

Key Dates

Sunday, December 11
CANTATA CONCERT
11:00 am in the Worship Center

Wednesday, December 14
CANTATA DINNER
5:30 pm in the Banquet Hall
CANTATA CONCERT
7:00 pm in the Worship Center

Friday, December 23
LIVE NATIVITY
6:00-8:00 pm on the Chapel Grounds
6:35 pm Contemporary Service in the Chapel

Saturday, December 24
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
in the Worship Center
3:00 pm for all with new members joining
5:00 pm Children's Service
7:00 pm with Communion
9:00 pm with Sonlight Youth Choir & Band

in the Chapel
11:00 pm with Communion

Sunday, December 25
CHRISTMAS SERVICE
11:00 am in the Worship Center

Saturday, December 31
NEW YEAR'S EVE
Renewal of Marriage Vows
7:00 pm in the Chapel

Sunday, January 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY SERVICE
11:00 am in the Worship Center
followed by a Church Family Chili Cook Off

The Church Office will be Closed:
November 4 at 12:00 pm for UF Homecoming
November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving
December 23 at 12:00 pm & all day
December 26 for Christmas
December 30 at 12:00 pm & all day
January 2 for New Year's
January 16 for MLK Day

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The Word Deadline is:
Wednesday, January 16
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TRINITY
United Methodist Church
Welcome Home!

Winter 2011/12 (November, December & January)

TheWORD
Quarterly Newsletter

Letter from the Senior Pastor

THE JOURNEY

"The Journey" is an apt description for what we'll be doing together as the Trinity family over the next three months.

We begin our "journey" on the last Sunday of October – "All Saints" Sunday – one of the most moving and inspiring worship times of the year as we honor the memory of those saints who have gone before us.

Remember with me, too, that the term "Halloween" is a morphed (corrupted?) version of the old Latin for All Saints Eve, i.e. All "Hallow's Eve" that became Halloween, which we celebrate at Trinity with the **Great Pumpkin Harvest** – also Sunday, October 30, 5:00 – 8:00 pm.

Trinity continues its annual tradition of compiling an **Advent Devotional Booklet**. This year's theme is The Journey: Nazareth to Bethlehem. You are encouraged to share your journey with your fellow travelers. Devotions should be submitted by November 10 to Jim Cook 416-3036 or (JCook@TrinityGnv.org). Electronic copy is preferred but handwritten copy is accepted and appreciated.

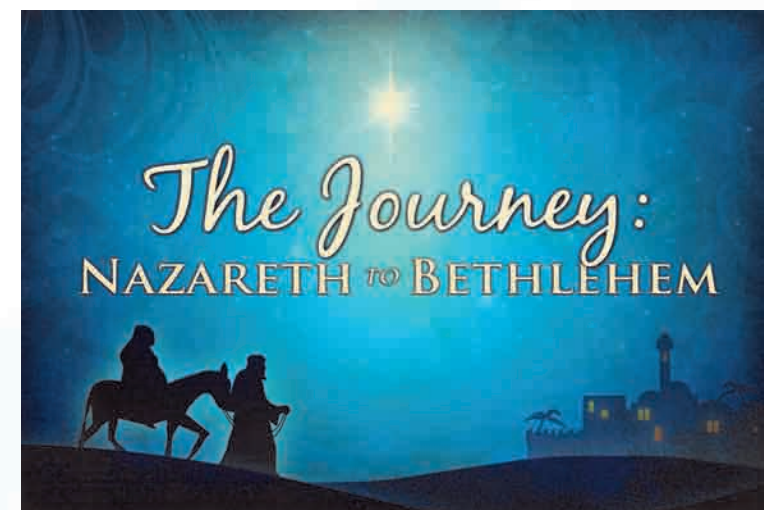
In November, we "journey" through our **Stewardship** focus, inviting all of us to contribute generously to Christ's ministry through Trinity, culminating on November 20, which will also be the day we begin the distribution of the **Thanksgiving baskets** to hundreds of people in the Gainesville area. Pray that as they journey to Trinity they will feel God's great love and the care of Christ's community.

Advent begins on November 27 and is the four weeks of preparation leading up to **Christmas**, and the theme for our sermon series this year is literally, "The Journey." We will be looking closely at the geography of Israel, taking the journey of Mary and Joseph, visiting Nazareth, Bethlehem and places in between. And, as we have done in recent years, we will "journey" with people in other countries who have to journey every day just to get water that is less than pure; we will again support the mission of **Living Water International** which will lead to the construction of even more Trinity wells.

In January, we will journey to the island of Patmos, as I will do a seven-part series on the **Book of The Revelation**.

So, come join your Trinity family and friends for The Journey!

Rev. Dan



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TRINITY
United Methodist Church



Stepping Stones

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

November

Wednesday, November 23 - Friday, November 25 - Thanksgiving Break

December

Tuesday, December 6 - Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration 6:30 pm
Monday, December 19 - Monday, January 2 - Christmas Break

January

Monday, January 30 - Tuesday, January 31 - Parent Conferences

TrinityKids

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

November

- 6 Together Time at 9:40 and 11:00 am
- 9 Last day of CHEERS
- 13 Baptism Orientation, 11:30 am TrinityKids office
- 16 Rejoice! Performance, 6:30 pm in Worship Center
- 18 Parents Night Out, 5:30-8:30 pm
- 30 Joy to the World Advent Festival, 6:00-7:30 pm in Worship Center

December

- 4 Together Time at 9:40 and 11:00 am
- 11 Baptism Orientation 11:30 am TrinityKids office
- 23 Live Nativity 6:00-7:30 pm in front of Trinity Chapel
- 24 Children's Christmas Eve 5:00 pm in Worship Center

January

- 8 Baptism Orientation 11:30 am TrinityKids office
- 18 First Day of CHEERS Spring Semester

Youth

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

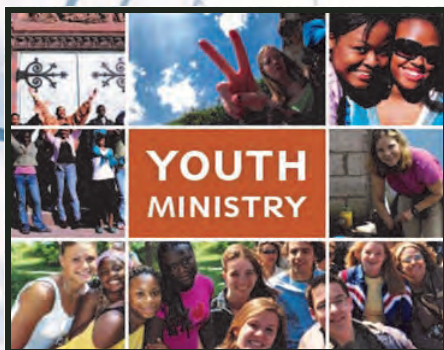
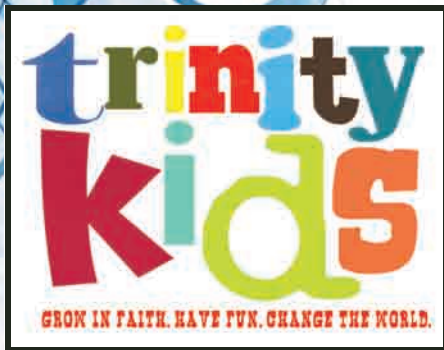
November

- 6 Big Event: Thanksgiving Potluck, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$7
- 11-13 All Youth Retreat at Epworth by the Sea
- 13 Home from All Youth and New Release Night, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$2
- 18 High School 5Q, 8:00 pm to Midnight
- 20 TUMC Family Festival for Thanksgiving Baskets "Salt and Light" Night, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$2
- 27 No Youth - Happy Turkey Day "Be Thankful, Believers!"

December

- 4 Caroling at the Atrium, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$7
- 11 "Deck the Halls" Christmas Decorating Night, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$2
- 16 High School 5Q, 8:00 pm to Midnight
- 18 Family Christmas Dinner
- 25 Christmas Day, No Youth

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January

- 1 New Years Day, No Youth
- 8 Youth Kick Off, 5:30-8:30 pm, \$7
- 15 UMYF, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$2
- 22 UMYF, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$2
- 29 UMYF, 5:30-7:30 pm, \$2

Announcements

Sunday School meets at 11:00 am in the Youth Building on Sunday Mornings. The high school group is led by Bill "Pops" Rosselle and the middle school group is led by Josh Pusey 416-3010 or (JPusey@TrinityGnv.org).

Interested in a Small Group? To find out when small groups meet and get involved, contact the Youth Department at 371-8693 (UMYF) or (Youth@TrinityGnv.org).

Music

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

Spring Rejoice: Will begin on January 25 at 2:00 pm. Registration will begin on January 1 register online or by paper copy at the church literature racks. Rejoice is for children who are currently in Kindergarten - 5th grade. For more information, please contact Susan Kovi at 416-3017 or (SKovi@TrinityGnv.org).

Choir Members Needed: You are invited to join the Choirs as they begin their preparations for the Christmas Cantata! New voices are always welcome! For more information, contact Alice Wallis (AWallis@TrinityGnv.org) or Mihoko Tsutsumi (MTsutsumi@TrinityGnv.org) or just show up for rehearsal at 7:00 pm on Tuesday or Thursday evening in the Choir Room. You'll be glad you did!

Sonlight

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

Work Days: Is your to do list longer than your day? Sonlight to the rescue! Help the youth of Trinity raise money to attend ASP, medical mission trips and Sonlight Youth Choir tour while marking chores off your to do list.

Here is a sampling of our talents: House Cleaning, Gift Wrapping, Child Care, Holiday Baking, Raking, Photography, Holiday Decorating, Silver Polishing, Servers and Musicians for your holiday party. If you need it done, chances are we can help!

Please contact DJ Head at 318-2213, (DHead@TrinityGnv.org) or Heidi Douglas at 337-0492, (family@bellsouth.net).

Christmas Bazaar: Tink, tink, tink – yes, the sounds you hear are little hammers working late into the night, but it's not Santa's elves. It's the Sonlight youth getting ready for the annual Christmas Bazaar! Sonlight members and their families are working hard to be ready for the big days, November 27, December 4 and December 11.

Be on the lookout for homemade crafts, cheery Christmas decorations, unique baby gift items, yummy baked goods and much more. If you are crafty, love to bake or have an overabundance of Christmas décor, we would love your donation. Contact: DJ Head at 318-2213 or (DHead@TrinityGnv.org) or Heidi Douglas at 337-0492 or (familyd@bellsouth.net). Thank you for supporting Sonlight's biggest fundraiser of the year.





Sports & Recreation

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

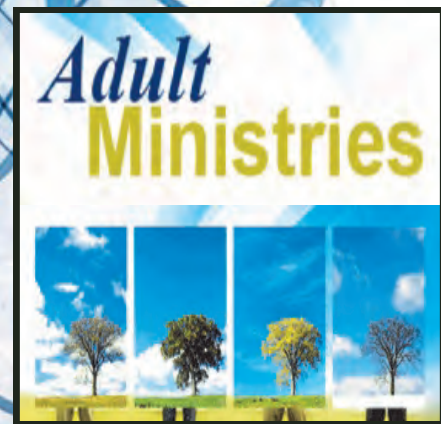
Christmas Tree fundraiser deadline for orders is November 13. Order your fresh Christmas tree and support the Trinity Sports Ministry Program. Find forms online at www.TrinityGnv.org.

The **Trinity Campout** will be taking place on November 18/19. Bring the family out for a night under the stars on TUMC's campus. Dinner, stargazing, nature walks and more. Email Ben to reserve your spot!

Upward Basketball practice begins the week of December 12, games begin January 6/7.

Upward Football evaluations will take place on January 22 and 29 from 1:00-5:00 pm at Trinity. Coaches' meetings will be held on January 10 and 12.

There will be a **Sports Ministry Orientation** on Sunday, December 4 in the Youth Building. Anybody who wants to volunteer with Trinity Sports Ministry, this is where you'll get all the information you need to get involved!



College-Age, Young Adults, Adults & Older Adults

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

Adult Ministry: Though it can, at times, be overwhelming to belong to a large church, there is a wealth of opportunity at Trinity to become "small".....that is to say, find your niche! At any age level, there are Sunday morning small groups at both worship services. Women may find their community in United Methodist Women and a circle, or a women's bible study. Men (and of course women, too) might like the chance to volunteer/coach on the sports fields, at CHEERS, or in Children's Ministry! There are Wednesday morning bible studies, Christian Believer classes, mission trips, choirs, handbells, ushering, serving A.L.E.R.T. lunches, Wednesday dinners/classes.....the list is long! If you're looking for a way to become involved in "small" ways like this, but need a little help, please contact Beth Haines.

ALERT: Adults Leisurely Enjoying Retirement Together meets monthly (not July/Aug) on the first Friday. The day begins with an excellent bible study led by Dr. Tom Farmer at 10:30 am in the Worship Center. The study is followed by a hot lunch and program. The cost is \$7/person and you can easily get on a calling list by contacting Beth Haines. The group occasionally takes "field trips" for enjoyment & learning.

Coffee Talk: Trinity's ministry for college students/young adults. The group meets during the 11:00 am hour in rm. 224. Coffee, juice, and bagels are always on hand to go along with good conversation and camaraderie. Midweek social activities are also scheduled most weeks. Also, feel free to check out and like our Facebook page. To be put on a mailing list, or for more information, contact Beth Haines.



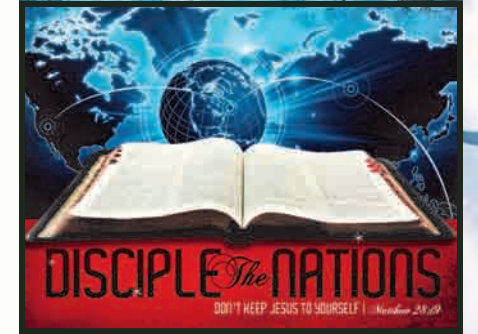
Missions

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

Step into Africa: Thank you to everyone who supported the Step into Africa exhibit through your prayers, volunteerism and sponsorship. We now move onto the next phase; building a relationship with the children sponsored and the community of Nkhoma, Malawi. We will have more information throughout Advent of how to be involved including child sponsorship, caregiver kits and how we're working with the community.

Thanksgiving Baskets: Thanksgiving is quickly approaching. Remember to pick up an extra can of fruit, box of stuffing or other Thanksgiving meal item during the buy one/get one sales. Donations accepted November 1-18 for the community Thanksgiving Baskets distributed November 20 and 21.

Living Water International: Trinity's LWI trips to El Salvador and Nicaragua has been filled but another LWI trip is planned for June 9-16; this time to Southern Guatemala. Your support of the Advent Mission Boxes provide scholarships as needed for trip participants. For more information, contact Andrew Pridgen.



Stewardship

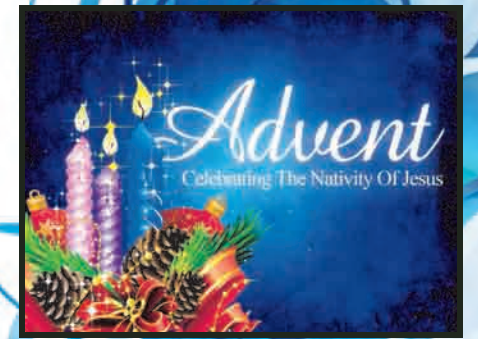
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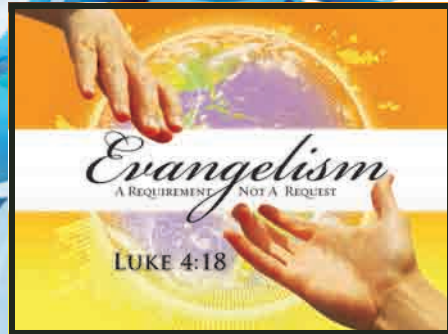
Estate Planning Seminar: On Saturday, November 5, from 9:00 until 11:30 am Trinity will host a free Estate Planning Seminar in the Youth Building. This very informative seminar will be led by Tom Wilkinson from our Florida United Methodist Foundation. A continental breakfast will be served.

Closing Celebration: Our annual financial stewardship event will conclude on Sunday, November 20, when our church family is asked to make their estimate of giving to the church for 2012. Although the budget for 2012 is not yet completed, it is expected to be in excess of \$2.6 million. Note that our theme this year is "Seeds with Wings," which is a symbolic way of looking at how our gifts to the church are scattered all over the world like seeds with wings.

Good Planning: A great estate planning tool some people choose is to name their church as one of the beneficiaries of their estate. It is simple to name Trinity in your will or trust. After your lifetime, the church receives this legacy gift to support the ministry of your church. Those who name their churches as a beneficiary of their estate are free to designate their gift for a certain program or ministry or they can leave it undesignated. Either way, it helps assure a bright future for the church and its ministry to people around the world.

Volunteer: Trinity has some of the most wonderful volunteers of any church in the country! Come by the church nearly any day of the week and you will find these volunteers doing what they can to support the work of the church. Not only does the church benefit from the things they do, but they are also blessed to be doing these things. If you would like to find a place to volunteer, please contact Troy Holloway and find out where you might serve.





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

Robert Munger says "EVANGELISM is the spontaneous overflow of a glad and free heart in Jesus Christ."

Evangelism: In the area of evangelism, God has done some pretty amazing things in our midst. We received 140 new persons into the life of the Church and are expecting to reach our membership goal of 300 before February 2012.

Our records indicate that there are at least 125 regular visitors who have not joined. We'd love to say "Welcome Home" to you as you become our newest members.

As a brief update, I attended the World Vision summit in Washington this past September and had the privilege of sitting with and listening to Richard Stearns, who serves as President of World Vision. He gave a compelling speech challenging the church to become further engaged in the work of ministry. He shared four significant things we all can do as Christians and I believe these four things can also help us in our evangelism emphasis here at Trinity. Will you join this initiative by doing the following?

1. **Pray** - Pray for non-believers/ non-members to be led to Christ.
2. **Act** - Take the time to introduce yourself to visitors sitting around you or passing you in the hallways.
3. **Influence** - Freely model the joy and hope of Christ in you.
4. **Give** - Give of your time in volunteering in a ministry that fits your gifts. Secondly, don't be afraid to build relationships with others.

With your help, we can reach our 300 membership goal sooner before later for the Glory of God.

Intro To Trinity: Orientation Class Dates: October 30- November 13; Next Joining Opportunities: Sunday, November 20, & Saturday, December 24.

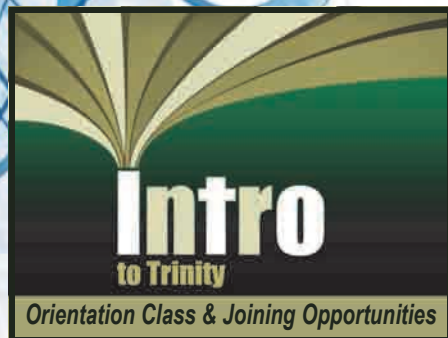
We are proud to offer you a new Trinity orientation class, during the first three Sundays of each month at the 9:40 am and 11:00 am hours in rm. 212. This 3-part orientation will introduce newcomers and refresh current members by addressing core tenets of our faith. If interested, please let us know by return email. For more information, call Carmen Nelson 416-3004.

All who attend can expect the following information:

Week One: John Wesley/ Founder of Methodism, Theology of Grace, Prevenient Grace, Justification, Sanctification, Salvation

Week Two: The Church as Mission, Discipleship/What does it mean to be a disciple today?, Baptism, Holy Trinity

Week Three: Spiritual Gifts, Gifts Inventory, Trinity Ministries, Mission Opportunities



General Announcements

Moments of Joy: An Alzheimers Chapel & Cafe: First Sunday, 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 Sunday, 9:40 am, Healing Service in the Trinity UMC Chapel. Contact: Pat Kilby, 317-0498 or (paddians@bellsouth.net).

Celebrate Recovery: Mondays, 6:15 pm - 8:00 pm, Trinity UMC, Room 211. Contact: Lois Tappan, (386) 530-1892 or (lois.tappan@yahoo.com).

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).

Healing Touch Cancer Support Group will meet in the O. Dean Martin Prayer Room on Thursday, November 17 at 5:30 pm for meditation. In December, our Christmas supper will be held on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 pm (no other meetings in December). In January, we will meet on Thursday, January 19 at 5:30 pm with Dr. Linda Goodwin, a mental health counselor.

Alpha Dinner Party: This special event is coming Thursday, November 17, 6:00-8:30 pm in the Worship Center. It's a good way to have an excellent meal, be entertained, and check out Alpha too. God changes lives at Alpha - come join us? Cost \$8. To RSVP, call Sharon McDow 371-4092.

Prayer & Chapel: Need some quiet time? The Chapel at Trinity is open for quiet time and prayer Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. The second Sunday of each month is a Healing Service. The Chapel is also available for weddings and memorial services/funerals. For more information, contact Jim Cook at 416-3036 or (JCook@TrinityGnv.org).

Wedding Vow Renewal: Trinity will be hosting a Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony on New Year's Eve at 7:00 pm in the Chapel with a reception in the Atrium to follow immediately after the ceremony. What a great way to renew the covenant made on your wedding day and a wonderful way to start out a new year recommitting yourself to the one you love. If you are interested in renewing your vows this New Year's Eve, contact Courtney Allen, Wedding Director, at 416-3007 or 316-1209 or (Weddings@TrinityGnv.org). Deadline for reservations is Monday, December 20.

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 at 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.

If you would like to begin receiving the weekly electronic newsletter, **The Tuesday Word**, or Dr. Johnson's weekday Bible study, **The Daily Scripture Email**, contact Nancy Jordan at 416-3005 or (NJordan@TrinityGnv.org).

If you are interested in learning more about interment at **Trinity's Memorial Garden**, contact Nancy Jordan at 416-3005 or (NJordan@TrinityGnv.org).



We'd Love To Welcome You Home.



BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

If you would like to join the Church, contact Pastor David Allen, Jr. at 416-3009 or (dallen@trinitygnv.org). You can also contact Carmen Nelson in the Membership Office at 416-3004 or (cnelson@trinitygnv.org).

Trinity United Methodist Church
Friday Night Contemporary Worship



You're Invited!
The service will leave you uplifted and inspired. If you have small kids, childcare will be provided.

For more information, contact David Allen at 416-3009 or email (dallen@trinitygnv.org).

6:35 pm in the Chapel

TRINITY United Methodist Church
Christmas Tree Sale

TO BENEFIT TRINITY UMC
SPORTS & RECREATION MINISTRY

6' Tree - \$46
7' Tree - \$53
8' Tree - \$58
9' Tree - \$65
10' Tree - \$73
11' Tree - \$83
12' Tree - \$95

Order Your Trees Online TODAY at
(www.trinitygnv.org)

Plus delivery available for \$15!

- > All trees are hand trimmed each year for a beautiful shape.
- > All orders must be submitted by Sunday, November 13.
- > Trees will be delivered to you the week of November 28.

For more information, contact Sports & Recreation Director, Ben Haines (416-3072 or sportsministry@trinitygnv.org).



IT'S TIME FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS...



Thanksgiving Baskets is a donation-based event that allows low-income families in North Central Florida to celebrate Thanksgiving the traditional way. Baskets are put together by volunteers they include; everything from the turkey and stuffing to the gravy and mashed potatoes. Last year, over 2,000 families in our community received a Thanksgiving Basket. This year, hundreds of families have been prequalified by non-profit and volunteer organizations, based on the needs of the family.

Together we can give needy families something to be thankful for.

We need your support to make sure no family in need goes without a Thanksgiving meal! You can get involved by making a donation, organizing a food drive, or helping assemble baskets!

Sponsor a Turkey \$10 | Sponsor a Family Basket \$25 | Sponsor Four Families \$100

Food Drop Off Days | November 1-18 | 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

For more information, contact Andrew Pridden, TUMC Director of Missions 416-3037 or (missions@trinitygnv.org).

LOOKING TO CONNECT?

JOIN US!

Give Adult Sunday School a try!

For more information, visit the Church website at (trinitygnv.org).



Rejoice! presents

Solid Rock Cafe
Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 pm
TUMC Worship Center

CREATED by PAM ANDREWS
ARRANGED by JOHN DEVRIES

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!

TRINITY CAMP OUT 2011
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 - SATURDAY, NOV 19

Join us for a night of camping on the Trinity Grounds. Field games, nature hikes, BBQ dinner, campfire devotions and songs, s'mores, stargazing, and a hot breakfast. Ten dollars per person for food. For all ages. Pets welcome. RSVP: Ben Haines 416-3072. Or email sportsministry@trinitygnv.org

TRINITY UMC ANNUAL FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP EVENT

SEEDS WITH WINGS
thru Sunday, November 20



"Giving, like sowing seeds with wings, enables the gospel to be spread to all of God's people"

Sunday School Hours: 9:40 & 11:00 am



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

ALPHA DINNER PARTY:

Thursday, November 17

6:00 - 8:30 pm in the TUMC Banquet Hall

Come learn about the Spring 2012 Alpha Course

Cost is \$8. To RSVP, call Sharon McDow at 371-4092.

3-Part ORIENTATION CLASS

Are you looking for a place to belong?

Intro to Trinity

JOINING OPPORTUNITIES:
Sunday, November 20 & Saturday, December 24

For more information, contact Carmen Nelson 416-3004 or (CNelson@TrinityGnv.org).

JOY TO THE

FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL
November 30th 6-7:30pm

Meal Packaging
Worship
Crafts

Sonlight Youth Choir and Band
8TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Each Sunday between services,
November 27 through December 11

UNIQUE, ONE-OF-A-KIND GIFTS AND CHRISTMAS ITEMS PERFECT FOR ANYONE.

Please contact DJ Head at 318-2213 or (dhead@trinitygnv.org) or Heidi Douglas at 337-0492 or (familyd@bellsouth.net). Thank you for supporting Sonlight's biggest fundraiser of the year.