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

Another generous year for Heifer Project from Trinity

With over \$2,500 in donations on the first Sunday, the **Heifer Project** is off to a great start at Trinity! The Trinity Missions Committee, led by Don Zorn, set up a

The congregation is really responding to this wonderful mission-outreach which provides resources like livestock, trees, and seeds to help build sustainable futures for struggling families around the world.

Even the Trinity Preschool is working toward this year's lofty goal. Students have been given cardboard banks into which they may place their donations.



petting zoo in the courtyard off of Duval. They have established an ambitious goal of doubling last year's contributions of nearly \$8,000.



Above, Ramsay Grant is fascinated by the many farm animals in the courtyard. In the photo at left, Missions Committee members, Jill May (left) and Taska Zorn, take a break from the festivities.



In the photo at top left, a brave hand feeds a hungry goat. Thankfully, no fingers were reported missing. At left, Missions member, John Elliot, receives donations from Oberly Brown, Sandra Genetin, and others as the Heifer Project got off to a great start. The Missions Committee will have a booth in the Welcome Center to accept your donations through December 20th. Please give generously to this wonderful mission.

Christmas Services

Thursday, Christmas Eve		
4:00	Chapel Service	Rev. Hynes
5:30	Family Service	Rev. Curry
8:00	Lesson and Carols	Rev. Curry
9:30	NEW Contemporary	Rev. Fotsch
11:00	Communion Service	Rev. Curry

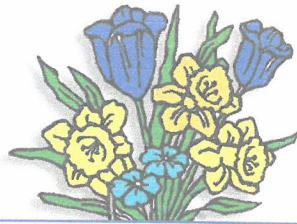
*All Christmas services will have candlelight

Friday, Christmas Day

No Services
Office Closed

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from Oct. 7, 2009 - Nov. 12, 2009.



In memory of **William L. Moor, Jr.** from Mary Anne Hartwell.

In memory of **Esther Lamison** (HEO) from Duncan and Mary Ann Moore, Ledley and Oberley Brown, Elizabeth Graham, Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Groce, Jr., Ron and Gail Hock, Tom and Janice Bowers, UMW Circle IX (Heritage Room), Leilani Walker, Mark and Jo Anne Deshon, John Micklos, Thomas and Cynthia Wool, Carol Schlegel, Marietta Garrett, Bill Moncrief, Elizabeth Graham, Donna Legare and Jody Walthall.

In memory of **Clelia and Griffith Pugh** from Clelia Pugh Moore.

In memory of **Mary Elizabeth Black** from Bill and Marylee Peebles (Children's Home), Marvin and Norma Andrews, Elizabeth S. James, Ron and Gail Hock and Bill Moncrief.

In memory of **Gayle McKenzie Landrum** from Jimmy and Nancy Petrandis, Booker and Carline Moore, Bill and Sue McKemie, James C. Schaeffer, Jeanne Dawes Crenshaw, Gary and Brenda Bailey, Rita Fordham, Judy Smith, Bob Ritchey, Frank and Anne Ashcroft, Kay McNab, Richard and Cindy VanLandingham, Duane and Buddy Underwood, Bill and Paula Smith, Capital City Bank, Mart Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Ney Landrum, Lucki Jones, Maybank Systems, George and Leona Strickland, Robert and Beverly Burleson, MaryAnne Gray, Jimmie Hinkle, Clark and Penny Smith, and Roger and Agnes Smith.

In memory of **Rebecca Hood** from Sandra H. Walker.

In memory of **Frances "Frenchy" Proctor** from Glenn Rankin and Bill Moncrief

In memory of **Ralis Hanna** (Children's Home) from Ron and Gail Hock.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

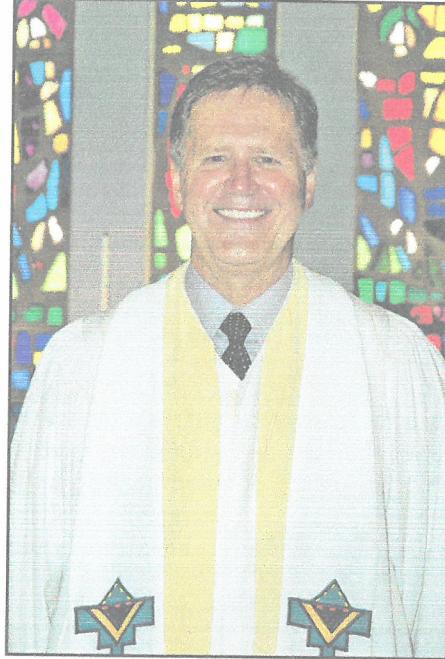
Dear friends,

According to the American Consumer Credit Council, the average American will spend a whopping \$791 on Christmas this year. Most of what will be purchased for this year's Christmas will go on a credit card. The average American will carry credit card debt of \$8,000 by the end of the year. Even with the economy being the way it is.

OUCH!

Stop feeling like you need to compete with friends and family to get the biggest, best or most thoughtful present! Quit blowing more than you can afford because you feel guilty if you don't! Tony Campolo, one of my favorite speakers, said this recently:

"The typical size of an American house has increased 40 percent in the last 25 years. It's not because we're having more children; we're having fewer children! We need bigger and bigger houses simply to hold all the stuff we don't need. What's even worse is that we're renting out space in storage bins because we can't contain all the stuff



we have in the huge houses we have at our disposal. It has become an insane society as far as surplus is concerned."

Better yet, my most favorite speaker of all time said this: *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and dust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."* (Matthew 6:19-20)

Just a quick reminder, in case you forgot...LIFE (and Christmas too) isn't about stuff and it isn't about what you buy or what you get. Life IS about God, family, relationships, love, helping others, compassion and faith.

Don't forget this month what the really important things are!

You Are Loved,

New Nursery Ministry

Beth Curry
Leader, BFC

Do you love toddlers and babies? Beth Curry is looking for four to eight people to alternate volunteering 1-2 hours a month on a regular basis, in a very small nursery (4 children maximum, age 3 and under). This volunteer opportunity will allow mothers of small children to participate in the Tuesday/Thursday BFC Series Exercise classes from 11:00 a.m. to noon. Contact Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving in this new nursery ministry.



Music News for December

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Singers Needed

Our Chancel Choir serves faithfully as music leaders for worship, late August



finery, from the 2006 presentation of the Trinity Madrigal Dinner.

through June each year. Now and then they can use a little help, and the 8:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve service fits that category. Quite a few of our singers are unavailable for that very important service. We hope to add additional singers for that night, so here's our plan - simply come to the choir room to

practice on Wednesday December 16, and/or 23, 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. We will sing three selections, carefully chosen so they can be learned quickly. Getting into the building can be a challenge at that hour, so we will have a choir member waiting at the entrance door, 8:15-8:20 p.m., to let you in. We meet on December 24 at 7:30 p.m. to prepare for the service. So singers, come and join us for this one very special service!

Christmas Feaste

This year's Madrigal Dinners have been set for Friday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Why should you attend one of the Madrigal Dinners at Trinity? To witness the pageantry and shenanigans of our fourteen costumed singers, to marvel at the antics of Dr. Don Rapp, our marvelous juggler, to see a real boar's head, to eat a wonderfully delicious "Olde England" meal served by members of our Youth Group, to see grown men in tights, to enjoy Christmas music spanning 500 years, to hear the wandering minstrels, to join in the singing by candlelight, to be entertained by the Master of Merry Disports, to hear the bells and finger cymbals, to see the coat of arms, to partake of the wassail bowl, and to experience the holly and ivy. Maybe it's just



Gregory Hilliard and Music Director, Mark Repasky sing Madrigal Christmas carols in 2006.

to see your friends in Chancel Choir have a good time on stage. Whatever the reasons, we hope you come!

Every third year, Trinity church provides two nights of mystery and celebration as we usher in the Christmas season with this unique "Christmas Feaste." Lord David and Lady Elizabeth invite you to their hall for a night of enchantment and merrymaking. Bring family, bring friend, bring butler and maid, for all is in ready.

Tickets are \$16 and must be purchased in advance. They are available from the church office (222-1120) starting November 30. Tickets will also be available at our church Wednesday night dinners, December 2 and 9. Purchase tickets early for best choice of seats!

Hello from HEO!

Leah Johnston
HEO Coordinator

HEO has three specific areas that I would like to highlight this month. Snack Pack supplies, a volunteer to take over writing birthday cards to those members of Trinity who are over 70 years old, and the Visiting ministry.

We are giving away so many snack packs to people who are in need. We have

consistently given out 100+ snack packs every month since July 2009. This is such a great ministry that we have and it is so important. We are helping and serving the least of these in our city. Thank you all for your donations so far of Snack Pack Pudding Pack, Vienna Sausages, Fruit Cups, Juice Boxes, Granola Bars, Crackers, and spoons! I am always so overwhelmed with how quickly the community at Trinity United Methodist responds to the needs of the Church! We are always taking donations! If you see a sale on any of these items, pick some up! You can leave donations outside the HEO office.

December is Virginia Johnson's last month writing the birthday cards for our 70 and over members. She has been so faithful to this "behind the scenes"



ministry. For years, HEO has been sending birthday postcards to members and many smiles have come from them. If you are interested in filling Virginia's shoes please contact me!

Our Visiting ministry is off to a great start! Thank you to all the volunteers who are doing a great job! HEO has organized members to visit those members of Trinity who can't come to the church property anymore. The visitors are sometimes the only connection this member has with their Church family. Everyone that I have visited asks how Trinity is doing and still considers this church their home. If you would like to be a visitor please contact me!

Call me at 222-1120 or email me at ljohnston@tumct.org



Crop Walk 2009 - A Huge Success!

Phyllis McCranie
Church and Society Co-chair

Thanks to many, this year's Trinity Crop Walk initiative was a huge success! It was hard for anyone to miss the 50+ Trinity members and friends who donned the new red TUMC shirts as they walked all, or part of, the three mile trail. Although the final tally will not be available for a couple of months, it is estimated Trinity received over \$1200 in donations both on and off line. This exceeds the past two year's donations by more than two hundred dollars.

Special thanks go to Reverends Curry, Fotsch, and Hynes, Beth Curry and Kelly Rains for lifting this great cause up to the congregation, and to the Youth Group for the delicious lunch.



Clockwise from top right, Bob Yates showed his true Trinity colors, before the walk; Claire Huggins sported a CROP Walk sticker on her sunglasses-matching pink shirt; Jimmy and Debbie Henderson, who helped with the "Beans and Rice" lunch before the walk; Trinity (think RED shirts) was very well represented with almost 60 walkers!; some of the Trinity walkers stood in one place long enough for a group portrait before the walk; and, from left, Associate Pastor, Tony Fotsch, and wife, Debbie, Senior Pastor, Wayne Curry, and wife Beth, and Ron and Phyllis McCranie, CROP Walk organizers, begin the 3K portion of the walk.



Youth Group now has "Certified Babysitters"

Beth Curry

Are you looking for a babysitter this holiday season? Several of our youth recently completed a "Babysitter Certification" course - which included CPR training - and now they're ready to baby-sit for you. Contact Kelly Rains at krains@tumct.org for a list of names.



Health and Wellness Team Update

The New Year is just around the corner and the newly formed Health and Wellness Team has been busy planning new events for this ministry in 2010. We already have several people involved in running and cycling together, a group of walkers taking part in

the Walk to Bethlehem Lay Academy program, and many more participating in weekly exercise classes. But there's much more coming. Be sure to check the January Tidings. If you are interested in joining any of the current groups, e-mail Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com for more information.



The "Indoor" Trinity UMC Jingle Bell Run

Want to do the "Jingle Bell Run," but don't want to run/walk 3-miles outside? Put on your Trinity T-shirt and join Beth Curry in the Welcome Center on Saturday, December 19 at 4:00 p.m.

Come walk a shorter "indoor" course for 20-30 minutes. Once finished, stay and support our youth group by having a hot bowl of delicious chili at their annual **Chili Fundraiser**. Then head on home before dark, or go outside for the **Winter Festival** Christmas lighting magic on Monroe Street. Contact Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com if you'd like Jingle inside!



UMW to install officers and honor HEO "angels among us"

United Methodist Women at their luncheon meeting Tuesday, Dec. 1, will begin Advent with appreciation for the 84 Trinity members who serve as HEO volunteers, and end UMW's biennial with installation of new officers. The meeting starts at 11:45 in Moor Hall.

Program Coordinator Sheila Merlau said those who serve the congregation month after month, delivering flowers to shut-ins, arranging receptions for funerals, delivering communion, visiting and providing other services when called upon by HEO Director, Leah Johnston, "are angels to the people who receive their services. We want them to be our special guests at the luncheon."

Although space prevents listing all 84 names here, HEO volunteers know who they are and are encouraged to attend. All they need to do is make a reservation by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Friday, Nov. 27. All women of the church are invited even if they are not HEO volunteers or UMW members.

A special musical program is planned and those attending the luncheon may name other angels who have been a

significant part of their lives through the years.

Retiring UMW President Linda Yates will install the following new officers for 2010: Julie Pararo, president; Rita May and Kathie Pope, vice presidents, programs; Judy Levy, secretary; Esther Harrison, treasurer; Myra Blanchard, assistant treasurer.

Mission Coordinators: Germain Fritchman, spiritual growth; Pam Reed, Miriam Peirce, social action; Duane Clark, education and interpretation; Patti Oakley, membership nurture and outreach. Nancy Waugh, secretary of program resources; Mary Lee Peebles, sunshine and love; nominations—Betty Ashlock, chairman, Kitty Ball, Carol Moore, Sylvia Sanders, Joyce Payne.

HEO Liaison, Jean Young; Communication, Julie Pararo, Margie Mixon; Church Women United, Ollie Dawirs; Music, Sandra Genetin and Maxine Mantooth; Local Church Responsibility, Sandy Kappes.

Prior to the luncheon, the UMW Executive Committee will meet in the Conference Room at 10:30 a.m.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 plans to meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 7, at the home of Cynthia Smith, 1530 Marion Avenue.

Circle 2 meets in the church library immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 10:30.

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Dec. 10 at the Mosaic Cafe.

Circle 6 will not meet in December, but will contribute to special needs and causes.

Circle 8 has plans to meet at noon Wednesday, Dec. 2 at noon, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 10:00 with Miriam Peirce, 2004 Duneagle Lane.

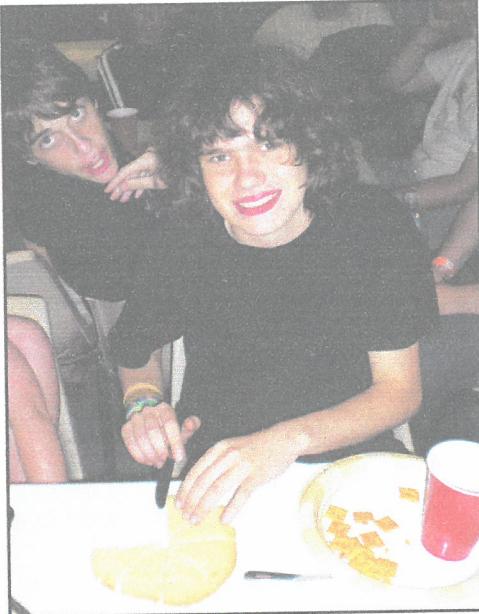
Circle 10 meets Thursday, Dec. 17 at 7:00 with Shirley Kirwin, 1855 Easton Forest Drive.

Youth news for December

*Kelly Rains
Youth Director*

A Note from Kelly ...

November was a great month for us, always one of my favorites! Each November our theme down in The Underground is Hunger and Homelessness. I find it very important to help our youth understand how fortunate they are and how much they really do have by focusing on those without. With 5 Sunday nights in November, it provided an opportunity for us to really concentrate on this theme in many ways. We started by having "smaller & simpler" meals at UMYF, which of course caused the youth to talk (another word for complain) and to begin to realize just how much they really do have.



Cody Johanson "sharing his cookie" equally amongst those gathered at his table.

Sometimes we take a little too much for granted. Then we included programs like Crop Walk, Homeless Speakers, and Tribe games to help our youth understand what it's like to have so little. The Tribe game this year was a hit and everyone had a good time trying to survive on an Indonesian Island working for food, water, and shelter (see picture at left). What amazes me each November is just how awesome our youth really are, how they meet each challenge I give them, and how they will endure anything I throw at them. They really are a great group of young adults that will really make a difference in the world someday, if they aren't already!



Excellent Youth volunteers make the program much richer and more meaningful for the youth. They also model mature Christian behavior. Pictured from left are: in front (with the guitar), Peter Marvin; seated, Jessi Logan, Molly McEntire, Ryan Soule, Sarah Daniel, Matthew Christovich, Keith Johnson; back row, Chip Collette, ROB Hlebinsky, and Brett Ingram.



Tribe Games on a recent Sunday night.

Upcoming Youth events for December

- Dec. 1 Leesburg Summer Camp registration opens online - \$75 deposit; go to website: www.warrenwilliscamp.org (camp - week of July 12, 2010)
- Dec. 2 Regular Wednesday school pick-up
- Dec. 2 Unload trees
- Dec. 2 Christmas Tree pick-up 5:30-8:30pm (Gravel Lot)
- Dec. 6 Youth Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Dec. 6 Winter Retreat Meeting 5pm
- Dec. 9 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-High, 6:30pm H.S.)
- Dec. 13 Youth Choir Sings 8:30 & 11:00am followed by lunch and singing at retirement homes
- Dec. 13 No Youth Praise Band, No Choir Practice, UMYF (Youth Christmas Party 6-8pm at FSU Wesley Foundation, 705 W. Jefferson St.)
- Dec. 16 Last Wednesday Bible Study until Jan. 13, 2010 (4:30pm M.H., 6:30pm H.S.)
- Dec. 19 Festival of Lights Chili Fundraiser, 2:30-5:30pm (parking lot), 5:30-8:30 Chili
- Dec. 20 No Youth Choir, No Youth Praise Band, No UMYF
- Dec. 24 Youth Choir sings at 5:30pm service
- Dec. 27 No Youth Choir, No Youth Praise Band, No UMYF

Upcoming events in 2010

- Jan. 3-6 Winter Retreat
- Mar. 27 Springtime Tallahassee Spaghetti Fundraiser
- July. 12-17 .. Summer Camp-Leesburg

Some members of Trinity's Preschool staff attended a conference at the Warren Willis Methodist Camp in Leesburg, Florida in early November. Pictured here at right are: Mary Forrestall, Victoria Tettey, Nancy Duncan and Stacey Duggar. Between them, they have over 60 years of teaching experience at Trinity United Methodist Preschool!



Pictured above are the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School classes that collected over 264 pairs of socks for The Shelter. Also in the picture is a Shelter representative who came to receive the socks and tell the class about the Shelter.

Friends of Music Society

By Rob Hlebinsky
Trinity organist

Trinity has been richly blessed not only with a wonderful music ministry, but also with a vibrant musical heritage that has made this ministry what it is today. Now it's time for us to open our doors and share our blessings with the rest of the community. The Music Committee has decided to create a **Friends of Music Society** (Friends of Music). This group will be responsible for bringing in musicians and musical groups to share their gifts with our church and community. The Friends of Music will also be responsible for raising the funds to bring these musicians here. The goal of this group is to continue, and expand Trinity's music ministry, and be an outreach to the community with a focus on Trinity's musical past, present, and future.

As mentioned before, Trinity has long been blessed by a strong music ministry. Many of you will remember Walter and Rae James, a husband and wife duo who will always be cherished as a pillar of Trinity's music program. Walt and Rae took the talents God gave them as music director and organist, and devoted 29 years of service to Trinity. During that time Walt wrote songs for the choir, organized choir festivals with other area churches, and even began the tradition of Madrigal Dinners that we still enjoy today (this year's Dinners are December 11 and 12. See page 3 for more information). Another pillar in Trinity's musical foundation was celebrated organist, Myron Munday. Myron reached many hearts with his music, and was a driving force in the purchase of



The first group of docents for the Trinity Heritage Room hear some good ideas from Judy Goodwin (second from left). Also pictured here from left are, Linda Yates, Nancy Waugh, Mart Hill, Judy Levy, Peggy Parkey, and Marylee Peebles.

(A docent is a person who acts as a guide.)

not one, but two fine organs at Trinity.

Our Sanctuary is arguably one of the best performance venues in Tallahassee. The room itself is beautiful with its stained glass windows and marble chancel, but it is also acoustically designed to allow musical performances without the assistance of electronic amplification. Trinity is also blessed to possess a world class, Casavant organ, which has hosted renowned organists such as Fred Swann (former president of the American Guild of Organists), Marilyn Mason (University of Michigan), Gerre Hancock (University of Texas), and David Higgs (Eastman). Students from FSU frequently ask to use our Sanctuary for their recitals. In short, we have the perfect place to reach out to our community through music.

The Friends of Music will be making their first request for financial support on **Music Ministry Sunday, January 31**. Please extend your generous support of our music ministry to the Friends of Music to enhance our ministry and to help us reach out to the community.

"Dear Lord, with Jubilation our song

ascends on high. We feel thy goodness ever and know that thou art nigh. We march forever onward with joyous hearts and strong. We give thee thanks, Dear Father with this our grateful song."

-Walter James, 175th Anniversary Hymn



Trinity's organist, Rob Hlebinsky

Trinity Flutes

Sue Parsons
Trinity Flutes Coordinator

Trinity Flutes continues to be blessed with outreach opportunities and a core of remarkable and giving flutists. We have met wonderful folks all over town this past year with our flutes, songs, and prayers. As our mission continues to be flute fellowship and community service,



One of the places the Trinity Flutes has visited, and made friends, is Willow Ridge in Bainbridge. They visited there in April of 2009. Trinity Flutes members, back row from left to right: Cheryl Cerreta, Sue Parsons (kneeling), Bev Beard, Kay Hall, and Clarissa Mickle.

we are pleased to include flutists of all playing levels who have a calling to share their gifts.

Worried that you haven't played in a while or don't have the skills it takes? **We're Not!** If you have a flute and want to become a part of our flute family, *you are welcome!* We only ask that you come when you can and commit to those outreach opportunities that fit your schedule. The Christmas season is a wonderful time to join in and make your flute sing! I can be reached at 850-322-0164 or Sueparsons@aol.com. Hope to hear from you soon. God Bless, Sue Parsons.

New Members join Trinity in November

Trinity increased its membership by 5 in November when John Perry, David & Catherine Altmaier, and Dan & Kathy Smith joined the church.

John Perry works for the Agency for Workplace Innovation. He has been attending Trinity for quite a while and joined by Transfer of Membership.

David and Catherine Altmaier joined by Transfer of Membership. David works for the State of Florida, Office of Insurance Regulation, and Catherine works for FSU. They moved to Tallahassee in 2006 and are expecting their first child in December.

Dan and Kathy Smith moved to Tallahassee 2 years ago from Orange Park. They joined by Transfer of Membership. They have 2 grown children, Justin and Matthew.



Trinity received 5 new members on Sunday, November 15. They are, from left, John Perry, David Altmaier, Catherine Altmaier, Dan Smith, and Kathy Smith.

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Service of Hope and Remembrance

This year's **Service of Hope and Remembrance** will be held Dec. 16 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. Take some time away from the busy holiday season to pause and reflect through music, scripture, prayer, and candle lighting. A dinner will be served before the service at 5:30 (reservations please).

