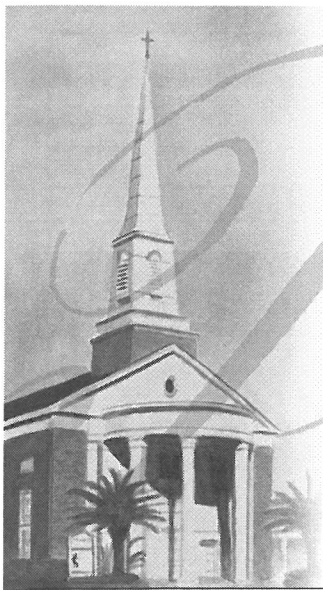




MONTHLY

Tidings

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.

New pastors appointed to Trinity

Having served the United Methodist church in Florida as a District Superintendent for the Gulf Central District since 2001, Reverend Wayne Curry will soon be making his church home in Tallahassee at Trinity as the new Senior Pastor. Joining Reverend Curry at Trinity on July 1, will be Associate Pastor, Tony Fotsch.

Reverend Curry has been living in Clearwater as he serves the Florida Conference as District Superintendent for the Gulf Central District. He was a senior pastor most recently at First United Methodist in Orlando.

New Executive Pastor, Tony Fotsch, comes to Trinity from First United Methodist, Fort Lauderdale. This is the current church of former Trinity associate pastor, Mark Caldwell.

Watch the **Tidings** and other church publications for more information on the Reverends Curry and Fotsch as the date for their arrival approaches.

Cook Family says goodbye to Trinity

Wayne Cook
Executive Pastor

I think Michael W. Smith said it best in a song that was written in the 80's but seems to remain appropriate for my life. The lyrics say:

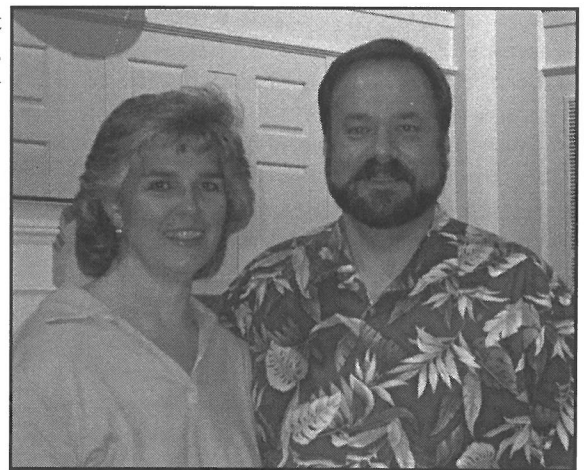
*Packing up the dreams God planted
In the fertile soil of you
I can't believe the hopes He's granted
Means a chapter of your life is through*

*But we'll keep you close as always
It won't even seem you've gone
'Cause our hearts in big and small ways
Will keep the love that keeps us strong*

*And friends are friends forever
If the Lord's the Lord of them
And a friend will not say never
'Cause the welcome will not end
Though it's hard to let you go
In the Father's hands we know
That a lifetime's not too long
To live as friends*

While I am moving to another appointment, I am not leaving.

Let me explain, for the past three years, we have grown to know each other and have developed a relationship that has changed and hopefully enriched your life as much as it has mine. I have learned new lessons about God as we have worshipped, prayed, studied and laughed together. We have shared losses together and come to understand the body of Christ as a giver of peace, comfort and grace in new ways. Yes, I am moving and you won't see me in the office or at worship, you



This picture of Wayne and Janet Cook was taken shortly before Wayne began his ministry at Trinity in July of 2005.

won't hear my voice or my big laugh (at least I'm told it's big) and I won't be seeing you. But, we have a treasure of memories and love that binds us together across distance and

**There will be a reception in
Moor Hall Sunday, March 30,
after the 11 a.m. service for
Reverend Cook and family.**

time. Even though I will be gone physically, I will always be as close as your heart. I will pray for you and ask you to pray for me. And if we never meet again in this life, remember we will have eternity to share. Blessings and the love of Christ to you today and always.

Passionate Worship: Divine Inbreaking

from the Florida
Conference website

On April 11-12 the first of five conferences on the practices of the Methodist way will be held in Gainesville. The conference begins at 11 a.m. Friday, and ends at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Titled **Passionate Worship: Divine Inbreaking**, this conference will focus on the elements of what makes for passionate worship, providing resources for congregations with practical worship

Rev. Willis' presentation is titled "Passionate Traditional Worship." His breakout session is from 3:45 - 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11 in Gainesville.

and team-building ideas, exploring the use of theology, liturgy and the sacraments in worship, and going beyond the worship gathering to reaching those outside the church.

Participants will learn that passionate worship isn't about a particular order or technique or style. What is passionate about our worship is the relationship of faith we have toward Christ as we gather to worship. Having said this, what we do in worship at the functional level, the particular acts of worship, how we attend to God's Word, how we celebrate the sacred acts of baptism and Eucharist, the music we use, the space in which we gather, the media we employ, and how we are led can either encourage or be a distraction from our passionate worship.

The seminar will feature four presentations based on the different movements of worship, plus 21 breakout groups featuring topics such as basic worship planning, worship as spiritual formation, worship in the emerging culture, care and feeding of a praise team and connecting worship to the outside community. There will also be opportunities for you to meet other worship leaders and pastors.

Pastors, worship leaders, worship teams, and all those involved in making worship happen at their local church are encouraged to attend this conference.

The cost is \$90 per person or \$80 per person in groups of 5 or more, not including lodging or any meals. For registration information, go to the Passionate Worship link on the Conference web site.

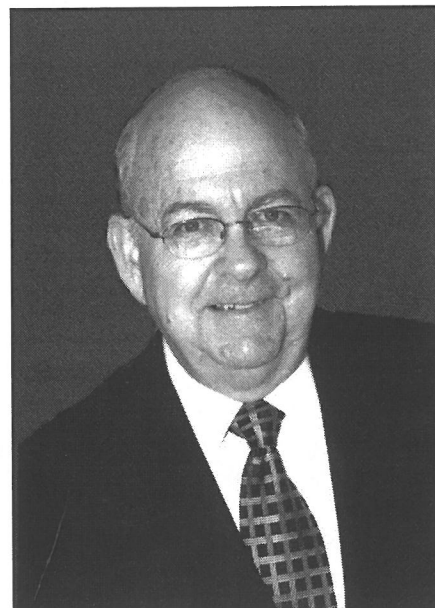
Heart to Heart

The two Waynes

By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor

As most of you know, the Reverend Wayne Cook is leaving us. No one is sadder or happier than I am about this. I am really sorry to see him leave because his time here has been so good. Not only is he a wonderful person to work with, he has been great for the church. When Wayne came to Trinity, I truly believe God sent us the right person at the right time. His gifts and his graces were just what we needed. However, I couldn't be happier for him. Wayne should be in his own church, and Monticello is a wonderful opportunity for him. He will do very well there. I believe it is a great match.

Now the other Wayne is the Reverend Wayne Curry, your new Senior Pastor, who will be here July 1. I have known Wayne for over 25 years. I am so excited about his coming to Trinity! He is the best of the best. You will like Wayne — guaranteed! He has the relational ability and spiritual depth needed to lead this great church in the years to come. I have heard him speak before and not only is he good, but he has the uncanny ability to keep the "main thing, the main thing." As we get closer to his arrival, we will be



sharing more with you about Wayne and his wife Beth.

God bless,

John

My NETkids experience

Rafel Fortier
NETkid - 3rd grade

My experience in Netkids has been very cool because we have been learning about caring for the environment. I think caring for the environment is important so that people and animals have a better place to live in. I also enjoy nature for recreation. My favorite activities are hiking and canoeing.

In Netkids we learned to make cleaning products without chemicals. We made crafts with used materials. We learned about things that pollute the water and how too much

**NETkids musical April 20 -
"So Long, Joel!"**

algae is bad for the water. We also learned how to save water and energy and to reuse and recycle. I personally think that reducing is also important.

I also love playing handbells and orff because they sound so beautiful. I like to practice singing so I can sing to seniors and in musicals so people know about God. Another thing I like about Netkids is that

everyone is so nice. This is my sister's first year of Netkids and I hope she has this experience in her following years of Netkids.



This is one of the NETkids experiments on the effect of fertilizer on water.

April music news

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Chancel Choir's Love Offering

It's what musicians do — prepare music and present it. We do it for many reasons, but with Chancel Choir, the primary focus is serving our congregation. Do we help our people grow closer to God? Sunday after Sunday, the Chancel Choir strives to fulfill its primary mission. Once or twice a year, the choir also presents special music programs of a religious nature, not tied to morning worship services. These are also an important part of our ministry. Events like "Amahl and the Night Visitors" this past Christmas, and our upcoming presentation of Antonin Dvorak's "Mass in D Major," allow the choir to stretch and grow.

These musical offerings are also prepared with our congregation in mind. They too can



The Chancel Choir is known as the flagship music group for Trinity. They provide the music component for worship each Sunday. There is a tremendous amount of vocal talent within the choir that allows a wide range of music to be performed. Between 40 and 50 members perform each Sunday during the year.

Dvorak was a deeply religious man, though he wrote very little sacred music. His "Mass in D Major" is very melodic and quite moving.

There is something mesmerizing about music sung in Latin. It is a very singable language (the English language is quite difficult for singers) and one easily senses the religious nature of the music. Some texts are familiar, like "Kyrie Eleison" (Lord have mercy) and "Gloria in excelsis Deo" (Glory to God in the highest) while others are not as recognizable. A translation of all texts will be in the program. Many well-known

classical composers wrote music for the traditional

Catholic Mass setting, but they were presented in concerts, not during an actual mass. These composers include Beethoven, Bach, Schubert and Mozart. Dvorak's 50-minute mass will be presented Sunday April 13 at 4 p.m. in our sanctuary. A freewill offering will be taken during the concert. A unique feature will be four of our Youth Choir members leading the Chancel Choir in one section of the mass.

NETkids Choirs present "So Long, Joe!"

Since January, our two NETkids Choirs have been preparing for Sunday, April 20. The children will present the 35-minute musical "So Long, Joe," written by Cathy Malstrom and Libby Calhoun, at our morning services. Sheep (members of Alpha Choir, k-2nd grade) will wander down the main aisle of the sanctuary. A caravan will pass by and we'll see Joseph being pulled out of the well and sold as a slave. There is a good ending for Joseph and his family in Egypt, but the children have their own way of telling the story, so you've got to come!



The NETkids Alpha Choir includes children age two years old through kindergarten. Pictured above on the back row, from left, are Alex LaJeunesse, Josh Bryan, Michael Sammons, Claire Reed, Alex Rae Selvey, middle row from left, Mark Ingram, Corinna Carroll, Peyton Merlau, Madison Sterling, Alyssa Cuevas, and Jacob Bos, front row from left, Drew Schaefer, Joseph Parsons, Adriana Fortier, Zac Prasse, Alex Bos, and Ellie LaJeunesse.

bring people closer to God. Since they are not tied to the worship services, these events can bring in more people from our community who are not members of the congregation. So, why not plan to attend and invite someone outside our church to come with you? A 25-piece orchestra from FSU College of Music will accompany our 40 singers. Many people have heard of Dvorak, who lived in the mid to late 1800's. Some may have read a recent Tallahassee Democrat article about the first concert by a major symphony orchestra from the U.S. in communist North Korea recently took place. One of the pieces on the program was Dvorak's "New World Symphony" written while he was living in the U.S.



The NETkids Omega Choir includes children age two years old through kindergarten. Pictured above on the back row from left, are Ben Bryan, Amelia Carroll, Ella Smith, Savannah Sterling, Cassie LaJeunesse, and Haley Drew, middle row from left, Hannah Prasse, Matthew Huggins, Kathryn Crotty, Christopher Francis, Rafel Fortier, and Meredith Huggins, front row from left, Callie Alvarez, Anna Parsons, Lindsay Cunningham, and Sammy Fadool.

Thank you for your donations to the HEO Pantry

(Please keep them coming!)

Thank you for filling the HEO food bin located outside Moor Hall.

Donations from the Trinity congregation are a vital component of the HEO food inventory. Your continued donations are gratefully received—to make this vital food ministry possible.

The following donations are always welcomed:

- juice boxes
- snack size fruit cups or applesauce
- granola bars
- small flip top cans of Vienna sausage or beans
- bottled water
- individual cracker or pretzel packs
- wrapped utensils
- tuna lunch kits

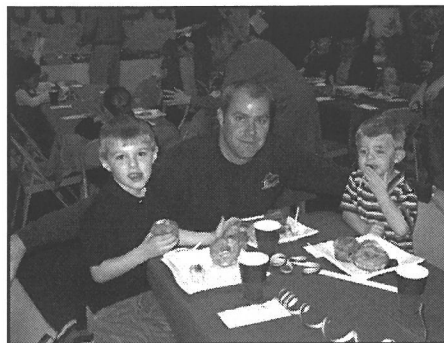


Dad's breakfast well attended

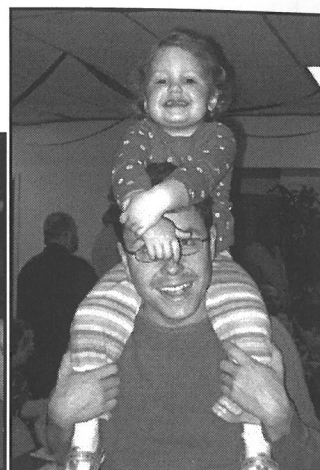
Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

On Friday, March 7, 2008, the preschool held their annual Dad's Breakfast in the Gregory Room! Over 50 dads (and their children!) enjoyed a feast of homemade egg casseroles, sweet rolls, bagels and a variety of other breakfast goodies!

Thanks to the moms who helped serve and to everyone for contributing food items! We love our dads!



Noel Nash and sons Carter and Clayton enjoy the sumptuous culinary delights.



Mitch Stripling gives daughter Livvy a horse ride.



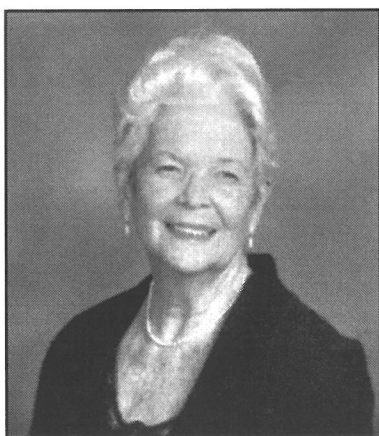
It was a really great turnout, especially considering the stormy weather.

Former UM Missionary Will Speak to UMW April 1

Linda Yates

Trinity member Christine Moody-Mills will present reflections of her missionary service in mining areas of Kentucky, as a community worker in Louisville, and at an Indian mission in Yuma, Arizona, at the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women in Moor Hall, Tuesday, April 1.

In Kentucky, she worked for a mission project of the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, and in Yuma at a mission sponsored by the UMC Board of Global Ministries. The Tallahassee native had obtained a bachelor's



Trinity member Christine Moody-Mills

degree in social work at Florida State University when invited to go to Kentucky to work with young people in a log cabin-based mission program. She later served in Central City, Kentucky, and at Wesleyan Community House in Louisville.

During this time, she met and married the Rev. Howard Moody, had five children, and

found time to do additional study at Scarritt College in Nashville, a UM supported college, and studied for an advanced degree in childhood education at Kentucky Western in Bowling Green.

For a time she served as a high school social worker there. They next went to Yuma Mission where Rev. Moody was a director, and then returned to Georgia and Florida in 1983 where the late Rev. Moody pastored churches.

United Methodist Women will also observe the annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial, each making a special offering to fund programs at mission institutions related to UMW and the UM Board of Global Ministries.

For the luncheon, which starts at 11:45, reservations should be made by calling Miriam Peirce at 878-4086 by Friday, March 28. UMW Executive Committee meets at 10:30 that day in the Conference Room.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet Apr. 7 at 10 a.m. at the home of Paula Smith, 1005 E. Park Ave.

Circle 2 will meet on Tues., Apr. 1 in the church parlor immediately following the UMW luncheon.

Circle 3 - for meeting information, call Sandra Genetin at 562-3777.

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tues., Apr. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 5 meets Thurs., Apr. 10 at the home of Shirley Kirwin, 1855 Easton Forest Drive.

Circle 6 meets Monday, Apr. 7 at 6 p.m. in the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 will meet at noon Wed., Apr. 7, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 will meet at the home of Liz Smith, 1210 Domingo Drive, Tues., Apr. 15, at 10:00 a.m.

Circle 10 will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., Apr. 17 in the home of Dawn Long, 3120 Dover Rd., Havana.

HEO news for April

Rita May
HEO coordinator

HEO volunteers bring communion "home"

Sunday, March 2, marked the second year when HEO volunteers offered Lenten Holy Communion to "Trinity Family" homebound and health care center folks who expressed a desire to receive communion. The communion elements were consecrated during Trinity's 8:30 service that morning.

Jill May, Lillian and Buddy Byrd, Sabrina Denmark, and Pat Gilleland visited and served Holy Communion throughout the afternoon. It was a special day, indeed,



for members of our Trinity "family"—both those serving and those receiving.

If there is an occasion when you, or someone you know who is homebound, desires to receive Holy Communion, please call HEO.

Caring for senior loved ones

At Trinity, we have a number of individuals and families who are caregivers to an aging loved one who can no longer live independently. According to the Tallahassee-Leon Country Elder Ready Project, "Families, not social service agencies, nursing homes, or government programs, are the mainstay underpinning long-term care for seniors in the United States."



HEO knows that it is important for individuals providing care—either in the home or in a long-term care setting—to use every possible resource available. Don't go it alone, but check out what might be of assistance to you.

Recently, HEO received a one page publication, "Resources for Caregivers in the Big Bend." If you would like a copy, HEO will be glad to get one to you.

Also, if you would like to talk and share care-giving experiences and resources with a fellow Trinity member who is, or who has been, a care giver for a loved one, HEO will gladly try to put you in touch with someone -- Helping Each Other at Trinity is what HEO is all about.

Please feel free to contact Rita May, Helping Each Other Coordinator, at 222-1120 or email, rmay@tumct.org



Ministry of the month

Hope House

Ron McCrainie
Church and Society Co-chair

The mission of Hope House is to lend a hand to people who are going through bad times and help get them back on the road to productive living. While assistance comes in many forms, one of the most important elements is spiritual ministry. Helping people find work is also one of the key ingredients in their recovery and the road back to productive living. In addition, some receive educational and financial counseling. Ordinary comforts that

we take for granted such as enjoying a good meal, shower, change of clothes and a comfortable safe place to sleep are provided by the mission to needy people every day.

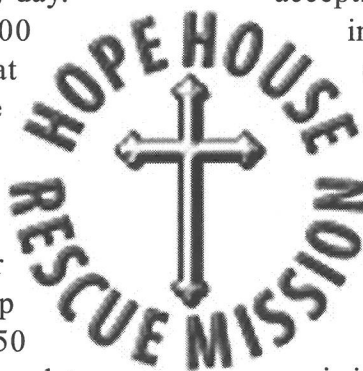
Approximately 100 people are housed at the Hope House Rescue Mission each year. The length of stay varies with each individual, however some live there for up to two years. Over 50 percent of residents complete the program and achieve a successful return to society.

Trinity actively supports the Hope House with annual donations. Change for the City donated in April

will go to his important community service, however, additional assistance is always appreciated. The Hope House Rescue Mission

accepts all types of donations including financial, food, equipment and miscellaneous items. Any items donated that they are unable to use are sold at their garage sales to raise funds.

If you think this is a ministry you may be interested in, contact Trinity Church and Society Ministry Team co-chairman Ron McCrainie at 850-671-4815 or email him at mccrainie@hotmail.com.



Youth news for April

Kelly Rains
Youth Director



A Note from Kelly ...

By the time you get this newsletter our youth will be on their Spring Break and will have completed both their **30 Hour Famine** and **Spaghetti Fundraiser**. (I promise to have pictures in next month's newsletter.) Until then, let me tell you what we are now gearing up for down here in the Underground.

As this school year comes to a close, we are preparing our confirmation class for their big day and we are also preparing to celebrate with our high school seniors as they get ready for a new chapter in their life. It's hard to imagine that this

school year is almost over and that summer will be here before you know it. Throughout this school year, I have seen some great growth in our youth and have enjoyed getting to know them better and spending time lots of time with them. It is hard for me to believe that I have now completed my first year as your Youth Director and I still find it a privilege and honor to work with the great group of youth we have here at Trinity. I can't thank everyone enough who has helped out with our youth during this year and I look forward to all the great things we have in our future!



Mid-High Wed. Bible Study going for a walk as part of their lesson on following Jesus.



**Have you
checked out
the youth
website
lately?**

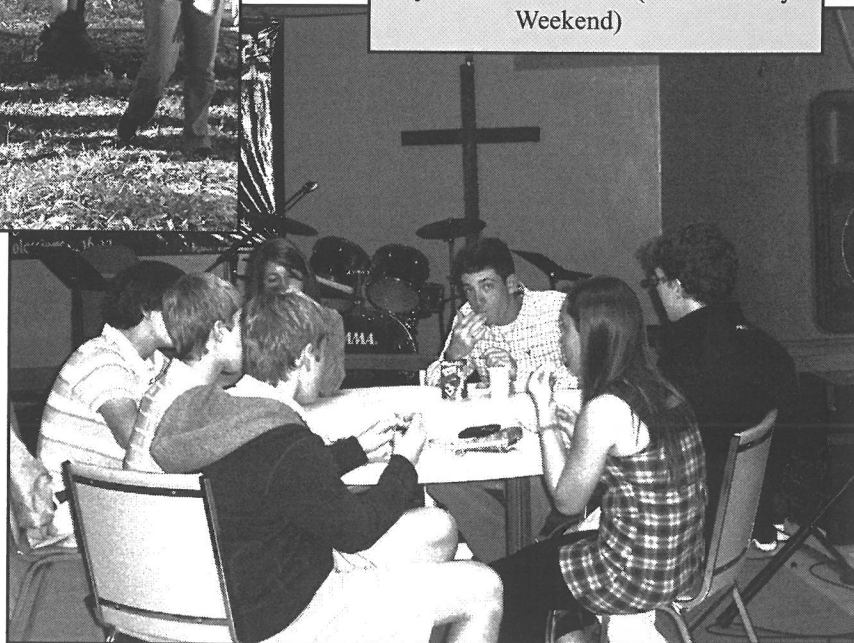
[www.geocities.com/
undergroundministries](http://www.geocities.com/undergroundministries)

Upcoming Youth events for April

- Apr. 2** No Wed. Bible Study (Spring Break)
- Apr. 6** UMYF (Movie/Game Night)
- Apr. 9** Wednesday Bible Study
- Apr. 11-12** ... Confirmation Retreat
- Apr. 13** UMYF
- Apr. 16** Wednesday Bible Study
- Apr. 19** MHM/SNL (check website)
- Apr. 20** Mexico Meeting 12:00pm
- Apr. 20** UMYF
- Apr. 23** Wednesday Bible Study
- Apr. 27** SaLT Team Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- Apr. 27** UMYF
- Apr. 30** Wednesday Bible Study

May

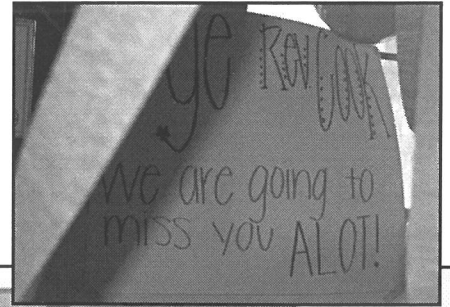
- May 3** Confirmation Banquet/ Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
- May 4** Confirmation Sunday
- May 4** UMYF
- May 7** Wednesday Bible Study
- May 11** UMYF (Pizza/Movie)
- May 14** Last Wed. Bible Study- Celebration
- May 18** Graduate Sunday
- May 18** SaLT Team Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- May 18** UMYF
- May 25** NO UMYF (Memorial Day Weekend)



Youth choir members enjoy breakfast between singing at services Sunday morning (around the table-Marybeth Waddill, Bob High, Jeff Olson, Brad Olson, Tori Bradley, Jimmy McKinnell, Darryl Rudell.



At right, buried somewhere beneath all of the crepe paper, balloons, posters, effigies, and drawings, was found the true sentiment for Reverend Cook that was felt by the youth, who "decorated" his office. At bottom left, Reverend Cook looks for the light switch, to better see what has become of his office. At left, a tasteful basket of, uh, veggies prepares Rev. Cook for the agrarian lifestyle in Monticello.



Matilde Landrum, Trinity organist, Elizabeth LaJeunesse's mother, gave Spanish lessons recently to the youth and their chaperones in preparation for the youth mission trip to Mexico this summer. The youth have had to earn the right to be included in this very special mission trip by accumulating service hours, fulfilling attendance requirements, and participating in fundraisers.

Lay Academy has something of interest for you

Another session of Lay Academy is about to start a 5-week session. This session will begin Wednesday, April 9 and conclude on Wednesday, May 7. There will be two different meeting times at 4:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., with dinner between sessions at 5:30 p.m.



4:15 & 6:30 p.m.

"Hard Target" Self defense class

Leader: Mark Haddock

This class teaches how to make yourself a "hard target" for predators. Learn techniques for self defense.

Women's Bible Study

"Cappuccino with Colossians"

Leader: Ruth Ann High

If you're looking for a small group of women to study and discuss the answer to "Who is Jesus Christ?", or if you want

to better equip yourself to help answer that question for others, this is the study for you.

6:30 p.m. Session

"Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know — and Doesn't"

"TheTheologians" are back by popular demand. Retired FSU religion professors Dr. Bob Spivey, Dr. Walter Moore, Dr. Bill Swain, and Dr. Leo Sandon will discuss topics ranging from "Understanding the Bible" to "Reformation Religion" to "Asian Religions" and more as they explore what they believe well informed people of faith should understand and be conversant with in today's world.

Apr. 9- "Introduction: Religious Literacy — How Can You Tell" with Dr. Spivey

Apr. 16- "Medieval and Reformation Religion" with Dr. Moore

Apr. 23- "Asian Religions and the West" with Dr. Swain

Apr. 30- "Evolution and the Christian Faith" with Dr. Sandon

May 7- "Understanding the Bible" with Dr. Spivey

Computer Lab

Leader: Deanna Ramsey

"Computer 101"

This class is intended for students who wish to learn computer terms, create, save and print files, and discover time saving tips for working on the PC.

Disciple I

Leaders: Jason and Mary Aycock - Library Continuing Disciple study group.

Men's Group

Coordinator: Chip Huggins - Rm. 306

Coffee House

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. - Coffee and tea are available in the Parlor. You are welcome to gather in the parlor or interior courtyard for fellowship.

Don't forget to call for your reservation to the 5:30 p.m. dinner — 222-1120. Dinner is just \$5! Come join in the fellowship!

The pipes are calling

Elizabeth LaJeunesse
Organist

Two years ago, I re-started a degree that I had begun in 1997 — my Master's in Organ Performance. The first time around, it was interrupted by childbirth. Two more children quickly followed, and I promised myself that I would never again subject myself to classrooms, papers, and exams.

Then, after a couple of years in my new job here at Trinity, I found that I was missing school life — recitals, the interaction with other organists, even sitting in a classroom!

Final Degree Recital

with Elizabeth LaJeunesse

Friday, April 18

at 7:30 p.m.

featuring works by
Bach, Mozart, and Dupre

At Trinity I rediscovered my love for practicing hours on end, and I was ready to get back into the academic life. When I found out that my major professor would be retiring in 2008, that was it — I knew I had to get busy!

You, as a congregation, have been so supportive of me through my musical and academic journey. It certainly has not been easy, but I wouldn't trade a minute of it. This leg of my journey will come to a close on Friday, April 18 when I give my final

degree recital here at Trinity at 7:30 p.m. I invite you all to share this time with me — I have an exciting program planned that includes works by Bach, Mozart, and Dupre (one of the French masters for whose music our organ was designed!). I am very much looking forward to this event, and hope to see many of you there!



A well-developed sense of humor is the pole that adds balance to your steps as you walk the tightrope of life.

William A. Ward



Summer Camp date has been moved!

Trinity will be going to camp the week of **June 16-21** (Our first choice, the week of June 23, was already filled).

If you registered with us and indicated you could also attend the week of June 16, you are already transferred to that session. You will not need to do anything except pay your balance to the camp as it comes due.

However, if you have not registered, and would like to attend camp, you may register online as long as space is available (go to www.umsummercamp.org — look for Warren Willis camp).

If you are registering on your own, and wish to travel with us, please call Barbara Hynes or Kelly Rains at 222-1120.

Summer Camp

NEWS!

at Leesburg

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**.

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