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Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow and serve.

Where will you be on May 9? Make Visioning Day a priority

Will you be participating in Visioning Day at Trinity on Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.? The answer to that question may have great impact on the growth of your and your children's spiritual life and the vitality of our church during the next five years.

A preview of the results of the internal survey about Trinity and its ministries, that 416 members of the church completed in April, show high marks for worship services, music, friendliness and community service, but also revealed the need for improving our children and youth ministries, more opportunities for individual spiritual growth and outreach, and morality teaching.

Co-chairs for "Trinity's Visioning for Tomorrow's Harvest," Paula Smith and Lawton Langford urge all members, young people and parents of youth to take part in

not just those who are families with youth, to share their experience and changing needs," Lawton Langford said.

Increases in growth, diversity and ages of the church's members also were concerns in the survey. Trinity's membership is concentrated in ages 50 and older and new members will be needed to maintain the vitality of the church. How can Trinity attract new members and develop new Christians?

A complete analysis of the survey is being prepared by Christina Drouin, consultant for the "Visioning for Tomorrow's Harvest," who will also lead Visioning Day. Each participant will receive a packet of research materials and strategic planning guidelines prior to the event.

Visioning Day in lay persons' language might well be "we are the church." Our church, Trinity, is providing an opportunity

Trinity United Methodist Church 2015 **VISIONING** 15 for TOMORROW'S HARVEST

for members to decide what ministries they need for the growth and transformation of ourselves, our families and our community and how an involved church family can accomplish them.

Participants will be guided by a Mission Statement and set of Core Values developed at the first session of the visioning process on March 8. That Sunday afternoon, 172 members met in Moor Hall to develop the statement and Core Values they perceive reflect what Trinity believes and practices as Christians.

The Core Values are Faith, Worship, Love, Service and Community. The Mission Statement is: 'Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow and serve.' The Church Council approved both at a meeting on March 31. These will also be in the packet of materials to provide the basis for any strategies approved on Visioning Day.

Deadline for registration is May 2. If you are reading this Tidings online, just click on this link: <http://www.tumct.org/visioning-day-may-9/>. Printed forms may also be found in the Welcome Center and Narthex. Lunch and snacks will be provided during the day in Moor Hall. Childcare will be provided with a day of fun activities for all ages, as well as entertainment. There is **no charge** for Visioning for Tomorrow's Harvest – a day of fun, fellowship and transformation.



Several youth participated in the Core Values discernment session in March.

Visioning Day so their views on personal spiritual growth, building a stronger Trinity community, reaching more effectively into the surrounding community, and making better use of technology to spread God's message will be included in the Vision that results from the day.

"The day needs all members of the church,



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
March 18 — April 23, 2015:



In memory of **William Hugh Mathews, Mary Ann Mathews, and Scott Mathews** from Gary Mathews.

In memory of **Sarah Louise Dickson Flow** from Claudia Burton.

In honor of **Rev. John Willis, Jr.** from Jim and Cindy Campbell.

Diaper Drive for Refuge House

The Local Missions Committee has agreed to hold a diaper drive for Refuge House.

Refuge House serves all people affected by domestic violence and sexual assault across the eight counties of the Big Bend.

Many women and children find a safe haven at Refuge House while they put their lives back on track.

They have many needs, but one is diapers - of all sizes. They go through approximately 1,800 diapers per year.

They have a particular need for sizes 5 and 6 diapers, since those are the sizes that they go through the quickest. Or, if you would like to contribute baby wipes, baby powder, or baby shampoo/soap, they would welcome those as well.

Please support this mission by dropping off boxes of diapers or other baby supplies in the box in the Welcome Center.

Diaper Drive
for Refuge House

let's get behind this ...



WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

One hundred ninety years ago, a small group of men and women gathered together in a home in Tallahassee. They believed God was calling them to establish a church that would share the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ to the surrounding community and beyond. They did not know exactly what that would look like but after much prayer and discernment their vision became a reality known as Trinity United Methodist Church.

For 190 years, now thousands of people have come through the doors of this church and each one made a commitment to support their church with their time, their talent, their gifts, their service and their witness. Trinity continues to be strong and vital today only because of the commitment of these folks who had a vision for the future...a vision that would keep Trinity strong and vital for generations yet to come.

One hundred ninety years later you and I are the recipients of that vision. It is now up to us. Will we keep the vision alive for generations to follow us or will Trinity slowly die as so many other churches that have come and gone through the years? It's now in our hands.

On March 31, 2015 our Church Council adopted the following Vision Statement to carry us into the future:

"Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow and serve"

It's a beautiful statement of faith and hope. But it is only words on a paper unless we put it into action. The time has come for us to put that Vision



into action with specific, identifiable, tangible goals.

On Saturday, May 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., YOU have the opportunity (and I would dare say the responsibility) to come to our Visioning Day where we will put meat and bones onto our Vision statement. It will be a fun, eventful, Spirit-filled day! Please, please make every effort to come on this important, future-casting day in the life of our church.

If you are getting this Tidings online, just [click here](#) to register. If you are receiving it by mail, call the

church office at 222-1120. The deadline is Sunday, May 2, so do it today!

I look forward to seeing you on May 9th and dreaming God's vision for Trinity United Methodist Church.

You are loved,
Wayne

Wayne

Music News for May

Viktor and Yuliia Billa

We are in Tallahassee!!!! This is very long-awaited and surprising event in our life. From a plane window we saw that in Tallahassee there are many plants and trees. But when we left the airport we were surprised with beauty of this city. The air filled with smells of flowers and extraordinary warm climate delighted us.

Trinity's members together with the pastor Wyne Carry, the musical director Mark Repasky and Gary Cherry met us at the airport.

They welcomed us very solemnly. It was very pleasant surprise.

We arrived to America with our lovely cat. This is the happiest cat of Ukraine. He has an opportunity to become the American. Unfortunately he fled in a luggage compartment and arrived to Tallahassee later us, in 3 hours. Gary Cherry met him. However now he seems happy.

On the way to home we couldn't refrain and lodged Trinity United Methodist Church. We so long waited for this moment. And now - we are here. In reality the church is even more beautiful than on the picture on the Internet.

The style and design of church are excellent. However the special attention is drawn by two remarkable and favourite instruments for me - the organs. They are beautiful. The big organ fascinates by the power, and the small organ is fine for baroque music.

Our apartment is a royal housing. Very snugly and pleasant apartment. Also we were delighted very much by all things, food and furniture which are in the apartment. We want to express huge gratitude to all people, members of church who gave us all these gifts. We want to thank all people for such warm welcome, care and friendliness. We love you, we kiss you and we embrace you. We have huge feeling of gratitude in our hearts. It is a pity that we

can't show it to you, but we will joy you with our music.

We are very happy to be here!!!

Thanks to the Lord for His blessing and care of all us!!!



Yuliia Billa



Upon arrival in Tallahassee, the Billas realized that their cat had not made the last leg into TLH airport. The next flight into Tallahassee brought their cat - yippee!



Editor's note: When I suggested to Viktor that we get a photo, he quickly put away what he was playing and put up the J.S. Bach score to "Fantasie" G major. If you missed his playing of this great piece on his first Sunday, you missed something special!



A large and enthusiastic group of Trinity members plus Rev. Wayne and Beth Curry, welcomed Viktor and Yuliia to Tallahassee as they arrived at the airport.

Fellowship Luncheon May 5, 11:45 a.m. - Moor Hall

Lynette Halter
UMW in Ministry President

The May meeting of UMW in Ministry will meet May 5th with Catherine Mospens, District Treasurer as speaker. The program will be "Where Does Our Money Go?" Everyone is welcome to attend, even if you aren't a member of UMW in Ministry. Call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations.

New Evening Action Team

If you are interested in joining a new evening Action Team with a focus on serving, missions and forming lasting friendships, contact Reneé White, creneewhite11@yahoo.com or call 850-878-9702 after 6:00 p.m. for more information. Watch the bulletin and website, www.tumct.org/connect/ (then select UMW in Ministry - Action Teams) for details as they become available.



Action Team Meetings

Alpha Action Team (Circle 1): Mon, May 11 at 10:00 a.m. Contact Kathi Pope, chair (mlpopejr@aol.com) for location.

Dorcas Foster Action Team: Tue, May 5 at 1:00 pm in Church library. Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Action Team: Mon, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. 2104 W Randolph Cir, Julie Pararo, hostess & chair.

Sojourners Action Team: Wed, May 6 at noon, Café at St. Johns. Marti Chumbler, chair.

The Susanna Wesley Action Team (SWAT) will meet at Mary Ann Braswell's home. 2370 Carefree Cove, Westminster Oaks at 10:00 am on Tuesday, May 19.

The Voice Action Team: Thu, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Jim and Milts, Patti Oakley, chair, 877-4898.

A Note from HEO

Ruth Ann High
HEO Coordinator

Meet some of the people who make the Prayer Quilt Ministry possible here at Trinity. Trinity has provided 230 prayer quilts to individuals who have had a special need to feel God's presence in their lives. The prayer

quilts are a great way for us to share God's love. Many of the recipients were deeply touched by the outpouring of love that comforts them in these prayer quilts. Well done, good and faithful servants!



The Prayer and Squares quilting crew includes, from left, Toni Hale, Barbara Allen, Barbara Ware, Colleen McConnell, Donie Henderson, Debbie McKinnell, and Beth Perry.

Change your money. Change your life.

Applying God's word to your money... This nine-week class will show you how to get rid of debt, manage more money, spend and save wisely, and more!

Trinity will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, beginning June 3rd on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room 305. Free childcare will be provided. The cost of the class is \$99 per household, and scholarships are available.

The class will be led by Trinity members and FPU graduates Angela Petrizzo and Caitie Mook. Please contact Angela, Caitie, Pastor Wayne, or Pastor Tony for more information

or about a scholarship.

This class benefits people of all ages, at all wages and all stages of life! Come and see what true financial peace is like and how to get it!

Plan on attending an upcoming Preview Session to decide if this class is for you and your family. Check the bulletin for Preview Session dates and times.

Register online at www.daveramsey.com

com/fpu Click on the tab, "find a class" on the left hand side. You may also register by contacting one of the leaders.

Contact: Angela Petrizzo (angela92589@gmail.com 850-544-1133) or Caitie Mook (Caitiemook@gmail.com, 850-933-3764)



Health Wellness News for May

Health Wellness Team

Health Wellness Visioning

Just as Trinity is taking time to look at its vision to make sure we are focusing our efforts as God directs, so the Health Wellness Ministry is evolving and looking at how its activities can best fit into the overall vision at Trinity.

The Health Wellness Ministry MISSION is:

Serving God Through - Self, Church and Community and Always Being Faithful

- By maintaining our body, we are better able to physically serve.

BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) is serving self by becoming healthy - but also church and community because of dollars raised. With only a suggested donation of \$3/session, we have raised over \$30K which has been used for various charities and to maintain exercise equipment. Two classes are offered 3 times a week (Tue, Wed, Thu) for different skill levels. BFC is the foundation of this ministry, which has not only helped us keep our bodies strong and healthy, but has helped us form

weed, or pick the veggies for yourself or to give to others. The HW ministry has also coordinated with One Blood (<http://www.oneblood.org>) to make the bloodmobile available at church several times a year, providing a way to help others by donating life-saving blood. For the last six years, the HW Ministry has provided a **Health Fair** with free screenings as part of TLC Sunday. Helping those who may not have a regular doctor or don't think they



and inspiring – you can read many of them in previous issues of the Tidings (see the website for past issues <http://www.tumct.org/connect/monthly-tidings-newsletter/>). **Mats for the Homeless** is an ongoing ministry that makes sleeping mats for Tallahassee's homeless men, women, and children. These thick, spongy, water-resistant mats are made from recycled plastic grocery bags – a win-win for the recipients and the environment. **Hats for the Homeless** is another community-focused ministry that gives out hundreds of pairs of warm hats and scarves during the winter months. Some of the friends who come to the BFC classes have joined with Trinity to donate materials and help make the hats and scarves along with our members.

As you can see, the various activities of the HW Ministry listed above have a primary service area, but most overlap the three main components of its mission (serving through self, church, community), and serve more than one area.

We invite you to send us your vision/ideas for the Health Wellness Ministry of the future as it supports the updated vision/mission of Trinity. Contact Beth Curry at BFCseries@hotmail.com.



need screenings has proven to be very useful to several whose screenings have turned up a serious problem that needed to be addressed immediately. **CPR classes** are also offered several times a year.

- By reaching outside the walls of our church, we can serve our community and world.

For 4 years (starting in 2011), the HW Ministry has sent a **Medical mission** team to Guatemala and helped hundreds of natives, some who have never had access to health care before. Their stories are heart-rending

strong bonds with other members and a few non-members. Doing our part to be strong and healthy is part of God's plan: *"Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."* (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) Trinity Runners/Walkers Club provides a fun way to exercise and socialize, with a bonus of helping others when we win a monetary prize as we have in many races.

- By finding ways to be involved at church, we can serve God by helping one another.

The Community Garden is a wonderful opportunity to serve God by helping others at church and in the community by planting and tending a bountiful garden of delicious veggies – free to all. You can help plant, water,

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**

last class May 6 until Fall 2015 — Wednesdays —

- 4:15 p.m. ~ Staying Strong PM
- 6:30 p.m. ~ Power Hour

** Nursery by reservation only. Suggested donation \$3/ class for community service or Health Wellness fund. Register through Lay Academy for Wednesday classes.

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry visit tumct.org/community/adults/health-wellness-ministry/ or contact: Beth Curry - BFCseries@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

— Mats for the Homeless —
May 14, 10:30 a.m. - Conference room

Book Club to lead "Expeditions"

Local Missions Committee

Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight



Trinity Book Club members and other interested persons are signing up to lead elementary and middle school students, from the Providence Neighborhood, on a five week literary adventure.



Some tentative itineraries are:

- Gloria Colvin and Jules Verne may team up to take the kids **Around the World in 80 Days**.
- Lora Chapman and Robert Louis "Bob" Stevenson are considering leading an adventure to **Treasure Island** in the South Pacific.
- Margaret Stalvey is exploring a group encounter with Mr. Toad and Mole at Toad Hall, while enjoying **Wind in the Willows**.
- Pam Crosby may sign up some prospective Providence athletes to tour ball parks and follow **King of the Mound: My Summer with Satchel Paige**.
- Barbara Hynes could possibly be called upon to use her zip-line skills to lead a crew on Jack Sparrow's **Pirates of the Caribbean**.
- Ann Melder is excited about leading a team of **Third-Grade Detectives** in solving crimes with NYPD.
- Beth Trotman is contacting outfitters for river rafting on the Mississippi River so that the kids might join in the **Adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn**.
- Pat Gosen may ask her husband Chris to help lead an expedition to Amazonia where the younger children will undoubtedly say, **I Love Spiders and Bugs and Other Insects**.

The Providence Book Club will meet weekly on Tuesdays from July 7th through August 4th, 4-6 p.m., at the Providence Neighborhood Community Center. Each week we will (1) serve healthy refreshments, (2) have a book-related activity, (3) listen to students read in small groups, and (4) have a talented adult read a thrilling story.

If you would like to be part of these travel expeditions, please contact Lora Chapman for more information phone: 222-4949, or email: shchappy@hotmail.com

Children's Home Society of Florida needs your help

Dear Prospective Foster Parents,



The Children's Home Society of Florida is on a mission to spread awareness about the need for Foster Parents in our community. With your help we can provide housing, safety and love to thousands of children.

Children's Home Society of Florida (CHS) is committed to safeguarding our community's most vulnerable children. CHS has a long and rich legacy as Florida's oldest non-profit provider of services to children and families. In conjunction with the CHS mission, your interest in fostering our local children supports our agency initiative of Local Homes for Local Kids. CHS adheres to the highest of standards in licensing quality foster parents.

Foster Parent Expectations

- Must be 21 years or older
- Have stable housing and income
- Can be married or single
- Willing to partner with staff and child's family
- Help children participate in normal childhood activities

Steps to Take

- Call the number below or email at the provided email address
- Attend a free foster parent training
- Complete background checks and home study

We would love to hear from you! Please feel free to contact us with any questions! Become a Foster Parent today and change someone's life forever!

Children's Home Society of Florida

Phone: 1-855-901-5389

Email: localhomesforlocalkids@chsfl.org



Youth Happenings in May

Blake Swanson John Freeze
Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Blake ...

Have you ever had to skip a meal or been working on something so intently you just forgot to eat? By the time you got around to eating a few hours later, it started to feel like you could hardly stand it anymore. Food is definitely a passion of our culture, and for the vast majority of us, readily available whenever we might need it. However, this is not the situation for people here in Tallahassee, around the country, and around the world.

This past month we had 22 students voluntarily fast for 30 hours while participating in the event 30 Hour Famine, which is coordinated by World Vision. This

was an opportunity for our students to see and feel firsthand what it is like for millions of people to go without proper nourishment. Through an interactive experience called TRIBE, students learned the harsh realities of people living in Ethiopia, struggling with barriers such as lack of clean water and proper education.

We also discussed what people even living in Tallahassee struggle with when they live in a "food desert". This is when an area is lacking in fresh fruit, vegetables, and other healthful foods and happens many times in impoverished areas.

On Saturday, the students worked hard at

the Big Bend Habitat for Humanity ReStore, completing projects ranging from digging a trench to hanging doors to raking leaves. In fact, they worked so hard they were able to complete the full list of things to do much faster than anticipated.

To finish the event off, we headed to Tom Brown Park and broke the fast together with a large picnic with many of the parents joining us. The students did an amazing job throughout the whole weekend and I am so proud of each and every one of them. They were sacrificing themselves for the least of these and I couldn't think of a better way to spend 30 hours with them.



Trying so hard to smile, this hungry crew worked hard at the Big Bend Habitat for Humanity ReStore!

Sign Up **NOW** for Camp!

I know, it seems early, right? But if you want to be part of the great fun at **Warren Willis Summer Camp** in Leesburg, you better sign up - **NOW!** Just go to the front page of Trinity's website (tumct.org), click on the link and follow the directions that are listed there. Our camp will be Jul. 13-18.



Preschool finds Easter Eggs!

Stacey Dugger
Preschool Director

The Trinity Preschool held their annual Easter Egg hunt in the Prayer Garden - and they (not unexpectedly) found a lot of eggs! This is a tradition that the children really love and it is also a great way to spend a little time outside.



New members join in April

Riley Bell joined from another denomination. He is the husband of Trinity member Jenna Dugger Bell. They have two children, daughter, Farren Rose, who is two, and Riley William, who is two months old. Riley is a teacher (for seven years) and coach (for ten years) at Leon High School.

Julie Champeau joined from another denomination. She is an occupational therapist at HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital of Tallahassee. Julie moved to Tallahassee a year ago after attending the University of Florida. She is originally from Lakeland and enjoys running and travel.

Bob and Linda Dodson joined from another denomination. They have a grown daughter, Julie. They are both retired and learned of Trinity from a friend.

Andrea Gandy joined from another denomination. She is an elementary schoolteacher in Cairo. She lives in Tallahassee

and has been married for 14 years to Bernie Gandy, III. They have two beautiful daughters, Kate (10-years-old), and Emily (8-years-old).

Brian and Madison Harrell joined from another denomination. They have an infant daughter, Lily. Brian works in IT at the Governor's Office and Madison works at a downtown law firm. They joined Trinity because they wanted to find a church family.

Caitie Mook transferred her membership from another United Methodist church. She works for the Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association. She is a native of Tallahassee and a graduate of FSU. Caitie is not married, but is the proud parent of two hound dogs.

Chris Thompson transferred his membership from another United Methodist church. He is finishing his Ph.D. in statistics at FSU. He

is originally from Davie is a past member of Plantation UMC. He is an avid follower of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Rob and Helene Werner joined from another denomination. They were members of Trinity before moving to Michigan. Rob and Helene have one grown son, Marshall. They are both retired, but Rob still does part-time consulting at Calvin College in Michigan.



New members joined at the 9:45 SUN Service and also at the 11 o'clock traditional service. In the photo to the left, from left to right are; Madison, Lily, and Brian Harrell; Bob and Linda Dodson; Riley Bell; Caitlin Mook; Helene and Rob Werner. Pictured in the photo below, are from left, Andrea Gandy, Julie Champeau, and Chris Thompson.

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