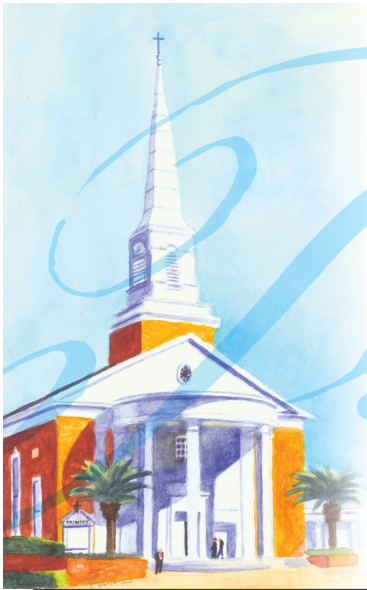




MONTHLY Findings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

The Clothing Connection

September 14 - 7-11 a.m.



Walli Bealle
Clothing Connection

Please **DO** bring new underwear and socks - (all sizes), shoes - sized and tied together (laces or rubber bands). No evening shoes please. **DO** bring clothes that are sorted and sized (like those pictured above). - this would be GREATLY APPRECIATED. **DO** bring monetary donations - please! **DO** bring children's books!

Have you started yet? Have you even thought about it?

We, the members of the Clothing Connection Committee, hope you have your September Calendar set up with the dates **September 9-13 high-lighted**, and with a star by **September 14***. Those are the dates when we will be receiving your gently used clothing at Moor Hall. On the 14th, from 7:00 - 11:00 a.m., we will be welcoming our shoppers. These shoppers are members of our community who are eager to fill a need in their wardrobes through our donated clothing.

Please dig deep and be as supportive of this Trinity ministry as you have been in the past.

To date, we have been blessed to meet the needs of countless families in our city through your donations of thousands of items which were no longer of use to you.

To make the job easier for all involved, we ask that your contributions of lightly used clothing be bundled with like and like-sized items tied together and shoes tied in pairs. There will be volunteers to receive your donations at Moor Hall on the specified days.

• We need financial aid to help defray event costs and to make purchases of needed items.

- We need volunteers to help with the set-up, take down, and during the hours of shopping.
- We need jackets and jeans.
- We need Men's small collared shirts and pants.
- We need Women's L and XL size dresses

Our need for generous Trinity volunteers to help make the day successful is great. The reward in meeting a very critical need for our neighbors is greater still! Thank you for your contribution!

Volunteer Opportunities:

Set-up days: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 – 1:00 (any time you have is appreciated)

Wednesday 3:30 – 7:30 pm

Day of Sale: Saturday 7:00 am – 11:00



Please **DON'T** bring clothes that haven't been sorted, sized or that are not in wearable condition - items that must be dry-cleaned are not popular - the exception being business suits and dress coats.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
July 13- Aug. 9, 2013:

In memory of **Lucas E. Stevens** from Leslie and Palmer Williams.

In memory of **Robert Hill Smith** from Bob and Joycelyn Cogswell and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. McDaniel, Jr.

In memory of **L. Ralph "Bubba" Smith** from Rick and Julie Weidner, Lea and Bill Manifold, Judge and Mrs. Marion Cummings, Bob and Chris Carnes, Erin Birosek, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. McDaniel, Jr.

In memory of **Richard R. Jackson** from Blair and Nancy Williams, Rosann Hooks, and Marcos and Lynn Barrera.

In memory of **Bernard Schiell** from Bill and Marylee Peebles, Benson and Betty Ann Skelton, Martha Tilden, Ledley and Oberley Brown, and John and Mary Leslie Olson.

In memory of **Hollis O. Pemberton, Jr.** from Harry and Lisa Miley and Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In memory of **Barry Mittan** from Bill and Judy Levy.

In memory of **Carmen Bullard** from Bill and Cynthia Smith, Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers and Mason and Gerald Harris.

Pastors' Coffee for New Members

If you are interested in joining the church, come to meet the Pastors at the next "Pastor's Coffee." We will meet on **Sunday, September 15, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** in Moor Hall.

We will take some time to get to know one another, discuss basic distinctions of the Methodist faith, the ministries here at Trinity, and even tour our beautiful facility. Childcare is available upon request.

To sign up for this opportunity, please contact the church office at 222-1120, or e-mail: Trinity@tumct.org.



WAYNE'S WORDS

*By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,
Old Testament professor Walter Brueggemann offers what I believe is the perfect prayer for us as a congregation as we enter the fall season and consider priorities and plans for the upcoming year. Our future very much depends on each of us saying "Yes" to God and committing ourselves to God's work in and through us. Not "perhaps" or "maybe", but a simple, strong "YES."



You are the God who is simple, direct, clear with us and for us.

You have committed yourself to us.

You have said yes to us in creation,
yes to us in our birth,
yes to us in our baptism,
yes to us in our awakening this day.

But we are of another kind,
more accustomed to "perhaps, maybe, we'll see,"
left in wonderment and ambiguity.

We live our lives not back to your yes,
but out of our endless "perhaps."

So we pray for your mercy this day that we may live yes back to you,
yes with our time,
yes with our money,
yes with our strength and with our weakness,
yes to our neighbor,
yes and no longer "perhaps."

In the name of your enfleshed yes to us,
even Jesus who is our yes into your future. Amen

It is my fervent prayer that each of us, in some small way, will say "Yes" to God and to the future God desires for Trinity United Methodist Church.

You are loved,

Wayne

Music News for September

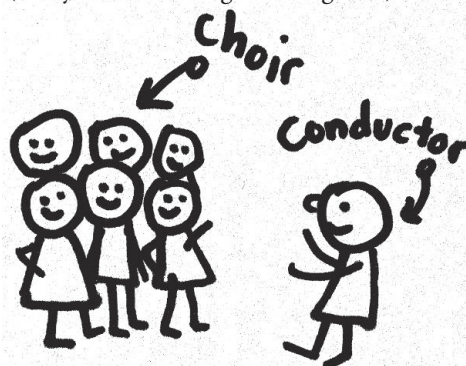
Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Congratulations Jonathan!

Jonathan Hehn is a superb organist. Every Sunday, he provides great musical expertise and focuses on enhancing the congregation's worship experience. We are most fortunate to have Jonathan serving in this vital capacity here at Trinity. Saturday, August 3, Jonathan was awarded his DM in Organ Performance from FSU. We applaud this achievement. He had been a college student for 11 years. By his own reckoning, he has performed in over 50 organ recitals during that time. Organists with doctoral degrees are quite rare. Trinity has enjoyed the musical offerings of three of these in the past 20 years: Myron Munday, Jim Lorenz and now Jonathan Hehn.

Cherub Choir has New Leaders

We say a fond farewell and "thank you" to Mary Alice Mills who was a wonderful leader for our youngest choir (two year olds through kindergarten)



for several years. And we say "welcome" to Linzee Buck and Kristin Large who are taking over that responsibility, starting August 25. The children enjoy Cherub Choir each Sunday in room 105, 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Interested in Joining?

If you are interested in joining a music group at Trinity, we make it easy. Simply come to one of our rehearsals. You can get additional information by calling the church (222-1120) or sending me an email (mrepasky@tumct.org).

Steel Pans Needs One Player

Want to try something new? Really enjoy music? Try steel pans! It is quite challenging



and a lot of fun! Percussionists and handbell ringers make great pan players. If you are a strong musician with solid music reading skills, **YOU CAN DO THIS!** We practice on Sunday afternoons, beginning September 8. Contact me if you are interested.

College/Career Handbells

This group is now open to all ages. If you are an experienced musician with good music reading skills, we can easily teach you the art of handbell ringing. We practice in the handbell room on Sundays, 6:15-7:15 p.m. starting September 8.



Best Kept Secret?

Sometimes it seems our NETkids ministry for elementary age children is one of Tallahassee's best kept secrets. Yes, I think the program is that good! We offer lots of great musical experiences including two choirs, handbells and an Orff instrument class, musicals and concerts at nearby retirement centers. But that is only part of the NETkids program! Rev. Hynes and her assistants provide a variety of other Christ-centered and group building experiences. Take a look at the NETkids brochure Rev. Hynes will make available soon for more detailed information.

Parents, please consider getting your youngsters involved. If lack of transportation is keeping your child from participation, don't give up. Contact Rev. Hynes (222-1120) or speak with other parents about carpooling. I hope to see many children at our first gathering on Wednesday, September 18.

Senior Handchimes Is Starting Soon

So you are retired now, and have a bit more control over your schedule. How about getting involved in a church music activity designed just for you? The only requirement is that you can read music. We will teach you everything else! This is a low-pressure, fun group. And every now and then, as a bonus, we get to help lead our congregation in worship!

Children's Home update

Gloria Colvin
Children's Home Liaison

Recently I heard an inspiring young woman speak about her life journey and the people who had helped her to reach some pretty impressive goals. Her story was particularly interesting to me because she grew up in the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, went on to attend college at UCF and then got a law degree at Stetson, and now works as an Assistant District Attorney in the area of child advocacy. She spoke about her close relationship to her house parents at the

Children's Home and how influential they and her experience there had been in shaping her life.

Several times a year, there is a 5th Sunday in the month and Trinity, *like all other United Methodist Churches in the state*, takes an offering that goes to support the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Even though we hear about the wonderful programs that it offers for children whose parents are unable to care for them, it's when we hear

stories like this that the impact of this ministry becomes clear. This young woman is just one of many children and teens whose lives have been enriched and changed because of the Children's Home.

September is one of those months with a fifth Sunday. If you haven't yet made a gift to the Children's Home this year, please consider doing so this month and know that your gifts will make a difference in the lives of many children.

Local leaders to speak at WinM luncheon Sept. 8

Linda Yates, WinM Communications

Trinity Women in Ministry invite interested men and women of the church to attend their luncheon meeting in Moor Hall after morning worship Sept. 8 to hear a report on hunger and poverty issues of women and girls in Leon County.

Kristine E. Knab, Executive Director of Legal Services of North Florida, Inc. and vice chair of the Leon County Commission on Status of Women and Girls, and Haley Cutler, Executive Director of The Oasis Center for Women and Girls, will discuss findings of a survey the Commission took last year of the female 52.4 percent of the population. They will talk primarily about hunger and poverty issues, current focus of Trinity women's ministry.

The survey also gathered information about

how women and girls are impacted by crime and justice, economic security, education, health and mental health, and leadership roles. The next phase of the Commission's work is to address findings with concrete recommendations for action.

Ms. Knab graduated with high honors from FSU Law School, chose a career in poverty law and joined the LSNF staff in 1978. In 1994 she became LSNF's Executive Director, and has spent over 30 years growing the organization from a small non-profit to a highly respected legal aid program, serving 16 counties from 5

offices. She has shown leadership within the community as a board or advisory board member of numerous state and local boards dealing with fair housing, consumer and justice issues. In 2001 she was honored by Tallahassee Community College during Women's History Month, in 2008 by the Girl Scout Council of the Big Bend as a Woman of Distinction, in 2010 by the Oasis Center for Women and Girls as a Trailblazer, and in 2013 was honored with the Richard W. Ervin Equal Justice Award.

Ms. Cutler is a founding member of The Oasis Center and since March 2012 has served as its executive director. Following graduation from Florida State with a degree in Sociology and Women's Studies, she worked primarily in the fields of domestic and sexual violence, and social change education. She served in a number of

roles at three certified domestic violence and rape crisis centers in Florida, including the local Refuge House, Women in Distress of Broward County, and Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse.

The luncheon is scheduled on a Sunday rather than its regular first Tuesday time so that working women, young mothers and others will be able to attend. These first time attendees will be guests of the organization. They and current members are all asked to make reservations with Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Sept. 5.



Haley Cutler

WinM Action Team Meetings

The Aultie Foster Action Team will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Church Library at 10:30 a.m.

The Alpha Action Team (Circle 1) will meet Monday, Sept. 9, at 10 a.m. at the home of Shirley Benson, 1832 Jean Street.

The Dorcas Action Team will meet in the Church Library at 1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The Mary Martha Action Team will meet at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 9, at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 West Randolph Circle.

The Morning Coffee Action Team will meet Sept. 10 at 8:30 a.m. Call Ruth Ann High (894-2806) for location.

The Sojourners Action Team will meet for lunch at noon on Wednesday, Sept. 4, at a downtown restaurant. Call Marti Chumbler at 893-6596 for directions.

Susanna Wesley Action Team will meet Tuesday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m., at the home of Miriam Peirce, 4194 Diplomacy Circle, with Dot Binger as co-hostess.

The Voice Action Team will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Cracker Barrel.

Save the Date for the CROP Walk



Gloria Colvin
CROP Walk Coordinator

This year's CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 20 at Lake Ella, so mark and save that date on your calendar. People who have participated in this event in previous years know that you can have fun and get some exercise while raising money to help alleviate hunger in our local community and around the world. It's a great opportunity for families, as well as individuals, to do something that will have a *direct impact* on people's basic need for food.

Twenty-five per cent of the monetary

contributions raised through the walk are given to local non-profit food distribution agencies. Remaining contributions are for state, national, and international emergencies, as well as for long-term food and clean water development in 80 developing nations. All food donated during the event goes to local food distribution agencies.

The CROP Walk is a program of Church World Service, a faith-based humanitarian organization that partners with other organizations around the world to eradicate hunger and poverty and to promote peace

and justice. Tallahassee is one of more than 2,000 communities in the United States that sponsor a CROP Walk each year. Many local congregations join together for this program, and last year, collectively we raised over \$20,000.

This year, Trinity will again be leading the planning and coordination of the CROP Walk, under the direction of Phyllis McCranie. Part of our leadership role will be to set an example with our participation, fund raising, and food contributions. If you're interested in walking or being involved in some other way, please contact Gloria Colvin (gpcolvin@yahoo.com) or Phyllis McCranie (pamccranie@embarqmail.com).

Make Friends, Have Fun, Help Others, and Get Healthy

Colleen McConnell
Health Wellness

The Trinity Health & Wellness Team, led by Beth Curry, is busy providing many opportunities for getting healthy at church and having fun in the process. This ministry has also raised over \$20,000 since its inception and all of that money goes to help others both locally and worldwide.

If you haven't gotten involved yet, don't waste another minute. Check out the opportunities below for this month and visit the website for the latest information about this ministry (<http://www.tumct.org/community/adults/health-wellness-ministry/>).

Blood Mobile

Will be here Sunday, Sept. 29. Those who donated in June and donate again will be eligible for a free coupon to Outback Steakhouse.

Community Garden – It's Working!

A work date will soon be announced to plant the new garden sometime mid-Sept. We have a great crew of 13 gardeners who have alternated weeks maintaining the garden - and for the first time ever, the crops are being picked just as quickly as they are coming in.

Mats for the Homeless

Ongoing work at home. Watch the website and bulletin for yarn-making sessions. Youth going to Guatemala

in the spring are each planning to make one. The Shelter has been given 24 to date and would definitely like to have more. They are used for those who have to sleep outside on the concrete



This is one of the Mats showing the "yarn" (plastic bags) and crochet hook.

Hats for the Homeless

about 1000 sets have been given away so far. Stock is depleted. People are working at



The "Staying Strong" group uses flex bands for resistance training.

home on this project, but more are welcome. We will meet 12:30 p.m. on second Tuesday Sept - Dec.

BFC Exercise – Join the Fun and Support Missions!

Starting in Sept. - Walk to Bethlehem (4:15 pm) walking program and Power Hour (6:30 pm) with the Lay Academy. To date over \$20,000 has been raised through class donations. \$11,900 has gone back out into the community (locally and globally). \$6,300 still in the BFC account and \$1,700 in the Health Wellness Account.



Variety Mix class with Beth Curry.



Beth Curry leads a "Staying Strong" group.

"... I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health - that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!"

3 John:2

Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time!

Classes are in the Parlor.

BFC Series Exercise Classes

— Tuesdays and Thursdays —

- 9:15 - Staying Strong
- 11:00 - Variety Mix**

*\$3 suggested donation **Nursery by reservation only

— Wednesdays —

- 4:15-5:30 p.m. Walk to Bethlehem
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Power Hour

For more information:

Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com

Richard Parsons - rrptroy@gmail.com

Recruiting Trinity Men to Get in the Game!

David LaJeunesse

Trinity is making plans now for a group of men to attend a weekend retreat with other men sponsored by the Florida Conference of United Methodist Men (www.ummflconf.org). This will be an exciting opportunity to hear our new bishop, Ken Carter, who was assigned to the Florida Conference in July 2012. Bishop Carter will be joined by Dave Sanderson talking on changes in perspective, Rev. Dale Locke from Community of Hope Loxahatchee, and the Lighthouse Praise Team from First UMC Coral Gables. All events focus on personal transformation of men by challenging and equipping them to examine

their values, actions, and motives.

Members of the Trinity Men's Team will plan to stay and eat at the Youth Camp for a total retreat cost of only \$130. To ensure your spot on the team for this Men's expedition experience, complete your registration on the website and submit it to the church. Please make checks payable to Trinity UMC, with "Men's Retreat" in the memo line. If you have questions, please contact David LaJeunesse at 850-766-3147 or dclajeunesse@embarqmail.com.

Bishop Ken Carter will speak at the Men's Retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park.



The Men's Spiritual Retreat schedule:

- Friday p.m.: travel, check in, meal, opening gathering including singing, speaker
- Saturday: meals, gatherings, workshops, speakers, evening service or event
- Sunday: early event, worship service, pack up, return travel

NETkids - Explore with Us

Barbara Hynes, Associate Pastor of Discipleship

NETkids = Nurture relationships, Explore God's Word, Transform the World (just add kids)

Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to come explore with us at NETkids every Wednesday, beginning September 18. Each week we will have a variety of activities which help us to learn from God's Word, build relationships, and

develop new skills. This year we will explore K10C (Kid's Ten Commandments Project), Thankfulness, and Friendship through story, games and activities. We will also be working on the NETkids Railroad in support of these themes, producing

a Christmas play, a Spring Musical, and doing monthly service projects. Growing as Disciples is fun at NETkids!

Brochures and registration forms are now available in the children's area on the second floor, the Welcome Center and online.

Lay Academy begins another year

Lay Academy is a series of adult education classes offered in five separate terms from September to May. Classes are open to the general public and a new session begins **Wednesday, Sept. 18**. Classes include: **A Disciple's Path**, taught by Rev. Curry; a Bible study on Daniel, led by Ruth Ann High; **Men's Group**, led by Bill Fritchman; **Becoming Fit at Church (BFC) Series** exercise classes, led by Beth Curry; and an in-depth study on **Hunger in America**, led by Marti Chumbler. Look for brochures in Sunday bulletins or go online (tumct.org) to register.



Young Adults Growing in Faith, Fun, and Service

Pastor Tony Fotsch, Nancy Duncan, and Nick Quinton

Trinity's Young Adult ministry is looking forward to an exciting fall season together. We are a wonderfully diverse group of people in our 20's & 30's (ish) seeking to connect in a loving community during this often transitional period of our lives. While we are quite involved in all of the ministries of the Trinity family, there are a lot of things we have coming up, specifically for our group. If you'd like to be included on our e-mail list, please contact Pastor Tony: tonyfotsch@tumct.org, or the church office: Trinity@tumct.org, or at the church number: 222-1120.

Small group studies have always been a cornerstone of the United Methodist faith. All of Trinity's Sunday School and other small-group studies are open to anyone of any age. However, there are two study groups that have attracted many other Young Adults:

Trinity's Examining Faith class is an ongoing discussion about the foundations of the Christian faith. We are a safe and accepting community that meets each week during the Sunday School hour (9:45 – 10:45am in the Conference Room) to discuss both controversial and mundane aspects of our own and others' religious worldviews. Often opinionated and always open-minded, this class welcomes adults of all ages from all different backgrounds and perspectives. Our aim is community and the result is a unique Christian education experience each week! Join us as we seek to further understand the theological foundations and spiritual practices



Emily and John Jensenius prepare for Examining Faith Sunday School class.

of our shared faith.

Trinity young adults have been meeting on a weekly basis for the past year to explore and learn more about the Bible and our spiritual journeys. The Bible Study plus regular covered-dish dinners help to connect people who are in graduate school or

nearing completion of undergraduate degrees and those who are building careers in the community.

We will be beginning new studies this fall, but all sessions are planned to be stand-alone so that anyone can join at any time. If you feel that this group is a good fit for you, or know someone who would enjoy getting to know other young adults and explore the Bible, please contact the church office or Pastor Tony for details or email our facilitator Nancy Duncan at duncanjn2@comcast.net.

Youth Happenings in September

Kelly Rains
Youth Director

John Freeze
Youth Intern

A Note from Kelly ...

It has been an awesome summer and I am so proud of my youth for how they challenged themselves and grew spiritually this summer. We started off the summer with our theme of "GO!" Go make disciples of all nations... (*Matthew 28:19*). They not only were willing to challenge themselves personally but they went out and told others about God, our church, and being a Christian. That's hard for anybody to do, not to mention a teenager. They also invited lots of friends to church for our Youth Week events and challenged the congregation on Youth Sunday to invite people to church. Did you know that according to research in 2012, 70% of unchurched people have never

been *invited* to church? If *we* don't invite them then who will? It's up to us to reach out to others and invite them to a Bible study, a Wednesday night dinner, a worship service, or maybe a mission project. It's up to each of us to GO out into the world, not just stay here at church (as great as that might be).



Upcoming Youth events for September

- Sept. 1 Choir Sings 11am
- Sept. 1 Back to School Pool Party 6-8pm (Wade Wehunt Pool)
- Sept. 6-8 Rock the Universe
- Sept. 8 No UMYF
- Sept. 14 Clothing Connection
- Sept. 15 Youth Council 12pm
- Sept. 15 Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 15 High School Late Nite 8pm
- Sept. 18 Raa pickup begins, Middle School Bible Study 4:30pm
- Sept. 18 High School Bible Study 6:30pm
- Sept. 22 Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 22 High School Late Nite 8pm
- Sept. 25 Bible Study (Middle School 4:30pm, High School 6:30pm)
- Sept. 28 Kids Against Hunger Event
- Sept. 28 Mid-High Madness (Skating)
- Sept. 29 Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 29 High School Late Nite 8pm

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 4-6 Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 20 Crop Walk
- Dec. 4 Christmas Tree Pickup
- Dec. 7 Chili Fundraiser



Begins Wednesday, Sept. 18
at 4:30 p.m. for Mid-High
and 6:30 p.m. for High School
The Underground (youth area)



Hope Community Phase 2 complete

Sam Rogers

For the second year running, Trinity members have undertaken an ambitious project to improve living conditions for those homeless persons with dependent children at the Hope Community campus located on W. Pensacola Street. Once again, Trinity stepped up to provide volunteers and resources to renovate eight bedrooms, four bathrooms, the laundry room, halls and public living room with the following:

- Three new commercial grade washers and three new dryers, plus a custom-made table for folding clothes.
- 18 gallons of quality interior paint for the bedrooms and bathrooms, halls, living areas plus two gallons of epoxy paint to help seal and mildew-proof shower stalls, and provide several with new shower curtains.
- Improved lighting with installation of new ceiling light fixtures in all bathrooms.
- New venetian blinds in public living rooms and as needed in bedrooms.
- Three new oversized sofas and one large ottoman providing comfortable seating for 12 in the living room. (see photo)

This phase of the project was completed in August thanks to the hard work and contributions of Trinity's faithful. This project is one reason, among many, that Trinity is known as, "The Church With

A Heart For The City."

Here are excerpts from a letter to all Trinity members and staff. *"On behalf of the Homeless Coalition's Board of Directors, our staff and, most importantly, those we serve in our community... Thank You. Our mission to end homelessness is something that requires an 'all hands on deck' approach... oftentimes this work seems intangible when... [attempting] to... end homelessness... but we see [an] ending every single day for a child like six year old Eric and his sister Julia, age four... and their parents as they move into their own apartment. We see a veteran who has served our country enter stable housing after years of living in emergency housing or on the streets... [or] when a single woman gains employment and self-sufficiency after enduring and surviving years of domestic abuse... or when a man like Robert who has been battling mental health challenges for years without family support... has a safe*



3 new oversized sofas and one large ottoman provide seating for 12 in the living room.

place to call home and... start to increase his quality of life. Because of the love, fellowship and investment of people just like you, our family from Trinity United Methodist Church... our community is a better place. For when we measure our success by how we treat those who need a hand up the most, your work helps raise the bar. Thank you Trinity for the leadership and support of your congregation and staff whose love helps to

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end homelessness through HOPE Community." Nan O'Kelley, President, Board of Directors, Big Bend Homeless Coalition.

Trinity's Local Missions Team met August 13th to consider future community projects, and will meet again in September to approve a recommended budget. It is expected that the Hope Community will remain an essential part of Trinity's community outreach plans. Stay tuned for new opportunities to help make life safer and less stressful for some of our neighbors as they seek to find their way back from the devastating effects of homelessness.

Trinity's reading program - Reading All-Stars

Jane Olson

Kate Sullivan Liaison



As this new school year begins, do not think of it as the end of summer. Instead think of it as the beginning of another year to participate in Trinity's mentoring program at Kate Sullivan Elementary School.

We begin our tenth year of partnering with Kate Sullivan and this year, we are changing it up! To encourage more volunteers, they are

allowing more flexibility. They want to give everyone the opportunity to mentor a student by not limiting the days or available times.

Our Reading All Stars program working with first grade students will continue at 9:00 a.m. each morning, rather than only Tuesdays or Thursdays as has been in the past.

Now volunteers can choose any morning to work with their student and can even change the day of the week to accommodate personal schedules. If another grade level is preferred, this can be arranged also.

The school wants to work with us to encourage as much involvement as possible. Roberta Klawinski is our contact person

at Kate Sullivan and we have scheduled a mandatory orientation/training meeting for Wednesday, September 18 at 10 a.m. in the Kate Sullivan media center.

Interested mentors should report to the office and will be directed to the center. Former mentors need only to fill out the volunteer forms to update their file and new mentors will stay for a brief orientation.

This is such a gratifying and fulfilling experience to encourage a young student to strive and grow a love for learning. If you have any further questions, you can contact Jane Olson at janeolson@embarqmail.com or at 385-4540 (home). This is your opportunity to make a real difference in a young child's life!