

MONTHLY

Trinity

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

Heifer International's Ark Runneth Over!

Don Zorn
Chair of Missions Committee

The Trinity congregation's response to the Heifer fundraiser during Advent was truly amazing. Thanks to all who gave so generously, especially Trinity's children, who really were excited by this project. In fact, the children's Sunday School classes were able to buy several animals, and really felt like they were an integral part of the ark building — which they were.

As a church, Trinity surpassed our Ark-level goal of \$5,000 by a significant amount.

This means that over 45 families worldwide will receive the life-changing gift of an animal, such as a cow for this boy in Tanzania (at left), and a goat for this girl in Poland (at right). It is wonderful to think of the newly expanded horizons for these families, as we pray that God will magnify these gifts for many years to come!



It was a flurry of excitement (at left and below) in the Trinity Courtyard when the Missions Team brought in live animals to show what could be bought with their Heifer donations. Trinity members really showed they have hearts for the world!



Cookie Darnell (left) helped plan the event at Trinity.



In the photo at left, Franklin Darnell, and Missions Chair, Don Zorn (who is dressed for the part), watch the activities that Sunday.



Taska Zorn (left) is also a member of the Missions team.



In the photo at right, Aidan Carroll contemplates the purchase of that shaggy gray goat.



Gifts to Trinity



Trinity received the following memorial gifts from Nov. 11 through Dec. 3, 2008:

In memory of **Margaret S. Witte** from Gordon and Donna Bailey.

In memory of **Nelle Sewell** from Mary Ann and Duncan Moore, Kathy and Allen Ross, John and Virginia Walker, Nannette Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McDaniel, Jr., Adonis Williams, Bill and Alice Grow, John and Mary Leslie Olson, Bill and Cynthia Smith, Earline Adkison, Nancy and Jimmy Petrandis, and UMW Circle 4.

In memory of **Rose Pugh Howe** from Clifton Quinly.

In memory of **Elizabeth "Bet" McKinnon** from UMW Circle 4.

In honor of **Rev. Curry, Rev. Fotsch, and Rev. Hynes** from Buddy and Lillian Byrd (Florida United Methodist Children's Home)

Come to the Hymn Festival in our sanctuary January 22 at 7 pm. Our adult and children's choirs will provide music leadership along with choirs from two other downtown churches, all under the leadership of nationally-known composer and organist John Ferguson. It is part of the Church Music Conference; January 22-24. See www.TallahasseeAGO.org/conference for additional information.

Year-end giving

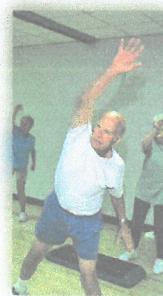
If you have appreciated stocks and property, you can greatly benefit from wise tax planning and giving before Dec. 31 through several options, including an IRA rollover gift, a gift of securities, or a gift of life insurance. For your gift to be tax deductible for 2008, please bring your gift to the church office no later than 5 p.m., Wed., Dec. 31 or postmarked by that date. Thank you for your generous giving!

BFC Series - Becoming Fit at Church

Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA

Want to start the New Year out right? Come join one of the Becoming Fit at Church exercise classes. Learn to exercise safely in a fun and non-intimidating environment. Suggested donations go to Nims Middle School.

Staying Strong - This easy exercise class strengthens upper and lower body while seated in a chair or standing. Exercises to improve balance are included. This is a great class for beginners of both genders and meets



every Tuesday and Thursday in the Parlor at 9:15 a.m. beginning January 6, 2009. Suggested donation is \$3 per class.

Variety Mix - New class! This eight-week class will include a variety of easy aerobic exercise, toning for the entire body using various types of exercise equipment, and stretching. Participants should be able to move easily from a standing position to the floor. All levels welcome. Meets every Tuesday and

Thursday in the Parlor during lunch hour from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. beginning January 13, 2009. Suggested donation for entire session is \$48, or \$3 per class drop-in.

Watch for the next Lay Academy brochure for more information about the evening **BFC Series** classes. Both **Exercise 101** and **Total Body Toning** will be offered again.

Nursery is not currently available but e-mail Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com if you need nursery care or have any questions.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe a new year is here already! How was 2008? Sure, the economy tanked, but did you? As you look back on the past year what were the grand and holy moments? If you are anything like me, just the reflection helps you see so many moments that were initially missed as being grand and holy!

Frederich Buechner says it well ... good food for thought as we experience the grand and holy moments that are coming in 2009:

"Listen to your life. All moments are key moments. I have discovered that if you really keep your eye peeled to it and your ears open, if you really pay attention to it, even such a limited and limiting life as the one I was living...opened up onto extraordinary vistas. Taking your children to school and kissing your wife goodbye. Eating lunch with a friend. Trying to do a decent day's work. Hearing the rain patter against the window. There is no event so commonplace but that God is present within it, always hiddenly, always leaving you room to recognize him or not to recognize him, but all the more fascinatingly because of that, all the more compellingly and hauntingly.

If I were called upon to state in a few words the essence of everything I was trying to say both as a novelist and as a preacher, it would be something like this: Listen to your



life. See it for the fathomless mystery that it is. In the boredom and pain of it no less than in the excitement and gladness: touch, taste, smell your way to the holy and hidden heart of it because in the last analysis all moments are key moments, and life itself is grace."

May this new year keep you wide-eyed and open-eared to all that God has in store for you!

You Are Loved,

wayne

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

Phyllis McCranie
Church and Society Committee Co-Chair

(Editor's note: this is Part I of a two-part series.)

By the sound of its name, you might think that the Church & Society Committee coordinates social activities for Trinity. However, as many long term members may already know, Trinity actually contributes financial and volunteer assistance to many social service organizations within our community. These organizations serve individuals who need assistance, either temporarily or long term, to function in society. The role of the dozen Church & Society Committee members is to serve as Trinity's liaisons to these organizations and to let the congregation know when there are special needs.

Each organization is unique in their needs and presents Trinity church members and visitors many opportunities to show their Heart for the City and use their personal talents to help. One of the Church & Society Committee's 2009 goals is to make sure everyone knows about these opportunities and how they can get involved. Beginning in January and 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.

Hunger Ministries

1. The Shelter - Open 7 days a week, this downtown shelter provides a place to sleep and well-balanced meals to the homeless.

2. Community Christmas - Trinity has coordinated the community Christmas Dinner for many years. Trinity provides the food, favors and entertainment for all people in our community who would like to celebrate the Christmas holiday with a caring group. It is held in Moor Hall on Christmas Day, beginning at 12:00 noon.

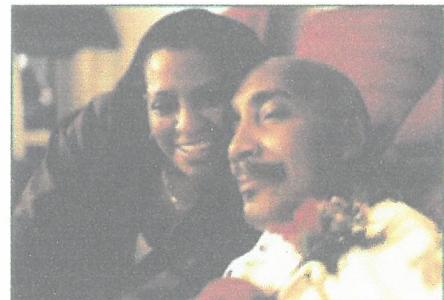
Community Service

1. Big Ben Cares - Big Bend Cares is a non-profit organization which provides support and services to people living with HIV/AIDS. Their mission includes fighting AIDS, compassionate medical care and support groups for infected individuals, testing, community health education, and risk reduction programs.

2. Refuge House - Refuge House provides services to battered women, their children, and assault survivors. Through outreach and educational programs, Refuge House works to eliminate the conditions in society that allow such violence to continue.

3. Hospice - The mission of Big Bend Hospice is to provide compassionate care to individuals

with a terminal illness, comfort to their families and emotional support to anyone



who has lost a loved one.

4. Capital Area Community Action Agency - Trinity refers a number of people to this Agency for emergency assistance in areas including utilities, rent, and transportation.

Emergency Assistance

1. Echo & Echo Bethany - ECHO Outreach Ministries provide people in need with food, clothing, financial assistance, and counseling. Free weekend lunches, served at First Presbyterian Church, are paid for by ECHO funds. In addition, ECHO has a transitional housing ministry housed in the Bethany Family Apartments.

2. Special Needs - Projects which are brought to the attention of Church & Society throughout the year. This has included the annual Church World Services Crop Walk recruitment dinner, Hispanic Ministry, etc.

Part II of this article will continue in the February issue of *Tidings*.

Trinity welcomes new members

Trinity welcomed five new members into the church in November. Please make them feel as welcome as you feel in your church.

The new members who joined are:

Dale Elrod joins his wife Prissy, who joined back in September. Dale joined Trinity from another denomination. He is the father of Trinity members Garrett Robinson and new member Sara Jacobs.

Sara Jacobs transferred her membership from another United Methodist church. She is married to Matthew Jacobs. Sara is an FSU graduate and works in sales for Comcast. She is the sister of member Garrett Robinson.

Erin Platt joined from another

denomination. Her husband of three months, Nick, is a member already. Erin has lived in Tallahassee for over 18 years and works in association management for HCAF. She is a graduate of FSU. She enjoys dogs, trail-blazing, running marathons, gardening, and playing her cello.

Margie Rutter joined Trinity by transferring her membership from a United Methodist church in Lutz. She has a nine-year-old son, Logan. Margie works for the Florida Department of Health as an IT security manager. She enjoys playing with her son, Tae Kwon Do, and music.

Phillomar Tyrrell transferred her membership



New members in the Parlor before joining are, from left, Margie Rutter, Erin Platt, and Phillomar Tyrrell.

from another United Methodist church. She recently moved to Tallahassee from New York. She enjoys evangelism, the theater, music, reading, and taking care of the elderly in the profession of nursing.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Officers for the Year 2009

Please note: The number after the member's name in parentheses (2) indicates the number of years the member has served in this position. Those members without a number are beginning their first year of service in that position.

• TRINITY'S CHURCH LEADERS •



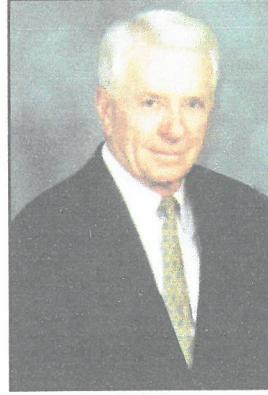
Ann Lumsden
CHURCH COUNCIL CHAIR



Larry Pendleton
LAY LEADER



Bill Smith
STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS CHAIR



Joe Williams
FINANCE CHAIR



Lori Mattice
TRUSTEES CHAIR

• CHURCH COUNCIL •

Council Chair - Ann Lumsden (3)

Council Vice-Chair -

Council Secretary - Anne Parker (3)

Lay Leader - Larry Pendleton (3)

Assistant Lay Leader - Gail Stewart

Lay Members of Annual Conference - Ann & Bob Lumsden (2), Warren May (2), (Alternates) Lynn Wollsclager (2), Rita May (2)

Church Treasurer - Bill Peebles (11)

Pastors - Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Rev. Tony Fotsch

Associate Pastor of Discipleship - Rev. Barbara Hynes

Director of Music - Mark Repasky

Director of Youth - Kelly Rains

Director of Communications - Rex Adams

United Methodist Women President - Linda Yates (2)

Youth Council Representative - Jacqui Griffith (3)

Children's Home Representative - Gloria Colvin (1)

STANDING COMMITTEES/CHAIR:

Board of Trustees - Lori Mattice (3)

Finance Committee - Joe Williams (2)

Staff-Parish Relations Committee - Bill Smith (2)

Committee on Lay Leadership - Senior Pastor/Rev. Curry

CORE MINISTRIES/CHAIR:

Church & Society - Ron & Phyllis McCranie (2)

Communications - Eric King (2)

Education - Marti Chumbler (4)

Missions - Don Zorn (3)

Music - Sue Parsons (3)

Spiritual Outreach - Jimmie and Nancy Duncan (1)

Worship - Lynda Hanson (2)

CHAIRS OF OTHER MINISTRIES:

Preservation of Church History - Linda Yates (6)

• STANDING COMMITTEES •

FINANCE

Chair - Joe Williams (2) **Members: 2009** - Lynn McLarty, Tommy Harrison, Barbara Smith, Debbie Bass, John Williams; **2010** - Andrew Moore, William Smith, III, John Kenny, Bob Smith; **2011** - Chip Darnell, Cassie Conn, Brent Chumbler, Cathy McCarthy, Sam Rogers Jr.; **Ex-Officio**: Senior Pastor, Church Council Chair, Church Treasurer, Lay Leader, Board of Trustees Representative, Stewardship Campaign Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Chair, Lay Member of Annual Conference - Bob Lumsden

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (Formerly, Nominations and Personnel)

Chair - Senior Pastor; **2009** - Dan Drake, Nancy Kerce, Cathy Cuevas; **2010** - Laura Mills, Bill Fritchman, Debra Jump; **2011** - Garrett Robinson, Sally Huggins; **Ex-Officio**: Lay Leader - Larry Pendleton, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference - Warren May

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Chair - Bill Smith (2) **Members: 2009** - Benson Green, Susan King, Judy Levy; **2010** - Bill Smith, Mary Ann Moore, Cindy Campbell; **2011** - Warren May, Cookie Darnell, David Freni; Annual Conference Delegate - Ann Lumsden; Lay Leader - Larry Pendleton

TRUSTEES

Chair - Lori Mattice (3) **Members: 2009** - Glenn McDuffie, Robert McDonald; **2010** - Curt Mills, Kirk Brown, Beth Langford; **2011** - John Stewart, Chip Huggins, Beverly Burleson; **Ex-Officio**: Senior Pastor, Executive Pastor

• CORE MINISTRIES •

CHURCH & SOCIETY

Chairs - Ron & Phyllis McCranie (2) **Members**: 2009 - Jane Olson, Wallace Henderson, Sam Rogers, Sr., Dawn Long, Dot Binger, John & Kathy Bell, Orson Smith; 2010 - John Elliott, Steve & Sabrina Denmark, Claudia Burton, Nancy Peterson, Carol Schardine; 2011 - Leslie Gardner, Allison Ruff, Ali Wagnon, Lora Chapman;

Ex-Officio: UMW Coordinators for Social Involvement, HEO Coordinator, Leah Wright, District Church & Society Work Area Representative, Gloria Whitaker, Big Bend Cares, Janet Stainer, Bear Sunday, June Olson, Kate Sullivan

COMMUNICATIONS

Chair - Eric King (2) **Members**: 2009 - Cameron Ulrich, Chris Womack, Eric King, Robert Steed; 2010 - Yvonne Shaw, Brewser Brown, Ann Dickinson; 2011 - Alexis Antonacci, William and Jennifer Townsend, Debara Jump

Ex-Officio: Director of Communications - Rex Adams

ADULT MINISTRY

Chair - Marti Chumbler (4) **Members**: 2009 - Wayne Anderson, Rubie Butterworth, Marti Chumbler; 2010 - Debra Danforth, Cindy Phillips Donelan, Bill Fritchman, Dan Drake; 2011 - Margie Wright, Tyler and Brandi Van Leuven, Diana Flagg;

Ex-Officio: Library - Gloria Colvin; Lay Academy - Liz Smith; Sunday School Superintendent - Tom Perdue

YOUTH MINISTRY

Chair - Jacqui Griffith (3) **Vice Chair** - Pat Gilleland (3) **Members**: 2009 - Patti Wilson, Marie Bradley, Ruth Ann High; 2010 - Ginny Rudell, Debra Henderson, Natalie Wolfe; 2011 - Jaqui Griffith, Treva Merlau, Kevin Sterling, Vern Danforth, Kathleen Smith;

Ex-Officio: Minister of Program - Barbara Hynes; Director of Youth - Kelly Rains; Sunday School Superintendent - Tom Perdue

COLLEGE MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Jimmie Duncan and Nancy Duncan (4)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Chair - Kristen Harrison (1) **Members**: 2009 - Jill Ihasz, Genevieve Carroll, Treva Merlau; 2010 - David LaJeunesse, Kristin Harrison, Mary Stephenson, Bobbie Williams; 2011 - Sarah Grant, Sarah Brown, Brett Thomson, Kevin Sterling, Holly Webb, Tom Deison, Elaine Haddock, Pam Podey

Ex-Officio: Associate Pastor of Discipleship - Barbara Hynes; Preschool Board Chair - Sarah Jane Gainey; Pre-school Director - Stacey Duggar; Sunday School Superintendent - Tom Perdue

MISSIONS

Chair - Donald Zorn (3) **Members**: 2009 - Joan Anderson, Frank Leonard, John Elliott; 2010 - Donald Zorn, Leslie Elliott, Dennis Smith, Jill May; 2011 - Jeff Wilson, Jenna Lockwood, Jason McCoy

Ex-Officio: Director of Youth - Kelly Rains; Chair of Young Adult Ministries - Amanda Rios; Executive Pastor - Wayne Cook; Cuba Covenant Coordinator - Sam Rogers, Sr.

HEO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair - Peggy Parkey **Members**; Kathy Pope, Shelia Merlau, Sylvia Sanders, Nancy Kerce, Jean Young, Donna Frinks, Peggy Parkey, Rhonda Work, Toni Hale, Rita May

Ex-Officio: HEO Coordinator - Leah Wright

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Chair - Sue Parsons (3) **Members**: 2009 - Warren May, Gary Cherry; 2010 - Genevieve Carroll, Mary Alice Mills, Doris Laird, Jim Oakley, Debbie Bass; 2011 - Cathy McCarty, Jana Sterling, Barry Willis, Ed Prasse, Tracie Sutherland

Ex-Officio: Worship Committee Chair - Lynda Hanson; Music Director - Mark Repasky; Organist - Robert Hlebinsky; President of Chancel Choir - Nancy Kerce; President of Youth Choir -

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

Chair - Jimmie and Nancy Duncan (1) **Members**: 2009 - Bill & Ann Doonan, Catherine May, Michael Cunningham; 2010 - Nadia Scheffers; 2011 - Chip and Taff Collette, Julie Pararo, Nick and Melanie Quinton, Zach and Joanna Ward, Kathy Pope, Bill and Sandy Kappes, Valorie Stevens

Ex-Officio: Associate Pastor - Tony Fotsch

WORSHIP

Chair - Lynda Hanson (2) **Members**: 2009 - Barbara Leonard, Laura Mills, Amber Pendleton, Patti Wilson, Leslie Hancock, Jane Mittan; 2010 - Debbie McKinell, Bill and Meg Hilaman, Esther Harrison; 2011 - Lynda Hanson, Diane Kite, and Kate Hough, Ben Gilleland, Tricia Willis

Ex-Officio: Senior Pastor - Wayne Curry; Chancel Choir President - Nancy Kerce; Director of Music - Mark Repasky; Acolyte Coordinator; Altar Guild Chair - Susan Thomas & Debbie Hurley; Organist - Robert Hlebinsky; Usher Chair- Chip Huggins; Chair of Music Committee - Sue Parsons; Communion Stewards Chair - Sandra Genetin

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Youth news for January

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

I want to start off by thanking everyone who supported us during our two fundraisers in December. We raised over \$2,500 with our Christmas Tree sales and Chili dinner. Our proceeds this year will go towards the renovation project of our youth area, which we are very excited about.

As we look to a new year I am also very excited

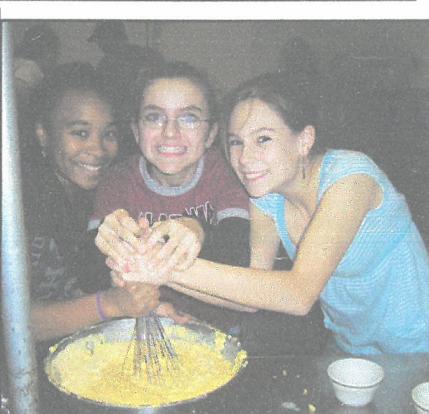


Rev. Tony Fotsch and Rev. Wayne Curry pick up their fresh-cut Carolina Christmas trees from the Youth.

about some of the experiences we have planned for the youth. I am always amazed by how open they are when I give them a new challenge and their willingness to try new things. This year I have a few surprises for them which will give them new ways to grow as Christians and provide them with new ways to live out their faith. It's going to be a great year!



The Sterling family, Savannah, Kevin and Madison, stand next to the 60 shoe boxes destined for Operation Christmas Child.



Stirring the pot for the Chili fundraiser are Zjarea Grant, Maria Parsons, and Justice Merlau.



In the line-up at the High School Murder Mystery dinner are, from left, Andrew Winchester, Lacey Langston, Jeff Olson, June Lee, and officer Brad Olson.



At Sonic (yummy), the Middle School Bible study group, clockwise from top, Will Thyer, Ella Smith, Malinda Rains, Justice Merlau, Maria Parsons, Avery Smith, and Rob Lytle.



Upcoming Youth events for December

- Jan. 4 No UMYF, Choir, or Praise Band
- Jan. 6 Back to School
- Jan. 7 Wednesday activities resume
- Jan. 11 Praise Band, Choir, UMYF
- Jan. 14 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Jan. 16 Winter Jam (check website for details)
- Jan. 18 Praise Band, Choir, UMYF
- Jan. 19 No School (MLK Jr. Holiday) / Meals on Wheels Delivery
- Jan. 21 Wednesday Bible Studies
- Jan. 25 SaLT & Pepper Meeting
12:00 p.m., Youth Council 4:30 p.m., Choir Practice 5:00 p.m., UMYF 6:00 p.m. (Mission Trip Meeting/Potluck - all parents and youth invited)
- Jan. 28 Wednesday Bible Studies

Upcoming events in 2009

- Feb. 1 Super Bowl Party
- Mar. 28 Spaghetti Fundraiser (1st day of Spring Break)
- Apr. 10 30-Hour Famine Lock-in (Good Friday)
- May 1 Confirmation Banquet 6:30
- 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

In the photo below, the Senior High Bible study group buzzes at The Coffee Pub, from left, Jimmy McKinnell, Alyson Chrisco, Caity Chrisco, Edna Foxworth, Malinda Rains, Anna Drake, and Laura Cunningham.



At the recent skate night, from left, April's friend, Amy, Ella Smith, April Bradley, Kathryn Crotty (front), Sarah Daniel, Alex Ingram, and Savannah Sterling all slow down for a photo.



Keep checking the website
for updated information!
www.geocities.com/undergroundministries

• OTHER MINISTRIES •

ALTAR GUILD

Chairs - Susan Thomas & Debbie Hurley **Members**: Lynn Barrera, Walli Beall, Shirley Benson, Fancheon Boone, Oberley Brown, Beverly Burleson, Rubie Butterworth, Cindy Campbell, Linda Clark, Donna Frinks, Lynda Hanson, Eloise Harbeson, Myra Hannah, Dot Hayward, Gail Hock, Debbie Hurley, Anne Logue, Julian Mathis, Corbin Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Nell Morse, Julie Pararo, Martha Anne Proctor, Laura Rogers, Sylvia Sanders, Cynthia Smith, Julie Steinmeyer, Kathleen Stinson, Neddy Sumners, Susan Thomas, Nancy Waugh, Gayle Webb, Bobbie Williams, Marilyn Williams, Pat Winchester; **Emeritus**: Margaret Witte & Betty Farkas

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Chair - Sandra Genetin **Members**: June Dugger, Rod Dugger, Shirley Kirwin, Lynda Hanson, Patty Oakley, Barbara Allen, Victoria Tettey, Jenny Bryant, Barbara Leonard, Jayne Mittan, Amber Pendleton, Patricia Wilson

PRE-SCHOOL ADVISORY

Chair - Sarah Jane Gainey **Members**: 2009 - Mike Ray, Esther Harrison, Val Watson; 2010 - Mary Aycock, April Penton, Genevieve Carroll; 2011 - Sarah Jane Gainey, Sarah Watters, Mark Haddock; **Ex-Officio**: Director of Preschool - Stacey Duggar; Associate Pastor of Discipleship - Barbara Hynes; Younger Children's Coordinator - Kathy Trapp; Senior Pastor - Wayne Curry; Board of Trustees Representative

PRESERVATION OF CHURCH HISTORY

Chair - Linda Yates **Members**: Carroll Dadisman, Norman Booth, Rubie Butterworth, Lynn McLarty, Marylee Peebles, Bill Peebles, Bob Yates, Judy Goodwin, Bill Fritchman, Deanna Ramsey, Robert Steed, Tripp Coston, Vernon Parramore; **Ex-Officio**: Church Historian - Linda Yates, Vernon Parramore

LAY ACADEMY PLANNING

Chair - Liz Smith **Members**: Joan Anderson, Wade Birch, Lora Chapman, Marti Chumbler, Carroll Dadisman, Cindy Phillips Donelan, Debi Fadool, Sally Huggins, Donna Legare, Shelia Merlau, Carol Moore, Steve Roady, Sam Rogers, Sr., Cherie Rowland, Linda Wells, Sarah Watters, Gloria Colvin; **Ex-Officio**: Barbara Hynes

LONG-RANGE PLANNING STEERING COMMITTEE

Chair - Robert McDonald **Members**: Rubie Butterworth, Marti Chumbler, Cathy Cuevas, Sally Huggins, Peggy Hughes, Glen McDuffie

TRINITY ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Coordinators: Eleanor Smith, Beth Langford **Members**: Bill Smith, Marti Chumbler, Dan Drake, Dot Binger, Bob Yates, Palmer Williams **Ex-Officio**: Senior Pastor - Wayne Curry; Comptroller - Christi McClure

DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

Chair - Dennis Smith **Members**: Charles Allen, Jr., Joyce Carbonell, David Freni, Debbie Henderson, Eric King, Susan King, Jill May, Guy McKenzie, Beth Perry, Blue Whitaker, Gloria Whitaker

Trinity has a new H.E.O. Coordinator

*Leah Wright
H.E.O. Coordinator*

When I first heard about the H.E.O. coordinator job, my heart jumped inside my chest. Ever since my sophomore year in college, whenever someone would ask

me what I wanted to do, my response would be, "I want to help people." My desire to help others is why I majored in Social Work, why I chose to intern at the FSU Wesley foundation, and why I went to Calcutta, India for a month this past summer. I desire to help people and to encourage and enable others to help with me. H.E.O. Coordinator is my dream job and I am so excited to begin this service journey with all of you. I cannot express in words what anticipation and excitement I feel in beginning this job. When you meet me and I can't stop smiling, then you'll understand!

I am 23 years old. I grew up in Palm

Harbor, just north of Clearwater. My parents still live there with our family dog, Bodie. I have two sisters, Alyssa who is 27 and Whitney who is 19. Both are attending

been interning with the FSU Wesley Foundation heading up their Discipleship Program called DUST, their New Student Group, and I've been co-leading one of our praise bands. I stay very busy over at Wesley, but deeply enjoy what I do. I'm also recently engaged to Trevor Johnston, the Assistant Director at the Wesley Foundation. We are planning on getting married in July 2009.

I am so excited to be here at Trinity. I have been welcomed with such warm smiles! Thank you all and I will be seeing you!

In His Freedom,
Leah Wright
H.E.O. Coordinator

To volunteer, or if you know of someone who needs the services of HEO, call the office at 222-1120 or email HEO, lwright@tumct.org.



New H.E.O. coordinator, Leah Wright.

Georgia Tech University. Alyssa is pursuing her masters in International Affairs, and Whitney is pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering. I received my bachelor's in Social Work in April 2007. Since my graduation from Florida State University (GO NOLES!), I've

Change the City for January - Lee's Place

*Ron McCranie
Church and Society Committee Co-Chair*

Change the City contributions for January will go to Lee's Place, a grief and counseling center located on Lake Ella Drive here in Tallahassee. Lee's Place is a private, non-profit center that provides counseling services to children, adults and families who are adjusting to any type of loss, including death, divorce,



abandonment, or life transition. Lee's Place views grief as a natural response to a loss and seeks to help those who are grieving integrate the loss into their lives by helping them to develop a new and broader sense of wholeness. Experiencing the death of a loved one, going through a divorce, or being abandoned can profoundly affect the lives of children and adults. Unresolved grief can develop into

depression, anxiety and an increase in physical ailments. Lee's Place offers a nurturing environment with licensed therapists where feelings of loss can be expressed and dealt with in a safe and healing manner.

Many volunteer opportunities are available to contribute to the success and growth of Lee's Place, from assisting staff to selling engraved bricks for the Memory Garden. If you would like more information about Lee's Place, call 841-7733, or visit them online at: www.leesplace.org.

Rev. Fotsch will speak to UMW Jan. 6

Linda Yates

Trinity's United Methodist Women will get to know new Associate Minister Tony Fotsch better as he shares his personal journey at their luncheon meeting on Tuesday, January 6. All women of the church are welcome to attend the meeting, which will start at 11:45 a.m. in Moor Hall. Reservations must be made by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Friday, January 2.



UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 12, at the home of Cynthia Smith, 1530 Marion Avenue.

Circle 2 will meet in the church parlor immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6.

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Beth Curry, 6044 Kennelly Court.

Circle 6 will meet Monday, Jan. 12. Contact Julie Pararo, 385-9791, for more information.

Circle 8 will meet at noon Wednesday, Jan. 7, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Jan. 20. Contact Liz Smith, 576-1533, for more information.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Jan. 15.
Contact Dawn Long, 539-4889, for
more information.

Join Trinity's Altar Guild

If you enjoy working with flowers and would like to find a rewarding way to share your time and talents with our church, the Altar Guild may be just right for you. Experience is great, but a desire to learn how to arrange flowers can be nurtured. For more information, please contact Debbie Hurley or Susan Thomas, Altar Guild Co-Chairs, through the Church Office at 222-1120.



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