



MONTHLY

Findings

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

What a Great Day of Service!

Trinity members gathered on Saturday, May 17, for a day of service to others. Following prayer and a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast, cooked by a volunteer group led by team leader, Nancy Duncan, members formed crews and went to work on a variety of projects. The groups that worked within Trinity were: the VBS prep crew, led by Brett Ingram; Snack pack crew, led by Cindy McDuffie; Hats and Mats for

the Homeless, and Community Garden, led by Beth Curry; and the Heritage Room crew, led by Linda Yates. There was also a group that worked on miscellaneous projects around the church which included maintenance, pressure washing (Wayne Curry), hanging tile, trimming greenery, and painting.

Other crews traveled throughout the city, to places where Trinity has previously done ministry, like: Lee's Place, led by Julia Young;

Hope Community, led by Sam Rogers, Sr.; Allen Outreach, led by Dot Hayward; Providence Neighborhood, led by Lora Chapman; Chelsea Cabin, led by Sabrina Denmark; Grace Mission, led by Paula Smith; Fuller Center house rehabilitation, led by Tony Fotsch; and The Habitat Thrift Store, led by Marti Chumbler.

The photos below are all from the Great Day of Service - the smiles tell the story.



Second Harvest



The youngest volunteer



Church maintenance



Fuller Center



Snack packs



Hope Community



VBS prep



Chelsea House



Hats and Mats for the Homeless

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
Apr. 19, 2014 - May 14, 2014:



In memory of **Lynda Ashley Haynie Hanson** from Bill and Alice Grow, Ledley and Oberley Brown, Maxine Barrett, Bob and Helen Montgomery, Beth Butcher, Phillip and Lucy Ciaravella, Diana and Francis Huber, Buzz and Betty Ann Korst, and Diane Moulton.

In memory of **Eleanor and Gifford Hale** from Diane Hale.

In memory of **Hazel Lavon Bradley** from Mary Marchant, Ledley and Oberley Brown, Donie Ann Henderson, Bob and Linda Yates, Bill and Alice Grow, and Beth Butcher.

In memory of **Ralph "Bubba" Smith** from Jodee and Frank Dorsey.

In memory of **Mary Alice Weatherly** from Betty Taylor.

In honor of **Cameron Huggins** from Kevin and Carol Keane.

Pastor Tony to be Ordained!

*A letter from Reverend Tony Fotsch
Soon to be Ordained Minister*

Dear Trinity family,

On June 13, at our Florida Annual Conference, I will be Ordained as an Elder in Full Connection with the United Methodist Church.

During this solemn and significant

ceremony, our Bishop, Ken

Carter, will prayerfully

place his hands upon me;

bestowing upon me the

authority and rights of

an Elder and uniting

me into the succession

of church leaders from

the first apostles and on

into the future. It will be

an inspiring and humbling

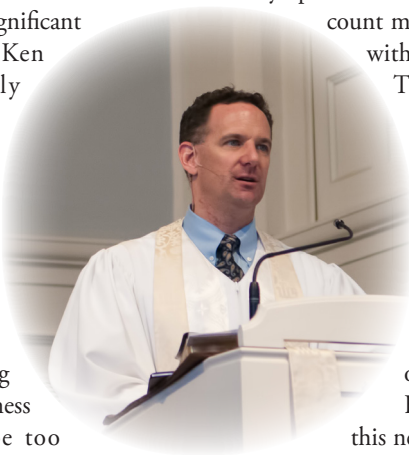
experience filled with holiness

and humanity. Don't be too

surprised to see me weeping as the rites

are proclaimed!

This ceremony will mark the culmination of



a journey that began at my baptism as an infant into my loving families of both blood and faith.

Yet, as I ponder this 14-year journey from hearing my specific calling into Ordained ministry, I

count myself so blessed to conclude it within the Trinity UMC family.

These past six years as your Associate Pastor have been an

invaluable experience for my growth and maturation as a

Pastor, father, husband, and Christian. And, it has been so special for Debbie and I

to begin raising our two little boys within the love and care of this wonderful church family.

How excited we are to begin this next phase with another year of

ministry here in Trinity UMC! Thank you all for the honor of your support in this. Debbie,

especially, is so appreciative to have this year of

stability and growth. Personally, we look forward to the space of this year to develop even deeper relationships and service with our church family.

Pastorally, may I just say how fascinated I am by the hopes and expectations the future will offer to the Trinity family for ministry? We will celebrate our 190th year in ministry this year. And, it will be a year that has some significant transitions.

As I consider my own transition, it is humbling to do so within the continuum of faith, service and life of Trinity UMC that has so much history, yet finds new expression almost every day. It has been such a blessing to cross this significant and meaningful threshold in my own life with you, and I am honored to continue on into the next journey serving with you!

God's blessings,

Tony

WAYNE'S WORDS

*By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor*

Dear Friends,

On May 4th, our Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson, Warren May, announced that Tony and I will be returning for another year of ministry with you here at Trinity United Methodist. Along with Barbara Hynes, we consider it an honor and privilege to serve as your pastors in this exciting congregation!

I am so very thankful

.... for each one of you!

....for our leaders who carry so much of the weight and responsibility of the practical aspects of our mission and ministry and for knowing how to give away resources and be a blessing to others.

...for my fellow pastoral and office staff who are such team players and who are so capable of doing ministry much better than me (and yet still honor me as their leader).

...for my wife, Beth. She truly keeps me balanced and reminds me of what life is all about—not the hours we scrape out of our existence, but the people we love and who love us.

I am humbled by a God who loves me in spite of my shortcomings. Just like the day I began this journey with God at the age of 18, now at 64, God is just as loving and intimate and pursuing as ever. So, it is to God that I give all the credit for everything I have and



I am thankful that God uses me. The last six years here at Trinity are especially amazing. But even so, I feel like there is so much God has in store for us in the months and years ahead. I look forward to journeying together with you to those exciting places God will take us!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

You are loved,

Wayne

Music News for June/July

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Special Music Offerings

During the summer months when most of the music groups at Trinity are taking some time off, we like to occasionally provide music for worship that is not part of our usual diet during the rest of the year.

So, what's new, you ask?

Sunday, June 8: Alex Metzger

From 10:45 to 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, twelve-year-old Alex Metzger will present



Alex Metzger at National Guild Auditions.

a mini recital on piano. A member of the Confirmation Class of 2014, Alex has a rare combination of speed and musical sensitivity, especially considering his young age. On May 17, he played 20 pieces by memory for National Guild Auditions. This was his fifth

year performing 20 pieces by memory! My wife Cindy and I teach piano students and are heavily involved in National Guild Auditions. We have never heard of a student playing a 20-piece program for five straight years. He will play Bach and Mozart along with several other composers. We invite you to come to the sanctuary early that morning and listen to a talented young member of our church do what he loves.

Sunday, July 13: Sue Parsons and Tasha Robinson

Tasha Robinson, good friend of our resident flautist Sue Parsons, is visiting from out of town, and is bringing her harp. Of course she needs to play at our church! I'm not sure there is any sound more beautiful in our sanctuary than that of a harp. Sue and Tasha will combine for some really special music that morning during our service.

Sunday, July 20: Torreya String Quartet

The Torreya String Quartet is a professional string quartet located in Tallahassee; all the players have graduate degrees from FSU College of Music. Aaron Seiler, their leader, enjoyed the acoustics of our sanctuary, having played here for a few weddings. They will provide special music for the 11 a.m. service and then again that afternoon



at 2 p.m., they will present a concert in our sanctuary, with free admission!

Six Weeks of Handbell Fundamentals

Here at Trinity, we are fortunate to have several members of our handbell groups who have been directors of handbell choirs in the past. They have a lot of knowledge and experience to share with others. Sally Stroheck, a member of Trinity Ringers, is doing just that! Starting Wednesday, June 18 and running for six consecutive weeks, Sally is leading a workshop on handbell fundamentals. Each week includes a new topic: "The Clapper," "Exercise is Good for the Ringer," "The Art of the Mark," "It Don't Mean a Thing if It Ain't Got That Swing," "Weaving the Night Away" and "What Kind of Ringer Am I." Sounds interesting! The classes are 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the handbell room. These classes are open to anyone with at least some handbell /handchime experience. Contact Sally at mygalsal59@yahoo.com or 561-706-2835 for further information and to sign up for the classes.



Partners in Providence

Lora Chapman

Local Missions - Providence Representative:

prov-i-dence \ *noun*; [from Latin *pro* on behalf of + *video* to see]; definition: a divine power guiding the future.

Providence Neighborhood is a low-income area where most of its residents stay less than five years in one place. It is located one-half mile south of Doak Campbell stadium, off Lake Bradford Road, on either side of Levy Avenue, as it cuts through to Innovation Park.

At the community's geographical and spiritual center lies the Providence Missionary Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Walter McDonald. On Saturday mornings, members of the neighborhood gather there to receive food assistance that includes packaged food, and fresh vegetables that is supplied by the Farm Share warehouse near Quincy, Florida.

Once a year, in late August, the Providence Neighborhood Association, together with the City of Tallahassee, sponsor "Fun Day," the purpose of which is (1) to build ties and friendships, and (2) to get the kids enthusiastic about a new school year. It was this event, 12 years ago, that initiated

Trinity's partnership with Providence. Ever since, Trinity members have been popping bags and bags of popcorn to an endless line of happy kids.

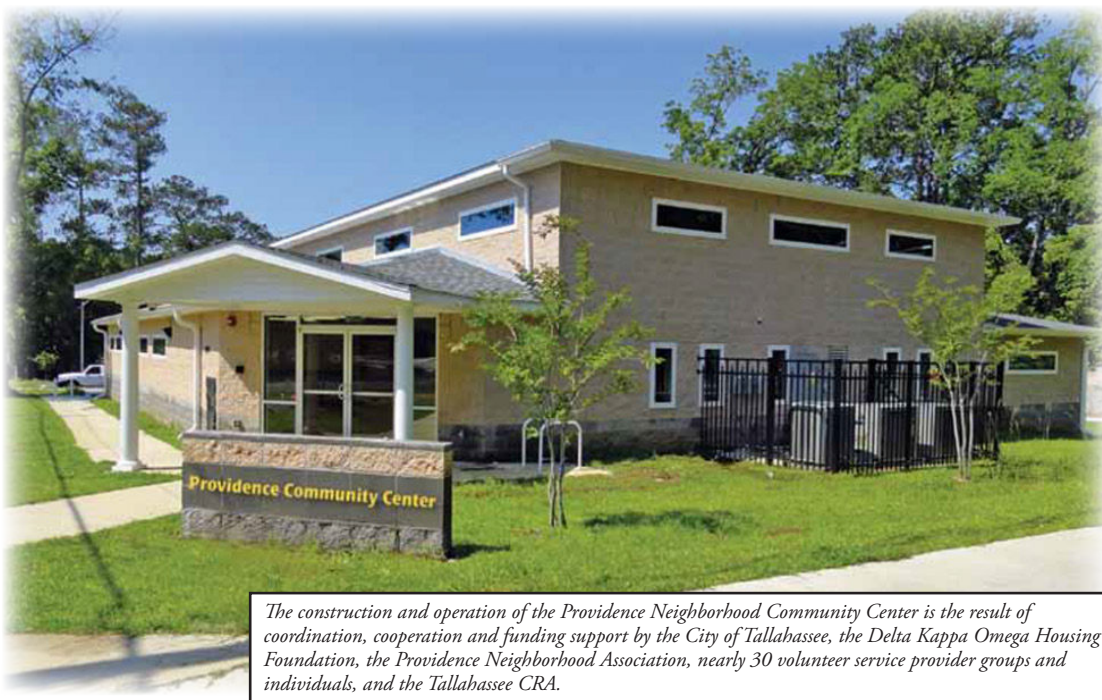
Trinity's plans to serve this community in 2014 are as follows:

1. Trinity's pan/steel drum band will play at the Fun Day in August.
2. Trinity members will distribute food to the neighbors in front of Providence Church.

3. Trinity members will participate in neighborhood trash pick-up.

We might also consider forming Trinity teams that could rotate throughout the year distributing food and picking up trash once a month. Perhaps Trinity's pan/steel drum band could play another concert?

Is it Trinity's providence to serve Providence Neighborhood?



The construction and operation of the Providence Neighborhood Community Center is the result of coordination, cooperation and funding support by the City of Tallahassee, the Delta Kappa Omega Housing Foundation, the Providence Neighborhood Association, nearly 30 volunteer service provider groups and individuals, and the Tallahassee CRA.

Notes from Ruth Ann High - HEO Coordinator

Ruth Ann High
HEO Coordinator

As you may know, H.E.O. stands for Helping Each Other - as in having walkers, wheelchairs and other medical equipment that are available to Trinity members who may need a little help. We have a medical equipment closet that has several devices that can help people "get around," including an orthopedic boot.

Even I have had to use the crutches and a wheelchair when I hurt my foot recently.

So if you, or someone you know, have a need for some medical equipment, please let me know. HEO is here to provide this help to people who need a little assistance.

Questions? Call me (222-1120) or email me(rahigh@tumct.org).



Health Wellness news for June/July

Health Wellness Team

"Fit To Serve"

How are you Staying Fit over the Summer?

It's important to stay in shape so we're able to serve God and the community in whatever way we're called. We'd love to hear from you what type of fitness activities you are involved in—outside of church. Contact Pam Crosby at crosbypamelacastellaw@gmail.com to let us know how you strive to be "fit to serve."

BFC Classes continue

Remember, the BFC classes continue all summer long. The "Staying Strong" class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. and in the "Variety Mix" class meets at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



The "Staying Strong" class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. The classes tone muscles, build core strength, and improve balance.



The "Variety Mix" class, shown here, meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11 a.m. This is an energetic class that will get your heart pumping.



Fresh Greens from Our Garden



Free salad greens, tomatoes, cucumbers, and herbs await you in our Community Garden—the more you pick, the bigger the harvest!

Try some diced mint in a salad or sandwich for a refreshing taste.

Contact Beth Curry bfcseries@yahoo.com or call the church office if you would like to help keep the garden weeded and watered.



'Run or Dye' Tallahassee 5K Race – July 5, 2014

Join the Trinity Runners and Walkers for a colorful race that starts at the downtown Civic Center on July 5. The race is for all ages and all speeds—fast or slow. It's all about having fun and raising money for charity. Wear something light in color that will become surprisingly colorful during the race. Or wear a costume and come as your favorite character.

Proceeds will go to the FSU Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Have fun, get fit, and help others all at the same time!

To become part of the Trinity Walkers and Runners team, contact Marie Bradley at mbradley1716@comcast.net or call 850-728-5383. For more info on the race: <http://www.runordye.com/locations/Tallahassee-2013>

For more about the Health Wellness Ministry go to <http://www.tumct.org/community/adults/health-wellness-ministry/> or Contact Beth Curry bfcseries@yahoo.com.



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 —
Classes resume in the Fall

Upcoming Events

Trinity Runners and Walkers

- Run or Dye 5K – July 5
at the Civic Center

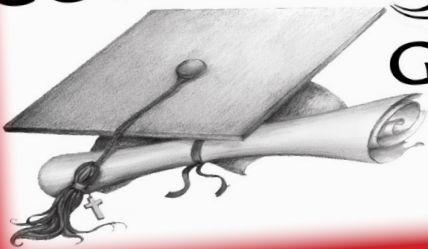
Contact: Marie Bradley at
mbradley1716@comcast.net or 728-5383

- TLC Sunday -
Save the Date!
February 22, 2015

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact:
Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES 2014




April Marie Bradley
Leon High School
Florida State University



Caitlyn Anne Coates
Maclay School
University of Alabama



Will Courrèges-Clerc
Maclay School
Georgia Institute of Technology



Casey Ridel Crowe
Chiles High School
Florida State University



Jessica Nicole Danforth
Chiles High School
Florida State University



Richard Thomas Donelan III
Lincoln High School
University of North Florida



Lawson Livaudais Drew
Leon High School
Auburn University



Michael Gruber
Adult Community Education



Lesley-Anne Hardesty
Chiles High School
Tallahassee Community College



Alexandria Michelle Ingram
Chiles High School



Luke Jarrett Liles
Lincoln High School
Florida State University



Justice LaNae Marie Southern Merlau
Leon High School
Tallahassee Community College



Walter Corbin Moore
Maclay School
UCF or FSC



Drayton William O'Steen
Leon High School
University of Alabama



Maria Reid Parsons
Leon High School
Florida State University



Michael Ryan Rudell
Florida State University School
Tallahassee Community College



Courtney Ann Young
Leon High School
Florida State University

Youth Happenings in June/July

John Freeze
Youth Intern

— Youth Contact Information —
Call John Freeze at 545-2852
or email: youthdirector@tumct.org



Upcoming Youth events

- Jun. 1 Youth VBS Helpers 6-8pm
- Jun. 2-6 VBS 8:30am – 12:00pm
- Jun. 22 Camp forms due
- Jun. 22 UMYF 6-8pm
- Jun. 23-28.... Warren Willis Summer Camp
- Jul. 9-12 Middle School Mission Trip to Orlando
- Jul. 20-26 High School Mission Trip to South Carolina
- Aug. 3-9 Youth Week
- Sept. 5-7 Rock the Universe

Above, the 2014 Confirmation class poses for a pre-service photo. What a great class - 21 new members!

Below, the 2014 graduating seniors were honored during a special service.



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A Day on Campus

Gloria Colvin
Children's Home Representative



Pictured here are a group of visitors from Trinity UMC and St. Paul's UMC, who recently traveled to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. From the left, Nancy Kerce, Hazel Oliver (St. Paul's), Gloria Colvin, Fred Frederick (St. Paul's), Diane Kroeger, Lillian and Buddy Byrd, Kay Frederick (St. Paul's), and Trey McNabb (St. Paul's).

Members from Trinity and St. Paul's were among more than 1,400 United Methodists from the northern districts of Florida who visited the Enterprise campus of the Florida United Methodist Children's Home on Saturday, March 15. The Children's Home, one of the ministries supported by United Methodist churches throughout the state, serves some 325 children through its residential and foster care programs. The "Day on Campus" gave church

members an opportunity to tour the Children's Home campus, meet some of the people who work there, and see firsthand the impact that it has on the children who live there.

Each child has his or her own room in one of fifteen group homes and two sets of house parents alternate weeks caring for them. The children attend public schools, do household chores, and have opportunities on campus

for sports, recreational activities, tutoring, counseling, and chapel.

Our offerings on Fifth Sundays help to support this loving, nurturing community and its wonderful facilities and staff. Each member of a United Methodist church in Florida is asked to give \$12 a year to the Children's Home. June 29 is the next Children's Home Sunday!

Preschool marks another year!

Stacey Duggar
Preschool Director



Another school year comes to a close (that's 41 total if you are counting!).

Congratulations to the preschool class of 2014 (High school class of 2027!). Sometimes you need to be silly!

In the photo to the right are some of the wonderful preschool staff members that make Trinity United Methodist Preschool a special place: at left, front row: Maggie Murphy, Lindsey Sweat, Kimmy Gooch, Linzee Buck (with Hailey Jo), Ryane Egler, Jenna Bell (with Farren), Stacey Duggar. Top row: Emma Jonas, Veronica Stewart, Rosa Morris, Jennifer Hopgood, Kristin Power, Victoria Tettey.



Photos by Elizabeth Birdwell

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