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

Let's get to know Wayne Wiatt

Trinity is getting a new pastor. His name is Wayne Wiatt and his wife's name is Ramona. His first Sunday will be July 3. To learn more about him, please continue reading.

Q. How and when did you receive your call to ministry?

A. 2 parts... 1) During a Revival Service at First UMC, Valdosta Ga, I answered an altar call when I literally felt "kicked out of the pew" at the end of the service. I knew that God was calling me to serve the church. I thought, at that time, it would be through music. 2) Serving over three summers



at Trinity, Tallahassee. Gene Zimmerman asked me one day, "Have you ever thought about Ordained Ministry?" A simple question, but one that eventually directed me on a path to Seminary at Candler School of Theology. I was headed toward a career in Hotel and Restaurant Management before majoring in Sacred Music in undergrad.

Q. What would you say is your most important personal achievement?

A. With my wife Ramona, raising two children who still love Jesus and the Church! It's tricky being a pastor and giving your children the freedom they need to discover their own

faith journey and not feel "obligated" or pressured to be up front and center every Sunday. Within parameters, we gave them opportunities to discover their faith and develop their own path of discipleship. I tried to be authentic about my faith journey with them and give them the space to forge their own path, discovering their unique gifts for ministry along the way. Taylor and Phillip served as missionaries for half a year in Naivasha, Kenya through First Winter Park UMC. Matt and Katie contribute a great deal of time working with non-profits and churches, helping them put their vision and ministry into a story captured on film.

Q. Where and when did you attend university?

A. After graduating from Valdosta High School in 1973, I attended Valdosta State (College) University where I studied Business - Hotel and Restaurant management. Still unsure of my major, I took a year off (at the advice of my older brother), and took a Snow Skiing Sabbatical Year in Aspen, Colorado to work in the hospitality field. When I came home after the ski season, still "wandering and wondering" what I might do with my life, that is when I experienced that first call to (music) ministry. I flew out to Oklahoma to audition at Oral Roberts University, received a scholarship, and majored in Sacred Music. That's where I met my wife Ramona, who was majoring in Communications/Television Broadcasting with a minor in Drama. We actually were cast as dance partners in "My Fair Lady" and the rest is history.

Q. Where did you attend seminary?

A. Candler School of Theology, Emory

University. I just completed a four year term on their Alumni Board of Directors.

Q. What degrees have you attained?

A. Bachelor Degree in Sacred Music; Master of Divinity, and a Doctor of Ministry.

Q. How long have you been married to Ramona?

A. We were married in 1979, the summer we both graduated from College. It was a July 21 wedding in Marianna, Florida, and we will celebrate our 38th wedding anniversary this summer! Phil Roughton was one of the officiates and our ceremony turned out to be a very ecumenical wedding. We were married by a United Methodist and Presbyterian Pastor in the Baptist Church. (the UMC in Marianna was having the carpet ripped out and the Presbyterians were getting a new pipe organ!)

Q. How many children do you have?

A. We have two grown children who are both married. Matthew has been married to Katie for 12 years. They live in Lakeland, Florida, where Matt and Katie are part of a creative film company, Indieatlantic Films (indieatlanticfilms.com), specializing in web-based and TV commercials, documentaries, and non-profit public relations. Our daughter, Taylor Wiatt Stokes, has been married to Phillip for seven years and they are expecting our first grand- daughter on June 19 (right at the end of Annual Conference!). Both Phillip and Taylor work for the University of Florida: Taylor is the Assistant Director for Leadership Initiatives at UF, and Phillip is the Education Coordinator at

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Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from
April 25 - May 17, 2016:



In memory of **Dr. Otis Beck** from Carol and Chip Morrison, Robert and Stephanie Bechtol, Gini Hosford West, Anthony and Carolyn Fiorica, Colin and Phyllis English, C. D. Ward, The Werner Family, The McAnallen Family, John L. and Linda Williams, Eddie L. Robinson Jr., Thomas J. Thacker, Oberley Brown, Dot and Frederick Carroll, Robert and Carol Murrell, Dr. Ronald Goldsmith, Barbara Raker, Spector and Spector Family, TMH Medical Staff Fund.

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In memory of **Hazel Kendrick Trueblood** from Marilyn Dean and family.

In memory of **Sue Peacock Parramore** from Kenneth and Jean Peaden, Soapstone Hunting Club, The Boykin Family (Jack, Bertie, Mike, Randy, Charlotte)

A donation to the **HEO Ministry** in memory of Gifford and Eleanor Hale from Diane Hale

Notes from HEO

Ruth Ann High
HEO Coordinator

Help Each Other. At times we all can use some help. One way HEO tries to help Trinity members is by providing a reception following any funeral or memorial service here at Trinity. It has been my privilege to provide refreshments for guests and family members as they receive friends wishing to share comfort for their loss. Trinity HEO has a wonderful committee to provide this service. If you would like to help in this ministry, please let me know. I will be having opportunities for volunteers to learn how we provide this service.

WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,
What does one say to his congregation after eight wonderful years of ministry together? What a privilege it has been to be your pastor! Thank you for your acceptance and trust. Thank you for allowing me into your lives in the highest joys and the deepest sorrows. Thank you for allowing me to continue to grow and develop; for the second chances after countless mistakes along the way; for sharing your trials; for sharing intimate moments of your life's journey. Thank you for sharing your incredibly talented hands, feet, heart and voices for the sake of God's Kingdom.

It's hard to say goodbye. Let me offer this bit of direction if you will receive it. Grieve the loss that comes with any change, and know that Beth and I are grieving this change ourselves. But embrace, without hesitation, the new things to come. Open your hearts to this new season of Trinity United Methodist Church. Keep the love of this church moving forward to leave an imprint on the people who come through our doors. Shake hands, start conversations, ask questions and listen to responses. You never know who you may be affecting, who may be convinced they are alone in this world, who may just need your smile and your listening ear to see the face of Christ.

I am reminded over and over again that Trinity was never my church. It has always been and always will be Christ's church. God gets all the glory for anything good that has come out of here. God is the one who has been forever faithful. God is the one who has transformed lives through God's Word, not me.

I want you to rejoice with me in your new pastor, Wayne Wiatt. Start praying for him now. Encourage and accept him as God's leader called to serve you. God made us all unique. When God made you, when God made me, God smashed the mold. Don't compare him with me



either quietly or publicly. Some of you will want to thank God that he is not me! Give him the honor and respect that you have given me.

Some words from Paul's message to the Philippians are my parting words to you. Paul tells his beloved church to simply keep on doing what they've been doing, readily and cheerfully. So, dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

"Go into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you...You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing." (Philippians 2:15-16 MSG)

"Don't fret or worry about the future. Instead pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down." (Philippians 4:6 MSG)

Summing it all up, my dear friends:

"Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. Keep putting into practice all you have learned and received from me—everything you heard from me

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Music News for June and July

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Taking a break

Our Chancel Choir faithfully provides music leadership on Sunday mornings most of the year. They do enjoy some time off each summer and 2016 is no exception. The choir will sing through July 3, then take several weeks off, returning August 28.

Summer Plans

Bluegrass Sunday was celebrated at our church a number of years ago. It was a great experience that is still talked about today. So, we are doing it again, on Sunday, June 26. We are organizing a Bluegrass band just for this day. Expect to have violins, guitars, string bass, banjo, dulcimer and singers. We are still looking for a mandolin player. The band will provide music leadership at all three morning services that day. Come, and bring a friend!

Our Men's Ensemble sings about three Sundays each year. They traditionally sing near the end of the summer, and plan to do so on August 21.

Other Sundays in July and August will include music by some of the many talented musicians here at Trinity ... see you at church!

Special concert

A Summer Sinfonietta concert will be presented at Trinity on Friday, June 3. The 7 pm concert will feature an orchestra of about 50 musicians, mostly from FSU, performing music by Beethoven, Faure, Grieg and Dvorak. All are invited to attend.



Wayne's final performance with the Men's Ensemble began as they warmed up before the 8:30 service.

Marriage Ministry Launches July 15-16

Jonathan Brewster
Associate Pastor

Do you want to improve your marriage? Do you want to learn about what makes a marriage healthy? Do you want to have fun? Trinity UMC is launching its inaugural marriage ministry, and our first event is on July 15th-16th. The event will be open to all engaged and married couples who desire to improve their relationships.

The event will consist of a 4-hour DVD marriage seminar, which will be spread out over the course of the event. In addition, couples will have the option of spending the night at the Doubletree Hotel right here in downtown Tallahassee. This gives couples

the opportunity to process the information, work on growth assignments, and spend time together. There is also an optional date night for all the couples attending. If you only desire to attend the seminar portion of the event, this is also an option!

The cost of the seminar will only be \$20 per couple. In addition, if couples want to spend the night at the DoubleTree and our special rate is \$109 for the single king and \$119 for a double queen. Remember, the hotel is optional and not required to attend the seminar. If needed, scholarship money is available to help with the seminar portion

of the retreat. We want as many couples participating as possible! To register for the retreat, you may contact Rev. Jonathan at jonbrewster@tumct.org or fill out the registration form and turn it into the office. To book your hotel room for the retreat, please use the following link — http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/T/THLAPDT-TMS-20160715/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG.

We are praying that this will be a great event, and we hope God uses it to bless others and the Kingdom. If you have any questions, contact Rev. Jonathan (222-1120).

WAYNE'S WORDS

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and saw me doing and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:8,9 NLT)

Those beautiful words from the Apostle Paul express both Beth's and my heart's desire for all of you. Thank you Trinity United Methodist Church for all the memories. We leave you all in the good hands of Pastor Wayne Wiatt and his wonderful wife, Ramona. You will

be well taken care of. You all will remain in our prayers. Please keep us in yours as we move into this next part of our life's journey. I know God has exciting, amazing days ahead for all of us.

With Paul, I can say with hope and optimism, "There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would

keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ appears." (Philippians 1:6)

And, of course, always, always remember how much...

You are loved,

Wayne

Local Missions support Elder Care Services

Sabrina Denmark
Local Missions Co-chair

Elder Care Services, Inc.

Elder Care Services, Inc.'s mission is to improve the quality of life for seniors, and they are the leaders in serving seniors in the Big Bend area. Providing services that improve the quality of life for seniors, they also actively advocate for seniors by working with others to fulfill unmet needs in the community.

The Elder Care Services' logo is a log cabin quilt design that symbolizes their services. Just as carefully chosen pieces of fabric sewn together make a quilt, basics like a bath, meals, clean clothes, transportation, and companionship form a pattern of care for seniors. Through ECS, active seniors

provide a vital piece, helping others and meeting needs in our community.

Elder Care's vision includes being the definitive source of information on aging issues and services, and acting as an advocate for seniors. They collaborate with local, state, and federal agencies, for-profit and non-profit organizations, local schools, and universities, and foundations to find resources and solutions for unmet needs in our community.

Some of their services are: Care



Management, Personal Care, Homemaker/ Senior Companion, Nutritional Assistance (Meals on Wheels), Transportation & Supportive Services, Caregiver Respite and Elder Day Stay and many other ways.

Trinity UMC has had a long association with Elder Care Services through our annual meal preparation and delivery on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Go on line at www.ecsbigbend.org to learn more. They are located at 2518 West Tennessee St.

Last month of school for Trinity Preschool

The Preschool arranged a special "Bow-nanza" for Rev. Curry: they all wore bowties, including teachers, made special farewell banners, did a little song and dance, and served him bowtie pasta - yummy!



Thanks, Reverend Hynes for 20+ years of teaching chapel to our preschoolers! We appreciate all the time and effort you have put in to help our students grow their faith!



Students help Teacher Mrs. Linzee Buck bag up items in the snack packs. The preschool families collected and prepared 200 snack packs for HEO.



The preschoolers had fun singing for their moms at the annual Mother's Day Luncheon.



Health Wellness Ministries - Going Strong for 8 Years!

Health Wellness Team

From the inspiration and tremendous effort of a tireless leader, Beth Curry (pictured to the right with BFC mascot, Sadie Rose), the Health Wellness Ministry at Trinity has grown from two BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) exercise classes a week into numerous Health Wellness projects. These ministries have helped many achieve a greater degree of health and fitness and have provided immeasurable benefits to the community and beyond.

In addition to the now six,



BFC Exercise classes a week that run continuously throughout the year, ongoing ministries include our Community Garden, Hats for the Homeless, Mats for the Homeless, Medical Missions and TUFF. Special projects have included CPR classes, Blood Mobile drives, Flu Shots, a project at Veterans' Village and six Health Fairs! Countless people have learned to be more conscious of living a healthy life style and over \$38,000 has been raised - most of these funds going to local or global community service projects with

a small portion going toward Health Wellness ministry expenses. That's a lot to accomplish and a lot to celebrate in just eight years! Thank You, Beth, for getting it started, generating wonderful ideas for growth, and spending so much of your time to help make this ministry a huge success!

Please note: Beginning in June 2016 some changes will be made. The Health Wellness team and ministry will cease to exist as it is known today. But – the great news is - ALL of the wonderful work that is being done in the ongoing areas, listed in the box below, will continue as stand-alone ministries with new leadership:



Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time! Classes are 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

BFC Exercise, the Weekly Community Garden Team, Medical Missions, and TUFF will meet over the summer. **Hats for the Homeless** and **Mats for the Homeless** will continue working on projects from home and will reconvene monthly meetings in Sept.

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

Upcoming Events

TUFF plans another kayak trip!

Do you enjoy being on the water? Why not join the TUFF group for a summer kayaking trip which will take place in June? Please contact Marie Bradley for more information.



BFC Exercise – Staying Strong (9:30 am. Tues/Thurs) – Jaqui Griffith (Jaqui_Griffith@comcast.net) or Ruth Ann High (rahigh@tumct.org)

BFC Exercise – Variety Mix (11 am Tues/Thurs) & exercise nursery – Amy Leach (AmyCleach@hotmail.com)

Community Garden – Shari Hubbard (TallyShari@gmail.com)

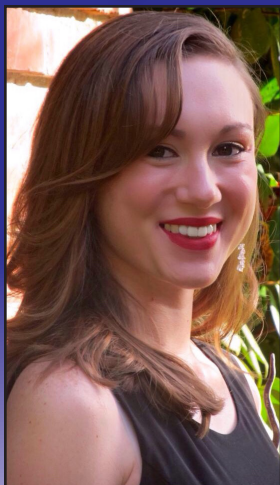
Medical Missions – Jayne Mittan (JayneMittan@gmail.com)

TUFF – Marie Bradley – (MBradley1716@comcast.net)

Hats for the Homeless – Judy Levy (judithtlevy@embarqmail.com)

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

2016 High School Graduates



Shelby Ann Boykin
Leon High School
Tallahassee Community College



Courtney Elizabeth Hamm
Chiles High School
Texas A&M University



Matthew Harley Huggins
Lincoln High School
Tallahassee Community College



Cathryn "Cassie" LaJeunesse
Leon High School
Berry College



Colin Spencer McDuffie
Maclay School
Florida State University



Shayne Merlau
Leon High School
Florida A&M University



Whittnie Merlau
Leon High School
Tallahassee Community College



Ty Royal
Leon High School
Tallahassee Community College



Jett Sanderson
Leon High School
Armed Forces



Katherine Diane Watson
Chiles High School
Florida State University

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the Center for Public Issues Education [PIE].

Q. What are your hobbies?

A. Anything to do with water: I recently took up paddle-boarding, enjoy kayaking, sailing, and have been water skiing since the age of 5. I try to water ski every summer to keep up with my children. I learned how to wakeboard with them about 15 years ago!

Q. What is the last non-fiction and fiction book you have read?

A. *The Mountain Between Us* by Charles

Martin and Simply Jesus by N.T. Wright.

Q. What do you do when you want to relax?

A. Climb into my hammock or get into a boat.

Q. What is your favorite place on earth?

A. It's tie between Lake Talquin and the Island of Eleuthera in the Bahamas.

Q. If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

A. Alaska. I haven't been there yet and it was my Dad's favorite place.

Q. If you could have dinner with one person, living or deceased, who would it be?

A. Sir Thomas Wyatt, Poet (I'm a direct descendant).

Q. Who is the person who was most influential in your spiritual life?

A. My mother, Sue Boswell Wiatt.

Q. What is your most unusual talent?

A. I can sing falsetto and imitate my good friend Irene Lumpkin, lyric soprano, singing "Ride on, King Jesus!"

Youth Happenings in June and July

Blake Swanson Youth Director
Megan Eldredge Youth Ministry Assistant

A Note from Blake ...

There are so many exciting things happening over the course of the summer for all the Youth here at Trinity. As you read this, we are already starting summer with a bang with Youth Week 2016. Our theme this year is Joy and we are looking at how Joy can be a part of our lives in multiple different ways!

Next week we have a large group who will be helping Pastor Barbara by volunteering with this year's VBS, "Cave Quest." Students will participate as Crew Leaders, Praise Band Members, Preschool Workers, and Game Assistants. We are excited to be part of the team this year again and know that VBS will be an absolute blast.

Later in June our high school students will head to Cherokee, NC for a week on a mission trip with Team Effort. We will be doing a variety of physical projects to help those in the community there. Thank you to all those who have supported us during our fundraisers throughout this year and made this trip possible for so many of our students.

In July, our students will head to Warren Willis Summer Camp where a good time is guaranteed! We are so thankful for the faithful generosity of Trinity through the Easter offering that provides a \$100 scholarship for each student going to camp! This week is where

many students experience God in a new way or maybe even experience Him for the first time.

For our last trip of the summer, our middle school students will be headed to Vero Beach to serve another year with Epic Missions. This trip will include everything from working with a migrant family day care, to helping out at hangar for planes that run supplies for missionaries. This trip was also

supported by many of you and we are very thankful for all of that!

Lastly, on a more personal note, for those who have not heard, my wife and I have accepted a co-pastorate position serving families with children and youth in Lewiston, Idaho. We are so thankful for the time we could spend at Trinity and will cherish the relationships we built here. We will be here through June 26th and want to thank everyone for the support we have received. Thank you for allowing me to work with such a great group of students who I know will do amazing things!



Pictured above, from l-r, Ty Royal, Cathryn LaJeunesse, Whittne Merlau, Katherine Watson, Colin McDuffie, Jett Sanderson, Shelby Boykin, Matthew Huggins, Shayne Merlau, Courtney Hamm, and Kayla Chandler.

Meet Megan

My name is Megan Eldredge and I am so excited to be working with the incredible youth at this church this summer and hopefully meeting all of you! I just finished my third year as a student at Florida State and I will be graduating in December with



a degree in Religion, and I'm hoping to work in youth ministry after college. On campus, I am very involved with the FSU and TCC Wesley Foundation as well as the Dance Marathon. My home town is Melbourne, Florida, and a few things that I love are the beach, music, competitive cooking shows, and the Florida State Seminoles. I am so excited to spend the summer at this church and am very thankful for the ways many of you have already begun welcoming me in to your community!

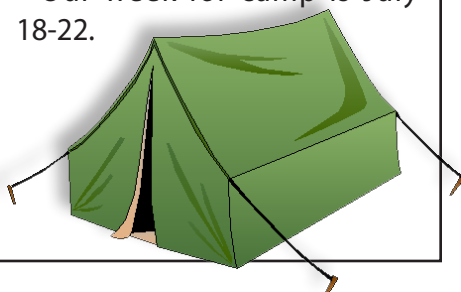
Sign Up **NOW** for Camp!

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.tumct.org/grow/warren-willis-summer-camp/> and follow the

directions that are listed there.

Our week for camp is July 18-22.



Church Council Approves Trinity Historical Society

Linda Yates
Preservation of Church History chair

Trinity members and friends who relish a good story, especially when it is about the early days of their church when families arrived in wagons for Sunday morning preaching grateful they had met no Indian scouting parties on the way.

The year was 1824 and the rough frontier village was about to call itself Tallahassee, the native American translation of Old Town. A couple of circuit riders had been sent down by a group of South Carolina Methodists two years earlier to greet the first settlers and help them start a religious organization.

The rest is history: one hundred and ninety-one years of it. The oldest religious organization in Tallahassee, Trinity now has a new Historical Society whose purpose is to collect, preserve and disseminate that history with the church family, the public, and other historical groups. The proposal to create a society of interested members and friends who will advance knowledge of the church's history was approved by the Church Council at a meeting April 28.

The society is open to all persons interested in preserving the current collection of historical records and

documents of the church and help disseminate it with publications, programs and additional research. Members will have an opportunity to share their interest in history, speaking, writing, researching and producing videos and exhibits.

An annual meeting will be held and talks, programs, and other historical presentations will be shared several times a year as the group grows. A webpage and newsletter are also planned.

An orientation meeting is planned for early fall to introduce prospective members to the excitement and inspiration that can be found in stories of Tallahassee's early settlers and the role Trinity played in building a community of moral citizens, government leaders and educational institutions.

The Society needs charter members to join now to assist in planning these events. Membership application forms may be found in the Welcome Center and on the web page at tumct.org/history. Both Trinity members and other interested members

of the public may join.

Questions may be directed to any of the organizing officers of the Society: Linda Yates and Princess Palmer, co-chairs; Pam Crosby, technical editor; Bob Jones, historian; Lynn McLarty, membership archivist.

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E. Wayne Curry, **Senior Pastor**
Jonathan Brewster, **Associate Pastor**
Barbara Hynes, **Associate Pastor of Discipleship**
Rex Adams, **Director of Communications**

New members join in May

Another new member class joined in May and here is a little more information they would like to share.

Bob and Marilyn Dean were members at Trinity in the 70s and 80s. They have two grown sons, Carlton and Wilson. Bob is an

attorney and real estate developer, and Marilyn is happy to take care of their four grandchildren.

Aghita Folsom moved here just three months ago from Montgomery, AL. She is the mother of Trinity member, Fain Folsom.

Lauri Louwsma is a teacher at Leon High School. Her father is Trinity member, Tom Denmark, and Trinity members Steve and Sabrina Denmark are her brother and sister-in-law.

Allie Nunn has been attending Trinity for just a few weeks and is originally from California. She works at Trader Joe's.

Josh and Chelsea Roberts both work at Eli Roberts & Sons. Josh is Vice President and Chelsea works in Human Resources. Chelsea moved to Tallahassee from Tennessee six years ago and Josh is a Tallahassee native. Josh's parents, Charlie and Pam Roberts, are members at Trinity.



Pictured from left to right are, Aghita Folsom, Chelsea and Josh Roberts, Lauri Louwsma, and Marilyn and Bob Dean. Not pictured is Allie Nunn who joined at an earlier service..