

MONTHLY

Findings

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

TUMC Prayer Quilt Ministry: Covering People with Prayer

Colleen McConnell
Prayer Quilt Ministry

How would you like to be covered with prayer? The feeling of comfort evoked by that phrase sets the tone for the Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry. Each prayer quilt is a physical symbol of the love and care of God, and the unity and fellowship of men, women, and children at Trinity and everywhere. Each quilt is prayerfully made and lovingly given to anyone experiencing a life challenge, big or small.

You don't have to be a seamstress to be a vital part of this ministry. We welcome your contribution of time, money, and especially, prayers. If you know someone who is facing a life crisis, a prayer quilt may be a real blessing and physical reminder of God's love through this difficult period of their life. Call the church office to make a request or volunteer to help.

Here are some thoughts from a few of our members:

"The purpose of the Prayers and Squares ministry is to promote prayer through the use of Quilts. I have found several benefits in this ministry: (1) meeting in a small group promotes friendships within the church, (2) working on the quilts uses different talents so almost anyone could be a part of this ministry, (3) seeing the completed quilt on the altar gives a feeling of happiness and well being to the group. Knowing the joy and comfort these quilts bring to people in



Christmas quilt

need gives me great pleasure and a "warm-fuzzy" feeling. This is a very satisfying ministry to the recipient as well as the giver. This is truly a ministry of love."

"While I'm sewing the pieces together, I pray for the recipient (whoever that may be) to be blessed with God's care and healing for whatever crisis they are facing. If I

make a sewing mistake, I remind myself, "it's not about the quilt, it's about the prayers."

"I have been blessed for quite some time, to be a part of our Trinity Prayers and Squares quilters. They are wonderfully fun folks, dedicated together in quilting ministry, prayerful for those who will be recipients of their quilts of love. I awakened last night and wrote these words that were "dancing in my head" as I thought about this beautiful ministry of quilting:

*Nimble fingers,
Loving faces,
They know God's love
And healing Graces.*

*Patching squares,
Of colored hue...
To softly comfort
Me or you.*

*Ministering
With quilts to share,
For those who are
In need of prayer!"*

Trinity UMC is a member of Prayers & Squares that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. For more information on the national organization, check out <http://www.prayerquilt.org/>.



Creating yet another beautiful quilt are, from left, Colleen McConnell, Toni Hale, Sabrina Denmark, and Taff Collette.

Holiday Services

Wednesday, Christmas Eve*

4:00 p.m.	Chapel	Barbara Hynes
5:30 p.m.	Sanctuary	Wayne Curry
8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Wayne Curry
11:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	Wayne Curry

* All Christmas services will have candlelight

Thursday, Christmas Day

No Services
Office Closed

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from October 14 through November 10, 2008:



In memory of **Margaret S. Witte** from Nancy Kerce, Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Morse (hymnal), Bill & Nell Long, Audrey "Vicki" Miles, Eleanor Hale, Yuanan Diao, Bill & Cynthia Smith, Walli Beall, Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Rouse, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Denmark, Mr. & Mrs. J. Carrol Dadisman, Bill & Paula Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Dahlberg, and Mr. & Mrs. James H. Jones/
In memory of **Barbara Roady** from Nancy Kerce.

In memory of **Bet McKinnon** from Nancy Kerce.

In memory of **Curtis L. Simmons, Sr.** from Melissa Simmons, Kendall Evans, and Katie Evans.

In memory of **James E. Tribble** from Martha Tilden.

In memory of **Nelle Sewell** from Mr. & Mrs. Richard B. Winchester, Lloyd & Sally Jett, Nancy Kerce, Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Korst, Jr., Martha Tilden, Rebecca Hood, Janet Gay, Edgar & Carol Moore, and Jim & Emma Lou Brogdon,

In memory of **Rose Pugh Howe** from friends.

In honor of **Rev. E. Wayne Curry** from Earline W. Adkison and family.

AED update

The recently purchased AEDs (automated external defibrillator), have now been installed in place. They have been placed within prominent white metal boxes in two readily accessible locations.

One unit is located in the Welcome Center, on the east wall, near the entrance to the prayer garden. The other unit is located at the entrance to the second floor northeast stairwell, just down the hallway from the church office.



WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

You would think that with the ever-increasing cost of postage, the seasonal tradition of sending out Christmas cards would have faded. However, they seem to be holding their own. Cards flood in from friends of Christmas past and present. I especially appreciate the cards from old friends of Christmas past such as high school and college friends, and parishioners from former churches I have served. Ironically, frequently these cards are from people with whom I have made an oath promising that this would never happen. Like it or not, it has come to this... a Christmas card in the mail. The best ones have a hand-written note. I could complain about the sins of these friends and how they broke the intimate bonds of authentic friendship. The problem with that is that it would make me a hypocrite because in most cases, I haven't done anything myself to maintain the closeness. Somehow over the years it just happened. New friends were made.

Distances both in miles and experience grew.

Still we send the cards. Perhaps the reason for this is that we know that some things from which we have been separated are worth reconnecting, if only in a small way. These people remain a part of us, even if they are not part of our present. The card becomes an acknowledgment that though time has brought separation, the time when we were closer was very important.

I can't help but wonder if this desire to reconnect has something to do with our yearning to reconnect with God. Christmas, of course, is a time when we remember an important theological truth. The truth is that we have been separated from God and the fullness of life by the consequences of sin. The price of this sin is the death of the relationship between God and humanity. However, God, in God's amazing grace, reaches out to us to restore that relationship in the most unlikely of ways: "...I am bringing your



good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:10-12). That Christmas message is a message of God's desire to reconnect.

It is the time of year for gathering near to those who are important to us. It is a time to connect and reconnect. A party. A telephone call. A Christmas card. Perhaps they are at some deeper level, symbols of that greater need to connect with God. Therefore, we will send Christmas cards, and we will gather again for Christmas services to receive the message that God still wants to connect. What a wonderful gift!

Merry Christmas!

You Are Loved,

Wayne

December music news

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Christmas at Trinity

What would the Advent/Christmas season be without music? During December, we hear it at our church, in our homes, at work and school, in the stores—nearly everywhere. Just the first few notes of our favorite carol can bring a flood of memories from past Christmas seasons and recapture for us that “Christmas Spirit” as we look forward to the coming of the Christ child on December 25. As happens every year, music groups at Trinity have been busily preparing for this season of anticipation and celebration.

Ringin' sensation

Ring in the Season featuring at least 6 handbell choirs (including our own Trinity Ringers) will present a 60-minute program at First Baptist Church on **Saturday, December 6 at 3:00 p.m. Free admission!**

Youth visit retirees

Youth Choir plans to visit **Sterling House at 2:15 p.m. and Heritage Oaks at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, December 7** for 35-minute programs of primarily Christmas music including a sing-along with residents.

"A Ceremony of Carols"

Our Chancel Choir will present “A Ceremony of Carols” on Sunday, December 14 as part of the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. The song texts will be provided as an insert in the morning

bulletin. Four of these song texts are from the 14th century and the authors are unknown. The others date from the 15th and 16th centuries. These texts have a refreshingly different flavor than most of our more recent carols. They are thought-provoking—at times quite complex and at times remarkably succinct. Section three begins “There is no rose of such virtue as is the rose that bare Jesu,” referring to Mary the mother of Jesus. Section four, a lullaby, begins “O my dear heart, young Jesu sweet, prepare thy cradle in my spirit, and I shall rock thee to my heart and never more from thee depart.” Section six contrasts this little babe born in a stable to a warrior fighting against evil: “His camp is pitched in a stall, his bulwark but a broken wall; the crib his trench, haystalks his stakes, of shepherds he his muster makes.” A harpist will accompany the choir for this 30-minute celebration of Christ’s birth.

NETkids potluck and music

NETkids Choirs and handbells celebrate Christmas with a potluck dinner, Christmas musical and additional special music on **Sunday, December 14**. Potluck begins at 5

p.m. with the musical program beginning around 6:00 p.m. All are invited to Moor Hall for this special celebration!

NETkids program

NETkids Choirs will visit Heritage Health Care Center **Wednesday, December 17** for a 30-minute program.

Christmas Eve music

Our Christmas Eve services are loaded with music!

Warren May and Carol Marchant will be music leaders at the 4:00 p.m. service in the chapel. Cherub Choir, NETkids Choirs, NETkids Handbells and Youth



Members of the senior handchimes ensemble are pictured here warming up in the sanctuary. From left, they are Betty Ashlock, Maxine Mantoath, Mary Marchant, Sandra Genetin, Marge Carey, and Nancy Waugh. Not pictured was Judy Levy, who is also a member of the group.

Choir will be in the 5:30 p.m. service. Chancel Choir and Trinity Ringers will provide music for the “Lessons and Carols” service at 8:00 p.m. A small vocal ensemble will provide special music for the 11:00 p.m. communion service.

Exciting Lay Academy Classes Scheduled for January 2009

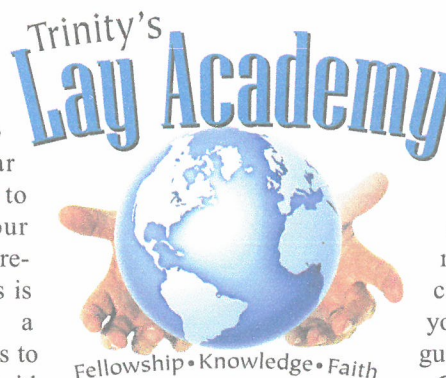
Liz Smith
Lay Academy Planning Chair

Before you get too caught up with Thanksgiving and Christmas, put these new Lay Academy Classes on your calendar for January. A six week session, Jan. 7 – Feb. 11 will be just the ticket for curing those “post holiday season blues”.

In the afternoon, at 4:15, Beth Curry will continue her popular physical fitness classes - **The BFC Series - Exercise 101**, and there will be an interesting and informative class called “**Christianity’s Family Tree**.” Learn what our brethren of other denominations believe and why, and what we can learn from them to deepen our own faith. Video and discussion.

At 6:30 there will be another exciting opportunity, especially for new parents, but also grandparents, to hear about the many ways to interact and teach your child, from infancy to pre-school age. Sara Waters is putting together a wonderful list of experts to share their knowledge with you in a class called “**Early Childhood Issues**.” Don’t miss it.... And remember, child care is offered.

A second class offered in the evening hour



will be entitled “**Memories of Tallahassee**,” being coordinated by Wade Birch and Carroll Dadisman, and will draw on many of you right here in our congregation to share your memories, as well as guest speakers.

Christian Believer will continue, as will the **Men’s group, Total Body Toning**, Coffee House and a possible Spiritual Study. Make your plans now to be with us on Wed. nights in 2009!!

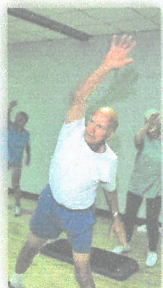
BFC Series - Becoming Fit at Church

Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA

The new year is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking about your health resolutions. Consider **Becoming Fit at Church (BFC Series)** by attending one of these two exercise classes.

Beginning, Tuesday, January 13, the **BFC Series** will offer a new, eight-week total body toning class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from **11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.** in the Parlor. This class will feature both standing and floor exercise using various pieces of exercise equipment. All experience levels are welcome. Suggested donation for the class is \$48 for the Nims Middle School mission project. At this time, no nursery is available, however if enough need exists, this issue will be revisited.

The **Staying Strong** class will meet on



Tuesday and Thursdays from 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. throughout most of December and will continue weekly after the first of the year. This class offers seated and standing exercise and is a great for those new to exercise. Suggested donation is \$3 per class, which will be donated to the Nims Middle School project

The **Staying Strong** class has already collected **over \$550 in donations** and has purchased a refrigerator and microwave for the Nims Middle School teacher lounge. Thank you to all class participants for your wonderful support of this class and project.

Please e-mail Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com if you are interested in taking one of these classes, if you need nursery care or have any other questions.

Trinity hosts 2009 Tallahassee Church Music Conference

Did you know that Trinity is the host church for the 2009 Tallahassee Church Music Conference? The Church Music Conference is a biennial, ecumenical event held in Tallahassee in odd numbered years. The dates for 2009 are Thurs., Jan. 22 through Sat., Jan. 24.

Be sure not to miss the Hymn Festival! It will be held in the Trinity Sanctuary on Thursday, January 22 at 7:00, and will feature the renowned organist and composer John Ferguson!

The weekend will be filled with concerts, workshops, and worship services, so plan to attend as much as you can. If you would like to register for the conference, buy tickets to the Friday night organ recital, or make a donation, go to www.TallahasseeAGO.org/conference. You can also contact Conference Director Jonathan Hehn at (850) 980-2812 or conference@tallahasseeago.org with any questions.



Popcorn for Providence

Lora Chapman
Providence liaison

Saturday, October 11, was Fun Day for the Providence Neighborhood. It was a beautiful fall day and as the foliage peaked, so did the appetites. Since the hamburgers and hot dogs weren't being served until 1:00 p.m., flocks of hungry folks, followed the aroma wafting from Trinity's theatre-grade popcorn popper.

Lora Chapman quickly enlisted an apprentice, Jonathan Lee, to help with the cooking and serving. This able-bodied 5th grader, took his responsibility seriously and soon became a hero among his peers. Lora and Jonathan cooked popcorn non-stop for almost 4 hours. By the end of the day, you might say, "they were pooped from popping."



Lora Chapman, in the straw hat, is pictured here with her volunteer helper, Jonathan Lee.

Change the City for December - Guardian Ad Litem of the Big Bend

Ron McCranie
Church and Society Co-chair

Change the City contributions during the month of December will go to the Guardian ad Litem of the Big Bend. Thousands of abused and neglected children become the subject of judicial proceedings each year in Florida. Their voices often fall upon deaf ears, and best interests are overlooked in the complicated and overburdened judicial process. Guardians ad Litem are trained volunteers appointed by the court to represent the best interests of abused or neglected children. In court, the Guardian ad Litem is an important voice for the child. Guardian ad Litem volunteers come from



all walks of life and have a variety of backgrounds. No special education or experience is required. Any person who cares about children, has common sense, good character and is able to give time to help a child can be a Guardian ad Litem.

What does a Guardian ad Litem do?

- Visit the child regularly
- Gather information from the child and others about the child's circumstances
- Recommend appropriate services for the child
- Appear in court and inform the judge of facts about the case, including the wishes of the child
- Making recommendations as to the most

appropriate placement for the child

- Monitoring the agencies and individuals providing services and caring for the child
- Appearing in court to make recommendations and informing the judge of relevant facts about the case
- Providing written reports to the judge, including the wishes of the child
- Safeguarding children's rights to a safe permanent home in a timely manner

If you are interested or would like more information about this important program, call 488-7612, or visit online at: www.guardianadlitembigbend.org



Trinity needs your help for Habitat house build

Ron McCranie
Church and Society Co-chair

Trinity has a great need for volunteers to work on upcoming Saturdays, December 6, 13 and 20. There is a lot going on during the weekends leading up to Christmas, but it is fun to get out and be a part of the progress being made on this home. The day typically begins at 7:45 - 8:00 with breakfast while the construction supervisor explains what we



Trinity was well represented recently as several local UM churches came together to help with the Methodist sponsored Habitat for Humanity build. In the photo at left, Marti Chumbler helps frame a wall. Above, Ron McCranie, center with the black hat, helps hoist a finished framed wall. In the photo at right, associate pastor of discipleship, Barbara Hynes, and Wallace Henderson get more nails for the work ahead.



will be doing during the day and gives instructions on how the work is to be done. Lunch is provided and most of us work until 3:00 or so. Fun and fellowship are guaranteed for all, so pick a Saturday (or two) and contact me at 671-4815 or mccranie@hotmail.com to sign up.

Please consider coming out to help in this very worthwhile ministry and feel free to recruit

folks from your Sunday School class. Family and friends are also welcome.

All you need is enthusiasm and the willingness to help a deserving family find their dream of owning a home. Can you help?

Upcoming events from the Discipleship office

Rev. Barbara Hynes
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

The Evening Book Group will meet at the home of Beth Trotman at 7:00 on Dec. 4. The selection for December will be "The Christmas Letters" by Lee Smith. For details or to be added to the email distribution list contact Barbara Hynes at 222-1120. New readers are always welcome.

Friday Flicks

Friday Flicks will meet at 7:30 on Dec. 5 in Moor Hall for the Christmas classic, **A Christmas Story**. This film is based on the novel, "In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash" written by Jean Shepherd. Travel with us back to Indiana in the 1940's and enter the life of young boy, Ralphie who dreams of the ultimate Christmas gift, a genuine Red Ryder 200-shot Carbine Action Air Rifle. It is guaranteed to make you laugh. We triple dog dare you not to enjoy this comical Yuletide classic no matter how many times you have seen it.

NETkids News

Netkids has had a busy Fall. In October we traveled in costume to Broadview Assisted Living to sing for the residents and take them some Halloween treats we made for them. We were really surprised to find that they had treats for us too. We had a great time visiting and singing and eating Halloween candy followed by a pizza party back at Trinity.

With Thanksgiving coming we made gratitude baskets for our families. Each day

we wrote down things we were grateful for on a colored strips of paper and placed them in the basket. On Thanksgiving Day these were shared around the table and now the strips will be made into a paper chain for the Christmas tree.

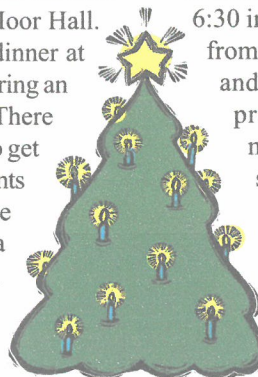
We have also been busy with the Heifer Project. Check out our ark and animals display on the second floor hallway. We are doing all we can to "Fill the Ark" and help Trinity give animals to needy families.

December will also bring many other Christmas events. On Dec. 3 we will help decorate the church tree in Moor Hall. Dec. 14 is our Children's Program and Potluck Dinner and Christmas Eve we will sing at the 5:30 service.

NETkids always welcomes new children. For more information contact Barbara Hynes

Come Help Decorate

On Wednesday, Dec. 3 we will decorate the church Christmas tree in Moor Hall. You are invited to join us for dinner at 5:30 (reservations please) and bring an ornament to hang on the tree. There will be caroling during dinner to get us all in the spirit. Heifer ornaments will also be available for those who would like to make a donation and hang an animal ornament on the tree to help us in our church wide mission project to "Fill the Ark."



The recent Heifer Project day in the courtyard allowed many to experience the joys of petting farm animals.

Service of Hope and Remembrance

Our annual Service of Hope and Remembrance will be held on Dec. 10 at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Take some time out from the busy holiday season to pause and reflect through music, scripture, prayer and candle lighting on the memories and hopes that can be so strong during this season. Dinner will be served before the service at 5:30 in Moor Hall (reservations please). There will also be coffee, tea, cider, and cookies in the parlor following the service for those who would like to stay and visit.

December Youth news

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

During the holidays, it is normal to reflect on what we have and how fortunate we are in comparison to others. Our youth did an outstanding job during the month of November in helping those less fortunate than themselves. The Crop Walk was a huge success with over 50 youth and parents participating in the fight against hunger. We raised over \$500 and everyone enjoyed our simple beans and rice lunch with very few complaints! The following week, the youth then focused on the homeless and got to hear first hand what it is like being homeless and how many of the homeless in Tallahassee are unable to work due to physical and mental disabilities. To make Thanksgiving a bit more festive, the youth decorated placemats for The Shelter to use on Thanksgiving Day as they feed over 200 people. Finally, the Confirmation Class collected numerous shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

These Christmas boxes will be sent to children with very little all over the world.



Walking along Gaines street during the 2008 Crop Walk were, left to right, Sydni Russell, Caitlyn Coates, and Candy McKinney-Coates

Thank you to everyone who participated in all of our mission projects this past month. The youth and I thank you for your support.

CHILI FUNDRAISER

Please join us for our 3rd annual Chili Fundraiser on Dec. 6 from 3:30-7:30 p.m. during the Festival of Lights. Tickets can be purchased ahead for \$5 adults, \$3 children which includes **free parking** (as space is available until 5:30 p.m.).

We are in need of chili donations which can be brought to the kitchen the week prior. All proceeds go towards renovation of the Youth area.



Christmas Trees and Wreaths

Don't forget to pick up your Christmas tree and wreaths on Wed. Dec. 3rd from 5:30-8:30pm. Youth will be available to assist you with your tree and thank you for supporting our youth!



On a recent Sunday night, speakers from the Tallahassee Homeless Speakers Bureau shared their experiences.



Upcoming Youth events for December

- Dec. 3 Christmas Tree pick-up 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Dec. 6 Chili Fundraiser (Parking 11:30-5:30 p.m., Chili 3:30-7:30 p.m.)
- Dec. 7 Youth Sing 8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Choir lunch, singing at retirement homes No praise band or choir practice, UMYF 6:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10 Last Wednesday Bible Study until Jan.
- Dec. 11 Jordan returns from Italy!
- Dec. 14 No Praise Band, No Choir Practice, Youth Christmas Party at Wesley Foundation (705 W. Jefferson St.) 5:30-8 p.m., bring a wrapped gift
- Dec. 17 No Wednesday Bible Studies
- Dec. 19 Movies at Tallahassee Mall, meet at food court at 1:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service 5:30 p.m. (Youth Choir Sings)
- Dec. 28 No UMYF

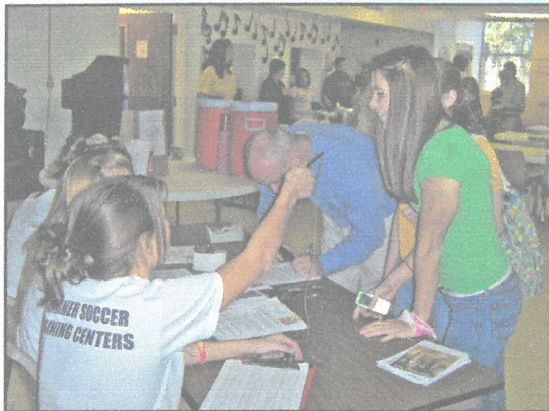
Other Upcoming events

- Jan. 4 No UMYF
- Jan. 7 Wednesday Bible Studies resume
- Jan. 11 Praise Band, Choir, UMYF
- Jan. 14 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Jan. 16 Winter Jam
- Jan. 18 Praise Band, Choir, UMYF
- Jan. 19 Meals on Wheels Delivery (No School)
- Jan. 21 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Jan. 25 SaLT & Pepper Meeting 12:00 p.m., Praise Band, Choir, Youth Council 4:30, Mission Trip Meeting & Potluck 6:00 p.m. (parents invited)
- Jan. 28 Wednesday Bible Studies

Keep checking the website for updated information!

www.geocities.com/undergroundministries





In the photo at left, Crop Walkers sign up before the Crop Walk. Youth volunteers staffed the sign-in table and helped organize the event.

At right, Maria Parsons and Jessica Danforth enjoyed dressing up for the Halloween party at UMYF.



In the photo at left, the Trinity youth get fueled up for the Crop Walk by enjoying a spartan meal of rice and beans. This simple meal gave the youth an indication of what it would be like to eat the diet of the people for whom they would be walking. The walk was well organized and well attended with 52 adults and youth participating.

Putting A Song in Their Hearts—Preschoolers Start Christmas for UMW

Linda Yates

As United Methodist Women arrive for their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:45 Tuesday, Dec. 2, Trinity preschoolers will greet them with songs of the season. Then Preschool Director Stacy Duggar will speak about how music helps the children grow spiritually, developing the topic, "Putting a Song in Their Hearts—at Christmas and for a Lifetime."

Director Duggar not only oversees the beginning of spiritual growth in the 52 children enrolled in Trinity's preschool, she is chairman of the

Spirituality Committee of Whole Child Leon, a program that serves as a guide for parents and caregivers in the nourishment of their children 0 to 5 through books, music, art, drama, and exploring the world.

Parents and grandparents of the children are invited to attend the luncheon meeting in Moor Hall. They should make a reservation by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546

by Friday, Nov. 28.

The UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. that day in the conference room.



Preschool director, Stacey Duggar



Mr. Mark, also known as music director, Mark Repasky, teaches the preschoolers music on Monday mornings.

Mark's time spent with the children, something akin to herding cats, is one of the highlights for the preschoolers.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 8, at the home of Nancy Peterson, 385 Hunter's Crossing.

Circle 2 will meet in the church parlor immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

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

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Red Elephant restaurant.

Circle 6 will not meet in Dec. The Circle will contribute to special causes and needs in the holiday season.

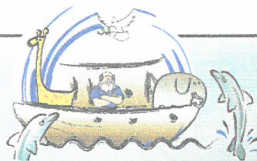
Circle 8 will meet at noon Wednesday, Dec. 3, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 10 a.m. at the home of Miriam Peirce, 2004 Duneagle Lane.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in the home of Shirley Kirwin, 1855 Easton Forest Drive.

Somewhere, over the rainbow ...

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director



50 Preschoolers enjoyed trick-or-treating around the church on Halloween, October 31st.

The church staff passed out candy and enjoyed seeing all of the children dressed up!

Not to be outdone by the children, the preschool staff decided to dress up once again! (Some of you may remember last year when we were all beauty queens!). This year, each staff member picked one color of the rainbow!



As you can see, several colors of the rainbow were represented! Some of the preschool staff who participated were, from left to right: Victoria Tetley, Hallie Nimrichter, Nancy Duncan, Stacey Duggar, Taylor Austin, Wendy Cheney, Rosa Morris.

Trinity Planning to Host Community Christmas Dinner

Gloria Whitaker
Community Christmas Dinner Coordinator

This is the 21st year that Trinity has the privilege of hosting the Annual Community Christmas dinner. This festive occasion is open to everyone, but is especially intended for people who don't want to cook, who would otherwise be eating alone, or who don't have the means to have a festive Christmas dinner. There is wonderful music, great food, and incredible fellowship. I don't know who receives the most blessings from the dinner, those who are served or those who serve. Volunteers come from all over our community to help with the dinner- single people, couples, families- and they come back year after year because it is such a blessing to be part of this festive celebration.

If you would like to be part of the efforts this year there are many ways to help. Volunteers are needed to help cook, serve, set up, and clean up. Monetary donations are needed to help defray the cost of the dinner. Donations of candies, packages of new socks (the

work kind), toothbrushes and tooth paste, little juice boxes with straws are all examples of items that go into goodies bags that are given to our guests as they leave the dinner.

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

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



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