

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.*

## Finding a new way up the hill

Could this finally be the answer to the riddle of how best to deliver people from the lower parking lots to the front door of the sanctuary? This same question has been asked before in recent history and the puzzle has gone without solution.

Until now. In the pictures arrayed throughout this page is the vehicle, purchased by the trustees, which may finally solve this Rubik's cube of travel — a 6-passenger, street-legal, American-built electric car.

There will be several places around the church property to wait for the GEM car: the library parking lot (look for a flag or other

prominent marker in the parking lot that will point the way to the pick-up place); the bench by the half-circle drive-in, by the exterior courtyard, and in front of the church. After church, just wait out in front of the church for the car to take you right back to your car. The waiting time for the next car should be brief since the GEM car is able to transport 5 riders (and the driver) at a time, and travels safely at 25 mph. Plus, you just step in to get on board. You don't need to climb over anything or anyone.

This wonderful solution was made possible by a gift from Gwen V. Roberts and family, whose planned giving and foresight will also fund the new playground later this month.

Rain or shine, just hop aboard the Trinity express and you will be delivered to the front door of the church, or your car! This is going to work! Come on back to church and try it out.

Clockwise, from top right, with the new graphics freshly applied, the new 6-passenger GEM car stands ready for service in front of the church. Some of the volunteer drivers are pictured after their driver training — they are from left, Jimmy Henderson, Nancy Duncan, Jimmy Duncan, Charlotte Mathews, Chip Collette, and Ben Gilleland. During a recent Trustees meeting after the car arrived, Reverend Curry took some trustees out on a shakedown cruise through downtown. Trustees pose in front of the car; from left are Chip Huggins, Bev Burleson, Beth Langford, Robert McDonald, Trustees chair, Lori Mattice, Reverend Curry (at the wheel — he wouldn't let anyone else drive!), and Curt Mills. Trustees not pictured are Glenn McDuffie, Kirk Brown, and John Stewart. In the photo to the left, Reverend Curry takes the car back down to the gravel lot fenced-in enclosure where it's locked, covered and stored.





## Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from May 14, 2009 - July 14, 2009.



In memory of **Faye Johnson** from Lois and Fred Hawkes, R.L. & J.W. West, Ben and Regina Balding, Chas Johnson, and David and Rose Marie Zaidan.

In memory of **Martha Bryson** from David and Joyce Batt and Leslie Bryson.

In memory of **Gwen Roberts** from Carol Ballentine.

In memory of **Howard Moody** from Nick and Ollie Dawirs.

In honor of **Wayne, Beth, and Brittany Curry** from Jo Jo Williams.

In honor of **Eleanor Hale** from her daughter, Diane Hale.



## Please, let us know

Would you go to the hospital without telling your family? How about rehab or hospice? Of course you wouldn't.

Unfortunately, that seems to be happening more and more recently within the Trinity family. With individual privacy laws and other liability issues, the rules have changed at hospitals and other care

facilities. Now, if you don't let the church know where you are, chances are the

church won't find you in the hospital room. The ministerial staff wants to be there for you and your family. But they can't if they don't know where you are.

So if you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, a rehabilitation facility, or a hospice, please let your church family know. Please don't leave your "other" family in the dark. Call the church office at 222-1120 and let them know where you are.



## WAYNE'S WORDS

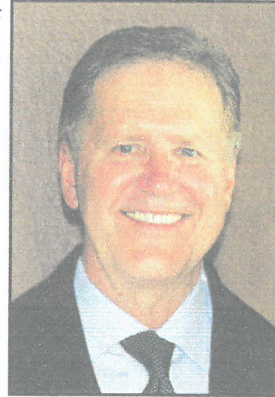
By Wayne Curry  
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

It's been a busy summer here at Trinity United Methodist Church! Vacation Bible School, Youth mission trips, Weddings, Baptisms, and lots of renovations of our physical plant. Through the generous gift of the late Gwen V. Roberts we have built a new playground for our children and have started a new GEM car parking lot ministry—a six-passenger electric vehicle that transports folks from the library parking lot 'up the hill' to the sanctuary on Sunday mornings (see picture on front). We have put a fresh coat of paint on Moor

Hall and many other places throughout the facilities. The beautifully renovated 'Bride's Room' (see picture in this newsletter) is bedecked with wedding pictures of members of our church who have been married 50 years or more as an inspiration to new brides. We'll be doing the same to the 'Groom's Room'. The Youth Rooms downstairs have been completely updated with new sound and light equipment, carpet, storage cabinets, and paint. Soon we will be replacing all the windows (144 of them!) in the education building. There is new and improved signage throughout the buildings. On the third floor a beautiful Trinity United Methodist Church History and Archive Room is being established to preserve and

celebrate the rich 185 year history of our great church.



We hope to have everything completed by Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, when we will celebrate our 185<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! You'll be hearing more about this special Sunday but be sure and put it on your calendars now. There will be food, fellowship and tours (when was the last time you took a tour of our facilities? Ever?). Our organist, Rob Hlebinsky and our talented member and trumpeter,

Randall Haynes, will give a concert that afternoon in the sanctuary. All of that will wet your appetite for the next Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, when we will celebrate the 10 year anniversary of the installation of our wonderful Casavant Organ. Famed organist David Higgs from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York, will present a recital at 4:00PM. Don't miss it!

Obviously this is just touching the service of what is happening every day at Trinity! I'm glad YOU are a part of this faith community and I am blessed to be one of your pastors!

You are loved,

*Wayne*

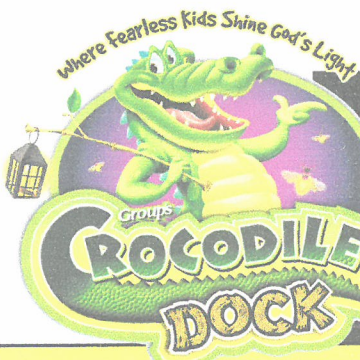
## Bride's Room Extreme Makeover

Thanks to Bev Burleson and many Trinity members, who have celebrated at least 50 years of marital bliss, Trinity has a remodeled Bride's Room.

Bev supervised the remodeling, and several members submitted their original wedding photos which were converted into 8x10 sepia-tones, framed, and placed on the walls. Brand new fabrics, paint, and fixtures contribute to the updated, but timeless quality.







## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Drew Barrentine is excited to be a part of Trinity's Vacation Bible School.

Silly String in the exterior courtyard is always fun!

Mark Ingram has the can-stilts figured out.

From left, standing, Amelia Carroll, Allyson Mills, Morgan Evans, Cassie LaJeunesse, and Kellett Snyder; seated, Luke Pararo, Mason Evans, Christina Parsons, and Kenley Robinson.

From left, Kristen Hamm, Maggie Hayes Snyder, Jessica Smith, Hillary Koehler, and Claire Reed.

From left, Chase Fortier, Adriana Fortier, Rafel Fortier, and Jonathan Danforth were playing crack-the-whip in the Gregory Room. Fun!

## SUMMER CAMP IN LEESBURG

Having fun at summer camp in Leesburg are left to right, Marielle Scheffers, Amelia Carroll, and Kayla Chandler.

Building bat houses are Meredith Huggins, left, and Lindsay Cunningham.

Christopher Francis, center, made some new friends at camp.

The familiar lighted, floating cross greets campers each year.

Bob High, right, graduated from camper to counselor this year.



# Finding Your Place in

Mark Repasky  
Music Director

## Praising God Through Music

Our Methodist Hymnal contains about 700 hymns. An impressive number of them make mention of music and the role it plays in our worship (meeting God).

See how many hymns you recognize from the 8 quotes listed below.

(1) "How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound." Certainly, (2) "joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life." It seems (3) "all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres." So, (4) "Come, Christians, join to sing," and (5) "let every instrument be tuned for praise," for (6) "on this day earth shall ring." Since (7) "we've no less days to sing God's praise then when we'd first begun," then (8) "through eternity I'll sing on."

### Answers:

1. #68 When in Our Music God Is Glorified
2. #89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
3. #144 This Is My Father's World
4. #158 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
5. #68 When in Our Music God Is Glorified
6. #248 On This Day Earth Shall Ring
7. #378 Amazing Grace
8. #292 What Wondrous Love Is This

## Making Music, Meeting God

Late August and early September marks the beginning of a new season of music-making and God-meeting here at Trinity! Soon, we will welcome back from summer break, many musicians who have been part of our choral and instrumental

groups in years past. This article is a reminder and "welcome back" to these "veterans" of all ages, but also an invitation for others to join us. And now is a great time to join, since most groups are starting anew after the summer break.

There are currently 12 music groups at the church, with participants ranging in age from 2 years old all the way up to their early 80's. We offer a wide range of music-making and God-meeting opportunities at Trinity, including 3 children's choirs, children's handbells (fall semester each year), two adult handbell groups, seniors handchimes, two praise bands, Trinity Flutes, Youth Choir and Chancel Choir. Additional instrumentalists are involved in our worship services on an as-needed basis. So, which group would you like to join? Except for the praise bands and Trinity Ringers, the easiest way to join is come to one of our rehearsals, and we will sign you up!

### Chancel Choir

Our Chancel Choir (pictured below) is the flagship choir of the church, singing about 45 Sundays each year. We sing at numerous special services each year such as Ash Wednesday and Christmas Eve.



The Chancel Choir is comprised of many talented singers, many of whom have classically trained voices.

Once or twice each year we present special music, like a concert or Sunday morning cantata. The group enjoys occasional social activities as well; a small family within the large "family" of the church. We resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 19, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

### Circle of Friends

This is the 9:45 a.m. SUNservice contemporary praise band, led by Lisa Prasse. They do not take a summer break, so their rehearsals are ongoing. They meet for rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in Moor Hall. Please contact Lisa through



The Circle of Friends praise band leads worship for the SUNservice each Sunday at 9:45.

the church 222-1120 or [lprasse@tumct.org](mailto:lprasse@tumct.org) to arrange an audition.

### Trinity Ringers

This advanced handbell group meets on Wednesdays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. starting September 2.

You must be able to read music to join this group and previous experience ringing bells is recommended.

### College/Career Handbells

This group is about half college students and half young adults. They meet on Sundays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. starting September 13. You must be able to read music to join.

### Seniors Handchimes

We practice on Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m.



# Trinity's Music Programs

Our pace is leisurely, but we do ring a few Sundays each year at the church and visit retirement centers once or twice a year for special programs. We range in age from 55 on up!

## Trinity Flutes

Under the leadership of Sue Parsons (sueparsons@aol.com), this group has blossomed into an important outreach ministry for our church, as they travel to numerous locals each year presenting programs of faith, encouragement and healing.



The NETkids choir ranges in age from Kindergartners to Fifth-graders.



The senior handchimes group practices each Thursday at 1:30 p.m.

## Youth Choir

We begin rehearsals again on Sunday August 30, 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the choir room, starting with a lot of new music and a few surprises! This is for all middle school and high school students.....Bring a friend!

## Youth Praise Band

Both instrumentalists and singers are in the Youth Praise Band. Their main emphasis is leading worship and singing with the Youth Group. Contact Kelly Rains, our Youth Director, for additional information at 222-1120.

## NETkids

This wonderful afternoon of exciting and fun activities for children in grades K-5 begins Wednesday, September 9. Children arrive between 3:00 p.m. and 3:45 p.m. and finish at 5:30 p.m. Planned music activities for the fall include two vocal groups and a handbell group. Transportation is provided from a few elementary schools.

Contact the church for additional information.

## Cherub Choir

Children who are two-year-olds through kindergarten in age can join the Cherub Choir, which meets on Sundays during the Sunday School hour. They are ably led by Mary Alice Mills and will be starting up in late August or early September.

## Men's Ensemble

All men and high school youth are invited to the choir room Wednesday, August 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m. We will prepare two songs and two short responses, then sing at the morning services on Sunday, August 16. It's fun, it's a great way to meet other men of the church, and the congregation loves it!

Additional information about music groups at the church is available by contacting me or the other leaders mentioned

above, at the church. Also, check information on our church website ([www.tumct.org](http://www.tumct.org)) by clicking "music." When new members are received into our church, the minister asks: "As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service?" Since most of our music groups participate in Sunday worship services, this is an excellent way to provide our "presence" and "service" to the church.

## Mark Your Calendars!

Famed organist David Higgs from Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY will present a recital here on Sunday, September 27. The 4:00 p.m. program is a special event: it is the 10th anniversary recital for our wonderful Casavant Organ!



The Trinity youth choir meets for an hour of practice, and fun, every Sunday at 5 o'clock (a new session begins August 30).



## Youth news for August

Kelly Rains  
Youth Director

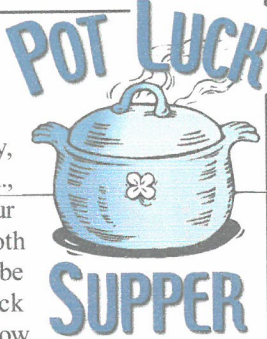
### A Note from Kelly ...

How well do you light up a room? Where do you shine? Can you radiate from within? Are you glowing? Well, our youth do just that. This summer I have been amazed by all the ways our youth have been a light to others. During Youth Week we learned just what it means to really be a light for Jesus. Rev. Scott Smith came and spoke each night and really challenged our youth to glow, radiate, shine, and illuminate for God! It's not easy being a teen these days, but if you came to Youth Sunday you would have seen just how awesome our youth really are. They amaze me with all of their gifts and talents in addition to their energy and willingness to share their faith with others. They are an amazing

group of young adults that all of us can learn from. I would like to encourage everyone to go "be a light in the darkness" and to share your light with others. Our youth will be doing just that on our two mission trips this summer. I'll have lots of pictures and details on that next month!

**Don't Miss!**

On Sunday, August 30 at 6 p.m., we will be having our Mission Trips (both mission trips will be featured) Pot-Luck Dinner and Slide Show for both mission trips! Don't miss it!



In the photo above, celebrating the end of VBS at Chik-Fil-A were from left, Marielle Scheffers, Youth intern, Jordan Perry, Ella Smith, Katie Watson, Amelia Carroll, Sydni Russell, Courtney Hamm, Alex Ingram, Caitlyn Coates, Whitney Merlau, Casey Waddill, Jonathan Danforth, Connie Jo Carbonell-Bierbaum, Michael Rudell, Matthew Huggins, Malinda Rains, John Rains, and Justice Merlau.



In the photo to the left, the new rising 6th-grade class from left, host Michael Rudell, Michael Eubanks, Sarah Bradford, Mary Lynne Steinmeyer, Kayla Chandler, Courtney Hamm, Matthew Huggins, and hosts, Malinda Rains, and John Rains.

Keep checking the website  
for updated information!

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

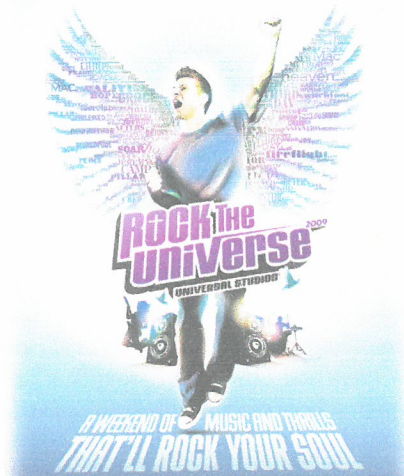
### Upcoming Youth events for August

- Aug. 2 ..... UMYF (6-8 p.m.)
- Aug. 9 ..... UMYF (6-8 p.m.)
- Aug. 16 ..... Back to school pool party (check website for details)
- Aug. 23 ..... UMYF (6-8 p.m.)
- Aug. 24 ..... School starts!
- Aug. 30 ..... Youth Council 4:30 p.m.  
Mission Trip Potluck Dinner & Slide Show (6-8 p.m.)

### Other upcoming events

- Sept. 6 ..... Dinner and Bowling (check website for details)
- Sept. 11-13 ... Rock the Universe!
- Sept. 13 ..... Moe's and Movie Night
- Oct. 2-4 ..... Confirmation Retreat

### Rock the Universe



The Trinity youth will once again be going to Orlando for **Rock the Universe**, a weekend of Christian concerts at Universal Studios. We will be leaving Friday, Sept. 10 and returning Sunday, Sept. 12.

The cost is \$125.00 and spaces are limited to 25 youth and 5 adults. Cost includes Friday and Saturday tickets, 2 breakfasts and 2 nights lodging. All other meals are not included. If you would like to reserve your spot, it will be on a first pay-first serve basis. Please give Kelly your payment (checks made payable to Trinity) as soon as possible - deadline is Aug. 16. If you have any questions, please call Kelly at 545-2852 or [krains@tumct.org](mailto:krains@tumct.org).



# YOUTH WEEK 2009 JUNE 7-12

GLOW  
ILLUMINATE  
RADIATE  
SHINE

For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ.  
2 Corinthians 4:6



From left, Michael Lowstetter, Tori Bradley, Anna Drake, Chelsea Belt, Natalie Jump, and Megan Lieblong.



From left, Heaven Caton, Casey Waddill, Malinda Rains, Laura Gorham, Sarah Roberts, and Karen Garner.



Not surprisingly, a large group showed up to go to the beach at St. George.



From left, Marielle Scheffers, Amelia Carroll, Elizabeth Vandervort, Ella Smith, Kathryn Crotty, and Grace Ellen Hanna.



Rev. Scott Smith, from Orlando, was the inspirational guest speaker.



Fruit-can-stilts relay races in the Gregory Room. Each night had a different fun activity.

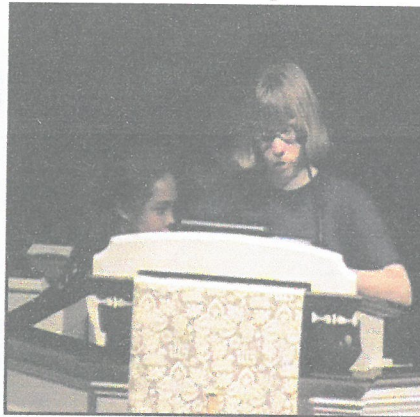


Night fun in the exterior courtyard with water guns and twister.



From left, Jessica Danforth, Zjarea Grant, Maria Parsons, Justice Merlau, Whitney Merlau, Jada Morgan, and C.C. Whitlock.

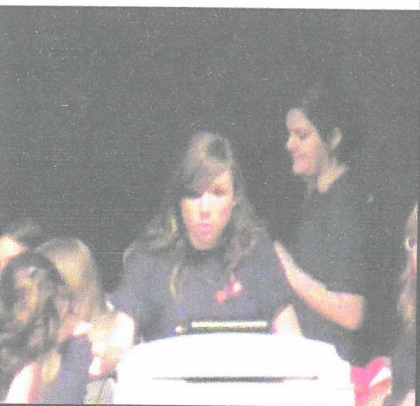
Trinity's Youth led worship on June 14 to culminate a great week of fellowship.



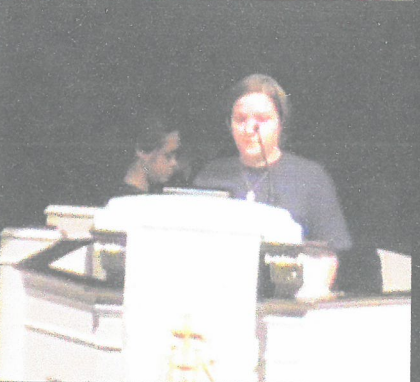
Edna Foxworth shared her story with the congregation.



David Jensen led the Affirmation of Faith.



Natalie Jump encouraged others to "Shine, Glow, Radiate, and Illuminate" God's love.



Alyson Chrisco spoke of her many positive role-models at Trinity.

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## School begins at Kate Sullivan Elementary

Jane Olson  
Kate Sullivan liaison

The heat of summer is definitely felt and the plans for the 2009 - 2010 school year are also heating up.

As you may remember, Kate Sullivan is our partner school and this year, Trinity is once

again participating in a school supply drive. We will begin our collection on **Sunday, August 9** and continue collecting **through August 16**. Collection boxes will be found in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center outside Moor Hall. The donated supplies will be itemized and delivered before the school year begins August 24 and will be distributed to students who would otherwise have difficulty acquiring the necessary school supplies. Last year's generous outpouring was gratefully received by Kate Sullivan and is always so appreciated by staff and students alike. This year's needs are as follows:

☐ black and white composition books (wide ruled)

☐ spiral notebooks (single subject - wide ruled)

☐ pocket folders with prongs

☐ notebook paper

☐ pencil pouches/boxes

☐ crayons

☐ colored pencils

☐ fiskar scissors (pointed,

☐ pencils

☐ black and red ink pens

☐ rulers

☐ pencil sharpeners

☐ glue

☐ markers (fine point - washable)

☐ Kleenex

☐ quart or gallon ziplock bags

☐ back packs (no wheels)



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Elementary School



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## New members join in June

Trinity's congregation grew by three recently. Here are their brief biographical sketches: **Matthew Christovich** (right) joined from another denomination. Matthew is engaged to Trinity youth volunteer, Sarah Daniels. He volunteers and operates the A/V equipment for the Trinity SUNservice and also volunteers at the FSU Wesley Foundation on campus. **Jessica Helms** (center) transferred her membership from another Methodist church and is a graduate of FSU. She is now preparing for law school. **Josh Lacey** (left) joined from another denomination. He has lived in Tallahassee for 4 years and is a graduate of FSU. Josh enjoys fishing and outdoor activities when he isn't working for Tri-Eagle Sales. Welcome these newcomers to Trinity!

