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

Serving others: Sam Rogers "Leon County Mentor of the Year"

Michael Bryan

Principal, Kate Sullivan Elementary School

Kate Sullivan Elementary School

In 1999, Mr. Sam Rogers became a mentor at Kate Sullivan Elementary School when he was recruited through an outreach program at Trinity United Methodist Church. Each year, for 19 years, he has taken two first-graders under his wing and helped them with reading. In the process, he has adopted the entire first-grade classroom, forming a relationship with each student.

Making it personal

Every holiday, he writes simple scripts for skits for his mentees to perform for the entire class. When Sam returns from one of his amazing trips, he presents the class with a slide show (many pictures featuring the

class's Flat Stanley) and brings a souvenir for each student. In this way, he broadens every child's view of the world.

Why he does it

He recognizes the importance of adult-child relationships and makes it a priority to know every child in the classroom. His dedication, creativity, and longevity as a mentor bear out his own words that "Our children are our community's most precious asset. Community involvement in our schools is critical to the process of validating the challenging work of classroom teachers." Because of Sam Rogers, hundreds of students and Kate Sullivan Elementary, in general, are better because he is a member of the school.



Sam at Hope Community

Sam Rogers also has a love for Hope Community. There is no other way to describe his service to others than love for his fellow man. Sam is a great leader who

loves the people that he serves as well as the people with whom he works. And yes, Sam also has the gift of recruiting people!

Early on, Sam saw the need for making the Hope Community more livable. He

got busy and got some people to help him paint and refurbish 15 dorm rooms, 9 bathrooms and the laundry room including new washers and dryers.

Then he volunteered to help get the residents of Hope Community fed. Now he coordinates that ministry, and volunteers his own time as well, the second Tuesday of every month.

If this looks like something you would enjoy doing, please shoot Sam an email (srogerssr@aol.com), and he would love to get you plugged in and he will find something for you to do.



Here are some of the volunteers on a recent night of service at Hope Community, from left, Ann Farran, Mary Ann Moore, Patti Oakley, Anna Parsons, Duncan Moore, David Farran, Bill Gunter, Ed and Chris Jonas, Sam Rogers, and Lori and Bill Mattice. Also participating, but not pictured were Ginger and Christina Parsons.

Local Missions and You

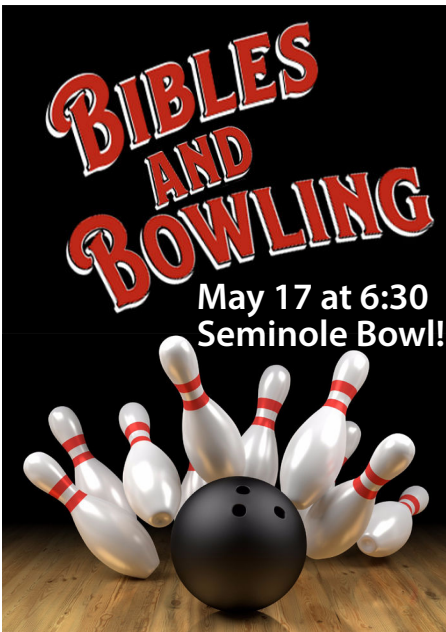
Have you seen the exciting brochure created by the **Local Missions Committee?**

It will keep you informed of:

"WHAT WE DO AND WHERE THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE"

This brochure is informative and is kept up to date.

Pick up your copy in the **N a r t h e x** today!



I Remember Momma!

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt
Senior Pastor

I stood behind her on the concrete landing. The steps climbed up to my childhood home on Cherry Lake, The Eagles Nest Lodge, and I remember grabbing on to Momma's skirt and holding on for dear life! I peered from behind her as together we watched a water moccasin stretch across the entire width of the steps as it sunned itself on a warm July day!

As I watched with anticipation, Momma grabbed the shotgun, and while six months pregnant with my younger brother Thomas, aimed carefully, and protected her family from this all too familiar Florida reptile. **Yes, I Remember Momma!**

There wasn't much she couldn't accomplish when she set her mind to it. She majored in English, with a minor in Speech and Drama graduated with honors from Columbia College, Columbia SC, and played the part of Romeo in the All Women's College production of Romeo and Juliet! She taught Senior English at Madison High School and even directed the operetta, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Gian-Carlo Menotti with yours truly playing the role of Amahl in the Christmastime production. **Yes, I Remember Momma!**

She routinely drove the ski boat as my brother and his friends performed a Cypress Gardens quality ski show complete with skiing on wooden paddles, sitting on a wooden chair atop a homemade plywood disc, and 4-5 tandem skiers being pulled-up at once with several shoulder mounts for added drama. **Yes, I Remember Momma!**

Momma's favorite summer afternoon included a picnic in the yard with relatives and friends, watermelons floating in the shallow cool waters of the lake, and plenty of cokes, orange, and grape sodas iced down in galvanized wash tubs. The summer days were filled with activities until the sun went down and Momma called her children home by flicking the front porch lights on the lake in a "morse code" type signal to call her family home for dinner. **Yes, I Remember Momma!**

On Mother's Day, I will fondly remember my Momma who taught me about unconditional love, and who lived her life as a faithful witness to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She continued to



teach me in life and in death, what it means to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Yes, I Remember Momma!**

This passage from **Proverbs 31** might say it best...

A woman of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life...She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night...She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy... She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Dr. Wayne

Music news for May

Mark Repasky
Music Director

A Special Morning

Just over forty members of Chancel Choir combined with a 26-member professional orchestra for a glorious worship service on Sunday, March 25 at 11:00 a.m. We celebrated Palm Sunday with our children's traditional palms processional. Their song "Hosanna" and the three pastors' scriptures and meditations, connected us to the traditions of Palm Sunday as well as reflecting on the words of the choir/orchestra selections. It was thrilling to see so many in attendance at that service. Our annual **Orchestra Sunday** has become a tradition at Trinity! This is usually the largest choir we have on a Sunday morning service and the best the choir will sound for the whole year. We are careful to get a good recording of the final rehearsal. The choir begins practicing this music in late September or early October. After Christmas break, at least half our rehearsal time is devoted to preparing this music. Perhaps there is someone in the congregation that has thought, "Wow, I

would really like to be a part of that!" Well, come join the choir. We are always looking for new members.

Duo Piano

One Sunday each May, we bring the piano from the choir room to the sanctuary where it joins our Steinway for some unique duo piano music. This year, the date is May 20. Pianists that morning will include Michael and Josh Bryan, Erin and Shep Platt, and Cindy and Mark Repasky. Music will include a rousing arrangement of "When We All Get to Heaven" and the "Finale" from Brahms' Variations of a Theme by Haydn which is based on hymn 67.

NETkids present Musical

Sunday, April 29, was a great day for children's ministry at Trinity! Our NETkids choirs

presented the musical "**In the Image**" at all three services. It was a great morning of worship. Thanks to all the children and their parents for participating in NETkids. If you have a child in grades K-5, , come join us when we start back up in September... it is a fantastic ministry....one of the treasures of Trinity! The NETkids will travel to **Westminster Oaks** to present their musical one last time, on **May 9 at 4:15 p.m.** in the **McGuire Center**.



HEO Coordinator, Erin Platt and son, Shep played a duet back in 2016.



In the photo above, the NETkids are shown practicing for the musical "In the Image." They will present it again on Wed., May 9 at 4:15 at Westminster Oaks, in the McGuire Center.



Orchestra Sunday was paired with Palm Sunday this year and, along with meditations on some of the musical selections by the pastors, created a very meaningful service.

UMW in Ministry speaker will be Lisa Prasse

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

The next meeting of UMW in Ministry will be Tuesday, May 1 at 11:45 in Moor Hall. The speaker will be Trinity Youth Director, Lisa Prasse. Her topic will be "The Youth Mission Trip and Summer Activities." 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. Hope to see you there!

*Executive Committee will meet in the library at 10:30 a.m. Please note that this committee includes officers and a representative from each circle.

UMW Circle Meetings

Alpha Circle: Mon., May 7. Contact Cynthia Smith or Donna Frinks, chairs.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tues., May 1, at 10 a.m. in the church library, Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Mon., May 14, 6 p.m. (potluck) 1745 Tarpon Dr., Lynn Barrera, hostess, Julie Pararo, chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wed., May 2, noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tues., May 15, Parry Building, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thurs., May 17, at 7 p.m., 1804 W. Indian Head Dr., Patti Oakley, hostess/ chair.

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



Shoebox Ministry - Operation Christmas Child

Why wait until "Shoebox Season" in November to get started gathering items? **Operation Christmas Child** has a calendar of year round gift ideas. They suggest collecting children's hygiene items during the month of May. Wet wipes, compact mirrors, toothbrushes, soap bars, and lip balm could be included. Beware! The following are **NOT allowed**-- toothpaste, vitamins, lotions, or liquids. If you aren't sure, ask!

The Project Leader Workshop is at Tallahassee Heights UMC Sat. May 5th from 10 to 1 with lunch provided. It's open to everyone. Click here for more information: <http://www.tallyheightsumc.com/>



Madison Youth Ranch Chapel dedication May 5

Gloria Colvin
Madison Youth Ranch liaison

May is a big month for our involvement with the Madison Youth Ranch. On **Saturday, May 5**, the chapel and counseling center will be dedicated, followed by lunch on the grounds. This is a great opportunity to tour the campus and to witness the transformative programs that we support with our Fifth Sunday offerings and other

gifts. If you'd like to ride in the church van, contact Gloria Colvin at 894-3625. We'll leave from the church at **9:30 and return by 2:30.**

Also during May, we're seeking contributions to purchase gift cards for summer recreational activities for the children living at the Ranch. We would

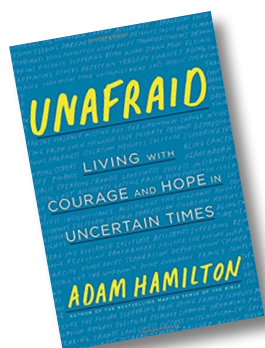
like to provide opportunities for them to go roller skating, visit the Tallahassee Museum, see some movies, bowl, visit state parks, jump at SkyZone, and have other stimulating, enriching, and fun experiences. Stop by the Welcome Center or talk with Gloria Colvin or Sandy Kappes, if you'd like to contribute to this outreach project.

New Books in the Trinity Library

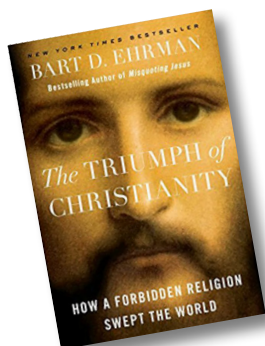
Gloria Colvin
Trinity Librarian

The Trinity library has many books to enrich your mind and spirit. Here are some new books of devotions, stories,

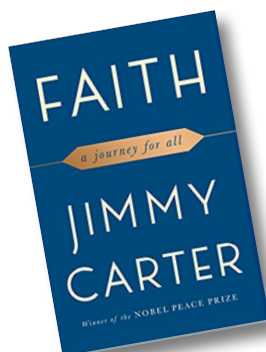
commentary, and ideas to help guide you on your faith journey.



Unafraid: *Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times* by Adam Hamilton



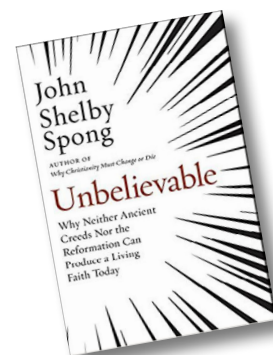
The Triumph of Christianity: *How a Forbidden Religion Swept the World* by Bart Ehrman



Faith: *A Journey for All* by Jimmy Carter



Everything Happens for a Reason and Other Lies I've Loved by Kate Bowler



Unbelievable: *Why Neither Ancient Creeds nor the Reformation Can Produce a Living Faith Today* by John Shelby Spong

Health Wellness News for May

Health Wellness Team

Staying Strong – Tues. and Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - (Taught by **Ruth Ann High** or **Beth Curry** with **Jaqui Griffith** subbing) – a good class for beginners or those wanting an easy, gentle workout — mostly standing and seated.

Variety Mix – Tues. and Thurs. 11:00 a.m. (Taught by **Amy Leach** or **Beth Curry**) – A fast paced hour packed with a variety of exercises, equipment and formats. Intermediate to Advanced.*

Bootcamp – Wed. 6:30 p.m. (Taught

by **Elaine Freni**) – A group interval format that builds strength and fitness. Intermediate to Advanced.*

— Nursery is available —

Questions – contact: **Beth Curry** (BFCSeries@yahoo.com), **Amy Leach** (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com) or **Elaine Freni** (ElaineFreni@gmail.com).

Sleeping Mats for the Homeless

The Homeless Mats Meeting Group will meet **Thursday, May 10 from 10:30-noon** in the Conference Room.

This will be the last meeting until Sept. Please come and collect bags and plans to continue working at home during the summer. For more information, contact **Rose Glenn** 727-8526 or budsthorn@comcast.net.

Hats for Friends

We will be continuing throughout 2018 to knit hats and scarves for the cold months. Please work at home.

Anyone interested in joining our group, please contact **Martha Tilden** (gator1984@comcast.net), **Earline Adkison** (leadkison@comcast.net) or **Judy Levy** (judithtlevy@embarqmail.com). Please join us.

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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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Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time!

Classes 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 —

(Bootcamp is on Wednesday nights at 6:30 as part of Lay Academy)

Upcoming Event

- **Sleeping Mats for the Homeless** will meet on Thursday, May 10 from 10:30 - 12 noon.

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact:
Beth Curry (BFCSeries@Yahoo.com) or **Amy Leach** (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com)

Local Missions supports: Trinity Troopers

Dot Hayward
Local Missions Committee Member

How exciting to work together in our community for the good of Tallahassee's most vulnerable citizens! Trinity members are increasingly more involved in projects throughout the city. The renovation of the house in Frenchtown is nearing completion and 40-45 Trinity volunteers have painted, cleaned and repaired this house that was built in 1947. The house will have new appliances, upgraded electricity, new

kitchen cabinets, refinished floors and basically a new bathroom. Additionally, furniture has been donated as well as kitchen and bath items and lighting.

We are calling ourselves "The Trinity Troopers". Did you know that a "trooper" is defined as someone who does something strenuous or tedious for a long time without complaining? What unique and special gifts and talents have been contributed in this effort. Making new friends as we have

worked together has been priceless.



From left, member, Wayne Rubinas, works in one of the bedrooms; a volunteer smiles; the home in Griffith Heights; and Paula Smith and Chris Rubinas paint a hallway.

Trinity's Local Missions Team —
Trinity Cares Spotlight



HEO means Helping Each Other

Erin Platt
HEO Coordinator



Trinity's Helping Each Other "HEO" is a reflection of the goodness of our church. It began as a committee of the United Methodist Women (UMW) nearly forty years ago, out of concern and care for our homebound congregants, as well as those members going through challenging times, such as illness or injury. In 1979, the ladies of UMW had the foresight to establish the framework for a church-wide ministry to tend our flock. It has since grown to include visitations, meals through Trinity Chefs, prayer quilts through Prayers & Squares, banquet services, greeting cards, newborn blankets, and even medical equipment loans.

HEO is a ministry of action! Today, we invite you to step into an active role, by participating in our "**Heart To Heart**" visitation program. We would like to pair you with a homebound member who might enjoy regular visitation, bearing in

mind that the timing of visits and level of commitment is left to your discretion. With your help, we can broaden our reach, better assess needs, and deepen our connection as a church family. It's always nice to take a small bouquet of flowers that have been prepared lovingly by our Altar Guild, along with the latest **Upper Room** daily devotional, or perhaps even communion (yes, we have travel kits!). Whether or not you have something in hand when visiting, of utmost significance is the joy and love that is expressed through this gesture of kindness and companionship. The mission of "Heart to Heart" is to establish something of a network, to make sure all our 'at home' congregants feel loved and included – reassuring them, by our presence, that they are an active part of Trinity life. Prayerfully consider accepting such a "visit-assignment." Additionally, if you know of a member who might enjoy

visitation, such as this, or who has special needs that might be addressed through HEO, we ask that you to contact HEO without delay.

The UMW felt compelled to action in 1979 by establishing HEO, where, in the more recent words of Ruth Ann High, "we have permission to do good works" (can't quote that enough!). While HEO is now multi-faceted, ripe with opportunity to serve, "Heart To Heart" is perhaps one of the most fulfilling ways we can employ our spiritual gifts in service and nurture our faith. The ladies of UMW challenge us again today, to stretch ourselves relationally and reach out to make a meaningful connection with someone special, perhaps even someone who might otherwise drift away from Trinity. If this part of our mission calls to you, then you are the person who will make a difference! • HEO is ours, it belongs to all of us!

Youth Happenings in May

Lisa Prasse
Youth Director

Tanner Johnson
Youth Ministry Assistant

A Note from Lisa ...

We've got this! The youth have just finished their 11th annual 30 Hour Famine and every year they rise to the challenge of not eating for 30 hours straight! That might be a difficult task for most, but for hungry teenagers it's

Friday, we challenge our youth to help fight world hunger and every year they meet that challenge with enthusiasm and perseverance. By fasting for 30 hours and raising \$40, each youth can feed a hungry child for 30 days. Pretty amazing!

This year we had 21 youth who pledged not to eat for 30 hours and sleep on the floor of the church all night. They took on this challenge very willingly and never complained; they actually looked forward to sleeping at the church—even if on the floor! The next day, they woke up hungry and

unbelievable. They even invite friends to this event and what's amazing, is that they come too! What teenager wants to starve for 30 hours? Not most I can assure you but every year on Good

tired, but that didn't stop them from working hard Lott's Community Garden (an outreach of Second Harvest) in the cold! They helped weed potato fields for hours! We were also invited back in



The youth spent some of their last hours of the 30-hour famine hoeing potatoes.



This looks so cold!



Have you ever been really hungry and then someone suggests that you should hoe potatoes? Bet that was hard!

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May to harvest all the potatoes (imagine an Easter Egg hunt, but for potatoes that will feed MANY hungry families in need)! Give them a challenge, give them a cause, give them an opportunity to do something about it, and they will no doubt meet it!

Don't Miss Out!

May 5Confirmation
Banquet/Rehearsal

May 6Confirmation
Sunday/Youth Choir sings at 11

May 20Graduate Sunday
(recognize seniors)

May 26Acolyte/Youth
Choir trip to Wild Adventures

May 27Memorial Day
weekend/no UMYF

Jun. 10-16Youth Week!

Jun. 17-21Mid High
Mission Trip (TBD)

Jun. 18-22VBS

Jul. 9-14Camp at Warren
Willis! (Registration is open! Go to
www.warrenwilliscamp.org NOW
and get registered for week 5! More
info coming soon!)

Ukrainian Recital

Friday, May 4 - 7 p.m.

We invite you to the fascinating world of the Ukrainian music. Traditional Ukrainian music is easily recognized by its somewhat melancholy tone, severe tension or sadness in some songs. You will be able to hear the sounds of love, tragic love, dramatic tension by which is very touching our

can they tell their most intimate secrets.

Come and hear the different stories in many Ukrainian songs which will be performed by bright lyric-coloratura soprano. All songs will be performed in the Ukrainian

language, which is very melodic and gentle.

The unique Ukrainian organ music can give you new imagination of music, which you can listen just from Viktor Billa, as this music is not so famous yet.

You will hear the clarity of musical lines, the use of new styles such as neoclassicism and neofolklorism in "Sonata" by Lenko.

The real classic music of XVIII century is "Concert" by Bortniansky. Here is a great influence of the Italian Venetian style and also Mozart's music which connects to the Ukrainian folklore and national dancing songs.

In Goncharenko's "Chaconne" you can see a story about human life. The first and the last parts are written in the same style which reflect the beginning and the end of life. However the middle part is different

hearts; about the psychological drama of the people who aspire to freedom; about hope, suffering, grief, crying; about dreams which weren't realized; amazing coloratura imitations of singing of a nightingale which are so beautiful, unusual, magic and mysterious - like love. Through the music, you can feel spirit of Ukraine and the mood of this beautiful country. It's a story about the Ukrainian traditions, the nature, and the interaction of the people with them. You will be able to see how people relate to trees, fields, rivers, birds - only to them



HEO Accepting 'Items' Donations

Erin Platt
HEO Coordinator

HEO is asking for hygiene samples at this time: Travel-sized shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion and especially razors and dental products (toothpaste and toothbrushes). Additionally, the spring drive for men's t-shirts (L and XL) and men's crew socks continues - these items are very popular with men and women during the warmer months! You can drop off items in our

Welcome Center, or in the donation basket under the table near the HEO office. Please contact Erin (eplatt@tumct.org) if you want to learn more about ways to contribute, or if you are interested in helping distribute these items to our neighbors in need during SnackPack times. Be assured that your donations are put to use, with nothing wasted. •HEO is ours, it belongs to all of us!



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with extraordinary energy and dissonant harmony which shows the raging life with all her concerns.

And the most powerful "Toccata" by V. Nazarov is full of the powerful energy which reminds us of the fight of the individual for life, for his place in this world, for happiness.

A special mood will be created by decorations from a Ukrainian garden and special Ukrainian costumes.

This authentic performance by two Ukrainian musicians will give you the deepest emotions of this beautiful and very interesting country.

Just once in Tallahassee and just at Trinity United Methodist Church - May 4th - Ukrainian recital. Please come.