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Trinity United Methodist Church

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

Trinity Easter Sunday 2019



Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from March 11-April 10:

In memory of **Margie Smith** from Patsy Yawn, Lecky Spector, Jack and Mary Bottino, Nora Dalpiaz, Julie and Brian Prutch, Amy and Chris Wilcox, Gina and Graeme Cox, Dalton Allen, Anne Vinson and David Williamson, Jr., Nancy and Emily Waugh, Joe and Marilyn Williams, Carl and Lolly Wier, Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers, Nancy Kerce, Jerry and Lenora McDaniel, Lynne Barrera, John Andrew and Kay Smith, Judy Culbreath, Nora Nell Jackson, Dick and Pat Winchester.

In memory of **Ernest Sanders** from William Graham and Shelley Hill, Brenda Grindstaff, Steve Ferst, Marjorie Grindstaff, Charlie and Barbara Allen.

In memory of **Majel Barrett** from Nancy and Emily Waugh.

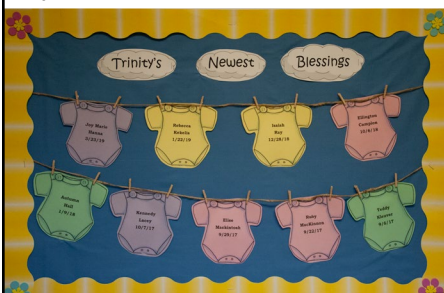
In memory of **Alice Grow** from Nancy and Emily Waugh.

In memory of **Ollie Dawirs** from Nancy Kerce.

In memory of **Ruth McDonald** from Nancy Kerce, Wayne and Margie Mixson, Mary Peacock, Vereen Smith, Fred and Lynn Hudson, Foy Winsor, M.J. McDonald and Lilly Roe, UMW Circle 1 (for HEO), Steve and Anna Avera.

Trinity's Newest Blessings!

Thanks to the handiwork of Ramona Wiatt (below), we know that there are nine new Trinity babies since September of 2017!



Homeless Mats

Rose Glenn
Mats for Friends Leader

The Mats for the homeless group will meet **May 9** in the **Conference Room** from **10:30-noon**.

This will be the last meeting until September. I hope you will be able to work during the summer so that we will have enough mats by Christmas.

Thank you to those who have contributed bags that were folded instead of wadded up. This saves a lot of work for the ones who cut and roll the plarns.

We will not need bags during the summer.

A Farewell from Jon

Jonathan Brewster
Associate Pastor

The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:1, "Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord." ...While Paul is encountering vastly different circumstances, in his ministry, I deeply resonate with his message. Like a good pastor, Paul wants to be with the people he loves. However, Paul also knows that God is at work in his life and the church. For where God is, there is always reason to rejoice! "Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice (vs 4)!"

I want to say thank you for allowing me to be your associate pastor over these past four years. Without a doubt, being at Trinity has given us tremendous reason to rejoice. The friendships, community, and love from so many people, has made ministry at Trinity full of joy. I could not have asked for a better beginning to start a lifetime of ministry! I remember attending my first annual conference in the summer of 2015 and another pastor told me, "You are going to one of the best church placements in the conference." I could sense a little bit of jealousy. Nonetheless, he was right—your love and embrace have made these past four years unforgettable. This is one of the best churches around!

I still recall Weston breaking his leg about a month after our arrival. As one might guess, this was a stressful event for our family;

however, the congregational response was incredible. People from around the church provided meals, gifts, and so many words of encouragement. Even though Weston had to wear a body cast for nearly 4 months, we felt like the congregation was walking alongside us in prayer and support. In the weeks leading up to Adeline's birth, many individuals showered us with love and expressed excitement for our family. I felt blessed knowing that our children would be a part of Trinity.

This is what Trinity does best. This church cares for people. I do not doubt for a moment that this legacy will continue for years to come. When Neal Averitt begins his new ministry, as the new associate pastor, I know he and his family will experience the same love from this wonderful church that the Brewster family has experienced. As you have always done for me, encourage and help your new associate.

You will be in good hands in the years ahead. I pray you will continue to stand firm in the Lord and never waver from the beauty of the gospel. And know for certain that this church will always have a special place in my heart. I love you all.

Pastor Jon



Music News for May

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Yuliia Billa

At a recent church staff meeting, Viktor Billa announced the fourth anniversary of their arrival in this country. For years, because of visa restrictions, Yuliia was not able to work for pay. Instead, she graciously volunteered at the church, singing in Chancel Choir, leading the NETkids Alpha Choir, playing in a steel pan group, ringing with Trinity Ringers, and co-leading (with Viktor) Jubilation Bells.



Yuliia Billa.

Last April, she was given permission to work in the United States. She and Viktor are patiently waiting for their Green Cards, which we hope will arrive soon.

To advance her career in church music, it was time for Yuliia to step out on her own and find a church Music Director position. And so she has done, as soon, she becomes the full-time Music Director at First United Methodist Church, Bainbridge, Georgia. This works well, as she can commute to her work, allowing Viktor and Yuliia to continue living in Tallahassee. Though we are sad to lose her, and will miss seeing her in our church hallways, practicing voice in the chapel, and leading music groups in the choir room, bell room and sanctuary, we are proud of Yuliia for this major move forward in her life, and pray she will have a wonderful ministry at that church. So, come this September, we will have openings for a bell ringer....interested?

Become Part of the Staff!

Trinity UMC is searching for a paid part-time music leader starting September, 2019. Duties are leading the NETkids Alpha Choir (kindergarten through 2nd grade) and

the Youth Choir (6th -12th grade).

A Bachelor of Music Degree and/or experience leading music groups is required. Contact Music Director Mark Repasky (mrepasky@tumct.org) for additional information.



The Sunday School children waved palm branches and sang during the Palm Sunday 11 o'clock service.

UMW in Ministry meeting is May

Nancy Bedford
Communications Officer

On Tuesday, May 7, Jayne Mittan will talk about her recent mission trip to Africa and work with **ZOE**. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Jayne's experiences in Rwanda, Africa. Everyone is invited to attend even if you aren't a member of UMW. The luncheon meeting will be held in Moor Hall from 11:45-1:00. Come and enjoy the program, a delicious lunch and fellowship! This will be the last UMW meeting until September. Please call Nancy Kerce 877-6546 for reservations.

UMW Circle Meetings

Alpha Circle: Monday, May 13, at 10 a.m. Oak Room at Westminster Oaks, Cynthia Smith chair.

Dorcas Foster Circle: Tuesday, May 7, at 1 p.m. in the church library, Nancy Kerce, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Monday, May 13, luncheon, for information contact Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, May 1, at noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, May 21, at 10 a.m. Specialty House, Meandering Lane, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thursday, May 16, for information contact Patti Oakley hostess/chair.

The Festival of Wisdom and Grace

The Festival of Wisdom and Grace on – August 4-9, is “A Conference for Finding Purpose and Renewal in the Second Half of Life.” During the annual August event at the **Lake Junaluska Conference and Retreat Center** in the mountains of North Carolina hundreds of men and women from across the Southeastern Jurisdiction gather to participate in three days of plenary sessions, worship, and workshops with leadership provided by renowned conference preachers and pastors.

As participants enjoy casual delicious buffet meals together or relax on a balcony rocking chair overlooking the lake, new friendships are made and old ones renewed. During free time, guests meander along the Rose Walk, stroll the trail circling the lake, walk the labyrinth or participate in one of many optional activities. Inspiration Point, the World

Methodist Museum, the Biblical Garden and the Cornelia Bryan Native Garden are just steps away and evening historic boat tours are led by knowledgeable local volunteers.

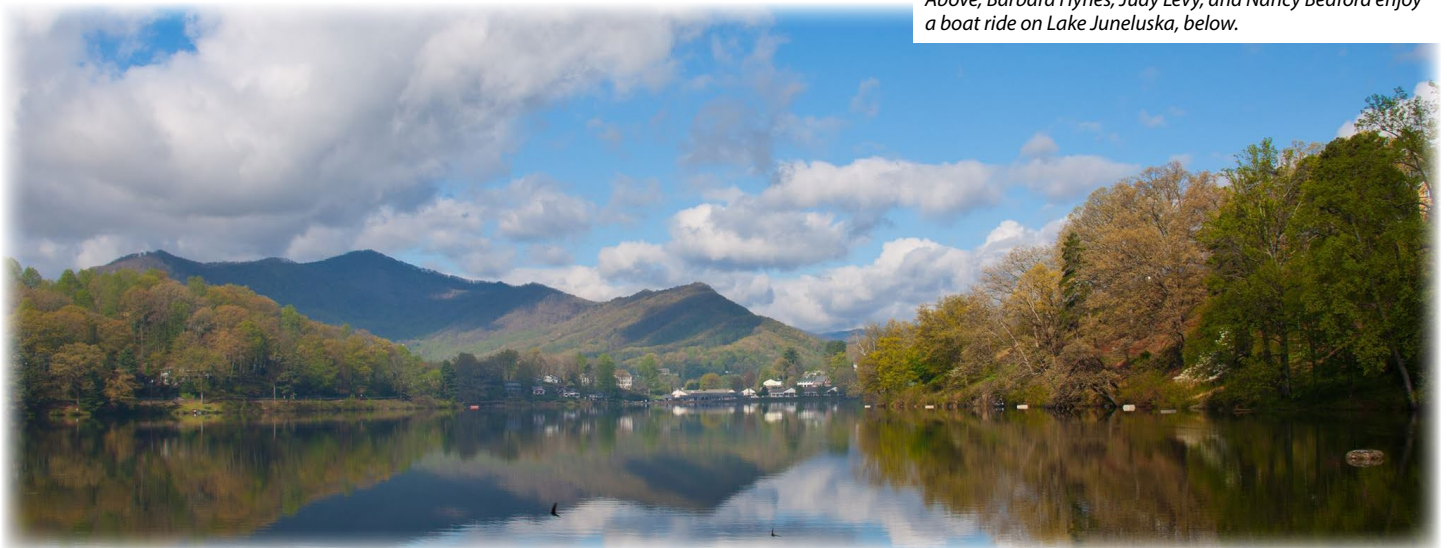
Trinity Treks enhances this trip with **extra nights in Commerce, GA and Flat Rock, NC. as well as stops in Waynesville and Hendersonville** and tickets to the summer production of the Flat Rock Playhouse!

This is a time of worship, learning, renewal, inspiration, recreation, and entertainment in a beautiful setting. Those who have attended look forward to returning year after year.

Look for additional information during May regarding the itinerary and pricing as plans are finalized. For other questions **contact Nick Quinton (nick quinton@tumct.org).**



Above, Barbara Hynes, Judy Levy, and Nancy Bedford enjoy a boat ride on Lake Junaluska, below.



Join the BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) exercise fun and fellowship!

Becoming Fit at Church Team

BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Exercise will continue its Tues/Thurs 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. exercise classes all summer long! Fit Mix on Wed evening at 6:30 p.m. will continue until the end of May.

Come join the fun! Drop in any time. Suggested donation is \$3 per class. All funds go to community service or funding

exercise equipment/supplies. Child care is available during the 11 a.m. class by advance reservation only, and Wed night through the regular nursery.



2019 Class Schedule

Staying Strong – Tues/Thurs – 9:30 a.m. – (Ruth Ann or Beth, and Jaqui as a sub) – Join us for a gentle, easy and basic full body exercise class using a seated or standing format. Great class for beginners or those who do not wish to get down on the floor. Contact Beth for more info.

Variety Mix – Tues/Thurs – 11:00 a.m. – (Amy or Beth) Come enjoy a fun fast-paced hour of exercise using a variety of equipment in a variety of formats. Full-body workout with cardio, strength and flexibility segments. Intermediate to Advanced class. Contact Beth for more

info or Amy for nursery reservation (In Advance ONLY)

Fit Mix – This class **will conclude on May 15** and resume in September when Lay Academy starts the new Fall session. Register through Lay Academy for a suggested donation of \$3 per class. Contact Elaine Freni (elainefreni@gmail) for more information.

For more information about BFC, please contact: Beth Curry BFCSeries@yahoo.com, Amy Leach AmyCLEach@hotmail.com, or Elaine Freni elainefreni@gmail.com

BFC Calendar



Drop in any time! *Classes in the Parlor*

BFC Series Exercise Classes*

Tuesdays and Thursdays

- 9:30 - Staying Strong
- 11:00 - Variety Mix**

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

— **Wednesdays** —

Fit MIX meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. as part of **Lay Academy**

For more information about BFC, please contact:
Beth Curry BFCSeries@yahoo.com, **Amy Leach** AmyCLEach@hotmail.com, or **Elaine Freni** elainefreni@gmail.com.

Local Missions supports Making Peace a Verb

Dennis Smith
Local Missions Chair

What if we gave a Peace and nobody came? Turning the line from Carl Sanberg's 1936 poem, "**The People, Yes**" on its head, I am reminded of the popular anti-war poster it influenced (below)



that asked; "what if they gave a war and nobody came ...," showing a scarecrow-like figure, appropriately named "Mars," in a field of flowers, draped in armor, gas mask askew, arms outstretched – eerily

reminiscent of Christ on the cross – white doves perch on his shoulders.

Christ gives us the gift of peace, but like all divine gifts, it is ours to give, not just receive. Imagine for a moment

another image. Instead of the god of war in a field of flowers, imagine the true Prince of Peace on the cross. But the background in this case isn't so rosy or even so remote. The background is the Providence neighborhood of Tallahassee, or Griffin Heights – home to one of the most economically disadvantaged zip codes in the county. It is the Kearney Center, it is Hope Community. It is the front step of Trinity at 8:20 on a Sunday morning as a homeless man quickly packs up his kit, leaving the one place he had found refuge on a cold and lonely night.

Peace, in the Christian sense, is a verb. As the new Chair of the Local Missions Committee, I see it in the stalwart leaders of the group. Fellow congregants who have volunteered to help out not just for a season, but in most cases, for decades. Septuagenarians, many, true elders of our congregation who have given and given and given, not just showing up, but leading in Trinity's many efforts to help our neighbors. And now they need

a rest. We owe them the honor of seeing the next generation carry on Trinity's century-plus long tradition of being Christ's hands and feet. They need you, and I need you.

Please email me, Dennis Smith, at dennis.smith1965@gmail.com, or text me at 850.294.3026 to find out more. Come, even if just for a season, and join in the Peace we can bring to this town. I will be here, our needy neighbors will be here, and so will the cross.

Volunteers Needed for Serving Shelter Meals at The Kearney Center

We serve meals to the Homeless on the first and fourth Monday of every month. The work schedule is broken down into quarters.

Please contact Sabrina Denmark (566-5253 or sab.den@comcast.net) for details and/or to volunteer.

Every baby deserves clean diapers!

Mary Stephenson
Local Missions Member

Diaper need is the lack of a sufficient amount of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. Diapers can cost up to \$100 every month per baby. According to the National Diaper Bank network, 1 in 3 families in the U.S. struggle to pay for adequate diapers for their family. Of those in need, 3 in 5 miss work or school due to a lack of sufficient diapers to send their child to day care, child care or early education programs.

Diapers are as essential to a child's basic needs as food and shelter. Yet, state and national safety net programs do not recognize diapers as a basic need. SNAP (aka 'food stamps') and WIC (Women, Infant, Children) programs do not cover the purchase of diapers or wipes.

Just imagine what it would be like to have a baby in need of diapers, but not be able to afford them? What if you had

to choose between diapers and food or electricity? What if you couldn't afford diapers and thus couldn't take your child to day care (most require you to provide diapers for your child) and in turn that meant you couldn't go to work to support your family? This is an unfortunate reality for too many less fortunate people across the country and in our local community.

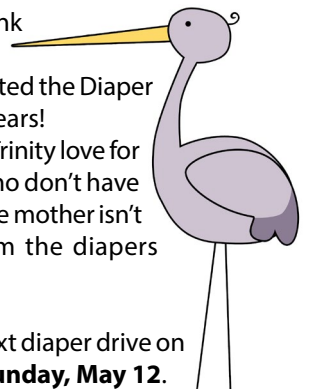
The Local Missions Committee sponsored the first Trinity UMC Diaper Drive in 2015. Our goal that first year was **to collect enough diapers to meet the yearly need of the Refuge House - approximately 1800 diapers for a year.** **We exceeded our goal by collecting over 2000 diapers for Refuge House!** Since that time, Trinity members have donated nearly **4000 diapers in 2016 for Refuge House, Hope Community and Children's Home Society and another 2250 diapers**

in 2017 for Refuge House and Hope Community. On March 4, Trinity members again donated diapers for Refuge House and we collected over 750. **In 2018, we were able to donate 1260 diapers to Hope Community and 1402 diapers to Children's Home Society.**

As you can tell, Trinity members have really gotten behind the diaper drives! Thank you to all of you who have supported the Diaper Drives over the years!

Let's show our Trinity love for those children who don't have a mother or whose mother isn't able to buy them the diapers they need.

Look for our next diaper drive on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12.**



Youth Happenings in May

Lisa Prasse
Youth Director

Ryan Kielmann
Youth Ministry Intern

A Note from Lisa ...

We've got this! The youth have just finished their 12th 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 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 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 20 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 tired, but that didn't stop them from working hard right here at the church. Our youth worked hard for hours! Make sure you go out back and see the nice clean alley way! Give them a



The Confirmation class learns Trinity history from Linda Yates.



Making and modeling displays for Vacation Bible School.

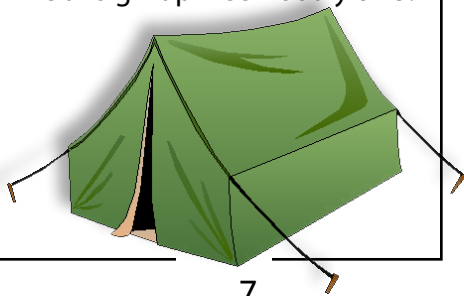
Sign Up **NOW** for Camp!

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.warrenwilliscamp.org/> and follow the directions that are

listed there.

Our sign-up week is July 8-13.



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challenge, give them a cause, give them an opportunity to do something about it, and they will no doubt meet it!



Working on VBS props.

Upcoming Events

Check out the youth website for more information: <http://www.tumct.org/connect/community/youth/>

— Summer 2019 —

May 1 Last Youth Bible Study

May 4 Confirmation Banquet/ Rehearsal

May 5 Confirmation Sunday/ Youth Choir sings at 11 a.m.

May 19 Graduate Sunday
(recognize seniors)

May 26 Memorial Day weekend/ no UMYF

Jun. 2-8 Youth Week

Jun. 9 VBS Training

Jun. 10-14: Vacation Bible School

Jul. 8-13:.... CaMp! Week at Warren Willis

Jul. 21-25:.. Mid High Mission Trip (Orlando - with Led2Serve)

HEO Day and Ministry Fare and Reception

Erin Platt
HEO Coordinator

Trinity's Helping Each Other (HEO) ministry was featured as part of the worship program at all three services on Sunday, March 10, with volunteers and staff speaking about the many teams and ways to get involved. We would like to thank you for taking a bit of time to learn about all that comprises HEO!

HEO covers a number of congregational-based teams, as we work to 'tend our flock':

- Visitation / Heart To Heart;
- Prayers & Squares (Prayer Quilts);
- Trinity Chefs;
- Funeral Receptions;
- Greeting Cards;
- Medical Equipment loans,
- and other special events.



HEO community-based initiatives include the highly visible and popular SnackPacking program, as part of our ministry to our neighbors in need. HEO offers a place for all active church members, with varying kinds of work and levels of commitment – the only requirement being a willingness to serve others'.



The **Prayers & Squares** table, l-r, Beth Perry, Colleen McConnell, and Toni Hale.

Speakers from the HEO Executive Board, **Rhonda Work** and **Nancy Kerce**, emphasized that HEO is only made possible through our volunteerism, private items donations (which serve to defray costs) and financial support (HEO is not part of the church budget, so please remember to add "HEO" to the memo line of checks).

HEO received many new volunteers at the well-attended Ministry Fare with 'cookies 'n punch' Reception in Moor Hall

that followed services that day, with one team tripling in size! When you're ready, contact Erin at elplatt@tumct.org to find out where your talents might fit best. HEO is ours, it belongs to all of us!



Snack packs and Community Service table with Becky Lachance.



Leslee Hancock answers questions at the **Cards and Medical Equipment** table.

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Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Adult Discipleship and Education
Rex Adams, Director of Communications



Trinity's support of our children's home on the **5th Sunday** in March provided many of the current resident needs and were delivered to the **Madison Youth Ranch Director, Mica Renfroe** by **Dan Drake and John Frazier** on Friday, April 4.