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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.

Glimpses of Guatemala

Jayne Mittan
Guatemala Mission Volunteer

Update on Samuel

It is with great joy that I bring you an update on Samuel. As you recall, he has spent the last six years bound in chains by his family because of mental illness. I am happy to report that he has responded very well to the medication.

Samuel is now able to have normal conversations, feed himself, and groom himself. And, best of all, his chains have been cut off! Porch de Solomon, in conjunction with volunteers, has built him a shelter where he is free to walk around. He has a bed, with clean bedding, clothing,

and food. His family is able to interact with him and still feel safe. His situation and mental status are being monitored by Porch de Solomon staff. His medication is being provided, free of charge to his family, through donations. I am excited that I will see him when I return to Guatemala in July.

I know that God led us to Samuel and, through God's grace, He brought about the miracle that has changed Samuel's life.

Your Trinity global mission team is in the process of organizing another trip to Guatemala, October 17-24th. We will

be collecting donations of supplies and money to help us reach our goal to provide for construction of a house for an indigenous family, medical clinics in a very underserved, poverty-stricken area, and Vacation Bible School. Our collections will run from May through September, and boxes are in the Narthex of the sanctuary as well as in the Welcome Center. We are in need of the following:

- Over-the-counter medications such as aspirin, Tylenol (adult and children's), ibuprofen (adult and children's), artificial tears, Aquaphor ointment, hydrocortisone cream, anti-fungal creams, multivitamins for adults and children (no gummies please), prenatal vitamins, Tums, Aleve (naproxen sodium), iron pills, cough and cold liquids/tablets (adults and children).



The chains are removed!

- Gently-used clothing for children and adults - smaller sizes, please

- Gently-used shoes for children and adults - smaller sizes, please.

- Monetary donations in any amount are needed to cover the cost of house construction, and the expenses associated with providing medical clinics and Vacation Bible School. Donations can be made through the church office - contact Christi McClure (222-1120). None of the money collected goes toward the expenses of the team members. All of the money is used for services to the people of Guatemala.



In this photo, Samuel is clean, clothed, and being fed.

In addition, please remember that Porch de Solomon tries to cover the needs of the indigenous people of Guatemala 365 days a year. The needs are huge and sometimes overwhelming, as illustrated by Samuel's situation. And he is just one of many of the lost, the least, and the last served by Porch de Solomon. Please consider visiting their web site (www.porchdesalomon.org) to find out more and to make a donation to them while you're there.



This is how Samuel looked after the first visit by Jayne.



Instead of lying chained in the yard, Samuel is now protected from the weather and can sleep in a bed.

Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
April 24 — May 20, 2015:



In memory of **Kirkland O'Steen** from Sharon Watkins; Spencer and Linda Gilleon; Jonette and Paul Sawyer; the Eisler family; James Kazmierski family; W. Jo and Jo Beth Petteway; Lavon and Beth Stripling; W. David, Jr. and Jennifer Rogers; Vereen Smith; Marjorie Brown; Caryn Beck-Dudley; Chris and Betsy Pottle; Steve and Linda Evans; Emily Waugh; Jane Horton; Peyton Deison; Cassandra Harbin; Reginald and Michelle Bouthillier; George and Margaret Dunlap; Sally and Charles Clayton; The Coates family and David and Cinda Hortin; The Sachs Media Group; Mr. And Mrs. Tom W. Brown; Glenn and Martha Jo Khachigan; Enterprise Florida and Jon Zolin; Kay and Fran Williams; Ann Avera; Gene and Emily Ann Zimmerman; Ethna Bergstrom; Alisa Ghazvini; Christopher Martin; Nick and Mary Brown Whitehurst; Mike and Marie Kennon; David and Nora Fosman.

In memory of **Mary Marchant** from Duane and Amy Clark, Nancy Kerce.

In honor of **Gifford and Eleanor Hale** from Diane Hale.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

All of us experience change. Change is the one constant in our lives. There are changes that we look forward to and changes that we dread. However, one thing is for sure. Things will not stay the same no matter how much we would like them to. When change occurs, we have two choices in how to respond: we can despair that a change has come and assume that things will never be the same, or we can look with excitement at the new possibilities that the change presents.

Here at Trinity, we face several changes.

First, we say farewell to Sarah Childers, our Administrative Assistant for the past ten years. If things have gone smoothly around here, much of it has been due to Sarah's organizational skills. If you have called the church office needing to know anything about what's going on, much of it is due to Sarah's knowledge of all the calendar events, past and present. If you stopped by the office and needed a listening ear you would always find Sarah ready and willing to listen in her patient and understanding way. Personally, I have been blessed beyond words to have Sarah as my Administrative Assistant for these seven years. She knows my quirky ways, my tendency toward procrastination and saved me from embarrassment on many an occasion. Thank you, Sarah, for your ministry to this Senior Pastor and your ministry to all of us here at Trinity. We wish you well in your new endeavors!

Second, we say farewell to John Freeze. John has been our Youth Assistant for the past four years. He has served part-time during the school year and full time during the summer assisting Kelly Rains and Blake Swanson in a multitude of ways. Thank you, John, for the influence you have had on our youth these past four years!

Third, we say farewell to Tony Fotsch and his beautiful family. I'll want to say a lot more than can be said in this column but let me just say *Thank You* for the difference you have made in my life and in the life of so many you have touched along the way. Your kind and gentle spirit, the depth of your love for the Lord, your willingness to do whatever is asked of you and do it with cheerfulness, confidence and competence, and your authenticity....these are just a few of the things I am thankful for in you. The



River of Life congregation is in for some exciting days ahead!

And then we say welcome...

To Viktor and Yuliia Billa. They've only been with us a few weeks and have already made an impact on our congregation. Have you heard Viktor play that organ?? Have you heard Yuliia sing?? Thank you, Lord, for sending them our way.

To Jillian Folkert, our new Administrative Assistant. She came on board May 26th and received a week of orientation with Sarah. We interviewed a number of potential candidates but as soon as we talked with Jillian, we knew she was the one! Stop by and say hello.

To Jonathan and Sarah Brewster and their children, Charlotte and Weston. The Brewster family will be coming as our new Associate family on July 1st. Jonathan just graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky and this will be his first appointment. They are a wonderful family and I know they will be a blessing to Trinity in the months and years ahead!

So, change is coming. Some sadness but lots of joy thrown in!

God is good...all the time!

You are loved,

Wayne

Music News for June/July

Viktor and Yuliia Billa

Special Concert

Our church will host a unique handbell concert in the sanctuary on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 pm. The 24 members of Ringers and Singers Handbell Choir from First United Methodist Church of Lakeland specialize in ringing and singing at the same time. They



ring two sets of bells rather than just one, also quite uncommon. Their Whitechapel bells are made in England and have a unique sound quite different from our American made Schulmerich bells. The group goes on tour frequently, including trips to Europe

about every other year. The handbell program at FUMC Lakeland has enjoyed a stellar reputation for more than forty years.

Your help is needed

We will provide them an evening meal and have them stay in homes overnight. I think our handbell groups at Trinity can handle this. Here's where your help is needed: Please let me know if you can provide overnight housing for 2 or more of these adults. They must be returned to the church at 8 a.m., Wednesday to continue on

their journey. Contact me at the church, mrepasky@tumct.org or 222-1120.

Meet our new musicians

Sunday, June 7, we are trying something different. Everyone is invited to stay after the

11 a.m. service for a 20-minute mini-recital by Viktor Billa, our new organist, and his wife, Yuliia. The recital will begin immediately after the service. Viktor will play a few organ pieces (read about the selections in Viktor's article below) and he will accompany soprano, Yuliia.

This is their way of saying "hello" to the congregation with what they do best, making beautiful music.

How rare it is for churches to have a musical couple able to perform at such a high level. This will be a special treat!

Summer Music

Our Chancel Choir always takes a break in the summer. They will sing Sunday, July 5, and then take six weeks off. Not to fear, each summer we provide lots of special music. Some of this is music we cannot present during the busy "school year". If there is anyone out there with special music ability as an instrumentalist, please let us know. Viktor really enjoys small ensemble music and will be combining with instrumental soloists with some frequency in the future... perhaps with you!

An invitation from Viktor and Yuliia

Dear friends!

My wife Yuliia and I want to invite you to a small recital of organ and voice music which will take place on Sunday, June 7 at 12:00 noon, after the 11 o'clock service. At



As you can see Viktor has performed recitals with orchestras as the featured performer in Ukraine. We are very fortunate to have Viktor.

the recital, these four works will be performed:

"Toccata and Fugue" in D minor by J.S.Bach. This work always was the focus of attention of musical critics. Disputes that J.S.Bach isn't the author of this "Toccata and Fugue" are very actively conducted. Many scientists conducted research of the musical

text and tried to prove it. But finally Bach's authorship didn't manage to be rejected.

Also you will be able to hear the aria for a soprano **"Sheep May Safely Graze"** from the **"Hunting Cantata" No. 208** by J.S. Bach. Cantatas occupy a very important part of his works. As he was a cantor in Thomasschule (St. Thomas Church) in Leipzig, his duties were to compose a new cantata for each service. The cantata No. 208 is a secular cantata. But Bach didn't divide the music between secular and spiritual. He considered that God sees and hears everything. Therefore, all music of Bach is filled with a spiritual sense.

The famous **"Alleluia"** by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart from the motet **"Exultate, Jubilate"** (Exult, rejoice) will be joyful for you also. This religious solo motet was composed at the time Mozart was staying in Milan and was written for the castrato Venanzio Rauzzini. In modern times, the motet is usually sung by a female soprano.

This recital will finish with a famous work of the French composer and organist - Louis Vierne **"Carillon de Westminster"**. Vierne

served as an assistant to the organist Charles-Marie Widor at the church of Saint-Sulpice in Paris, and later - principal organist at the cathedral of Notre-Dame de Paris. An interesting fact from his biography - Louis Vierne was born nearly blind due to congenital cataracts, but after an operation when he was seven-years-old, his vision improved a little. He got his music education at a boarding school for blind where he learned to play organ, piano, and violin.

Music, it is a prayer without words. We invite you to pray with us.



Yuliia will perform at the recital on Sunday, June 7.

Wesley Foundation

A UNITED METHODIST CAMPUS MINISTRY AT
FSU & TCC

Local Missions Committee

Wesley Foundation is a United Methodist campus ministry sponsored in full or part by the United Methodist Church. It is a place for students to join other students on the same journey, seeking and finding God together.



Their Vision

The love of Jesus compels us to be a distinctively Christian COMMUNITY committed to the spiritual MATURITY of the students and to positively IMPACT the FSU & TCC campuses and beyond.

There are several ways for college students attending FSU and TCC to get involved

Trinity's Local Missions Team —
Trinity Cares Spotlight



such as through small groups, missions and retreats. Log on to their website to find out more. www.fsuwesley.com

If you would like to support the Wesley Foundation at FSU & TCC, please go to their website to find out how. Remember, your financial support is an investment into the future leaders of the United Methodist Church and the world.

Trinity's Memorial Garden

The John T. Sewell Prayer Garden was created to be a beautiful place for prayer, meditation and fellowship for our church family for many years. In 2010, in response to the desire of many church members to have a suitable location on our church grounds for the permanent placement of cremains, The Trustees instituted an addition to the Prayer Garden, called The Trinity Memorial Garden: Beyond the Garden Gate.

For those who choose cremation, the garden is a sacred place to memorialize the gift of a precious life. Ashes may be scattered within the garden to symbolize the return to nature of their earthly bodies. The beauty and simplicity of the garden has become a living memorial to those who have gone before us and offers us a place for quiet reflection and contemplation.

Cremains are scattered or buried within the Memorial Garden soil by the Pastor, without location markers, so that they become a part

of the life of the Garden. Hence, no urns or containers are buried there.

Memorial leaves, engraved with the full name, dates of birth and death, are inscribed on a bronze Memorial Tree located within the Garden. Additionally, a rose can be inscribed to signify the placement of those whose cremains are in the Memorial Garden. More than thirty Trinity families have chosen this honored place to commemorate their loved ones.

Members of Trinity United Methodist Church are invited to place a gold leaf on the Memorial Tree in memory of a loved one, even though the cremains are not in the Memorial Garden.

The leaves may be purchased for \$200; these funds are exclusively purposed for maintenance and beautification of the Garden.

If you would like to remember a loved one in this manner, please contact the Church Office (222-1120).



Change your money. Change your life.

Applying God's word to your money ... this nine-week class will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and more!

Trinity will be hosting Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, beginning June 3rd on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in room 305. Free childcare will be provided. The cost of the class is \$99 per household, and scholarships are available.

The class will be led by Trinity members and FPU graduates, Angela Petrizzo and Caitie Mook. Please contact Angela, Caitie, Pastor Wayne, or Pastor Tony for more information or about a scholarship.

This class benefits people of all ages, at all wages and all stages of life! Come and see what true financial peace is like and how to get it!

Register online at www.daveramsey.com/fpu Click on the tab, "find a class" on the left hand side. You may also register by contacting one of the leaders.



Contact: Angela Petrizzo (angela92589@gmail.com 850-544-1133) or Caitie Mook (Caitiemook@gmail.com, 850-933-3764).

Health Wellness News for May

Health Wellness Team

BFC Series for Summer Fun and Fitness

Our exercise classes always have cutting-edge exercise equipment and our latest 'torture' device is the BOSU (BOth Sides Utilized). It looks like someone cut a huge ball in half and glued it to a platform. It's great for all kinds of exercises and Beth will probably make us do all of them and smile while we're at it. Drop into any of our classes and have fun while you get fit.



The BOSU torture device - this looks so fun and easy!

Community Garden

The new crop is ready for pickin' – eggplant, cucumbers, herbs - parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme, basil, oregano, chives. Help yourself and get started on that healthy diet you've been promising yourself.

For more information about the Health Wellness Ministry, contact Beth Curry at BFCseries@hotmail.com or visit the website at www.tumct.org/serve/health-wellness-ministry/



Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time! Classes are in the Parlor.
BFC Series
Exercise Classes

- Tuesdays and Thursdays —
- 9:15 ~ Staying Strong
- 11:00 ~ Variety Mix**

** Nursery by reservation only. Suggested donation \$3/ class for community service or Health Wellness fund.

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry visit tumct.org/community/adults/health-wellness-ministry/ or contact: Beth Curry - BFCseries@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

— Guatemala trip in October —
Guatemala trip in October. Donations of needed supplies are greatly appreciated and will be collected May-Sep. Boxes in the Narthex and Welcome Center. See article on front page of this issue for supplies list.



UMW in Ministry

Lynette Halter
UMW in Ministry President

The Florida Conference of United Methodist Women presents Mission U: July 9-12

Get excited! If you've never attended Mission U, this is the year to start. Mission U is an opportunity to study current issues impacting society and the responsibilities of women in the fulfillment of the mission work of the church. These studies motivate, inform, and enrich our commitment to global ministry. This year, the following studies will be presented:

- Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God
 - Latin America: People & Faith
 - The Church & People With Disabilities.
- Mission U will be held at Bethune

Cookman University, Daytona Beach, FL Jul 9-12, and is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. Carpooling is available. Contact Lynette Halter, lynettehalter@earthlink.net.

For more information and registration forms, visit their website: <https://www.sites.google.com/site/flcumw/> or <http://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/mission-studies>

Next UMW in Ministry fellowship meeting will be Sept. 1

There will be no planned UMW in Ministry fellowship meetings during the summer and will start up again in Sep. More information will be available in the August

Tidings, in the bulletin, and on the website.

Action Team Meetings start back in September

There are no planned Action team meetings until September, but each team may decide to hold one or more impromptu meetings during the summer. Team members will be notified by the Team leader if this is the case.



United Methodist Women
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Class of 2015 Congratulations!



Benjamin Michael Bryan
Lincoln High School
Florida State University



Amelia Carroll
Leon High School
Florida State University



Joshua Andrew Clark
Amos P. Godby High School
Tallahassee Community College



Kathryn Marie Crotty
Florida High
Florida State University



Grace Ellen Hanna
Maclay School
Furman University



David Carl Jensen
Leon High School
Culinary School



Allison Elizabeth Overholt
James S. Rickards High School
Florida State University



Ella Marie Smith
Leon High School
Florida International University



Savannah Lynn Sterling
Lincoln High School
Tallahassee Community College



Kirsten Violet Terhofter
Lincoln High School
Florida State University

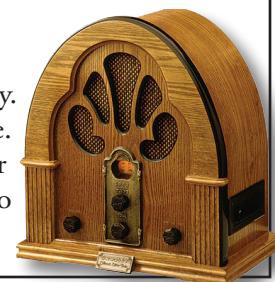


Elizabeth Vandervort
Leon High School
Florida State University

Do you listen to the Sunday service online or by radio?

Rev. Tony Fotsch
Associate Pastor

In a few short months, we will be doing a complete upgrade to the sound system in the sanctuary. Part of this project will involve potential changes to the radio broadcast for the 11 a.m. service. If you listen to the radio broadcast, we'd appreciate your input. Please contact Pastor Tony or Rex Adams (222-1120; tonyfotsch@tumct.org or RAdams@tumct.org). We look forward to hearing from you!



Fotsch family farewell

Rev. Tony Fotsch
Associate Pastor

*I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always
pray with joy because of your partnership in
the gospel from the first day until now, being
confident of this, that he who began a good
work in you will carry it on to completion
until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 1:3-6

Dear Trinity UMC family,
As I look back over these past seven years, “thank you,” as usual, seems far too cliché, far too trite, far too over-used and under-appreciated. Yet, giving thanks seems to be the only thing Debbie and I can do as I pen these words of fond farewell.

“I thank my God ...” What a journey of God’s blessing this has been. This is not to say that it’s always been a smooth road. There were some significant losses in leaving South Florida; family, friends, Debbie’s home, church homes, even Debbie’s career. And, certainly, things like newborn children (oh, that little thing?) and Ordination work (twice!) have added some stress along the way. Yet, we have been amazed at God’s graciousness in it all. Tallahassee has been such a wonderful place of beauty to live. Even my Gator-wife has been drawn into enjoying the Seminoles!

“I thank my God every time I remember you...” You all have, quite literally, become our surrogate family and home. It is so significant to us that this is where our life as a family began. Many of you overwhelmed us in your generosity to get all that we needed (and more!) for the babies. As they’ve grown into little boys, many of you have cradled, rocked, chased, laughed, played with, taught, and loved on them in so many ways. Many of you have done the same for Debbie and me. This Church has been such a safe, welcoming, and comfortable place for them to live in. And, it has also been such a place of spiritual significance for us, as well. Thank you for graciously allowing our rambunctious boys to make this their “home” (and for allowing their Daddy to tinker around to help make this “home” even more safe, up-to-date and beautiful!)

“I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...” What an

honor it has been to serve, lead, learn and grow within this unique community of faith. Trinity is one of the healthiest church families, in nearly every aspect of the word. The staff, from the Pastors to the Sextons, has been such a supportive team who cares just as much for each other as we do about the great quality of work we put forth. Of course, I could never say enough about what Pastor Wayne (and Beth!) have meant to me (and Debbie!) as a leader, mentor, colleague and friend. And what an amazing privilege it has been to serve with the members of this congregation. We exude Jesus’ proclamation, “They’ll know you are Christians by your love.” Sure, we’ve gone through some disagreements and disappointments. Yet, it has been so formative to see how the relationships of love & trust are far more important and evident as we live, laugh, cry and die together. And, it is this health that makes us so extremely vital and vibrant in ministry. Even as a “young” man, it’s hard to keep up with y’all! But, what a wonderful witness that our love for each other frees us up to love others in so many ways.

“confident... that he who began a good

work in you will carry it on to completion...” And this may be the most miraculous thing I’m thankful for. For all its history, all its generations, all that it has already done in Tallahassee and the world, Trinity is still “just beginning”. For all of the accomplishments I’ve seen in my time here, there is the anticipation of so many more to come. It seems quite fitting to me that I’m leaving just as the Church is completing the Vision for Tomorrow’s Harvest. And, you are going to be so blessed by the ministry and life of Jonathan Brewster and his family. Yet, as Debbie and I look forward to new life and ministry at River of Life UMC, we do so with confident excitement and expectation about where God will be taking our family at Trinity - this people and place that will forever be special in our hearts. We are so thankful for the honor, privilege and blessing of being part of something so special in our lives, in this world, and in God’s kingdom.

With all our love in the Lord,

Tony Fotsch

Tony, Debbie, (and Christian and Joe-Joe!)



Youth Happenings in May

Blake Swanson John Freeze
Youth Director Youth Intern

A Note from Blake ...

Just a few short weeks ago we celebrated the high school graduates who had finished one chapter of their lives. They have come to the end of that journey and are looking ahead to many new journeys that will take them across the country and across the world. They get to begin the process of stepping out into the world on their own, and figuring out things they never had to before now. It can be an exhilarating time, but also one that brings a lot of nerves. Continue to keep our graduates in your prayers!

Also, just as they step out, we welcome in our newest group of incoming 6th grade students. They are also beginning a new chapter and we could not be more excited to have them join us. They have so many opportunities coming up in their



future. From Youth Week going on right now, to service projects, to lock-ins, their journey is just beginning. Many of them will participate in Confirmation and try to understand more deeply what it means to own their faith. Pray also for all of these students as well and for their parents as they step into uncharted territory.

Life is constantly full of transition, but we serve a God who walks through all of these transitions with us and I am thankful for that. I am thankful that there is a God who cares more deeply than we could ever imagine for each and every student that walks through these doors. I am also thankful for you, the church family that is always in support of us as well. We could not do what we do without your help. Thank you!

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- Preschool class of **2015**,
- High school class of **2028**,
- College class of **2032!**

Another class set forth into the unknown world of higher education as Trinity's VPK 4 class of 2015 walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. They got to wear the funny hat with the weird flat mortar board on top and the tassel hanging down that is so distracting, just on the edge of your vision. In the future, that hat will mean that new challenges are ahead. Now it's elementary school, but soon it will be middle school, high school, and then college - more funny hats.

There is so much promise packed into such small packages. So many dreams in the minds of both the graduates and their parents. So far to go as time seems to move ever faster with each passing year. It is a time to celebrate and it's a time to appreciate the accomplishments from their time at Trinity Preschool. Some of the accomplishments were: learning how to get along with others, learning to count, and learning to write your name - all good skills to know.

This graduating class has learned so many important lessons from the Trinity Preschool. Soon they will wear the funny hat *and* the matching robe like the High School graduates in the photo above! It will be sooner than you think!

