

MONTHLY

Findings

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

Trinity commemorates Memorial Garden

On Sunday, June 27, Trinity members gathered in the Memorial Garden after the 11 o'clock service for a brief commemoration service — dedicating and sanctifying the Trinity Memorial Garden. Reverend Curry gave a brief history of the Sewell Prayer Garden and spoke of the beauty and serenity that can be found there.

Special Place

Trinity is pleased to be able to offer this opportunity of honoring life's passing in this very special way. For those who choose cremation, the garden is a sacred place on church grounds to memorialize the gift of a precious life. There is a certain peace to be drawn from this time-honored practice of burial within the churchyard. For those who have spent their lives with Trinity United Methodist Church, it is particularly fitting and meaningful.

Individuals may have their cremains scattered within the garden to symbolize the return to nature of their earthly bodies. The beauty and simplicity of the garden becomes a living memorial to those who have gone before us and offer us a place for quiet reflection and contemplation in communion with these saints.



In the photo above, church members enjoyed light refreshments before the service and appreciated the shade provided by the central crape myrtles.

At left, Reverend Curry, Hynes and Fotsch led the commemoration service for the Memorial Garden.

Memorial Leaves

GAYLE MCKENZIE LANDRUM
December 12, 1940-September 27, 2009

PEGGY WELLS HUGHES*
February 21, 1939-March 14, 2010

SAMUEL DELALI AMENYO TETTEY**
September 26, 1970-January 2, 2009

MARGARET TEAGUE MATTICE
April 25, 1912-January 6, 2001

MCKENZIE ELLEN CONN
April 22, 2003-February 11, 2007

CHARLES DONALD FRANCIS**
January 11, 1927-April 10, 1999

HENRY LOUIS HILL, SR.**
December 15, 1914-July 22, 2003

SARAH ELIZABETH THOMSON
February 20, 1906-January 24, 1999

WOODROW "LUM" KERCE**
October 16, 1918-May 2, 2000

* Cremains Interred ** Military Veteran

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from May 11, 2010 through July 10, 2010:



In memory of Rebecca Hood from Sandra Walker.

In memory of Dorothea B. Kerns from David Kerns.

In memory of Joseph R. Henderson, Jr. from Cookie and Franklin Darnell and Henry and Dianne Watson.

In memory of Elizabeth McLean "Pug" Pichard from Cookie and Franklin Darnell.

In memory of Peggy Wells Hughes from The Pavilion at Westcott Lakes, and John and Peggy Carlson.

In memory of Mark Blackburn from UMW Circle 9.

In memory of Clifton Wight Quinly from her family.

In memory of Ava Lynn Newbern from Frank and Midge Mercer.

In memory of Emily Jenkins from Ted and Jennie Sampson.

In memory of Barry Scott Willis from the family of Claude and Minnie Owen, Tom and Mary Maida, Nelson and Elizabeth Simmons and Mr. & Mrs. James H. Cox.

In honor of Christian Anthony Fotsch from Dot and Tom Hayward.

In honor of Mark Repasky from the Senior Handchimes.

In honor of Eleanor Hale from Diane Hale.

Do you "Know All Your Numbers?"

Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA



Mark your calendar now for Sunday, October 24, 2010 when the Health and Wellness Team will present Trinity's second annual educational Health Fair and Screening Day.

Watch for more information coming soon.

WAYNE'S WORDS

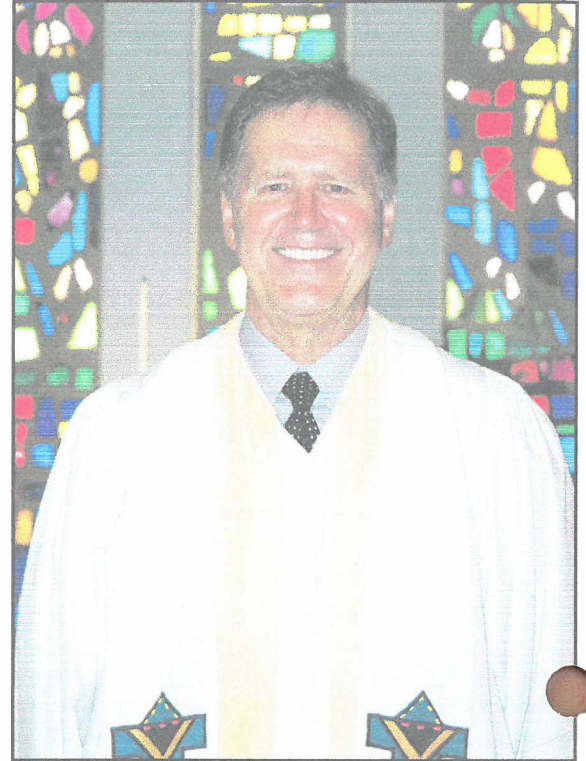
By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

I hope you have had a wonderful summer and perhaps had the chance to get away for some rest and relaxation! Beth and I had the chance to do just that with a Family Reunion with Beth's family in Michigan. It's the first time we've all been together in fourteen years. We had a great time re-connecting again and telling family stories with lots of laughter and a few tears. One of the most meaningful times was sitting around the dining room table and listening to Mom and Dad re-tell their stories of how they met and the early days of their life together. I'm afraid families are losing those stories, even with all the techno-communication stuff available today, stories that make us who we are. The ninth verse of the 90th Psalm says it like this: *"We spend our lives as a tale that is told."*

Another meaningful part of our summer was a wedding that I officiated at down in Palm Harbor. In the first church I served where I was the senior pastor (and the ONLY pastor), I hired a young man right out of college to be my part-time choir director. Over the years, I developed a wonderful friendship with Chuck and his wife, Carlotta. They saw me through a difficult divorce and several years after that, Beth and I had our first double date with them. Our kids have grown up together and I officiated at Taylor, their oldest son's, wedding a few weeks ago. (I felt very old!) We saw a lot of old friends, shared a lot of memories, told a lot of stories. Indeed, *"We spend our lives as a tale that is told."*

This month more tales will be told as Beth and I gather at our timeshare on Bradenton Beach. We have been



going to this timeshare since Brittany was a baby and the same folks go there every year from all over the country. Over the years, I have held memorial services for several of our timeshare friends and have even officiated at a wedding of one of the children. Again, *"We spend our lives as a tale that is told."*

As Beth and I begin our third year as your Senior Pastor family, we rejoice at the tales that are already a part of our lives. We have rejoiced over many things and even cried over a few things. You have loved us, prayed for us, and supported us in so many ways. We feel most blessed to be here and look forward to the many tales yet to be told.

You are loved,

Wayne

August Musical Offerings Are Very Special!

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Long-time Chancel Choir member Gary Mathews has a special way of communicating with the congregation - very personal, even intimate. He sings from the heart! Gary will be our soloist on August 1.

Youth Sunday is set for August 8. Come see what's up with the youth of our church as they lead us in worship on this once-a-year Sunday. Always high energy and upbeat, you'll go home with a song in your hearts!

Also once a year is Orff Sunday, set for August 15. Talented adults will prepare new music featuring these beautiful instruments, a vocalist and violist. Titles are "Dear Lord When I Wake" and "The Wilderness Road."

Calling all men! Once each summer we invite all interested men (high school and older) to sing in a men's ensemble. It's August 22! The men practice Wednesday August 18, 7:00-8:30 pm in the choir room, then meet 7:45 am on August 22, in the sanctuary. We sing two anthems and two short responses. Guys, how about coming out for this special event? The music is easy to learn, it's a lot of fun, and you get to see the church service from a whole new perspective...from the choir loft! Questions? Contact me at the church.

Our Chancel Choir returns to the choir loft after their summer break on August 29. Welcome back, Chancel Choir!

Are You Part of Trinity's Musical Offerings?

That is, are you a member of one of our music groups here at Trinity? We have at least 12 groups, with music activities for all ages. This is a great time to join, as we begin a new year following summer break.

Steel Drum Band

Our newest music group is Trinity's Steel Drum Band set to start in early September. The instruments are being shipped to us this month, and we are itching to get started! The group will meet in the back stage area of Moor Hall on Sundays, 5:00-6:00 pm. This first group of adults consists of people who attended the Steel Drum Workshop we had in January. Some members of the older NETkids choir (3rd through 5th grades) will also be playing them

this fall. Perhaps after Christmas, if there is enough interest, we might start another group. Welcome Steel Drum Band, the newest member of Trinity's musical family!

Chancel Choir

This is the flagship choir of the church, and our faithful music leaders in worship about 45 Sundays a year. We accept new members year round! Something special planned for the choir is a workshop and concert led by famed FSU choral director Andre Thomas, set for the weekend of February 19, 2011. We resume

resumes for the fall on September 8. There is a parent's dinner and meeting scheduled for September 1.

Cherub Choir

This group is made up of kids in 2nd year through kindergarten Sunday School classes. They will learn fun songs, coordination, and some music theory during 15 minutes of their Sunday School hour. They will have the opportunity to sing at the beginning of the 11:00 am worship services throughout the year as well as the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve service.



Led by Mary Alice Mills, the Cherub choir, ages 2 through Kindergarten-aged children, offers an opportunity for children to sing within a group. Plus, they get to wear those cool white robes!

Circle of Friends Praise Team

This is the team that leads worship at the SUN service on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:45 am. We practice Wednesday Evenings, 7-9 pm in Moor Hall (year round). This is a terrific group of talented and fun loving musicians and we're always looking for members. Please contact Lisa Prasse at 222-1120 if you are interested in auditioning.

Youth Praise Band

This group of hardworking youth members meets every Sunday evening from 4:00-5:00 pm in the Underground to rehearse and prepare for leading worship for their youth group at 7:00 pm. This is a talented and committed group of young people! If you are interested in playing with the youth praise band, please contact Kelly Rains or Lisa Prasse at 222-1120.

Youth Choir

The Youth Choir is open to everyone in grades 6-12. We sing at both services every 3-4 weeks. Rehearsals are from 5-6 PM Sunday evenings. We have lots of exciting things happening this year including new music and a possible Choir Tour next summer! Parents can get involved, too! Hope to see you in September!

Other groups

Be sure to check your September Tidings for information about our adult handbell/handchime groups, Trinity Ringers, College/Career Handbells and Senior Handchimes.

Trinity's community-partner-school supply drive

Jane Olson
Kate Sullivan liaison

The start of the 2010 - 2011 school year is almost upon us and it's not only heating up outside, it's also heating up for our annual

CHANGE the City



Kate Sullivan school supply drive. Kate Sullivan is our community partner school and Trinity has donated both school supplies and our volunteer reading mentoring program since 2002. This outreach is received and enthusiastically acknowledged and

appreciated by the faculty, staff, and students alike. We begin each year with the supply drive and initiate the year long mentoring program in mid September. We will begin our collection to kick off the new school year on Sunday, August 8



Kate Sullivan
Elementary School

and continue collecting through Sunday, August 15. Collection boxes will be found in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center outside Moor Hall. The donated supplies will be itemized and delivered before the school year starts August 23 to be distributed to students who would otherwise have difficulty acquiring the necessary school items. This year's needs are as follows:

Supplies shopping list

- black and white composition books (wide ruled)
- spiral notebooks (single subject-wide ruled)
- pocket folders with 3 prongs (solid color)
- pencil boxes/pouches
- colored pencils
- #2 pencils (no mechanical)
- fiskar scissors (pointed)
- rulers
- glue sticks
- markers (fine point- washable)
- quart or gallon size ziplock bags
- clorox wipes
- hand sanitizer (alcohol free or foam)
- back packs (no wheels)



Help others learn

Trinity's reading program

Trinity is also continuing our weekly reading mentoring program at Kate Sullivan in mid-September. Information will be forthcoming in the September Tidings or for more information, contact Jane Olson at janeolson@embarqmail.com or 385-4540.

Summer camp means fun and personal growth



51 enthusiastic campers departed from Trinity for the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp on Monday, July 12. They enjoyed all of the joys of summer camp - fellowship with close friends, making new friends, sleeping away from home (being away from Mom and Dad!), camp food, new activities, growing in faith, and personal reflection. Reverend Hynes, along with other adult volunteers, led the group.



Clockwise from top left:
The bus ride is always lots of fun for everyone (okay, maybe not the bus driver).
The lighted cross in the lake is an image that endures.
Waiting for some of that delicious camp food. Mmmm!



From the Director

Duncan Hoehn
Director of Musical Revue

Have you ever had thoughts about singing or dancing onstage in a Broadway production or revue? If so, the Trinity music ministry is looking for your participation in an upcoming event! On October 29 and 30, the church will present a dinner-theatre music revue "A Broadway Sampler" as a benefit for the Friends of Music program at Trinity. The production will look at the evolution of musical theatre beginning with European style operetta in the early part of the twentieth century.

There will also be a section on the works of Rodgers and Hammerstein (which were groundbreaking at the beginning), featuring their first and last shows, Oklahoma, and The Sound of Music. Another section will feature selections from some favorites from the "golden age" of musical theatre, such as Fiddler on the Roof and Annie. We'll wind up with a few numbers from some of the longest running Broadway shows from recent years, such as Phantom of the Opera, Cats, and Wicked. So, the program will include a range of musical styles. Performers of all ages,



WELLNESS CORNER



Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA

Nutritional Tip for August

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Try one of these ideas. Toasted whole wheat English Muffin topped with almond butter and banana slices. Old fashioned oatmeal, fresh fruit and nuts. Yogurt, fresh fruit, nuts and granola. Do the preparations the night before for easy assembly or just a breakfast-on-the-go. God Bless.



Remember: Think before you eat!

Exercise Tip for August

Want to know the difference between "moderate" and "vigorous" exercise? Brisk walking is an example of "moderate" exercise while jogging is an example of "vigorous" exercise. Talking is easy during "moderate" activity, while talking is difficult during "vigorous" activity. One doctor puts it this way, "If you can't talk while you're exercising, it's too difficult. If you can sing, it's too easy!" (From Exercise & Physical Activity - NIA.)



Remember: Some is always better than none!

including children, are needed, and dancers are welcome as well. The program is being planned to include solos, duets, and choral numbers, so you don't have to feel you must be a soloist to participate. We'll need your talents to make the program a success, so please contact Music Director, Mark Repasky, by September 1, so we can further

develop a narrative for the program.

If you can't fit this into your schedule, we could still use suggestions for favorite Broadway songs you'd like to hear. And, if a program of this type piques your interest and imagination, you might start giving some thought to themes for future presentations of this type.

Summer SUN service Strum-Along a huge success!

Lisa Prasse
SUNservice Coordinator

We enjoyed a wonderful retreat back in June when the SUN service sanctuary (aka Moor Hall) was transformed into a classic campfire setting...complete with guitarists, singers, starlight, forest, and campfire! We had camping attire and a tent - one week we even had S'MORES! We are so grateful to all who came out to strum along, and we enjoyed the intimate style of worship so much that we want to do it again before summer's end, so keep your eye on the bulletin for information. Here are a few photos from our fantastic time together. Again, thank you so much to all who were so instrumental in making these special Sundays such a success!



The theme for the contemporary SUNservice in June was "camping" as the praise band came down from the stage and the congregation met in a semi-circle. Several elementary kids performed some music they had learned in VBS.



Youth Happenings in August

Kelly Rains Jordan Perry
Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Jordan ...

You might expect most teenagers to sleep away their summer as they enjoy the break from school. While this may be true for most

Leesburg, Florida. We then finished out the month by taking 18 youth and 3 adults on our high school mission trip to Youthworks in New Orleans, Louisiana. It never ceases to amaze me how much these youth are able to give and serve without stopping! As the summer comes to a close we are already gearing up for the fall and the start of another great school year filled with even more great activities! In addition to reading the Tidings each month, remember to check out our new and improved youth website: www.undergroundministries.org for the latest and greatest, most up-to-date information!



Middle-school mission participants from left were, Courtney Hamm, Kathryn Crotty, Elizabeth Vandervort, Katie Watson, Chip Huggins, Edna Foxworth, Ella Smith, Marielle Scheffers, Kelly Rains, Savannah Sterling, Matthew Huggins, Cassie LaJeunesse, Jett Sanderson, Jordan Perry.

teenagers it certainly is not the case with our youth! Our summer has been awesome and filled with tons of exciting events that have kept us all extremely busy. To start the summer out with a bang we took the middle school youth on a mission trip (for some there very first mission trip) to Impact Florida in Orlando. The youth worked hard painting and helping with minor home repairs and to celebrate the end the week we spent the last day of our trip at Disney's Blizzard Beach Water Park. Also in June we had a full week of Vacation Bible School followed by Youth Week, which ended with a 24 hour long no-sleep lock-in! During Youth Week our very own Rev. Tony Fotsch spoke each night and challenged our youth to really think about the choices they make in life.

In July we were just as busy as we took 51 youth and children to Warren Willis Camp for a week in



Volunteers Jenny High (Miss Scarlet), Ruthann High (Mrs. White), Matthew Christovich (Professor Plum), Kevin Sterling (Mr. Green), Brett Ingram (Colonel Mustard), and Sarah Christovich (Mrs. Peacock) play their "Clue" characters (too well?) during Youth Week.

Rock the Universe

September 10-12

See Kelly or Jordan to sign up!



Messy Games - Before and After

Upcoming Youth events for August

- Aug. 1 Youth Praise Band 4:00pm, UMYF 6:00pm
- Aug. 1 Guatemala Payment Due
- Aug. 4 Youth Sunday Prep/Practice 6:30pm-9:00pm (no dinner)
- Aug. 5 Youth Sunday Prep/Practice 6:30pm-9:00pm (no dinner)
- Aug. 6 Youth Sunday Prep/Practice 6:30pm-9:00pm (no dinner)
- Aug. 7 Youth Sunday Rehearsal 2:00-5:00pm
- Aug. 8 Youth Sunday (3 services)
- Aug. 8 Mission Trip Slideshow & Potluck Dinner 6:00pm
- Aug. 15 No UMYF (Fall Planning)
- Aug. 22 No UMYF (Fall Planning)
- Aug. 23 BACK TO SCHOOL
- Aug. 29 Youth Council Lunch 12 noon
- Aug. 29 Youth Choir resumes at 4pm
- Aug. 29 Back to School Pool Party 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- Aug. 29 Guatemala Meeting 8:00-9:30pm

Other Upcoming Events

- Sept. 5 Youth Choir at 5pm
- Sept. 8 Middle School Bible Study & Pick-up begins
- Sept. 10-12 ... Rock the Universe in Orlando
- Sept. 12 Moe's & Movie Night 6:00-8:00pm
- Sept. 19 Confirmation Meeting 9:45am
- Sept. 26 Youth Choir sings at both services
- Sept. 26 High School Late Nite begins 8:00pm-9:30pm
- Oct. 1-3 Confirmation Retreat



Moving Is Hard

Leah Johnston
HEO Coordinator

Moving is hard. All the boxes — kitchen boxes, bathroom boxes, book boxes,



clothes boxes, closet boxes, bedroom boxes, etc. You come across all the stuff that you don't even use, but think you might someday, so it goes in yet another box. Moving is hard, but not just because of boxes. Moving involves leaving - and leaving this job that I've loved, *really* LOVED, makes this move in August very difficult.

Trevor and I will be moving to Wilmore, Kentucky, where he will attend Asbury Theological Seminary to earn a Masters of Divinity. I will be working at the seminary as the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Practical Theology and the Co-Director of Mentored Ministry. We are very excited and feel led to go, even though we hate to leave Tallahassee. We have learned so many lessons here, but we know it's time to learn from a different set of teachers.

But this is what you've taught me as your HEO Coordinator for the past year and eight months. I learned how to talk to grown-ups, (LOL!) after only talking with college students who don't encourage eloquence. I learned not to freeze celery, thanks to the wonderful ladies of Trinity Chefs. I learned that my elders are wonderful people with great stories. I learned that the homeless folks are just like you and me, but made some different choices along the way. I learned that Trinity members love to help out in any way that they can. I learned that a healthy staff helps build a healthy church. I also learned that the church staff here at Trinity works really hard for you, the congregation. But most of all I learned that Trinity is a family that will take care of you, nurture you, pray for you, give you opportunities and grace if you come up short, encourage you to succeed and give you all the support to do so.

I have truly enjoyed the time I've spent at Trinity UMC. Thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Fall programming offers many choices for all

NETkids

Summer is a wonderful time - vacations, watermelon, VBS, barbeque, Summer Camp, lemonade, Youth Week, did I mention vacations?

But, Fall is a wonderful time too. It's a time for beginning new activities within the church - and a chance for everyone to learn new things about their faith, about others, and about themselves.

This Fall's church programs will feature many opportunities for

personal growth and learning.

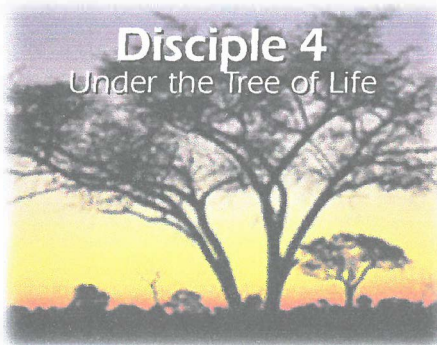
The following is a listing of some of the upcoming activities that have been planned by Reverend Barbara Hynes, our Associate Pastor of Discipleship.

Promotion Sunday

Will be Sunday, August 29. This is the Sunday when children move into their new grade classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Disciple 4

Disciple 4 (Under the Tree of Life) will begin Monday, September 13 at 6:30. This is an open class to all who have completed Disciple 1. Study manuals will be available beginning Monday, August 30 in the church office. Please contact Ruthann High at 222-1120 for more information.



NETkids

Registration and Parent's meeting: Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 p.m.

NETkids begins Wednesday, September 8 at 3:15, and they will meet on the playground.

Lay Academy

Lay Academy will begin again on Wednesday, September 15 with a new 6-week slate of classes. For more information, watch for a new

brochure, the weekly bulletin, and next month's Tidings. Don't forget to make your reservations for those delicious dinners

barbeque, lemonade, watermelon (we can dream, right?).

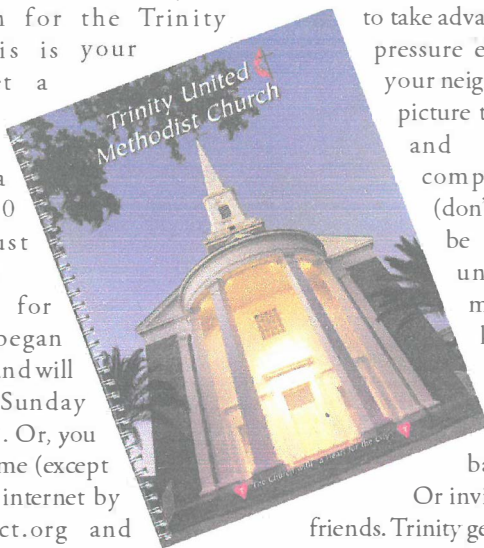


Trinity's new Pictorial Directory

Make plans now to have your portrait taken for the Trinity directory. This is your chance to get a family portrait, help your church, and get a free 8x10 photograph just for showing up!

Sign-ups for appointments began Sunday, July 18, and will continue each Sunday through August 8. Or, you can sign up anytime (except Sundays) via the internet by going to tumct.org and following the instructions on the LifeTouch website.

The first photo session will take place August 17-21 (from 1:30-8 p.m. Tuesday- Friday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday), with another session planned for September 14-18 (from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday- Friday, and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday).



This is also a great opportunity to take advantage of a little no-pressure evangelism. Invite your neighbors to have their picture taken too - it's free and they get a complimentary 8x10 (don't worry, they won't be in the directory unless they're members). Who knows, they might like what they see of Trinity and want to come back for church.

Or invite your family and friends. Trinity gets benefits for each photograph, whether the photos are of Trinity members or not. And there's no pressure from LifeTouch to buy more pictures - buy only the sizes you want.

The goal is to have as many of Trinity's members in the directory as possible. It's a Trinity tradition and it's a great opportunity to help others recognize who you are. Hope to see you there!

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Preschool Water Day

Preschool Director, Stacey Duggar planned a water day at just the right time!



Trinity's Young Adults help others



On a recent Saturday morning, the Young Adults Sunday School class from Trinity, in association with the Fuller Center, did some renovation on a home in Quincy. They concentrated their efforts on the exterior of the home, doing some pressure washing, and plan to return to do exterior painting also. Pictured above and at right are Steve Givens from the Fuller Center (left) and Trinity member, Aaron Podey. Using the pressure washer, above right, is Michael Tribble. The Fuller Center, which focuses on renovating homes, was founded by Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity.

