

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

# Lay Academy begins a new session on January 10

Dr. Nick Quinton
Director of Discipleship and Adult Ministries

Lay Academy, which begins **Wednesday**, **Jan. 10**, will once again have something for everyone. This session of Lay Academy offers classes with topics of wide interest.

If you're not familiar with Lay Academy, it is a series of adult education classes offered each Wednesday, from September to May. Study topics are of general interest, as well as for spiritual growth.

Starting at 4 p.m., **Rev. Barbara Hynes** will begin a new Bible study.

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., in Room 305, a class will focus on a current topic, **News:** Fake, Real and Other. Potential presenters include representatives of local television,

radio, print media, and social media. Questions that will be explored include, "What is the state of *your* media in today's news market?" "How do you define 'fake news' or is that even a thing?" How can you discern what is *real* news?" and many other topics of interest.

**Elaine Freni** will lead a fitness class in the Parlor, called **BFC Bootcamp**. Bootcamp is a combination of strength, cardio, muscle endurance and core. You get EVERYTHING you need.

**Lisa Prasse** will lead the **Youth Bible Study** classes for combined Middle and High Schoolers. School pick-up from Raa

Middle School is available Wednesday afternoons.

The Men's Group, led by Bill Fritchman, will continue a study based on the book, More to Your Story (Discover Your Place in God's Plan) by Max Lucado. There is more to your story than the chaos, clutter and confusion of daily life. New participants are always welcome.

**Jim McKinnell** will lead a class titled, **Guitar.** Bring your own guitar and learn how to play in a small group. Beginners are welcome.

Contact Dr. Nick Quinton (222-1120) for more information on Lay Academy.

# MLK Day Meals on Wheels

Trinity has a long association with Elder Care Services through the giving of financial support and also through Trinity members delivering meals on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Through members' volunteering on MLK Day (this year it is January 15), employees at Elder Care are able to take day off as Trinity takes over the Meals on Wheels facility and prepares and delivers all of the meals for that day.

All ages are welcome and over the years, many families have taken advantage of this teachable moment. What a wonderful way to teach children the importance of giving back to our community!

For more information, call **Dr. Nick Quinton** (222-1120). Click here to sign-up online: <a href="http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-rev">http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949a5ab2fa1fd0-rev</a>



Richard Reeves and son, Lyle, are shown making their plans for deliveries as they load their truck.

### **NETkids** continues

It's always a good time to join NETkids. But, you may ask, "what is NETkids?"

NETkids is a program for children in grades K-5. They meet every Wednesday during the school year, from 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. Activities include supervised play on the playground, woodworking with Mr. Bill, model trains, crafts, choir practice, and depending on the year, African drums, steel pans, or bells for the 3rd-5th grade children.

The Alpha and Omega choirs perform at worship services and also take their music "on the road" to retirement homes usually around Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The new year is a perfect time to sign up your children! Contact **Allison Corrigan** (222-1120) or check the Trinity website (<a href="https://www.tumct.org/">https://www.tumct.org/</a>) for more information.

#### **Gifts to Trinity**

Trinity received the following gifts from November 11, 2017 - December 10, 2017:



In memory of **Miriam Peirce** from Ron and Gail Hock, Jim and Kitty Ball, Bill and Alice Grow.

#### **Local Missions and You**

Please be on the lookout for an exciting brochure created by the **Local** 

**Missions Committee** to keep you informed of:

"WHAT WE DO AND WHERE THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE"

This brochure is very informative and is kept up to date.

Pick up your copy in the Narthex today!



# Trinity on the Radio

Trinity's 11 o'clock service is now being broadcast on a **NEW** FM station - **100.7** 

# Florida Advocacy Days

Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt Senior Pastor

#### Florida Advocacy Days January 21-23, 2018

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves,
For the rights of all who are destitute.

Speak up and judge fairly:

Defend the rights of the poor and needy".

-Proverbs 31:8 NIV

You are invited to join your voice with other brothers and sisters in Christ as we gather in Tallahassee during Annual Children's Week. Together we will learn about critical justice issues affecting children in all of our communities throughout Florida. The Florida Advocacy Days partnership consists of The FL Conference of The United Methodist Church (Bishop Kenneth Carter, Jr.) partnering with The 11th District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (Bishop Adam J. Richardson, Jr.) and Florida Impact (Trudy Novicki, Executive **Director**). This gathering provides an opportunity for Christians to speak in love to those who have the power and influence to create change that betters the lives of all people in Florida, with an emphasis upon children. The ideal participant would be the person who brings a knowledge, passion and desire to collaborate with others who will give voice to the Social Holiness concerns of our shared Wesleyan heritage and/or the justice concerns of the Church in this day and age. Further, this event is intended to create momentum within individuals and among people groups, resulting in dialogue with their legislators and engagement in the work of advocacy on an ongoing basis.



The two day event begins with a dedication of Children's "Hanging of the Hands" at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Capitol, followed by a Sunday evening worship service and reception held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee at 6:30 p.m., to which the public is invited. Monday includes The United Methodist Church and The African Methodist Episcopal Church and others, coming together with Florida Impact for a day of prayer and learning, as we prepare to meet with our legislators and advocate on behalf of "those who cannot speak for themselves." The event culminates with a Tuesday morning prayer breakfast held at Trinity UMC at 7:00 a.m., followed by a group photo, a march to the Capitol and pre-scheduled appointments with legislators and a debrief over lunch at Trinity UMC.

Dr. Wage



# Music news for January

Mark Repasky Music Director

#### Join us!

One of the best times to join a music group at the church is after the Christmas season.

In early January, most groups begin working on new music, so, don't put it off ... jump right in! If you have questions, contact the leader of the group you are considering joining.

#### **Music Ministry Sunday**

Preparing for this annual event is the major focus of our music groups this month. **Sunday, January 28**, at the **11 a.m. service**, we try to get all of Trinity's music groups to participate, from our youngest (Cherub Choir) to our oldest (Heavenly Handchimes) and everything in between. Hopefully, we will have 13 - 14

music groups at that service, and we still usually finish by 12:10 p.m.! This is a rare opportunity for all of Trinity's musicians to participate in a worship service together. Rev. Dr. Wayne Wyatt will preach briefly at the 11 a.m. service. The 8:30 and 9:45 a.m. services that day will hold normal church services with only the 11 a.m. service featuring all of the music groups.

## Preschool Enrollment for 2018-2019

Stacey Duggar Preschool Director

Do you know anyone who would like to join these smiling faces in the preschool?



# Please note the following dates regarding enrollment at the preschool:

#### For the 2018-2019 school year:

- Currently enrolled families may enroll February 1-6, 2018
- Church members may enroll February 7-8, 2018
- Open enrollment begins February 9, 2018

If you are interested in learning more about the preschool, please call me at 850-224-8992, ext. 3.

# Trinity Preschool is a Gold Seal school (still)!

Stacey Duggar Preschool Director

I am so pleased to announce that the preschool has retained its **Gold Seal Accreditation**! What is Gold Seal you ask (<a href="http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/goldseal">http://www.myflfamilies.com/service-programs/child-care/goldseal</a>)? In 1996, the state of Florida established a list of criteria that, once met, would designate a school as "Gold Seal."

Some of the criteria include: smaller class sizes, educational standards (example: lead teachers must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree), proof that a variety of topics are covered in the curriculum, assessments (for both students and staff), and compliance with local inspecting agencies (example: Tallahassee Fire Department, and the Department of Children and Families) to name a few. Trinity has been a Gold Seal school since 2005, and is accredited through UMAP, the United

Methodist Association of Preschools. Our accreditation is now current until December of 2020! Thanks to all of our teachers for their dedication to our children (and to the early childhood profession) and to our parents for their support!





Above is a copy of the letter that was sent to Preschool Director, Stacey Duggar, confirming that the Trinity preschool is still a "Gold Seal" school.

Pictured at left are; Maggie Murphy, Brittney Crutchfield, Jennifer Hopgood, Emily Snowden, Stacey Duggar, and Ryane Egler.

# UMW in Ministry meeting Tuesday, January 9

Nancy Bedford Communications Officer

Please note the change from the regular meeting date due to the holidays!

The program will be a pledge service led by Patti Oakley. Everyone is invited to attendeven if you aren't a member of UMW. Monthly meetings are an opportunity to

#### **Pecan Sale**

Thank you, Trinity, for participating in the UMW pecan sale! This is our major fund raising event and supports our missions. We filled orders from over 100 different people and we sold and distributed approximately 700 bags of pecans in various forms! We are very grateful for your support!

#### Gloves

Thank you to all those who donated gloves for distribution at the Christmas dinner! We appreciate all of your donations in support of this mission!

#### Vice President Installed

At the December meeting Margie Smith was installed as Vice President of UMW. She replaces **Rose Glenn** who has served faithfully and competently. Thank you, Rose! One of the major responsibilities of the VP is planning monthly programs. If you would like to speak to UMW at one of the meetings about a mission or topic of interest please contact Margie.

Welcome to the Executive Board, Margie!

#### - In the Spotlight -**Kitty Ball**

Fun! Vivacious! Joyful! Organized! Cheerful!

These are words long time UMW members use to describe Kitty Ball!

Kitty has been a Trinity member for fifty-five years. She was raised in the Baptist faith in Miami. Like many others who call Tallahassee home she came here to attend FSU and stayed. She married Jim Ball who with his

enjoy fellowship, informative programs and a delicious lunch! Please call Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 for reservations. Standing reservations are

preferred. Hope to see you there! \*Executive committee will meet at 10:30 in the church library.

#### **UMW Circle Meetings**

Alpha Circle: Mon. Jan. 8, at 10 a.m. 1489 Vieux Carre Drive, Mart Hill, hostess, Cynthia Smith, chair.

**Dorcas Foster Circle:** Tues. Jan. 9, at 1 p.m. in the church library, Nancy Waugh, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Mon. Jan. 8, at 6 p.m. 2104 Randolph Circle, Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wed. Jan. 3, at noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tues. Jan. 16, at 10 a.m. Location information will be forthcoming or Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Thurs. Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. 406 Glenview Drive #6, Lynette Halter, hostess, Patti Oakley, chair.

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

grandparents had been members of Trinity. She, too, joined the church and then later became a member of UMW. After her first child was born, she joined a UMW Circle of young mothers who met in the evening. When her children

were grown and she was employed, she joined a UMW Circle of working women who met over lunch. Through the years she has held UMW offices of President, Secretary, Devotional Chairman and Spiritual Growth leader. In 1980, she and Miriam Peirce served on the UMW State Board. During summers, she attended the UMW School of Missions. She attended retreats and traveled to New York for training. She

still continues to enjoy UMW monthly meetinas!

As a Trinity member, Kitty became the first woman chairperson of the Administrative Board. She was also a Lav Leader and a teacher of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Kitty was in the original Betty Phifer Sunday school class when Betty Phifer was the teacher.

Meanwhile, in the Tallahassee community, she became President of the Girl Scout Council, a Girl Scout troop

leader and on the Girl Scouts Board of Directors. She was President of the Tallahassee Junior League and also served as a committee chairman.

After her children were grown, she was

offered a job at a travel agency and spent ten years working there. With her enjoyment of traveling and people, it was a natural fit. It was here that she was introduced to the world of computers. During those days travel agents often took "fam" trips to get acquainted with places and lodgings. Kitty recalls one trip when she and others

traveled to Ireland for a short visit. Kitty decided to stay longer. She admits to having a tear in her eye as the others left. She rented a car and traveled around the country on her own with no advance

lodging reservations. She said that she gained a lot of self-confidence from that experience and made many new friends along the way. Kitty is another one of the amazing



women of UMW and Trinity whose lives are an inspiration. Throughout her life she has served her church and her community! Thank you, Kitty!

# Health Wellness News for January

Health Wellness Team

Start your new year off right! Come try one of five great weekly **Becoming Fit at Church (BFC) Exercise Classes**.

Did you know the BFC Series Exercise program, now in it's ninth year at Trinity, offers five weekly exercise classes at Trinty? Bring a friend and come join our great instructors for an hour of fun and exercise – any time, any class! Suggested donation is \$3 per class (registration for Wednesday

night classes may also be made through Lay Academy). One hundred percent of all donations go to community service or health wellness fund. Thanks to our faithful participants through the years over \$43,000 has been raised!

Staying Strong – Tues. and Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - (Taught by Ruth Ann High or Beth Curry with Jaqui Griffith subbing) – a good class for beginners or those

wanting an easy, gentle workout — mostly standing and seated.

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

**Bootcamp** – Wed. 6:30 p.m. (Taught by **Elaine Freni**) – A group interval format that builds strength and fitness. Intermediate to Advanced.\*

- Nursery is available —
- Tues./Thurs. for Variety Mix class by advanced reservation only. Contact Amy Leach.
- Wednesday for Bootcamp through the church nursery on a drop in basis.

**What else** – All classes in Parlor. Wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes. Bring water, and a towel or mat for the floor for Variety Mix and Bootcamp classes if you like.

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

#### **Show Love for Others**

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

The January meeting of the Sleeping Mats for the homeless will meet in the **Conference Room from 10:30-noon January 11.** Please bring grocery type bags, any color, folded *not wadded up*.

For more information, contact **Rose Glenn** 727-8526 or <a href="mailto:budsthorn@comcast.net">budsthorn@comcast.net</a>.

Hats for Friends (formerly Hats for the Homeless) – Judy Levy (judithtlevy@embargmail.com)

We held our last meeting of 2017 on December 7th. We finished putting in labels and tags on kazillions of completed hats and scarves be distributed throughout the community. We will be continuing throughout 2018 to make hats and scarves for the cold months. Anyone interested in joining our group, please contact Martha Tilden (gator1984@comcast.net), Earline Adkison (leadkison@comcast.net) or Judy Levy (judithtlevy@embarqmail.com). Our next meeting will be held January 18th at 10:30 in the Library. We will be assessing our past and preparing our future.



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**Note**: Look for details of all activities (upcoming and past) on our Facebook page. For more information about

TUFF, contact **Marie Bradley** at MBradley1716@comcast.net or text 850-728-5383 or Facebook Messenger.

Wellness

# Health Wellness Calendar

Drop in any time! Classes in BFC Series

#### **Exercise Classes**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays** 

- 9:15 Staying Strong
- 11:00 Variety Mix\*\*

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

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

#### <u> Upcoming Events</u>

- Mats for the Homeless will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 10:30 - 12 noon.
- Hats for Friends will meet on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library.

For more information about the Health Wellness ministry contact:

Beth Curry (BFCSeries@Yahoo.com) or Amy Leach (AmyCLeach@hotmail.com)

# 2018 Big Bend Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

Trinity's Local Missions Team —
Trinity Cares Spotlight



Marti Chumbler Local Missions Habitat for Humanity Liaison

Starting mid-January 2018, Trinity will partner with other churches to build a home for one of two Tallahassee families, either a single mother with a toddler or a single man caring for a disabled relative. Both prospective homeowners have been working



David LaJeunesse works on the roof of a Habitat House.

toward this opportunity for years, putting in hundreds of volunteer hours, including hours pitching in on the construction of homes for others. The Faith Build homeowner will join with volunteers from each of the participating churches to build his or her new home, providing their family with the opportunity for first-time homeownership.

Trinity has been a long-time supporter of Big Bend Habitat, providing both financial support and volunteers to build homes for Leon and Gadsden County residents who have committed themselves, through their own commitment of time and labor, to obtaining the goal of homeownership. Big Bend Habitat's motto—"a hand up, not a hand out"—truly epitomizes the organization's goal of supporting those who seek a safe and secure home in which to raise their families. Trinity's financial and volunteer contributions make it attainment of this goal possible.

Participating in a BBHH build is an absolute joy. Volunteers have the opportunity take part in almost every facet of the construction process, including framing, sheathing, installing siding and roof trusses, adding insulation to exterior walls, painting, caulking, landscaping, and a variety of other tasks. All who participate will learn new skills or hone skills they already have and—most

importantly—will share in the joy of helping build the home that will shelter a family for years to come.

In addition to providing building volunteers, members of Trinity will provide breakfast and/or lunch for some of the Saturday constructions days. If you are



Bill Kappes says safety first when using a utility knife!

interested in participating either in the building itself or by providing sustenance for the construction workers, please contact **Marti Chumbler** at (850) 284-5355 or mchumbler@carltonfields.com.

# Sunday Study Groups Web Pages:

# A Window into Adult Religious Education at Trinity

Dr. Pamela C. Crosby Webmaster for Content

He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

The above verse was used as the framework for our purpose-driven website development process here at Trinity in 2014. One important part of our church body that we highlight on our web pages is our adult religious education program.

Many agree that intellectual, social, and spiritual development is not just for children! An important way for adults to continue their education throughout their lifespan is by means of the varied resources and spaces afforded them in religious communities. Hence, religious education can help adults with their quests for religious purpose

and appreciation, moral guidance, and community, and thus be a vibrant function of the church as a whole.

Adults' needs vary, and in light of that, we have a diverse offering of educational opportunities at Trinity. Under that umbrella of opportunities is our Adult Sunday Study Groups. Although these classes differ in method of instruction and participation, content, and activities, the purpose is the same: we gather with fellow members and class leaders to learn more, to be challenged, and to grow in our Christian lives.

The introduction to our Adult Sunday Study Groups web pages can be found by selecting the main menu dropdown item "Grow." Visitors to the site can explore our classes, each with its own web page. Information about classes ranges from those with short descriptions to those

with mission statements, photos, current schedule, project information, links, study assignments, and a list of past studies.

While Facebook, email messaging, and texts offer class members the advantage of directly interacting with others within the class community, website pages can provide general information for those who have never attended Trinity so that they can be introduced to our church through learning about our classes, programs, and events. The webpage can also serve class members by providing info on current studies and assignments. I invite all class leaders who would like to update their class web pages with more information and/or photos on a regular basis (or just once for the time being) to write to me, Trinity's webmaster for content, at pcrosby@tumct.org.

# Youth Happenings in January

Lisa Prasse

Youth Ministry Assistant

# A Note from Lisa ...

As we kick off another New Year down here in the Underground, I first want to thank everyone who helped us during the month of December. December was a very busy month for our youth including fundraisers and several Christmas events. Our youth have worked hard to raise over \$4,500 toward mission trips this spring and summer and are off to a great start! The youth and I would like to personally

thank everyone who helped out during these events and for everyone who came out to support us. Whether you bought a tree or a wreath, a steaming hot bowl of chili, a hotdog, soda or sweet at the Winter Festival or you were here during one of our many Sunday morning or Sunday evening activities, we are grateful!! We literally couldn't have done it without you!!! So THANK YOU!



# **Upcoming Events!**

Sun., Jan. 7..... Youth band, youth choir and UMYF resume! Wed., Jan. 10..... Bible Studies

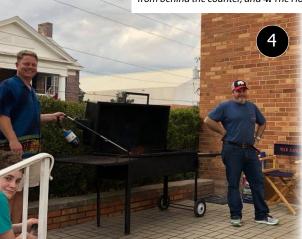
Fri.-Mon., Jan. 12-15 .. Ski Retreat 2018

Fri.-Sun., Jan. 26-28 ... Juniors and Seniors to College Connections @ Warren Willis

Sun., Jan. 28..... Music **Ministry Sunday** 









# Final Notes from Ruthann

Ruthann High HEO Coordinator

I want to thank the many people who have expressed their kind words



Ruthann High

to me about my leaving the HEO Coordinator position. It was a difficult decision, but I felt God was telling me He has other plans for us.

God has taught me a lot in the last

five years. I have met with many church members who have gone on to be

my saints. I have developed lifelong friendships with people of all ages. I have learned about the homeless community and have made lasting friendships I never thought possible. I feel that working at Trinity has prepared me to face life's challenges with strength and grace.

Now I look forward to being an active member at Trinity and helping other members find their connection.

This truly is a good church and I look forward to staying active and serving God in its many ministries. See you Sunday.

# Trinity United Methodist Church P.O. Box 1086 RO. Box 1086 Ro. Box 1086 Ro. Dr. Wayne D. Wiatt, Senior Pastor Jonathan Brewster, Associate Pastor Dr. Nick Quinton, Director of Adult Discipleship and Education Rev. Adams. Director of Communications

# New members join in December

Heath and Gay Annin – Gay grew up in Marianna, FL and has lived in Tallahassee for 28 years. She is an FSU graduate and a Florida CPA. She has been married to her wonderful husband, Heath, for 23 years! She loves shopping, traveling and being a baseball mom and golf mom for their son, Cole. Heath is a general contractor

Heath and Gay Annin

and wants to be a faithful and fruitful member of Trinity. Their family plans to be members for a very long time and they love the experience they get at Trinity!

**Elizabeth "Blair" Hancock** was born in Birmingham, AL. She was a member of

Lutheran Church of the Cross in St. Petersburg, FL. Blair has a BS degree in Business Management from University of Florida and a MS in Public Policy and Administration from Florida State University. She now works in



Blair Hancock

Tallahassee in government relations for the University of Florida.

Marti Hughes moved from Lakeland to Tallahassee a year ago to join her husband, Joe Hughes, a long-time member of Trinity. Born in Ohio and a graduate of Ohio University, she calls Lakeland home after residing there for nearly 40 years. For the past few years she

spent the summer months in Sapphire, NC, to be closer to her two grown daughters.

That is where she and Joe met. While in Lakeland, Marti was an active member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served on the Session and chaired



Joe and Marti Hughes

various committees. She also enjoys golf, fitness, entertaining, attending FSU sporting events, and sewing. She

looks forward to getting involved at Trinity!

Jennifer Rich is a Tallahassee local who is a graduate of Florida State University (Go Noles!). She now



Jennifer Rich

works as a Contract Coordinator for an engineering firm here in Tallahassee. She will have the pleasure of getting married at Trinity on February 17, 2018 to Giles Langford. They are both the proud parents of a smart, studly Basset Hound and two mischievous, adorable cats. She is excited to meet everyone here at Trinity!

Joe & Joyce Toman – Joe is the retired president of McKee Engineering Company in Marianna, FL (a tool and die company for 50+ years). He is a graduate of Purdue University, W. Lafayette, IN. He and Joyce

met at Purdue and have been married for 56 years. They have two children, John and Jane and four grand-children. Joyce has



Joe and Joyce Toman

been a life-long Methodist and has always found places to be involved. She looks forward to finding opportunities that best fit her talents.