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

Visioning Initiatives taking off!

Rev. Jonathan Brewster
Associate Pastor

The implementation of Trinity's 5-year plan, "Visioning for Tomorrow's Harvest" is in motion and off to a fast start! Over the past few months, initiative leaders have started gathering their teams and volunteers in order to see their initiatives come to life. Almost immediately, leaders began implementing their strategies and ideas to further Trinity's vision of worship, growth, and service in the congregation.

For example, Sarah Watters re-vamped the children's "Worship Enrichment" (now called "Children's Time") at the 11 o'clock service and we are consistently seeing

more participation and excitement from the children. Through the recommendation of the congregation, as well as the unanimous approval of church council and the Staff Parish Relations Committee, Rex Adams started full-time and Allison Corrigan will be beginning in June as our new Children's Director. In addition, many teams are forming in order to carry out their initiatives that support the overall vision of Trinity.

On April 16-17, nearly 50 congregants went on a family retreat to Live Oak as part of Linzee Buck's initiative to create opportunities for fellowship among families with children. Thanks to Linzee, who organized the event, many Trinity families came together and participated in outdoor activities, fun and games, meals, devotionals,

prayer, and community formation. It was also a time of intentional relationship-building as well as an opportunity to enjoy time with friends and family. Overall, the retreat was a great success and we hope more families will attend in the future. In fact, we would love to see 100 people for the next retreat!

These are just a few of the many initiatives already in motion. Over the coming months and years, there will be many new exciting opportunities for every member.

We encourage you to be a part of the exciting things happening around Trinity as we look forward to seeing God's vision come to fruition.

For information on how to become involved in these or other initiatives, call the church office (222-1120).



Trinity United Methodist
Children's Time



Family Retreat



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
March 16 - April 25, 2016:



In memory of **Dr. Otis Beck** from Ms. Julie Carswell, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Venum, Mr. and Mrs. John Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt & Family, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Strickland, Mrs. Caroline Barthelmess, Mr. and Mrs. John Hale, Mrs. Mary Pat Peacock, Ms. Elizabeth Morgan, Ms. Dot Jean Green, Mrs. Connie Alford, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosenberg, Debbie Tackett, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Rooney, Ms. Linda Hilaman, Dr. John S. Dozier and Dr. Joseph D. Barnett & Staff, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Scott, Mr. Kenneth Easley, Mr. and Mrs. William Baldock Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Capital Periodontal Associates PA, Mr. and Mrs. Kwan Kyun Park, Mrs. W. Gerald Harris, Staff at Smiles by Beck,

In honor of **Mark and Cindy Repasky** for their Music Ministry from Clyde and Sandra Palmer,

It's time for VBS sign-up

Join us June 6-10 for an unforgettable time at **Cave Quest**. Each day we will explore the rock-solid foundation of Jesus' love through awesome stations:

Dates:

June 6-10, 2016

8:45-12 noon

Preschool/Rising Kindergarten

IS NOW FULL

Elementary grade 1-5 (Fall 2016)



Go to: <http://www.tumct.org/grow/vacation-bible-school-2014/>

Registration:

\$30 registration fee
Trinity's 11 o'clock service
is now being broadcast
on a **NEW** FM station - 105.3

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Well, it's no longer a secret. Your new Senior Pastor, beginning July 1st, will be Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt. You can read his bio in this edition of the Tidings on page 6. Beyond his outstanding credentials, Wayne is a wonderful man of God and a personal friend. He and his wife, Ramona, will be a true blessing to Trinity United Methodist Church in the months and years to come and I know from eight years of personal experience that you will be a blessing to them!

On Sunday, June 5, Wayne and Ramona will be introduced in church at all three services and together we will serve you communion. In the meantime I encourage you to send a note of welcome to them. Wayne's email is wwiatt@flumc.org and their home address in Lakeland is:

**107 Lake Morton Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33801.**

I'm going to save my good byes for later. I will cherish the days and weeks ahead, overwhelmed with



gratitude for the privilege of serving as your senior pastor for these eight incredible years.

You are loved,

Wayne

Finding and (hopefully) using Trinity's Social Media

One of the initiatives coming out of the recent Visioning process is to increase Trinity's social media presence in order to increase outreach. Hopefully, you have seen an increase in the amount of social media being used to promote Trinity events - like opportunities for learning and growing, and ways to volunteer and serve others. Trinity now has three main sources of interactive social media - Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (shown in the graphic to the right, along with Trinity's email and the YouTube icon).

To access these, go to the front page of the website (www.tumct.org) and scroll

about halfway down on the right side of the page - then click the icon of your favorite media. Don't be afraid to just click on one of these icons. Be brave and try something new!

The goal is to open more lines of communication to help our members worship, grow, and serve, but we also want to be able to dialogue with prospective members.

Social media works best when we all participate, so don't be shy about liking, posting, and sharing! We're still

learning what works and what doesn't, so your feedback is important.

Together, we can make a difference in how we grow as a church and how we attract new members.



Music News for May

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Special Music is Coming

A few times each year, we put together a Men's Vocal Ensemble at Trinity. For Mother's Day (May 8), the men will sing at our worship services. As you know, Rev. Curry has sung with us almost every time since

he became our Senior Minister. We wanted to do this once more before he retires, and this is the day. So gentlemen, come be a part of this! We had our first rehearsal Wednesday, April 20, but will have

one more, on Wednesday, May 4, 8:15 to 9 p.m. in the choir room. See you there!

Piano quartet music (2 pianos, 4 players) is quite rare. Even more of a rarity is piano quartet music suitable for worship services. In the summer of 1992 while serving as Director of Music at First UMC in Clearwater, I created two piano quartets so Cindy and I could play with our two talented children, Michael and Cristin. We presented this music during worship services at the Clearwater church. One of those pieces is an arrangement of "Simple Gifts," also known as "Lord of the Dance" in our hymnal. This piece will be played at our 8:30 and 11 a.m. services on May 22.



Reverend Curry has sung in the Men's Ensemble each time it has assembled.

Bluegrass Time

A number of summers ago, our church celebrated a Bluegrass Sunday. All of the music for the services was played by a bluegrass band we organized just for that occasion. We are planning to do it again, on June 26! If you play an instrument suitable for this music (guitar, mandolin, banjo, violin, string bass), we want to hear from you! I'm confident we can put this together in 2 or 3 rehearsals. Contact me for more info (mrepasky@tumct.org).



Rob Werner played banjo at the last gathering of the Bluegrass band.

NETkids present musical

Trinity's Wednesday after-school program, **NETkids**, presented the musical, "The Sailor's Bible" at all three services on April 24 and

again at Westminster retirement home on the following Wednesday. The kids work hard to memorize the music and their parts, and always make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Check the Trinity Facebook page for more photos - <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUMCTallahassee/>!



Shelter Board Votes To Merge With Kearney Center

Sabrina Denmark
Local Missions Co-chair

In a unanimous vote, representatives from The Shelter and The Kearney Center announced in February their intention to merge the two organizations in order to strengthen future operations. Within 60 days, The Shelter will complete the transition and operate under CESC Inc. (Comprehensive Emergency Services Center), the legal entity of The Kearney Center, with a continued focus on serving the homeless and those in need of the Big Bend area. The announcement comes nearly one year after both organizations started operating out of the new, state-of-the-art Kearney Comprehensive Emergency Services Center.

Since the physical move to the Kearney Center in May 2015, The Shelter has worked alongside more than 40 state, federal and local governmental agencies, non-profit and faith based organizations to provide comprehensive services for the homeless in the Big Bend area.

The merger will allow for increased efficiencies, services, resources and opportunities to serve the individuals and families in need in the region.

"Our team has been working in lockstep with the Kearney Center for nearly a year," said Jacob Reiter, Executive Director of The Shelter. "Our two teams are already operating as one when it comes to dedication and passion for serving those in need in our community. This merger allows us to expand and improve the services we deliver, and this is something easy to get behind."

The staff of The Shelter will be retained, and current services will be continued and enhanced over time. The current Board of The Kearney Center will expand to include members from the current Shelter Board of Directors.

Trinity's Local Missions Team — Trinity Cares Spotlight



"For nearly 30 years, the dedicated staff, volunteers and donors of The

Shelter have been fighting homelessness and have been a guiding light for those in need," said Rick

Kearney, Founder and Chairman of Board for The Kearney Center. "This merger combines their passion with expanded resources to ensure we can continue to do so for the next 30 years and beyond."

The mission of the Kearney Center is to reduce homelessness, increase employment and provide long-term housing placements while providing safe emergency housing that promotes dignity and respect for individuals in our community who are experiencing homelessness, unemployment, disabilities and hunger.

Let's Make Summer Special

Gloria Colvin
Madison Youth Ranch Representative

For many children, summer is a time filled with many fun activities with friends and family. To make sure that the children living at the Madison Youth Ranch have opportunities to do many of the things that other children enjoy, Trinity will be collecting money during May to purchase

gift cards for roller skating, movies, bowling, and other activities. If you would like to help with this project by making a contribution or purchasing a gift card or if you would like to learn more about the Ranch, please contact Gloria Colvin (gpcolvin@yahoo.com).

Another way to help the Ranch is to provide the following needed items, which can be left at the Welcome Center.

- **Shampoo**
- **Body wash**
- **Stick Deodorant**
- **Kleenex**
- **AA and AAA batteries**
- **Dish cloths & dish towels**



Health Wellness Ministries

Health Wellness Team

Did you know all of these ministries work year-round to accomplish their goals even if they don't all have regular monthly meetings? If you are looking for a way to serve or grow at Trinity, please considering volunteering or participating in one of these active ministry programs!



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 p.m. - Strength & Balance
- 6:30 p.m. - Power Hour

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

Upcoming Events

- **Mats for the Homeless** - Thurs., May 12 at 10:30 a.m. - Conference room*
- * This is the last meeting until September



For more info about:

- **BFC Exercise** or **Health Wellness** contact Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com
- **TUFF** contact Marie Bradley - MBradley1716@comcast.net or Beth Perry - BethEllenPerry@gmail.com
- **Hats for the Homeless** – contact Beth Curry - BFCSeries@yahoo.com
- **Mats for the Homeless** – contact Rose Glenn - BudsThorn@comcast.net
- **Community Garden** – contact Gloria Whitaker - whitakgm1002@gmail.com
- **Or visit the website** - www.tumct.org/serve/health-wellness-ministry/

Welcome Reverend Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt

The Reverend Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt grew up in rural north Florida where he was on the "cradle roll" at Cherry Lake UMC and was confirmed at First United Methodist Church of Madison, Florida, under Dr. Tom Kelsey. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree in Sacred Music, and a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Emory University where his thesis, "Children in Worship: Participation Through Creative Dramatics," studied the many ways children can be included in leadership in a worship setting. During college, he was employed as a summer youth intern at **Trinity UMC, Tallahassee** and answered his call to ministry under the mentoring of Rev. Phil Roughton, Rev John Green, and Dr. Gene Zimmerman. During seminary, he served as youth director at Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church on the Emory campus and worked closely with Dr. Carlton R. Young, editor of the United Methodist Hymnal.

After graduating from Emory, Wayne served under Dr. Thomas E. Farmer, Jr. as associate pastor at First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville from '84-'88 and was appointed as senior pastor of Palm Coast United Methodist Church in 1988. While at Palm Coast, he received the Harry Denman award for Evangelism. He was appointed to Southside United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, in 1996 until he was

appointed as Superintendent of the East Central District in June of 2006 where he served for seven years.

Wayne is completing his third year of service on the Extended Cabinet of the Florida Conference as the Director of Clergy Excellence. He has the responsibility of care and oversight for those seeking Candidacy, Licensing, and Ordination in the United Methodist Church. The Office of Clergy Excellence also is the steward of Lifelong Learning through a variety of Continuing Education Opportunities including Leadership, Spiritual Formation, Preaching, and Educational Travel Opportunities for Licensed and Ordained Clergy.

His leadership and involvement beyond the local church includes membership in Rotary International for 18 years, Habitat for Humanity, past president of United Way of Flagler County, Healing Racial Division Project of Jacksonville, graduate of Leadership Jacksonville and a past president of United Community Outreach Ministries, Jacksonville. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Bethune Cookman University, The Florida United Methodist Children's Home, Central Florida Wesley Foundation, Stetson University Wesley Foundation, and FREE Prison Ministry. He currently serves on



Wayne and Ramona Wiatt

the Board of Zoe Ministries, a youth empowerment ministry for orphans in Regional Africa, the Alumni Board for Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and the United Methodist Publishing House Board of Directors, Nashville Tennessee. He has served as a Delegate to the Southeastern Jurisdictional and General Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

Wayne is married to Ramona Folds, formerly of Titusville, Florida and they have two grown children.

Let's welcome Wayne and Ramona:

Email: wwiatt@flumc.org

Address: 107 Lake Morton Dr.
Lakeland, FL 33801

During their **30-Hour Famine** event, the Trinity Youth packed snack packs to help Ruthann and HEO feed the homeless as they come to the church for help.



Youth Happenings in May

Blake Swanson Jeremy Hanna
Youth Director Youth Ministry Assistant

A Note from Blake ...

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year. It seems as though August was just a few weeks ago. We are excited about everything that is happening with the youth here at Trinity and thank all of you who are such a big part.

A few weeks ago, our students had the opportunity to participate in an event called the **30 Hour Famine** (photos bottom of page 6). At this event, students

voluntarily chose to not eat from 1 p.m. on Friday until 7 p.m. on Saturday. During this time, they learned about those who struggle with hunger around the world, and packed a few hundred snack packs for HEO. Our students have such big hearts and are always doing whatever they can to help others in need.

I would also like to send out a personal note of thanks to all those who have supported me the last two years as I have gone through the Youth Ministry Institute, which is a continuing education program to help Youth Ministers be the most effective they can be.



This group has helped me form a great community of friends around the entire state of Florida. The photo above is of our graduating class.

Lastly, as many of you may know, we will be having our annual Senior Sunday on May 22. We would love to honor any and all seniors that morning. We will have a light breakfast reception in the Parlor at 9:45 a.m., followed by a cap and gown processional and recognition during the 11 a.m. service. If you would like your student to participate, please send their full name, current school, and future plans along with a headshot to bswanson@tumct.org and radams@tumct.org. We look forward to celebrating with all of our graduates!



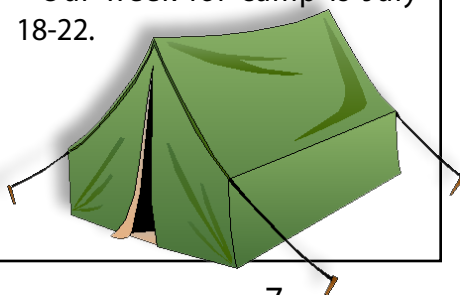
Sign Up **NOW** for Camp!

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 <http://www.tumct.org/grow/warren-willis-summer-camp/> and follow the

directions that are listed there.

Our week for camp is July 18-22.



Attention all graduates (and parents)!

The Tidings would like to publish your **High School picture** (and **college grad's** photos, as space allows) with a brief description. Please submit your information and photo to radams@tumct.org **no later than May 10**. The Trinity graduates feature will be in the June/July Tidings.

HEO Corner

Ruthann High
HEO Coordinator

Order a delicious meal for a friend, family member, neighbor, or anyone who needs one.

The Trinity Chefs make casseroles that are frozen and stored in the HEO freezer. If you know of a church member or a close friend who might need a frozen meal, please help yourself. These meals are provided so that Trinity can share God's love to people who may need an easy meal. Whether the person has been injured or just overwhelmed with life, Trinity's HEO provides

this service so that we can share the love of Christ. We have frozen soups for light meals as well. It is nice to be able to bring something to a person you are visiting. Trinity HEO wants to help by providing something simple and easy that can be shared, needed and appreciated. If you have any questions, please call me at 222-1120 or email me at rahigh@tumct.org.



It's like the "Dream Team" of cooking! From left are HEO Coordinator, Ruthann High, Judy Levy, and Sandy Kappes.

UMW Celebrates Mothers

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

The next meeting of UMW in Ministry will be Tuesday, May 3rd in Moor Hall. The program will be a celebration of Mothers Day (a little early) with surprises and prizes. Mothers of Trinity Preschool children are encouraged to attend and nursery care will be provided. Even if you aren't a member of UMW, everyone is invited to come. Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for lunch and nursery reservations. Hope to see you there.

UMW Action Team Meetings

Alpha Circle: Mon, May 9th at 10:00 a.m. 2219 Demeron Rd. Margie Mixson, hostess, Eloise Harbison, co-hostess; Cynthia Smith & Kathi Pope co-chairs.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tues, May 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Church library; Nancy Waugh chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Mon, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. 2104 Randolph Cir.; Julie Pararo, hostess & chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wed. May 4th at noon, Café at St. Johns; Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tues, May 17th at 10:00 a.m., Linda Yates, hostess, 1111 Wisteria Dr.; Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Tues, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. 1804 W. Indianhead Dr.; Patti Oakley hostess & chair.

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Barbara Hynes, **Associate Pastor of Discipleship**
Rex Adams, **Director of Communications**

Save the Date



Save the date for the Marriage Ministry event **July 15-16**. This will be a 24-hour event starting with a marriage seminar followed by an overnight at the Doubletree - right here in

downtown Tallahassee. This is open to all couples (engaged and married) who want to strengthen and enhance their relationship. Contact Rev. Brewster (jonbrewster@tumct.org) for more info.