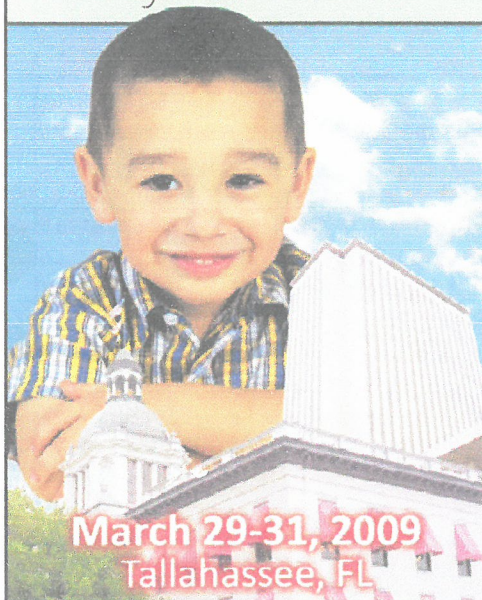


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Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.

Trinity to host Advocacy Days Mar. 29-31



**March 29-31, 2009
Tallahassee, FL**

Whew, Trinity sure seems to be a popular place lately! After hosting **Radical Hospitality**, an event organized by the Florida Conference, Trinity will again partner with the Florida Conference, as well as the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and **Florida Impact** for "Advocacy Days" March 29-31.

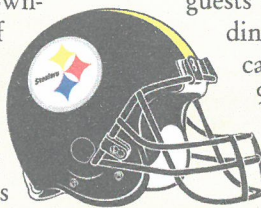
As a part of **Children's Week** at the State Capitol, this event will offer a chance to "share religious traditions of economic justice and apply these to the policy and budget priorities of our state."

Several activities, including worship, meals, and meetings will take place at Trinity. Brochures can be found in the Welcome Center for more information.

"Grown-up" Superbowl Party a Huge Success

*Tony Fotsch
Associate Pastor*

In conjunction with the Youth Superbowl party down in the Gregory Room (see pages 6-7 for youth photos), Trinity hosted a party for "grown-ups" in Moor Hall. Forty of our members ranging in age from their 20's to the 80's came out to watch the big game on all three of the big screens! While the game was exciting in itself, it was a real



treat to see so many generations enjoying this time together. With plenty of snacks, food and people, it was really a great time.

Thank you to our generous donors and volunteers who helped to make this event such a success. We are looking forward to utilizing our fantastic facilities for more events like this in the future. Be sure to make your reservation for next year's big-game early!

be there to extend a gracious hand by giving out bottles of water, useful gifts, looks inside the sanctuary, and guiding guests to the fabulous Youth Spaghetti dinner. We can use all the help we can get! We will be serving from 9:00am until we run out of water (or 3:00pm, whichever comes first). We're hoping to get volunteers for 2-hour slots throughout the day. If you are

interested and available, please contact Jimmie Duncan, the Spiritual Outreach Chair, at 385-1084 or duncanjn2@comcast.net.

Student "We Care" Packages

The members of Circle 10, pictured below, have just finished putting together "We Care" packages for area college students. These packages, filled with student-appropriate goodies, were delivered on Valentines Day.



Standing in back, from left are, Shirley Kirwin, Donna Dugger, Jean Young, Sandy Kappes, and Nancy Duncan, kneeling in front are, Treva Merlan, Edna Foxworth, and Dawn Long.

Come be "Radically Hospitable" at Springtime Tallahassee

Springtime Tallahassee is upon us again! Saturday, March 28 will see downtown abuzz with the festivities and our church surrounded by visitors coming to the event. The Spiritual Outreach team will

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following memorial gifts from January 10 - February 11, 2009.



In memory of **Hugh William Harrell, Sr.** from Erin H. Keels, Bill and Marylee Peebles (organ fund), and Kathy Fields.

In memory of **Fred A. Clark** (organ fund) from Bill and Marylee Peebles, Murray Middle School, Ruth Williams, and Bill and Judy Levy.

In memory of **Dan Stainer** (HEO) from Janet Stainer.

In memory of **Daisy Blanch Simmons** from Frank and Lynn Walker.

In memory of **Eugenia Avant McJunkin** from Pace and Mary Allen.

In memory of **Mary Lucille Rivers Cater** from Led and Oberley Brown.

In memory of **Margaret J. Gordy** from Led and Oberley Brown (Children's Home), Ron and Gail Hock (HEO), Martha Tilden (Trinity Preschool Scholarship Fund), and Emily and Patrick Rhodes.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

We are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time for us to really look at ourselves and see ourselves for what we are.

The poet, Shelly, told of having a dream in which a strange, hooded figure appeared and signaled for him to follow. The poet ran after the mysterious figure and caught up with him. When he lifted the mask from the face, he was startled to find the likeness of his own face. As Shelly silently gazed at this likeness of himself, the figure asked, "*Are you satisfied?*"

And this is the question that each one of us needs to ask ourselves. Lent is set apart by the Church as a time for gazing at our true selves, as only we know ourselves, and asking: "*Am I satisfied? Do I like what I am?*"

- Am I pleased with every word I say or would I willingly omit any words if I could go back?
- Am I proud of the way that I treat others, not only the ones I like, but the ones I find hard to like?
- Do I stand alone when something is right, or do I stand with the crowd because it is more comfortable?
- Do I seek understanding, and fail to give it?
- Do I please myself or do I please others about me?
- Do I leave my Sunday principles behind on Monday morning and fail to pick them up until I return to church again? Or do I justify this by saying, "Everyone else does this, why should I do any differently?"



- Is my hope merely to increase each day in money, in pleasure, in fine clothes, in lots of friends? Or is my hope to increase in wisdom and to grow in the knowledge of God?

Am I truly satisfied?

Lent is upon us. Let us not observe it with wild festivities. Let us not observe it half-heartedly, with the feeling that it does not matter how I observe Lent and that it is no one else's business.

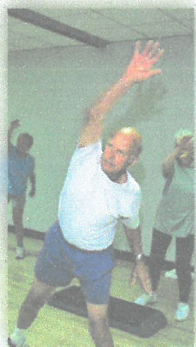
It is God's because He made us.

Wayne

BFC Series classes continue through Lent

Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA

The BFC Series exercise classes will continue throughout the Lenten season. Please note the times have been changed for the afternoon Academy classes so all participants will have the opportunity to attend dinner and the evening Lenten series at 6:25 pm. The daytime classes will continue as usual.



• Class Schedules •

AFTERNOON ACADEMY CLASSES - (Note new times)

Wednesdays from March 4th through April 8th

Exercise 101 — 4:15 pm — 5:00 pm

Total Body Toning — 5:15 pm — 6:00 pm

DAYTIME CLASSES

Tuesday and Thursday at the usual times

Staying Strong — 9:15 am — 10:15 am

Variety Mix — 11:45 am — 12:45 pm

Please contact Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

March Music news

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Belmont University Chorus

Many will remember Jeffery Ames who served as Music Director for our SUN service in the early 2000's. He graduated

with a doctoral degree from FSU College of Music and is now Director of Choral Activities at Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee. Good news! His 45-voice mixed chorus (shown above) is visiting Tallahassee and will be singing at our 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, March 8. The group will also present a concert in our sanctuary that afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Here's Dr. Ames' personal note to our congregation:

The Belmont University Chorale will present a program entitled "Songs of Praise, Lament, and Hope" that will enliven and

touch the human spirit. The concert will include works by John Williams, Johann Sebastian Bach, Charles Stanford, and its conductor, Jeffery Ames. This spring tour will mark the Chorale's inaugural tour with Dr. Ames. Additionally, this will be Dr. Ames' first time returning to Tallahassee since graduating from the FSU College of Music in May of 2005.

"Maria Theresa" Mass

The tour schedule will include a time of fellowship with the choral departments of Chiles High School, Leon High School, and Lincoln High School, with visits to the campuses of Florida A&M University and Florida State University. The Chorale also anticipates worshipping with the Trinity family during its morning services, and providing a concert in such a beautiful edifice.

Nikolaus II, who was head of the Esterhazy family.

Maria Theresa of Naples and Sicily married Archduke Francis of Austria in 1790. He later became Holy Roman Emperor Francis II, and then Francis I, Emperor of Austria.

She was an important patron of music and musicians in Vienna and was fond of Haydn's music. Eventually, this mass gained the extra title "Maria Theresa."

Our Chancel Choir is joining with adult choirs from Faith Presbyterian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church to present this 40-minute masterwork. A professional orchestra will accompany the choir. Kevin Fenton, Assistant Director of Choral Activities at FSU will be the conductor. The concert will be at Faith Presbyterian Church at the corner of Meridian Road and John Knox Road on Sunday, March 22 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this special event.

Haydn was occasionally accused of composing music that was too cheerful for the church. His response is enlightening: He did not think God would reproach him for praising Him "with a cheerful heart."

Music Ministry Sunday Feb. 8



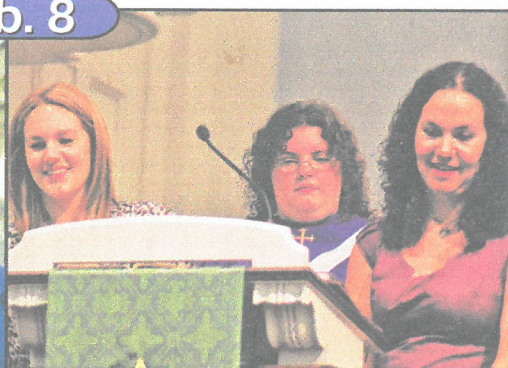
Amelia Carroll, Victoria Donelan, and Marielle Scheffers sang with the Youth Choir



Randall Haynes provided terrific trumpeting.



Callie Alvarez sang with the Omega Choir.



Mary Alice Mills, Nichole Ashley, and Jennifer Harrell sang with the Orff instruments.



Members of the Circle of Friends praise band performed during Music Ministry Sunday. From left they are, Lisa Ingram, Samiri Hernandez, Cathy McCarty, Tara Albrigo, Carol Ann Mathews, and Penny Bos.

United Methodist Children's Home Provides Vital Ministry

Gloria Colvin

Florida UMC Children's Home Representative

Throughout 2008, the Florida United Methodist Children's Home celebrated its centennial. When it opened in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage, the Florida conference described its purpose as "a noble Christian institution for the



relief, education and training of destitute, fatherless and motherless children."

Now as it moves into its second century, the Children's Home continues to be a vital mission of the Florida United

Methodist Conference, but one that has evolved over the years to provide an increasing array of services for children in difficult family situations or who otherwise have special needs. On its campus in Enterprise, Florida, this ministry provides residential care, therapeutic group care, an emergency shelter program, a foster care program, adoption services, a community child care center, and independent living assistance. Its expanded purpose is now "To create an atmosphere which enables children and families with special needs to experience God's love and care as presented in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. Combining Christian influence with a healing, caring, therapeutic community, the Home provides a continuum of highly specialized services designed to strengthen individual and family life."



Financial support for the Children's Home comes primarily from individuals and churches within the Florida Conference. On **March 29**, as we do whenever there is a fifth Sunday in a month, we will collect an **offering for the Children's Home**. During difficult economic times such as these, it is more important than ever for us to maintain our support for this ministry and all of the children in its care.

Change the City for March - St. Francis Wildlife Association

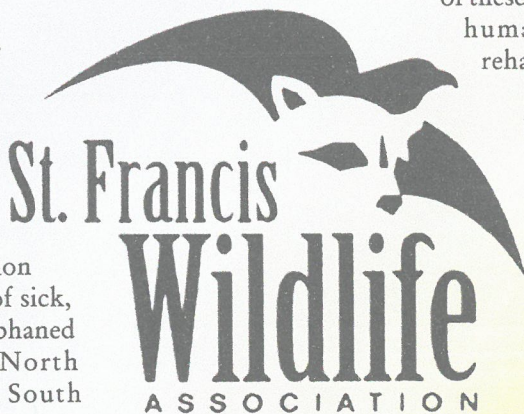
Ron McCranie

Church and Society Committee Co-Chair

What is St. Francis Wildlife?

St. Francis Wildlife, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1978 to provide care and rehabilitation for all species of sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in North Florida and South Georgia. Each year, they receive and care for more than 3,500 animals, from hummingbirds and squirrels to bald eagles and river otters. The majority of the sick, injured, and orphaned wild animals received are suffering not because of "natural" occurrences, but because of human intervention -- some accidental, some intentional, many preventable: free-roaming pets, collisions with automobiles and windows, illegal gun

shots, development; and so on. St. Francis Wildlife eases the suffering of these animals by providing humane care and rehabilitation.



What is Wildlife Rehabilitation?

St. Francis cares for wild animals with the goal of returning each into its natural habitat. Each animal is examined, diagnosed and treated through a program of veterinary and hospital care prior to being released back to the wild. Those animals that are not able to return to the wild are moved to other locations including facilities such as the Tallahassee Museum of Natural History which provides a natural habitat zoo environment. Those animals that are beyond the help of St. Francis are humanely euthanized.

Where do I take an injured animal if found?

Sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife can be brought to the Northwood Animal Hospital in Tallahassee at 1881 N. Martin Luther King Boulevard (across the street from the Northwood Center). St. Francis also responds to rescue calls and calls to help with "nuisance wildlife."

Are volunteer opportunities available?

Many types of volunteers are needed, from working in the wildlife hospital and feeding animals, to working in the office, organizing fundraisers, talking to the public, distributing information and the like. For more information, visit St. Francis Wildlife online at: www.stfranciswildlife.org or contact Dean Humphrey at (850)-627-4151.



Upcoming events from Programs

Barbara Hynes
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Friday Flicks for March

The film **Rabbit-proof Fence** (2002) will be presented by Beth Butcher on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Moor Hall.

VBS 2009

Get ready to join us for another great year at VBS as we travel to Crocodile Dock "Where Fearless Kids Shine in God's Light."

Brochures will be available this month (March) to register and save your spot on the dock. Children age 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us each morning June 15 – 19 for an adventure not to be missed. Watch the weekly bulletin for further announcements.



The 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class taught by, back row from left, Edna Bennett, Ann Lumsden, Leslie Williams, and Jan James (second from right) collected a huge cache of socks to be given to The Shelter.



From left, Eric (seated) and Kane Ryan, and the Podeys, Grayson, Aaron, Pam, and Elli, enjoy one of the Early Childhood classes organized by Sarah Watters.

Children in Mission

January 25 was "Sock Sunday" for our 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class, under the direction of Jan James, Ann Lumsden, Leslie Williams and Edna

Bennett. Together the children collected 145 pairs of new socks to be distributed to the homeless through The Shelter.

NETkids Reach Out

Our Wednesday afternoon children's group NETkids were busy in the beginning of February writing letters and making valentines. In addition to sending their greetings, they

also sent their prayers that each person opening a card would know they are loved.

Lay Academy for All Ages

Lay Academy expanded its audience this session with an Early Childhood class which included some hands on experience for children and parents. Music and puppets combined to get everyone moving and singing and having a great time just being together.

Ukraine orphans charity founder UMW speaker

Linda Yates
UMW President

Teresa Fillmon, founder/director of **His Kids Too!**, a charity that ministers to orphans and children at risk in the Ukraine, will speak at the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women starting at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 3, in Moor Hall.

The charity was founded in 2000 to provide adoption/foster care, camp programs, child sponsorships, educational resources, medicine, clothing and shoes in orphanages in the Ukraine. More than 2000 volunteers in 180 states have become involved in the 501K charity now recognized by the United States and the Ukrainian government.

The Fillmon family of Tallahassee has made many trips to Ukraine, delivering supplies and Christmas boxes to children in 15 orphan

facilities. Their goal of building and opening a Christian orphanage to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people while ministering to their basic needs is now on the way to fruition. Women of Presbyterian Church USA recently granted 33% of its construction costs.

All Trinity women and guests are invited to attend the luncheon to learn about this Tallahassee family's missional outreach. Reservations need to be made through UMW circle chairmen, who will call the number in to Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Friday, February 27. Other individuals may telephone directly to Mrs. Kerce.

UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m. prior to the luncheon.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 plans to meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Mar. 9, at the home of Mart Hill, 1489 Vieux Carre Drive.

Circle 2 meets in the church parlor immediately after the UMW luncheon meeting on Tuesday, Mar. 3.

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

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Mar. 12 at 7:00 p.m. Call Patti Oakley, 877-4898 for location.

Circle 6 will meet Monday, Mar. 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle.

Circle 8 has plans to meet at noon Wednesday, Mar. 4, at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Mar. 17 at 10:00 a.m. with Betty Ashlock, 3448 Mahoney Drive.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Mar. 19 at 7:00 p.m. with Nancy Duncan, 3120 Briarwood Drive.

Youth news for March

Kelly Rains
Youth Director



Keep checking the website
for updated information!
[www.geocities.com/
undergroundministries](http://www.geocities.com/undergroundministries)

A Note from Kelly ...

It's time to renovate!!!!!!!!!!!! I am very excited to announce that we will begin renovating the youth area in March during Spring Break. We have plans to paint the whole youth area and build a much needed sound booth in the Gregory Room as well as adding carpet to that room. In addition, there will be a few other surprises as we renovate the youth area. There is no doubt that we have a lot to do and things will be a bit messy for a while, but when we are done we will have a great warm and welcoming youth space that everyone can get excited about. So what can you do? You can come and help during Spring Break March 30-April 3 (Monday through Friday) from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. We need all active youth as well as any parents who might be able to get a day off from work. (Unfortunately this is not an event to invite friends, see 30-Hour Famine below.) We have all kinds of jobs that need to be done and we need everyone's help. All youth wanting to help must get pre-approved by Kelly or Jordan ahead of time (permission slips are available in the youth area). So go ahead and plan to spend your Spring Break with us and be part of history down here in **The Underground**.

In addition to our renovations, we'll be having two other large events happening — one right before and one right after. Just 2 days before

renovations we will be having our annual **Spaghetti Fundraiser** during **Springtime Tallahassee on March 28th**. Everyone is needed (youth, friends, and parents) and we always have a good time. All money raised will go towards our renovations this year. Sign-up sheets will be available in the youth area, so pick a shift to work, bring a friend, and sign up!

Finally, after the **Spaghetti Fundraiser** and Spring Break renovations, **Easter** will be upon us which means..... our 30-Hour Famine Lock-in on Good Friday, April 10. It will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and will end with our feast on Saturday at 7 p.m. Last year we had 32 youth and 8 adults participate, which was incredible. Who knew we would have that many teenagers willing to starve for 30 hours to fight world hunger. This year we want to exceed that number and make this year one to remember. There is a chance we might have to cap this event at 50 so don't delay on getting yourself and your friends signed up. Permission slips for this event are also available in the youth area.

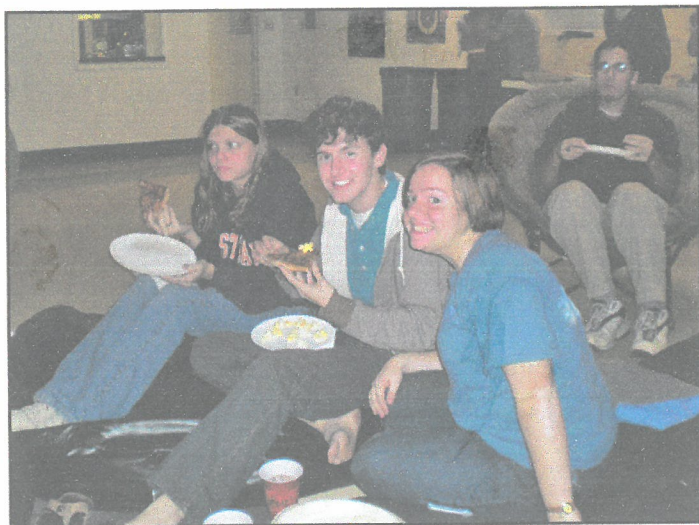
Well, that's enough for now. We have lots going on and lots of great experiences coming up for our youth. They continue to amaze me and are always willing to take on the next challenge. So next time you see one of them, tell them how awesome they are and how much you appreciate them!

Upcoming Youth events for March

- Mar. 1** Mission Trip Sign-Ups, Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Mar. 4** Wednesday Bible Studies
- Mar. 8** Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Mar. 11** Wednesday Bible Studies
- Mar. 15** Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Mar. 18** Wednesday Bible Studies
- Mar. 22** Youth Choir Sings 8:30 & 11:00am, No Choir, No Band, UMYF 4-8 pm (Demolition day!)
- Mar. 25** Wednesday Bible Studies
- Mar. 28** Spaghetti Fundraiser (Youth and parent help needed 8am-3pm)
- Mar. 28** Spring Break Starts
- Mar. 29** No Band, No Choir, No UMYF
- Mar. 30** -
- April 3**..... Youth Area Renovations

Other upcoming events

- 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** Youth Sunday
- Jun. 14-19** .. VBS
- Jun. 22-27** .. Summer Camp in Leesburg
- Jul. 12-18** ... Mid-High Mission Trip
- Jul. 26** -
- Aug. 1** High School Mission Trip



Enjoying the Super Bowl game, pizza, popcorn, and new cable TV, were, from left, Caity Chrisco, Jimmy McKinnell, Alyson Chrisco, and Alex Drake.



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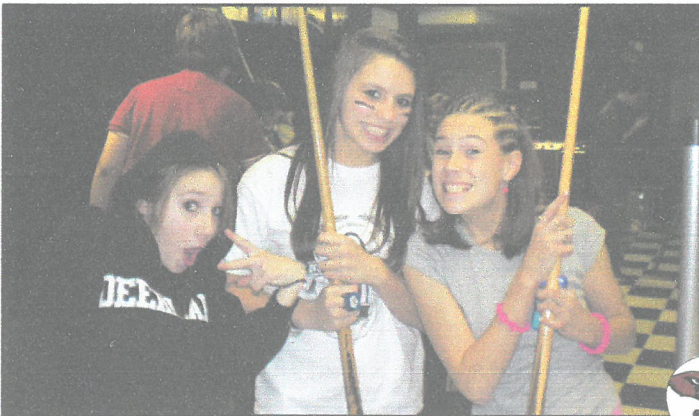
Also hanging out on Super Bowl night were Sarah Cherry and Youth intern, Jordan Perry.



Enjoying the fascinating football were, from left, Alexis Whitlock, Malinda Rains, and Laura Gorham.



Participating in a game of skill and chance were, from left, Chris Fiore, Sam Dobbs, Joshua Clark, Avery Smith, Cody Johanson, John Rains.



Olivia Miller, Jessica Danforth, and Justice Merlau shot a little pool while waiting for more exciting Super Bowl action.



Everyone got their own Super Bowl rings (on the cupcakes). Getting their own, and one for their older sisters, were Emily Unglaub and Lawson Drew.

Easter Egg Hunt at Tom Brown Park April 11

Kristin Harrison
Chair, Children's Ministries

We would like to invite the members of Trinity and friends to join in a potluck brunch and an **Easter Egg Hunt at Tom Brown Park**.

Last year a good time was had by all. In order to ensure another successful event, we are once again asking that each family bring a brunch appropriate dish to share. The drinks and paper goods will be provided by Trinity.

For the Easter Egg Hunt, we are asking each family to provide 1 dozen filled plastic eggs for each child they have participating in the hunt. This will ensure that the children have plenty of hunting to do.

- Easter Egg Hunt Schedule of Events -

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2009

Location: Tom Brown Park - Lake Leon Playground Area (Old Playground off Conner Boulevard)

Schedule

The activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee, cocoa, and games and facepainting with the Trinity Youth. A potluck brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will follow.



Please call 222-1120 if you have any questions.

In the photos below, from left, a good group of hunters and gatherers showed up on the Saturday before Easter last year. Lots of goodies were easily found, but some were a little more of a challenge. In addition to the egg hunt, and brunch, the Trinity youth led the children in organized games that got everyone involved.



Methodist Mentors

Gloria Colvin
Florida UMC Children's Home Representative

This year's Lenten study is focusing on John Wesley's three simple rules:

- Do no harm
- Do good
- Stay in love with God

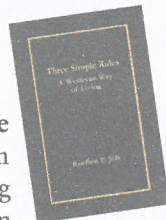
A copy of the book, **Three Simple Rules**, is available in the Trinity library, along with many other books on John Wesley and Methodism. Here is a sample of these books, some of which may be particularly helpful for those who are new to the United Methodist Church, and others that provide a more in-depth look at United Methodist history and theology.

230.51 Wil

United Methodist Beliefs: a Brief Introduction

by William H. Willimon

Bishop Willimon, noted preacher, author, and teacher, offers a readable, insightful introduction to Methodist beliefs.



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Why I am a United Methodist

by William H. Willimon

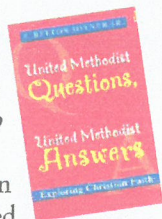
Written a number of years ago, this is Willimon's personal account of ways in which United Methodism has influenced and shaped his life.



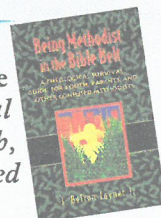
287.6 Joy
United Methodist Questions, United Methodist Answers: Exploring Christian Faith

by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.

This book provides an introduction to key United Methodist beliefs and practices written clearly and with doses of humor by a United Methodist minister.



287.6 Joy
Being Methodist in the Bible Belt: a Theological Survival Guide for Youth, Parents, and Other Confused Methodists



by F. Belton Joyner, Jr.

Written with humor, this book is an easy-to-understand guide to theological questions that Methodists may ask when confronted with the evangelical tradition associated with the Bible Belt.

287.673 Nor
The Story of American Methodism

by Frederick A. Norwood

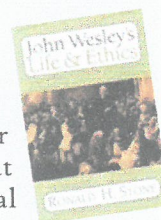
This book traces the history of American Methodism from the Wesleys through the 20th century.



287.092 Sto
John Wesley's Life & Ethics

by Ronald H. Stone

The author, a professor of Christian ethics at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, examines John Wesley's personal and social ethical beliefs and teachings.



Small Groups for Lent

Small group study for Lent gets started this **Tuesday, March 3 at 7:15 a.m.** with a group led by Rev. Curry meeting at Trinity.

This year's 6-week study will focus on the book "Three Simple Rules" and groups will use scripture, shared experience, and prayer as a way to meet the challenges along the way.

And, there are several groups

from which to chose.

You can sign up using the inserts in the Sunday bulletins or you can call the office at 222-1120.

Lenten Groups

Tuesdays 7:15 a.m.

Wednesdays 6:25 p.m.

Thursdays 12 noon

— ALL GROUPS MEET AT TRINITY —

Scout Sunday


Scout Sunday was on the same Sunday as Music Ministry Sunday this year.

Scout Den Leader and Trinity member, David LaJeunesse, had a nice turnout of Cub Scouts and leaders who helped with the service. They helped greet parishioners as they arrived in the Narthex, handed out bulletins, and they even helped with the tithes and offerings by passing the collection plates.

Thanks Scouts!




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