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

Stewardship 2007 - Making Dreams Come True

David and Elaine Freni
Stewardship Committee, Communications

Dear fellow Trinity Members,

During the next few weeks, you will be hearing more about "Making Dreams Come True," this year's Stewardship theme. With the thoroughness of this Campaign, we are hoping that we will reach every family and every individual of this great Church.

Very soon you will be receiving a pledge card in the mail for the 2008 Trinity United Methodist Church stewardship campaign. This allows you to indicate your planned financial support and service at Trinity in the year ahead.

We pray that each one of you will recognize your responsibilities and do what your heart prompts you to do.

Stewardship is not something new, but it does require constant renewal. When we recognize God's boundless generosity, we are awakened to our need to give in return. When we learn to give as God gives, we experience a faith-filled feeling that makes giving easy. We are asking you to make a

financial commitment to support the programs and needs and desires at Trinity United Methodist Church. It is your support that will enable us to carry out God's work at Trinity and in this community.

November 4th will be Celebration Sunday with just **one worship service at 11:00 a.m.** We hope that you will bring your commitment card to worship and participate in returning them during a special part of the service.

Following this special service, there will be a re-dedication of the new Moor Hall that will include a light buffet lunch and

other surprises.

It will be a great day for all of us in the church as we continue to build a community of faith and have a Heart for the City.

Sincerely,
**Stewardship Committee,
Communications**

Elaine and David Freni, Eric and Susan King, and John and Stacey Kenny

Re-dedication of the New Moor Hall on Celebration Sunday

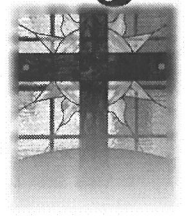
Plans are being finalized for the Celebration Sunday extravaganza and re-dedication of the new Moor Hall.

Since there will only be **one service at 11:00 a.m. on Celebration Sunday, November 4**, there will be a large congregation. Sunday School will be held at the usual time at 9:45 a.m.

Watch for more information about Celebration Sunday on flyers around the church and in the weekly bulletins.

Make plans now to be a part of this wonderful event.

the
**Moor Hall
Renovation
PROJECT**



At a glance

Celebration Sunday Information

- **Sunday, November 4**
- **One worship service at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Bring your commitment card**
- **Re-dedication of Moor Hall**
- **Light buffet lunch**
- **Special surprises**

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from August 10, 2007 through September 10, 2007:



In memory of **William J. "Bud" Flynn** by Glenn S. Rankin.

In memory of **R. Spencer Burress** for Fannie Wilson Smith Trust: Mrs. John J. Teague.

It's great being green

Barbara Hynes, Minister of Programs
Kathy Drake, Programs Assistant

Jumping right back into our fall program, "W.H.A.L.E. Watch," the NETkids have begun looking at our earth with a new perspective. After building their own "creations" out of recyclable materials, Susan Koehler began to throw trash on them! Our students were outraged by this total lack of respect for what they had made...and rightly so. Of course, the lesson in all of this was, "How do you think it makes God feel when we treat his creation in such a disrespectful way?" Ah hah! Hopefully, a few light bulbs went off and we are ready to begin W.H.A.L.E. Watch with "W" (WATER). If you see some of our children lugging gallon jugs of water through the building, don't be concerned! They are just getting a new appreciation of what many children in other countries have to do every day. Fresh water is a luxury and does not appear at the turn of a faucet for most of the world's population. In the Treehouse, Lynn Barr and Bobbie Williams will be helping the kids build some watersheds to demonstrate the flow of water into larger bodies of water and all of the toxins that can come along with it. They will also discover the side effects of fertilizer use by growing their own "green goo" (algae)! We hope to visit a nearby pond or lake after we sing for the residents at HarborChase on Halloween, so we can see examples of what we've been discussing.

Look for our informative posters throughout the building, as well as some of our recycled creations on display in Moor Hall on Wednesday evenings, as a reminder for you to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

Can you sponsor altar flowers?

Why not honor someone special in your life in an unforgettable way. Celebrate your occasion by sponsoring altar flowers in their name.

For more information, contact Michele in the church office at 222-1120

Heart to Heart

How Do We Have a Bigger Heart? How Do We Make Dreams Come True?

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

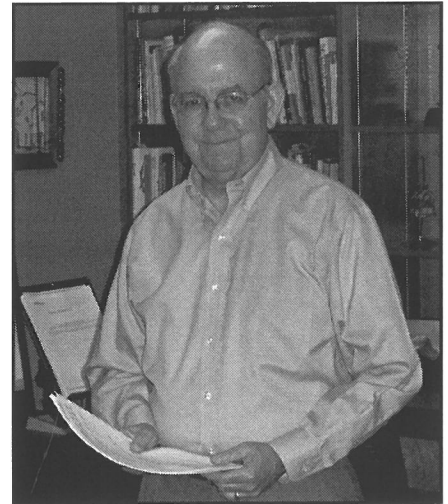
Having a bigger heart for the city is our focus for the rest of this year and 2008. It's not that we don't already have a heart for the city, rather it's we want to have a bigger heart!

What that means is we need to do more in the way of increasing our giving and have more involvement by the congregation. We have many areas that we are already involved in; therefore, I am not suggesting that we start something new. We need to have more people participating in these ministries. When we do, we help dreams come true.

Suppose you had no health insurance even though you were working. Picture not feeling well and ending up one evening at the Neighborhood Health Services Walk-In Clinic. Then suppose you were diagnosed with a chronic heart condition and needed a prescription you couldn't afford. The clinic would help you get the medicine that you couldn't afford, in addition to treating you.

When people are in the process of dying, among other things, they are concerned about the pain and dying alone. There is a place that we support and work with, that helps people with both of these things. It is, of course, Hospice.

Jesus spent much of his ministry healing people. He also gave hope and comfort to two dying men while on the cross. Shouldn't we do the same? My dream is that we can do this



throughout this next year.

Here is a list of places that we are trying to have a bigger heart for by making their dreams come true. We will focus on one ministry each month:

Girls Choir of Tallahassee
Kate Sullivan Elementary School
Boys & Girls Club
Habitat for Humanity
Neighborhood Health Services
The Shelter
Hospice
Refuge House
ECHO
Hope House
Hilltop Residential
Big Bend Cares

Music news for October

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

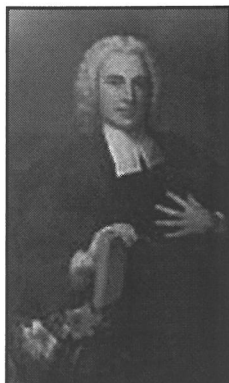
Welcome to Our New College Music Intern

Nathan Cannon recently joined the staff at Trinity as a College Music Intern. His primary responsibilities are to assist with the Youth Choir and College/Career Handbells.

Presently a junior at the FSU college of Music, his major instrument is trumpet though he also plays piano and sings. Nathan has a strong church/faith background that makes him ideally suited for his new position here at Trinity. In his youth, he sang in church youth choirs and rang handbells at his high school. He plans to play trumpet as part of our Charles Wesley celebration October 14 and will be leading the Youth Choir at Sunday worship services on October 28.

Charles Wesley Celebration

October 14 will be a special Sunday here at Trinity. We are celebrating the 300th anniversary of Charles Wesley's birth. He wrote thousands of hymns (words only, not the music) during his lifetime. About 50 of his hymns are in our Methodist Hymnal, including such favorites as "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," and "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today."



Charles Wesley

Services on October 14 will feature more music than usual. Several additional instrumentalists will also participate. A special musical surprise is planned for that morning also, but you need to come to the services to find out what that is!

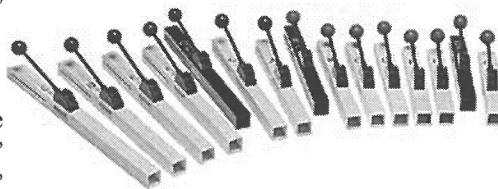
Can I Join?

Someone recently asked if it is too late to join one of the music groups at Trinity. We welcome new members to Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, NETkids Choirs and College/Career Handbells, at any time. Simply come to one of our rehearsals and we will sign you up! You can also contact me at the church for additional information. If interested in Circle of Friends, our adult praise band (Lisa Prasse, music director), our Youth Praise Band (Jim McKinnell, music director), or Trinity Ringers (Mark Repasky, music director), contact the music directors of each group by calling (222-1120) or e-mailing the church (trinity@tumct.org).

Handchimes Anyone?

We have a brand new Seniors Handchime Ensemble here at Trinity. They meet on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and have been together for just a few weeks.

We could use a few more participants. Interested? Contact Mark Repasky at the church.



Help with props for Amahl and the Night Visitor

Please contact Mark Repasky at the church if you can loan any of the items listed below to us. Dates for the performances are December 5 and 6.

- Stone (or stump/stool, outside)
- Shepherd's pipe for Amahl, and possibly a second one if needed for another shepherd in dance scene
- Crutch
- Small oil lamp for house
- Small stool for house
- Straw pallet
- Bench (wide enough for all three kings to sit upon)
- Heavy lantern for page
- Coffin of gold
- Chalice of myrrh
- Urn of incense
- Oriental rug
- Bird cage with parrot
- Jeweled box
- Various colored gem stones for box
- Licorice
- Sticks, for restarting fire
- Multiple lanterns for shepherds
- Baskets to hold fruits and vegetables
- Some semblance of the following: olives, quinces, apples, raisins, nutmeg, myrtle, medlars, chestnuts, citrons, lemons, musk, pomegranates, goat cheese, walnuts, figs, cucumbers, hazelnuts, camomile, mignonettes, laurel, honeycombs, cinnamon, thyme, mint, garlic

A very generous church

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan School Reading All-Stars liaison

Here's to the most generous congregation! The outpouring of donated school supplies for Kate Sullivan was itemized and delivered to the school the week before students returned to the classroom. The look of astonishment on the faces of staff and faculty was priceless. As the boxes of supplies were brought in a few of the teachers began clapping! Kate Sullivan is so very appreciative of the supplies for the students, as these necessities for the school year can be

distributed without any single student being known to "be without." What a wonderful way to begin the school year. I want to share with you a listing of your donation of supplies:

- 350 pocket folders
- 63 boxes colored pencils
- 55 fiskar scissors
- 84 composition books
- 57 boxes Kleenex
- 44 boxes crayons
- 37 pencil boxes
- 22 packs pencils
- 39 boxes highlighters



- 27 spiral notebooks
- 19 boxes markers
- 16 glue sticks
- 5 notebook paper packs

Please know how much this outpouring means to the mindset of the students because that is what this community outreach is all about.

The Reading All Stars mentoring program began with a training session on Thursday, Sept. 13. Further information can be obtained from the September Tidings or contact Jane Olson at janeolson@embarqmail.com or 385-4540.

Again, Kate Sullivan thanks you all ...

Youth news for October

Kelly Rains
Youth Director



A Note from Kelly ...

Well, we are off and running down here in the Underground! With school in full swing and regular activities back, these youth sure do stay busy. That doesn't mean we can't find time to play. We kicked off the new school year with a pool party and a bowling night at the new Capital Lanes. We also just returned from Rock the Universe (a weekend full of Christian concerts and fellowship). All 29 of us had a great time even though we had very little sleep!

Speaking of little sleep, our new **SaLT (Servant Leadership Team)** had a work lock-in where we stayed up all night and cleaned up our youth area. These youth leaders

really worked hard and served all night with no sleep. We did find time to go to Starbucks though for a little caffeine!

As we head into October, the youth will be focusing on their commitment to the church and their participation here at Trinity. As



BOWLING

members, these youth have lots to offer with their prayers,

presence, gifts, and service.

There is no telling

what they will do, but I am sure they will continue to surprise me and exceed my expectations.

Upcoming Youth events for October

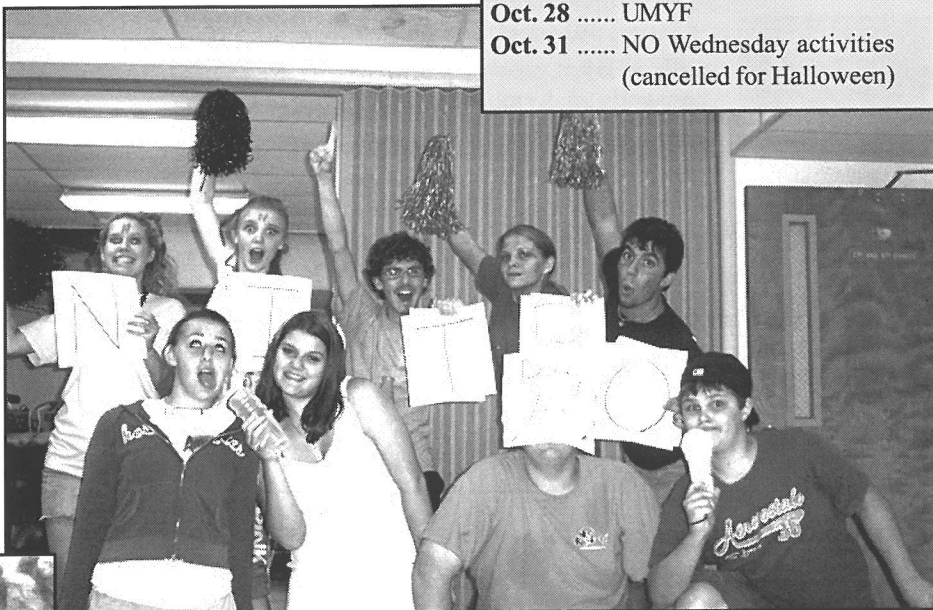
- Oct. 3 Wednesday school pick-up and Bible studies
- Oct. 5 Mid-High Madness at Skate World (check website for details)
- Oct. 7 SaLT Team meeting 12:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7 UMYF
- Oct. 10 Wednesday school pick-up and Bible studies
- Oct. 14 UMYF
- Oct. 17 Wednesday school pick-up and Bible studies
- Oct. 21 UMYF
- Oct. 24 Wednesday school pick-up and Bible studies
- Oct. 26 Senior High Activity (check website for details)
- Oct. 28 UMYF
- Oct. 31 NO Wednesday activities (cancelled for Halloween)

The SaLT Team for 2007-2008

Tori Bradley
Caitlyn Chrisco
John Cook
AnnaLee Drake
Alex Drake
Bob High
Emily Hirst
Natalie Jump
Jimmy McKinnell
John Rains
Malinda Rains
Amanda Wolfe



SaLT

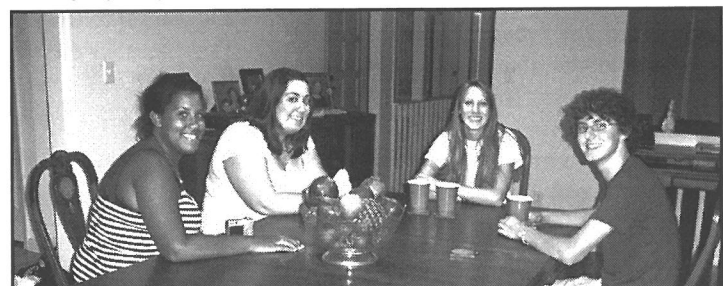


Some of the members of the SaLT team perform a skit on pollution for NETkids in the photo above, as part of a service project. In the photo at left, Malinda Rains, Michaela Wolfe, Justice Merlau, April Bradley, and Alex Ingram enjoy the back to school party at the High's. In the bottom photo, non-swimmers discuss the upcoming school year. From left they are, Vanessa Carey, Lyndsey Cook, Melissa Gilleland, and Jimmy McKinnell.



Have you checked out the youth website lately?

www.geocities.com/undergroundministries





In the photo above, a large group represented Trinity at the "Rock the Universe" concert in Orlando. In the photo at bottom left, The SaLT team and the "Pepper," J.D. Renken, take time out for some Starbucks during the work lock-in. In the photo at bottom right, the youth enjoyed Mo's and a movie on "Movie Night" on a recent Sunday evening.



UMW will hear about ministry of volunteers

Linda Yates

Trinity's new director of HEO, Rita May, will speak at the October 2 luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women on the ministry of volunteers in the Help Each Other program started by a small committee of UMW members in 1980. She will tell the story of how HEO progressed through the years to become a churchwide ministry involving more than 50 volunteers who visit and provide services to shut-ins, the sick and new mothers, and assist with receptions following funeral services at Trinity.

The luncheon begins at 11:45 in Moor Hall. Reservations for the lunch, open to all women of the church, should be made by calling the church office at 222-1120 by Friday, Sept. 28.

UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:45 a.m. Oct. 2 in the conference room.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at the home of Kathy Pope, 3010 Sawgrass Circle, at 10 a.m., Monday, Oct. 8. Linda Wells will be the speaker.

Circle 2 will meet immediately following the Oct. 2 UMW luncheon meeting in the church parlor.

Information about the **Circle 3** meeting at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, may be obtained from Sandra Genetin at 562-3777.

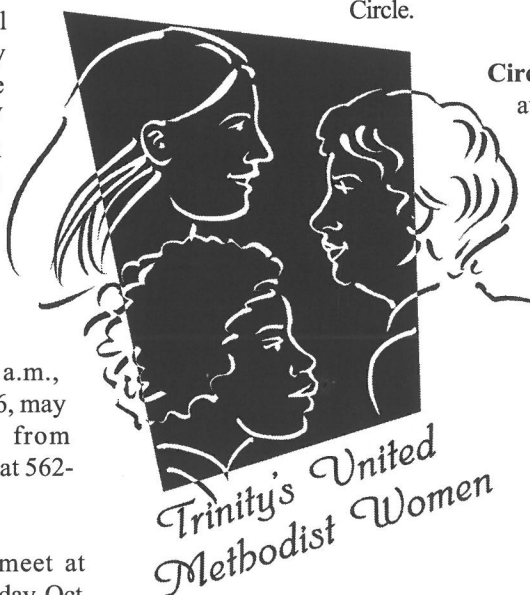
Circle 4 will meet at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9, in the church library.

Circle 5 will meet Thursday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m. at the home of Patti Oakley, 1804 W. Indian Head Drive.

Circle 6 will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Oct. 8, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at St. Johns Cafe.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16, in the Fireside Lounge, Parry Building, at Westminster Oaks with Rubie Butterworth serving as hostess.



CROP WALK 2007

Phyllis McCranie
Trinity liaison to CROP WALK 2007

CROP WALK is a national annual event coordinated by the Church World Services to help alleviate hunger locally and in undeveloped countries. Almost 2,000 cities and towns nationwide join together in interfaith community CROP Hunger Walks around the theme "We walk because they walk." The three mile Tallahassee 2007 CROP WALK will start at E. Greene Peck Park downtown on Park Avenue across from Trinity on Sunday, November 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Help end hunger locally

Each year hundreds of members from local churches participate by walking and collecting donations of non-perishable food and financial sponsorships of the walkers. Twenty-five percent of the monetary contributions collected during the event go to local 501C3 food distribution agencies like the Shelter. The remaining contributions go to state, national and international emergencies, as well as long-term food and clean water development in 80 developing

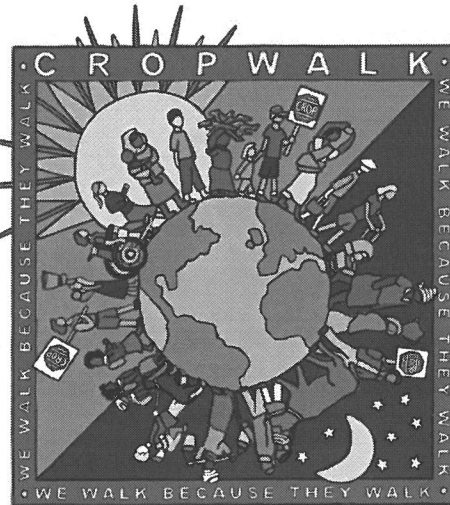
nations around the world. The Tallahassee goal is to raise \$20,000 and three tons of food.

How Crop Walk Works

Each church or organization recruits members to walk. The walkers then obtain donations from sponsors before the walk. The goal of each walker is to collect at least \$100 but any amount is welcome.

How Can You Get Involved

There are three ways to get involved. 1) You can sign up to walk and recruit donations prior to the event to support your efforts. 2) You can make a donation by check



to Crop Walk or Crop/CWS and give it to Trinity's Crop Walk liaison, Phyllis McCranie. 3) You can donate non-perishable food to be used locally by area charities.

Non-perishable food donations should be delivered to the parking lot across

from the Star Metro Station on the corner of Adams and Call Streets beginning at 12:30 on the day of the event. For walkers, registration and a "Beans Lunch" will begin at 1:00. The walk starts at 2:00.

To get involved and learn more details about this important initiative, contact Phyllis McCranie by phone at (850) 671-4815 or by email at pamccranie@embarqmail.com.

Helping Each Other...Volunteers jump into fall!!

Rita May
HEO coordinator

With the close of summer, comes the excitement of fall, a time of renewed ministry at Trinity. Thanks to your overwhelmingly positive response, HEO has a new and up-to-date compilation of volunteers, ready to serve. The wheels are turning, as many HEO programs have geared up once again.

always say 'yes' when I call to ask if you might be able to visit with someone whose caregiver needs a respite?" She replied, "Why, of course, I do. I always



The New Baby Ministry team has been busy all summer long, delivering receiving blankets and meals. Prayers and Squares, Trinity's quilting ministry team members, are sewing beautiful prayer quilts. Trinity Chefs are preparing meals, both in

Trinity's kitchen and in individual homes. Our Food Pantry Ministry team recently met to put together over 100 "snack packs" for Trinity's homeless friends. Our HEO Visitation volunteers, our Upper Room delivery volunteers, and our Individual Special Ministries volunteers are already engaged in vital service.

Recently I asked one of HEO's already-very-busy volunteers, "Why is it that you

can find the time to spend with someone who needs me to help." She is one of many HEO volunteers who give living testimony to the words "Serve one another in love." (Galatians 5:13)

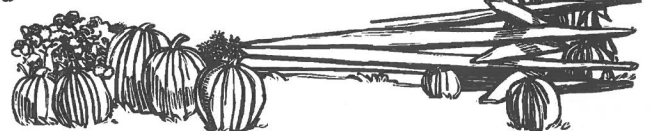
There are nearly one hundred Helping Each Other volunteers at Trinity United Methodist Church who are enriching the lives of others.



Trinity Chefs volunteers make delicious meals that are later delivered to those in need. The Trinity Chefs are from far left, Oberly Brown, Patti Oakley, Jean Bellyk, Sandy Kappes, HEO Coordinator, Rita May, Mary Margaret Rogers, and Betty Ashlock.

Supportive and caring ministries are definitely alive and well at Trinity!

To volunteer, or if you know of someone who needs the services of HEO, call the office at 222-1120 or email HEO,rmay@tumct.org.



Ministry of the month

Habitat for Humanity

Ron McCranie

Trinity liaison to Habitat for Humanity

What Is Habitat for Humanity International?

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose goal is to eliminate poverty housing from the world. Since its founding, Habitat has built more than 225,000 houses worldwide, providing over 1,000,000 people with safe, decent, affordable shelter.

How does it work?

Through volunteer labor and donations of money and materials, Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with

the help of the homeowner families. Habitat houses are sold to the homeowner/partner families at no profit and financed with affordable loans. Habitat is not a giveaway program. In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage payments, homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor into building their house and the houses of others.



Habitat for Humanity®

What is going on in the Tallahassee area?

The local Habitat for Humanity is a very active community service organization. Ten homes have already been built during the past year. Construction of these homes is made possible by area churches, civic and private organizations through financial and volunteer support. Trinity United Methodist has been an active participant

for many years. To find out more about our local Habitat organization, log on to <http://habitably.org>.

How can I be involved?

Many opportunities exist for volunteers to help in the building of local Habitat houses. Typically, volunteer groups come out to help on Saturdays during all building phases, from serving breakfast and setting trusses to painting and landscaping. Volunteers don't need to be master carpenters or plumbers, they just need a willingness to work with others toward helping our fellow man. If you think this is a ministry that you may be interested in, contact Trinity Habitat liaison Ron McCranie for more information. Ron can be reached via telephone at 850-671-4815 or by email at mccranie@hotmail.com.



Reverend Willis advises the Governor

Reverend Willis was invited recently to meet with Governor Charlie Crist on the

important issue of global climate change. Reverend Willis was selected as one of the

religious leaders from the Tallahassee area who advised the governor.

Pastor John G. Willis
Trinity United Methodist Church
120 West Park Avenue
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Pastor:

What a pleasure it was to meet with you today. I sincerely appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to discuss with me the important issue of global climate change. As discussed, we must be good stewards of the precious things God has created for us. I am honored to serve our maker and the People of Florida and I look to our future with excitement.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
Charlie Crist

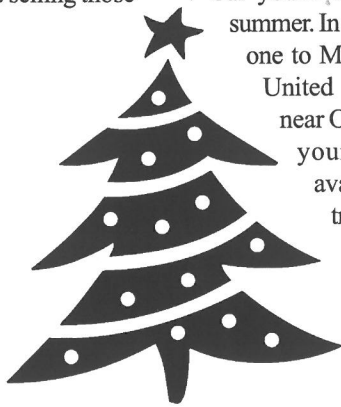


Yes, it's time to start thinking about Christmas!

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

Once again the youth will be selling those wonderful Christmas trees from Stone Mountain Farm, Carolina. These trees are days before we receive them at Trinity and every year we are pleased with their quality.

We will have 100 trees available for sale and we encourage everyone to get their order in early. All sales will be pre-ordered and order forms will be available this month. This annual fundraiser will assist



our youth with their mission trips next summer. In 2008, we have 2 trips planned, one to Mexico and one to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home near Orlando. The youth appreciate your support and are always available to help you load your tree on delivery day. This year, trees will be picked up November 28 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. down in the gravel lot on Call Street. Please mark your calendar and get your orders in early!



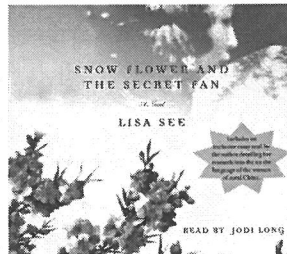
Book Group reads Snow Flower in October

The evening book group will meet to discuss **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan**, a novel by Lisa See. They will meet on **October 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the home of Linda Palmer. Call Barbara Hynes at 222-1120 for more information.

The novel takes place in 19th century China, a time of enforced seclusion for women and girls from the rest of Chinese society. The novel focuses on female friendship in a time of very little

interpersonal relationships.

Snow Flower and Lily form a secret friendship by communicating through secret codes in common objects like fans and handkerchiefs.



October "Change" to help Habitat for Humanity

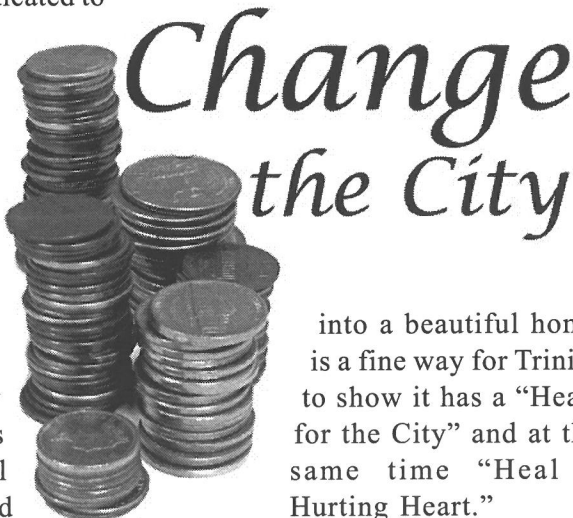
Ron Hock
Church and Society Ministry Co-Chair

The recipient of the October "Change" will be Habitat for Humanity, a local non-profit organization dedicated to

eliminating substandard housing and homelessness. Homeowners help with the construction of their home by contributing 400 hours of sweat equity. Trinity provides financial sponsorship and

volunteer support towards the construction.

Changing a vacant lot



into a beautiful home is a fine way for Trinity to show it has a "Heart for the City" and at the same time "Heal a Hurting Heart."

Trinity website does all of that?

Calendar feature

Lets say there's an event coming up that holds some interest for you but you are unsure as to the exact date and time. And, it's 7:00 p.m. and the church office is closed. How can you find that information? Well, the Trinity website - **www.tumct.org** - is the best place to find your event. Here's how to find your event:

- Go to the main page - **www.tumct.org**
- Click on "calendar" (*it's in the green box in the middle-left part of the page*)
- You will see a calendar grid showing the current week's events. You will also see a couple of links to access "Current Month Events" (Calendar View) and the "Current Month Events" (List View) at the top.
- If your event isn't in the current week, click one of the current month links at the top of the grid. This will take you to a different screen showing events for the month. There is also a link to future months in the upper left hand corner under the Trinity logo.

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