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

Get Ready for Easter Fest!

Allison Corrigan
Director of Children's Ministries

Are you ready for an unforgettable experience? Invite a friend and join us **Saturday, April 4th for Easter Fest-The Road to Resurrection!** This is an event for EVERYONE! Participants will welcome Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem, taste foods from the Passover meal, meet Barabbas in his

jail cell, hear from a remorseful Roman soldier, and meet a joyful Cleopas on the road to Emmaus. Guests will finish their journey in Moor Hall with snacks, praise music, and fellowship. The entire hands-on experience takes

approximately one hour, with staggered start times beginning at 9:00am. Please register online today! Registration forms are also available in the Welcome Center, Children's Hallway, and Narthex. Please contact Allison Corrigan (acorrigan@tumct.org) with any questions!



This Year's Egg Hunt

We will hold our Annual Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 11th at 10:00am at the playground by the lake at Tom Brown Park. Invite a friend or neighbor and come join us for food, fellowship, and fun! There will be a potluck brunch, so please bring a breakfast dish to share. Trinity will provide drinks and paper products.

We are in needed of pre-filled Easter egg donations. Eggs can be filled with individually wrapped candies, small trinkets, and even coins! Please tape the eggs closed. Donations can be dropped off in the Welcome Center through April 10th. Thank you so much for supporting the Children's Ministry! We can't wait to see you there!



Gifts to Trinity

In Loving Memory -of-

Trinity received the following gifts from January 11 - February 10:

In memory of **Oberley Brown** from Donna Legare and Jody Walthall, Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers, and Mae Butcher.

In memory of **Bob Yates** from Sam and Mary Margaret Rogers.

In memory of **Betty Jo Shiell** from John Olson Sr. and family, Benson and Betty Ann Skelton, and BJ Grant.

In memory of **Lee Everhart** from Carol and Chip Morrison.

Homeless Mats

Rose Glenn
Homeless Mats Chair

It takes many hands to complete a Sleeping Mat. First the grocery bags have to be folded and cut into strips. Another person usually rolls the strips into balls of PLARN (plastic yarn), which is ready to crochet the mat.

You can help with this worthy mission. Our next meeting will be March 12. We meet in the Conference Room from 10:30-noon. Please come and learn the process.

Contact me at budsthorn@comcast.net



My Ash Wednesday Diary

Rev. Neal Avirett Wiatt
Associate Pastor

When I woke Wednesday morning, I heard the sound of rain. I didn't pray for sunny skies, but for a window of opportunity. Needless to say, it rained all morning, and I remembered thinking, "this is just God's way of washing away the vomit of Mardi Gras so we have a clean sidewalk to work." I also wondered if enough of our team would brave the weather. They did; all 11 of us made it. There was homemade coffeecake, Krispy Kreme and Dunkin' Donuts, and coffee. Did I mention coffee? Yes, lots and lots of hot caffeinated and decaffeinated coffee.

Five of us held signs along North Monroe and Park Avenue saying, "Ash Wednesday Drive Thru, Jesus Loves You, and #Tallylent." Spencer, our new director of communications, and I came up with #Tallylent to reach those drivers that couldn't stop for ashes but were still curious enough to go online to see what God's doing at Trinity. I remember former Bishop Timothy Whitaker saying, "in ministry we should always show every person the door to a relationship with Jesus Christ."



I must confess that after a half hour, I found the rain a bit demoralizing. I began to think that my sign in the shape of a caution street sign which read "Ashes Ahead" was maybe a little too cute, and I started walking back to the church to trade it for a more straightforward message. I hadn't walk a block before a woman pulled over and rolled down her window. She said, "I just stopped for ashes and prayer. I was on my way to work when I saw your sign, and I wanted come by to say thank you. God bless you!" It was as if God was telling me to take my cute sign and get back on the corner where I belonged!

An hour later, we were done. *When I arrived back at the church, I listened to the team tell stories of people who came: city workers, families, homeless neighbors, and parents dropping their children off at our preschool. There were even two cars arriving as we dismantled our breakfast cart.

In a hour and a half, we had showered Christ's loved on approximately 30 people, and passers by saw a church that left the comforts of it's building to cheer their community on in the direction of Jesus Christ. This Ash Wednesday was a reminder that its more about our hearts and than our foreheads, and how the call of the church has always been to reach new people in new ways with the Gospel of Jesus.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Neal Avirett Wiatt".

Wondrous Love & Orchestra Sunday

Mark Repasky
Music Director

"What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?"

If you look up #292 in our hymnal, you will find the theme hymn for Orchestra Sunday, March 29, at the 11 am service. "Wondrous Love" is considered a Southern United States folk hymn, but the text writer is unknown. The music is based on an old English Ballad. More importantly, it is well-known, and a very meaningful hymn for many people.

Why have an Orchestra Sunday?

It is an inspirational experience for the **choir**. There is great benefit for our Chancel Choir to sing with a **professional** orchestra on occasion. It gives the choir a focal point to gather its forces and prepare diligently for a very special Sunday. The choir then presents what is often its best prepared and highest quality music of the entire year. Simply put, the professional orchestra makes our choir better! Usually, the best recordings of our choir each year are made at the orchestra/choir rehearsal the Wednesday before Orchestra Sunday.

It is an inspirational experience for the **congregation**.

You will see and hear things that don't happen during the rest of the year at Trinity. You will see and hear things most churches in this country never get to experience. Our prayer is this service will strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God, the great I AM (look at verse 3 of hymn #292).

Making it happen

Each summer for the past 7 years, I enjoyed choosing a theme hymn for the next Orchestra Sunday. These are hymns well known to the congregation that contain expressions of deep faith and personal commitment. Orchestra Sunday theme hymns have included "Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "Be Thou My Vision" and "It Is Well with My Soul". Then, after prayer and a few weeks to mull it over, I select 4 to 7 pieces for choir and orchestra that align with the theme hymn. I try to choose some familiar music and some music new to the congregation. The choir begins rehearsing the more challenging



pieces before Christmas. About half of our rehearsal time in January, February and March is devoted to this music.

The hymn "Wondrous Love" makes reference Christ's time on earth. It also makes refer to millions singing to God and the Lamb as described in the Book of Revelation. And the 4th verse says when we are free from death, we will join those millions singing on for eternity.

So how does the music fit these themes? Let's start at the beginning. God created man. Love classical music? We present "Achieved Is the Glorious Work" by Haydn. It is a section from his celebrated oratorio "The Creation"; a song of celebration for what God has created. "Our song let be the praise of God!" A beautiful new arrangement of "Silent Night" by Dan Forrest reminds us of Jesus's time on earth. Craig Courtney's "Festival Gloria" is a wild celebration of "God in the highest heaven", from whence Jesus came. "May God Guide Each Step" by Alejandro Consolacion is a contemplative prayer set to music. "May He open our eyes to this wondrous world that nurtures laughter and smiles." Have you ever heard the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" (hymn #717) with orchestra? Neither have I, though our choir sings it at worship services about every four years. You will hear it that morning! "Glory! Hallelujah!, His truth is marching on!" Ralph Vaughan William's well-known hymn "For All the Saints" (hymn #711) will include congregational singing on the final verse. We often sing this hymn on All Saints Sunday. "From earth's wide bounds,

from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia!" Yes, this is heaven and we have arrived!

As always, one of our pastors will present a meditation on the theme for the day, Wondrous Love.

Finally

This is my final Orchestra Sunday, as I retire from Trinity after 24 years of service in early July of this year. I will miss this special Sunday and I will especially miss all of you! So come, share this special service with the choir, the orchestra, the pastors, and with me.

Special Recital Planned: Adriana Fortier

Many of you remember this talented violinist even when she was in middle school. She is now a senior in high school and will present a violin recital in our sanctuary on **Sunday, March 8 at 2 pm**. Guessing she has played violin at worship services here at least 10 times (sometimes solo, sometimes in a group) in recent years. Considering her age, this is the most accomplished violinist I have ever worked with in a church setting. Thank you Adriana, for sharing your talents with us while growing up at Trinity! A freewill offering will be taken to support RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services).

Get to Know Our New Members!

- **John Hancock** (Affiliate Member):

John is the father of Leslee Hancock. He was born in Roanoke, VA but moved with his wife, Jean, and family many times due to job requirements. Cities he and Jean lived in include Nashville, TN, Coral Gables, FL, and Birmingham, AL. Jean and John moved to Tallahassee in 2017 to be near their daughter since their health problems required more assistance. Unfortunately, Jean passed away in 2018. Age has slowed him down, of course, but he still enjoys old-fashioned country music, church (on 100.7), and visitors, among other things.

- **Scott Nelson:**

Scott is a fourth year medical student at FSU and a new father.

- **Erin Nelson:**

Erin is a new mom to Morgan Marie and a middle school teacher.

- **Cynthia Wright:**

Cynthia is newly retired and enjoying life. She worked for 37 years as a nurse, 20 years as an ER nurse, and the last 17 years as a case manager at TMH. She has a son and two step-daughters. Her family is close-knit with two sisters and two brothers. She loves exercise, yoga, and animals (she has two dogs at home!).

- **Amy Gill:**

Amy lives at Westminster Oaks and has been a member of the Susanna Wesley Circle for 5 years. She is a retired Christian Educator who worked in Youth and Camping Ministry. She has four grown children and six grown grandchildren, and enjoys needlework and reading.

- **Bill Gill:**

Bill is a long time Florida resident. He has been a UMC member since the late 1940s in three different communities. He graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in Agriculture in 1957 and Auburn University with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1962. He is a resident of Westminster Oaks. He and Amy have been married for 62 years!

- **Curtis Stockton:**

Curtis has lived in the Central Florida area since 1982 and relocated to Tallahassee in 2017 due to Debra's job change. He is a nurse at TMH and plays viola in the Big Bend Community Orchestra. Both he and Debra are busy exploring the Tallahassee area; especially the many dining opportunities! They also enjoy the Tallahassee Symphony.



- **Julie Avirett:**

Julie grew up in Livingston, IL. After finishing her BM in Music Business from Millikin University, she moved to Tallahassee to pursue a masters degree in music therapy at Florida State. Tallahassee quickly felt like home and during her time working at Big Bend Hospice, she met Neal. A chance to work in a children's hospital as a music therapist brought us to south Florida and then Jacksonville. It's a homecoming to be back in Tallahassee, and a joy to be part of the Trinity family where our girls can grow in their faith.

Shoutout to Hayden Foster - What Amazing Youth We Have!



Special recognition this month to one of our outstanding youth! In addition to his "Socks, Sacks, and Supper" charity, Hayden Foster continues to stand out among our youth in Tallahassee. Most recently he was honored with the 2020 Foundation of Founding Trustees Scholarship (memorializing all founding trustees and those who have passed on).

Hayden received the Belitnakov award for recognition of his outstanding accomplishments overcoming some of his own physical limitations.

Hayden is the Captain and MVP of the Leon Lacrosse team and has chosen to use his life experiences to shape him into the young man he is today. Hayden is an advanced placement scholar with distinction and carries a 4.5GPA.

After he graduates this May, Hayden plans to go on to study biomedical engineering. We are beyond proud of Hayden and his accomplishments and we are so grateful to have the pleasure of having him in our youth group as a friend and example to us all.

Spring Exercising vs. Spring Cleaning

Ruth Ann High
Exercise Leader

If you know me at all you know I prefer to exercise over cleaning the house. DUH. But many people know that to keep a clean house requires daily chores; put things away, dust, vacuum, wipe counters. Do these things and you can enjoy a clean home.

Your body is no different. The benefits of exercise definitely help you enjoy living in your body. You feel better. Your health is improved and at Trinity we strive to make our exercise classes fun. It is never too late to start exercising. Our participants are all ages with several in their 80s and 90s. At Trinity we offer a variety of classes and strive to welcome each participant on their exercise journey. So look over the classes and get started.

Staying Strong taught by Ruth Ann High or Beth Curry (with Jaqui Griffith as a sub) on Tues/Thurs at 9:30 a.m. It is a wonderful way to begin or return to



exercise with a gentle standing and seated format which includes strength, balance and flexibility exercise too. This class is beginner level and takes place year-round.

Variety Mix, taught by Amy Leach or Beth Curry, is the perfect Tues/Thurs morning class at 11:00 a.m. offering a fast paced, full body workout. Come join us one day and give it a try! It's a great group and many stay to have lunch together afterward while waiting to pick children up from preschool programs. Intermediate to Advanced level. This class also takes place year-round.

Fit Mix, taught by Elaine Freni, is offered Wednesdays at 6:30. This fast pace class challenges the entire body by using a variety of exercise equipment. This class takes place throughout the months of September - May.

BFC Calendar

Drop in any time! Classes in the Parlor

BFC Series Exercise Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays

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

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

— Wednesday —

Fit MIX is offered at 6:30 p.m. as part of **Lay Academy!**

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

Cost:

- Drop into any class – any time – for FELLOWSHIP, FUN and FITNESS!
- Suggested donation is \$3 per class for all classes
- Registration of \$10 for Fit Mix may also be made when Lay Academy sessions begin and is due on the first night of class.
- One hundred percent of donation are used as follows: Morning classes to community outreach/missions. Evening classes to fund minor class needs/equipment. Over \$55,000 has been raised to date.

Nursery

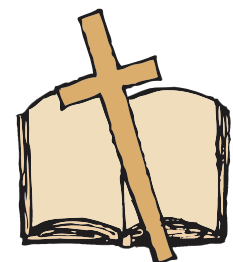
- Baby/Toddler childcare is available by advanced reservation ONLY for Tues/Thurs Variety Mix class at 11:00 a.m. Contact Amy Leach.
- Childcare is available for Fit Mix at 6:30 pm on Wednesday through the regular Wednesday Night church nursery
- There is no charge for either

If you have any questions please contact **Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com**.



Westminster Oaks Daily Devotionals

We would like to acknowledge both Lynn McLarty & Judy Levy for continuing to carry on the tradition of personally delivering Upper Room daily devotionals to all of our Westminster Oak members and friends! They are two examples of people that really know how to serve. If any other members would like to participate in this, feel free to reach out to them.



UMW Luncheon - Independence Landing

Nancy Bedford

The UMW Luncheon Meeting will be held on March 3rd from 11:45 to 1pm in Moor Hall. The topic is "Independence Landing" a newly launched Tallahassee innovative housing option for adults with disabilities.

Independence Landing is a not for profit corporation whose mission is to build a safe, affordable planned residential community which will allow residents to lead independent lives. This includes opportunities for the residents personal growth, socializing and working or continuing education and vocational training off campus.

Our guest speaker is Allison Tant Floridian and FSU graduate well known in Tallahassee for her many leadership roles. In 2013 she was selected by the Tallahassee Democrat as one of the "Twenty Five Women You Need to Know"! Allison has a passion for advocating for children, youth and adults with disabilities. She was the founder of KEYS (Keys to Exceptional Youth Success) a scholarship program for students with disabilities which has raised over \$370,000 for 157 scholarships in the past twelve years. This organization has

Alpha Circle: Monday, March 9, at 10 am, Oak Room, Westminster Oaks, Cynthia Smith, chair.

Dorcas Foster: Tuesday, March 3, at 1 pm, in the church library, Nancy Kerce, chair.

Mary Martha Circle: Monday, March 9, 6 pm, 2104 W. Randolph Circle, Julie Pararo, hostess/chair.

Sojourners Circle: Wednesday, March 4 at noon, Cafe at St. Johns, Marti Chumbler, chair.

Susanna Wesley Circle: Tuesday, March 17, at 10 am. Specialty House, Meandering Lane, Westminster Oaks, Liz Smith, chair.

The Voice Circle: Tuesday, March 19, 1804 W. Indianhead Dr., Patti Oakley, hostess/chair.

provided supplies, endowed a scholarship to TCC and helped create a curriculum for students with cognitive disabilities. In addition to serving on the Board of Independence Landing and KEYS Allison is involved in many organizations including Rotary Club, Capital Women's Network, Tiger Bay, Children's Home Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Temple Israel's Social Action Committee and others. We look forward to having Allison as our speaker and we hope that you join us in welcoming her.

Everyone is invited to attend. You don't have to be a member of UMW! We also welcome men who are interested in hearing our speaker.

Please contact Nancy Kerce 877-6546 for reservations so that we have enough food for the luncheon.



The Festival of Wisdom & Grace - Trinity Treks

It's not too early to plan to attend Festival of Wisdom and Grace (Aug. 3-6) located in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina. It is located in Lake Junaluska, NC to be exact.

In addition to the Festival, the Trinity trip includes lodging in Commerce, GA (Aug. 2nd) and Flat Rock, NC. (Aug. 6th) and a performance at the Flat Rock Playhouse, always a theatrical treat.

Members who have previously attended enthusiastically recommend this experience to all older adults as we join in fellowship for a time of renewal of soul, mind and body! We invite you to join us!



Youth Happenings in February

Lisa Prasse Ryan Kielmann
Youth Director Youth Ministry Intern



A Note from Lisa ...

Everything in the Underground is moving right along and we want to thank everyone who came out to support us during our annual Springtime Tallahassee Spaghetti Lunch! These earnings go toward our youth mission trips. This summer our youth will head to North Carolina to work with the Appalachian Service Project and to Port St. Joe for continued hurricane repair projects. I'm forever proud of our youth and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside them. We couldn't be the hands and feet were it not for the support of our church family....so again, thank you!



Our confirmands made a trip to Warren Willis for our confirmation retreat where all their studies were affirmed and they made terrific memories connecting with one another and God. They are becoming more and more prepared to accept their confirmation vows in May, and it's a terrific process to be a part of! They ARE the future of our church!!!

At the end of February, we attended the Ash Wednesday service together and some of our youth even helped with the "drive-thru Ash" distribution that morning! We began and will continue our Lenten studies together right up until Easter Sunday. Between now and then, and in addition to our Spaghetti Fundraiser at Springtime Tallahassee, we have participated in our annual 30-Hour Famine and Easter Fest! If you'd like more information regarding either of these or any upcoming events, please just email Lisa at lprasse@tumct.org



"Save-the-Dates" 2020

April 3- 430 - Hour Famine

April 12.....EASTER! (No UMYF tonight)

May 3.....Confirmation Banquet & Rehearsal

May 4.....Confirmation Sunday;
youth choir sings at 11:00

May 17.....Graduation Sunday

Chrismons - Lets get creative!

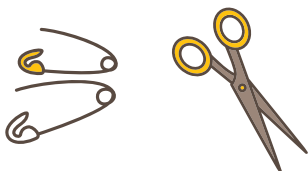
June Daffin
Chairman of Altar Guild

One of the most beautiful parts of the Christmas season is the addition of the Chrismon trees in our sanctuary during Advent. Chrismons are three dimensional Christian symbols designed to help worshippers remember that Christmas is the celebration of Jesus's birth. The first Christian symbols were used centuries ago by early Christians as secret messages to each other to protect Christian meeting places and groups.

The creator of the first Chrismon ornaments was Mrs. F. Spencer of Ascension Lutheran Church of Danville, Virginia. Mrs. Spencer coined the word chrimson by combining two words: Christ and monogram. The idea caught on and quickly spread. During the last thirty years, the Chrismon tree has been used worldwide to celebrate the eternal and unchanging ways of God.

Chrismons can be made from a variety of materials, but are traditionally colored white and gold. White is the liturgical color for Christmas and symbolizes Jesus' purity and perfection. Gold symbolizes His majesty and glory. The first Chrismons at Trinity were made

by the loving hands of parishioners who sought to bring the Christmas spirit to our sanctuary through the symbolism of Christian ornaments. Many of those ornaments are now broken or damaged. A new group of parishioners are meeting together or working independently in their own homes to create new, beautiful beaded felt ornaments for Trinity's 2020 Chrismon trees. Can you sew? Do you enjoy creative handwork? Would you like to make a few more Trinity friends who share your faith and interests? Perhaps you even have woodworking skills and could cut some symbols from wood that could be painted and decorated. Give **June Daffin, Chairman of the Trinity Altar Guild, a call at 850-284-7880**, or e-mail her at **junedaffin@gmail.com** to see how you can get involved. You can also call the church office and indicate your interest in this ongoing project.



Vacation Bible School — June 8 - 12

Allison Corrigan
Director of Children's Ministries

Exciting preparations are already underway for this summer's VBS! Come and join us for Rocky Railway—the summer event that puts kids on track for trusting Jesus!! At Rocky Railway, kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop. During this awesome week, your child will visit thrilling, hands-on stations including Little Kids Depot, Sing and

Play Express, Imagination Station, Bible Adventures, KidVid Cinema, Chew Chew Snacks, Loco Motion Games and Rocky Wrap-Up as they are surrounded by God's word and love. VBS is available for children ages 3 (by 6/1/2020) through 5th grade (Fall 2020). Registration will begin on March 2nd. You can register online or by filling out a VBS brochure, which are available in the Welcome Center, Narthex, and Children's Hallway.

We are also looking for responsible youth volunteers in 6th-12th grade (Fall 2020) to serve as crew leaders and station helpers. You **MUST** be active in Trinity's youth group, commit to helping the ENITRE week, and attend a **MANDATORY** training in Moor Hall on June 7th at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact Allison Corrigan: acorrigan@tumct.org or (850)222-1120.



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