

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.

Trinity's future - right before your eyes

Confirmation class

This year's confirmation class received their Bibles at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, October 12 during Children's Sabbath.

The class, comprised of ten 6th graders, has been meeting every Sunday for an hour during Sunday School. They are led by Kelly Rains, Trinity's youth director.

One of the team building exercises they

Children's Sabbath

Trinity's future was on display during the Children's Sabbath service on October 12. The service was an opportunity for the congregation to witness what Trinity will look like in a few years. Adjectives from that Sunday's service would include: exuberant, enthusiastic, talented, prayerful. From what was presented that Sunday, Trinity's future looks very bright indeed!



The confirmation class is presented to the congregation after receiving their Bibles. This is another talented and enthusiastic group, being nurtured and taught by youth director, Kelly Rains. They are, from left, Savannah Sterling, Ella Smith, Marielle Scheffers, Chase Fortier, Kathryn Crotty, Joshua Clark, and Ben Bryan. Not pictured, but also members of the class, are Amelia Carroll, Elizabeth Vandervort, and David Jensen.

have completed is a trip to the Leesburg camp where they learned about trusting in God and trusting in each other. Please help support these members of Trinity's future.



Above, the Omega choir sings the "The Tree Song." They are, back row from left, Meredith Huggins, Haley Drew, Matthew Huggins, Christopher Francis, Rafel Fortier, Cassie LaJeunesse, and Hannah Prasse; front row from left, Jacob Bos, Trisha McCaul, Alex LaJeunesse, Riley Bower, and Callie Alvarez.

Below, members of the Cherub and NETkids Alpha Choirs perform "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from September 11 through October 14, 2008:



In memory of **Pauline H. Williams** from Just Us Gals, Gerald and Marilyn Robertson, Hal and Jeri Lynn Barnett, and Elizabeth Thomas.

In memory of **Margaret S. Witte** from Bill Moncrief and Dorothy Binger.

In memory of **Curtis L. Simmons, Sr.** from Bill Moncrief, Mary Jane Woodward, Vereen and Leslie Smith, Joe and Donie Ann Henderson, Rex and Nelda Toothman, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denmark, Bill and Cynthia Smith, George and Patricia Erdman, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Black, Roy and Sarah Nelson, Curtis and Marcia Simmons, and Dorothy Binger.

In memory of **Stephen R. Hirst** from Jane and Gene Tonn, Lucy Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. William Peebles, Jr.

In memory of **Mary Blackburn** (Scholarship Fund) from DeWitt and Neddy Summers.

In memory of **Wilda Lundrigan** from Mr. and Mrs. E. Ronald Hock.

Fifth Sunday offering benefits Florida UMC Children's Home

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 visit their website at www.fumch.org.



WAYNE'S WORDS

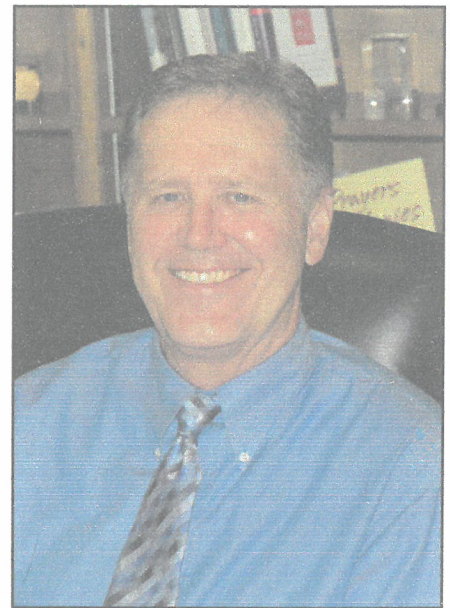
By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

When word got out around the conference that I was being assigned as the new Senior Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church following the retirement of John Willis, I began to hear wonderful things about this church from former pastors and other people, both lay and clergy. Of course your biggest cheerleader was John Willis who said from day one, "Wayne, you are coming to the best church in the Florida Conference!"

Well, after being here for four months now, I have found everything that was told to me to be true. I realize that I'm still in the "honeymoon" stage of my ministry here and there will certainly be difficult issues to deal with in the months and years ahead, but in four months time I have experienced a very healthy congregation, full of faithful, dedicated people of all ages who love their Lord and their church. There is a beautiful spirit here on Sunday mornings that make the words to the chorus, "Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place," a reality. In a very short time, Beth and I have come to love you, Trinity, and this beautiful city of Tallahassee. We feel most blessed!

It is my understanding that November is the traditional time of the year for Trinity to have our annual stewardship campaign for the purpose of raising the budget for the next year. Being a baby-boomer traditionalist, we will continue with this tradition. Our "Celebration Sunday" is scheduled for November 23rd, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so our theme is "Give Out of Thanksgiving - With a Full Heart!" You will find that I am not one to talk a lot about money, I guess because giving



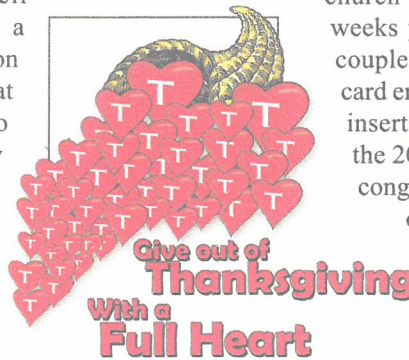
to the Lord and His Church is something I expect (and I believe it's an appropriate expectation) all members of our church to do. In the next few weeks you will be receiving a couple of letters with a pledge card enclosed, and you will see inserts in your bulletin about the 2009 budget. In a healthy congregation like Trinity, full of committed disciples of Jesus Christ, this should not be something on which we should have to spend a great deal of

time. Let's just get it done so we can continue doing the outstanding ministry that we have been doing on this corner of downtown Tallahassee for the past 184 years.

In a time when many downtown churches are dying, I am happy to say that Trinity United Methodist Church is alive and well and growing! Aren't you glad to be a part of such a great church?!!

You Are Loved,

Wayne

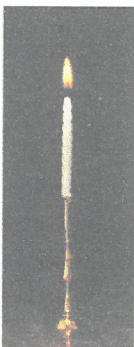


October music news

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

All Saints Day

Our services will certainly be different on November 2 as we celebrate All Saints Day. On that day we remember those that have gone before us. Candles will play a prominent role in the services. This includes a candle-lit procession by Chancel Choir culminating with reading the names and lighting a candle for members of the congregation that passed away during the previous year.



Thank you, adult musicians!

Once a year, the church invites members of Circle of Friends, Chancel Choir, Trinity Ringers, College/Career Handbells and Seniors Handchimes to a luncheon. It is

the church's way of saying "thank you" to adults who provide faithful music leadership for our worship services week after week. After the 11:00 a.m. service on November 9, we will gather in Moor Hall for food and fellowship. Members of the music groups listed above are invited to attend. We appreciate the delicious meals Nancy Stone our church hostess has provided in recent years and extend a special thanks to her...she really makes us wanna sing, wanna shout!

Looking Ahead

Chancel Choir began rehearsing "A Ceremony of Carols" in September. We are excited about preparing this beautiful music to be presented at the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on December 14. British composer, Benjamin Britten, wrote "A Ceremony of Carols" during a hazardous five-week journey by ship between the U.S. and Great

Britain in March and April of 1942. The original version is for three-part treble voices (boys choir or women's chorus), but it was later arranged for mixed chorus so men can also enjoy this wondrous 30-minute work. The choir will be accompanied by a harpist!

Organist news

Local organist Ashley Piatek has agreed to serve as our substitute organist for awhile as we continue our search for a permanent organist. We will welcome Rob Hlebinsky to the organ bench on Sunday, November 9. He is traveling from out of state and is a candidate for our organist position at Trinity.



In the photo at right, Kathryn Crotty puts the finishing touches on "The Tree of Life" as she illustrates the song by the same name.

Below, the NETkids Handchimes group played the prelude for the Children's Sabbath. They are, from left, Cassie LaJeunesse, Hannah Prasse, Meredith Huggins, Rafel Fortier, Callie Alvarez, and Haley Drew.



In the photo to the left, "Mr. Mark," Music Director, Mark Repasky, directs the Alpha and Omega Choirs during the Children's Sabbath on October 12. The choirs are comprised of children from Kindergarten through second grades (Alpha choir), and third through fifth grades (Omega choir). Pictured in the back row (l-r) are, Meredith Huggins, Haley Drew, Matthew Huggins, Christopher Francis, Cassie LaJeunesse, Kylie Crowe, Joshua Bryan, Alyssa Cuevas; middle row (l-r), Rafel Fortier, Hannah Prasse, Brandon Cuevas, Ramsey Grant, Mackenzie Soule, Ian McCaul, Adriana Fortier, Carter Nash, Elle Hart, Payten Merlau; front row (l-r) Jacob Bos, Trisha McCaul, Alex LaJeunesse, Riley Bower, Callie Alvarez, Aidan Carrasquilla, Zac Prasse, Alex Bos, Joseph Parsons, Drew Harrison, Ellie LaJeunesse, and Britton Robinson.



A different chapter begins ...

Rita May

Helping Each Other (HEO) coordinator

It is with definite mixed emotions that I write my last Tidings entry as Trinity's HEO Coordinator. I have loved every minute, being an integral part of this wonderful **Helping Each Other** ministry. I cherish each of you who have volunteered in HEO ministry, each of you who are Trinity "family," each of you who are my treasured colleagues and my pastors. For members and friends whom HEO has served, I hope that HEO might have lifted your spirits some, given you a bit of support and cheer, and shared in your journey....both ups and downs...with encouragement and God's love. For me, a new and different chapter begins....

To make a very long story short, six months ago I injured my left knee. I have been through a number of treatments, x-rays, MRI's, and remedies. And my knee has only worsened and become more and more unstable. I will have arthroscopic surgery on November 7, followed by an

extended time of rigorous physical therapy and rehab. As you may know, HEO involves extensive visitation, shopping and doing errands for others, feeding our homeless friends, cooking with Trinity Chefs, delivering flowers, etc. - all things which require being active and on the feet, or in my case, putting impact on my injured knee. So, after heartfelt prayer and consideration, I have "retired" from HEO.

I am committed to working hard on my knee recovery so that soon I can return to Trinity, only this time as a volunteer once again! I want to thank everyone for the joy you have allowed me, being in ministry with you. My mother's favorite expression, when she faced both life's challenges and joys, was "This is the day that

the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" I certainly want to "rejoice and be glad" that I was able to be a part of HEO. Amen.

Faithfully,

Rita



HEO Highlight -- You may not realize it, but several Trinity members are "Trinity Chefs" who make casseroles and other foods in their home kitchens, bringing the foods to Trinity for the HEO freezer. Beth Langford, at right, brings her wonderful casseroles, and boxes of rice to accompany, and delivers them to Trinity with good friend Becky Wells! HEO volunteers, in turn, deliver the meals. Thanks, Beth and Becky!

Christmas Trees and Wreaths

As part of the 2008-09 fundraising efforts for youth area renovations, Trinity youth will be selling Christmas trees again this year.

The deadline for ordering will be **Sunday, November 23**. Trees will be available for pick up on **Wednesday, Dec. 3 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

The trees are **TOP GRADE Frasier fir** and are freshly cut right before being brought to Trinity!



Watch for more information in upcoming Sunday bulletins

Make a difference in a child's life this Christmas!



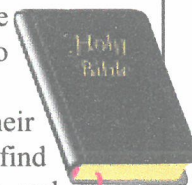
Important dates for Trinity

- Watch for information in Sunday bulletins Nov. 9 and Nov. 16.
- Return filled shoeboxes to Narthex on or before Sunday, November 23.

Third grade Bibles

Recently, Trinity's third-graders once again received a wonderful gift of love from the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School class. This gift, in the form of Bibles, is one of the many ways this class continually gives back to Trinity, and it is a true blessing to those who receive them.

Within the pages of their Bibles, our children will find many examples of love and generosity. And, hopefully they will also find the hope and faith that will carry them the rest of their lives. Thank you to members of the Wesley Fellowship Class for this generous gift, given every year, to our children.



Change the City for October - Capital Area Community Action Agency

Ron McCranie
Church and Society Co-chair



Change the City contributions during the month of November will go to the Capital Area Community Action Agency. Created in 1965 to provide low-income residents of Leon County with childcare and transportation, today the organization offers a variety of services to help low-income families become self-sufficient.

The Agency's mission is to provide comprehensive services and resources to help reduce the effects of poverty, empower citizens with skills and motivation to become self-sufficient, and improve the overall quality of their lives, and our community.

One of the important services offered is Project Share, which provides utility payment and assistance for City of Tallahassee customers who meet specific eligibility requirements. Every year, hundreds of households with elderly or disabled members, or with children

under the age of five are assisted with their utility bills.

Another program under the Agency's umbrella is the Head Start Program which provides school readiness services to preschool children from low-income families. Services include pre-kindergarten programs in Leon and Jefferson County, and assisting children who are ready to begin kindergarten. The overall goal of Head Start is to increase the social abilities of participating children so that they can succeed in their present environment and deal with later responsibilities in school and life. Services are provided that enhance their social, emotional and cognitive development.

Capital Area Community Action offers many other types of assistance including child nutrition and mental health, specialized services for children with disabilities, and transportation for children



CACAA benefitted recently from a "Snow Day" sponsored by Brueggers Bagels.

to and from Head Start Centers in area rural communities.

Count on these guys



The unsung heroes are, from left, Charles Allen, Bill Smith, Harry Mullikin, and Ernie Sanders.

When you look in the dictionary under "working in anonymity," the picture above is what you'll see. These fellows come in every Monday (in a top secret, not to be disclosed location - just kidding) and count the collection plate from Sunday's services. And, hopefully, no one knows about their labors except office staff (who really appreciate them).

They have been doing this same thing, volunteering quietly, for many years. And they have a lot of fun doing it. You can see it on their faces and you can hear it in their conversations. They really like what they're doing for Trinity.

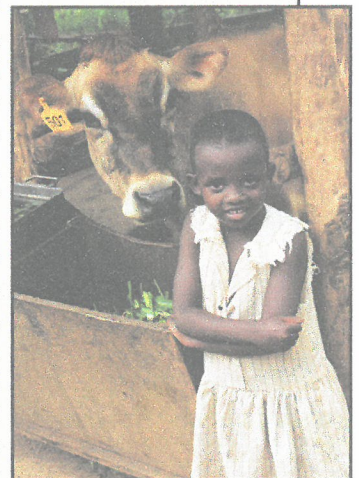
Living Gift Market to Benefit Heifer International

Don Zorn
Chair, Missions Team

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping, and help a family in need by supplying them with a cow or other animal, an enduring source of high quality food and income. The Missions Team at Trinity is sponsoring a **Living Gift Market Sunday**,

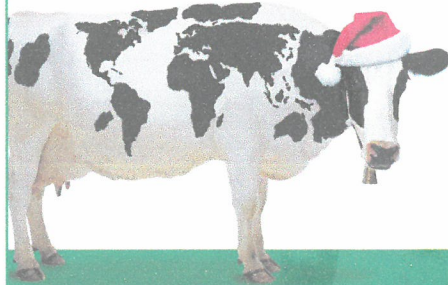
November 16, to raise money for Heifer International, a highly regarded organization which has helped so many throughout the world. Please come see the live animals on display in the Duval Street courtyard, and consider purchasing a share of a cow, pig, goat, or other animal that could help a family rise from poverty. Do this in honor of loved ones and receive attractive gift cards to send them.

Want to help us with the market? We need volunteers! Please contact team members: Edna Bennett, John and Leslie Elliott, Shirley Kirwin, Frank Leonard, Sam Rogers, or Don Zorn (893-8929) if you have any questions or would like to take part.



The best gifts don't
need unwrapping.

Do a world of good:
give the gift of hope this season.



Trinity Courtyard
(Duval Street)

Sunday, November 16

Call 222-1120 for more information.



November Youth news

Kelly Rains
Youth Director



A Note from Kelly ...

This November the youth will be focusing on others who are less fortunate. On Sunday, November 9 the youth will be participating in the annual Crop Walk in the fight against hunger. This year the youth would like to invite all Trinity walkers to a simple but free "beans and rice" lunch at 12:00 p.m. down in the youth area. After lunch we will head to the park at 1:30 p.m. to participate in the 3-mile walk. This year we hope to have the best attendance ever in fighting hunger, so please see Kelly to sign up. We think this event is so important that we are replacing our normal UMYF that day with this event. Come be part of the fun and help fight hunger.

Also, our Confirmation Class will be collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child like in past years. By filling up a shoebox with gifts, you can bring joy and happiness to a child across the globe this Christmas. Simply pick up a donation flyer in the welcome center or in the Sunday bulletin on November 9th and 16th and fill a shoebox with goodies. Then bring the filled shoeboxes to the Welcome Center or Narthex no later than Sunday, November 23. The



Several members of the Trinity confirmation class went to Leesburg camp recently for a one-day retreat. On the bus trip down there, they stopped for lunch, breaks, and this photo opportunity. From left, the participants were Savannah Sterling, Chase Fortier, Elizabeth Vandervort (standing in back), Kathryn Crotty, Amelia Carroll (standing in back), Marielle Scheffers, and Ella Smith.

Confirmation Class will make sure it gets to where it needs to go.

Finally, the youth will have the privilege of hearing a guest speaker on Sunday, November 16, from the Tallahassee Homeless Speakers Bureau. They will get to hear first hand what it is like to be homeless and how hard it is to get out of that situation. It is our hope that the youth will learn first hand on how to help those in that situation and take action immediately. There is nothing better than to see our youth so involved in helping others!



Upcoming Youth events for November

- Nov. 2 Daylight Savings Time! (Fall back 1 hour)
- Nov. 2 Youth Praise Band, Choir practice, UMYF
- Nov. 5 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Nov. 9 Crop Walk (12 noon Beans & Rice Lunch, 1:30 Crop Walk, 3:30 Choir)
- Nov. 12 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Nov. 16 Youth Council, Youth Praise Band, Choir, UMYF
- Nov. 19 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Nov. 21 Mid-High Madness
- Nov. 22 Senior High Only Event
- Nov. 23 Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and Christmas Tree Orders Due
- Nov. 23 Youth Praise Band, Choir practice, UMYF
- Nov. 26 No Wednesday Activities (Thanksgiving Break)
- Nov. 30 Apples to Apples Game Night @ UMYF (No Praise Band, No Choir)

Other Upcoming events

- Dec. 3 Christmas Tree Pick-up (No Bible Studies)
- Dec. 6 Chili Fundraiser (Festival of Lights)
- Dec. 7 Youth Choir sing at morning services and retirement homes
- Dec. 7 UMYF @ 6:00pm (No Praise Band, No Choir)
- Dec. 10 Wednesday Bible Study End of Semester Celebrations
- Dec. 14 Youth Christmas Party @ FSU Wesley Foundation from 5:30-8:00pm (No Praise Band, No Choir)
- Dec. 21 Christmas Movie @ UMYF (No Praise Band, No Choir)
- Dec. 24 Youth Participating at the 5:30 Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 25- Jan. 5 Christmas Break

Back in September, the Trinity youth, along with several willing adult chaperones, went to the "Rock the Universe" Christian concerts in Orlando. This is a yearly event that combines Christian music the youth can relate to, in a venue where parents feel comfortable.

Ice Cream Social

at the

Curry's



On a recent Sunday night (Oct. 19 to be exact), Reverend Wayne and Beth Curry hosted 37 Trinity youth and 6 adults for an evening of fellowship and ice cream.

Enjoying each other's company on the back porch were, from left, Mary Beth Waddill, Vanessa Carey, and Sarah-Beth Miller. In the photo at right, Reverend Curry appears to be trying to find the bottom of the endless tub of ice cream.



Shelter Volunteers Will Share Their Experiences with UMW Nov. 4

Linda Yates

Steve and Sabrina Denmark, who chair the team of volunteers who prepare and deliver meals to The Shelter several times a month, will describe their ministry with the city's homeless at the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women on Tuesday, Nov. 4. The meeting starts at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall and is open to all.

All who cook for The Shelter are especially invited to attend the luncheon where they will be recognized for the service and friendship they give to the homeless in behalf of the church. Gloria and Blue Whitaker, who chair Trinity's Christmas dinner for the homeless and for others who would otherwise be eating alone that day, will also be recognized by UMW members.

Those who attend the luncheon are

requested to bring a gently used or new children's book that homeless families can read to their children while staying at the Shelter. For adults, bring small toilet articles such as toothpaste, tooth brushes, hand lotion, soap, shampoo, and similar personal items. These will be delivered with the next meal Trinity volunteers take to the Shelter.

Members of United Methodist Women will also bring their annual World Thank Offering to the meeting in appreciation of God's blessings. The collection will be used for mission outreach with the less fortunate around the world.

Reservations for the luncheon must be made by Friday, Oct. 31, by telephoning Nancy Kerce at 877-6546.

UMW Executive Committee will meet in the conference room at 10:30 a.m., Nov. 4.

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UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Nov. 10, at the home of Margie Mixon, 2219 Demeron Road.

Circle 2 will meet in the church library immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

Circle 4 will meet in the church parlor on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Nov. 13 at the home of Patti Oakley, 1804 W. Indianhead Drive.

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

Circle 8 will meet at noon Wednesday, Nov. 5, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 10 a.m. at the home of Dot Binger, 1601 Raa Avenue.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. in the home of Donna Duggar, 1010 Shalimar Drive.

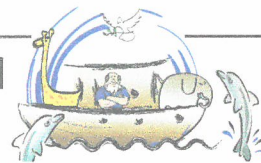
The FSU Wesley Connection at the Preschool

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

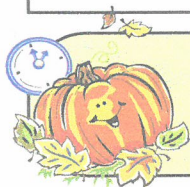
The "Wesley Connection" is really making a difference at the preschool! Some of you may be wondering just what the "Wesley Connection" is. Well, it began about a year ago when FSU student, Meghann Vevera, called and asked about a job! After setting up an interview with Meghann, I learned that she was an active member of the Wesley Foundation on FSU's campus. Once employed, she said the magic words I was looking for — "I have a friend who is also looking for a job!" Well, one year later, we are blessed to have not only Meghann, but also Hallie Nimrichter, Taylor Austin and Bobbie Brinkerhoff working with us as well! All four are students at Florida State University and active members of the Wesley Foundation.

"I like the community and the encouragement everyone gives to each other at the Wesley Foundation," Meghann said. "You feel like you are at home when you are away from home."

When asked about what she enjoys about working at the preschool, Meghann stated "I like working with my friends — we all love our job and its fun to share stories about the kids." Meghann also noted that while she is glad to have her Wesley friends working here, she enjoys working with Dominique, Linzee and Veronica as well. These aides along with the Wesley Connection aides and teachers combine to make a wonderful, top notch staff! What a blessing to the children to have these loving and nurturing role models working here each day!



Meghann Vevera



Don't Forget to Fall Back!
Daylight Savings Time - Nov. 2



These could save a life!

Trinity recently purchased two AEDs (automated external defibrillator). These life-saving, self-contained units will be located in prominent and easy to locate areas (as of this printing, locations were still being discussed). The boxes that house the units are a bright white with red lettering.

Trinity's AEDs have a self-contained energy source that will last for several years.

An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses potentially life threatening cardiac situations, and is able to treat them through the application of calibrated electrical impulses. This therapy stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish its normal rhythm.

AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the uninitiated, and the use of AEDs is taught in many first aid, first responder and basic life support classes. With the recently purchased AEDs, once the "on" button has been pressed, the machine will automatically begin with instructions, talking the user through each succeeding step.

Of course, the first step with any medical emergency is to call 911 for help. Then someone should be sent to locate the AED and follow the instructions from the unit. All Trinity staff has been trained in their use.



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