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

How Trinity is Helping Haiti (and How You Can Still Help)

Rex Adams
Communications Director

The news reports from Haiti still tell stories of unimaginable human catastrophe. We feel the despair of those in need. Our hearts hurt for those whose lives are in such disarray, and we feel powerless to help. We ask "how can one person make a difference?"

Let, as individuals, and especially together as a group, we aren't powerless. We are in fact very powerful. For instance, as of this writing, through your generosity, Trinity has raised and donated almost \$11,000 to Haiti relief. And also through generous giving, Trinity has donated over \$1,000 to Church World Service (on Blanket Sunday) which provides needed supplies that are being shipped to Haiti. When we gather our resources together, not only can we help, we can make a huge difference in comforting those in need.

The following articles show how you can further help the people of Haiti, and also how one Trinity member has already been helping the Haitians.

will be a great need for them over the next few months. Each kit contains basic necessities. In order to facilitate shipping and distribution, it is extremely important that they all be uniform so please only donate the items requested. There will be a bin in Room 205, the narthex, room 305 and the Welcome Center if you would like to help the children out in this effort. Each week we will collect a different item and in the end of April, we will assemble the kits and ship them to UMCOR for distribution. All items must be new and unused. The items needed are:

- March 7 - hand towels (15"x 25" up to 17"x 27"); no kitchen towels
- March 14 - washcloths
- March 21 - large sturdy combs - not pocket size
- March 28 - nail files or nail clippers - no emery boards or toenail clippers
- April 4 - bars of soap - 3oz or larger
- April 11 - toothbrushes in original wrapper - adult size only
- April 18 - bandaids, gallon sized bags, or donation for toothpaste (\$1.00)

Note: Toothpaste is purchased in bulk from donation by UMCOR and added just before distribution to ensure it is fresh.

Lists of the items are available in the Welcome Center and in the Sunday School classrooms. Don't forget - March 7 is Hand Towel Sunday. Bring a hand towel to church and help our children help those in need in Haiti.



March and April. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has issued a special appeal for these kits as there

Helping with Schools

For the past 6 years, Trinity member, Bill Grow, has been involved with Bethlehem Ministry, a non-profit organization based in Georgia. Their stated mission is to help the poor in Haiti, with



Children at the École St. Barthélemy, like children here, are eager to learn about their world.

a focus of supporting schools founded by Father Jean Monique Bruno. Bill's involvement has primarily been through the Christmas Shoebox Program, but he also helps raise funds for the many projects affiliated with the ministry there.

He has traveled to Haiti on many occasions and has volunteered there as well. Bill says "... at present, I am raising funds for the great needs there now. A number of my friends have helped financially, and they were happy to find an organization where they felt confident in its effectiveness. Father Bruno is just an amazing individual."

If you're interested in getting involved with Bill's ministry, contact him by email at wagrowjr@cs.com or you can visit bethlehemministry.org.

Health Kits for Haiti

Barbara Hynes
Associate Pastor of Discipleship

Our Trinity children will be collecting items for Health Kits

for Haiti in

March and April. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) has issued a special appeal for these kits as there

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from January 20, 2010 through February 10, 2010:



In memory of Francis James Black, Jr. from Bill and Paula Smith and Barbara J. McCay.

In memory of Joe Reynolds Henderson, Jr. from Bill and Cynthia Smith.

In memory of Clifton Wight Quinly from Elizabeth Wight Herbert, Dean and Lina Knox, William and Bonnie Ekwall, Dr. Nancy A. Turner, Bettie M. Bedell, Mr. and Mrs. William L. Peebles, Jr., PatCares, Sherwood and Cynthia Wise, Dr. and Mrs. J. Orson Smith, Bill and Clara Jane Smith, Dr. Anita K. Fleet, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wight, Capital Rotary Club of Tallahassee, Nancy and Jimmy Petrandis, Bill and Paula Smith, Alphonse and Mildred Trezza, Anne M. Killebrew, John and Margaret Bennett, Anne Black, John and Beth Wight, Mr. and Mrs. Parker Lee McDonald, Mary Branan, Thomas E. (Ted) Wight, John and Mary Leslie Olson, Joseph and Peggy Hughes, R. M. Reynolds, Jr., Mae Shivers, and Don and Patsy Rapp.

In memory of Ralis Hanna from Sheila Merlau.

In memory of Mary Lea Humphress from Kay Duren Yent and Nancy Waugh.

In memory of Gayle Sharpe Landrum from Brenda C. Slapkey.

Calling all Walkers & Runners

Richard Parsons

Are you interested in running or walking in the Springtime Tallahassee race? If so, please contact either Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com or Richard Parsons at rrptroy@gmail.com for details.

There are three distances to choose from. 10K/5K/1 m. Let's show a "healthy" heart for the city by representing Trinity UMC in this annual downtown event.



The race will be held Saturday morning, March 27th, and starts in front of the Leon County Courthouse on North Monroe.

WAYNE'S WORDS

*By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

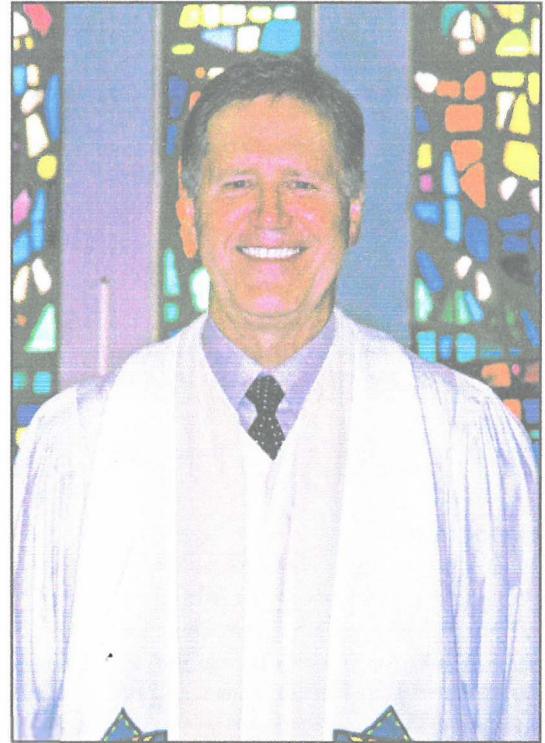
A few days ago I was driving around a lake here in Tallahassee when all of a sudden the traffic came to a halt. I saw a man with a dark suit and tie on, running around in the middle of the street. He had stopped traffic in both directions and was chasing something. Looking closer, I realized he was chasing a small bird that was hurt or too young to fly. He was trying to gently urge it to safety out of the middle of the road. A couple of young men came up the sidewalk and joined in the pursuit. Then an elderly woman. Then a young woman carrying her child on her hip. Before long, there were eight people trying to rescue this small bird. Finally, one of the young men caught it and put it down by the lake shore. They all applauded. I thought, "What a beautiful sight! Eight people... women, men, black, white, old, young ... all working together on a Thursday morning to rescue a creature in distress!" I smiled as I watched ... it was a wonderful way to begin the day!

Wouldn't it be great if that kind of thing happened on a more regular basis? Where, when one person saw another person in distress, they would seek to help, guide, or rescue that person... and would be joined by others in the rescue mission... where the "traffic" of life would be stopped to take care of this needy person? I've seen it happen.

I've seen it happen with a person in our church whose husband had died and her Sunday School class rallied around her to give her strong support in her time of distress.

I've seen it happen with a person in our church who was in deep financial distress and some friends in the church assumed the responsibility of some of their bills.

I've seen it happen with a person in our church who is going through the distress of divorce, and a group of friends from the church has been available with



non-judgmental, listening ears... and shoulders to lean on.

I've seen it happen in our church time and time again ... and when I see it happen, I smile and think: "Isn't that beautiful! Now THAT'S what the church is all about!"

Friends, look around you. You won't have to look long or far to find someone who needs you. We are the body of Christ and we need each other if we are to be whole.

Paul writes in I Corinthians 12:

"For the body does not consist of one member but of many ... God has so adjusted the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, that there may be no discord in the body, but that members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together."

Thank you for being a church that cares.

You are loved,

wayne

March Music News

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Chancel Choir presents sections of J. S. Bach's "St. John's Passion"

Since October, our Chancel Choir has been preparing special music for Sunday, March 7, at the 11 a.m. service. Except for a few easy pieces, church choirs rarely sing the music of J. S. Bach. It's difficult and takes great patience to learn. The results, however, make it worth the effort.

Bach spent over half of his working life in the realm of church music. He was Cantor of the St. Thomas School in Leipzig, Germany, 1723-1750. There, his duties included teaching music and Latin to the large boys choir. He prepared Sunday worship music for four local Lutheran churches by dividing the boys choir into four smaller groups. On Sundays, Bach could be found leading the choir (usually accompanied by a small orchestra) in one of the two larger churches, St. Thomas or St. Nicholas. Busy man! All the more remarkable, he is among the most prolific of composers with over 1,120 pieces. Now, consider the St. John's Passion has 68 sections and is over 100 minutes in length: It counts as only one of those 1,120-plus pieces!

The Chancel Choir, accompanied by 10

instrumentalists will present sections of the St. John's Passion totaling roughly 30 minutes. David LaJeunesse, our tenor soloist, is the narrator. He sings the passion story assisted by soloists Warren May and Gregory Hilliard. The choir represents groups of people like those who came to the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Jesus, or the crowd that



The Cherub choir from the recent Music Ministry Sunday.

insisted Barabbas be freed, rather than Jesus. The choir also sings a number of chorales which are the believer's response to what has just happened in the passion story.

Come 5-10 minutes early to the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, March 7. The first section of the St. John's Passion is our Prelude for the morning. Come for a re-telling of the passion story so central to our faith. It seems especially

appropriate that we will share communion during the service. This is Chancel Choir's "Lenten Offering" to our congregation.

January Steel Drum Workshop A Success

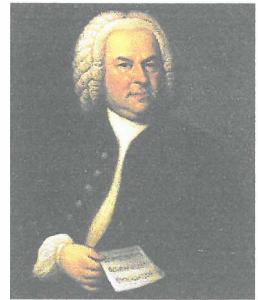
Our second session on January 23 included eight members of Trinity. In two and a half hours we completely learned a calypso song and worked on two hymns. The group ended the session feeling very enthusiastic about having a steel drum band here at Trinity. I have no doubt we will have numerous people signing up to play. So, what we need now are funds to purchase some steel drums. We are planning for a small steel drum band, involving 5 or 6 players and 14 or 15 drums. The cost for these instruments and a few needed accessories is \$7,000. Once we have the funds, the drums will be ordered. We'll have to wait a few months for the instruments to arrive, but then we'll form our group, or several groups. The drums can be used by adults or youth, and can even be used as part of our children's NETkids program on Wednesday afternoons. Now, we are looking for a few "angels" to make this new area of music ministry a reality. Are you feeling angelic?

Friends of Music - To the Future!

Rob Hlebinsky
Trinity Organist

Over the last few months, you've had a chance to read about the history of music here at Trinity and our current Music Ministry (and if you haven't, you'd better go reread your past Tidings!) Now, though, it's time to talk about the future of our music program.

Immediate Future: Sunday, March 7th will be the first official day to make a contribution to the Friends of Music. Come to the 11 o'clock service to hear the Chancel Choir present a portion of the St. John's Passion by J. S. Bach along with a superb orchestra from FSU! Bringing in an orchestra for an event such as this is just one of the many ways the Friends of Music can enhance our already vibrant program. So come, enjoy this music, and please consider making a financial contribution to further our Music Ministry.



J.S. Bach

Near Future: We had a great response from all of you at the Ministry Expo! Many people are interested in keeping current with the

Friends of Music, and we will be sending out a newsletter to keep everyone informed of our upcoming events. We also had some great suggestions of programs that you want to see, and we will be looking into as many of those as possible. In case you missed the Expo, send Rob Hlebinsky an e-mail in order to be added to our mailing list (rhelebinsky@tumct.org).

Though this has not been confirmed, the Friends of Music hope to present Dr. Marilyn Keiser, organist, in the near future for a workshop on our very own hymnal and a recital. Dr. Keiser is world renowned in the field of hymnody (history of hymns) and will have an engaging program for everyone,

whether they are a choir veteran or just someone who has a favorite hymn and wants to learn more about the diverse history of the hymns we sing every Sunday. Not only will we benefit from Dr. Keiser, but we can reach out to the other Methodist churches (and other denominations) in town. One of our top priorities is to spread our Ministry beyond Trinity, and this will be a wonderful way to open our doors.

(Not too) Distant Future: Though it will take some time for the Friends of Music to really take off, we are excited for all that we will be able to do for Trinity and this community through music. Here is just a sample of the programs we hope to present: gospel choirs, contemporary Christian bands, well known organists and other instrumentalists, and a liturgical drama group (Friends of Music also supports worship arts beyond music that will involve the congregation and community).

HEO Looking For The Brave

Leah Johnston
HEO Coordinator

I still need your help Trinity members! I am looking for soldiers who would love some cookies!

In January Trinity Chefs made A LOT of cookies for the soldiers in our community. One of our own, Judy Levy, brought in homemade chocolate chip cookie dough and snicker doodle dough special for the soldiers. I had



Trinity Chefs, from left, Judy Levy, Sandy Kappes, Viola Taylor, Mary Margaret Rogers, HEO Coordinator, Leah Johnston, Patti Oakley, Kim Johnson, Lillian Byrd's bashful daughter, Mary Beth Curry, and Lillian Byrd produce another batch of delicious cookies to share with soldiers.

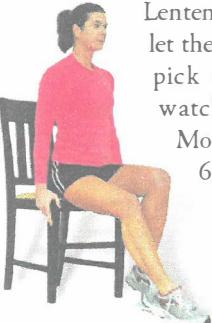
BFC Series Exercise Class Lenten Schedule

Beth Curry, ACSM, AFAA

The Wednesday evening BFC Series Exercise classes will continue throughout the Lenten season with the modified schedule shown below:

- **Wednesday, 4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**
Walk to Bethlehem (we've walked over 4,500 miles so far!)
- **Wednesday, 5:15 p.m. - 6:05 p.m.**
Total Body Toning

This schedule will allow all participants to attend the Easter Experience Lenten Study program as well as let the last class finish in time to pick up dinner and eat while watching the study video in Moor Hall which begins at 6:20 p.m.



Cost for the classes will be a suggested donation of \$3 per class which will go to the new Health and Wellness Ministry fund. For more information contact Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com.

some of the cookies that "weren't acceptable" and they were delicious! The only problem is that I haven't received any names or addresses for soldiers to send them to. Please, please, please let us know of soldiers! We want to send them cookies! They do not have to be a member of Trinity or overseas. We want to bless any soldier that we can.

Children's Home

— Day on Campus —

Gloria Colvin
Children's Home Liaison

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home has extended an invitation to churches in the North West district to visit its campus on Saturday, March 20. This "Day on Campus" will give congregations an opportunity to tour the campus, enjoy a picnic lunch with members of other United Methodist churches, and learn more about this ministry that we support with our fifth Sunday offerings and other special gifts.

The Children's Home is a ministry of the Florida United Methodist Conference. On its campus, it 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 for children in difficult family situations or who have special needs. Children come because of sexual or physical abuse, abandonment, or family breakdown due to divorce, drug abuse, illness, or death of a parent. There may be neglect or conflicts that have made impossible a normal family life.

If you would like to join a group from Trinity to travel to Enterprise, Florida for this special "Day on Campus," please contact Gloria Colvin at 894-3625.

Schedule of Events

- 8:00 a.m. Gates open - Tour Campus
- 10:30 a.m. Program in Gymnasium
- 12 noon Picnic lunch - tours continue



Trinity is already collecting coats and blankets, but many could also use a warm hat or scarf!

To meet this need, Trinity will begin a new Hats for the Homeless ministry. The goal is to knit or crochet as many as possible now, and then to continue working to knit or crochet 200 additional hats and scarves by next fall. If you already knit or crochet, or would like to learn how, contact Beth Curry BFCSeries@yahoo.com to see how you can help.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Kay Hall

Are you interested in a Monday Morning Bible Study? Currently, we have nine women who are studying an "Overview of the Bible," using the Bible as our study guide. We share answers to specific questions that are furnished from the previous week.

Our group is interdenominational in character and is open to all who seek knowledge of His word regardless of where you are in your faith. This is a great opportunity to learn, to meet, and to share with others.

We meet on Mondays, from 10 -11:30 a.m. at 2990 Golden Eagle Drive East. For more information, please contact Kay Hall at 893-7313.

Rev. Vance Rains to Share Vision for United Methodist Campus Ministries

Be sure to make your reservations to come to the March United Methodist Women monthly luncheon meeting, March 2. Reverend Vance Rains, Executive Director of Higher Education and Campus Ministry for the Florida Annual Conference, will be our program speaker. Vance promises to bring us updates and stories about campus ministry, with his unique vision for today's college students.

He has a special passion for ministry with young people and says, "I will share my vision to see today's college students become the leaders of widespread renewal in the United Methodist Church and



beyond." In addition to his responsibilities on the FSU campus at the FSU Wesley Foundation, Vance has oversight of the nine United Methodist campus ministries in the Florida Conference. He also has Trinity ties with his wife Kelly, who is a member of Trinity and also serves as the Trinity Youth Director. Vance and Kelly have two high-school aged children who are Trinity members, Malinda and John.

Vance is an exciting and entertaining public speaker. You want to be sure to mark your calendars for this special program. Reservations for lunch must be made through Nancy Kerse at 877-6546 by February 25. Hope to see you in March!

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, March 8, with Gail Wray, 527 Woodfern Ct.

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

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

Circle 5 meets Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. with Shirley Kirwin, 1855 Easton Forest Drive.

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

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

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, March 16, at 10 a.m. with Ann Booth 902 Blackwood Ave.

Circle 10 meets Thursday, March 18. For time and place call Dawn Long - 539-4889.

Pace Center for Girls, Inc. of Tallahassee

*Sabrina Denmark
Church and Society co-chair*

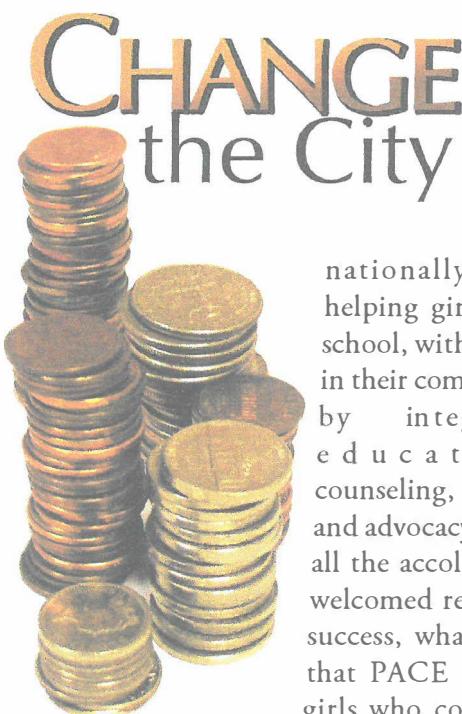
PACE Center for Girls, Inc. of Tallahassee provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy. Their main goal is to help improve the life of girls. They are changing the world one girl at a time. PACE is and remains a place that creates miracles in the lives of girls who are too often invisible or forgotten. Their philosophy is that PACE values all girls and young

women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate

a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity and grace.

PACE's successful model has been

nationally recognized for helping girls find success in school, with their families and in their communities by integrating education, counseling, training and advocacy. While all the accolades are welcomed recognition of their success, what matters more is that PACE provides help for girls who come from difficult



life situations with a safe nurturing place to find a path back to hope. More than half of the girls who come to PACE are the young victims of physical or sexual abuse and many are failing or have dropped out of school. PACE understands the relationship between victimization and delinquency in girls and helps girls turn their lives around.

PACE Leon opened its doors in 1993, and since that time has served over 1300 girls. They will host their 15th year anniversary celebration, with the theme 15 Years of Believing and Listening to Girls. The event will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 at the Tallahassee Community College. It's free to the public and you are all invited.

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

Kelly Rains *Jordan Perry*
Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Kelly ...

Did you know that Trinity has had over 100 pastors since it started? Did you know that church has had 4 different church buildings on 2 different



Linda Yates, second from right, met with Confirmation class members recently to show them some of Trinity's history in the Heritage Room. Members of the Confirmation class are, from left, Emily Stevens, Matthew Huggins, Katie Watson, Joelle Carbonell, Molly (Mary Lynn's cousin), Mary Lynne Steinmeyer, Rachel Bielling, and Courtney Hamm.

church sites in downtown Tallahassee? And did you know that Trinity was in existence before Florida was even a state? Well, our current Confirmation class just learned this plus a whole lot more after visiting the Heritage Room during their Sunday school class last week. It was very informative and Linda Yates did a wonderful job sharing all of her knowledge with us.



The Confirmation class recently took the history tour through the Heritage Room with Linda Yates as their docent. Tour times may be scheduled on Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour or from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays. To schedule a session, contact Linda Yates at 385-2768 or yateslin@comcast.net

So if you haven't made it to the third floor Heritage Room I would encourage you to do so.

All year the Confirmation class has worked hard learning about what it means not only a Christian but also a United Methodist. They have studied the bible, church history, the hymnal, the liturgical calendar, and the United Methodist sacraments, creeds, and social principles. They have even studied Trinity's stained glass windows and now beginning their visits to the Jewish Synagogue and Catholic Church. It's been a very busy year and we have covered so much information during the Sunday school hour. They continue to amaze me with their questions and it's been great watching them grow in their understanding of God. I couldn't be more proud of them and the great job they are doing!



Spaghetti Fundraiser

Saturday, March 27th

Moor Hall

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale through March:

- Sundays in the Welcome Center
- Wednesdays during dinner (5:30-6:30 p.m.)
- in the church office M-F (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)
- at the door day on the day of the event

Cost: \$5 Adults, \$3 Kids (K-5)

Includes: Spaghetti, salad, bread, cookie, beverage, and parking in church lot as space is available.

UNDERGROUND ministries



Upcoming Youth events for March

Mar 3 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-High, 6:30pm HS)
Mar 7 Youth Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
Mar 10 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-High, 6:30pm HS)
Mar 14 Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
Mar 17 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-High, 6:30pm HS)
Mar 21 \$25 Deposit for 30 Hour Famine Trip Due
Mar 21 Youth Choir Sings at 8:30 & 11:00am
Mar 21 Youth Praise Band 4pm, No Youth Choir, UMYF 6pm
Mar 24 Wednesday Bible Study (4:30pm Mid-High, 6:30pm HS)
Mar 27 Springtime Tallahassee Spaghetti Fundraiser (shifts 8am-4pm)
Mar 28 No Youth Praise Band, No Youth Choir, UMYF 6pm (Movie Night)

Other Upcoming Events

Apr 1 Camp Scholarship Forms due in Leesburg
Apr 16-17 30 Hour Famine
May 1 Confirmation Banquet 6pm
May 2 Confirmation Sunday
May 16 Graduate Sunday

Summer Dates

June 9-12 Mid-High Mission Trip to Orlando
June 13-18 ... VBS
June 27-
July 2 Youth Week
July 12-17 ... Camp in Leesburg
July 25-31 ... Sr. High Mission Trip to New Orleans
July 8 Youth Sunday

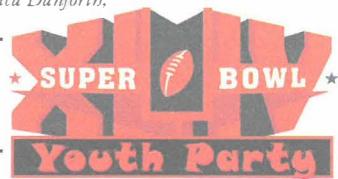


Enjoying a game of cards, from left, Alexis Whitlock, Justice Merlau, Jessica Danforth, Michaella Wolfe, Hayley Ashlin, and Malinda Rains.



Relaxing after the pre-game meal, from left, Avery Smith, Ben Bryan, Sarah Roberts, David Jensen, Amanda Jacke, Michaella Wolfe, and Malinda Rains.

New Orleans Saints 31



Indianapolis Colts 17



All eyes are glued to the Super Bowl action. Okay, maybe not everyone was a football fan, but a good time was enjoyed by all in attendance. In addition to the big game, there was food and other games.



Playing a game with the ping-pong balls are, from left, Kathryn Crotty, April Bradley, Alex Ingram, Ella Smith, Amelia Carroll, and Elizabeth Vandervort.



Playing spoons, from left, Alex Ingram, Youth volunteer, Amber Senna, Justice Merlau, Amelia Carroll, Savannah Sterling, Youth Director, Kelly Rains, Edna Foxworth, and Joshua Clark.



During halftime of the big game, from left, Amanda Jacke, Alexis Whitlock, Sarah Roberts, Malinda Rains, Ben Bryan, Sam Dobbs, Laura Gorham, Joshua Clark, David Jensen, and Avery Smith.

Easter Egg Hunt Apr. 3

Mary Stephenson

We would like to invite the members of Trinity and friends to join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Tom Brown Park. We will be having a potluck brunch followed by the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. We are once again asking each family to 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 eggs to find.



The Egg Hunt and brunch will be at Tom Brown Park in the Lake Leon Playground Area (the old playground off of Conner Boulevard). The activities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with coffee, cocoa, and games and facepainting. The potluck brunch and Easter Egg Hunt will follow.

Please join us for this fun Trinity family tradition!

Habitat Build

Ron McCranie

Spring is just around the corner and what better way to greet it than being outside in the fresh air and sunshine, building a home!

Area Methodist churches are partnering with our Presbyterian brothers and sisters to sponsor a new Habitat home, beginning on Saturday, Feb. 27. The build will be located at 2475 Pennlyn Drive in the Tallahassee Highlands neighborhood off Centerville Road, and will be the new home of Erica Clayton and her two children.

Volunteers will come together on Saturdays during the next three months or so to help build



Habitat for Humanity®

the home. As in the past, there will be a variety of opportunities; from providing breakfast or lunch and setting trusses, to painting and landscaping.

Trinity is scheduled to work on March 13 (trusses and decking), April 10 (siding/interior paint), April 24 (interior paint), and May 15 (landscaping). In addition, Trinity will be responsible for providing breakfast and lunch on May 15. (Meal providers are reimbursed for costs).

Please consider coming out to help in this

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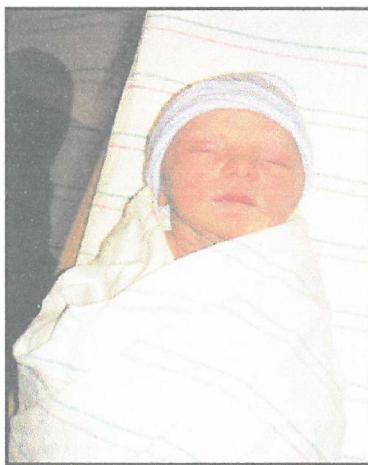
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Thank the Lord, our child has arrived!

Tony Fotsch
Associate Pastor

Christian Anthony Fotsch was born Feb. 13, 2010 at 12:55 a.m. He weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs., 4 ozs. and is 21 inches long. Mommy and baby are both doing great and resting well.

We want to thank our church family for all the outpouring of love, prayers, support and gifts for our little boy. Your generosity goes beyond words and he truly is a blessed child already! Yet, if it's true that it takes a village to raise a child, he is most blessed by the wonderful family of God who will surround him (and us parents) in these months and years ahead. I (Tony) grew up in a large family, one of 10 children, and so have always felt at home



Christian Anthony Fotsch

with a large group of loving people around me. Debbie, on the other hand, was an only child (and only Grandchild!), and so has reflected on the intimate and focused love poured into her. We are in eager anticipation for how the Lord will provide both to our child, through our small immediate family and our large "extended family" at the Church.

We are looking forward to showing him off to his church

family, but we do thank everyone for understanding that Mommy, baby (and Daddy!) will need a little space and rest over the first month or so. We'll do our best to keep everyone updated by e-mail, conversations and pictures, and can't wait to introduce him to his extended family soon!

In the love of Christ,
Tony, Debbie, and Christian

- Contest Winners -

In the contest to guess date and birth weight, Armando Garcia came closest on the birthdate with a guess of Feb. 12, 4:10 p.m., and the closest guessers of birth weight were Cindy Repasky, Maxine Mantooh, and Bill Kappes who all guessed 7 lbs., 4 ozs.