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

Trinity to host "Radical Hospitality" seminar Saturday, February 21

What is it?

Trinity has been chosen to host a seminar for the conference entitled **Radical Hospitality** on Saturday, February 21, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Radical Hospitality is the second of five elements for "Living The Methodist Way." Each of these five pieces, listed below, is essential in making disciples of Jesus Christ.

The five essential practices are:

- Cultivating a congregation of passionate worshipers
- Engaging our community and the next generation in **radical hospitality**
- Forming mature apprentices of Jesus through deep and **intentional discipling**
- Picking up our crosses in **salty service** in our community and the world, and
- Pouring ourselves out in **extravagant generosity**

The **Radical Hospitality** seminar at Trinity is designed to help teams from congregations throughout the area think through what it would mean for their congregation to be radically hospitable. In addition to three plenary sessions, each participant will be able to choose from two practical breakout groups.

How it works

Radical Hospitality begins with how persons in a congregation relate to one another in Christian love and how that love then radiates out to newcomers who are welcomed,



and finally to how the congregation reaches beyond itself as ambassadors of reconciliation to their community and to the next generation.

As Paul said, God "reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting our sins against us.

And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us."

(II Corinthians 5:18-20)

How can you help?

Funny you should ask ... Trinity *does* need your help with this event! This is another chance for Trinity to show off how hospitable it is, and there are lots of different ways (and time-slots) you can help. Trinity needs your help with:

- Welcoming and hospitality
- Table and chair set-up and break-down
- Directing visitors
- Kitchen support staff
- Table hosting
- Communion stewards
- Moor Hall AV presentations

Please call the church office (222-1120) to volunteer your gifts of service.

What it costs

The cost to attend this event is \$125

for 1-5 people. If there is just one person in your party, the cost is \$125, if there are five people, the cost is still \$125. For six or more people, the cost is \$125 and an additional \$20 per person. Please note, it costs nothing to volunteer.

Schedule of events at Trinity

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Tuition: \$125 for the first 1 - 5 persons, \$20 additional persons.

Lunch/Snacks: additional \$15

8-9 a.m. Registration and refreshments

9-10 a.m. Opening Worship (communion)

10-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:30 Morning Breakout Groups

- Becoming a Caring Congregation
- Peacemaker & Social Covenant
- Unbinding the Gospel
- Igniting Ministries
- Guess Who Lives in Our Community?

11:30-12 Invitational & Intentional Hospitality

12-12:45 p.m. Lunch

12:45-2 p.m. Afternoon Breakout Groups

- Reaching Seasonal Residents & Older Adults
- Reaching New Residents
- Reaching the Next Generation
- Inclusive Hospitality
- Helping Our Guests Feel Welcomed

2-2:15 p.m. Break

2:15-3:30 p.m. Incarnational Hospitality

3:30-4 p.m. Round table discussions (panel dialogue and presentation)

4-4:30 p.m. Closing Worship

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from Dec. 4, 2008 through Jan. 9, 2009:



In memory of **Hugh William Harrell, Sr.** from Karen Harrell-Long, Elizabeth S. James, Matthew W. Ryan, Mr. & Mrs. George S. Watts, and John S. Olson, Sr.

In memory of **Fred A. Clark** (organ fund) from Mr. & Mrs. James A. Ball, III, Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Moore, Mary A. Branan, Mr. & Mrs. William Grow, Mr. & Mrs. Julian W. Hamilton, Mr. & Mrs. Dalton Allen, Martha Tilden, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Johnson, Dr. & Mrs. Harvel Dawirs, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas R. Clements, Ruth Ann Williams, and Bob and Ruth Ann High.

In memory of **Margaret S. Witte** (altar fund) from Mr. & Mrs. James A. Ball, III.

In memory of **Nelle Sewell** from Dick and Martha Cureton.

In memory of **George Foster** (radio ministry) from Julia A. Foster.

In honor of **Rev. & Mrs. E. Wayne Curry** (Children's Home) from Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown.

In honor of **Mr. & Mrs. Mark Repasky** (organ fund) from Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown.

In honor of **Rev. Barbara Hynes** (Children's Home) from Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown.

In honor of **Rev. & Mrs. Tony Fotsch** (Children's Home) from Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By *E. Wayne Curry*
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

On Christmas Day, Beth, Brittany and I joined over 100 other volunteers for the annual Christmas Day Dinner in our fellowship hall as we served close to 300 guests ... many who were homeless and many others who just wanted to enjoy the warmth of fellowship with others. Hopefully the dinner was a blessing to those who received it, but isn't it always incredible how often we become the blessed when we participate in these kinds of things?

It was a Christmas Day my family will remember for a long time and I could not have been more proud of my church family for sponsoring this wonderful outreach to our community.

Our Church and Society team has enlisted numerous volunteers to help build a Habitat House with other United Methodists around our district. It's almost finished and will provide a beautiful home for a family in need. This is just another way Trinity is seeking to be an outwardly-focused church.

Our Missions team sponsored an alternative Christmas opportunity and with over \$7,000 in contributions we 'filled an ark' of animals to help our brothers and sisters in need around the world.

Our Becoming Fit at Church exercise classes provided funds to buy a refrigerator, microwave, two coffee makers, and lots of coffee and condiments for the teachers lounge at Nims Middle School.



Our United Methodist Women gave over \$8,000 last year to local and world missions.

These are just a few of the many ways Trinity Church is seeking to be a 'heart for the city'! Aren't you glad to be a part of such an exciting church?! I certainly am and I feel so blessed to be one of your pastors!

You Are Loved,

Wayne

Did you hear some hearing aids are missing?

Recently, a few of the hearing devices, used by our members to better hear the services, have not been returned. This is prompting the purchase of some replacement units that are fairly expensive.

If you have inadvertently taken one of the hearing units home, please return it at your earliest convenience. No questions will be asked. This will allow others to enjoy the benefit of being able to participate in the Sunday services.

Please bring yours back as soon as you can.



Music news for February

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Music Ministry Sunday Feb. 8

Our church is enriched year 'round by the width and breath of the music groups active here. Many of them have as their primary focus, preparing music for worship services.

Music Ministry Sunday is a once-a-year celebration which involves most of the music groups at Trinity. If all goes as planned, the 11:00 a.m. service will include 3 handbell groups, two praise bands, Children's Orff Ensemble, plus 5 vocal groups ... all within an hour! During the service, our musicians will rededicate themselves to serving the church through their musical talents. Come, celebrate with us, and invite a visitor!

Welcome our new organist

A national search that spanned two months brought us into contact with a

number of very talented church organists. From this group we invited Rob Hlebinsky (lah-BIN-ski) of Grand Rapids Michigan to audition and interview for the position. Great news: We liked him and he liked us! You may remember Rob, as he was the young gentleman who served as our guest organist on November 9. He became our organist on January 18. Rob, his wife Laura and their baby Grace now call Tallahassee home.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Rob

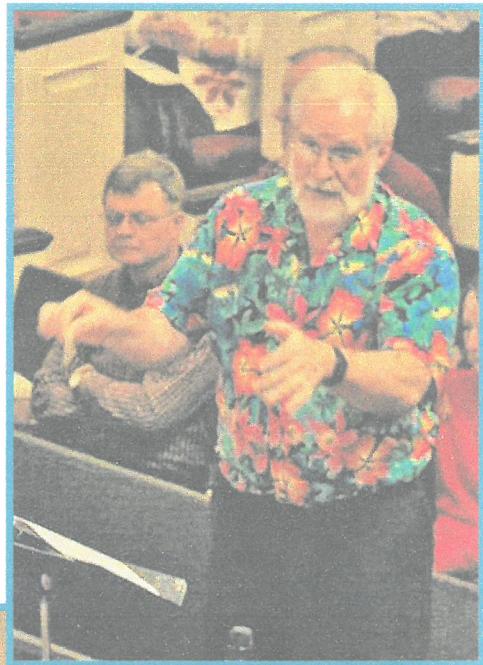
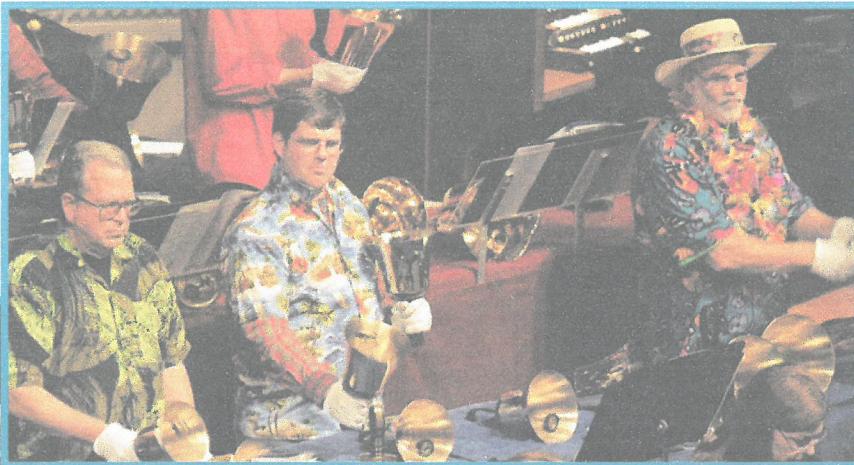


New organist Rob Hlebinsky

attended Christ United Methodist Church which has a large Casavant organ, the same type we have at Trinity. Rob and Laura met while they were music students at Indiana University. He completed a Bachelor of Music Degree in Organ Performance there in May 2007.

As our church welcomes this new family into the fold, we give thanks for the many talents bestowed upon us by our creator and pray these talents may be used for the glory of God and the building of his kingdom on earth.

At the recent "Ring the Season" ringfest at First Baptist, the Trinity Ringers represented Trinity well. Led by Music Director, Mark Repasky, top right, the Ringers dressed for the season. Clockwise from bottom right; several churches contributed their bell-choirs to the effort. A view from above shows all of the Trinity Ringers in action. Ringing the "big bells," Gary Cherry, David LaJeunesse, and Gary Matthews, were a visual sensation in their festive island garb, mon.



New member sketches continued from page 8

Tim and Maggie McWhirter - have a five-month-old baby girl. They decided to join after hearing about Trinity from their friends, Zach and Joanna Ward. Maggie works for a dermatologist, Dr. Caldwell, and has lived in Tallahassee her entire life.

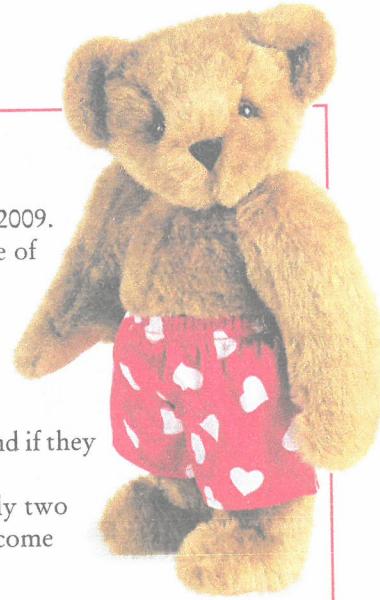
Robert Pendergast - joined from another denomination. He is a recent graduate of FSU with a doctorate in music. He works for Stubbs Music Center.

Brian Prokes - is a recent graduate of the University of Florida. He works in the Governor's Office. Brian was a member of First UMC Orlando when Rev. Curry was senior pastor there.

Heather Small - works for the Agency for Workforce. She joined Trinity from another UMC. She is a graduate of FSU with a doctorate in music.

Reed and Mandy Walker - have two grown children. Mandy works for the Leon

County School District as an intervention teacher at Conley Elementary School. Reed is self-employed. Reed's father, Donald Walker, is already a member of Trinity, as are cousins, Barbara Leonard and Warren May. Mandy enjoys reading, floral arranging, gardening, sewing, and caring for their dogs and pet cat.



Bear Sunday, February 15

Make sure to bring a brand-new teddy bear to church with you on "Bear Sunday" - February 15, 2009.

This is a great way to bring some love to a child who needs the special comfort gained from one of our Trinity bears. Once collected, the bears will be donated to the following local agencies:

Big Bend Hospice:

Your bear will be given to a child who has recently lost a loved one. The children are very enthusiastic and appreciative.

Leon County Elementary School Clinics (24 total schools): provide children with a special friend if they are hurt and need to go to the clinic.

Letters from children speak of the comfort and joy these bears bring. Even though there are only two official agency recipients this year, there are many other agencies that may receive bears as they become available. Open your heart and bring a teddy bear to church on Bear Sunday.

Change the City for February - Tree House of Tallahassee

Ron McCranie
Church and Society Committee Co-Chair

Tree House of Tallahassee was established in 1986 as a shelter for abused and neglected children who are 2 to 12 years old. The primary goal is to provide a home-like environment



for children. Depending on the special circumstances of each child, the 2 houses generally care for an average of 16 children. Whenever possible, sibling groups are kept together to minimize disruption for the children. Although administration of the houses is done by Children's Home Society, Tree House owns both of the homes.

Loving care helps the healing begin for children who may have known little peace in their young lives. Some have been abused. Others have been abandoned or mistreated, often by parents with histories of drug and alcohol abuse. Still others come from

families unable to keep food on the table and a roof over their heads with running water and electricity. In all cases, children are removed from their homes for their own safety and well-being.

Their

futures vary. Some will be placed in foster homes and some in adoptive homes. Some may return to their own families if their parents work to resolve issues and situations that endangered the children. In some ways Tree House homes are no different than that of any family. They are lively households with house parents and staff who make the children feel safe and at home, perhaps for the first time.

If you are interested in

volunteering at Tree House, opportunities vary and include such rewarding activities as mentoring, rocking babies, helping kids with their homework, organizing and supporting fundraising events and more. For more information, visit the Tree House website at: www.treehouseflorida.org or contact Louise Bradshaw at (850) 921-0772.

Ministry
of the month

It shouldn't hurt to be a child.



Church & Society Committee - what's it all about?

Phyllis McCranie
Church and Society Committee Co-Chair

(Editor's note: this is Part II of a two-part series which began in the January issue of *Tidings*)

Throughout the year, individual Committee Members will display the goals and needs of the ministry they serve at the Welcome Center on one designated Sunday each month. Watch the weekly Bulletins to find out the featured ministry of the month.

The listing below gives a preview of each of the ministry's services. Many of these may match your skills and/or passions to serve. If so, you do not have to wait until the ministries are featured at the Welcome Center. You can contact Phyllis or Ron McCranie now at (850) 671-4815 or pamccranie@embarqmail.com to find out who the Committee liaison is for each ministry and get more information.

Florida Impact

To keep members of Trinity up to date on important social issues in our state, issues are brought to our attention by the Florida Conference.

Health and Welfare

1. Neighborhood Health -

Neighborhood Health Services provides medical services to clients free of charge, targeting the homeless and the uninsured. The clinic is staffed by medical professionals who volunteer their time.

2. Hilltop Residential - Trinity donations are used for emergency dental needs for the residents of the Madison facility.



Recently, Trinity turned out in force to help build a Habitat for Humanity home in Northeast Tallahassee. Trinity has been a faithful and responsive partner to Habitat for Humanity donating not only time and sweat equity, but also funding for materials.

These residents are mentally challenged.

Housing Ministries

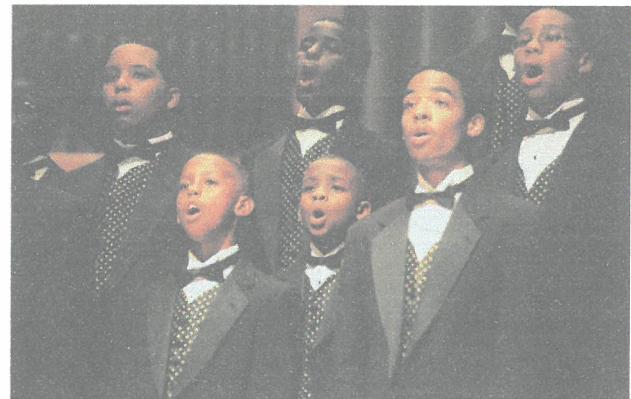
- 1. Hope House** - The Hope House Community is a center designed to empower those who are homeless to become self-sufficient through a comprehensive array of services, including independent housing. The goal of the Community is to end homelessness, one person at a time.
- 2. Habitat for Humanity** - Habitat for Humanity builds houses in the Tallahassee Community. Trinity works in partnership with area Methodist churches and civic groups in this vital community ministry.

Children/Youth Services

1. Boys'/Girls' Club - Open weekday afternoons from 3-7 p.m., the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Tallahassee provide supervised study, tutoring, a computer lab program and an out-door sports program to children.

2. Boys' & Girls' Choirs - The Boys' Choir of Tallahassee is an after school choir program for at risk boys in the Tallahassee community. Coordinated by a Professor of

Social Work at FSU, this program strives to help students maintain grades, teaching strong discipline, and requiring high standards for all choir members. The Girls' Choir is open to girls from eight to eighteen. Participants meet regularly on Tuesdays and Thursdays to spend time on homework, participate in a variety of enrichment activities, and practice their music.



The Tallahassee Boys' Choir has performed at Trinity on numerous occasions

- 3. Kate Sullivan School** - Trinity has been involved in a mentoring program for



Reverend Vance Rains, far right, reads scripture before baptizing students in the Gulf. The FSU Wesley Foundation has a strong connection to Trinity.

many years with Kate Sullivan. Every August there is a drive to collect school supplies as needed.

TEAM - Tallahassee Equality Action Ministry

Their mission is to enable people of diverse faiths to work powerfully and effectively together to address injustices in our community, particularly the poor and low-income people. Areas of concern are homelessness and housing, juvenile and teen issues, affordable health care and transportation.

FSU Wesley

A United Methodist Campus Ministry offering campus-wide opportunities for worship, meals, pastoral care, prayer ministries, housing, study groups and many other programs and activities. Included are opportunities for discipleship, mission work and outreach.

February Youth news

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

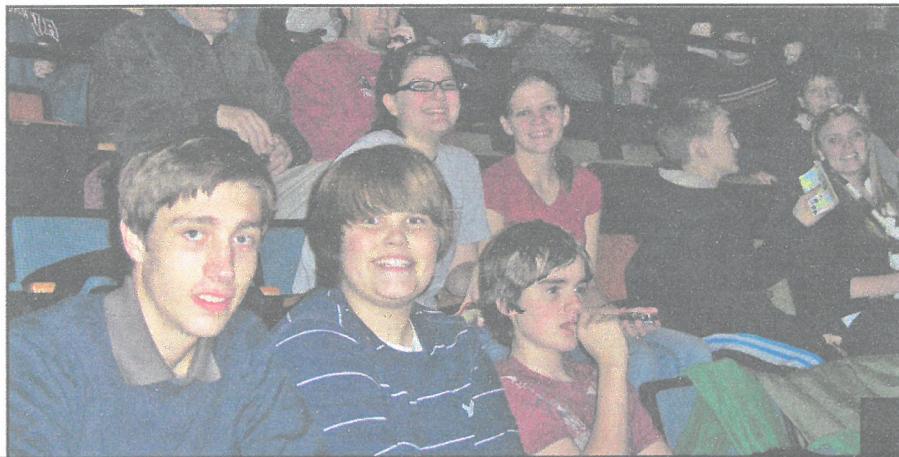
We have an exciting spring and summer planned down here in the Underground and 2009 promises to bring lots of new growth and experiences for our youth. Starting Sunday, February 1, our youth will have a chance to sign up again for our awesome summer camp in Leesburg. This is always one of our favorite summer activities along with our mission trips each year.

This year we have two mission trips planned for July, one for middle school and one for high school. The middle school mission trip will be in Tampa working with a group called **TEAMeffort**. It will focus on a week of helping migrant farm workers with home repair and ending the week with

a fun trip to Busch Gardens.

The high school trip will be in Lineville, Ala. working with a group called **SIFAT**. Our high school youth will participate in the **Learn and Serve Program** where they will be exposed to global needs while experiencing different cultures and becoming aware of developing world living conditions. They will also help in the local community and this mission experience promises to be like no other, helping them grow and prepare for more international mission trips in the future. We will then complete the trip with a fun white water rafting trip down the Ocoee River before we head home! Applications for both trips will be accepted until March 1, so see Kelly right away to sign up!

Attending the recent *Winter Jam* in Orlando were, (bottom left photo, l-r) Malinda Rains, Justice Merlau, Jennifer Griffith, and Scott Fortier. In the photo directly below, front row, Chris Fiore, John Rains, and Avery Smith, and second row, Anna Drake, Caity Chrisco, Chase Fortier, and Malinda Rains enjoy the show.



Upcoming Youth events for February

- Feb. 1 Camp Sign-ups 9:45am or 5pm Choir 5pm (No Praise Band) UMYF (Super Bowl Party 6-9pm in Gregory Room)
- Feb. 4 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Feb. 8 Youth Choir singing at 8:30 & 11:00 am services Praise Band 5pm, No Choir practice, UMYF 6pm
- Feb. 15 Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Feb. 18 Wednesday Bible Studies, Pizza Dinner
- Feb. 22 SaLT Meeting 12pm Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Feb. 25 Wednesday Bible Studies

Upcoming events in 2009

- Mar. 28 Spaghetti Fundraiser (1st day of Spring Break)
- Mar. 30-
Apr 3 Spring Break (Renovations)
- Apr. 10-11 ... 30-Hour Famine Lock-in (Good Friday 5pm - Feast Sat 7pm)
- May 1 Confirmation Banquet 6:30pm
- May 3 Confirmation Sunday
- May 17 Graduate Sunday
- Jun. 7-13 Youth Week
- 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



The Trinity Youth attended the Festival of Lights as one huge group. From left they were, Sarah Daniel, C.C. Whitlock, Maria Parsons, Alexis Whitlock, Kelly Rains, Malinda Rains, Justice Merlau, Edna Foxworth, Jay Merlau, Jennifer Griffith, Amelia Carroll, Kathryn Crotty, JD Renken, Savannah Sterling, April Bradley, Ella Smith, Chris Fiore, John Rains, Elizabeth Vandervort, Robert Jensen, Avery Smith, and David Jensen.



At the Winter Jam in Orlando, Hawk Nelson (above) and Toby Mac (below) performed to an enthusiastic audience.



Camp Registration - Trinity Feb. 1

We will be heading back to Warren W. Willis Summer Camp in Leesburg again this summer and we don't want you to miss it. All children and youth (who will be in 4th-12th grades in fall 2009) are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Trinity will be going the week of June 22nd, and the camp cost this year is \$365 (plus \$20 bus transportation). Like in the past, all Trinity members will get \$100 assistance toward camp costs and additional scholarships are available through the camp itself. To register, we have 2 options for you this year:



Option 1 Register for camp February 1 at Trinity

You can register at church on Sunday, February 1 from 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Library or from 5-6 p.m. in the Gregory Room (youth area). All necessary forms will be available that day. By signing up on this day you are guaranteed a spot on our charter bus - to and from camp for \$20! To sign up on February 1 you will need to bring two checks:

- One check made out to Trinity for \$50 (for Camp deposit), no credit cards accepted
- and
- a check for \$20 (also made out to Trinity) for a seat on our bus

Option 2 Register online at www.warrenwilliscamp.org

After February 1, you can still register your child/youth for camp by going online (www.warrenwilliscamp.org) and registering for \$75. Once you have received confirmation of registration, bring in a copy of that registration to Kelly Rains to acquire any remaining seats on our bus to camp. The cost to travel on Trinity's charter bus is \$20 (checks made out to Trinity).

For questions regarding camp registration, please contact Kelly Rains or Barbara Hynes at 222-1120. Or go to the Warren W. Willis camp website at www.warrenwilliscamp.org.



In the photo above, the three-year-old preschool classes donate 36 books to the Early Learning Coalition (ELC). From left to right: Jake, Lilee, Savanah, Mrs. Forrestall, Quinn, Clayton, Ryan, Mrs. Duncan, Andrew, Kennedy, Madeline and Lidia, and kneeling, Ian, and the two staff members from the ELC (Ms. Kathy and Ms. April).

At right, Ms. Kathy and Ms. April read stories to the children. Later, they passed out certificates to the children - it was a wonderful little event!



Enrollment dates are set for the preschool!

Stacey Duggar,
Preschool Director



Enrollment dates for the 2009-2010 school year have been set and are as follows:

February 2-6 currently enrolled students may enroll

February 9-13 church members may enroll

February 18 open enrollment begins

If you are interested in enrolling your child, please call Stacey Duggar at the preschool at 224-8992 x3. Check the web page for updates and other pertinent information regarding the preschool at: http://www.tumct.org/childcare_02.htm.

New members join in January

Another large group of enthusiastic people joined Trinity's growing membership in January.

Help them, and help Trinity by being the first to introduce them to the many ways Trinity has to nurture their growth as Christians. The following are brief

biographical sketches to help you get to know them better. **Edna Foxworth** - joined Trinity from another church. She is active in the youth program and felt so welcomed that she decided to "make this my church home."

Larry and Kay Hall - have lived in 6 different states, in 14



New members from left, Ashley Hiatt, Larry Hall, Kay Hall, Brian Prokes, Edna Foxworth, Robert Pendegast, Heather Small, Reed Walker, Mandy Walker, Rebecca Unglaub, Kurt Unglaub, Kyle Unglaub, Maggie McWhirter, Tim McWhirter, Jamie LeDoux.

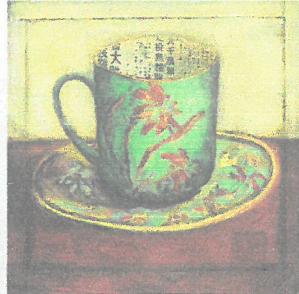
UMW invites all Trinity women to friendship tea on Feb. 3

Linda Yates
UMW President

United Methodist Women want all women of the church to get to know each other and develop friendships. In place of their usual monthly program luncheon, UMW invites all to a friendship tea in Moor Hall Tuesday, Feb. 3, starting at 11:45 a.m. and ending about 1:45 p.m.

Members and guests will drink a variety of teas in china cups served from teapots on each table, sample finger sandwiches, scones, shepherd's pies, petit fours and other food in the best English tradition. Laura Mann, who just started a new local business called "Tea Time," will speak briefly about the mystique of tea drinking among friends, and UMW Program Coordinator Sheila Merlau will show a Power Point presentation on friendship.

Because of greater than expected interest in the event, planners are asking people to make reservations earlier than usual. Circle chairs and individual guests should telephone Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations by Monday, January 26. Cost of the



tea is \$5 per person, payable at the door. In the spirit of yesteryear,

women wishing to dress up in furs, gloves, etc. are encouraged to do so. Attire is always by personal choice, however.

UMW Executive Committee will meet earlier on

February 3, at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 9, at the home of Beth Curry, 6044 Kennelly Court.

Circle 2 will meet in the church parlor immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

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

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Feb. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Phyllis Henderson, 905 Lothian Drive.

Circle 6 will meet Monday, Feb. 4 in the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 4, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 10:00 a.m. with Liz Smith, 1210 Domingo Drive.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Feb. 19 at 7:00 with Dawn Long, 3120 Dover Road, Havana.

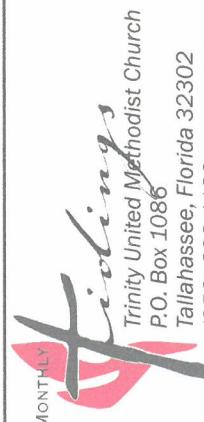
different houses. They joined from another denomination and have lived in Tallahassee for over 10 years. Larry is retired after 38 years with GM. Kay enjoys reading and golf.

Ashley Hiatt - joined by transfer of membership from another UMC. She works for Leon County Schools as a guidance counselor at Lincoln High School. She enjoys running, snowboarding and volunteering.

Jamie LeDoux - has lived in Tallahassee since 1999 and works for the Florida Bar. She joined Trinity by profession of faith. Her interests include photography and gardening.

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