

The Chapel is Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 8:30 pm; Sunday from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm for personal prayer and quiet. The Chapel is Available for Weddings and Memorial Services/Funerals. For more information, call 376-6615.



TRINITY UMC SERVICES

Friday Night in the Chapel
6:35 pm Contemporary Service

Sunday Morning in the Chapel
9:40 am Traditional Service

Sunday Morning in the Worship Center

8:15 am Prayer & Praise Service
9:40 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Traditional Service

Sunday School in the Education Building
9:40 & 11:00 am For All Ages



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TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The WORD
Quarterly Newsletter

Letter from the Associate Pastor

Hello Friends,

Hopefully by now, you've enjoyed a fun, relaxing summer break. If not, you still have a few days left to get a couple of summer activities in before the back to school rush begins. Speaking of returning to school, I hope everyone returns from summer travels expecting to grow deeper in faith, pray more fervently, and serve more passionately.

This coming August, we're proud to announce several new and exciting ministry opportunities! Please join us by participating in the **Back to School Rally & Family Health Fair at Faith UMC**. There will be a variety of medical services offered for those who live in Northeast Gainesville. In addition, we will also offer school supplies to Rawlings Elementary through our Trinity's Stuff the Bus initiative. Look for drop off school supply bins around the church! For more information on this event, and suggested school supply list, refer to the advertisement towards back of this newsletter.

This fall, you can also expect new mid-week courses called **GPS (Grow, Pray, Serve) - Navigating Your Everyday Faith**. This 4-week Wednesday evening course series will offer classes focusing on growing, praying and serving. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. During each GPS session, the classes will

remain the same so that you are able to experience a variety. If you are interested in joining us for the dinner portion, please register by calling the church receptionist, Cecil Brownfield 376-6615 or (CBrownfield@TrinityGnv.org). Stay tuned, as online registration is coming soon! We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget to invite your family, neighbors and friends.

We are excited to see everyone back in worship and Sunday school and can't wait to say to you, "Welcome Home"!

Pastor David Allen, Jr.

Mark Your Calendar

- 8/20** Back to School Rally & Family Health Fair at Faith UMC, 9:00 am-12:00 pm
- 9/7-28** First Session of GPS Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30-6:15 pm & Classes, 6:30-7:30 pm
- 10/19-11/9** Second Session of GPS Wednesday Night Dinner, 5:30-6:15 pm & Classes, 6:30-7:30 pm

Stepping Stones

Jan Banks, 416-3073 or
(JBanks@TrinityGnv.org)

"Bloom where you are planted."

This well-known saying often evokes smiles and creates hope—the hope of making a difference.

That's exactly our prayer for your family at Stepping Stones Preschool. Welcome to "GODS'S GARDEN" our school theme for this year! Gardens that flourish enjoy just the right location, so that whatever is planted can bloom to its full potential. We're delighted you have chosen God's Garden to sprout and grow!

September

1 Open House
6-7 School Begins

October

28 Pupil Holiday/
Teacher Workday

November

1-2 Individual Picture Day
4 Holiday, UF Homecoming
11 Holiday, Veteran's Day
23 Pupil Holiday/
Teacher Holiday
24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday



TrinityKids

Monique McBride, 416-3045 or (MMcBride@TrinityGnv.org)

August

- 11 Last Day of Summertime Fun & Cross Trainers
- 17 Family Ministry Festival, 5:30-7:30 pm, Worship Center
- 28 Crosswalk Fall Kickoff

September

- 7 CHEERS Begins
- 11 Baptism Orientation, 11:30 am, TrinityKids Office
- 16 Parents Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm, Childcare Wing
- 25 Third Grade Bible Events, 11:00 am, Worship Center & 5:00-8:00 pm, Rm. E228/229

October

- 9 Baptism Orientation, 11:30 am, TrinityKids Office
- 21 Parents Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm, Childcare Wing
- 23 4th & 5th Grade Amazing Race, 9:40 am
- 30 The Great Pumpkin Harvest, TBD

Announcements:

TrinityKids has a blog! Go to (www.trinitykidsgainesville.blogspot.com) for updates about programming, ideas for family ministry at home and discussions about kids and parenting.

On Facebook? TrinityKids also has a Fan Page. Be sure to "like" us!

We ask that all **parents volunteer** in their children's classes four times per year. Sign up in your child's classroom. All lessons and resources are provided. We just need you!

Did you know? TrinityKids provides handouts each week with information about what your child is learning at Crosswalk Sunday School and ideas to continue their learning at home. Be sure to pick one up each week!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers): Are you pregnant and/or the mother of a preschooler (age birth-kindergarten) and looking to connect with other moms? **Registration is underway** for the 2011-12 MOPS year. MOPS will equip, encourage, and develop moms. There are now two groups that meet monthly (September- May) from 9:00 -11:30 am at Trinity. One group meets the 2nd Monday and the other meets the 4th Monday. Childcare is provided. For details, contact Trinity Kids' Office or Rebecca (gainesvillemops@gmail.com).

FAMILY MINISTRY FESTIVAL

August 17th 5:30pm-7:30pm
Family Friendly Activities
In the Worship Center

Hot Dogs Bounce Houses Crafts
Cotton Candy Ice Cream Train Rides & More

Contact TrinityKids for more information 416 3045
www.trinitygnv.org

BRING IN SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL Rally & Family Health Fair

August 20th
@ Faith UMC
Donations will go to
Rawlings Elementary School

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

• #2 pencils	• Glue sticks
• Cap erasers	• Scissors (safety/child)
• Wide rule notebook paper	• Crayons (24 pack)
• Dry erase markers	• Colored pencils
• Hand sanitizer	• Markers
• Kleenex	• 3 ring binders
• Composition books	• Backpacks (non-rolling)
• Spiral bound notebooks	

Trinity UMC and the
Gainesville Interfaith
Forum will be hosting

A Gathering for Peace, Understanding and Hope: Arts to Hearts

Sunday, September 11, 2011
5:00-8:00 PM

The Gainesville Interfaith Forum is made up of persons from the Hindu, Muslim, Jewish, and Christian faith with a goal of fostering understanding, mutual respect and peace, while recognizing and appreciating our own particular faith understandings.

Solid Rock Cafe

(Fall Rejoice)
August 31
2:00 pm

CREATED by
PAM ANDREWS
ARRANGED by
JOHN DEVRIES

Registration begins August 1! Forms are available in the church literature racks or online at (TrinityGnv.org). For more information, contact Susan Kovi 416-3017 or (SKovi@TrinityGnv.org).

"IF YOU COULD ASK GOD ONE QUESTION WHAT WOULD YOU ASK?"

ALPHA INCLUDES:
Preview: Thursday, September 1
Alpha Starts: Thursday, September 8
6:00-8:30 pm, Trinity Banquet Hall

Register online at WWW.TRINITYGNV.ORG
or call the Church Office at 352-376-6615.

Child Care available Infants through 5th Grade.
Donation basket for Adult meals. Kids always eat free.

THE ALPHA COURSE
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Navigating Your Everyday Faith

Midweek Dinner & Classes

Nine classes offered on the subjects of Growth (Discipleship), Prayer and Service

Wednesdays

9/7-28 & 10/19-11/9
Dinner Served from 5:30-6:15
Classes 6:30-7:30
Coming Soon: Online Sign Up

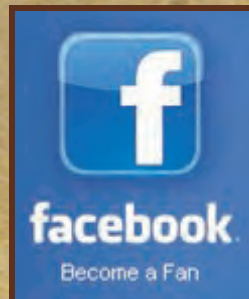
Trinity United Methodist Church's Mission Statement Is:

Trinity's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ committed to making a difference in the world.

Trinity United Methodist Church's Vision Is:

- We experience the transforming love of God in Jesus Christ
- We are empowered by the Spirit to express that love in Worship; Caring; Education; Outreach
- We become devoted disciples of Jesus Christ
- We become committed to making a difference in the world

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Missions

Andrew Pridgen, 416-3043 or (Missions@TrinityGnv.org).

A **Homeless Dinner** to the Community of Hope at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will be held on **August 14**. We have partnered with Holy Trinity while First UMC's kitchen is under construction. Sign up at (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/aug14dinner>).

Trinity will become home for **Interfaith Hospitality Network** families **August 28 - September 4**. Consider providing dinner and/or overnight hosting with your small group. Contact: Marilyn Clugston 359-0030 or (mwclug@yahoo.com).

In 2012, **Living Water International mission trips** will take place **January 21-28** (Guatemala) and **June 9-16** (Nicaragua). Sign up sheets are available in the Atrium, through the Missions Department, or online **Guatemala** (<http://e-giving.org/start.asp?id=2381&app=registerv2&evntid=2028>) or **Nicaragua** (<http://e-giving.org/start.asp?id=2381&app=registerv2&evntid=2000>).

Kids Count in Alachua County is **recruiting volunteers** to help twenty K-3 students on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** (2:00-6:00 pm) and **Fridays** (12:00-4:30 pm). Consider sharing time with students who need extra support in school and life. The Alachua County School Schedule is followed so the first day will be Tuesday, August 23. Kids Count is located behind Faith UMC: 3701 NE 15th St., Gainesville. For more information, visit (<http://www.kidscountalachuacounty.org/>).

Trinity's fall missions **garage sale** will be **September 24**, 8:00 am - 12:00 noon. Proceeds will support The World Vision: Step Into Africa Experience. To sign up for a table, use this link (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/fall1127>).

United Methodist Volunteers in **Mission Team Leader Training** will be held **September 10** (9:00 am - 4:00 pm, New Covenant UMC at The Villages). UMVIM Team Leader Training prepares volunteers to lead short-term mission teams to projects in the United States and around the world. Not sure if you're ready to lead a team? Come and learn what it takes - you'll be well informed and a better team member! Cost is \$25 per person. Participants receive a Team Leader Manual; lunch is included. Register online (<http://www.flumc2.org/pages/detail/970>) or contact Trinity Missions.

Pumpkins for the **Pumpkin Patch** are arriving **October 1**. Come and get your pumpkin in October and support mission projects.

Trinity is honored to be hosting an amazing **World Vision exhibit - Step into Africa, the AIDS Experience**. The exhibit will be open **October 7-12, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm** and promises to be enlightening view into the life of four children in Africa. The exhibit will open our minds and hearts to the crisis so many are experiencing.

World Vision invites you to Experience: AIDS

Trinity United Methodist Church
4000 NW 53rd Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32653
(352) 376-6615

FREE ADMISSION
October 7-12, 2011

www.worldvisionexperience.org

Youth Julie Mishoe, 416-3011 or (JMishoe@TrinityGnv.org)

August

- 3 Lunch Bunch and GSP
- 7-12 YOUTH WEEK! Incoming 6th grade class is welcome to participate! Registration forms can be found online or in the Youth Building.
 - Sunday – Family BBQ and Sports Night 5:30 – 8:30 pm
 - Monday – Wild Adventures
 - Tuesday – Splitz and Dip
 - Wednesday – Tube the Itchetucknee
 - Thursday – Brunch and Service Day
 - Friday – Geo-caching and Lock-in
- 17 Lunch Bunch and GSP
- 19 Moe's and a Movie – Meet at Moe's on Newberry Rd. next to Regal Royal Park 16, time and movie TBA
- 21 FALL KICK OFF! 5:30 – 8:30 pm in the Youth Building
- 28 Salt and Light Night at UMYF

September

- 2 4th – 6th Grade Cabin Retreat – Registration forms are online or in the Youth Building
- 4 "New Release" Night at UMYF! Movie and Kickball
- 11 Church-Wide Gathering for Peace, Understanding and Hope
- 18 Salt and Light Night at UMYF
- 25 BIG Event Night: Sloppy Sunday!

October

- 2 Service Night at UMYF: Helping Our Neighbors Part I
- 9 Step into Africa Experience
- 16 Service Night at UMYF: Helping Our Neighbors Part II
- 23 Hocus Pocus and Pumpkin Harvest Set-Up
- 30 Great Pumpkin Harvest and Trunk-n-Treat

Announcements:

UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) is for students, grades 6-12, on Sunday nights in the Youth Building from 5:30-7:30 pm, except for our once-a-month BIG Event Nights, which lasts until 8:30 pm. Please bring \$2 for snack supper each week, and bring \$7 on our BIG Event Nights to cover the cost of our activity.

Summer Lunch Bunch and GSP: Meet the Youth Staff at the Oaks Mall food court @ noon for food and fun. Join us after lunch for awesome service projects around town from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. There will be a van to take you from Lunch Bunch to GSP. Pick up will be in the Youth Building.

Sunday School meets at 11:00 am in the Youth Building.

Friday Night Fifth Quarter is for High School Students who want to come hang out in our Youth Building from 8:00 pm – midnight. We have movies, video games, board games, pool, foosball, ping-pong, free pizza, snacks, and drinks; come check it out!

Parents! If you are interested in joining the phenomenal group of people who give their time, talents, and love to this ministry by volunteering or would just like some more information about our program, contact us at (youth@trinitygnv.org).



Music

Alice Wallis, 416-3016 or (AWallis@TrinityGnv.org)

Fall Rejoice! Solid Rock Cafe starts **August 31**, 2:00 pm. This encouraging musical features upbeat praise songs, entertaining drama and contains scenes and songs that speak of God's constant presence and help in our lives. For more information, contact Susan Kovi at 416-3017 or (SKovi@TrinityGnv.org).

Sonlight

D.J. Head, 416-3068 or (DHead@TrinityGnv.org)

Hey Sonlight... **We will start our new year on Sunday, August 21** (a week before school starts) singing in the 9:40 am service (songs from the summer tour). Rehearsals begin at 2:00 pm for band, 3:30 pm for horns and 4:00 pm for the choir. Sonlight is open to all students 7th-12th grade. For more information, contact D.J. Head.

Sports & Recreation

Ben Haines, 416-3072 or (SportsMinistry@TrinityGnv.org)

The Sports and Recreation Department at Trinity **offers a wide variety of sports activities** in which to be involved. Whether you're older, younger, or somewhere in the middle, you can always find something active to do here at Trinity. For more information, visit (www.TrinityGnv.org) or contact Ben Haines, Director of Sports & Recreation.

Evangelism & Membership

David Allen, 416-3009 or
(DAllen@TrinityGnv.org)

Our **Evangelism Ministry** is committed to helping people from all walks of life experience the unconditional love and grace found only in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.



Are you looking for a place to belong and would like to gather more information about Trinity United Methodist Church or discover how you can begin or continue your journey here? We would like to invite you to join us for Intro to Trinity. Intro to Trinity will meet on Sunday, August 21 and on Sunday, September 18 at 11:00 am in the Atrium. The orientation will include a tour of Trinity and information about our core beliefs and ministries. If you have any questions, contact Carmen Nelson at 416-3004 or (CNelson@TrinityGnv.org). We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like to assist as a Trinity Ministry Partner and help with the tour contact Carmen Nelson 416-3004 or (CNelson@TrinityGnv.org).

6:35 @ TRINITY

You are invited to attend the Friday night contemporary worship service in the Chapel. The service will leave you uplifted and inspired. If you have small kids, childcare will be provided.

College-Age, Young Adults, Adults & Older Adults

Beth Haines, 416-3014 or (BHaines@TrinityGnv.org)

A.L.E.R.T. (Adults Leisurely Enjoying Retirement Together) is a community wide group of retirees. We meet in the Banquet Hall on the first Friday of the month (September through June) for a Bible study at 10:30 am followed by a noon luncheon/program. Dr. Tom Farmer, Minister to Seniors, leads the Bible study. The meal is \$7; contact Dar Holley (380-9251) if you'd like to be put on a calling list. Help is always needed to set up and plan programs/trips. Consider bringing a friend!

COFFEE TALK is Trinity's ministry for college age & young adults. The mainstay is the Sunday morning small group that meets during the 11:00 am worship hour in rm. E224. There's always coffee & goodies and varied studies. Midweek events are planned. A "college age" only small group is being organized. Visit our Facebook page to "like" us and get updates: (<https://www.facebook.com/Trinity20Somethings>).

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: If you're new (or old) to Trinity, you may be looking for a small group to fill that need for community. There are many wonderful Sunday morning classes. For help choosing the right class or for additional information, contact Beth Haines.

Stewardship

Troy Holloway, 416-3001 or (THolloway@TrinityGnv.org)

DEBT-FREE CHURCH: More than a year ago, Trinity set a goal of becoming a debt-free church. To reach that goal, we conducted a capital campaign in hopes of receiving pledges totaling \$3.3 million. At the time this newsletter was published, we had received just under \$2.6 million in pledges, but continue to receive those pledges regularly. We are grateful for this generous congregation and feel we are well on our way to becoming a debt-free church thanks to you.

GOOD PLANNING: On Saturday, October 15, from 9:30-11:30 am Tom Wilkinson from our Florida United Methodist Foundation will be at Trinity to lead a free estate planning seminar. Tom has many years experience helping United Methodists become more intentional in their estate planning. The seminar will be held in the Youth Building. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 am; the seminar will begin promptly at 9:30 am. Adults of any age are urged to attend. Contact the church by October 1 and RSVP.

GIVING ONLINE: You can now make donations to Trinity online. Go to the Trinity webpage at (www.trinitygnv.org) and follow instructions. If you are traveling, you can continue to make regular donations by using this convenient service.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY: Beginning September 6, the fall session of FPU will be held in rm. E211 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Cost for this 13-week course is \$97.00 per household; free childcare is available. You can pick up a registration form at church or go to the Trinity webpage to register.



Healing Ministries

MOMENTS OF JOY: An Alzheimers Chapel & Cafe: First Sundays, 2:00 pm, Trinity UMC, in the Atrium & O. Dean Martin Prayer Room. Contact: Sandra Kramer, 273-0216 or (sandra.kramer@warrington.ufl.edu) or Carol Delany 376-8388 or (cadmfd@cox.net).

ORDER OF ST. LUKE HEALING MINISTRY: Second Sundays, 9:40 am, Healing Service in the Trinity UMC Chapel. Contact: Pat Kilby, 317-0498 or (paddians@bellsouth.net).

HEALING TOUCH: A Christian Cancer Support Group: Third Thursdays, 5:30 pm, Trinity UMC, in the O. Dean Martin Prayer Room. Fall topics will include: August 18 - Letting Go Of Worry, September 15 - Guide to Healing Prayer, October 20 - Anointing in the Chapel with Dan Johnson. Contact: Marcey Corey, 331-2960 or (marcey.corey@scollege.edu).

GAINESVILLE BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: Third Mondays, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, Trinity UMC, in the O. Dean Martin Prayer Room. Contact: Debbie Ryan at (386) 418-0454 or (ryan0454@windstream.net) or Nancy Macintosh at (386) 418-3737 or (alachuahj1892@gmail.com).

M.S. CIRCLE OF FRIENDS: Fourth Mondays, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Trinity UMC, Room E203/204. Contact: Sarah Maurer, 367-9660 or (maurerlady@yahoo.com), website: (www.msircleoffriends.us).

REBUILDING, WHEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP ENDS: A 10-week secular study to help people adjust to the ending of a love relationship, as in divorce or death, or in the loss of an engagement or other significant relationship. Contact: Sharon & Earl McDow, 371-4092 or (Rebuilding@TrinityGnv.org).

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Join us as we seek healing from our hurts, habits and hang-ups. Start Date: Monday, September 12, 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm, Trinity UMC, Room E211. Contact: Lois Tappan, (386) 530-1892 or (lois.tappan@yahoo.com).

FRIENDSHIP DISABILITY: The mission of Trinity's Friendship Disability Ministry is to expand awareness, encourage inclusion, provide helpful programs and celebrate the unique beauty of each of God's children, enfolded fully into the Body of Christ. Contact: Dan Johnson, 314-3006 or (DJohnson@TrinityGnv.org).

STEPHEN MINISTRY: A lay ministry created to offer caring compassionate listeners to people going through a difficult transition. Contact: Kay Walker at 336-2006 or (Otgator00@aol.com).

General Announcements

The **UMW** (United Methodist Women) will be back in September for the annual **Membership Kick-off** on Sunday, **September 18** from 3:00 to 5:00 pm in the Atrium. Theme is "Love In Action" with the Sunshine Circle hosting. Progress on opening the House of Hope for Women, a transitional house for women leaving prison. All Trinity Women are welcome to come and to see how you can become involved in this new project. For more information, contact Rita Lipsius, 352-332-1398.

If you or a family member are in the hospital and would like a visit from the **Hospital Visitation Team**, please call the Church Office or contact Parish Visitor, Rosemary Davis, 373-5227. Due to health privacy regulations, the hospital does not release any patient information to the church. We need the first name (the middle name won't work) and the last name of the patient.

Trinity is **hiring a dishwasher** for the Fall. This paid position would require 4-8 evening hours/week. Applications will be accepted through mid-August. Contact Kelly King in the Trinity Kitchen (317-1955).

If you would like to begin receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, The **Tuesday Word**, or Dr. Johnson's weekday Bible study available by email only, The **Daily Scripture Email**, contact Nancy Jordan 352.416.3005 or (NJordan@TrinityGnv.org).

If you are interested in learning more about interment at **Trinity's Memorial Garden**, contact Nancy Jordan 352.416.3005 or (NJordan@TrinityGnv.org).