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

Volunteer opportunity on MLK Day

Rex Adams
Communications Director

7:00 a.m. - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day dawned bright and mild on January 18. Perfect weather for delivering some delicious meals to hungry homebound people!

10:00 a.m. - The shift Cole, my 4-year-old son, and I had chosen started at 10:15. After arriving at Elder Care Services, we would load our vehicle, and deliver meals to people who would soon be getting hungry if we didn't show up on time. This would be important work — we'd better get rolling!

10:15 a.m. - As we arrived at the Elder Care Services facility, we witnessed a flurry of activity. We saw Trinity members all over the place! Some volunteers had gotten there at 8:00 a.m. and worked in the kitchen that morning preparing the meals that we would soon deliver. We saw people loading styrofoam containers into the trunks of their cars, there were folks with clipboards checking off items - "... check, check, hey wait a second! Do you have your milks? Oh, okay, you're ready to go!"

10:25 a.m. - We took a few photographs as we watched everyone getting loaded up. Then we walked into the office area and were greeted by Rev. Barbara Hynes who was at the

registration desk. Being greeted by name always makes us feel welcome. Cole looked up at me and smiled. "This is going to be an adventure," I assured him. As is typical of activities in which Barbara is in charge, everything was very well organized without feeling fussy or rushed. A typed list of the people we would visit was paper-clipped to a map, which was highlighted to show us what part of Tallahassee was our route. "I think we can figure this out Cole, what do you think?" "I think we can Dad," Cole said. I noticed a name next to mine on Barbara's clipboard and sure enough, Maxine Mantooth would be going out with us. I like Maxine, and I could tell Cole liked her too, as she helped him into his car seat.

10:30 a.m. - After we got our vehicle loaded with the styrofoam coolers — one for hot food and one for cool food — all we lacked was 2 milks for each address. Then, with Maxine keeping an eye on our navigation, we drove east toward our first delivery.

10:45 a.m. - Our route would take us to



From left, Cole Adams, and the Prasses: Hannah, Lisa, Zac, Phillip, and Ed. The Prasses all participated in the delivery of meals to the homebound.

Miccosukee Hills housing division where we met some really appreciative people. It's hard to imagine what it must be like to count on someone to bring your meals each day. We could also tell that some don't get very many visitors. Most would talk to us if given the chance. Showing up with a young fellow like Cole and someone sweet like Maxine, helped break the ice. A couple of the folks we met weren't feeling well, but you could tell they enjoyed our company anyway.

11:25 a.m. - As we finished our job and drove Maxine back to the Elder Care Services office, we reflected on our morning. It really was a fun adventure and it hadn't taken very much time. We felt like we had made a difference in someone's life, and we knew God was happy with us for doing it. Knowing that always makes it a good day.



The entrance to Elder Care Services was a busy place. Jim Ashcroft and Ann Parker (far right) get milk for their deliveries.



Rev. Barbara Hynes greets volunteers at the front desk as Jan Jarrett signs in and Anna Drakes texts in the background.



Volunteers Rod Dugger, Dawn Long, Edna Foxworth, Nancy Kirwin, Kathy Drake, and Stanley Marshall await their orders.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from December 10, 2009 through January 16, 2010:



In memory of **Clifton Quinly** from Payne Midyette, Lynne Moeller, and Duncan and Mary Ann Moore.

In memory of **Mary Anne Hartwell** from Harry and Nancy Waugh, Bill Cannon, Lyn Randall, Alice St. John, Murray and Corbin Moore, Mary Wheeler, Betty Lou and Jean Joanos, Betty Lewis Harrison, Ledley and Oberley Brown, Betty Lewis, W.D. Douglass, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Wood, Sr.

In memory of **Ray and Betty Lou McCallister** from L. Ray McCallister, Jr.

In memory of **Mary Lea Humphress** from Cynthia and Bill Smith, Mary Branan (HEO), and Kay McNab.

In memory of **Gayle Landrum** from Judy Parker.

In memory of **Irene Johnson Todd** from Doug and Anne Wright.

In memory of **Margaret Sumners Witte** from Dewitt and Neddy Sumners.

In memory of **Dot Parker** (FSU Wesley Foundation) from Mary Branan.

In honor of **Ben and Tricia Willis** from the Pettit Family.

In honor of **Nell and Josh Morse** from the Pettit Family.

In honor of **Judy and Paul Parker** from the Pettit Family.

In honor of **Mr. and Mrs. Mark Repasky** (Organ Fund) from Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In honor of **Rev. and Mrs. Tony Fotsch** (Children's Home) from Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In honor of **Rev. Barbara Hynes** (Children's Home) from Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In honor of **Rev. and Mrs. E. Wayne Curry** (Children's Home) from Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In honor of **Rob Hlebinsky** (Organ Fund) from Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In honor of **Beth Curry** from Brooks and Almena Pettit.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

The season of Lent will soon be upon us. It is a special time of prayer and reflection, of confession and self-sacrifice. It is usually a time when we think of "giving up" something. Here are some suggestions:

GIVE UP grumbling! Instead, "in everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is okay, but moaning, groaning and complaining are not Christian disciplines.

GIVE UP ten to fifteen minutes in bed! Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study, and personal devotion.

GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points! Instead, concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It's a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.

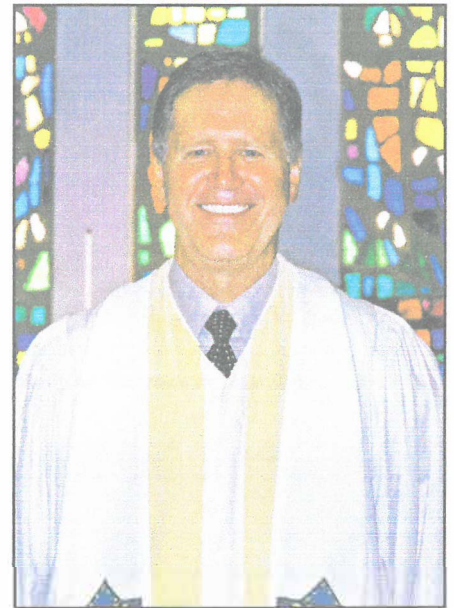
GIVE UP speaking unkindly! Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?

GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."

GIVE UP your worries and anxieties! Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about...like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.

GIVE UP one evening of television a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person. There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the tube? Give someone a precious gift...your time.

GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself! Instead, give the



money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs. We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.

GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give yourself up to God. There is only one who has the right to judge...Jesus Christ. Now aren't you glad you don't have to do that anymore?

I pray that these forty days of Lent will be a transforming time in each of our lives as we journey toward Easter.

You are loved,

Wayne

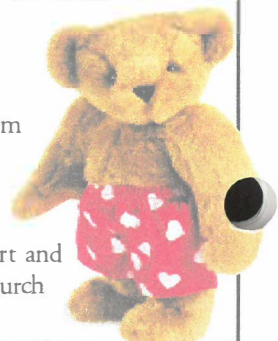
Bear Sunday February 21

Janet Stainer
Bear Sunday Liaison

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

This is a great way to bring some love to a child who needs the special comfort gained from one of our Trinity bears.

Letters from appreciative children speak of the comfort and joy these bears bring. Open your heart and bring a teddy bear to church on Bear Sunday.



Music News for February

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Friends of Music

Music Ministry Sunday on January 31 was the official "kick-off" for a new avenue of ministry here at Trinity. You may recall that

Sunday's bulletin insert describing the purpose of this organization. In a nutshell, it is a fund-raising activity that will enhance the vital areas of worship and music here at Trinity. It will provide funds

to bring highly acclaimed musicians to our church for workshops, worship leadership training and concerts. Every year, as Music Director of Trinity I turn down opportunities like these because of lack of funds. We can't do them all, but one or two a year would be wonderful!

Last November's Tidings included an article about Trinity's Music Ministry in the Past. The present is easy to describe. Those

attending services regularly have a pretty good idea, since you see and hear from many of our music groups from week to week. The 11:00 am service on January 31



The youth choir always tries to have fun on Music Ministry Sunday.

(Music Ministry Sunday) certainly provided a clear snapshot of the width and breath of musical offerings here at Trinity. Groups that did not participate

on January 31 are Trinity Flutes, our most active outreach music organization and Youth Praise Band. Besides these, we provide music training with the Preschool classes once a week and Sunday School music for kindergarten through 5th grades once a week. NETkids Handbells meet only September through December each

year. It takes a lot of eager participants and faithful leaders to keep this all going, and we are always looking for more. If you saw something you really liked January 31, consider joining them! Most groups accept new members all year long.

Steel Drum Band at Trinity?

Six hours of training during January with steel drum band expert David Knapp has provided the "know-how" to form a steel drum band at Trinity. Like nearly all music groups here, much of their effort would be geared toward worship music. David Knapp says a hymnal for steel drum bands will be published very soon! First we will need funds to purchase a basic set and space to keep them. Then we can form a group.

This will not be the huge ensemble such as Florida State's "Mas 'N Steel"...it is not needed here and would be too big for our sanctuary. By the way, "Mas 'N Steel" performed in our sanctuary as part of a Myron Munday Memorial Concert a number of years back. We are searching for a church steel drum band that might visit Trinity and help lead worship services on a Sunday morning. Let's see what they can do!

The Three Baritones: Valentine Serenade — Tuesday, Feb. 2

Be sure to mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 2 at 12 noon, when our very own "Three Baritones" — Mark Repasky, Duncan Hoehn, and Warren May are planning to serenade us with Musical Valentines!

- Mark Repasky hinted that he will be singing two love songs you've never heard before!
- Duncan Hoehn has some special numbers "up his sleeve!"
- And Warren May promises to knock your socks off!

In addition to the serenade Valentine fun, we will be passing around a special Valentine love offering basket, proceeds to go to women in our community seeking shelter and help at Talahassee's **Refuge House**.

Make sure to bring a friend!

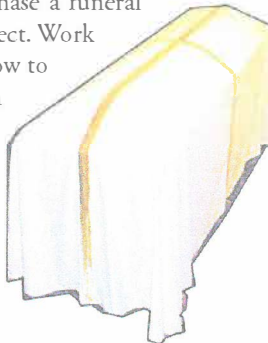
Wear a touch of red and come for a Valentine musical treat!

Reservations for lunch must be made through Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by January 29.

Funeral Pall Project for Circle 1

Circle 1, of the Trinity UMW, has chosen to purchase a funeral pall as their project. Work is in progress now to select an appropriate design and get cost estimates.

You will be hearing more as information is assembled.



UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 8, at the home of Mart Hill, 1489 Vieux Carre Drive.

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

Circle 4 will meet in the church library on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 5 meets Tuesday, Feb. 11. For information about time and place call Patti Oakley, 877-4898.

Circle 6 will meet at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle, at 6 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8.

Circle 8 will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Saint John's Cafe.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m. with Linda Yates, 1111 Wisteria Drive.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. with Linda Palmer

Cookies For Soldiers

Leah Johnston
HEO Coordinator

The other day a volunteer approached me about an idea that I'm sure Trinity can get behind. Her proposal is for Trinity Chefs to make cookies for the soldiers serving our country, specifically those soldiers within our church. I immediately loved the idea! It made me think of coming home from school and the smell of freshly baked cookies entering my senses. I was aware in that moment how special I was to my mom. I'm looking forward to giving that feeling to the soldiers.

So here is where I need your help. I need you all to aid me in collecting the names of soldiers of Trinity who are serving in the states



or overseas. We need their name, address and a note of encouragement (if you'd like). If you don't know any soldiers and you'd like to still help out, here are some suggestions: give donations for postage, write extra encouragement letters to go with the cookies, or come to Trinity Chefs to help cook and put together the boxes to send. Please send the soldier's information to ljohnston@tumct.org or call Leah Johnston at 222-1120.

Trinity Chefs would also like to let the congregation of Trinity know that the meals that we make are not just for the sick or families who've just experienced a death, but

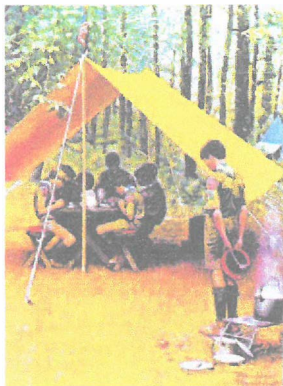
for anyone who needs one. What constitutes need? If someone is having a stressful day, give them a meal. If someone just got some bad news, health related or not, give them a meal. If someone mentions that they haven't planned anything for dinner that night and can't make it to the grocery store, give them a meal. If you know of a family who has fallen on hard times, give them a meal. The meals are in the HEO freezer in the kitchen (the white freezer all the way to the left). Please take a meal (one main dish, two soups, 4 cranberry salads, and a bag of cookies) and fill out the clip board that is inside the freezer. Thank you so much for helping HEO serve our church and community.

Happy New Year from HEO! I hope all of your celebrations were wonderful and full of love! I know mine were.

A Scout is Reverent: Scout Sunday Observance

David LaJeunesse

Trinity members will honor the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouts of America by celebrating Scout Sunday on February 14, 2010. Trinity has a rich past of support for Scouting and we wish to recognize the impact it has had on the lives of our members. We are still interested in registering Scouting alumni



and gathering personal stories of Trinity members and families who have handed down a tradition of Scouting. Any members or volunteers of Scouting, past or present, are welcome to share stories of how Scouting has made their families stronger and better. Forms will be available in the Welcome Center for you to share your personal Scouting story. If you have questions, please contact David LaJeunesse at 942-5457 or dclajeunesse@embarqmail.com.



Calling All Who Love to Worship

Lisa Prasse
SUNService Leader

Please come out and join us for our first ever community-wide night of worship: A REAL, ROCKIN' NIGHT OF REVELATION!! We will meet in Moor Hall on Friday night, February 12 at 7:00pm (doors will open at 6:45) for music and praise. There will be light refreshments and wonderful fellowship among TUMC congregants and other churches from all over the city! Our sister church, Killearn UMC, will join us in leading worship that night. Take advantage of this night to attend a worship service you normally may not be able to attend, and invite others you know might be searching for a church family. This is a terrific opportunity to unwind at the end of long week and learn a little about what goes on at Trinity...plus, someone you know may be just waiting for that invitation! So, please bring the family, invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers, and come out and join us for a night of fun and worship taking us into our Lenten season...and a time of great revelation! Hope to see you there!

Ministry Expo 2010

Barbara Hynes
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 21, and plan to join us for a Ministry Expo which will run from 9:30 am - 1:00 pm. This Expo will give you an opportunity to see and

and more up to date information on all sorts of health issues.

Whether you are looking for an area to become involved in, curious about what is

planned for the coming year, or want to introduce a friend to the many facets of Trinity's life both within the walls and out in the community this will be the place to be on February 21. Watch for more details in the weekly bulletin and a full list of displays. If



College Ministry representatives, Jimmy and Nancy Duncan welcome visitors to their table.

hear about ministries both here at Trinity and out in the community. Persons directly involved in the ministries will be available to answer questions and fill you in on what is coming up.

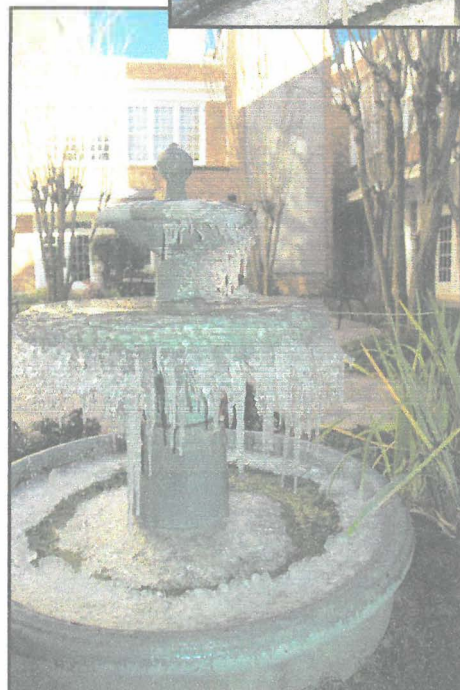
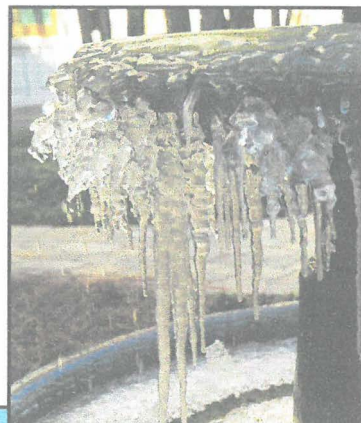
Also, back by popular demand will be our Health and Wellness Team with screenings

you have a ministry that you would like to promote and have not yet signed up for a booth, contact Barbara Hynes 222-1120 or barbarahynes@tumct.org.

A special healthy lunch will be served at 11:30 - 1:30. Soup and salad will be on the menu for \$5.

Beauty around Trinity

Another example of the wonder of God's beauty was witnessed recently in the prayer garden as the mercury moved lower than usual.



The Chelsea House

Phyllis McCranie
Church and Society member

Change the City contributions during the month of February will go to The Chelsea House, which is based in Tallahassee and exists to provide single homeless women with the help they need to become self-sufficient and a productive member of society. Women in Chelsea House participate in an intensive, Bible-based program designed to help get their lives in order. Although Chelsea is a transitional home, a woman may stay as long as her particular need requires it. Each resident is assigned a mentor who offers spiritual encouragement and guidance as she progresses through the program and each resident participates in a case plan designed to meet

individual needs and goals.

Residents are responsible for paying program fees which cover costs associated with being in the program. Those who are unable to pay may apply for the scholarship program which helps pay fees based on fund availability until the resident can take on the responsibility herself. Personal expenses such as toiletries, food, bus passes, medications, etc. are provided by the Chelsea House.

After completing the application process and being accepted into the program, residents must demonstrate a desire and be willing and able to participate in a Bible-based program

to help better their lives. Chelsea House is based on biblical principles; therefore, residents are required to actively participate in Bible-based programs, including mandatory church attendance to a Christian-based church of choice, discussion groups, daily devotions and personal study.

Chelsea House is always in need of women from the community to serve as spiritual counsellors to ladies wishing to make positive changes in their lives. Mentors provide spiritual guidance, accountability and help residents navigate through life's difficulties by providing biblically-based advice and encouragement. If you would like to learn more about opportunities offered by the Chelsea House, please contact them at: 933-1449, or visit online at: www.gsncare.org.



Here's what's happening with the Youth in February

Kelly Rains Jordan Perry
Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Jordan ...

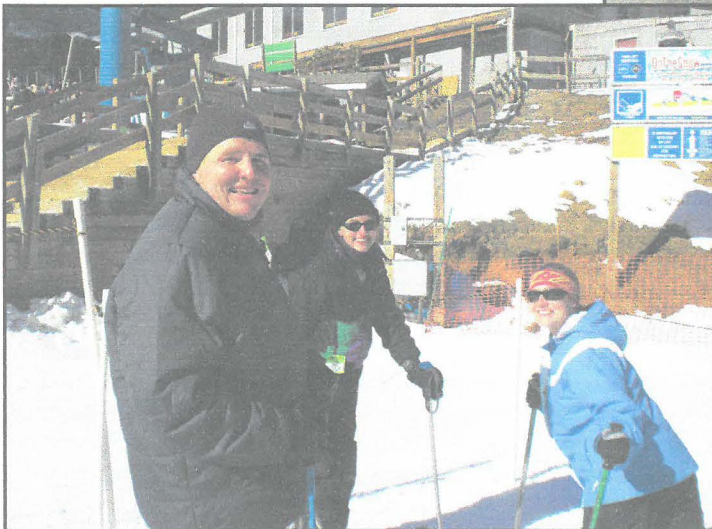
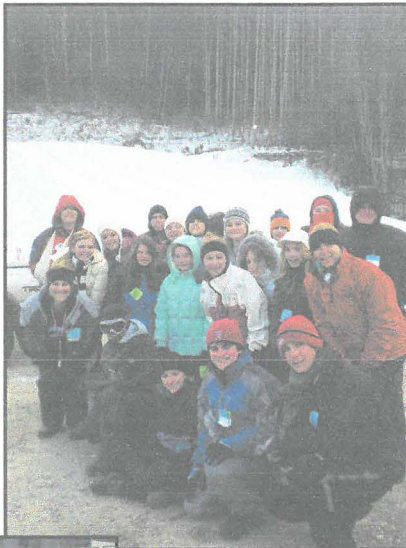
After successfully ringing in the New Year, everything is in full swing down in the **Underground**. January was an exciting month for our youth! We took a group of 18 youth and 7 adults to Lake Junaluska for our Unplugged Winter Retreat. The retreat was called "Unplugged" because the main requirement to go was that everyone had to leave all of their electronics behind. In order to persuade the youth to give up their cell phones and iPods for four days, it was necessary to fill the trip with tons of exciting activities. We went skiing, snow boarding, and snow tubing,

(activities that most on the trip had never experienced), played games and hung out. It was amazing to watch the youth realize over the course of the trip that not only was it possible to go without electronics, but it was actually fun spending quality time connecting with the people around them. We all had a blast disconnecting from the stress of our busy lives and taking some much needed time to relax. By the end of the trip the youth could honestly say it was totally worth leaving their electronics behind and they would be happy to do it again!



In the photo above, there's a reason that looks like a card game. It is a card game - in fact, it's a championship UNO tournament!

Below, Ryan Soule, Casey Waddill, and Mary Alice Mills get ready to ski!



UNDERGROUND ministries

Trinity UMC

Upcoming Youth events for February

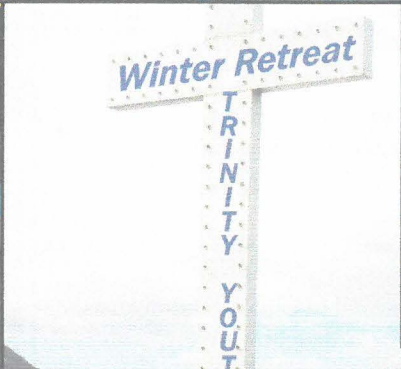
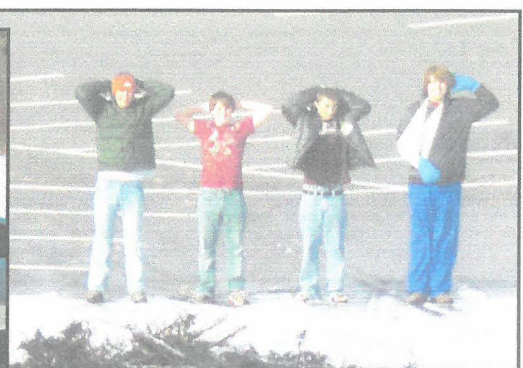
- Feb. 3 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-Hi, 6:30pm HS)
- Feb. 7 No Youth Choir, No Youth Praise Band,
- Feb. 7 Super Bowl Party 6:00-9:30pm - \$5
- Feb. 10 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-Hi, 6:30pm HS)
- Feb. 12-13 ... SaLT & Pepper Team Retreat
- Feb. 14 No Praise Band, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm (Valentine's Service Project)
- Feb. 17 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-Hi, 6:30pm HS)
- Feb. 21 Ministry Expo
- Feb. 21 Youth Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Feb. 24 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-Hi, 6:30pm HS)
- Feb. 28 Youth Choir Sings 8:30 & 11:00am church services
- Feb. 28 Youth Praise Band 4pm, No Youth Choir, UMYF 6pm

Other Upcoming Events

- Mar. 27 Springtime Tallahassee Spaghetti Fundraiser
- Apr. 16-17 ... 30 Hour Famine

In the photo at left, the youth get ready to go snow tubing.

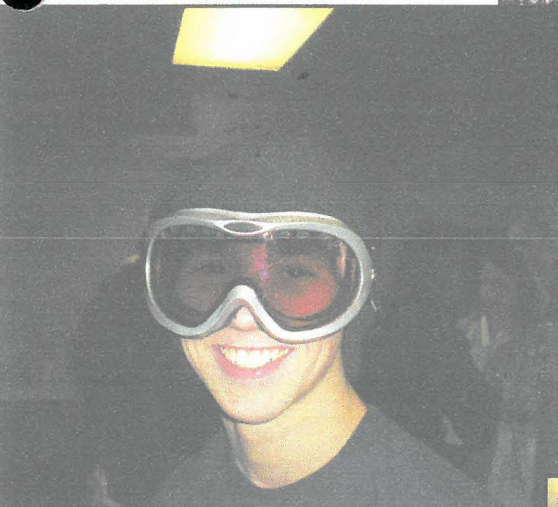
In the photo below, everyone plays the non-electronic version of "Apples to Apples" after a long day on the slopes.



Top half of the page, clockwise, from photo above: there was lots of "bus entertainment" on the trip to North Carolina; Amelia Carroll, hangs on to her bag of games; Anna Drake, Justice Merlau, and Malinda Rains take 5 on the tubes; Boys! Scott Fortier, Avery Smith, Jonathan Danforth, and John Rains; and, April Bradley displays her snow angel.



Bottom half of the page, clockwise from photo below: Kathryn Crotty, April Bradley, and Elizabeth Vandervort hang loose as they wait for another downhill run; a group of snowboarders wait for their lesson before heading to the slopes; Cody Johansen, Scott Fortier, Jonathan Danforth, and Avery Smith relax in the lodge; Everyone stayed at the Brookside Lodge at Lake Junaluska; and, Jonathan Danforth sports a cool pair of snow goggles.

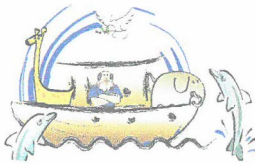


On the trip were 18 youth: April Bradley, Amelia Carroll, Sarah Cherry, Kathryn Crotty, Jonathan Danforth, Anna Drake, Alex Ingram, Kerry Ingram, Scott Fortier, Cody Johansen, Justice Merlau, John Rains, Malinda Rains, Avery Smith, Ella Smith, Savannah Sterling, Elizabeth Vandervort, Casey Waddill; and 7 adults: Matthew Christovich, Sarah Daniel, Brett Ingram, Mary Alice Mills, Jordan Perry, Kelly Rains, Ryan Soule



Dates for Preschool Enrollment 2010-2011 school year

January 25 - February 5
— for currently
enrolled students



February 8-10
— for church members
February 11
— open enrollment
first come, first serve

Call Stacey at 224-8992 x3 to pick up an application

Blanket Sunday February 7

This year's **Blanket Sunday** will be February 7. Ollie Dawirs is the Trinity liaison for Church World Service and she asks that checks be written to "Trinity UMC" with the memo line filled out with "Blanket Sunday." Last year's donations exceeded expectations. But, they still need our help.

For over 60 years, congregations across the U.S. have been responding to Jesus' call to be a neighbor to those in need.



Ollie Dawirs does a wonderful job as liaison for Church World Service.

Church World Service is a private, non-profit disaster response agency. The agency responds to disasters in the United States and all around the world — like the recent earthquake in Haiti.

When disaster strikes, people often need blankets — and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training, and other resources to help them rebuild their lives.

Your donation on **Blanket Sunday** can help provide warm blankets for a family left homeless from a hurricane, or buy fishing nets and equipment for a village cooperative in Bolivia.

For more information on Church World Service, please go online and visit www.churchworldservice.org.

New Members Join Trinity

Trinity welcomed several new members in December. Make sure to say hello when you next see them.

Jennifer Hinson joined from another denomination. She is married to Chuck Hinson and they have a daughter, Avery, who is 7, and a son, Elijah, who is 5. Jennifer works at the Florida Medical Association as a regulatory attorney.

Cliff Taylor transferred his membership from another Methodist church. Chuck's wife, Romaine, is already a member of Trinity. They have 3 grown children, Jason, Heather, and Christian. He is chief of litigation for the State of Florida, Department of Management Services.

Sophie Patent joined Trinity by profession of faith. She works for Dutko Worldwide, a lobbying firm. Sophie grew up in Northern California and attended college

in Miami. She has lived in Tallahassee for almost 3 years.

Jessica Cuddy came to Trinity from another denomination. She heard about Trinity from a friend.

Leslie Stewart joined from another denomination. Leslie's husband, Matt, and her in-laws, Gail and John Stewart, are members of Trinity. She is a stay-at-home mom.



Please help welcome these new members who recently joined. They are, from left, Jennifer Hinson, Jessica Cuddy, Sophie Patent, Leslie Stewart, and Cliff Taylor.

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