

MONTHLY

Findings

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.

Good stewardship results in many improvements

Wayne P. Cook
Executive Pastor

Focus on Stewardship — Recycling

We are beginning to recycle scrap paper in an effort to facilitate a cleaner environment and better use of resources for future generations. This effort was spurred on by the NETkids and their focus on the environment. Currently, we are only recycling paper but will continue to look at other recycling possibilities in the future as the local governments change their focus on the issue.

been in these rooms since the building was built are single pane glass and no longer close completely. Therefore, they leak conditioned air and result in wasting utilities and in increased cost to the church.

Focus on Stewardship — Preserving value Bathroom renovations

This project is an effort to maintain not only the beauty of the building but also to keep the building in good working order. Bathrooms are one of the first areas where visitors can see if our building is clean and in good repair. It is essential if we want visitors to continue to return and ultimately become a part of the church, that we keep the building in the best repair possible. Again, maintenance is a stewardship issue of how we take care of the resources God has given us.

NOTE: The windows and bathroom renovations are the result of a generous gift. Mrs. Elizabeth Clemons remembered Trinity in her estate and blessed the church with the funds to do these and other needed repairs.

Focus on Stewardship — Giving to others

Donation of the van to the shelter

Did you know Trinity had a van that was not used often. The Blue Ford Van had come

to be used only for transporting items and shelter meals. Rev. Willis became aware of the

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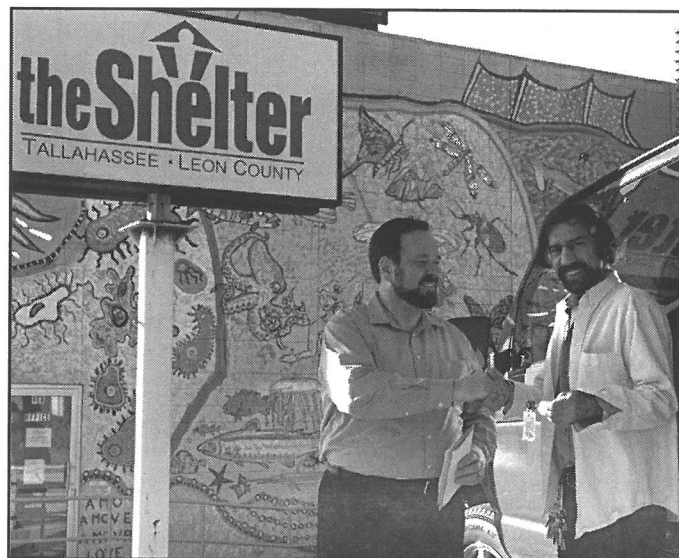


The new windows and doors in the Parlor will match the new Moor Hall windows and doors.

Focus on Stewardship — Saving Energy

Replacement of the windows and doors in the Parlor and conference room

While on the surface this appears to be a renovation that deals only with aesthetics of the property, it also has facets that preserve the environment. The sliding doors that have



Reverend Cook hands The Shelter Executive Director, Mel Eby, the keys to Trinity's Blue Ford van.

Spring ahead Mar. 9

Daylight Savings Time (DST) will take effect this year on Sunday, March 9 at 2:00 a.m.. Since we don't want to miss your smiling face, make sure to move your clock *ahead* one hour.



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

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from January 10, 2008 through February 10, 2008:



In memory of **Harry M. Waugh, Jr.** by D. E. Pollock, Booker and Caroline Moore, and Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Malcolm.

In memory of **Bonnie Mannheimer** by Bill and Clara Jane Smith, and Josh and Nell Morse (for Bible).

In memory of **Minna Ann Corbin Conway** by Cynthia and William T. Smith, and Judy Teal Parker.

In memory of **Becky McLellan** by Dr. and Mrs. Frank L. Vines, and Becky Gospodareck.

In memory of **Elizabeth M. Huggins** by Bill and Marylee Peebles, and Bill Moncrief (for H.E.O.).

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



Having a bigger heart

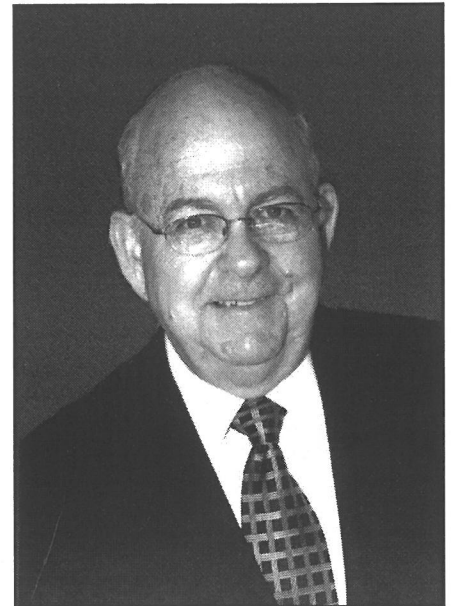
*By John G. Willis, Jr.
Senior Pastor*

You did it!

I have always believed that the financial condition of a church says a whole lot about what is going on in the church. It is certainly not the only indicator, but it gives you a strong hint as to what's happening.

Therefore, I wanted you to know about something remarkable that you have done. First of all, in 2007 we received over 99% of the amount pledged to the budget. Also, even though the total amount we needed to meet the budget was not pledged, we ended the year with a surplus! This means we received even more than we expected from people who did not pledge.

Now the final report on pledges for 2008 is that we have received just over 100% of our pledge goal! (This time last year we were at 93% of our goal.) I have never been a part of a church that did this. One of the reasons we were able to do this is that we received brand new pledges (i.e. we have no previous record of these people pledging) in excess of \$200,000. You have done an incredible job! Thank you, thank you, thank you.



The bottom line is that because of this we will be able to do the ministry we need to do this year.

Because of what you have pledged and given, lives will be touched and changed. You are a wonderful congregation!

God bless you,

Fifth Sunday offering to The Children's Home **The Florida United Methodist Children's Home welcomes gifts**

When you provide financially for the Children's Home, the interests and well-being of deserving children, youth and families are addressed in vital Christian ministry. Through this Home, the influences of God's tender mercies and noble human compassion

powerfully combine and intervene to lasting benefit, preserving and transforming life.

The Children's Home has many attractive giving plans.

For more information, please call (386) 668-4774 or www.fumch.org.

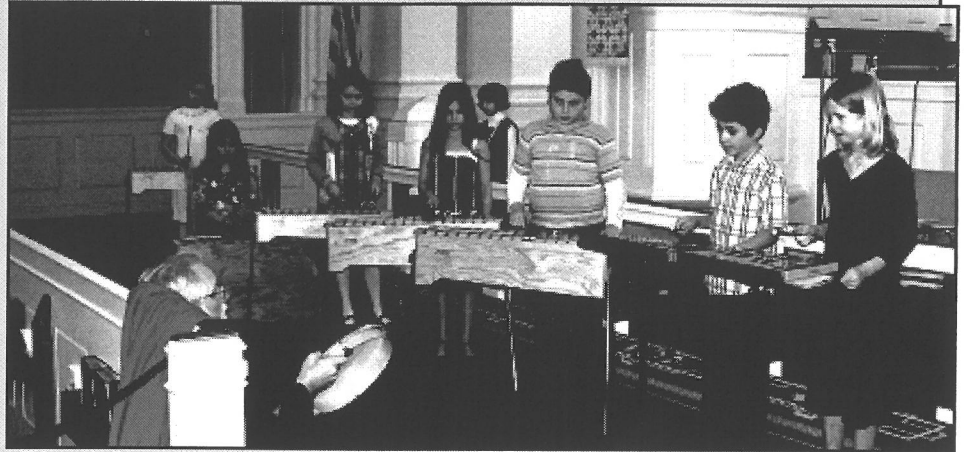
March music news

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Music Ministry Sunday, which we recently celebrated with ten music groups participating, reminds us how important are the music leaders here at Trinity.

That day, counting those who led one of the music groups or those who accompanied one of them, we had 8 music leaders. Having such a large variety of music ensembles at Trinity would not be possible without talented, dedicated leaders.....thank you so much!

One group absent from that morning's festivities was the Cherub Choir. These are the little ones, 2nd grade through kindergarten children who attend Sunday School and enjoy a short music session each Sunday morning. Lark and Claire



Some the wonderful talent at Trinity can be found in the Orff instrument ensembles. The group pictured above performed at Music Ministry Sunday in February. Led by Music Director, Mark Repasky (seated in front) they are, from left to right, Hannah Prasse, Cassie LaJeunesse, Haley Drew, Sammy Fadool, Callie Alvarez, Christopher Francis, Rafel Fortier, and Meredith Huggins.

Good news:

Mary Alice Mills has volunteered to take over this group! She grew up at Trinity, enjoyed Sunday School music with Myron Munday, was in NETkids (had a different name then), Youth Group and Youth Choir.

After Chancel Choir practice one evening she told me she was interested in becoming the next leader of the Cherub Choir! What struck me most were her comments about the effect of music on the very young. As a young child, she was involved in music activities here at Trinity that led her to develop a life-long love of music. She didn't want today's children at Trinity to miss that opportunity. Thus begins a new phase of music ministry for Mary Alice and for our church!

Major music events

Our Chancel Choir is preparing for a glorious concert on April 13 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The 50-minute Mass in D by famed composer Antonin Dvorak will be

presented, accompanied by a 24-piece orchestra. The orchestra will consist of FSU College of Music professors and their advanced students. A few singers from our Youth Choir will be featured in one section of the mass. There will be a number of solos, though most of the mass is for full choir. This is an excellent opportunity to invite non-members to an event at our church, so make plans to attend, and bring a friend!

NETkids musical

Our Wednesday afternoon NETkids program includes two choirs. Each year, they present a children's musical at our morning services. The date is Sunday, April 20!

We have been practicing "So Long Joe" since early January. The musical presents the biblical story of Joseph, his 11 brothers and father Jacob. You remember, Joseph was thrown into a well, taken to Egypt, sold into slavery, falsely accused and thrown into prison, later met Pharaoh and..... well, just come April 20 and we will tell you the whole story!



The Circle of Friends praise band lead worship for Trinity's contemporary service, SUN Service. Led by Lisa Prasse, the band performs at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in the newly remodeled Moor Hall. Members of the band are, from left to right, Cathy McCarty, Fred Corley, Lisa Ingram, Ed Prasse, Michelle Williams, Mark North, Lisa Prasse, Perry Albrigo, CarolAnn Matthews, Jim McKinnell, and Tara Albrigo.

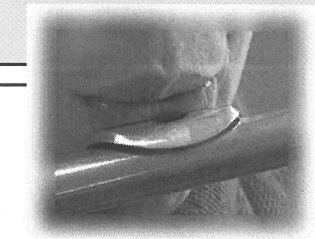
Mott-Smith practiced with them in December so they were able to sing at the 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Other than that, the Cherub Choir has not functioned since September 2007, as we have been unable to find a suitable leader for them.

Reachin' out with Trinity Flutes

Sue Parsons
Chair of Music Committee

If you have a friend/family member who might feel blessed by a musical visit, **Trinity Flutes** will come to them!

We come 1-2, 3 flutes strong bringing favorite melodies, smiles, and conversation to their homes or health-care facilities. Contact Rita



May, HEO Coordinator, at 222-1120, or Sue Parsons at 224-7720 for more information.

Welcome new Trinity staff member

Hurray for Barbara Hynes! Her search is finally over. She had been looking for just the right person to replace her long-time program assistant, Trinity member, Kathy Drake.

Lisa Prasse, also a Trinity member, has been hired to the position vacated by Kathy and from all reports, is already doing a wonderful job.



Lisa Prasse

Lisa has been on the Trinity payroll as the leader of the Circle of Friends praise band. That is the band that leads worship each Sunday during the SUN Service. She has been on the Trinity staff since August of 2005.

Lisa and husband, Ed, have three children, Hannah, Zac, and Philip.

Lisa holds a degree in music from FSU.

Shelter's need for a vehicle to transport clients to the hospital, to job interviews and to pick up people who are stranded. Often times, homeless people are found by the police and need transportation to the shelter. Mel Eby shared that a week rarely goes by that they don't need transportation.

Trustees determined that the van could be better used by The Shelter than by Trinity as we were currently using it again the proper use of resources as we are blessed by God.



**CHRIST THE LORD
IS RISEN TODAY!**

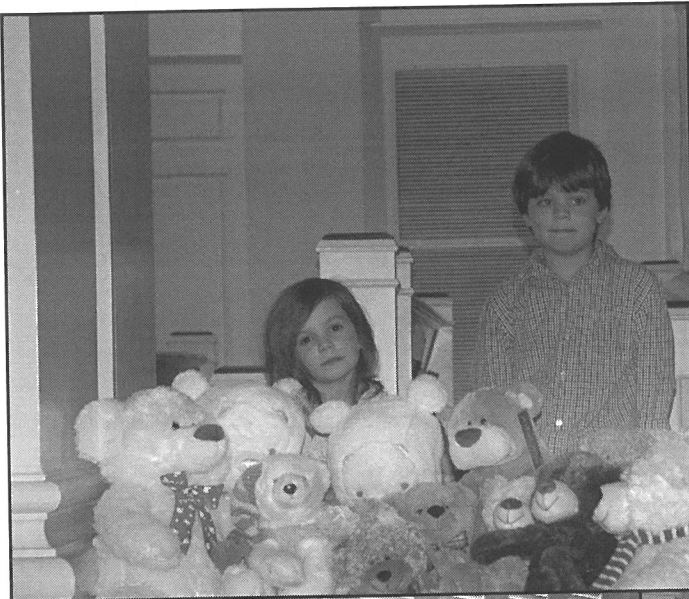
Bear Sunday a huge success!

With 2008 potentially being the last year for Bear Sunday at Trinity, the congregation poured their collective heart out. A new

record was set with over 450 bears given. There were so many bears given that they were stacked several deep in the window

sills to accomodate all of them.

Every one of these carefully selected bears will be loved by a child who needs it.



Ellie and Alex LaJeunesse helped Bear Sunday coordinator, Janet Stainer and volunteers collect and bag the many bears. All shapes, colors, and sizes of teddy bear were represented.



Volunteers who "make it happen"

Rita May
HEO coordinator

Volunteers, their energies and their talents, are the driving force behind HEO ministries at Trinity. This month we highlight two groups:



The HEO Snack Pack Ministry Team is a recently formed group who hold a "working get-together" every six to eight weeks, after Wednesday night dinner to put together "Snack Packs." Trinity members (YOU!) bring in the foods items, and the Snack Pack Ministry Team puts them together into individual bags, ready to be given to Trinity's homeless friends.

Did you ever wonder who makes the beautiful, soft receiving blankets that are given to Trinity members for their newborn babies? A group of Trinity's United Methodist Women hand-make the blankets, and crochet their trim, in small groups and individually. They have been doing this for years for Tallahassee's Brehon Institute, and

they also provide them to HEO for delivery to new Trinity babies!

HEO thanks both of these groups--the Snack Pack Ministry Team and those who make receiving blankets for Trinity babies -- for generously giving of your time and talents!

Some of the loving hands that create the beautiful receiving blankets for Trinity's newborn babies. Pictured in the photo at right are, from left, Ollie Dawirs, Marge Orrick, Martha Tilden, Esther Harrison, Patti Oakley, Doris Maige, Oberley Brown, Margaret Gordy, and Irene Todd



Several Trinity members joined together recently to make snack packs for future visitors! Snack Pack Team members pictured from left to right are, Tom Perdue, Lisa Ingram, Alex Ingram, April Bradley, Beth Perdue, Barbara Leonard, Kathy Drake, and Rhonda Work.



Ministry of the month

ECHO

Ron McCrainie
Church and Society Co-chair

ECHO (Emergency Care Help Organization) has been serving Leon County, Florida for more than 25 years. This faith-based agency directly assists more than 19,000 people each year. ECHO puts faith into action by serving people in crisis and poverty. ECHO provides a full range of services that restore individual and family self-sufficiency and feelings of self-worth. Their clients are served in one of three areas: **Emergency Resources, Employment Assistance, and Family Services.** With a small staff, and a large volunteer base, the programs are designed to assist people to become independent, productive, and stable. ECHO believes encouragement, planning, and hope will be the impetus for

lasting change. With opportunities and incentives, those who live under the burden of poverty will pull themselves from its grip and lead fuller and more productive lives.

Emergency Resources

Program: The Emergency Resource Program will counsel more than 3,500 individuals annually, and directly impact

as many as 7,600 dependents. ECHO helps people in need identify and overcome extremely difficult life circumstances. The Emergency Resource Program staff works diligently with each individual to build a solid case plan. Direct services include food, clothing, household items, furniture, job referrals, and budget counseling.

Employment Assistance Program: The Employment Assistance Program is a free employment resource center offering job skills training, interview preparation, employability skills workshops, coaching

and mentoring, placement, and follow-up services. Ultimately, ECHO's Employment Assistance Program will help more than 70% of its graduates from weekly classroom workshops, to obtain stable employment.

Family Services Program:

The Family Services Program provides short-term housing and long-term

hope for families in a housing crisis. Homeless families with minor children receive services to help them move toward employment, permanent housing and economic self-sufficiency. Case Management support services are mandatory for all our residents.

If you think this is a ministry that you may be interested in, contact Trinity Church and Society Ministry Team chairman Ron McCrainie for more information. Ron can be reached via telephone at 850-671-4815 or by email at mccrainie@hotmail.com.

ECHO

Helping Others Help Themselves

Youth news for March

Kelly Rains
Youth Director



A Note from Kelly ...

We are in high gear preparing for our 30 Hour Famine, and Spaghetti Fundraiser this month. We have several youth ready to fast for 30 hours and all they need is someone to sponsor them for \$30. By raising the \$30 and fasting for 30 hours, each youth will then be able to feed a hungry child across the globe for 30 days! That's amazing. So if you would like to be a sponsor, please email me at krains@tumct.org or call 222-1120.

The week after our 30 Hour Famine, we have one of our biggest fundraisers all year — our **Spaghetti lunch** during Springtime Tallahassee (**March 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**). We are in the midst of making preparations and could use everyone's help

with donations of spaghetti noodles and jars of spaghetti sauce. These items can be brought to the Welcome Center or youth area any time this month. All proceeds will go toward our summer mission trips in July.

One of our trips will be to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home and the other trip will be to Juarez, Mexico. These mission trips are a great way for our youth to serve others and to grow in their relationship with God and each other. I want to encourage all youth and parents to be sure and sign-up for their work shifts for the Spaghetti Fundraiser. The sign-up board is outside my office down in the Underground. Let's make this the best fundraiser ever!



Spaghetti Fundraiser

Saturday, March 29th

Moor Hall

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale throughout the month of March:

- Sundays in the Welcome Center (between services and after church)
- Wednesdays during dinner (5:30-6:30 p.m.)
- in the church office throughout the week (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
- at the door day of the event

Cost: \$6 Adults, \$3 Kids (K-5)

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, bread, cookie, beverage, and parking in church lot as space is available.



Youth pictured above are, from left, Marcie Gsteiger-Cox, Will Thyer, Rob Lytle, Malinda Rains, Erin Peavy, Justice Merlau, Maria Parsons, and Michaela Wolfe.

Pictured at right are, from left, Michael Rudell, Emily Hirst, Malinda Rains, Jessica Danforth, Alex Ingram, John Cook, AnnLee Drake, John Rains, Brett Ingram, Dillon Cook, Kerry Ingram, Jonathon Danforth, and Kayla Sims.

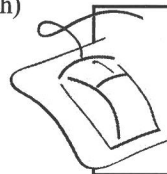


Upcoming Youth events for February

- March 2 Camp Sign-Up Day
- March 2 SaLT Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- March 2 UMYF
- March 5 Wednesday Bible Study
- March 9 UMYF
- March 9 Mexico Meeting 12:00 p.m.
- March 12 Wednesday Bible Study
- March 16 UMYF
- March 19 Wednesday Bible Study
- March 21 30 Hour Famine Lock-in (starts at 5:00 p.m.)
- March 22 Celebration Feast for Famine (7:00 p.m.)
- March 23 NO UMYF (Easter)
- March 26 Wednesday Bible Study
- March 28 Spaghetti Fundraiser Prep (6:00 - 9:00 p.m.)
- March 29 Spaghetti Fundraiser (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.)
- March 30 NO UMYF (Spring Break)

Important Upcoming Dates

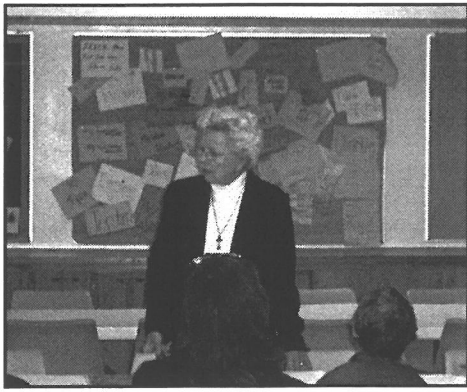
- May 3 - 4 Confirmation Banquet/Confirmation Sunday



Have you checked out the youth website lately?

www.geocities.com/undergroundministries

Donations of meat sauce, jarred sauce, veggie sauce, and/or, dry spaghetti noodles are needed. Please bring your donations to the Welcome Center or the Youth Underground Area (Gregory Room)



Linda Yates recently talked to the Confirmation class about Trinity's great history.



Getting down to some serious business at the recent SaLT retreat are, front row from left, Amanda Wolfe, Tori Bradley, Natalie Jump, Caitlyn Chrisco, AnnaLee Drake, and Tom Wright. Back row from left are, Bob High, John Cook, Emily Hearst, Malinda Rains, John Rains, and Jimmy McKinnell.

Summer camp registration Sunday, March 2

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

One day only!

Don't miss this important day to register for this summer's camp in Leesburg. This year Trinity will be going to camp the week of June 23. By signing up on March 2, you will be guaranteed a spot on the bus that will take you to camp. The charge for riding on the bus this year is only \$20!

If you can't come March 2

If you are unable to be there March 2 for the assisted registration, you may come to the church office one week prior beginning February 25 through February 29 to register. However, if you miss either of those two opportunities, you will need to register directly with the Leesburg camp.

Summer Camp

at Leesburg

Sign up times

9:20 - 10:50 a.m.
Conference Room

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Gregory Room
(Youth area)

Camp costs \$350 this year (plus \$20 for bus transportation). Trinity will assist with \$100 for Trinity members. Scholarships are available through the camp.

Bring with you

\$50 camp deposit
(check made to Trinity UMC)
\$20 deposit
(separate check made to Trinity for transportation).

sorry, no credit cards

Call Barbara Hynes or Kelly Rains at 222-1120 with any questions



UMW to hear how water troubles affect people here and elsewhere

USGS Scientist Helen Light will speak at the luncheon program meeting of

Trinity United Methodist Women on Tuesday, March 4, on "Troubled Water: The Apalachicola River Basin," its similarities with declining water sources in other parts of this country and abroad, and how it affects people.

Her talk will discuss a 50-year study and report on the decline in water levels in the Apalachicola River Basin for which she was lead author for the United States Geological Survey. The study concluded that the 86 miles of non-tidal Apalachicola River flood plain was substantially altered

and water levels declined because of channel erosion.



Helen Light is shown here with an unusually large Tupelo knee that was found along the Apalachicola River.

United Methodist Women's interest in this topic stems from their global mission projects that address the needs of people whose lives and livelihood are threatened by unsafe and inadequate fresh water supplies, including those as close to home as oyster fishermen of East Point.

The luncheon begins at 11:45 in Moor Hall. Reservations may be made by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 no later than Friday, Feb. 29.

UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. March 4 in the church library.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet Mar. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the church sanctuary.

Circle 2 will meet on Tues., Mar. 4 in the church parlor immediately following the UMW luncheon.

Circle 3 will meet Tues., Mar. 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the home of Sandra Genetin, 2027 Shady Oaks Drive..

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tues., Mar. 11 at 11:00 a.m..

Circle 5 will meet Thurs., Mar. 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Shirley Kirwin, 1855 Easton Forest Drive.

Circle 6 will meet at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle, at 6:00 p.m., Mon., Mar. 10.

Circle 8 will meet at noon Wed., Mar. 5, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 will meet at the home of Kitty Ball, 702 North Ride, Tues., Mar. 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Circle 10 will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., Mar. 20 in the home of Sandy Kappes, 6920 Tomy Lee Trail.

Easter Egg hunt

Kevin Sterling

We would like to invite the members of Trinity and friends to join in a potluck brunch and an **Easter Egg Hunt at Tom Brown Park**.

Last year, even though the weather was not ideal, a good time was had by all.



This brave group endured chilly temperatures last year to participate in the Trinity Easter Egg hunt at Tom Brown Park.

In order to ensure another successful event, we are once again asking that each family bring a brunch appropriate dish to share. The drinks and paper goods will be provided.

For the Easter Egg Hunt, we are asking each family to provide 1 dozen filled plastic eggs for each child they have participating in the hunt. This will ensure that the children have plenty of hunting to do.

- Schedule of Events -

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2008

Time: 9:30 - 12:00

Location: Tom Brown Park - Lake Leon Playground Area (Old Playground off Conner Boulevard)

Schedule

9:30 - Coffee & Cocoa

(Trinity Youth will lead games for the younger children.)

10:00 - Potluck Brunch

10:30 - Easter Egg Hunt

11:15 - Clean up

Please call 222-1120 if you have any questions.



Group from Trinity attends Children's Home Centennial Celebration

16 members of Trinity attended the Centennial celebration of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home that was held recently in Madison. The Trinity group was organized, and energized, by Lillian Byrd,

Trinity's liaison to the Children's home.

The group was treated to performances by the children, speeches by former residents, and afterward, were hosted by the United Methodist church in Madison.



Attending the Celebration in Madison recently were, from left to right, Myra Blanchard, Janet Stainer, Jean Young, Bill Kappes, Sandy Kappes, Nancy Kerce, Germain Fritchman, Bill Fritchman, Kay Morse, Lillian Byrd, David Kearns, Oberley Brown, Lou Brown, Led Brown, and Buddy Byrd.

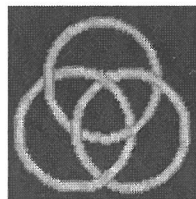
Did you know?

There are many symbols around the sanctuary and building that represent the Trinity for which Trinity is named. Look for icons, images, and objects that contain three things. Think about the number of doors at the entrance to the Narthex, or the number of stained glass windows over the Altar.

Pictured below are a couple of examples.



Three fish symbol over Duval Street entrance to Moor Hall.



At left is a depiction of Borromean Rings on one of the kneeling cushions at the altar rail.

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