

Trinity's Mission: We are a community of Christian disciples building pathways through which God's love is realized.

Trinity to Partner with Hope Community to Help Children

Sam Rogers, Sr.

Jesus said to them, *"Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me ..."* **Luke 9:48**

Trinity's **Local Missions Team** (formerly Church and Society Committee), has voted unanimously to take on an ambitious church-wide program to assist homeless children as part of **Hope Community**, a program of the **Big Bend Homeless Coalition**. It is estimated that there are over 6,800 homeless persons in the Big Bend each year, and of that number, 1,755 are children. Hope Community is providing a safe living environment for some of those children and their parents, where they can recover from homelessness and return to the community as self sufficient citizens. It is a successful work-in-progress story. Since 2005, more than 785 homeless persons – including 300 children age 2-10 – have moved to stable housing and are self supporting citizens in this one-of-a-kind program. Supportive services include education and employment assistance, child care and family support, direct links to government and other programs, mental health and substance abuse services and housing assistance.

Located on West Pensacola Street, Hope Community provides housing for up to six months to a maximum of 20 family units in dormitory-style rooms. It offers three meals per day in a dining hall with community space for meetings. The Kay Freeman Health Center, conveniently located nearby, is available to provide primary health services to residents. A staff of 24 provides round-the-clock safety and security. Most of the cost of direct operations is

provided by the City of Tallahassee and other charitable organizations including United Way.

Yet, there are many human needs, particularly for the children, that are sorely lacking. Right now, there are approximately 30 children living with a single parent, or both parents, and even with grandparents, in the 20 rooms. The rooms are approximately 8x10 feet with a bath between, serving two families. The rooms contain two bunk-beds with mattresses and little else.

- **Immediate Need.** Improvement of living conditions in each of the individual bedrooms and baths. Rooms are sparsely furnished with little or no place for storage of personal articles and clothes. Some rooms are in need of repair and painting. Many have no curtains for privacy, and the lighting needs improvement. The first priority is to organize a team of volunteers with artisan and design experience.
- **Continuing Needs.** Many of the parents need assistance preparing for job interviews including resumé writing, and practice for interviews. Day care services are needed while parents are in job interviews, and also for after school. Tutors are needed for school age children in reading and math. Adults need clothing appropriate for job interviews, and children need school clothes. A small amount of cash is needed for each family which would be used only for the purchase of personal necessities, including birthday and Christmas gifts for children. To assist with these needs, church groups like the youth, Sunday school classes, and others may be interested in helping as a group to be more effective.

Trinity members alone cannot solve the homeless problem, but we can help make a difference in the lives of those children who are innocent victims. More than anything, these children need to know that they are loved and that someone outside their family cares. It won't cost much money. The time invested by Trinity members who are able to volunteer their experience and talent will be richly rewarded by the knowledge that they are helping to make a difference in the life of an innocent child.

Want to help?

Shortly, members of Trinity's Local Missions Team will be meeting with the professional staff at Hope Community to organize a plan of operation. Trinity members who are interested in volunteering should contact Trinity Project Coordinator, Sam Rogers Sr. at srogerssr@aol.com, or call Steve and Sabrina Denmark, Joint Chairs, Local Missions Team at 893-5635.

Imagine! Campaign Update

God is good all of the time! And, thanks to your continued generosity, Trinity is working toward its goal of helping the people of Trinity, Tallahassee (as in the article above), and beyond.

As of February 24, we have 417 pledges totaling \$1,168,053 ... which is 94.5% of our goal! Let's continue with our pledges and giving, and we can reach all of our goals this year.

Imagine! what God has for Trinity in 2012!

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from January 19-February 15, 2012:



In memory of **Mary Frances Bell** from Mark and Betty Morgan, Joanna and Jerome Novey, Michael and Debra Grizzard, Mary P. Peacock, Vereen and Leslie Smith and Firehouse Restaurant Group.

In memory of **Nelda Toothman** from UMW Circle I.

In memory of **Helen Davis** from Don and Beth Davis.

In memory of **Jean Bellyk** from John and Gwen Winn.

In honor of **Dale and Marie Bradley** from John and Gwen Winn.

In honor of **Eleanor Hale's** birthday from Diane Hale.

In honor of **Linda Yates and the Heritage Room** from Wallace Floyd.

Volunteers in Mission

Nancy Duncan

Four Trinity members recently attended a UMVIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) team leading training course at First UMC in Panama City. This seminar taught them how to lead mission trips.



Giving up a Saturday to serve their church were, from left, Gary Cherry, Jayne Mittan, Nancy Duncan, and Jimmie Duncan.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

We are now in the liturgical season of Lent. Every year when I enter into the soul searching that is always a part of my Lenten journey, I go back to a series of questions posed by Frederick Buechner. I share them with you and invite you to ponder these powerful questions as well:

"In many cultures there is an ancient custom of giving a tenth of each year's income to some holy use. For Christians, to observe the forty days of Lent is to do the same thing with roughly a tenth of each year's days. After being baptized by John in the river Jordan, Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where he spent forty days asking himself the question what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are supposed to ask one way or another what it means to be themselves.

If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn't, which side would get your money and why?

When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?

If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?

Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?

Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?



If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

To hear yourself try to answer questions like these is to begin to hear something not only of who you are but of both what you are becoming and what you are failing to become. It can be a pretty depressing business, all in all, but if sackcloth and ashes are at the start of it, something like Easter may be at the end."

Don't hurry through Buechner's questions. Take some time over the days and weeks ahead and do some deep self-examination.

You are loved,

Music News for March

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

Special Music at Trinity

Many churches have choirs. Many have praise bands. A lot have handbell or handchime groups. Not many have steel bands or adult Orff ensembles. That probably garnered some special attention from the music leadership for the upcoming **General Conference of the United Methodist**

Church, and so our steel bands and our adult Orff group were invited to participate!

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is held every four years.

This is an international event, with nearly 1,000 delegates (500 laity and 500 clergy) coming from countries all over the world. Delegates will meet at the Tampa Convention Center, April 24 to May 4.

Our two steel bands and our adult Orff ensemble will present 45 minutes of music at the April 28 luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m. This is a rare opportunity, and we are already in preparation. For all three groups, this is the first time they have performed outside our church. We want to be a blessing to those in attendance as they carry on the work of our beloved United Methodist Church worldwide. As one of our steel band songs proclaims, "O Happy Day!"

Springtime Tallahassee Inside the Sanctuary

The American Guild of Organists, Tallahassee Chapter presents "Toccatarama!" a family-friendly hour of musical fireworks played on the King of Instruments! This event will start immediately following the Springtime Tallahassee Grand Parade, and will be held in our sanctuary. Entrance is free. A freewill offering will be taken. For more information, please contact our organist Jonathan Hehn for additional information. There will be a raffle to win free music on iTunes as well as door prizes for the first 100 people to arrive.

Springtime Tallahassee On the Church Steps

That's where you will find our two steel bands during part of Springtime Tallahassee festivities. We are venturing outside the church walls to present short performances on March 31. Steel bands are well suited for outdoor performances, so we are "stepping out in faith". We might surprise some folk wandering near our church late that morning or early afternoon, that yes, Trinity UMC has steel bands as part of its music ministry!



The NETkids Alpha and Omega choirs help lead worship throughout the year.



The Adult Orff Instrument Ensemble will perform for the General Conference in Tampa on April 28.



This steel band group, The Pans of Praise, will perform for Methodist representatives from around the world.



If you haven't heard the SUN Service band, Circle of Friends, maybe it's time. The SUN Service starts at 9:45 a.m.

The Whole Picture of Health, 95210 (The Journey Begins ...)

Terri Sue Aldridge Lawson

As I type this, I'm staring down a seriously delicious looking Valentine's Day cupcake -



Terri Sue (far right), is a member of the Health Wellness Committee and helped organize and publicize the recent Health Fair.

and it will be a challenge to resist that butter cream frosting that is perfectly swirled on top of the vanilla cupcake. But 90-some odd of you have taken our 95210 Challenge, so I feel that I must be on my best behavior!

Starting this month, a new journey begins with my monthly "column" as I tackle the 95210 Challenge with my family. My family—my husband, Jeffrey and my four-and-a-half-year-old son, Grayson—probably don't realize how our lives are going to change with this challenge. First, we're all going to have to hit the hay a little bit earlier, the men in my life are going to have to limit their Wii/Nintendo 3DS activity - a lot - and we're all going to have to make time for physical activity.

I know that some of you are wondering why

we would do this challenge in such a public way—that's a good question and when I figure out the answer, I'll let you know! On a serious note, there are a few reasons why I suggested putting myself and my family "out there." One, as a member of the health and wellness team, I felt that I needed to make a big commitment; two, I hope that my family can help provide motivation, maybe a little inspiration, to others at Trinity to get involved in this challenge; three, when you make a big commitment, you need accountability and if a monthly column doesn't provide accountability, I'm not sure what will! Lastly, I'm on a personal mission to right the wrongs of my unhealthy past. I have been hard on my body over the years with eating disorders and food addiction, a real lack of commitment to exercise, multiple knee surgeries, and a recent diagnosis of pre-diabetes and PCOS (poly cystic ovary syndrome). I am considered morbidly obese and need to lose about 100 pounds. I am 34 years old and in the

prime of my life - I have a lot to live for right now and it starts with healthy decisions; it starts with this challenge.

So, what's in store for the Lawson Family over the next thirty days or so? A serious evaluation of our eating, exercise and sleep habits, a family challenge to participate in the Shamrock Scurry in mid-March and to develop an understanding that we didn't get to our current place in one night, so results are not going to happen overnight.

While I'm sharing my family's progress, I want to hear about your progress. We're in this together! Feel free to email me at tsaldrige@gmail.com or find me on Facebook.



Among the displays at the 3rd Annual Health Fair was this one with Donna Legare that showed how to get started with organic home gardening.

Habitat Faith build

Ron McCranie
Trinity Habitat Liaison

As you can see in these photos, we are heading down the home stretch on our ongoing **Habitat Faith** build. Last Saturday



was landscaping day and it could not have been a more comfortable, beautiful February day for being outside. We were able to get all the plants in the ground, sod laid, baseboards painted - and all done in time to watch FSU knock off UVA in basketball!

This has truly been one of the best Habitat

projects. We stayed right on schedule, worked with lots of good folks/volunteers from various churches and enjoyed absolutely perfect weather throughout. The dedication for Cheryl Jackson's new home will be coming up soon - I will let you know as soon as that info is available in case you want to attend.

Many thanks to those of you who participated. For those of you who wanted to but for whatever reason weren't able to, never fear - there will no doubt be another opportunity next year! p.s. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking over the role of Trinity Habitat liaison for future builds, drop me a note. It really is not a large time

investment at all. It pretty much consists of touching base with nice folks like you every year or so and spending a few Saturdays during builds with good people. Call me (443-2942) and I'll give you the particulars.



Health Wellness news for March

Beth Curry and Richard Parsons

Be Part of Trinity Runners (and Walkers) Team!

You're invited to join other Trinity runners and walkers at either or both of the following races:

SHAMROCK SCURRY

(5K and 1-Miler)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, Killlearn UMC will once again be hosting the annual "Shamrock



Richard Parsons, coordinator of the TUMC Runners Club, welcomes runners and walkers of all skill levels.

Scurry" benefiting local charities and youth rehabilitation programs. The event also includes a pancake breakfast. The 1 mile run

starts at 8 and the 5K is scheduled for an 8:30 a.m. start. The event is held at the Killlearn Methodist Church. All runners and walkers are invited to participate. For more information or to register online go to www.shamrockscurry.com.

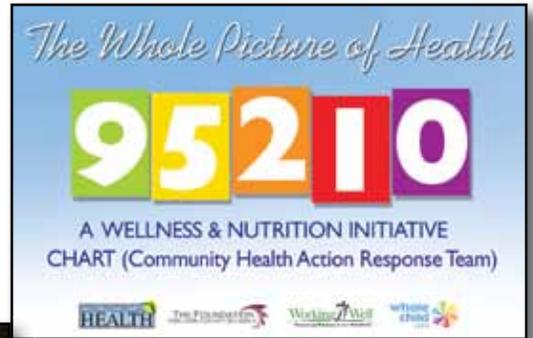
SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE (10k/5k/1-miler)

This year will be the 37th annual Springtime Tallahassee run. This event features a 10k and 5k run/walk, and a 1-mile fun run. The race will be held Saturday morning, March 31st, and starts in front of the Leon County Courthouse on N. Monroe. Once again, Trinity will field a 10k team and a 5k team. This year there will be a special team division for religious groups! For more race information, please visit the Springtime Tallahassee website at www.springtime10k.com.

If you would like to be a part of the Trinity Team, please contact Richard Parsons (rrptroy@gmail.com) or Beth Curry (bfcseries@yahoo.com).

It's Not Too Late - "Take the 95210 Challenge"

On February 12, 2012 at the Third Annual Health Fair, over 90 people "took the 95210 challenge." Each person picked just one of the five healthy habits, and committed to working toward making that habit part of their daily routine. Pictures were taken and each person signed the "challenge wall." If you missed it - it's not too late! Stop Beth Curry any time you see her at church during the month of March, and she'll be happy to help you join the rest of those who have chosen to strive toward better health this year, by adopting the "95210 - The Whole Picture of Health" philosophy.



Time to Plant the Spring Garden

Come join the rest of the church gardeners as we added a fifth bed to our community garden, and plant our spring crops. Please e-mail Beth Curry for date and time.

Last year's planting brought volunteers of many ages. This is a great way to connect with members of the church and members of the surrounding community.



BFC Series Exercise Schedule: Wednesdays During Lent

During the Lenten season the BFC Series Exercise classes still meet on Wednesdays, but with an adjusted schedule. Better Balance meets from 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., and Power Hour meets for a shorter class from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A suggested donation for each class is \$3, which goes to the Health Wellness Fund.

Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time!

BFC Series Exercise Classes

— Tuesdays and Thursdays —

- 9:15 a.m. ~ Staying Strong
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Variety Mix*

**Nursery by reservation only*

— Wednesdays —

- 4:15-5:15 p.m. ~ Better Balance*
- 5:30-6:15 p.m. ~ Power Hour*

*(*during Lenten Season)*

Classes are in the Parlor.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Mar. 10
Shamrock Scurry at Killlearn UMC

Tuesday, Mar. 13
Mats for the Homeless

Tuesday, Mar. 13
Hats for the Homeless

Saturday, Mar. 31
Springtime Tallahassee Race

For more information:
Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com or Richard Parsons at rrptroy@gmail.com



Beth makes working out fun! Come join the BFC groups on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

UMW to hear special speaker at monthly luncheon

Liz Smith

Lynette Halter and Oberley Brown will present the program on March 6. Lynette will discuss her experiences in Japan and Oberley will highlight some of Trinity's adult mission trip to Guatemala.



Oberley Brown (far right), shown here with husband, Led, and daughter, Lou, will speak on her mission experiences in Guatemala.

UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 -- will meet Monday, Mar. 12 at 10 a.m. at the home of Donna Frinks, 2902 Brandemere Dr. Call 385-0078 for details.

Circle 2 -- Tuesday, Mar. 6, at 12:45 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Circle 4 -- Tuesday, Mar. 13, 10:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Circle 5 -- Will meet Monday, Mar. 12 at 7 p.m. at the home of Patti Oakley, Indianhead Dr. Call 877-4898 for details.

Circle 6 -- Monday, Mar. 12, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Julie Pararo, 2104 Randolph Circle (385-9791).

Circle 8 -- Wednesday, Mar. 7 at noon at St. John's Cafe.

Circle 9 -- Tuesday, Mar. 20, at 10 a.m. at the home of Linda Phillips, 2920 Falling Waters Way. Call 668-5276 for details.

Blanket Sunday March 11

Sandra Genetin
Blanket Sunday Liaison

Beginning this year, your donations on **Blanket Sunday** will be used for purchasing blankets *and* tents. Thank you for giving!

This article is excerpted from "New World Outlook" magazine, published by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Church World Services (CWS)

Beginning in the hours immediately after the quake [in Haiti], Church World Service relief efforts in Haiti included the distribution of hygiene supplies, school and baby kits, tents, blankets, wheelchairs, medical kits, and other necessities. CWS continues its work in Haiti as a member of the global Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, which has provided assistance to 341,000 Haitians.

UMCOR's Refugee Ministry works with CWS resettlement affiliates in US cities to identify Haitians evacuated to the United States for medical care and to offer temporary housing for those released from medical facilities.

One of the most visible successes for CWS has been its work with



The money that you donated last year was used in Haiti for blankets and tents. a long-time partner, Service Chrétien d'Haiti (Christian Service of Haiti) to assist and empower people with disabilities.

CHANGE the City



Changes for the change

Sabrina Denmark
Co-chair of Local Missions (formerly Church and Society)

The **Local Missions Team** (formerly Church and Society) has made a little "change" in how the "Change the City" change will be distributed in the community. After much deliberation, we feel it will be better to collect the change that has been given from the congregation for the entire year and then give it to one organization instead of giving it monthly to twelve separate organizations.

The reason behind this is that the collection has been small on a monthly basis, so if we collect for an entire year, there should be a substantial amount that will be more beneficial to one organization. An article will be placed in the December Tidings to let you know which organization will receive the money.

The committee would like to thank each of you for participating in this ministry, and ask that you don't forget to keep dropping off your CHANGE. There are collection plates in the narthex (front lobby) of the church, and also in the northeast exit for you to drop your loose change into each Sunday. Once again, thank you and God bless.

Youth Happenings in March

Kelly Rains John Freeze
 Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Kelly ...

So Lent starts today. Are you ready for it or did it sneak up on you? Will you be giving something up for 40 days this year or perhaps taking something on? Can you even remember what you did last year and did it make a difference in your life? Did it grow you closer to God? Will you take the easy way out by doing something you did before successfully or will you really challenge yourself this year with something new?

If I can take just a moment and brag on our youth, you will see why they amaze me every day. Several youth told me they were having a hard time coming up with something for Lent this year because they had already done the typical ones (no chocolate, no junk food, no eating out, no soda, no TV, no Facebook, etc.). They were really trying to come



Preparing, selling, serving, and cleaning up - it's all part of the deal as the Trinity youth were responsible for a healthy lunch during the recent Health Fair. Families are an important part of the fun - "Mom, dad, can you help me this Sunday?"

up with something challenging, something hard, something that would be good for them, something that would make them suffer a bit which in turn would remind them of Jesus. Typical youth don't take on these kinds of challenges when they don't have to. Most teenagers aren't anywhere near this train of thought and this was very encouraging to me to see our youth not afraid of making hard choices. I can't wait to find out this Sunday what things they are doing or giving up for Lent.

Meanwhile, we also have youth who have decided to attend our first ever Spiritual Retreat this weekend. How many youth do you know who are willing to give up Friday night and Saturday with their friends to

spend time with God? I am convinced our youth today have a lot to deal with - perhaps even more than when I was a teenager. But what I am finding is they also have a deep desire to seek after God, to know God, and to try and understand what it means to follow Him as a teenager in the world today.

Our youth here at Trinity inspire me and I learn so much from them. They genuinely are good kids trying to figure out how to deal with what life throws at them and the pressures of being a teen. They are balancing activities, school, parents, and friends which includes a lot of pressure from each of those areas. That in itself is not easy and yet they

still want to do more. There is a desire in each of them to make a difference, to stand out, to do what is right. Are we willing to do the same thing? To take on something for Lent that will perhaps really challenge us and make us grow? Are we willing to make the hard choices and make a difference? My hope is yes!



Upcoming Youth events for March

- March 2 Confirmation Class to visit Temple Israel
- March 3 Mid-High Madness (see website for details)
- March 4 Youth Council 12pm
- March 4 Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- March 4 High School Late Nite
- March 7 Middle School Bible Study
- March 11 Youth Choir Sings 11am
- March 11 Praise Band 4pm, Youth Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- March 14 Middle School Bible Study
- March 18 No Sunday School or Youth Activities (Spring Break)
- March 21 No Middle School Bible Study (Spring Break)
- March 25 No Sunday School or Youth Activities (Spring Break)
- March 28 Middle School Bible Study
- March 31 Spaghetti Fundraiser (Springtime Tallahassee)

Summer Events

- April 6-7 30 Hour Famine
- May 5 Confirmation Banquet and Rehearsal
- May 6 Confirmation Sunday
- May 20 Graduate Sunday
- June 4-8 VBS
- June 10-15 ... Youth Week
- June 24-30 ... High School Mission Trip
- July 16-21 Warren Willis Summer Camp
- July 25-28 Middle School Mission Trip

Stay current at undergroundministries.org

Spaghetti Fundraiser

Saturday, March 31
 Moor Hall
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Tickets will be on sale through March:

- Sundays @ Welcome Center
 - Wed. during dinner (5:30-6:30 p.m.)
 - at the door on the day of the event
- Cost: \$5 Adults, \$3 Kids (K-5th)



Includes: Spaghetti, salad, bread, cookie, beverage, and parking in church lot as space is available.

Easter Egg Hunt April 7

Kristin Harrison
Children's Ministry Chair

Bring your family and friends to welcome Easter at this Trinity family tradition. Young and old alike are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Brunch on **Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m.** at Tom Brown Park. Each family is asked to bring one dozen filled plastic eggs and a basket for each child who will be hunting, along with a dish to share. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. The Egg Hunt and Brunch will be held in the Lake Leon Playground Area (the old playground area off Conner Blvd.) at Tom Brown Park. Follow the Trinity signs once you enter the park. Games and face painting by the Trinity youth will begin at 10 a.m. with the brunch and Easter Egg Hunt to follow.



Friends of the Groom Visit

The Christian theater group, **Friends of the Groom**, visited Trinity in late February and brought scripture to life through drama and comedy. If you missed this performance, and the amazing acting skills of some Trinity members (including Rev. Curry), you missed a great service!

In the photo at left, several of the younger people of Trinity participated in one of the skits.



Several members of Trinity participated in the skit, "The Royal Visit." In the photo above, from they left they are, Carol Hair Moore, Judy Levy, Christopher Francis, Reverend Wayne Curry, Jennifer Hopgood, Kevin Sterling, Courtney Hamm, Kathy Drake, Nan Ritchie, Blue Whitaker, Kate Phelps, and Holly Francis.

In the photo at left, Gary Mathews (left), played Bartimaeus, the blind man, who was miraculously healed by Jesus, played by Spencer Frankeberger.



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