

MONTHLY

# Tidings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Tallahassee, Florida

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

## Special celebration planned May 18 — One service at 10:00 a.m.

### One church service - reception after

On May 18, there will be just one church service at 10:00 a.m. and no Sunday School. Why you may ask? That Sunday is the day Trinity will let the Willis' know how much their time at Trinity has meant to them personally.

### Looking back

When John and Pat came to Trinity in June of 1999, John was quoted in the June/July issue of Tidings as saying "I can't begin to tell you how excited I am to be senior pastor at such a great church," he said. "I'm very honored to be given this opportunity. I know we're going to love this church and this congregation." And, "I believe God has great things in store for us, and we can't wait to get started." The



*Reverend John and Pat Willis have served Trinity well in the nearly 9 years they have been here. They are shown here during the farewell reception for Rev. Wayne Cook and family.*

### Come and say thanks

This will be a great opportunity for you to let John and Pat know how much you have appreciated their being here. Little did anyone know what a profound impact the Willis' would have on Trinity when they first came to Trinity back in 1999.

Pat has been very active in just about every activity and event held at Trinity. She has led numerous study groups, Lenten Journeys, and Bible study groups. She has also been active in United Methodist Women. She is

always at the Wednesday night dinners, and has taught Lay Academy classes as well.

And, what can be said about Reverend Willis that hasn't already been said? Well, come to church and the reception on Sunday, May 18 and find out. To borrow a phrase, "let me just tell you, you don't want to miss this one."

Here is just a brief list of special Sundays that Reverend Willis brought to Trinity:

- Bear Sunday
- Mountain Music Sunday
- Baptismal Renewal Sunday
- Community Sunday
- Celebration Sunday
- Charles Wesley Sunday
- Pentecost Sunday
- Procrastination Sunday

### Something for everyone

The reception will be something special as befits the honorees. There will be many surprises, and there will be a carnival atmosphere for the kids with balloons, ice cream, and face painting. Make sure to come!

**There will be a reception in Moor Hall Sunday, May 18, after the 10 a.m. service for Reverend John and Pat Willis.**

excitement and enthusiasm which would prove to be so contagious could already be heard in his words.

## Schedule of Events Sunday, May 18

- 10:00 a.m. Service in Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Reception in Moor Hall - food & fun for all ages - young and old
- Remember - No Sunday School!
- Don't miss this one!

# Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from February 10, 2008 through April 7, 2008:



In memory of **Ida Mae Mantooth** by Karen McKinney and John Taylor (for the Shelter).

In memory of **Dan Stainer** from Janet Stainer (for youth department).

In memory of **Mrs. Bob Isleib** from Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown (for Organ Fund).

In memory of **Bonnie K. Mannheimer** by Chap, Marie, and Addie Ashmore.

In memory of **Dr. Melton Ware** from Mrs. John T. Sewell, Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle A. Byrd, Jr. and Dr. and Mrs. Ledley N. Brown (for Children's Home).

In memory of **Rose Howe** by UMW Circle 2 (book for the Library).

In memory of **Polly Shelley** by UMW Circle 2 (book for the Library).

## Prayer Garden gets new look

As part of a beautification project, the John T. Sewell Prayer Garden is getting a facelift.

Watch for this relandscaping project that will be completed before the reception on May 18 for John and Pat Willis. New plants, improved drainage, and a new fountain are all in the plans.

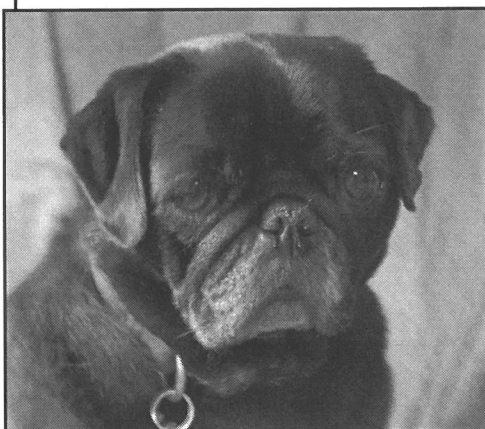
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### Do It Now

By John G. Willis, Jr.  
Senior Pastor

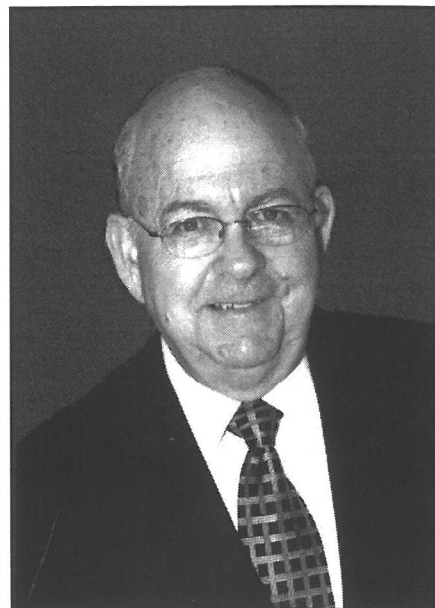
Normally it would never happen. We just don't do it. Most proper families I know of just wouldn't allow it. Molly never gets on the furniture. She knows that's the rule and she is very good in observing it.

Once when we were at our place in the mountains, she really wanted to get up in the chair with me while I was reading the paper. Things are much more casual



there and so I thought why not? - She likes it - I like it, so what am I waiting for? So she is allowed up in that one chair. We do put a towel on the chair for the dog hair.

But it made me think about how many other things I am waiting to do - waiting to say. There are some things in life that we had better not wait to do or say. We



will not always have the chance- we will not always have the time.

So those words you've been waiting to say - speak now! What is it that you've been waiting for and saying "someday" I'll do it? Do it now!

I love you,

## Welcome new youth intern

The Trinity Youth will have a new intern in May. Her name is Jordan Perry and she was recently "one of them." As a former member of Trinity's youth group, Jordan knows of what she speaks.

Jordan will begin her internship in early May and for Youth Director, Kelly Rains, it will be just in time. "Jordan just knows Trinity and the whole youth program so well. When she was in the program, she was very active and one of the leaders. And, she has so much

energy! She's going to be a great help for me," Kelly said.

Currently, Jordan is helping teach Mid-High Sunday School with Sarah-Ashley McClellan.

Jordan is a member of Trinity and the daughter of Trinity member, Beth Perry and the grand-daughter of Blue and Gloria Whitaker.

She is attending FSU and is majoring in Elementary Education. She graduated from Lincoln High School last year and is a native Tallahasseean.





# Music news for May

Mark Repasky  
Director of Music

## Special Music Planned for May 18 and May 25

Our one service on Sunday, May 18 begins at 10:00 a.m. Earlier that morning, musicians of Trinity will gather for final rehearsals. The music that day will be special, but we're keeping our "goodbye" to Rev. Willis plans secret. See you there!

The Sunday, May 25 services will revolve around a patriotic theme. We are bringing a flute ensemble and euphonium player to the services. One of the

highlights will be the flute ensemble playing the famous Sousa march "The Stars and Stripes Forever" as our Postlude.

## Chancel Choir says "Come Join Us"

It has been a busy season (September through April) for the choir. Our major concerts are now over and we are back to the normal pattern of preparing anthems and responses and leading hymn singing for our Sunday worship services. The summer months are fast approaching, at which time choir attendance drops. Now is a great time

to join the choir! Our schedule is lighter, and gaining a few participants will help us through the lean summer. Even if you cannot stay in the choir long-term, a month or two with the group would be a great way to get involved in the music ministry of the church. Joining is easy, simply come to one of our rehearsals in the next few weeks and we'll do the rest! The choir's final rehearsal will be June 11 though they will sing through Sunday, June 25.

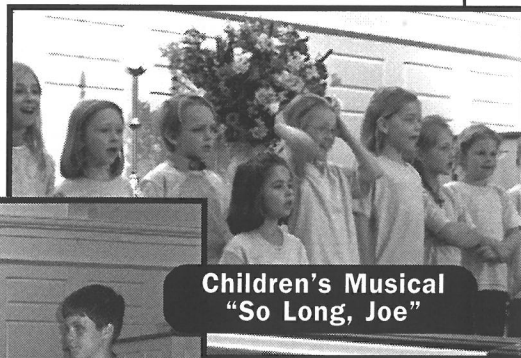
Contact me at the church if you need additional information at 222-1120.

## Dvorak Mass in D Major



In the photo above, the Trinity Chancel Choir performs along with a 25-piece orchestra. They performed Dvorak's Mass in D Major.

At left, Music director, Mark Repasky, directs the assembled musicians.



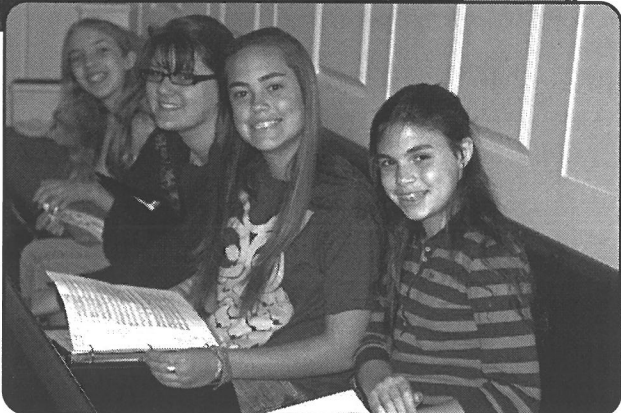
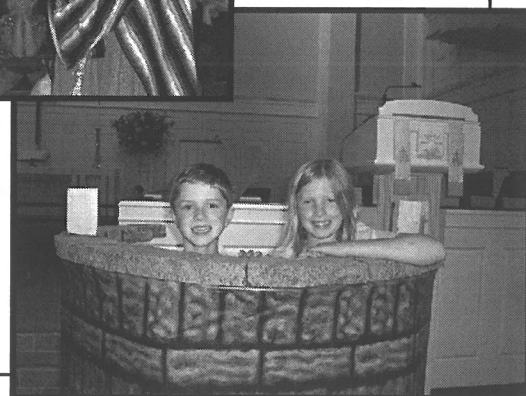
## Children's Musical "So Long, Joe"

Above, the NETkids Alpha choir performs their rendition of the song "So Long, Joe."



During the Children's Musical, Christopher Francis, at left as Potiphar, and Ben Bryan, playing Joseph (Joe), perform in "So Long, Joe."

Props for the musical were once again built by Brett Ingram and included a well, shown at right. Matt and Meredith Huggins try it out.



From left, Alex Ingram, AnnaLee Drake, Tori Bradley, and April Bradley get ready for their singing part in the Mass.

## Some facts about the Preschool

Stacey Duggar  
Preschool Director

### Did you know?

- that the preschool is accredited through the United Methodist Association of Preschools?
- that we serve 75 kids each day?
- that the preschool has been awarded a designation that we meet or exceed the highest standards in the industry?
- that the preschool is in the middle of its 34th (successful!) year of ministry here at Trinity?
- that the preschool is licensed and inspected by the Department of Children and Families, the Fire Department and the Health Department 4-8 times each year?

- that our staff is extremely qualified and professional - with a combined 125 years of experience working with children?
- that we are a VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten) provider and have been since its inaugural year of 2006?
- that we have had the privilege of working with approximately 1,500 kids and families over the past 34 years?



## The Five Practices Workshop

May 17, 2008

John Wesley UMC

1689 Old St. Augustine Rd.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

\*Registration required\*

**FREE LUNCH!**

Jesus commissioned us to make disciples and to teach them to obey all that he commanded us. But what does that really mean? **The Five Practices** of fruitful congregations brings clarity to every congregation's Biblical mission.

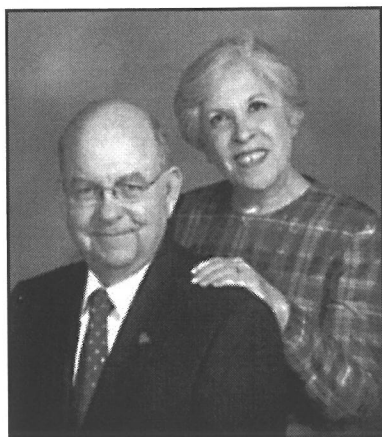
This lively, and free\*, workshop will provide an overview of the **Five Practices** and assist leaders to discern how they might improve their congregation's Great Commission — faithfulness and fruitfulness. PowerPoint, videos, handouts, and dialogue will be used to make this time together inspirational, memorable and practical.

\*Register at the NW District office -  
386-2154 or flumc-nw@flumc.org

## John and Pat Willis to Be Featured Speakers at UMW May 6

Linda Yates

Trinity United Methodist Women are telling their members and friends, "You won't want to miss it!" All are encouraged to come hear the Reverend John and Pat Willis present the program and devotional message at the UMW luncheon meeting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, in Moor Hall.



Reverend John and Pat Willis.

Pat Willis is Spiritual Life chairman of UMW and the Reverend John Willis, as minister of the church, is an ex officio member of the women's group. Both have faithfully attended meetings of UMW during their tenure at Trinity.

UMW has invited Rev. Willis to challenge them with a farewell message based on one of the purposes of the organization (Para. 1317, The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2004): "(United Methodist Women) shall engage in activities that foster growth in the Christian faith...."

All women of the church are invited to the luncheon meeting, even if they are not members of UMW. They must make a reservation for the \$5 meal by Friday, May 2, by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546.

### UMW Circles to Meet

**Circle 1** will meet Monday, May 12 at 10 a.m. at the home of Byrd Tribble, 2509 Cline St.

**Circle 2** will meet on Tues., May 8 in the church library 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., May 13 at 10:30 a.m.

**Circle 5** will go out to dinner at 6:30. Call Patti Oakley at 877-4898 for information.

**Circle 6** meets Monday, May 12 at 6 p.m. in the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

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

**Circle 9** will meet at the home of Betty Ashlock, 3448 Mahoney Dr., Tues., May 20, at 10:00 a.m.

**Circle 10** will meet at 7 p.m., Thurs., May 15 in the home of Shirley Kirwin, 1855 Easton Forest Dr.



## HEO Volunteers – engaged in springtime ministries

Rita May  
HEO coordinator

Springtime in Tallahassee is so beautiful. While spring birds are busily stocking their nests with tender grasses, HEO volunteers have been busy in a variety of springtime activities at Trinity:

- Our HEO Snack Pack ministry team met recently and put together over 100 snack packs of food for our homeless friends. (And, to help re-stock our cupboards, UMW Circle 1 collected flip top foods and presented them to HEO when Rita spoke at their April meeting!)

- HEO mailed Lenten Easter cards to Trinity homebound and health care facility friends. And after the Easter Sunday services, HEO volunteers delivered Easter lilies and visited with 32 homebound and health care Trinity members and friends.

- Our Prayers and Squares group met and quilted together, along with individual quilters who quilt at home, making their

prayer quilts of love to replenish our stock of quilts.

- And many others participated in individual ministries – baking, cooking, visiting, sending cards of concern and encouragement, delivering meals and **Upper Room** magazines and baby blankets — **Helping Each Other**, providing care and support at Trinity.



On a personal note, April 1st marked the end of my first year as HEO Coordinator at Trinity. It has been a wonderful year for me, filled with blessings of fellowship and service with fellow Trinity members - YOU. Soon it will be summer, and I shall be planning to update our volunteer rosters and to make (I hope!) a bit of time for reflection and planning. Please know that I welcome your ideas and participation in HEO.

Faithfully,

*Rita*

## UMC General Conference 2008

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held April 23 - May 2, in Fort Worth, Texas. This meeting of over 1,000 delegates from around the world, is held once every 4 years. Reverend Wayne Curry, Trinity's next pastor, is a reserve delegate to the conference and will be in attendance.

This conference is the governing body of the United Methodist religion. The conference determines everything United Methodist — from how to choose a bishop to the correct method of organizing committees.

According to Rev. Clark Campbell Evans at Tallahassee's St. Paul's UMC, this year's important issues for the church are:

- *How we focus on making disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*
- *How we organize ourselves as a global church. Even though our church is growing rapidly in other parts of the world while we continue to decline in the U.S., the structure of the church remains "U.S.-centric." What is the best structure for this day and time?*
- *A new hymnal committee is being recommended which would mean that, if passed, about 5 - 6 years from now we could have a new hymnal from which to sing*
- *A Study of Ministry committee has been working on making adjustments to the roles of deacons and local pastors*
- *A recommendation to end guaranteed appointments for elders as a way to deal with ineffective clergy*
- *A proposal to reduce individual church apportionments by capping reserves for General Agencies.*

## Ministry of the month

### Hilltop Residential

Ron McCrainie  
Church and Society Co-chair

Change the City contributions for the month of May will go toward assisting residents in the Hilltop Residential Facility with emergency dental needs. This facility, which houses up to 16 residents, operates under the umbrella of Apalachee Center, and provides a 24-hour supervised, structured residential placement for adults who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness. Services provided at the facility include psychiatric treatment, rehabilitation within



a social environment, nursing and case management.

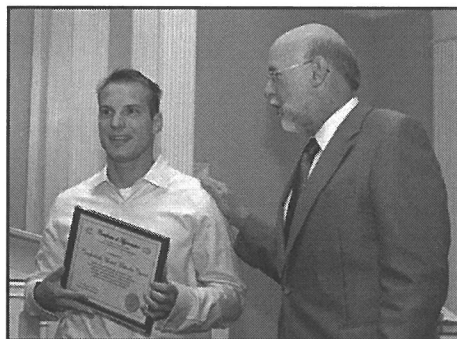
Apalachee was organized in 1948 as the Human Relations Institute of Leon County and has since expanded to include offices in seven surrounding counties. The Center is a private, not-for-profit organization governed by a

volunteer citizen Board of Directors. Services are based on

a vision of recovery, grounded by the idea that persons with psychiatric

disabilities can adapt to and recover from their illness. Supporting each

patient's personal recovery in overcoming the disability is at the core of all tasks and services. The goal of recovery directs the process from assessment through treatment and delivery of services to each individual.



Florida Conference Bishop Timothy W. Whitaker recognizes the Rev. Tony Rosenberger and Crawfordville United Methodist Church, for their efforts in partnering with community groups to provide feeding programs for children during the summer school break. Whitaker made the presentation April 1 during a service at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee. After the service, Whitaker and a group of more than 37 United Methodist Women and pastors headed to the state's capitol to meet with other groups and legislators on behalf of Florida's children during the annual Children's Week event. Photo by Erik J. Alsgaard.

# May's Youth news

Kelly Rains  
Youth Director



## A Note from Kelly ...

I would like to take a moment to brag on our youth and what they have accomplished just recently. On Good Friday the youth participated in the **30 Hour Famine** sponsored by World Vision. We had **32 youth** and **8 adults** willing to give up food for 30 hours in order to help feed a starving child across the globe. With each participant fasting for 30 hours and raising \$30 in pledges, they were **each able to feed a child for 30 days!** I had no idea how many youth would come to such an event but they really stepped up and we had 40 starving people here that Easter weekend.

As part of our famine lock-in we had lots of "juice breaks" and fun, but we also took time to serve others. On Saturday morning we divided into 5 groups and went to focus on others (as if starving wasn't enough!!!) We had one group participate in **Trinity's Egg Hunt** by providing games for the children and assistance with hiding eggs. Two other groups stayed at the church, one taking all morning to prepare the sanctuary for Easter morning and another group cleaning and overhauling our preschool. Another group went out to visit the homeless and take them food, while the last group went to Hope Community to prepare and serve lunch to the residents. Our youth were sure challenged with these events, especially handling food while fasting! But I have to say, all of the youth rose to the challenge and inspired me with their commitment and perseverance. There was very little

complaining and everyone made it the full 30 hours to our "Feast" at the end. The 40 participants are listed here and next time you see one of them, be sure to tell them how awesome they did in accomplishing this challenge!

Right after our 30 Hour Famine, we had our big **Spaghetti Fundraiser** the following weekend. It was a huge success and the youth would like to thank everyone who came out to support us as well as bring in donations. Having Springtime Tallahassee fall on the first weekend of spring break for our youth, we were not sure how it would affect our luncheon. I am proud to announce that we worked smarter and more efficiently and made **\$1,500** which will go to our mission projects this summer. So, thank you to everyone who helped and to everyone who enjoyed our delicious lunch. We couldn't have done it without you!

Finally, this month we will have our Confirmation class and our Graduating seniors recognized and our school year will come to a close. It has been a great school year and I look forward to the summer events we have planned. The Underground is always busy, especially during the summer, and I am very excited to have Jordan Perry join me as my summer youth intern this summer. Together we will be working hard to keep our youth busy and growing in their faith. Parents and volunteers will be needed throughout the summer, especially Youth Week, so please let me know if you can help. Thanks!

## 30 Hour Famine Participants

Marie Bradley	Zjarea Grant	Jordan Perry
Tori Bradley	Jaqui Griffith	Kelly Rains
Darci Brown	Jennifer Griffith	Malinda Rains
Alyson Chrisco	Jim Henderson	Mike Saou
Caitlyn Chrisco	Alex Ingram	Kayla Sims
John Cook	Brett Ingram	Avery Smith
Jessica Danforth	Megan Lieblong	Elizabeth Thomas
Jonathan Danforth	Casey Martin	Hillary Tully
Sarah Daniels	Will McDuffie	Casey Waddill
Alex Drake	Jimmy McKinnell	Melissa White
AnnaLee Drake	Justice Merlau	Amanda Wolfe
Scott Fortier	Taylor Newman	Michaella Wolfe
Chelsea Gagnon	Brad Olson	
Karen Garner	Jeff Olson	



30-Hour Famine Participants

## Upcoming Youth events for 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 noon
May 18	UMYF
May 25	NO UMYF (Memorial Day Weekend)

## June

Jun. 1	Rising 6th Grade BBQ 12-2 :00 p.m.
Jun. 1-7	Youth Week
Jun. 8	UMYF (VBS Training)
Jun. 9-13	Vacation Bible School
Jun. 15	UMYF
Jun. 16-21	Camp in Leesburg
Jun. 22	UMYF
Jun. 23-28	Youth Sunday prep
Jun. 29	Youth Sunday
Jun. 29	UMYF

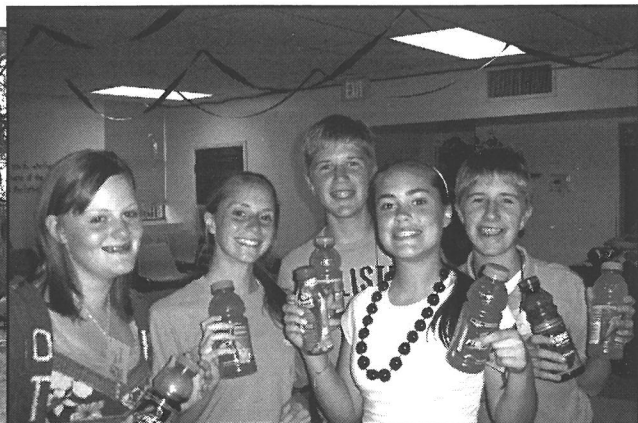
**Don't Miss!**  
Youth Week  
begins Sunday, June 1

**Have you checked out the youth website**

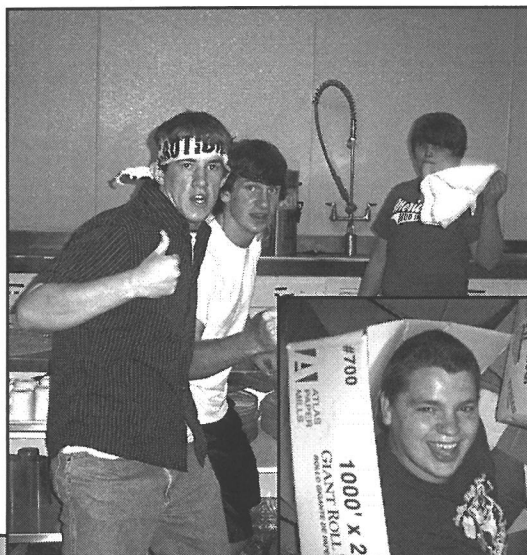
[www.geocities.com/undergroundministries](http://www.geocities.com/undergroundministries)



# 30 Hour FAMINE



During the 30-hour famine, the youth broke into 5 groups in order to focus on others. In the photo above, Youth Director, Kelly Rains, helps form the foundation of an impromptu pyramid along with, from left, Sarah Daniels, Malinda Rains, and Michaela Wolfe; middle row from left, Jennifer Griffith, Casey Waddill, and Jessica Danforth; and top row from left, Justice Merlau, Zjarea Grant, and Elizabeth Thomas. In the photo at upper right, Darci Brown, Megan Lieblong, Brad Olson, Tori Bradley, and Jeff Olson, realize the importance of staying hydrated during their fast. At right, Youth Committee Chair, Jaqui Griffith, and Marie Bradley relax on the playground as they participate in the 30-hour famine.



At left, J.D. Renken, Bob High, and John Rains are ready for action in the kitchen during the Spaghetti lunch fundraiser.

## Spaghetti Lunch

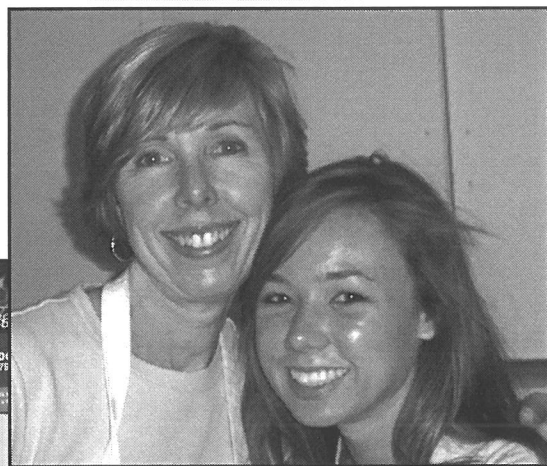
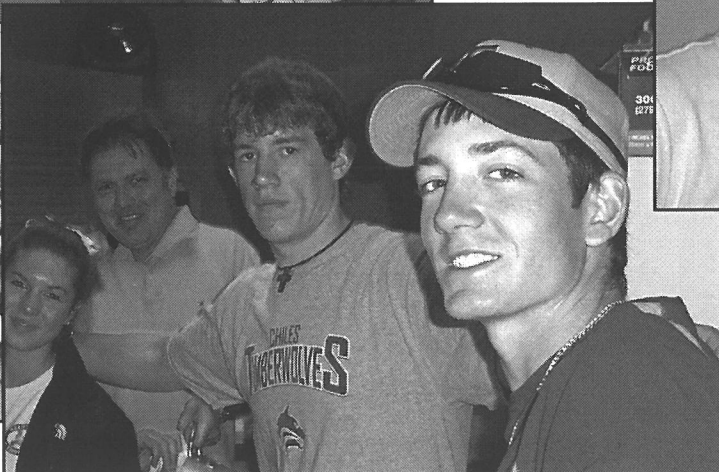
Mar. 29 - held during  
Springtime Tallahassee



At left, Steven Henderson puts his whole body to work as he crushes a few boxes.



Jimmy McKinnell gets creative and advertises outside the public restrooms.



Above, Debara and Natalie Jump take a break from the work of raising funds for the youth mission trips during the Spaghetti lunch.

At left, Bradi Wilson, her dad, Jeff Wilson, J.D. Renken, and Darryl Rudell show their camaraderie as they help prepare delicious spaghetti.



## Upcoming programs

Barbara Hynes  
Minister of Programs

Here are a few upcoming programs in May of interest to several age groups.

• **May 8 Knitting Group 7:00 p.m.**  
contact Barbara Hynes (222-1120) for directions.

• **May 9 Friday Flicks 7:00 p.m.**  
Murder on the Orient Express This month at Friday Flicks we're still in the 1930's and traveling by train across Europe on the Orient Express. Come match wits with Agatha Christie's Belgian detective, Hercule Poirot, to discover who on board has killed an American millionaire. This film, made in 1974, was directed by Sidney Lumet and received six Academy Award nominations.

• **May 22 Evening Book Group 7:00 pm**  
Featured book is *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert location TBD.

## VBS Update

**Power Lab** is fast approaching and we are preparing for another awesome VBS. Adults who would like to help prepare ahead of time can go to the craft room on



The Trinity flower cross was again decorated on Easter by members with lilies, azaleas, annuals, roses wisteria, and orchids.

Wed., May 7 at 6:30 or any Sunday at 9:45 to work there, or pick up materials to take home.

Decorating crews will set up on Saturday morning, June 5 and Sunday afternoon, June 6. Watch

the weekly bulletin for details.



## 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**.

## Trinity Flutes

Sue Parsons  
Chair, Music Committee

Trinity Flutes continue to ENJOY flute fellowship and community outreach. Our newest songs include **One O'clock Jump**, **Simple Gifts**, and **Beautiful Savior**.

On Saturday, May 31, we'll be visiting Heritage Oaks at 2:00 p.m. with a mix of Jewish, Christian, and favorite popular melodies.

We specialize in helping you get back in the groove ... you play what you can and leave the rest! Your attendance can be flexible.

We also accept donations since our budget is currently earmarked for music and stands.

Meet us in the choir room from 6-7:15 on Wednesday evenings to listen, join in.



Trinity Flutes, back row from left, Bev Beard, Sue Parsons, Carol Purvis, and Cheryl Cerreta, front row, Joseph Conlin, and Clarissa Mickle.

Let us know about a loved one who might like a visit.

We have a musical "**Heart for the City.**" Please call the church office - 222-1120, or Sue Parsons - 224-7720 for more info.

Training for Youth Crew Leaders will be at 6:30 on June 6.

Adult leaders will have a training session in May.



Above, Payten Merlau enjoyed the recent Trinity Easter Egg Hunt at Tom Brown Park.

At left, the adults better scatter as the easter egg hunting begins.

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