

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

2018 Stewardship theme: "Generation to Generation"

Sam Rogers, Sr. Stewardship Chairman

It is my privilege to announce Trinity's 2018 Stewardship campaign! The theme for 2018, "Generation to Generation," is a spoton description of Trinity's generational commitment to generosity of

spirit and resources! Although Trinity church has been around almost 200 years, our commitment remains stronger than ever... continuing to Trinity's third century of service, which we will celebrate

together in just six years!

Love of Our Neighbors

Another part of our commitment to love our neighbors is found in **James 2:14-26**which addresses how true faith is

four percent of Trinity's annual budget is devoted to community and world-wide outreach. These include care for homeless and victims of domestic and sexual

expressed by our works. Twenty-

of domestic and sexual abuse, and providing school mentoring. We also regularly take/send offerings

and financial assistance to needy children and have long standing missions to Cuba and Guatemala. In addition to financial support, many of Trinity's faithful members provide hands-on volunteer service to our neighbors in need.

Generosity Sunday

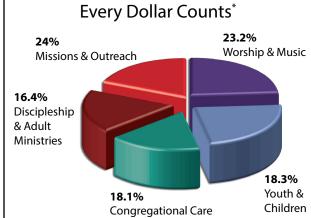
On Generosity Sunday, October 22, we all come to gether to renew our personal financial commitment of support for Trinity's 2018 "Generation-to Generation" budget. We will worship together at one service at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck luncheon in Moor Hall. In the coming weeks, various members will address

the budget in detail, including what is necessary for us to continue Trinity's long held tradition of worship and service.

Please give prayerful attention to these budget needs and pledge to give as generously as you are able. Also, mark your calendars to attend the potluck luncheon immediately following the 10 a.m. service on October 22!

Yours in Christ,

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* These categories represent the respective percentages of Trinity's 2018 total budget of just over \$1.89 million, an increase of 3% over last year's budget. Fixed operating costs such as staff salaries, administrative costs, and facility expenses have been appropriately distributed through these categories. (Trinity Preschool, serving 75 children, is not included. It is self-supporting, except for its facility, which is provided and maintained by the Trinity congregation).

& Connection

Love of God through Christ:

Trinity's ministry is provided by talented spiritual leaders devoted to bringing the message of God through Christ in worship services, Bible study, weddings, baptisms, funerals and personal visitation for those in need. A wide variety of Christian educational opportunities are available to our children, youth and adults through Sunday school, NETkids, VBS, mission trips, spiritual retreats and other activities. Trinity's music programs set'the gold standard' for inspiration and quality under the leadership of our Music Director and are supported by our world class organist. Each of these services is backed up by a strong professional support team who work behind the scenes, preparing bulletins, mailers, meals, curriculum, publications, providing leadership training, and oversight of our finances and facility.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from August 16, 2017 – September 10, 2017:



In memory of **Jeanette Parrish**, mother of Cindy McDuffie, from Greta Sliger.

In memory of **Dr. Marc Barrera** from the Flower Committee.

Trinity Connections means new friends!

Amy Leach Trinity Connection Committee

Back in July, Trinity Connections held their kick-off event, which was attended by almost 100 people! We spent the evening getting to know each other with a "speed dating" style activity. People of all ages got the chance to chat with others that they might not normally cross paths with. We were thrilled with the turnout and we are excited to announce our second event!

On **Wednesday, October 25**, join us for dinner **at 5:30** and our version of "Human Scavenger Hunt." This fun game will allow you to find out different facts about each other. We will also have some small group time so that you can have some extra conversation time. If you came to our kick-off, we hope to see you again! If you had to miss that first event, we can't wait to welcome you this fall! This event is again open to all ages (we recommend 1st grade and up; childcare will be provided for the little ones).

Keep an eye out for more details and go ahead and mark your calendars for October 25th!



Trinity Connections brings together generations.

Fall Back

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt Senior Pastor

As Daylight Savings Time calls us to "Fall Back" on November 5, there is a part of me that needs that extra hour of sleep right now! I think we can all agree that most of us have been "Sleepless in Tallahassee" for the last two weeks preparing for and recovering from Hurricane Irma. Some of us are still "recovering" and "catching up" ... I finally finished power-washing the leaves off of my porch screens yesterday afternoon and the yard clean-up will be completed on Saturday! As I shared in a recent sermon, hurricanes have a way of re-prioritizing our lives!

According to the Farmer's Almanac, the Autumn Equinox ushered us into fall on Friday, September 22 at 4:02 p.m. I don't know about you, but it still feels like summer to me! With that being said, Trinity's Lay Academy is already booming and from our Group Exercise Class, Financial Peace University, to our Historical Society's presentation of "More Than Bricks and Mortar," classes are filled to overflowing and teeming with excitement about our **GROW** opportunities at Trinity.



In WORSHIP during September, 24 Kindergarten and third-graders received their Bibles as they began the school year. We also trained more than 30 children and youth to serve as acolytes and cross bearers at our 11 a.m. service (see photo on page 7),

along with our newly formed Trinity Orchestra helping to lead worship quarterly throughout the year.

Choirs are now in full swing and, as always, free concerts in our beautiful Sanctuary abound. Last week, FSU's Combined Choirs and our own Viktor Billa performed The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace, under the direction of Dr. Kevin Fenton. Trinity continues to be a center for worship and the arts in the Tallahassee community!

In the aftermath of Hurricane IRMA, Trinity hit the ground running by immediately seeking to **SERVE** all those affected by the storms in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) continues to guide our efforts



across the southeastern United States and work teams will soon begin helping people re-building through our United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. We have collected all the supplies we can store for the time



being, but cash donations are our best way to help those in need from this point forward. Our Trinity Youth will be heading to the island of Eleuthera in the out islands of the Bahama archipelago in March. Bahamas Methodist Habitat has been a wonderful center of construction and repairs following storms and fires affecting the Islands. Our Trinity Senior High Youth will be traveling for an Alternative Spring Break Mission Trip, March 11-18, 2018, to help the residents on Eleuthera rebuild and repair their homes.

Lastly, October will be Stewardship Month with the theme, **Generation to Generation**. Our key scripture passage for Stewardship this year will be Psalm 78: 1-7

I am more than excited to begin a new year of ministry at Trinity and from the looks of things, we are about Kingdom Business as together we Worship, Grow, and Serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Dr. Wage

Music news for October

Mark Repasky Music Director

Tallahassee Symphony Holiday Magic Concerts

About 25 members of our Chancel Choir will join with three other church choirs to present two Christmas season concerts with the Tallahassee Symphony. They are scheduled for Sunday, December 9, 3 p.m.

and 8 p.m. in Ruby Diamond Hall (pictured below). This is a rare opportunity for our choir to sing with that orchestra, and we are looking forward to it. The choir has begun rehearsing for these concerts, 8:30-9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. If anyone in the congregation is interested in participating, contact me (mrepasky@tumct.org)!



What's new in the Trinity library?

Gloria Colvin, Trinity Librarian with synopses by Pam Crosby

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St. Paul: The Apostle We Love to Hate

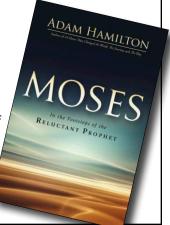
bv Karen Armstrona

Karen Armstrong examines the life of Paul, one of the most important figures in the history of Christianity, who transformed a minor sect into the largest religion produced by Western civilization. She maintains that his life following the dramatic story on the road to Damascus forever changes the course of history.

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet

by Adam Hamilton

Adam Hamilton invites readers to follow the life of Moses from his infancy to the leader of his people out of Egypt. Supplimenting biblical text with historical data, the author tells the story of the reluctant prophet whose relationship with God grew and matured.





Ring a Bell or Two?

All three of our handbell/handchime groups are looking for ringers.....how about you? Need to read music. We can teach you everything else. We give free tune-ups!



Children's Sabbath

The 11:00 a.m. service October 8 will emphasize children and Youth. Participants will include Cherub Choir, NETkids Choirs, Sunday School Children, and Youth Praise Band.

Bach at Trinity

Trinity's organist, Viktor Billa presents to the congregation a solo album: "Bach at Trinity." The organ works are very powerful and dramatic; they have such



deep and spiritual content. It's certainly possible to call them "the musical sermon." They are available in the narthex of our sanctuary on Sundays.

Viktor and Guest Concert

Viktor and a special guest will be giving a concert on Friday, Oct. 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss this special presentation of organ music and soprano vocals!

Introducing Nick Quinton

Dr. Nick Quinton Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries

Trinity UMC recently hired Dr. Nick Quinton to continue the Adult Ministries and Discipleship Program. The following is his introductory letter to the membership.

It's hard to describe the emotions I have about coming back to serve at Trinity. Joy

and excitement are two, though they hardly seem enough. Trinity holds a special place in the life of our family. Melanie and I joined Trinity shortly after we married. We welcomed both of our sons into the world while members, baptized them as part of the community, and have entrusted a good portion of their care and development to the day school. It was Trinity that played an important role in affirming God's

call on my life, and the life of our family, as I entered into ministry. To say the least my family and I are overjoyed to return to community with you. We are blessed by the opportunity. And we are thrilled to call Trinity home again!

Our familiarity brings with it possibility. Throughout the application and interview process so much possibility filled my imagination. The dedication and love Rev. Hynes gave to us is evident in all our programs; a legacy I relish in as once a participant and now a steward. So too does the work of our congregation during the Visioning process order my steps. With such an amazing place from which to start I want to share with you some thoughts on where I plan to begin. In the months between now and when that I step into the position full time I intend to

> focus on our core strengths in educational programs. We have so many wonderful and well established options for Christian education that providing you with support and guidance to build on this strength is a top priority. With that said, there is much opportunity to develop disciples and grow community beyond study that is given to my stewardship. We are all blessed, and I especially so, to have a

wonderful staff dedicated to ministry for all ages. Rest assured the existing staff I have the pleasure to partner with is excellent, and those ministries too will receive the care my love for our community engenders. Beyond these initial goals, I will work to match the dedication you have for laity-led ministry as I follow throughout our congregation and into the world with the love I have for you. Indeed, I greatly look forward to our strengthening in connection and love as we worship, grow and serve together in recognition and acceptance of God's love for us through Jesus Christ.

Hynes Senior Travel Scholarship Fund Established

An anonymous gift to Trinity has establish a Travel Scholarship Fund in honor of Reverend Barbara Hynes. This scholarship will benefit seniors seeking to travel with our "Trinity Trekkers" on their excursions around the state and beyond. As many are aware, Rev. Hynes will continue on staff at Trinity part-time coordinating our senior travel until July of 2018, when our Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries, Nick Quinton, will become full-time.

Requests for travel scholarship funds may be made through his office (nickquinton@tumct.org). Anticipated trips this coming year will include retreats to Lake Junaluska NC. excursions to theatre productions, and fun outings to local festivals and dining establishments. Additional contributions to this new Scholarship Fund may be directed to Christi McClure, Business Administrator (222-1120 cmcclure@tumct.org).

5K Race 4 Readiness!

Stacey Duggar **Preschool Director**

Please consider running the the 2017 Early Learning Coalition's Annual Race 4 **Readiness** 5K run and 1 mile walk along with the Preschool Advisory Board, staff, and parents! The date is set for Saturday,

October 21, at Tom Brown Park. For more details, please use the link below, however, if you would like to sign up, please don't register online, but rather call me at

person, and includes a t-shirt. Registration is due no later than Friday, October 13, so please make arrangements before then. The direct line to the preschool is 850-224-8992 x3. Proceeds from this race the preschool. The group rate is \$10 per

help support literacy in the Big Bend region. http://www. elcbigbend.org/



2017-2018 Preschool staff are hard at work planning for a new school year...our 45th year to be exact! Pictured here are Ryane Egler, Emily Snowden, Brittany Crutchfield, Keyandra Raines, Stacey Duggar, Mary Katherine Chatelain, Victoria Tettey, Jennifer Hopgood, and Maggie Murphy.

Variety – The Spice of Life!

I joined the BFC Variety Mix class as a student back in 2014. My family and I had



just begun visiting Trinity, and this class provided me a great way to meet some people at church. At the time, I had just become a stay at home mom and was eager to find ways to meet other moms. I had been a dance

teacher for 13 years and was missing my regular physical routine. This class not only gave me a great work out, but it gave me one of my first niches at Trinity. This class quickly became a regular part of my schedule and I also began subbing for Beth from time to time. I was thrilled to become the interim teacher for this class while Beth and Wayne were on their year-long "vacation" and was even more thrilled when we got to welcome Beth back to class! Currently, Beth and I share the teaching duties for this wonderful class and I am so happy that BFC has become a part of my Trinity life!

Staying Strong (9:30 a.m. Tues/Thurs) led by Ruth Ann High or Beth Curry;

Variety Mix (11 a.m. Tues/Thurs) led by Amy **Leach** or **Beth Curry**. Childcare is available by advance reservation:

Bootcamp (6:30 p.m. Wed) led by Elaine Freni, begins on Sept. 13.

Note: Jaqui Griffith will lead Staying Strong as a guest instructor from time to time Remember: Drop in to any class, any time. There is a suggested donation of \$3 for every class which goes to community service or the Health Wellness Fund. Registration for Bootcamp classes may also be made through the Lay Academy brochure or online - https://www.tumct. org/grow/lay-academy/.

Please contact the class leader if you have any questions:

- Beth Curry <u>BFCSeries@yahoo.com</u>
- Elaine Freni elainefreni@gmail.com
- Jaqui Griffith Jaqui Griffith@comcast.net
- Ruth Ann High rahigh@tumct.org
- Amy Leach <u>AmyCLeach@hotmail.com</u>

This group participates in local races (running and walking), kayak and hiking trips, and many activities for all ages. Join us for fun and fitness with Trinity friends.



Look for details of all activities (upcoming and past) on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/ groups/1080560685348664/

Note: Look for details of all activities (upcoming and past) on our Facebook page. For more information about TUFF, contact Marie Bradley at MBradley1716@comcast.net or text 850-728-5383 or Facebook Messenger.



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y time! Classes in the Parlor BFC Series Drop in any time!

Exercise Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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

— Wednesdays —

(**Bootcamp** will begin in September)

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact: Jaqui Griffith (Jaqui Griffith@ comcast.net), Ruth Ann High (rahigh@tumct.org) or Amy Leach (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com)

Show Love for Others Community Garden - Shari Hubbard (<u>TallyShari@gmail.com</u>)

Our garden is for the enjoyment of the community and Trinity members, and we encourage you to visit the garden and both enjoy, and share, the bounty! Also, we are actively looking for gardening enthusiasts (no previous experience necessary) to join our team. Please email Shari (tallyshari@gmail.com) or Gloria Whitaker (whitakgm1002@gmail.com) with questions and to volunteer.

Mats for the Homeless - Rose Glenn (BudsThorn@comcast.net)

We will begin the fall meetings on Thursday, Oct. 12 at 10:30-noon in the Conference Room. Come and help us finish our mats before Christmas. Bring grocery type bags along with any rolls of plarn and place in the bins inside the big blue cabinet outside the Conference Room. For more information, contact Rose Glenn 727-8526 or budsthorn@ comcast.net.

Hats for Friends (formerly Hats for the Homeless) - Judy Levy (judithtlevy@ embargmail.com)

This group creates hats and scarves for those in need. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 in the **Conference Room**. Notify Judy if you would like to learn to make hats and scarves or learn more about the group.

Upcoming Events

• Mats for the Homeless will meet on Thursday, Oct. 12 from 10:30 - 12 noon.

· Hats for Friends will meet on

Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 10:30 a.m.

Wellness

Local Missions supports **ECHO** (Emergency Care Help Organization)

Trinity's Local Missions Team —
Trinity Cares Spotlight

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Barbara Allen Local Missions

ECHO – (Emergency Care Help Organization)

ECHO's mission is to help families who are in need or in crisis to find immediate relief on their road to self-sufficiency. ECHO provides emergency grocery bags of food; clothing for families and children; financial counseling; household items;



furniture; and short-term housing through their Bethany housing program. ECHO is a faith-based agency supported primarily by donations from churches, businesses,

and individuals. Almost
6500 individuals were
served during 2016 with
the numbers continuing
to grow. As one mother
of three said, "I lost my
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benefits ran out and we had nowhere to go. ECHO gave our family a Bethany Apartment for four months and gave me clothes for job interviews. Because of ECHO, I was able to get a job and keep my family together."

Over the past several years, Trinity's faithful members have contributed more

than 5000 boxes of macaroni and cheese to ECHO's bag of food program. This summer when donations are traditionally down, Trinity delivered 509 boxes of

> macaroni and cheese to ECHO. In addition, Trinity also contributes financially to ECHO through a portion of the Local Missions budget

ECHO always has a need for diapers, baby food, household and kitchen items, hygiene items and furniture. These items can be delivered to ECHO at 1707 South Gadsden Street, 850-224-3246.

The Local Missions Committee would like to thank everyone for their generous support of Trinity's Macaroni and Cheese Program.

UMW Meeting Speaker - UMW member Rose Glenn

Nancy Bedford Communications Officer

The next meeting of UMW in Ministry will be Tuesday, Oct. 3rd in Moor Hall. The program, presented by Rose Glenn, will be A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial "Maternal and Child Health". One hundred percent of the offering will go directly to partners

engaged in programs and advocacy to benefit women and children. Everyone is invited to attend, even if you aren't a member of UMW. Monthly meetings are an opportunity to enjoy fellowship, informative programs and a delicious lunch! Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations. Standing reservations are preferred. Hope to see you there!

*Executive committee will meet at 10:30 in the church library.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

We invite everyone to participate in packing one or more shoeboxes for distribution to children in need worldwide. We are hopeful that Trinity will exceed our wonderful 2016 response! National Collection Week is November 13-20.

One hundred boxes OCC cardboard boxes are available free from UMW as long as the supply lasts. You can purchase OCC plastic boxes from Hobby Lobby for \$2.99 or plain plastic ones from the Dollar Store. You can also use your own shoeboxes. Please do not gift wrap the shoeboxes! UMW will provide a list of recommended items and also has some supplies that can be included. New in 2017 No toothpaste, no candy, no edible or liquid items! There is a suggested shipping donation of \$9 per box. Shipping donations are welcomed

UMW Circle Meetings

Alpha Circle: Mon., Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. 1832 Jean Ave. Shirley Benson hostess, Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tues., Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. in the church library, Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Mon., Oct. 16 at 6:00 p.m. 2104 W. Randolph Cir. Julie Pararo hostess and chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wed., Oct. 4 at noon, Cafe at St. Johns. Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tues., Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. For location contact Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Tues., Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. 4525 Bowfin Drive. Debbie Henderson, hostess, Patti Oakley, chair.

Watch the bulletin and website, www.tumct.org/connect/ (then select UMW Circles) for details as they become available.

from those who would prefer to do so in lieu of packing a box. For more information contact Rose Glenn 727-8526 or Email rosebud5534@comcast.net.

Pecans On Sale NOW!

Order forms are available in the Welcome Center or from UMW members. Payment

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must accompany your order. Current prices are the same as last year!!Please make checks payable to UMW and indicate "pecans" in the memo line.

For more information contact Esther Harrison 576-4271 or tharrison@

Youth Happenings in October

Lisa Prasse Youth Director

Tanner Johnson Youth Ministry Assistant

A Note from Lisa ...

So as I write this, I am patiently waiting to find out who will be serving with me in the Bahamas next March during Spring Break. My Youth Assistant, Tanner Johnson, and I are very excited to be taking the youth to the Bahamas Methodist Habitat. In light of this hurricane season, I know we will work hard and serve well in this area. In preparation for this trip, we have been working very hard to understand what life might be like for someone who lives where we are headed. This past spring we slept on dirt floors, cooked less than adequate meals over a fire, and worked in very uncomfortable conditions to help a community in need. We have also gone without food for 30 hours, and learned about hunger on a global scale. But that is just the beginning! Our youth will also put in hours and hours of service, lots of time and energy into raising funds, and participate regularly in our youth program in order to go. This is



The fruits of their labor: our youth packed bunches of snack packs on a recent Wednesday eve after Bible study.

no small task I know, but I know our youth can do it and I also know they will get so much more out of the trip and be that much more prepared for an experience of a lifetime. So when one of our high school youth tells you they are going to the Bahamas, know they're not going on a cruise! They are going to be God's hands and feet. Maybe you can tell them how proud you are of them and support them in any way you can.

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Was it the lure of ice cream or a calling by the Spirit? Either way, it was great to see so many potential Acolytes!

Upcoming Events!

Oct. 4 Combined Youth Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 8 Youth Praise Team sings 11 a.m.

Oct. 13-15.... Connect at Warren Willis (no Youth Sunday School; no band; no UMYF)

Oct. 22 Youth Choir sings at special Stewardship Sunday
Service (one service at 10 a.m.)

Oct. 27 Bethel Concert at Christian Heritage Church

Oct. 29 Confirmation Class receives bibles at 11 a.m. service

Check out the website re-design!

Rex Adams **Director of Communications**

Those of you who visit and use our website (https://www.tumct.org/) will have already recognized that we have changed our "look" again. Let me tell you a little bit about how this came about.

Way back in 2014 (which is a long time in website years), when **Rev. Tony** Fotsch, Colleen McConnell, Pam Crosby, and I conducted the last redesign of the Trinity website, we were all enamored of the First Dallas UMC website. We liked the way it looked, the way it navigated, the image it portrayed of the downtown church, and the message it spoke visually to those who visited the website. We especially loved the way the photos stetched all of the way from one side to the other and the way it had a unique way of scrolling — called parallax scrolling, which involves the web page's background moving at a slower rate to the foreground, creating a 3D effect as you scroll.

At that time, there did not exist a website theme that we could build on that would allow us to achieve the look we wanted (a theme determines

A few weeks ago, Colleen, who is our go-to person for all things technical (she is a software development manager retired from IBM, just sayin'), found our holy grail! A website theme that allows ginormous photos stretching to both sides AND the parallax scrolling! And, she could stuff all of our existing categories, hierarchy of pages, and subheadings into this new theme! Oh, happy day!

Along with Pam Crosby, a retired high school English teacher and currently a co-editor of an academic journal (see what I mean about a great committee), we managed to make this new theme our own and are excited that you can now give it a test run!

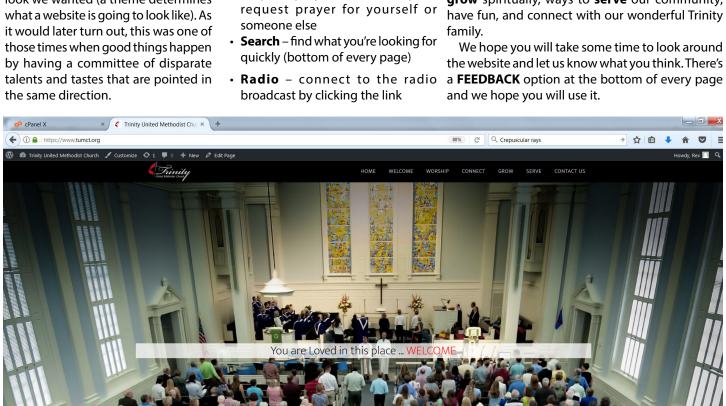
Here are some of the cool things you will find:

- Mobile friendly easy to use on a mobile device
- Connect with Trinity on Social Media (icons at bottom of every page)
- News -keeps you updated on the latest happenings at Trinity
- Request prayer various ways to someone else

Our site contains a wealth of information about Trinity, its history, its musical offerings, you can experience worship, there are opportunities to grow spiritually, ways to serve our community,

3arbara Hynes, *Associate Pastor of Discipleship*

Rev. Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt, Senior Pastor



As you scroll down on the opening page, you will see this photo from Barbara Hynes' last Sunday and other photos from around Trinity - and all of them stretch from one side of your computer monitor to the other!.