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

Holy Week at Trinity

Easter at Trinity is a time for reflecting on the sacrifice made by Christ. It is also a special family time. Listed below is a brief synopsis of the holy week activities.

Palm Sunday April 5

The three services will be held at the regular times - 8:30, 9:45, and 11 a.m.

Elementary school-age children will join in the procession carrying palms at the 11 a.m. service. Don't miss this special service.

Maundy Thursday April 9

This traditional service of communion will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a traditional observance of the Last Supper of Christ.

The service will be preceded by a dinner in Moor Hall that will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please call the church office at 222-1120 to

make your reservation.

Good Friday April 10

Trinity will again host a worship service, observing the crucifixion of Christ, at 12 noon. This is a city-wide service for all United Methodists that is traditionally hosted by Trinity.

Invite other United Methodists to come to Trinity with you and then stay for a delicious lunch after the service. A \$5 donation is suggested, and reservations should be made through the church office at 222-1120.

Easter Sunday April 12

Easter services begin at 7 a.m. with the traditional Sunrise Service. This service for early risers is held in E. Peck Greene Park, which is located across the street to the east of Trinity.

A delicious hot breakfast will be served after the service in Moor Hall. Reservations should be made through the church office by calling 222-1120.

The three regular church services will also be held at 8:30, 9:45, and 11 a.m. The services will feature special music including Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." Don't miss this special celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection.



Family photos by the flower cross in the courtyard are a Trinity tradition.



Easter at Trinity

SUNRISE SERVICE

7:00 a.m.

E. Peck Greene Park
Rev. Tony Fotsch preaching

CHURCH SERVICES

8:30, 9:45, and 11 a.m.
Sanctuary/Moor Hall
Rev. Wayne Curry preaching

Bring your flower for the
flower cross in the courtyard

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from February 12, 2009 - March 9, 2009.



In memory of **Margaret J. Gordy** from Dorothy N. Binger, the 2nd Thursday Bridge Group, and the Fellowship Presbyterian Church Bridge Group.

In memory of **Stephen R. Hirst** from Lucy Williams Littleton.

In memory of **Samuel Tettey** from Mary J. Marchant.

In memory of **Rebecca J. Hood** from Duncan and Mary Ann Moore (HEO), Martha Tilden (Preschool Scholarship Fund), Diana R. Gendron, Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Yates (Heritage Room), Mr. & Mrs. Dick Cureton, and Mr. & Mrs. E. Ronald Hock.



Large new member class joins in March

Another good-sized class of eleven new members joined in March. Several of them are pictured at right so you will know them when you see them, and you can welcome them to Trinity.

Pictured at right are, from left, Kim Johnson, Charlotte Mathews, Allison Kinney, Robert Kinney, Sally Musgrove, Richard Musgrove, Beth Mulrennan, Mike Mulrennan, and Perry Erwin. Not pictured are Rob and Laura Hlebinsky.

Getting to know you

Perry Erwin comes to Trinity from another denomination. He has been married to Cathy Erwin since 2001. He works in real estate and has two grown daughters, Jennifer Townsend and Kadee Simons.

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WAYNE'S WORDS

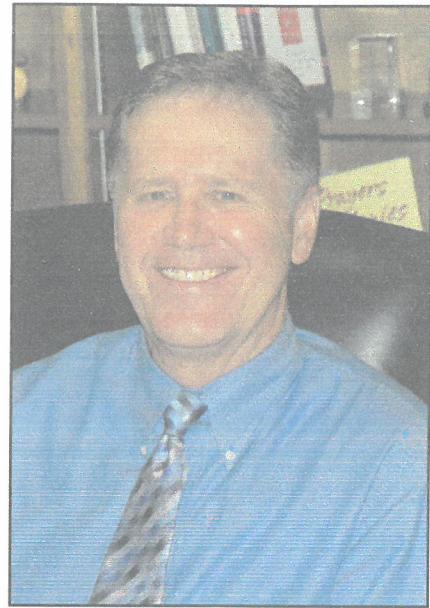
By **E. Wayne Curry**
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

Many of you had told me what a beautiful time of year Spring is here in Tallahassee but I had no idea it would be this beautiful! Having grown up in Miami and having served most of my ministry in central Florida, I never experienced much of a change of seasons except for various shades of green. Every day I am in awe of some new tree, plant or flower that comes to life from what seemed to be dead. The dogwoods and azaleas are stunning! New life coming from what appeared to be dead. Exquisite beauty from what appeared to be ugly.

How appropriate that Easter comes in the Spring. Signs of new hope and new life all around us. As people of faith that should come as no surprise to us. For out of chaos God brought Creation. Out of a Cross, God brought a Resurrection. Out of our hopelessness, God continues to bring hope eternal. All is well!

Frederick Buechner put it like this: *"We bear so much tragic news that when the news is good we cannot hear it. But the proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian, I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known a time when all was not well but as one who has faced the Cross in all of its obscenity as well as in all its glory, who has known one way or another what it is like to live separated from God. In the end, his will, not ours, is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through him, in him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream."*



Hallelujah! Christ is risen!!
You Are Loved,

wayne

p.s By the time you receive this newsletter many of you will have heard that I have been diagnosed with prostate cancer and will be having surgery later in the month. I am confident in the Lord, in my doctors, and in the prayerful love and support of my church family. I will be preaching Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday; Pastor Tony will bring you another one of his great sermons on April 19th; and on April 26th we will be blessed with our Children's musical "Creation!" at the 8:30 and 11:00 AM services. I expect to be back in the pulpit on May 3rd when we will bring in our Confirmation Class and celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. God is good all the time! All the time God is good!



April Music news

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Welcome, Megan Gackle

We have a new college intern! Megan Gackle is a freshman at the FSU College of Music. She comes from a very musical family and has been immersed in musical experiences most of her life. She is assisting our Chancel Choir and College/Career Handbells. Megan has a great soprano voice and will be singing a solo at worship services soon. We are pleased that we now have two college interns, with trumpet major, Nathan Connon, continuing his work with Youth Choir and College/Career Handbells.

Hallelujah! It's a Tradition

The Hallelujah Chorus is perhaps the best known sacred choral piece in the world. It is actually one section of Handel's sacred oratorio "The Messiah," but is often sung as a separate anthem. Our church has a tradition of inviting those attending our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services, to come to the front and sing the Hallelujah Chorus with our Chancel Choir at the end of the service. What a glorious way to end an Easter worship service!

New members continued from page 2

Rob and Laura Hlebinsky are the proud parents of 5-month-old Grace Evelyn. They have just recently moved to Tallahassee so Rob could assume the position of organist for Trinity. Having moved from Michigan, Laura is enjoying the warmer weather. She enjoys walking and reading. Rob is happy to be serving Trinity as organist. He likes running, skiing, and knitting.

Robbie and Kim Johnson moved to Tallahassee a little over a year ago from Atlanta. They transferred their memberships from other United Methodist churches. Robbie works for Fortis Environmental Group, and enjoys golf, fishing, and the outdoors. He graduated from the University of Georgia. Kim works for the Florida Bankers Association. She graduated from Auburn University.

NETkids Musical

Sunday, April 26 is a special day for many of the children here at Trinity. The NETkids choirs present "Creation" by Anna Laura Page and Jean Anne Shafferman. This is a 30-minute children's musical about the birth of the earth, from Adam to Noah. It will be presented at all three services. We plan to have about 40 children participating! There is special costuming, scenery, dialogue and lots of music ...

One night, a thunderous storm, like those we occasionally experience in Tallahassee, frightens Jody so much she calls for her Mom. To soothe the child, Mom sits on the bed with her. She decides to read Jody a story; a bible story! "Once upon a time, the world was very dark, just as it is tonight and God

felt very lonely...." We'll give you the rest of the story on April 26!

Something New

Several men in the congregation have recently expressed interest in getting together on occasion to sing. The style would be Old Gospel (like our Cokesbury Hymnal) and contemporary Gospel. They would not meet weekly, but on occasion to prepare music for a special event, like morning worship services or visiting a shut-in. Our question; how many men out there would be interested in this? So think it over, then contact me at the church, or Blue Whitaker at blue@talweb.com.



Last year's Children's Musical featured David (April Bradley) and Goliath (Chip Huggins).

Charlotte Mathews is married to Trinity member, Gary Mathews, and has two grown children. She joined from another denomination. Charlotte works for FedEx Express in Georgia while she awaits her transfer to Tallahassee. She enjoys reading, travel, and crafts.

Mike and Beth Mulrennan joined Trinity from another denomination. Beth has lived in Tallahassee since 1979 and works for the Florida League of Cities. Mike moved to Tallahassee in 1987 and works for the City of Tallahassee.

Richard and Sally Musgrove have five grown children, including Trinity member, Reagan Mott-Smith. They also have nine grandchildren. The Musgroves transferred their memberships from

another United Methodist church. Richard is a consulting engineer for URS Corporation. He enjoys fishing and golfing, and working on community projects like Springtime Tallahassee. Sally owns Sally Musgrove Insurance Agency (Allstate Insurance). They have been visiting Trinity for about ten years.

Kim Johnson joined Trinity from another denomination. She is married to Rick Johnson and they have two children. Kim works for the Leon County Health Department in the Healthy Start Program where she works with pregnant women and children up to age 3. One of her daughters, Elizabeth Vandervort, is active in the Trinity youth program.

Prayludes – Organ Oversight Board News

Sue Parsons
Organ Oversight Committee Chair

10 year anniversary concert

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27. This will be our celebration concert honoring the 10 year anniversary of our Casavant Organ. David Higgs from the Eastman School of Music will be our guest artist and we want to fill up the sanctuary with music, people, and praise. It is time to start preparations and we are looking for volunteers to join us as we plan, publicize, and host the concert.

As the committee reads over past meeting minutes, articles, and donation statements, we are reminded of how much love and sacrifice has gone into our organ ministry. Many of the people that helped with the initial effort to purchase the Casavant are still with us, and some have passed away. Myron Blee has since passed on. It was largely his vision and ability to guide others that made the purchase of the Casavant possible. As he

also understood that the upkeep and replacement of our organ would be very expensive, the Organ Trust Fund was created. It currently has about \$115,000. It would cost almost that much just to replace the organ console. This must be done (or a major re-build) at least once during the lifespan of the organ, which with proper care, should be over 100 years. Your ongoing donations increase the principal of the fund. The interest generated from the fund's principal pays for the upkeep of both the Casavant and the Chapel Organ.

Let Us Hear From You

We thank you for your continued financial support of the Organ Trust Fund. If you are a member that has given to the organ efforts either with time or financial contributions, we would love to receive a statement from you on your motivation. What does the organ music mean to you? How does it feed your spirit? We would like

to compile a list of your statements and share them, perhaps as an insert in the program. We would also like your thoughts to be kept on record for those in future generations to read and understand.

To volunteer for the concert preparations or submit a personal statement, please contact the church office OR email Sue Parsons, Organ Oversight Committee Chair. Sueparsons@aol.com and 224-7720.



Hello from the HEO Ministry!

Leah Wright
HEO Coordinator

I wanted to highlight all the ministries that are going on in HEO (Helping Each Other). We had a volunteer interest meeting on March 1st and I wanted to extend all the information that was given there to all the members of Trinity!

Prayers and Squares

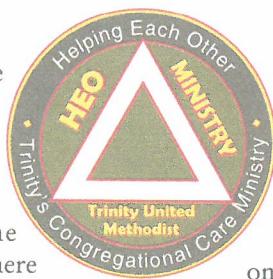
Prayers and Squares is a ministry that makes quilts specifically with prayer in mind. These quilts have ties on them for someone to tie once they have said a prayer for the person receiving the prayer quilt. Quilts can be requested for people who are in need of prayer.

How Can I Volunteer?

Prayers and Squares meets monthly on each fourth Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in room 310 to put together quilts. The ladies who volunteer make quilts at home and bring them during meetings to finish them. It is a great way to give something homemade to a person in need of prayer and healing.

Trinity Chefs

Trinity Chefs is a ministry that makes



meals to be given out to people who just need a helping hand. These meals are prepared with love and care.

How Can I Volunteer?

Trinity Chefs meets monthly on the third Thursday at 10:00 am

to make meals for the congregation. All you have to do is be able to take direction and use some kitchen utensil. It's a great time to meet people, cook, and help.

Upper Room Delivery

Upper Room Delivery is a ministry that makes sure that people who can't come to Trinity anymore can receive the Upper Room Devotional. Volunteers bring the Upper Room Devotional and visit with the person.

How Can I Volunteer?

This ministry is done at your leisure bi-monthly. When you deliver Upper Rooms you are primarily visiting those Trinity members who aren't able to get to the church anymore. You can just deliver the Upper Rooms, but visiting with the recipient is strongly encouraged. A half hour is almost always enough to let someone know that you love and care for them.

Caregiver Respite

Caregiver Respite is a ministry that helps the caregiver of a sick person. If you know of anyone who is caring for a sick relative, please let HEO know so we can help in any way possible.

How Can I Volunteer?

If you have a heart for caring for people, then this is the ministry for you. This opportunity is not a monthly commitment, but could be a weekly one depending on the needs of a caregiver. You could be called to watch a loved one for a couple of hours so the caregiver can go grocery shopping or just take a breather. This is a wonderful way to serve.

Snack Packs

Snack Packs is a ministry that helps feed the homeless of Tallahassee. Snack Packs are given out every Monday and Wednesday. The Snack Packs are just a snack.

How Can I Volunteer?

Snack Pack packing occurs bi-monthly on a Wednesday night at 6:15 pm. If you can stuff a grocery bag with snack items and are available on a Wednesday night, then come on and sign up! :

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Second Harvest Director Will Speak at UMW April 7

Linda Yates
UMW President

United Methodist Women on April 7 will learn the extent of our neighbors' worsening hunger problem when Cheryl Phoenix, executive director of Second Harvest of the Big Bend, speaks at their luncheon meeting at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall.

Affiliated with Feeding America, the local agency has served this area for 26 years. It works with other groups to distribute more than 600,000 pounds of food annually to children's programs, senior citizen centers, soup kitchens, women's shelters, homeless shelters, emergency food pantries and drug and alcohol centers. It depends largely on contributions from individuals, churches and other groups.

Trinity UMW members and any concerned person in the congregation can participate in two Second Harvest programs aimed at the youth and elderly in our community--Brown Bags for the Elderly and The Backpack Program. Sacks of nonperishable food that will

create a meal may be brought to the UMW luncheon meeting April 7 or left in the Narthex when you come to worship on April 5. A menu card may be inserted in the bag explaining how the items can make a meal. High protein food is suggested, such as a bag of black beans, bag of rice, box of bread mix such as muffins or cornbread, and a can of fruit. Other menus might contain boxes of macaroni and cheese, can of green beans, bread mix, canned fruit.

The bags will be given to senior citizens when their Social Security check is depleted before the end of the month, and for school children to take home at the end of the week so they will have food to eat until they return to the school meal program on Monday.

Because of the importance of this worsening problem here and elsewhere, UMW invites all interested persons of the church to attend the luncheon to learn first hand the severity of the problem right here in Tallahassee and how the church can respond. Reservations for

the luncheon meeting (\$5) should be made by Friday, April 3, by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 plans to meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Apr. 13, at the home of Joyce Peters, 1332 Hollow Oak Circle.

Circle 2 meets in the church library immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Apr. 7.

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tuesday, Apr. 14 at 10:30.

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Apr. 9 at 7:00 p.m. Call Patti Oakley, 877-4898 for location.

Circle 6 will meet Monday, Apr. 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 plans to meet at noon, Wednesday, Apr. 1, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Apr. 21 at 10:00 a.m. with Linda Yates, 1111 Wisteria Drive.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Apr. 16 at 7:00 p.m. with Sandy Kappes, 6920 Tomy Lee Trail.

Change the City for April - PACE Center for Girls

Ron McCranie
Church and Society Committee Co-Chair

Spring is a great time to focus on new beginnings and "change". Dropping your change in the bowl in the narthex every Sunday during April is an excellent way to help others make some positive changes. Your contributions in April will go to the PACE

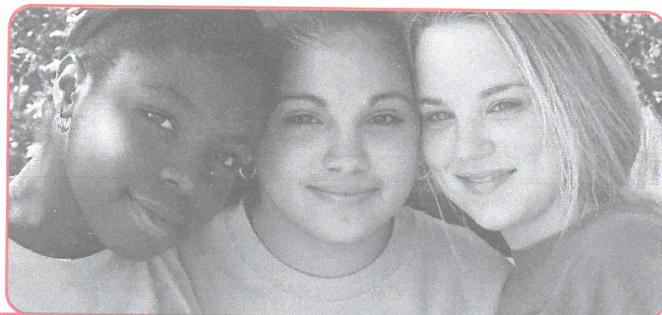
Center for Girls. Its purpose is to help prevent school withdrawal, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, substance abuse and welfare dependency in a safe and nurturing environment. PACE (Practical Academic Cultural Education) assists girls who are truant, runaway, delinquent or in need of academic skills. The Center provides

young women, 12 to 18 years old, an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy. Programs include academic education, individual attention, life management, parental involvement, student volunteer service projects and follow-up services. The goals of PACE are to help young women focus on earning a high

school diploma, attending college, getting vocational training, joining the military or entering the private workforce. After program completion, PACE monitors each girl's progress with three

years of follow-up case management.

Across the state, PACE works with more than 2,300 girls each year. In 2006-2007, 94% of participants improved academically, 93% returned to public school, post secondary education or were employed after leaving PACE, and 89% remained crime free a full year after completing the program.



Ministry
of the month

Youth news for April

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

Well...it's official, renovations are underway and we couldn't be more excited! There's nothing like a new project to bring people together and that's exactly what's happening. We had about 50 people helping on "Demolition Day" last Sunday night during the first phase of this process.

Over the next month, we will be transforming the Gregory Room into a great multi-use space and our game room will be getting a whole new look. We have lots of painting to do during spring break and over the summer we will finish up some other projects that are planned. By August we should have everything done and we can't wait to invite the whole church down to The Underground for an open house. Stay tuned and keep watching The Tidings for further details.

In the meantime we are still doing ministry, which includes are next big event, the 30 Hour Famine. Did you

know that 26,000 children die each day due to hunger? This number is hard to believe but our youth are very aware of this statistic and that is why so many of them are willing to participate in the famine each year. Each participant is required to raise at least \$30 and fast for 30 hours, in order to feed a starving child for 30 days! It not only is a huge accomplishment for them when they complete the fast, but it makes a huge difference in the life of a starving child. There are ways for you to help and get involved too. First, we would love for you to be a part of the famine and join us on April 10th and 11th. Second, you can sponsor one of the youth for \$30 or bring in juice donations for the fast (100% juice only please). Finally, we are in need of drivers both Friday night and Saturday morning so that we can get all our youth to their service opportunities. If you are able to help in any of these ways, please Kelly at krains@tumct.org or 222-1120 for more details. Thank you in advance for your support!



Upcoming Youth events for April

- Apr. 1 Mission Trip payment due
- Apr. 1-3 Youth Area renovations
- Apr. 5 No Band, Choir 5pm, Dinner Outing to Stevi B's 6pm
- Apr. 8 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Apr. 10 30-Hour Famine begins 5pm
- Apr. 11 30-Hour Famine Feast 7pm
- Apr. 12 No Band, Choir, or UMYF (Easter)
- Apr. 15 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Apr. 19 Youth Choir Sings 8:30 & 11:00am - No Choir Practice, Praise Band 4pm, UMYF 6pm
- Apr. 22 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Apr. 26 Choir Party 2pm, Band 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- April 29 Wednesday Bible Studies

Other upcoming events

- May 1 Final Mission Trip Payment Due
- May 1 Camp Balance Due
- May 1 Confirmation Banquet 6:30pm
- May 3 Confirmation Sunday
- May 6 Last Wednesday Activities
- May 17 Graduate Sunday
- Jun. 7-13 Youth Week
- Jun. 14 Youth Sunday
- Jun. 14-19 .. VBS
- Jun. 22-27 .. Summer Camp in Leesburg
- Jul. 12-18 ... Middle School Mission Trip
- Jul. 26-
- Aug. 1 High School Mission Trip



Sunday, March 21, a day that will live on in the hearts of these youth. This was the day that demolition began on the youth area. In the photo above, the dust flew and walls fell as the Youth Director's office went under the hammer.

Before the destruction began, these three, at right, were getting some air in the window.

At left, everyone gets involved in digging the drainage canal between Trinity and First Presbyterian.

Below, proper eye-protection is a necessary accessory for demolition.





In the photo above, the confirmation class and the Wednesday Night Bible Study group visited Temple Israel for their Friday evening worship service and then stayed for a "question and answer session" with Rabbi Romberg.

Members of the Senior High Bible Study, top right, were recently seen hiding dollar bills (\$50 worth) with "notes from God" at a local Publix. How cool is that?

The Middle School Bible Study group, at right, are pictured on their way to do "acts of kindness" at TMH Emergency room. At the emergency room they offered pop tarts, nutri-grain bars, water bottles, decks of cards, and etc ... to the people waiting (and waiting and waiting) there. They were prepared to be asked to leave, but happily they were allowed to stay and made all of Trinity proud.



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Communion for the Homebound

Communion for Homebound is a ministry that brings the Lord's table to those who cannot participate on Sunday mornings. This ministry is a great way for those who are homebound to receive the body and blood of Christ with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

How Can I Volunteer?

In the past, communion for those who are homebound has been done for Lent and Easter. HEO has decided to increase this ministry. But as you all know, we are in the season of Lent and communion will be served soon. If you are interested in serving communion, please let me know!

New Born Baby Ministry

New Born Baby Ministry is a ministry that brings a handmade baby blanket and a meal (made by Trinity Chefs) to the family of a new born. It is important to let new parents know that they are thought of and cared for.

How Can I Volunteer?

The New Born Baby Ministry is dependent upon the births in Trinity's congregation. There are no monthly

meetings. This ministry works around new mothers and their newborns' schedule. You can set up times with the families to go out and meet the mother, meet the baby and bring them a meal prepared by Trinity Chefs. It is a really fun ministry to be a part of.

Visiting Ministry

Visiting Ministry is a ministry that visits those who are unable to be a part of the active Trinity UMC community. The homebound are in need of community and love. Come visit the lonely and meet Jesus in the process.

How Can I Volunteer?

You can visit one of Trinity's members who are in a nursing home, assisted living facility or hospital at your convenience.

Volunteers are encouraged to see these members at least once a month, but if you cannot commit to that any amount of visits is enough. Once you are assigned someone, you can call or pop in (depending on who

you're visiting) and spend a half hour to an hour with them. They love visitors and have wonderful lives to tell you about.

Easter Lily Delivery

After the Lenten Season, we are blessed here at Trinity with so many lilies on the altar. Some of those lilies aren't taken home and we have a ministry here that takes those extra ones to those in our community that cannot come to Easter Sunday Service.

How Can I Volunteer?

You can be a visitor/deliverer to one of our members. This will need to be done soon after Easter because of the life of the lilies. If

you are available on April 13th and 14th, please let me know!



Preschool News

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director

Tribute to Dad!

Our Annual Dad's Breakfast is a great time to say thanks to our dads (or uncles or grandfathers) for all they do! The preschool children (and their dads!) enjoyed a special breakfast of egg casseroles, sausage, bagels, donuts and fruit. They were excited to sing a few songs and share some of their artwork. A good time was had by all!

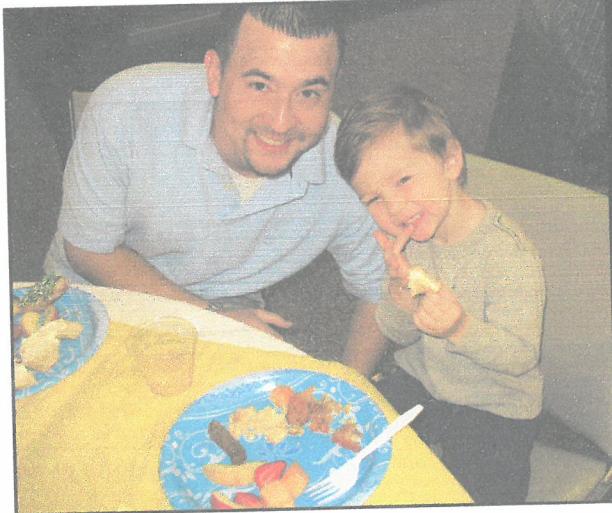
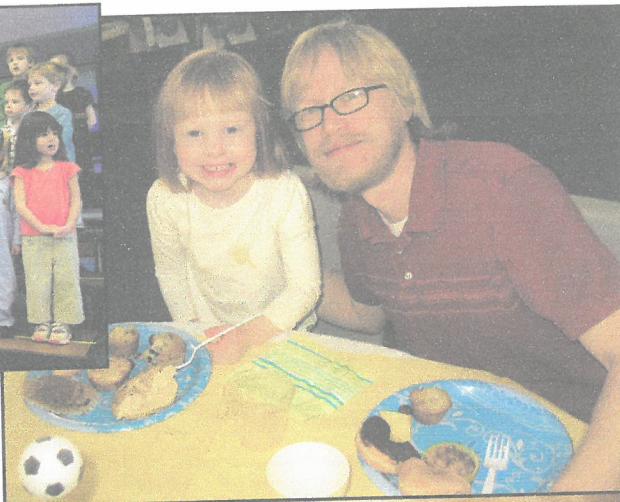
One of the songs that was sung by the preschoolers was *"I Love Daddy,"* sung to the tune of *Frere Jacques*

I love Daddy,
I love Daddy,
Yes I do,
Yes I do!

He is very special,
He is very special,
I love you!
Yes, I do!



Clockwise, from photo above, the preschoolers performed a couple of well-rehearsed musical numbers for their Dads. Mallory Robinson and Dad, Chris Robinson, enjoyed the sumptuous culinary offerings, and, of course, each other's company. Cole Adams enjoys a big ol' sugary doughnut, right before going back to class - thanks Dad! Jake Rogers and Dad Steven Rogers had a great time with each other.



New Life benefits from Trinity generosity

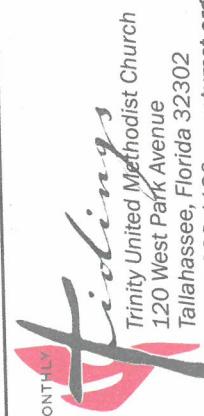
Recently, while doing some Spring cleaning, Trinity's head sexton, Brett Ingram, came across items which could be used by another church.

New Life Ministries was willing to come and carry away the partial pews, and other items that Trinity no longer needed.



Brett Ingram (red shirt), Trinity Sexton, and members of the New Life Ministries church load up the partial pews and other items from Trinity's basement storage area.

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