-raising, and for meetings. It truly serves as Trinity's fellowship center. In fact, the definitions of "fellowship" that I find in my dictionary – "friendly relationship" or "companionship" – seem to be perfect descriptions for the many and varied activities that happen in Moor Hall.

Moor Hall also serves as a vital part of Trinity's outreach to the community. It is the location of countless workshops and meetings of non-profit organizations like Compassionate Friends, for the annual

Community Christmas Dinners, for Christmas parties for homeless families, and for forums on current issues facing Tallahassee.

## the Moor Hall Renovation PROJECT



For more than 40 years, Moor Hall has been an integral part of the life and outreach of Trinity. Despite that, very little has been done to update the facility since it was first built. In order to serve both its current and future uses, we plan to start a long overdue renovation of Moor Hall in June, as soon as Vacation Bible School is over. An architectural rendering of the planned renovation – which is estimated to cost \$300,000 – is located on an easel in the narthex on Sunday mornings, and in the Welcome Center through the rest of the week.

### We need your help

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, you will be given the opportunity to make a pledge in support of this much needed renovation of Moor Hall. Your pledge can be made one time or can be spread out over the period from May to

August. We just ask that you complete your commitment before Labor Day. Since May 13<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day, we are suggesting that you dedicate your gift to the mothers in your life – whether that is a mother that you are actually related to or a mother-figure who has played a significant role in your life.

Celebrate Mother's Day by investing in the future of our Trinity family!

### New features for renovated Moor Hall

- Cover entire floor with removable, washable carpet squares
- Install curtains to dampen outside noise and to darken the room in order to better see video shown on the screens
- Remove faulty sliding glass doors and replace with insulated windows and French doors, and relocate the memorial stained glass cross to face the prayer garden
- Buffer Moor Hall from kitchen noise
- Install new up-to-date audio-video system
- Add new energy efficient, flexible lighting
- Enlarge the stage and add storage

A booklet listing all donors and honorees will be given out at the rededication of Moor Hall.

A brochure with details for contributing will be mailed out soon.

## Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from March 10, 2007 through April 10, 2007:



**In memory of Brenton C. Hultgren** by Gail Stewart and Deitra Shoemaker.

**In memory of Lucile Doonan** by Carol and Edgar Moore.

**In memory of Roberta McElroy Sparks** by Nell and Josh Morse (for H.E.O.).

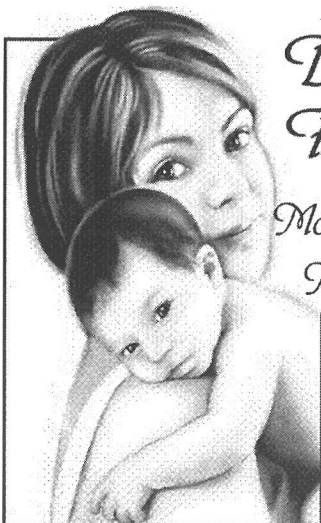
**In memory of McKenzie Ellen Conn** by Carol and Edgar Moore.

**In memory of Marjorie Miller** by Oberley and Ledley Brown (for H.E.O.).

**In memory of Helen Walker** by Neddy and DeWitt Sumners (for H.E.O.), Chris and Dan Lucas, John and Mary Leslie Olson, and Duncan and Mary Ann Moore (for H.E.O.).

**In honor of Kelly Rains** by Eleanor P. Hale (for H.E.O.).

**In honor of Ollie Dawirs** by Harvel N. Dawirs.



*Don't  
Forget*

*Mother's Day  
May 13*

## Heart to Heart

### Mother's Day and National Family Week

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

*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6*

When our oldest son, Keith, was about three years old, a couple in our church kept him so that Pat and I could go out for the day. When we got back, they told us that as they were preparing to eat their lunch, Keith said, "Stop! We can't eat yet!" "Why not?" they asked. "Because we haven't said the blessing." Oh!?

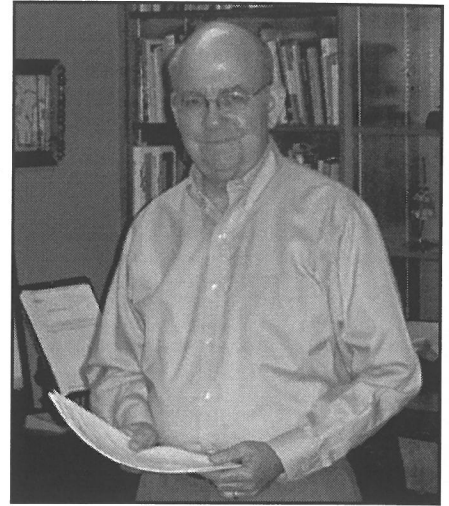
Now Keith's own son, Bradley, is about two and a half. The last time we were in their home, Bradley asked the blessing.

"God is good. God is great. Let us thank him for our food. Amen. Yeah!"- (clap, clap, clap!)

I found out Bradley wasn't applauding for himself, but for God. Pretty good theological insight I thought. It's not what we have done, but rather what God has done for us. I believe the term we use for this in the church is praise; i.e. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

We each need to "praise" Him in the manner and style that fits our demeanor.

Now lest you think I'm saying my grandson is perfect - he is not. For

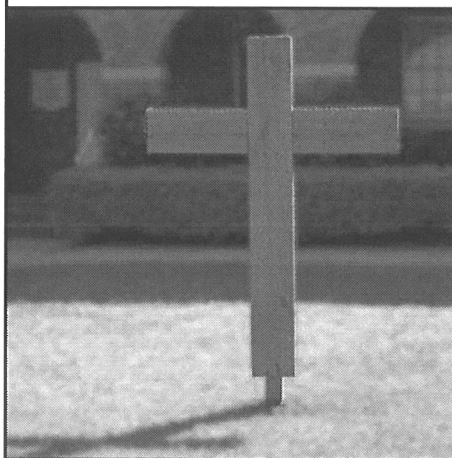


example, that very afternoon, he stayed in bed for two hours without ever going to sleep, as he usually does. As his mother brought him down the stairs, she said, "Bradley, you didn't take a nap today." His reply was "No sleep. Want to play with granddaddy!"

Well, what can I say, except "Praise God!"

*John*

### Trinity Easter flower cross beautiful as ever



*The cross in the courtyard was decorated again by the congregation with colorful posies. This year there were azaleas, camellias, gerber daisies, marigolds, amaryllis, carnations, lilies, mums, and orchids.*

## Victims of our own success?

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music

Occasionally, a Chancel Choir member mentions to me that he or she encouraged someone to consider joining the choir, but the response was along the lines "Oh, the choir

is so good, and I'll make them sound worse."

It's the combination of voices that makes a choir, not individual voices. Sure, we have a number of trained singers in the group,

but they number about 25% of the choir. The ability to read music is pretty important since we read through a lot of music each month. There are no auditions! You can

always sing with the choir for a few weeks to see how it goes, and stop if it doesn't seem to be working for you. *Special note: Instrumentalists often make excellent choir members!*

### Join Chancel Choir for a few weeks

Every year as we near the summer, our Chancel Choir starts dwindling. Some members are out the entire summer and some just weeks at a time. The bottom line is, we would really benefit from a few additional singers. How about you? Here's your chance to be part of our wonderful choir for a few weeks. We hope you will consider joining us for practice on Wednesday nights starting May 9 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Let's say you will be traveling too and can only sing with us half the Sundays in May and June ... come anyway!



Members of the Chancel Choir on Music Ministry Sunday included, front row left to right: Barbara Leonard, Rhonda Work, Margie Wright, Nancy Kerce, Mary Marchant, Jan Jarrett; second row: Kristin Dow, Organist Elizabeth LaJeunesse, Donna Bryan, Rita May, Doris Laird, Janet Stainer, Lillian Byrd; third row: Sue Parsons, Sue King, Carol Marchant, Victoria Tettey, Samantha Hunter, Cindy Repasky, Holly Francis; fourth row: Kathy Drake, Frank Leonard, Bill Kappes, Waldie Anderson, Gregory Hilliard; fifth row: Music Director Mark Repasky, Brian Dow, Marshall Mott-Smith, Eric King, Warren May, Mark Bird, and Robert Large.



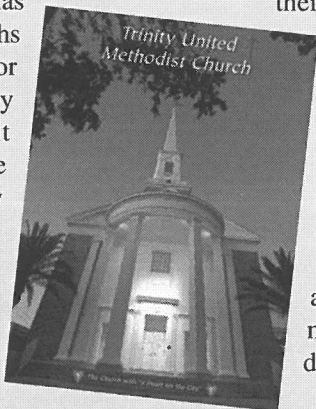
## Pictorial directories now available

Just when you were certain that the church directory would never get here, it has arrived! Yes, it has been quite a few months since everyone sat for their directory portraits. And, yes it has been a long time in coming, but now they're here.

Make sure to pick up your copy on Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings 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 over 1,500 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.

## Easter offering results

Those little envelopes with the Easter lilies came back with lots of promise and hope for the Trinity youth. As you may know, this year's Easter offering was dedicated to scholarships for the youth who are going to Leesburg summer camp this year.

The returns exceeded expectations and, as a result, all scholarships are fully funded for this year's participants.

This camp has proven to be a life-changing experience for so many of Trinity's youth. Many have come back speaking of the conversion that took place while at summer camp.

Since the youth are the future of the church, your donation was an investment in the future of Trinity. Thank you for your help!



## Parents night out!

Make plans now for a night out as the Trinity youth host their first "Parents Night Out" on **Saturday, June 2**. They will be offering their babysitting services to all parents who are looking for a night out without the kids.

Babysitting will be offered to children ages 1 year through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They will watch the children in the Gregory Room (youth area) of our church and plan to have fun activities to keep everyone busy. Hours will be 5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and services will be provided by donation.

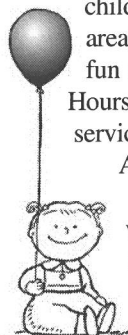
A small snack will be provided.

Proceeds from your donations will be used for youth mission trips with 10% going to the Moor Hall Renovation Project.

This is a great way for Trinity youth to provide a helpful service to our members while raising funds to support missions and Moor Hall.

Reservations are needed by May 30. To reserve your spot, please call Kelly Rains at 222-1120 with the name and age of the child that needs our services.

This will be a fun event for everyone! Make plans now for your "date night out" and let the Trinity Youth take care of the kids!



**Parents Night Out!**

## New pew cushions

The Trustees have recently purchased and installed new pew cushions.

As you may have already noticed, the new cushions were put in during the month of February. They have a tuft and button design, which hopefully will wear better, and hold their shape longer than the previous cushions which were a velvet fabric stretched over a foam base.

If you see anything that needs fixing, please let one of the trustees or a staff member know. Often times, the only way the trustees learn of something not working is by hearing it from a member of the congregation.



## Can you take photos?



The **Tidings** is always looking for different views of our church activities. There are times when no staff person is available to attend church events with a camera. Can you help?

Please call Rex Adams at the church office at 222-1120 if you have photos to share from a recent event.



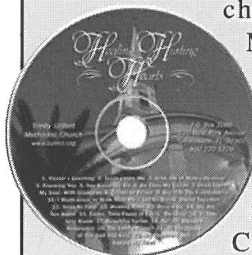
## Attention all graduates

You've attended all of the lectures and aced all of your tests. Now it's time to let people see what you have done! The **Tidings** will publish your picture and a brief description of the High School or University from which you have graduated, as well as any honors or degrees.

Just make sure to submit your information and photo by May 10. The Trinity graduates feature will be in the June/July **Tidings**.

### 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.

## UMW-sponsored Missions will be luncheon topic

Linda Yates

Priscilla Bell, a district officer of United Methodist Women, will speak to Trinity's UMW during a luncheon meeting Tuesday, May 1, in Moor Hall. She will talk about mission sites that women and their families may visit during their summer vacation travels.

calling the church office at 222-1120.

UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:45 that morning in the conference room.

### UMW circles set meetings

**Circle 1** will meet Monday, May 7, at 10 a.m., at the home of Mart Hill, 1489 Vieux Carre Drive.

**Circle 2** will meet at 12:45 p.m., Tuesday, May 1, in the church parlor.

**Circle 3**, the Martha Circle, will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 15, at the home of Anne Doonan, 1840 Winery Way.

**Circle 4**, the Aultie Foster Circle, will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 8, in the church library.

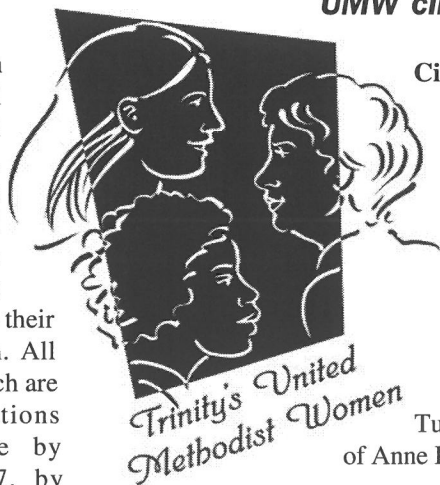
**Circle 5** will meet Thursday evening, May 10, for dinner at a place to be announced by Chairman Patti Oakley.

**Circle 6** will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, May 14, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

**Circle 8** will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, May 2, at St. John's Cafe.

**Circle 9** will meet Tuesday, May 15, at 10 a.m. at the home of Kitty Ball, 702 North Ride.

Recently organized **Circle 10** will meet Thursday evening, May 17, at the home of Jean Young, 2616 Nantucket Lane.



The last luncheon meeting until September will begin at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall and is expected to end before 1 p.m. in time for working women to return to their offices after lunch. All women of the church are invited. Reservations should be made by Friday, April 27, by



## Youth news

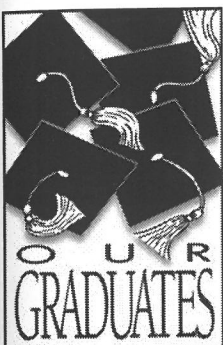
Kelly Rains  
Youth Director

### A Note from Kelly ...

I can't tell you how excited I am to have the opportunity to be a part of Trinity's youth. We have a great group of middle school and high school students that are willing to serve and be an active part of this congregation.

### High School Graduates

Graduate Recognition will be Sunday, May 13 at the 11:00 a.m. service, preceded by a brunch at 10:00 a.m. Don't forget to bring your cap and gown that day. Please contact Kelly Rains at the church (222-1120) so that you can be included in this special day.



For the month of April we focused on many different service opportunities and nearly reached 100 service hours in one month! We will continue to look for ways to serve this church and our community.

### Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ

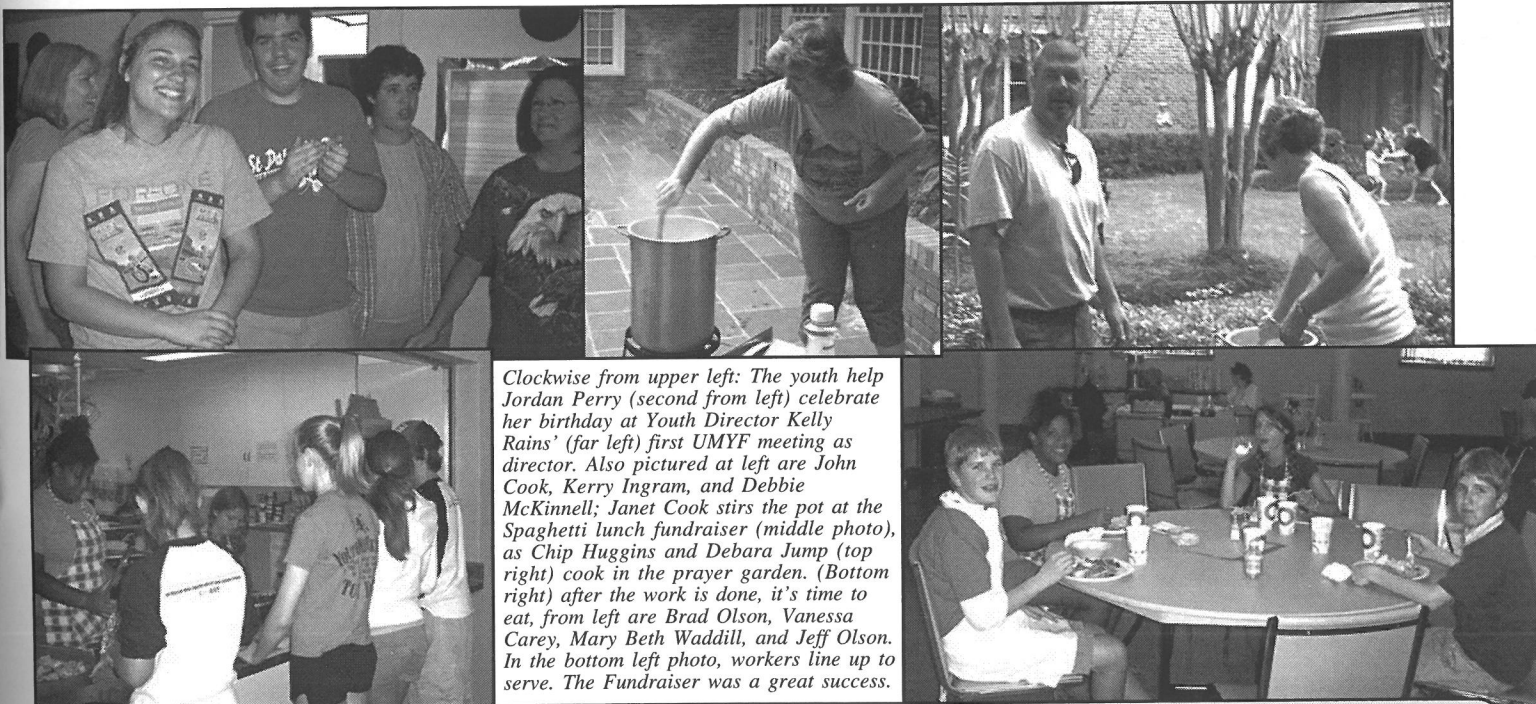
All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders (and their families) are invited to a special BBQ lunch on Sunday, June 3 at 12 noon. We would like to officially welcome you to our youth group and give you some information about UMYF here at Trinity. Current middle school youth will be there to greet you and show you around. Please meet us down in the youth area right after the 11:00 a.m. service. Any questions, call Kelly at 222-1120.



### Upcoming Youth events in April

- May 5 ..... Confirmation Banquet 6:00 p.m.
- May 6 ..... Confirmation Sunday 11:00 a.m. service
- May 6 ..... SaLT Team Meeting 1:00 p.m.
- May 13 ..... Graduate Recognition Breakfast 10:00 a.m.
- May 13 ..... Graduate Recognition Sunday 11:00 a.m.
- June 3 ..... Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ 12 noon
- June 3-9 ..... Youth Week
- June 11-15 ... Vacation Bible School

\*\*\*Last Wednesday Bible Study activities will be May 9  
\*\*\*No UMYF Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day Weekend)



*Clockwise from upper left: The youth help Jordan Perry (second from left) celebrate her birthday at Youth Director Kelly Rains' (far left) first UMYF meeting as director. Also pictured at left are John Cook, Kerry Ingram, and Debbie McKinnell; Janet Cook stirs the pot at the Spaghetti lunch fundraiser (middle photo), as Chip Huggins and Debara Jump (top right) cook in the prayer garden. (Bottom right) after the work is done, it's time to eat, from left are Brad Olson, Vanessa Carey, Mary Beth Waddill, and Jeff Olson. In the bottom left photo, workers line up to serve. The Fundraiser was a great success.*

### Confirmation Activities

All confirmands, parents, and mentors are invited to be our guest at the Confirmation Banquet on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This banquet is held in your honor as you prepare to be confirmed Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at

11:00 a.m. A rehearsal for Sunday will also be included in the events that evening. Other family and friends are invited to join us at the banquet as well, we just ask for a \$6 donation for their meal. Please let Kelly

know how many people will be coming with each confirmand by Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any other questions, please call 222-1120.

## Trinity is Kate Sullivan's "Volunteer of the Year!"

Jane Olson  
Kate Sullivan Reading Mentor Coordinator

Trinity is to be congratulated on being nominated as a Volunteer of the Year in the Non Profit Organization category by Kate Sullivan Elementary School. It is a showing of the school's heartfelt appreciation for all Trinity does for them. Trinity will be honored, along with the other nominees, on Thursday, **April 26 at the University Center Club**. Jane Olson will be proudly representing Trinity.

### Sue Walthall also honored

Sue Walthall has also been nominated as Senior Volunteer of the Year for her continued service to Kate Sullivan as a student mentor. Sue has been with the mentoring program since its inception!

### Help the new library

Anyone interested in donating dollars toward the purchase of a book for their new, nearly completed media center should enclose the donation in an envelope designated for **Kate Sullivan Book Drive** and send it to the church office: Trinity United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1086,



Tallahassee, FL 32302, or simply place it in the Sunday offertory. Checks may be made payable to **KSE PTA - books** and put in an envelope ear marked for **Kate Sullivan books**. A new book will be plated with the designated name or the church's name.

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!

We will continue to collect donations 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.

Contribution forms and further details about how to designate books are available at [www.sullivan.leon.fl.us](http://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](mailto:nelhal2@yahoo.com).

## Trinity Treks for May

On Sunday, May 6, the group will attend the Tallahassee Ballet

for a production of  
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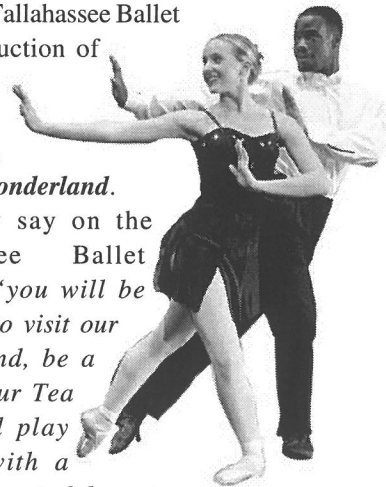
Carroll's  
great story,

*Alice in Wonderland*.

As they say on the Tallahassee Ballet website, "you will be delighted to visit our Wonderland, be a guest at our Tea Party and play croquet with a memorable cast of characters.

So, don't be late, late for this very important date!"

Call Barbara Hynes at 222-1120 for more information.



## Notes from Rita May, Trinity's new HEO Coordinator

Rita May,  
HEO coordinator

I came on board as Trinity's HEO Coordinator April 2! Trinity is my spiritual home...

Trinity is my family, my church. As I sit in front of my computer, overlooking the John Sewell Prayer Garden

from my office window, I wonder "How did I get to this very special place in my life?"

I believe that I have "been in training" for some kind ministry my entire life: I have a deep faith in God, and I have a

life-long interest in people and relationships; I'm a PK (preacher's kid) and grew up around ministry and the church; my career at FSU included 30 years as a teacher, a counselor, and an administrator; I am the mother of three grown sons (and "Grandma" of 6!). Five years ago I "retired" from FSU to fulfill a lifelong dream of mine - to be in volunteer ministry at Trinity and in the Tallahassee community. I have done just that, and I have enjoyed every minute.

At Trinity, with my husband Warren, I am a member of the Chancel Choir. I have been on our Worship and Staff Parish Committees, chaired our SUN Service Launch Team, served as Chair of our Church and Society Ministry Team, and co-chaired the Program Committee for our United Methodist Women. I have mentored at Kate Sullivan, walked in CROP Walks, volunteered in Trinity's office, and visited

and cared for fellow Trinity members. For the past two years I have served as Trinity's Lay Leader.

And now, what an incredible blessing it is for me to be called by this congregation to become the Coordinator for HEO, Trinity's ministry for congregational care. I have "hit the road running" and feel much like a sponge, trying to soak in and to learn all about HEO and its programs.

Thank you ALL for your warm and loving welcome. I am very excited to have the opportunity to be in ministry with YOU!

**P.S. As we plan for HEO and its congregational ministry programs at Trinity in the coming months, I look forward to highlighting them for you in future issues of the Tidings. BE ON THE LOOKOUT!**



New HEO Coordinator, Rita May



## Trinity's Easter Egg Hunt a hit

Despite a very cold day, the inaugural Trinity Easter Egg hunt at Tom Brown Park on Saturday, April 7 was well attended with eager, and chilly egg seekers.

Organized by Tami Chandler and the Children's Ministry team, the hunt featured lots of hidden eggs and a potluck lunch.

The Trinity youth had several representatives helping entertain. Their help was welcomed and appreciated.



*The group at left is comprised of babies, toddlers, children, youth, and adults. It was a very hardy group as the temperatures hovered around 40 degrees. In the photo above, some of the youth entertain the children while the eggs were being hidden.*

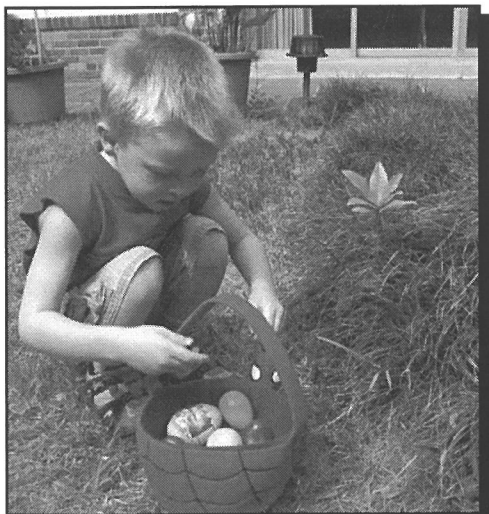


## Preschool kids enjoy searching for eggs

The preschool kids enjoyed hunting for eggs in the prayer garden! We "hid" over 750 eggs for the kids to find (and we even found two in the bushes left over from last year! Yummy.

*At right, Claire Huggins fills up her Easter basket.*

*In the photo below, Beau Waldron looks in the grass for even more eggs.*



*Livvy Stripling is all smiles in the photo to the right.*



*In the photo above, some of the two year olds searching for eggs.*



# Avalanche Ranch! Vacation Bible School (VBS) for 2007

This year Trinity is a stampede of excitement as we get ready to visit **Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride through God's Word**. At **Avalanche Ranch** kids will jump into Bible learning as they visit various Ranch Stations each day. These will include:

- **Sing and Play Stampede**
- **Horseplay Games**
- **Chadder's Wild West Theater**
- **Cowpoke Crafts and Missions**
- **Wild Bible Adventures**
- **Chuckwagon Chow**
- **Showtime Roundup**

In addition they will have an opportunity to help out children around the world through **Operation Kid-to-Kid**. They will have a chance to purchase items at the **Ranch Trading Post** which will be distributed to needy children.

You won't want to miss a minute of the fun, so sign up today, invite some friends and get ready for an awesome Bible-learning adventure!

**Essential VBS Information:**

**Dates:** June 11-15, 2007

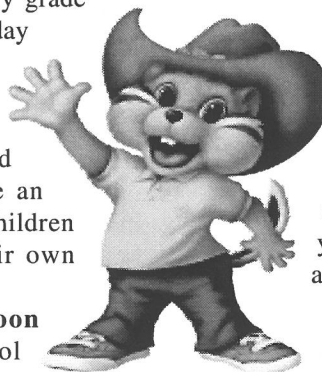
**Time:** 8:45-12:00 noon

**Early Bird (by May 1):** \$15/child, \$30/family

**After May 1:** \$25/child, \$50/family

**Elementary Afternoon Program:** An afternoon program (until 5:30 p.m.) will be offered for elementary grade children. **SORRY - AFTERNOON SESSION IS FULL** There are only a limited number of spaces and will be on a first come first served basis. There will be an additional \$50/child. Children will need to bring their own lunch.

**Preschool Afternoon Program:** Preschool children needing full-day care must be enrolled through our weekday preschool summer program. Space is very limited. To sign up contact Stacey Duggar, our Preschool Director, at 224-8992.



**For Parents:** There is lots to be done to prepare for Avalanche Ranch. Be sure to check the areas where you can help on the back of the registration form. To get ready for our adventure, parents and other interested adults are invited to Room 308 (Craft Room) at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and Sundays at 9:45 a.m. starting on April 18. Each week we will work on the props for the Bible adventures and the scenery to create the

Ranch décor with awesome hallways and activity stations. The day before VBS we will need lots of help in the afternoon transforming the building and getting ready. If you can't be there during the week, this is one way you can help prepare an awesome adventure for your child.

**Youth:** Youth volunteers are an important part of our VBS. Rising 6th-12th grader youth may register to help. There is

**no charge** for them to participate. All volunteers **must attend a training session** prior to VBS.

## May's "Change" goes to America's Second Harvest

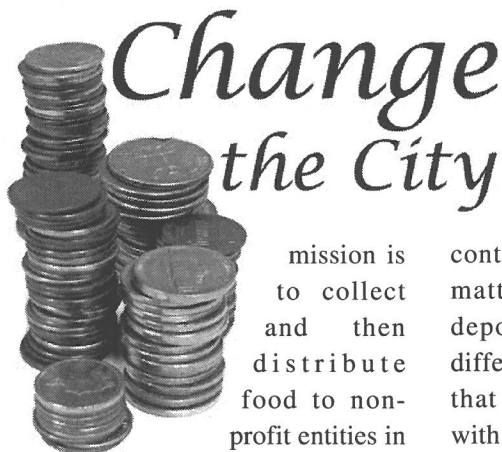
Ron Hock  
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair



America's Second Harvest has been selected as the recipient of the February "Change." This organization is private and non-profit and has been dedicated to fighting hunger since 1982. Their

problem and solutions to hunger. Each year over 4 million pounds of food is distributed in the Big Bend. Each month over 1,200 grocery bags are delivered for the elderly in need.

Be assured that your placement of that pocket "change" in those designated containers at church, no matter how small the deposit, does make a difference and does show that Trinity is a church with a Heart for the City. Feeding the hungry is just another way to Help Heal many Hurting Hearts.



mission is to collect and then distribute food to non-profit entities in the Big Bend area that feed people in need. They also seek to increase public awareness of the hunger

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