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# Findings

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

## Ramsay's Lemonade Stand - Taking a stand for Hope

Sam Rogers, Sr.  
Hope Community Coordinator

Ramsay Grant is the nine year old daughter of Mike and Sarah Grant. Following a personal visit to Hope Community with her mom, Ramsay decided to get involved, hands-on, in Trinity's project to improve living conditions for homeless persons and their children. And did she ever! First, Ramsay set a goal for herself; to raise enough money to cover the cost of materials to refurbish one residence room in the family living quarters of Hope Community - about \$500.

By mid July, profits from lemonade sales at Ramsay's stand blew right through what would have been considered by most as a strikingly ambitious goal. Well done, young lady! Your leadership and caring concern is a credit to Trinity. Ramsay's spirit of Christian discipleship is an inspiration to everyone. It is an honor to welcome Ramsay Grant as a member of Trinity's working group with responsibility for Project: Hope Community.

Hope Community has indeed become a church-wide outreach program. Through July, more than 40 of Trinity's faithful have contributed of themselves, in time and financial resources, to a church-wide effort to improve living conditions for our less fortunate neighbors. Hope Community is

a refuge of respite for homeless persons and their children, with temporary living quarters, while they seek to reorganize their lives to return to the community as self sufficient citizens. All 15 of the family residence rooms have been completely repainted and furnished with new custom-made cabinetry, area rugs, blinds, bedside tables, pillows, bed spreads, etc. Additionally, Trinity's youth group

Painted over 150 feet of hallways. Trinity's UMW group organized a special treat for the children of Hope Community to give gifts to their moms on Mothers Day.

Work continues apace. Through August and on into the fall Trinity's working group will turn its attention to refurbishing nine

bathrooms shared by a daily average of 40-50 residents. Each bathroom is sorely in need of painting. The showers need repair from constant moisture seeping from cinder block walls, causing mildew accumulation under the paint. Many of the toilet seats need replacing. Additionally, the goal is to replace very old and obsolete washing machines and dryers which are in need of constant repair. Currently, only two washers and three dryers are in working order.



*Ramsay sold a lot of lemonade to help those at HOPE Community. Can you help too?*



By now, you've probably seen the bulletin announcements, posters up around the church, and maybe even looked at the website. But perhaps you weren't able to attend the previews held last month ... there is still time to sign up for Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace University** class here at Trinity.

You may register at [www.daveramsey.com/fpu](http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu) and then click on the tab, "find a class" on the left hand side.

This nine-week course will be held in Room 305 on Thursday evenings, 6:30-8 pm, beginning September 13th. We all need a plan for our money and THIS is that plan. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be! This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

We will have free childcare available for those who notify the instructor or church office in advance. The cost of the class is \$95/household and includes all materials. Scholarship help is available for those who need it; just talk to Pastor Wayne or Pastor Tony.

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! Sign up now!

# Gifts to Trinity

Trinity received the following gifts from  
July 6 – August 22, 2012:



In memory of **Frances Proctor Roesch** from Clara Jane and Bill Smith, Leslie and Palmer Williams, Maggie Flynn Black and Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In memory of **David V. Kerns, Sr.** from Ledley and Oberley Brown.

In memory of **Mary Dell Brasington Pararo** from Meryl Warren, Colin and Phyllis English, Joyce B. Fuller, Otis and Jimmie Beck, Florence Ashby, Tola Thompson and Mary Barley.

In memory of **Marjorie Knowlton Peterson** from Gail and Ron Hock and Mary R. Branan.

In memory of **Eleanor Pederson Hale** from Boo and Kyung Lee, Bill and Judy Levy, Lorna Morton, Duane Clark, Amy Clark, Nick and Ollie Dawirs and the Wymond Family.

In memory of **Edith Virginia Porter Rounds** from the Williamson family.

In honor of **Bill Grow** from Michele Irvin.

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## Pastors' Coffee for New Members

If you are interested in joining the church, come to meet the Pastors at the next "Pastor's Coffee." We will meet on **Sunday, September 9, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** in Moor Hall. We will take some time to get to know one another, discuss basic distinctions of the Methodist faith, the ministries here at Trinity, and even tour our beautiful facility. Child-care is available upon request. To sign-up for this opportunity, please contact the church office at 222-1120, or e-mail: [Trinity@tumct.org](mailto:Trinity@tumct.org).



# WAYNE'S WORDS

By E. Wayne Curry  
Senior Pastor

Dear Friends,

On Sunday, September 23rd, Trinity United Methodist Church will celebrate 188 years of **Growing In Faith Together** ... 188 years! Read all about this special day in the article in this Tidings. What will be **YOUR G.I.F.T.** as you volunteer for one or more of the mission opportunities available? What will **YOU** offer for our silent auction where all proceeds will go to missions? (I'm offering an elegant dinner for six at the Curry home cooked and served by...me!) What will **YOU** bring to the church-wide lunch on that day? There will be only one glorious worship service on that day beginning at 10:30 AM. The last time we did this was back in January and everyone who attended enjoyed the fun and fellowship of all three services worshipping together and the luncheon afterwards. Who knows? You might meet a friend, neighbor or co-worker who attends one of the other services and you never knew it! We need **YOU** to be at church on September 23rd to make it complete!

And by the way, have you turned in your survey? We need your input of how we will continue to Grow In Faith Together in the years ahead!

Look what else is happening at Trinity:  
**Hope Community Project:** What a wonderful, fulfilling undertaking! A dedicated group of Trinity volunteers have finished renovating 15 rooms, added commercial washers and dryers, and are now renovating the bathrooms.

**Clothing Connection:** On Saturday, September 15th, our second annual Clothing Connection giveaway. Bring your gently used clothes (especially large women's sizes, men's clothes, shoes) to the church beginning the week of September 9th (please not before!). We need lots of volunteers all week long!

**Financial Peace University:** Mike McClure will be leading this Dave Ramsey course on Thursday evenings beginning September 13th. Partial scholarships are available. Beth and I will be taking this course and invite you to join us.



**Lay Academy:** A great variety of classes begin on Wednesday, September 19th.

**Our guests from Cuba:** The pastor of our sister church in Cuba, Pastor Dioselvis, and his wife, Yamile, will arrive on October 2nd and be with us a couple of weeks! Do you speak Spanish? Would you like to have them in your home a night or two? We want to give them a warm Trinity welcome!

**Mission to Guatemala:** We have 25 signed up for our mission trip to Guatemala October 20-27. We're taking two medical teams and a construction team this year!

Those are just a few of the many exciting things going on at Trinity! I am blessed to be one of the pastors of such a great church!

You are loved,

# The G.I.F.T. – Growing In Faith Together

Paula Smith and Linda Yates

You don't want to miss it – **The G.I.F.T.** – **Growing In Faith Together**, Sunday, September 23, 2012, celebrating the 188th anniversary of the founding of Trinity United Methodist Church. We will have one special service on that Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

This special service, The G.I.F.T., is an opportunity for all to share their volunteer service in mission. You will receive a booklet listing service opportunities at Trinity and in the community. A tear out sheet will be available for you to sign up to give your gift – a gift of service - and place it on the altar. You will be surprised at the amazing variety of needs that can be met. No gift is too small to provide comfort and ease the needs of others.

A church wide lunch in Moor Hall will be served following morning worship. Your help is needed! Enter the bake off with your best-decorated birthday cake or cupcakes in honor of Trinity's birthday, OR your most delicious baked goods. Or bring your favorite salad. Our judges will award ribbons for the cake/cupcake contest, dessert contest AND

for the most delicious salad. Also served on that day will be grilled hot dogs with all the toppings and baked beans. There will be no charge for lunch.

To add to the fun and excitement of the day, there will be a silent auction of services and gifts contributed by church members. Do you need your garden weeded? How about a computer lesson? A home cooked meal? A meal specially cooked and served by Pastor Wayne? A family portrait? A landscape consultation? All this and much more will be available for you to bid on and benefit church missions. Email or phone Terri Sue Aldridge [tsaldrige@gmail.com](mailto:tsaldrige@gmail.com), 850-566-1284, if you wish to contribute an item for the silent auction.

Trinity's former pastors have been invited. Members who have been at Trinity 50 years or more will be recognized. A new member class will join the church that day and they and all other new members



who have joined since January will be given special ribbons celebrating the Trinity family as it grows in membership, stewardship and faith.

Mark your calendar today. To quote a former pastor, "You don't want to miss it!"

## Second Annual Clothing Connection

Walli Beall

No adage is truer than the saying "Many Hands Make the Work Light" and The Clothing Connection needs all Trinity's hands! We need folks to use their hands to gather clothing and bring the clothes to the Church, hands to sort and fold, hands to set

Trinity's Clothing Connection to give to area individuals and families whose budgets are stretched (if not broken), and for whom your donated item will be a treasured gift. If your closet seems low on objects for donation, then turn to friends and neighbors and see if they have "\*pick-up perfect\*" items to offer.

The date of the Clothing Connection is September 15, from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon! Donations will be accepted September 9th through the 14th at Trinity's Moor Hall.

Based on the very successful inaugural event in 2011, what we need are the following items:

- Children's clothing, and shoes & socks
- Men's clothing and shoes
- Women's clothing (particularly X-XXX sizes)
- Handbags
- \$\$ (to pay for security, for additional clothing, for publicity)
- Worker Bees (who will help with set-up, sorting, and serving and tear-down)

Let's put all hands on deck as we work as a team to be a blessing to our neighbors.

up and take down, and hands to help serve food to our shopping guests.

This year we will be providing transport from designated points in the city as well as a breakfast snack and as always, friendly faces who help guide folks to desired items.

So, let's put our hands with our hearts and make a difference through donation to the friends and neighbors who need what we can so easily supply.

It is essential for our Trinity Family to seek gently used items to donate to



## Pecans for sale

Judy Levy

It's that time again to place your orders for delicious pecans from your favorite UMW member. We will be selling mammoth halves, medium pieces, milk chocolate, dark chocolate, cinnamon, and clusters.

Check out the posters after September 15 for prices. We will be taking orders September 19 - October 14 on Sunday mornings after each service in the Welcome Center and on Wed. evenings at Lay Academy in Moor Hall.

Be sure to check your supply from last year (if you have any left) to calculate your order for this year. They freeze well. We will have a few bags to sell when the order comes in—it will be first come, first served and when they are gone, they are gone.

We expect delivery to be November 7. For more information, contact Judy Levy at [judithlevy@embarqmail.com](mailto:judithlevy@embarqmail.com).



# Help Alleviate Hunger - CROP Walk

Gloria Colvin

Each fall, Trinity joins other local churches in participating in the CROP Walk, a national annual event coordinated by Church World Service to raise awareness and funds to help alleviate hunger locally and in undeveloped countries. This year, under the leadership of Phyllis McCranie, Trinity is coordinating Tallahassee's 23rd CROP Walk, and we will want to have strong participation and support for the walk. In a change from past years, the 2012 CROP Walk will be held at Lake Ella on **Sunday, November 11**, rather than in the downtown area.

Twenty-five per cent of the monetary contributions raised through the walk are given to local non-profit food distribution agencies. Remaining contributions are for state, national, and international emergencies, as well as for long-term food and clean water development in 80 developing nations. All food donated during the event goes to local food distribution agencies, including ECHO, Catholic Charities, and the lunch program at the Shelter.

There are several ways in which you can be involved:

- Each church or organization recruits members to walk. The walk distances are only 1 and 3 miles and walkers of all ages are encouraged to be part of the Trinity contingent. It's a great way to get some exercise and enjoy fellowship with other Trinity members.
- Walkers are asked to obtain donations from sponsors before the walk. If you're not able to walk, consider making a donation or sponsoring some of Trinity's

walkers. Checks can be made out to CROP Walk or CROP/CWS and given to Trinity's CROP Walk liaison Gloria Colvin or to other Trinity walkers.

- Donations of non-perishable food are needed for use by local area charities.

This year's goals are to recruit at least 300 walkers, to raise \$20,000, and to collect 4,000 pounds of food. Let's support our leadership role this year by providing a large percentage of the walkers and donations!

To get involved and learn more details about this important ministry, contact Gloria Colvin by phone at (850) 894-3625 or by email at [gpcolvin@yahoo.com](mailto:gpcolvin@yahoo.com).



*This is just a part of the large group that showed up at the CROP Walk last year. Come walk with this year's group!*

## UMW to present new organizational structure Sept. 4

Linda Yates

United Methodist Women will learn the results of the restructuring session they held on August 25 at their first fall luncheon meeting at 11:45 on Tuesday, Sept. 4, in Moor Hall.

UMW President Kitty Ball will explain action of this spring's General Conference of UMC that created an independent organization of United Methodist Women no longer under the church's Board of Global Ministries. Local church UMW groups are free to organize their mission teams based on the needs and desires of their members as long as they provide missional support to women, children and youth.

Leaders of four breakout groups at the planning session will give the resulting recommendations for new small groups,

for education, Bible study and leadership training, for local mission projects, and for the makeup of the organization's administration. Women attending the luncheon will be asked to give their

opinions for future frequency and time of meetings.

Those attending the luncheon should telephone reservations to Nancy Kerce at 877-6546 by Saturday, Sept. 1.

### UMW Circles to Meet

Circle 1 will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. at Specialty House, 3927 Meandering Lane.

Circle 2 meets Monday, Sept. 3 at 12:45 p.m. in the Parlor.

Circle 4 meets Monday, Sept. 10 in the Library at 10:30 a.m.

Circle 5 meets at **On the Border**, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Circle 6 meets Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. at Julie Pararo's house 2104 Randolph Cir., 385-9791.

Circle 8 meets Sept. 4 at noon.

Circle 9 meets Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. at 3927 Meandering Lane at Specialty House.

# Guatemala Mission Needs Your Help

Jayne Mittan

What do you do when you get a headache? If you're like me, you take some Tylenol. What about when your back hurts or you

be from the smoke exposure? Think about how soothing some artificial tears would be.

All people in Guatemala have "free health care". That means, if they go to see a doctor, it won't cost them anything. Unfortunately, doctors don't exist except in major cities. The indigenous people would have to leave their homes/families/children and WALK to the nearest city to see a doctor. While they are away, they aren't working, which means their family isn't eating. Just

really need your help in order to provide them. We are collecting items to take with us on our mission trip. You can drop them off in the welcome center any time between now and October 1st. This is your opportunity to be a part of this mission. Not everyone can go...but everyone can be a part of the team.

Here's what we need (these are all available over-the-counter, without a prescription, and generics are fine): Aspirin, Tylenol(acetaminophen) for adults and kids, Advil/Motrin(ibuprofen) for adults and kids, Aleve(naproxen sodium), multivitamins for adults and children (chewables are great, but no gummies please, they melt), pre-natal vitamins, cold/sinus medications, artificial tears, anti-fungal creams, hydrocortisone cream, vaginal cream for yeast infections, cough medicine, Neosporin ointment, and anything else you can think of.



The author worked to improve the general health of the local population.

pull a muscle? I pop some ibuprofen (Advil) or Aleve. When you get a cold, and you are so congested that you can't breathe, don't you just hop in the car and visit your local drugstore for some cold medicine? I do this without giving it much conscious thought. It's almost a knee-jerk reaction, because I know these medications help, and I don't want to be slowed down by these symptoms.

In Guatemala, the indigenous people do not have access to even these basic medications. If they have a headache, they keep working because they have to in order to survive. If their back hurts (and whose wouldn't, carrying 100 lbs. of firewood on it?) they keep going, because they have to in order to survive. They cook over an open fire inside, because that is all they have. Can you just imagine how dry and irritated your eyes, nose, and throat would

think about what it would be like to have to walk from your house into the center of Tallahassee to see a doctor. That would be bad enough if you lived in Killbuck. What if you lived in Havana, or Quincy, or Monticello? The problem isn't just cost, it's access.

When we go to Guatemala on our mission trip, we will be seeing approximately 100 people a day in the clinics we set up in each village. These people have the same health issues we have: kids with ear infections and colds, adults with headaches and back pain. Add to that the dysentery, parasites, malnutrition, and vitamin deficiencies that they all suffer. Not to mention the insomnia, depression,

and anxiety from lying awake at night listening to the rain, and wondering if your hut is going to be washed down the mountain before sunrise. Or from worrying about what you will be able to feed your children tomorrow.

We are so blessed to be able to provide some of the basic medications these people need. We



Sandy Skidell examines one of the local children.

Thank you so much for being a part of the team, helping us take care of the least, the last, and the lost in Guatemala.



Trinity sent a very talented and hard-working crew to Guatemala last year.

## Health Wellness Calendar



*Drop in any time!*

*Classes are in the Parlor*

**BFC Series Exercise Classes**

— Tuesdays and Thursdays —

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

\*Nursery for 11 a.m. class - by reservation only

**For more information:**  
Beth Curry at [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com)



★ YOUTH SUNDAY 2012 ★



# Youth Happenings in September

Kelly Rains     John Freeze  
 Youth Director     Youth Intern

## A Note from Kelly ...

I already miss them! You may be thinking that I am referring to my own 2 college students who have moved out of my house. And yes, I do miss them terribly. But I was referring to the youth and my feelings over these past few weeks. Every summer I get to spend lots of time with our awesome youth here at Trinity. They make me laugh, they challenge me, and they push me to remember everything that is happening in their lives. And I love it. But over the past few weeks our summer schedule has concluded and the focus has been towards school starting and all the activities that go along with it. So of course

that means they have more required hours in school and less hours here at church. And so.....I miss them! During the school year I only get to see them once or twice a week for shorter amounts of time. With technology these days, it is easy to stay connected and keep up with everything in their life but I am old fashioned I guess and prefer time with them face to face. The other forms of communicating are great but just not the same. So if you are looking for me on Sunday, I will be downstairs in the youth area hanging out and having face time with as many youth as possible!



## Upcoming Youth events for September

- Sept. 2 ..... Youth Choir Sings
- Sept. 2..... No Band, Choir 5pm, Bowling 6pm
- Sept. 7-9..... Rock the Universe
- Sept. 9..... No Sunday School, Band, Choir, or UMYF
- Sept. 12..... Middle School Bible Study begins 4:30pm
- Sept. 16..... Confirmation Info Meeting 9:45am
- Sept. 16..... Youth Council Meeting 12pm
- Sept. 16..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 19..... Middle School Bible Study 4:30pm
- Sept. 23..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 26..... Middle School Bible Study 4:30pm
- Sept. 29..... Mid-High Madness (see website for details)
- Sept. 30..... Praise Band 4pm, Choir 5pm, UMYF 6pm
- Sept. 30..... High School Late Nite 8pm



## Middle School Mission Trip



## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5-7 ..... Confirmation Retreat
- Oct. 14..... Confirmation Bibles @ 11am service
- Oct. 31..... No Wednesday activities

## Confirmation Information

— Meeting —

**Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:45 a.m.**

The Underground (youth area)



# New members join in July

As Trinity continues to grow, new members are welcomed who have chosen Trinity as their new church home. Read these brief biographical sketches to learn more of these fellow members.

**Eddie Akridge** comes to Trinity by transfer of membership from another Methodist church. Eddie is an attorney with his own practice. He is originally from Camilla, Georgia.

**Scott and Catherine Hansen** joined by certificate of transfer. They have a son, Andrew who is 14. Scott and Catherine are both employed by the Leon County Schools. Scott is the principal of Fairview Middle School, and Catherine teaches at Deerlake Middle School.

**Jimmy and Diane Richerson** joined by transfer of membership. Together, they have 3 grown children, Ashley, Sibley, and Mary Stewart. Jimmy travels the Southeast for Martin Dingman Leathergoods. Diane works at Changes Salon as a Hairstylist. For fun, Jimmy loves fishing and cooking, and Diane

enjoys spending time with her dogs and reading.

**Jacqui Sisto** joined from another denomination. She is the Communications Director for the Florida Education Association. She shares her home with two labs, Chester and May. She enjoys cooking and gardening.

**John and Stacey Smith** joined from different denominations. They have two newborn babies, a boy, Andrew and a girl, Hayes. John works for Smith and Smith Consulting as a lobbyist. He enjoys outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. Stacey is an Assistant Project Manager for Ajax Building Corp. She enjoys time at the beach and the farm.

**Chris Finkbeiner and Brittany O'Connor** Chris works for the Governor as his deputy chief of staff. Brittany works as Assistant General Counsel at the Department of Economic Opportunity. They love attending Gator football games and bike riding. We are very excited to be new members at Trinity.



*New members joining Trinity, from left are, Jimmy and Diane Richerson, Jacqui Sisto, Brittany O'Connor, Chris Finkbeiner, Stacey and John Smith, and Catherine and Scott Hansen*

# Trinity's reading program - Reading All-Stars

Jane Olson  
Kate Sullivan liaison

As this new school year begins, do not think of it as the end of summer. Instead think of it as the beginning of another year of participating in Trinity's mentoring program at Kate Sullivan Elementary School. We begin our ninth year of partnering with Kate Sullivan and this year we are changing it up! To encourage more volunteers, they are allowing more flexibility. They want to give everyone the opportunity to mentor a student by not limiting the days or available times. Our Reading All Stars program working with first grade students will continue at 9:00 a.m. each morning, rather than only Tuesdays or Thursdays as has been in the past. Now volunteers can choose any morning

to work with their student and can even change the day of the week to accommodate personal schedules. If another grade level is preferred, this can be arranged also. The school wants to work with us to encourage as much involvement as possible. Beth Freeman is our contact person at Kate Sullivan and we have scheduled a mandatory orientation/training meeting for Wednesday, September 19 at 10 a.m. in the Kate Sullivan media center. Interested mentors should report to the office and will be directed to the center. Former mentors need only to fill out the volunteer forms to update their file and new mentors will stay for a brief orientation. This is such

a gratifying and fulfilling experience to encourage a young student to strive and grow a love for learning. If you have any further questions you can contact Jane Olson at janeolson@embarqmail.com or at 385-4540 (home). This is your opportunity to make a real difference in a young child's life!



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