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

Trinity's 185th Anniversary Celebration — September 20

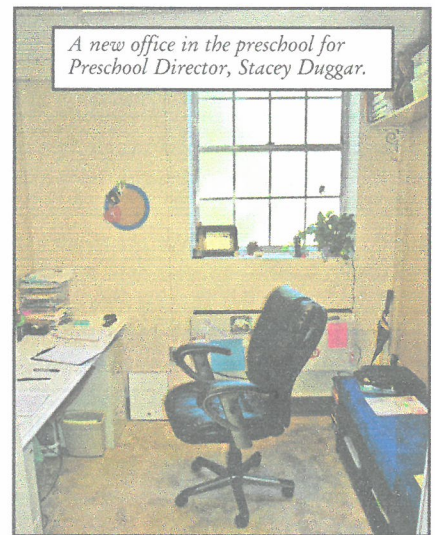
It all began, they say, with just 10 people. Not much of a congregation. Surely, those few people had no idea that with such a humble beginning, Trinity would become what it is today. But it has indeed become much more than what they could have imagined in 1824 Tallahassee. After all, that was 185 years ago, so long ago it is hard for most of us to grasp - 2,220 months ago - 9,620 weeks ago - over 7 generations ago.

As Methodists, we should all get together and eat something to celebrate!

So, on September 20, plans call for regular services at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 a.m. with

Sunday School at 9:45 as usual. After the 8:30 and 11:00 services, tours will be given to show off the newest projects throughout the church buildings. After the 11 o'clock service, a light lunch will be served in Moor Hall. And, after the tours and eating, a trumpet and organ recital will be given at around 1:15 p.m. (see story on page 3).

On this page there are pictures of some of these newest projects which have been undertaken over the last few months. These are just a few of the visual delights to be encountered on the guided tours on Sunday, September 20.



A new office in the preschool for Preschool Director, Stacey Duggar.



The Heritage Room in Room 309. Thanks to Linda Yates!



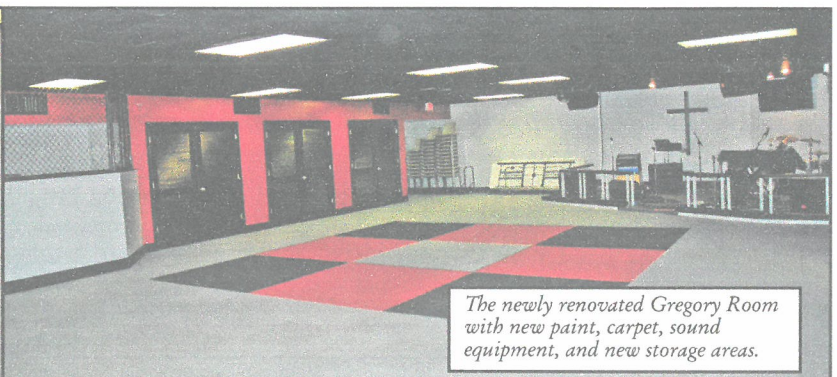
New playground equipment and new ground surface.



Completely redecorated Groom's Room. Decorated by Bev Burleson!



The redecorated Bride's Room. Special thanks to Bev Burleson!



The newly renovated Gregory Room with new paint, carpet, sound equipment, and new storage areas.

Gifts to Trinity

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



In honor of **Reverend Wayne Curry** from the Pettit Family.



Please, let us know

With individual privacy laws and other liability issues, the rules have changed at hospitals and other care facilities. Now, if you don't let the church know where you are, chances are the church won't find you in the hospital room. The ministerial staff wants to be there for you and your family. But they can't if they don't know where you are.

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

Upcoming Dates

- Aug. 30 - Children's Home offering
- Sept. 2 - NETkids Parents Meeting
- Sept. 8 - Disciple I Starts
- Sept. 9 - NETkids Begins
- Sept. 16 - Lay Academy Starts
- Sept. 20 - 185th Celebration

WAYNE'S WORDS

By Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,
Happy 185th Birthday Trinity United Methodist Church!

On the last Sunday of September in 1824 ten persons met together in the home of Mr. Myers, an early settler, to organize the first Methodist society (now Trinity United Methodist Church) in Tallahassee. Of those present at the organizational meeting, six were white and four were black. I am sure that those ten persons had no idea of what God would do through their faith and foresight over the next 185 years.

As Trinity United Methodist Church celebrates 185 years of ministry for Jesus Christ here in downtown Tallahassee, we give thanks to God for those who have come before us, charting the course, removing stones from our path. We are excited about what God is doing in and through us now, in this first decade of the 21st Century. And we look forward with great anticipation to what God has in store for us in the years to come. May the next 185 years find us moving forward, serving our Christ with daring, direction and power. We do not know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future...and we belong to Him!!

On Sunday, September 20th, we will have the grand opening of our Archive History room. Linda Yates and her hard-working team have created a beautiful room on the third floor of the education building that celebrates

and displays our great history. Following worship on that Sunday, you will have the opportunity not only to see the Archive History room but have a tour of our entire

facility. I suspect that most members have not seen the wonderful facilities we have here at Trinity. Over the last six months, all kinds of repairs and renovations have been made that you want to be sure and see. There will be light lunch food served and then at approximately 1:15 p.m. Rob Hlebinsky and Randall Haynes have prepared an awesome organ and trumpet concert in the sanctuary (story on page 3).

All of that will just entice your appetite for the next Sunday, September 27, when we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the installation of our Casavant organ. Our guest organist, David Higgs will present a concert for our enjoyment at 4:00 p.m. Tell a friend!

I am most blessed to be one of the pastors of this great, historic church on the corner of Park and Duval in downtown Tallahassee!

You are loved,

Wayne



United Methodist Children's Home

Gloria Colvin
Florida UMC Children's Home Representative

Recently I've been handling the estate of a relative who passed away earlier this year. In going through some of her papers, I discovered that a relative of her husband lived in the United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise for a number of years when her parents were no longer able to care for her. Prior to this year, I only had a cursory knowledge of the Children's Home, but as Trinity's representative I've learned more about the important services it offers and its impact on the lives it touches. Now this personal connection has further broadened my appreciation for

its role in helping children and made me proud that Trinity plays a part in sustaining it.

Hear in the words of a Children's Home resident what it has meant in her life:

"As I walk through fields of lilies,
I look back on my life,
Seeing so much wrong done.
And even though the sun is
Shining brightly
I feel sad,
Deep inside.
Just dragging weights behind,
Day by day, not being forgiven,



Carrying pain.
Then someone came
Bright and cheery
And was by my side
In time of pain.
Now I look back
And see sad times you have
Brought me out of,
For you are surely God."

Supporting the Children's Home is one way in which we can do God's work in the world. A special offering on August 30 will give us the opportunity to do just that.

Music News for September

Mark Repasky
Music Director

We Want You!

You may have noticed "WANTED" posters hanging on several bulletin boards around the church. Check them out! They are a whimsical reminder that the music groups here at Trinity are looking for additional members. This is a great time to join, with summer at an end and the fall schedule gearing up. We have a lot to choose from, with activities for all ages.

The first and most important step is to come to a rehearsal. We are on the lookout for new members and will certainly make you welcome and set you up with everything you need to be a success. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the leaders of our music groups. If you are unsure who to contact, send me an e-mail (mrepasky@tumct.com) or call me at church (222-1120).

So what groups do we have and when do they practice?

Adults

- Chancel Choir: Wednesdays 7:30-8:45 p.m. in the choir room
- Circle of Friends Praise Band: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in Moor Hall
- Trinity Ringers: Wednesdays 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the bell room starting September 2

• College/
Career
Handbells:
Sundays
6:15-7:16
p.m. in the
bell room
starting
September
13

• Trinity
Flutes:
Wednesdays
6:00-7:15
p.m. in the
choir room

• Senior Handchimes: Thursdays 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the bell room starting September 10

Youth

- Youth Choir: Sundays 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the choir room
- Youth Praise Band: Meet in the Gregory Room. Contact Kelly Rains, Youth Director for more information

Children

- NETkids (two choirs and handbells): Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 p.m. starting September 9



One of the fun things Music Director, Mark Repasky, does each year is develop a few songs on the Orff instruments for some of the many talented musicians at Trinity. From left, Nathan Connon, Jennifer Harrell, Mark Repasky, Heather Small, Cindy Repasky, and Rob Hlebinsky.

- Cherub Choir: During Sunday School

Most of our music groups are open to all comers...just show up at one of our rehearsals and you are in! Circle of Friends Praise Band and Trinity Ringers require a high level of musicianship. Contact their leaders (Lisa Prasse for Circle of Friends Praise Band and Mark Repasky for Trinity Ringers) if you are interested in these groups.

So remember, when it comes to participating in the music ministry at Trinity, WE WANT YOU!

185th Anniversary to Be Celebrated with Trumpet and Organ!

Rob Hlebinsky
Trinity Organist

The festivities of Trinity's 185th anniversary celebration will conclude with a trumpet and organ recital at 1:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary! Randall Haynes and Rob Hlebinsky will present an afternoon of trumpet and organ music that will have something for everyone. The program will include both a Baroque and a Classical concerto, feature two modern works - one based on a poem by T.S. Elliot - that will give Randall's lungs a workout as well as put Trinity's organ through its paces, and conclude with a contemporary piece by Jean-Michel Damase entitled Three Prayers without Words. We are so blessed to have such superb musical talent right in our own congregation. Please come, enjoy this wonderful music, and start the 10th anniversary celebration of our Casavant organ a week early!



Member, Randall Haynes, and Trinity organist, Rob Hlebinsky, will present a musical program featuring trumpet and organ.

10th Anniversary Organ Celebration

Rob Hlebinsky
Trinity Organist

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m! We will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of the installation of our beautiful Casavant Pipe Organ with a recital performed by David Higgs,

Professor of Organ at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Mr. Higgs will bring our instrument to life with a program of music that will show off all the various aspects of our organ. In his distinguished career, Mr. Higgs has performed with renowned groups such as the Empire Brass, Chanticleer, and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center,

inaugurated numerous instruments across the world including Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, TX and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, FL and, whether he remembers it or not, he taught our very own Rob Hlebinsky in a masterclass several years ago. This will be a great opportunity to hear some truly incredible music on an instrument that can handle any style of composition from Bach to the present. Please join us as we celebrate our wonderful organ!



David Higgs

Crop Walk 2009

Phyllis McCranie
Church and Society Co-chair

CROP WALK is a national annual event coordinated by the Church World Services to help alleviate hunger locally and in undeveloped countries. Trinity supports and is a major participant in this ministry every year. The Tallahassee 2009 CROP WALK is

as well as long-term food and clean water development in 80 developing nations. All food donated during the event go to local food distribution agencies including ECHO, Catholic Charities and the lunch program at the Shelter. The remaining contributions go to state, national and international emergencies as well as long-term food and clean water development in 80 developing nations around the world.

To help jump start Trinity's Crop Walk fund raising the CHANGE THE CITY collections for September will be dedicated to this important ministry.

How Crop Walk Works

Each church or organization recruits members to walk. The walkers then obtain donations from sponsors before the walk. Last year we had over 30 walkers including our dedicated Youth Group, Rev. Curry and Rev. Hynes. It is a great way to get a little exercise and enjoy camaraderie with your fellow Trinity members.

How Can You Get Involved

There are several ways to get involved:

- 1). You can sign up to walk and recruit donations prior to the event to support your efforts. The walk distances are only 1 and 3 miles;
- 2). You can make a donation by check to Crop Walk or Crop/CWS and give it to Trinity's Crop Walk liaison Phyllis

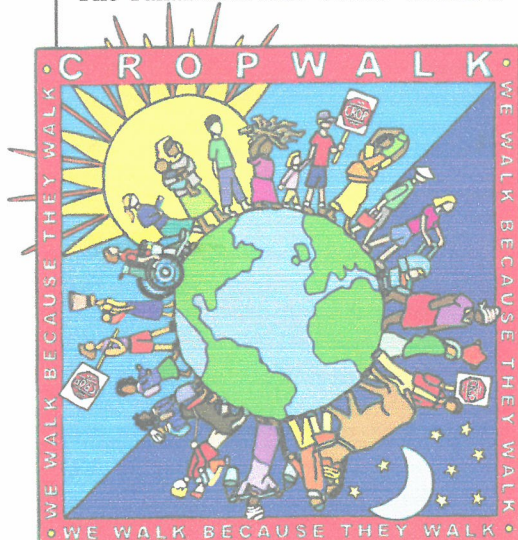
McCranie or other Trinity walkers;
3). You can donate non-perishable food to be used locally by area charities.

Non-perishable food donations should be delivered to the Trinity portion of the library parking lot from 12:30 to 1:30 on the day of the event. For walkers, registration and a "Beans Lunch" will begin at 1:00. The walk actually starts at 2:00.

To get involved and learn more details about this important initiative, contact Phyllis McCranie by phone at (850) 671-4815 or by email at pamccranie@embarqmail.com.



Walking along Gaines street during the 2008 Crop Walk were, left to right, Sydni Russell, Caitlyn Coates, and Candy McKinney-Coates. Last year, many Trinity members participated including, the author of this article, Reverend Wayne Curry, and Reverend Barbara Hynes.



scheduled for Sunday, November 8th at E. Peck Green Park. The Tallahassee 2009 goal is to raise \$24,020 and 4,000 pounds of food by recruiting 275 walkers. To reach this goal these walkers will need to get 2,750 contributors to sponsor them.

Twenty-five per cent of the monetary contributions are given to local non-profit food distribution agencies. Remaining contributions are for state, national and international emergencies

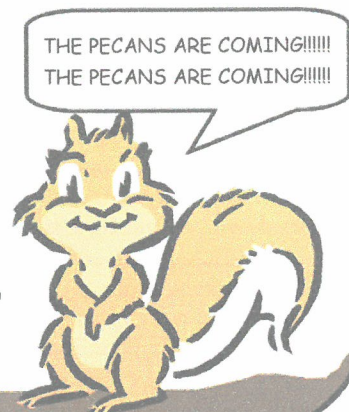
UMW starts annual pecan sale

Linda Yates
UMW President

Tasty fresh pecan halves and pieces for toasting, baking and gifting may be ordered from UMW members starting now! Judy Levy has posted signs around the church, showing the same reasonable prices charged last year, and order forms are available in the welcome center and from UMW members. They will also be distributed at the Sept. 1 UMW meeting.

So that the pecans can be delivered by early November in plenty of time for holiday baking, prepaid orders accompanied by checks must be turned in by Sept. 27. Watch for posters and order forms or call Judy Levy at 877-5442 for more information.

**SEE YOUR NEAREST
UMW MEMBER**

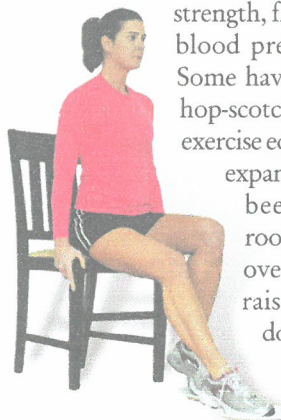


BFC Series (Becoming Fit at Church) celebrates 1st Anniversary.

Beth Curry
Leader, BFC

It's hard to believe a whole year has gone by since our first BFC Series Exercise class!

Participants have improved strength, flexibility, balance, blood pressure and more! Some have even learned to hop-scotch! The variety of exercise equipment has been expanded, mirrors have been added to the room - but best of all, over \$3,000. has been raised through class donations to benefit NIMS Middle School all while



exercising with fun and in fellowship.

Daytime classes continue every Tuesday and Thursday morning.

New! A daytime nursery for three-year-olds and under will be offered beginning September 16th. Space will be very limited. Email Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com for details/reservations.

Evening classes will begin on Wednesday, September 2 with the return of Wednesday Night Dinners.

Class Schedule

Staying Strong - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Learn how to strengthen upper and lower body in this fun and easy class which includes both seated and standing exercise. Class will warm up using different walking techniques and follow with strength, flexibility and balance exercises using a variety of equipment including resistance bands, hand-weights and more. Great class for beginners.

Variety Mix - Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 a.m. - noon (Nursery available by reservation)

Learn how to strengthen your entire body in this fast paced class which includes a mix of aerobic, strength, toning, and flexibility exercise with some Pilates. Both standing and floor exercise will be performed using Bender Balls® and Gliding® discs, resistance bands, body weight and more.

Exercise 101 - Wednesday, 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Learn why exercise is important, and how to exercise safely and with correct form in this fun and informative class geared toward the older adult which combines both lecture and exercise. Basic seated and standing exercises will



be performed using a variety of equipment with focus on improving strength, flexibility, balance and agility. Modifications will be demonstrated according to needs of participants. Great class for beginners.

Total Body Toning - Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Learn how to tone your entire body in this high energy class using a variety of exercises and equipment including the Bender Ball®, Gliding® discs, resistance bands, hand weights and more. Class will begin with an aerobic warm-up and will follow with both standing and floor exercises which focus on strength and endurance.

Classes are taught by Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing and appropriate exercise shoes. Bring water and a towel. Suggested donation to benefit Nims is \$3 per class except for those offered during Lay Academy which have separate registration. Academy fees are used to purchase equipment. For more information about classes or nursery contact Beth at BFCSeries@yahoo.com.

Trinity member to talk about Haiti mission

Linda Yates
UMW President

"When you go to Haiti and meet the people and see what great spirits they have despite their extreme deprivation, it makes you want to do something to make a difference in their lives."

That's how Trinity member Bill Grow sums up his experiences after visiting Bethlehem Ministry in Haiti started by two friends he met in graduate school. "I became curious why this modest couple with ordinary resources was spending their vacations in Haiti building and supporting a school."

He will talk about his experiences with the mission at the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women at 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, September 1, in Moor Hall. A retired building contractor, Grow now helps with the ministry alongside volunteer doctors,

engineers, accountants, university administrators, social work professors and others from several states. Their projects range from producing biodiesel from jathropa plants to building a solar system to provide electricity for the ministry's clinic.

Grow's personal role is collecting and delivering Christmas boxes (made of plastic the size of a shoe box). United Methodist Women and other Trinity members may participate by contributing boxes by October 15 filled with items from lists to be handed out at the September 1 meeting.

All women of the church, whether members of UMW or not, are invited to attend the meeting. Reservations for the \$5 lunch should be made by calling Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Friday, August 28.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 plans to meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Sept. 7, at the home of Kathie Pope, 3010 Sawgrass Circle.

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

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

Circle 5 meets Thursday, Sept. 10. For information on time and place, call Patti Oakley, 877-4898.

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

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

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 10:00 a.m. with Mary Ann Braswell, 2370 Carefree Cove.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 p.m. For information on time and place, call Dawn Long, 539-4889.

Youth news for September

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

A Note from Kelly ...

It has been a great summer and the youth have impressed me once again during our mission trips this summer. Our first mission trip was to the Tampa area where we worked with **TEAMeffort** on helping the **Good Samaritan Mission** in Wimauma, FL. Our middle school youth along with some of our high school leaders helped a Hispanic migrant farm working community by building wheelchair ramps, decks, and stairs; along with childcare, painting and cleaning. Our group of 18 worked hard all week while also enjoying the beautiful beaches and Busch Gardens. For many of them this was their first mission trip and they did a great job working all day in the south Florida heat! We also brought along a few high school leaders who were given extra responsibilities so they could grow in their leadership skills. It wasn't always easy for them but they learned just how hard it can be sometimes to be the leader and put others needs first before your own. It was a great learning experience and our middle school youth greatly benefited from their leadership.

Our second mission trip was to Lineville, AL where we worked with an

organization called **SIFAT** (Servants in Faith and Technology). It was a trip like no other where we really learned what it was like to "do without" and what it takes to meet our basic needs. Too often our youth (well, all of us actually) forget the difference between what we need and what we want. This trip definitely reminded us that we really only need food, water, and shelter to survive. We were given a great opportunity during the week to experience a much simpler but perhaps harder life when we had to give up all our "stuff" and meet our basic needs during a 24 hour period. That experience greatly helped our youth better understand the life of those less fortunate and how hard they work every day just to survive. Again, our high school youth were amazing through it all and even managed to have a lot of fun, even while picking up roadside trash in Alabama!

Finally, I would like to thank my chaperones who went with us on these trips. I could not have done it without all of you and I know just how hard a week can be when you spend it with 15 youth! You all were amazing and I greatly appreciate your hard work and giving up a week to invest in our youth. **Thank you! Thank You! Thank You!**

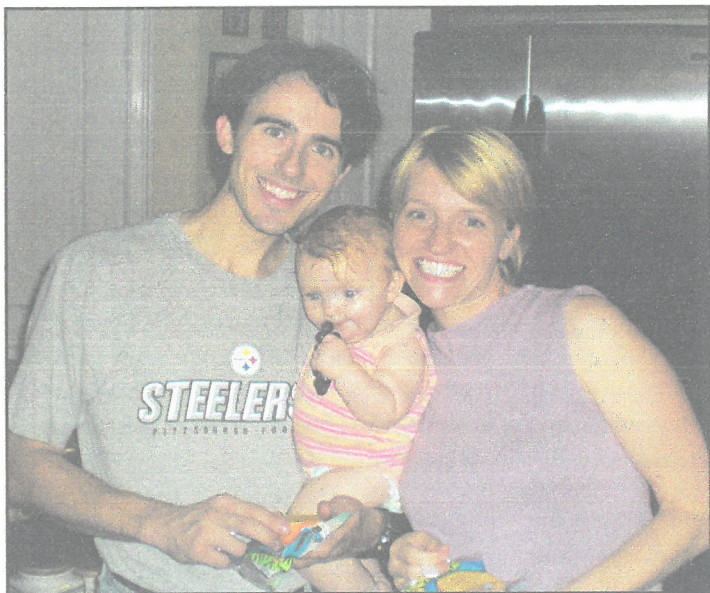
Upcoming Youth events for September

- Sept. 6 Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF (Bowling & Pizza \$10) 6-9:30pm
- Sept. 9 Bible Study Begins 4:30pm
Mid-High, 6:30pm Sr. High
- Sept. 11-13 .. Rock the Universe
- Sept. 13 UMYF (Moe's and Movie Night) 6-8pm
- Sept. 16 Bible Study
- Sept. 19 Mid-High Madness (Roller skating & dinner) 6-10pm
- Sept. 20 Youth Praise Band 4pm,
Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 23 Bible Study
- Sept. 27 Youth Praise Band 4pm,
Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 30 Bible Studies

Other upcoming events

- Oct. 2-4 Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 17 High School Hang Out
- Nov. 8 Crop Walk

**Thank you
Corena
Ingram**



Rob, Laura, and Grace Hlebinsky are rapidly gaining "Rock-Star" status among the youth because of their culinary offerings each Sunday night. Rob is Trinity's organist, Laura is a member of the Chancel Choir, and Grace is just cute!



Members of the Mid-High and Senior High youth groups express, in their inimitable style, just how much they appreciate Corena Ingram. Ms. Ingram allowed use of her swimming pool for the annual back-to-school pool party.

Disciple I starts September 8

A 34-week session of Disciple I will begin Tuesday, September 8. Classes will meet weekly from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Disciple requires reading large portions of Scripture each week and

is based on careful study and preparation. During the course of thirty-four weeks, groups will move through the biblical stories of Creation to the New Jerusalem. Don't miss this great opportunity!

Lay Academy begins September 16

Another session of Lay Academy begins **Wednesday, September 16** with more interesting studies and exercise classes.

This session of Lay Academy will feature two classes on a current topic of interest - Africa. There will be a class offered at 4:15 led by Liz Smith, "The Beauty and Courage of Sudan," a United Methodist Women study that is open to everyone. Then, during the 6:30 session, Marti Chumbler has coordinated a class titled "Glimpses of Africa - *An Anecdotal Study of the African Continent*." Marti has arranged a series of speakers, each with a different perspective on life in Africa.

Reverend Curry will lead a class during the 6:30 hour that "... will

explore the secrets of a really good marriage." And, Beth Curry will offer an exercise class in both sessions. The 4:15 class will be geared toward older adults, with the 6:30 class focusing more on strength and endurance.

Want to get your hands dirty? Donna Legare and Jody Walthall will again lead "The Garden Club" at 4:15 which offers a chance to work on Trinity's grounds with two Master Gardeners.

Another session of the Men's Group will meet and the Youth will continue with their Wednesday night Bible Study.

Don't miss the great dinners - still the best deal in town, even with the new prices - \$6 adults and \$3 kids.



HEO News

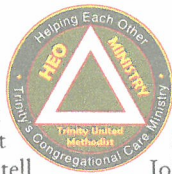
Leah Johnston
HEO Coordinator

HEO is starting up full swing this September! But before we get into the upcoming events, let me tell you about our summer!

May was a great month because we had several volunteers give communion to our homebound and special needs members. All I heard from the volunteers was what a great time they had with the members they visited. Also we packed Snack Packs for the summer months. Kim Simpkins, Patti Oakley, Hallie Sinclair and some of the women participating in the exercise class on Wednesday nights helped out and we packed our little hearts out.

In the month of June, HEO helped out with Vacation Bible School (VBS). We were in charge of the Mission Store. The store consisted of hygiene items for children like toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hair ties, bandaids, shampoo, conditioner, and soap. The VBS kids bought and made over 90 bags for the Children's Home Society of Tallahassee. When I dropped off the bags I had to use a flat bed cart to move them! Make sure to tell the VBS kids what a great job they did!

July was a busy month also... because



I got married! My name is no longer Leah Wright, but Leah Johnston. We went to Aruba on our honeymoon and it was very relaxing. Although I was gone, HEO kept on going! While I was gone, volunteers gave out Snack Packs and the staff really stepped in and took care of the congregations needs.

HEO geared up in August to partner with the pastors in making sure that the congregation lets us know about illnesses or surgeries. This is so important. We want to know about the lives of our parishioners and help in any way that we can!

Now... SEPTEMBER happenings!

On Wednesday, September 9 at 6:15 p.m. in Moor Hall we will be packing Snack Packs. We need all the help that we can get! Then on Thursday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m., Trinity Chefs will be making meals in the Kitchen. Last but not least, Prayers and Squares will be meeting Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. with the room number to be announced. All of these ministries have blessed the members of Trinity and the members of our community so much this summer. We are going to have a great September!

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Reading All-Stars at Kate Sullivan

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan liaison

Would you like to help a first grade student develop a love of reading? You can if you volunteer with our "Reading All Stars" program. This is Trinity's eighth year volunteering in this tutorial program designed to enhance reading skills for "high risk" first graders at Kate Sullivan School.

Our mentors work one-on-one with a child for about 30 minutes once a week. All materials are supplied; we simply need enthusiastic and caring volunteers. Our volunteer mentors last year were **Cindy Phillips, Bill Moncrief, Linda Rogers, Gloria Colvin, Sandy Kappes, Sam Rogers, Mary Margaret Rogers, Marg Cary, Shirley Benson, and Bobbie Williams**. When you see them, please take a moment to thank them and speak with them about their experience and the educational impact they had on their students.

The mandatory mentor orientation meeting will be held Tuesday, September 22 at 10 a.m. in the media center at Kate Sullivan. Mentors will then chose a Tuesday or Thursday as their given day each week to mentor their students between the hours of 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. If you are interested or need more information in participating in this rewarding program, please contact Jane Olson at janeolson@embarqmail.com or at 385-4540.

