

Tidings



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A Visit to the Children's Home

Glen Squire, Trinity's co-representative to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home, attended their Day on Campus event in Enterprise, FL, on March 25. Here, he shares a report of the day as part of the Local Missions Committee Spotlight article.

Florida United Methodist Children's Home (FUMCH) serves approximately 200 children on site, and hundreds more in various foster care programs. My wife, Adriana, and I had an opportunity to visit March 25th at the "Day on Campus." There was a special excitement in the air, because it has been four years since the last Day on Campus (due to COVID concerns).

The day started with three breakout sessions: "Foster Care at Children's Home," "Planned Giving 101," and "Trauma Informed Ministry." They occurred simultaneously, and we chose to attend "Foster Care." The session was very informative, and it was exciting to learn all that the Children's Home was doing in this area. Next came the Welcome Assembly. It included music from the Children's Home Praise Band, prayer, comments, and awards to churches and individuals who went out of their way this year to assist the Home. Next, we boarded one of the trolleys and enjoyed a tour of the entire campus. It was impressive to see all that the Home had to offer and how it has grown over the years. After enjoying a box lunch provided by the staff under a big outdoor tent, we decided to go back and take a

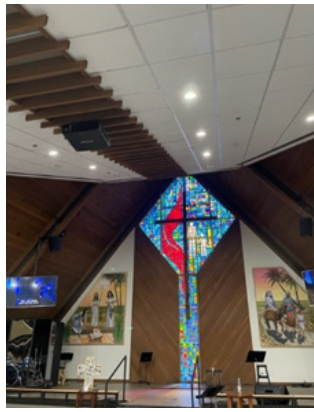
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Cover photo taken at the Trinity UMC Preschool

closer look at some of the open buildings, including the Chapel, a foster cottage, and the education center. We had the opportunity to talk with one of the instructors about her role and the challenges with helping these children. We made it back in time to see the children's performance of *The Wizard of Oz*, which capped off the event.

It was truly a memorable day. It is my privilege, along with Renee' White, to serve as co-LCR (local church representative) for Trinity. Hope you will consider coming along next year.



Fifth Sunday Offering for FUMCH

At Trinity, we celebrate Children's Home Sunday every time there is a fifth Sunday by taking up a special offering to benefit FUMCH. This wonderful organization has been caring for vulnerable children for over a century, and the fifth Sunday offerings are their largest source of church funding.

Upcoming Dates:

*Consider making a donation as part of our Fifth Sunday offering on **April 30, July 30, October 29, and December 31, 2023.***



Local Missions Spotlight

*by Pat & Lyn Bevis, Local
Missions Committee Co-Chairs*



Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM)

March 27 saw a wonderful turnout for the Nehemiah Action Event to wrap up a year of hard work by the members of CAJM. Some progress was made with our local elected officials. But the needs continue, so on to year three. Please consider getting involved next year as each person matters. Kudos to Tisha Keller, our Trinity liaison.

Elder Care Services

Our April mission speaker, Josie Fliger, from Elder Care Services, inspired us to get out of the pews and serve the homebound of our community. We will be preparing cold food boxes and delivering meals on May 19. If you have not yet signed up to participate, please do so soon! The signup links are in the bulletin and the *News & Notes* weekly email.

Mission Sunday on May 21

This special Sunday will bring you more information about the International Rescue Committee (more below) and the Co-Sponsor Team from Trinity who are working so hard to help a newly resettled family.

International Rescue Committee (IRC)

Our group of 14 volunteers, led by Daniel Diaz, has moved Trinity forward to become a co-sponsor of a refugee family. This co-sponsorship has required a lot of specific training as well as commitments on the part of the team to make sure that certain milestone events take place.

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We are collecting items to assist with short-term needs and housing setup as our own co-sponsorship team works to find permanent housing for our family.

Please consider making a donation to support our family. Scan the QR code (right) for a list of needed supplies, and drop them off at the bins that are marked in the Welcome Center. Alternatively, cash contributions can be made by marking your gift “For IRC project” in the offering plate or by selecting “Int’l Rescue Project” when making a donation through the Giving section of the [church website](#). All checks shall be made out to Trinity United Methodist Church. Donations will be collected through Wednesday, 5/10.

Contact Daniel Diaz at 305-342-3702 if you would like to donate furniture or bulky items. Furniture will not be collected in the Welcome Center.

Summary

It has been a busy first few months as co-chairs of this wonderful committee. We are so thankful for all the committee members and the Trinity congregation who are so supportive of our local missions’ needs. It will be summer soon, and the committee has elected to keep meeting and looking for ways to serve this community. This would be a great time to come and join us as we look for new missions for the fall. Also, we are planning to have at least one active event for volunteers of all ages during the summer and hope you will join in.



“A Heart for Children” Spring Luncheon

by *Nancy Bedford, UWF Communications Officer*



The United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon will be held May 9th at 11:30 in Moor Hall. The program will celebrate children and is the third of three luncheons featuring the UWF focus on women, youth, and children. Stacey Duggar, Trinity preschool director, and Candace Duclos, Trinity director of Children’s Ministries, will speak about their programs. A highlight of the luncheon will be a visit from the preschool children! Mary Martha Circle will provide the table decorations. The cost of the lunch is \$8, and reservations are required. To make a reservation, please call Nancy Kerce at 850-877-6546. You do not have to be a member of UWF to attend! We welcome all Trinity women as well as the mothers of the preschool children.



Stacey Duggar, Preschool Director



Candace Duclos, Director of Children’s Ministry

The recent Northwest District meeting of UWF was attended by Trinity UWF president, Sandy Frazier, and executive board member, Nancy Kerce. It was held at John Wesley UMC and provided pertinent information and updates on current happenings.

UWF will hold the next luncheon meeting in September.

New Exercise Class

Becoming Fit at Church Ministry (BFC) offers new evening Flex Class via Zoom.

by Beth Curry, BFC Team Leader

Looking for a great way to relax at the end of the day? Come try the new evening version of BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Exercise – Flexibility for a Better YOU! The class will meet on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom only—beginning Monday, May 1. The class is performed on the floor/mat and begins with foam rolling, followed by full body stretching exercise. It ends with a relaxation segment. (You won't want to get up!)



There are also five other BFC exercise classes each week, offered both in person and via Zoom, for beginners to advanced. And, if you enjoy being outdoors—come try BFO (Becoming Fit Outdoors) Walking/Hiking, which meets on Thursday evenings. Please check out the website at <https://www.tumct.org/serve/bfc-becoming-fit-at-church/> for all the details. Email Beth Curry at BFCSeries@yahoo.com for required advanced registration information.

May Schedule

Monday – 7:30 p.m. – Flexibility for a Better YOU (Zoom ONLY)

Tuesday – 9:45 a.m. – Staying Strong

Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. – Variety Mix

Thursday – 11:00 a.m. – Variety Mix

Thursday – 12:15 p.m. – Flexibility for a Better YOU

Thursday – 1:30 p.m. – Staying Strong

Memorials

Given to Trinity UMC from March 11–April 10, 2023

Honorariums:

In honor of **Warren and Rita May** from John and Susan Thomas.

In honor of **Bill and Paula Smith** from the Croney-Clark Family.

Memorials:

In memory of **Mary Margaret Rogers** from Dalton Allen, Sallie and Duby Ausley, Teresa and Mark Beaudoin, Robert and Beverly Burleson, Patricia Dietrich, Jeffrey and Valorie Grady, BJ Grant, Bruce and Page Hagan, Justice and Mrs. Major B. Harding, Donie Henderson, Mark Hillis, Stanley and Karen Hirst Jr., Linda Huey, Joe and Marti Hughes, Nancy Kerce, Edward and Pamela Kuester, Lynn and Miriam McLarty, Mary Ann and Duncan Moore, Virginia and Earle Perkins, Kelley and Linda Phillips, Amy Seamans, Cynthia Smith, Mr. and Mrs. James Calvin Smith, Paula and Bill Smith, John and Barbara Thomas, James Trafton, Anne Vinson, Gary and Cynthia Webster, Carl and Charlotte Wier, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Winchester, Stephen Winn, Gulf Atlantic Insurance Services.

In memory of **Rod Dugger** from Dalton Allen and Nancy Kerce.

Hurricane Ian Relief Campaign

A message of gratitude from Lighthouse United Methodist Church of Boca Grande

On behalf of the Mission Committee here and our entire congregation, let me pass on to [the] generous congregants of the Trinity United Methodist Church our heartfelt thanks for your support of our IAN Response campaign. In total we collected and then distributed through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation (GCCF) over \$190,000 to front-line not-for-profits in the hard hit S. Sarasota, Charlotte and DeSoto County area. Of this total, the fine people of TUMC provided \$23,350 to become one of our largest donors!

I have attached a list of agencies who received this money. They were vetted by GCCF for both need and access to the people in need.

Please know that we regard you as true partners in this effort, and recognize the trust you placed in us.

Our very best wishes to you and your generous donors for Sharing the Light of Jesus Christ.

Warm regards,

Peter and Elsa

Co-Chairs of the Mission Committee

Grantee Name	Type	Amount	Status	Created	Scheduled	Issued	Cleared	Approved Date	Grant Purpose
Boys & Girls Club Of Charlotte Inc. dba Boys & Girls Clubs of Charlotte County	Single	\$17,950.00	Posted	1/31/2023	2/2/2023	2/2/2023		2/2/2023	Ian impact edu. supplies
Early Learning Coalition of Florida's Heartland, Inc.	Single	\$7,344.14	Posted	12/21/2022	12/22/2022	12/22/2022	12/28/2022	12/21/2022	Ian impact supplies
Kids' Needs Greater Englewood FL, Inc.	Single	\$5,000.00	Posted	12/13/2022	12/14/2022	12/14/2022	12/23/2022	12/14/2022	Hurricane Ian gift cards
Englewood United Methodist Church	Single	\$20,000.00	Posted	12/13/2022	12/14/2022	12/14/2022	12/19/2022	12/14/2022	Ian home repair support
Gulf Coast Partnership, Inc.	Single	\$20,000.00	Posted	11/22/2022	11/22/2022	11/22/2022	11/28/2022	11/22/2022	Ian safe housing transition
Englewood Helping Hand, Inc.	Single	\$20,000.00	Posted	11/22/2022	11/22/2022	11/22/2022	12/2/2022	11/22/2022	Ian Impact gift cards
Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic, Inc.	Single	\$15,000.00	Posted	11/16/2022	11/17/2022	11/17/2022	11/29/2022	11/17/2022	To deploy staff outreach
Boys and Girls Clubs of Sarasota and DeSoto Counties, Inc.	Single	\$20,000.00	Posted	11/9/2022	11/9/2022	11/9/2022	11/17/2022	11/9/2022	Ian impact assistance
Tri-County Counseling & Life Skills Center, Inc.	Single	\$15,000.00	Posted	11/9/2022	11/9/2022	11/9/2022	11/18/2022	11/9/2022	Counseling for Ian impact
Charlotte County Homeless Coalition	Single	\$25,000.00	Posted	10/26/2022	10/27/2022	10/26/2022	11/9/2022	10/26/2022	Ian Rapid Rehousing
Boys & Girls Club Of Charlotte County	Single	\$25,000.00	Posted	10/18/2022	10/19/2022	10/19/2022	10/31/2022	10/19/2022	For urgent family needs.

Children's Ministry Update

by Candace Duclos, Director of Children's Ministry

What a wonderful Easter celebration we have enjoyed in the Children's Ministry. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, we experienced the miracle of Christ's resurrection through songs, stories, crafts, and worship. NETKids hosted a lovely teacher dinner and finished the month of April with the musical, *The Big Fish*.

We are now looking forward to ending the school year strong! During the month of May, we will focus on confidence—believing God is with us always. If your child has not been a part of Sunday school, now is the time to join us.

Photos (right and below) from the Teacher Appreciation Dinner on April 12.





VBS Registration

Vacation Bible School is almost here. We will explore how to shine Jesus's light each day. We are still in need of adult volunteers. You DO NOT want to miss one of the best weeks of the year. If you have any time available during the week of June 12th-16th, please sign-up now to serve. As always, I am grateful and proud to serve the Lord with you all!



Music Ministry in May

by Yuliia Billa, Director of Music



Bluegrass Sunday

Each year in July, we have such a powerful and super uplifting Bluegrass Sunday. We are LOOKING FOR ALL MUSICIANS who can join the Bluegrass ensemble. If you can play guitar, banjo, mandolin, or upright bass; if you like singing some sentimental and uplifting songs; if you are willing to join this fantastic group, come and join us. The approximate date for Bluegrass Sunday is July 23 or 30.

For more details, please get in touch with **Yuliia Billa** (ybilla@tumct.org) or **Karalee Poschman** (kposchman@yahoo.com) the leader of the group.

Baroque Recital

Just for you, and just on May 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, there will be the sound of Baroque music.

Viktor Billa will play Bach's phenomenal *Passacaglia*. **Yuliia Billa** will surprise you with Bach's arias, where the voice is considered as one more instrument, but not a vocal solo. A special guest is cellist **Evan A. Jones**. He holds a Ph.D. in music theory and a D.M.A. in cello performance from the Eastman School of Music. Currently, he is a professor of music theory and coordinator of music theory and composition at FSU. As an active cellist, he appeared as a principal cellist at many professional orchestras. Currently, he serves as assistant principal cellist in the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra.

The program includes music selections by J.S. Bach and A. Vivaldi. The program's highlight is "Bachianas Brasileiras no. 5" by Brazilian composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. It's amazing music that will free your mind from daily troubles and help you have a great rest.

NEED RINGERS

We are in urgent need of two strong ringers for low bells in Jubilation Bells. You do not need to read the music. We will teach you. The repertoire is not difficult. It's a great and very joyful group of musicians. Unofficially, they are called "Servants of the Bells." We have lots of fun and a pleasant time making music together. Please get in touch with **Viktor Billa** (ybilla@tumct.org) if you are interested.



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SUN Service (contemporary worship): 9:45 a.m. in Moor Hall
Liturgical Service: 11 a.m. in the sanctuary

SUN Service and 11 a.m. Liturgical Service are live streamed
Please visit www.tumct.org for viewing links

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