

# Tidings



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## Rejoice! It's (finally) Time to CELEBRATE Trinity's 200th Anniversary

By Paula Smith, Big 200 Committee Chair

Sunday, January 12, 2025, will be a day we'll long remember! Although the original Celebration Sunday, planned for September 29, 2024, was postponed by the arrival of Hurricane Helene, after four frustrating months of waiting, please mark your calendars and plan to be present for the much improved, updated and streamlined, combined, one service only, Celebration Sunday, January 12, 2025.

Continue reading to find the schedule for the day, see the Proclamation from the City of Tallahassee, and find details about parking, lunch, and ways you can help make Celebration Sunday a huge success!!



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# Bicentennial Celebration

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## Celebration Sunday Schedule

- 10:00 a.m. - Litany and prayer at the site of Trinity's first church, SW corner of Park Avenue and Bronough Street
- 10:20 a.m. - Members and guests process from the original sanctuary site to the current Trinity Sanctuary, led by the music of bagpipes and our ministers
- 10:45 a.m. - Pre-worship organ recital by Viktor Billa begins
- 11:00 a.m. - Liturgical celebration for all in the Trinity Sanctuary, featuring renowned guest speaker, Bishop Tom Berlin, a proclamation by Mayor John Dailey, and special music performed under the direction of Yuliia Billa, with an expanded choir, brass quintet, timpani, and organ



**Bishop Tom Berlin, renowned speaker and author, will be our guest clergy**

## The Proclamation from the City of Tallahassee

Mayor John Dailey recently signed a proclamation noting many of the ways in which Trinity has contributed to the Tallahassee community over its 200 years and designated Sunday, January 12, 2025, as Trinity United Methodist Church Bicentennial Celebration Sunday.



Present for the signing at City Hall were Rev. Dr. Matthew Williams, Rev. E. Wayne Curry, church historian Dr. Lynn McLarty, photographer Rex Adams, and Gloria Colvin, Chair of the Bicentennial Publicity Committee. Mayor Dailey will read the proclamation during the worship service on January 12.

On the left, see Mayor Daily presenting the proclamation to Trinity pastors and members on the Big 200 Committee. On the right, see a copy of the proclamation.



## Lunch on Celebration Sunday

### Please Reserve Your Lunch!

Celebration Sunday will not be complete without the opportunity to visit with friends and family from throughout the years. Let's all enjoy the fellowship of lunch and delicious desserts immediately following the service. Lunch will be served, with all desserts provided by Trinity members, following the time-honored tradition of the Methodist Dessert Potluck. Seating will be available in Moor Hall, the Parlor, the Conference room and throughout the Trinity campus.

**Please scan the QR code to sign up and make your reservation for lunch:**  
Reservations may also be made via the Trinity app, [tumct.org](http://tumct.org) website, or by calling the church office.



## Volunteers are Needed!

Many hands make light work, and many hands will definitely be needed to make this day a huge success. You may sign up to volunteer by using the Bicentennial Calendar on the Trinity app, visiting the homepage on [tumct.org](http://tumct.org), calling the church office, or scanning the appropriate QR code below.

Volunteers are needed on **Saturday, January 11, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Saturday volunteers will help decorate and set up for the big event. **Scan the QR code on the right if you'd like to volunteer on Saturday, January 11.**



Volunteers are needed on **Sunday, January 12, beginning a 9:00 a.m.** Sunday volunteers will pack food into boxes in preparation for the luncheon. **Scan the QR code on the left if you'd like to volunteer on Saturday, January 11.**

## Celebration Sunday Desserts



Bring your Dessert Specialty for all to enjoy on Celebration Sunday! All Trinity members are requested to join the fun by bringing a dessert to share. Bring your favorite delicious treat and we will recreate the time-honored tradition of Methodist potluck—for desserts. If possible, please use disposable containers and disposable serving utensils.

Because refrigerators will be crowded, please choose desserts that do not need refrigeration (cookies, pies, cakes). All desserts can be delivered to Moor Hall on Friday and Saturday, OR on Sunday, January 12, prior to the 11:00 a.m. service. Thank you for making Celebration Sunday extra special!

## Celebration Sunday Parking

Parking is available and awaiting your arrival on January 12, 2025. Celebration Sunday will be a very busy day. Officers and volunteer greeters will be located throughout the property to greet you and direct you to convenient parking.



After dropping off passengers at the front of the Trinity Sanctuary, all church attendees can park as usual, for as long as those spaces are available. Additional spaces will be available with on-street parking and in the Jurors' Parking Lot, immediately west of the library parking, just across Bronough Street. It can be accessed by going west on Tennessee Street and turning left on Bronough. The Jurors' Parking Lot is on the right, a two-minute walk to the sanctuary.

ALL musicians, staff, and volunteers will park at Kleman Plaza. Van transportation will be available from the fountain/planter at Kleman on College Avenue to transport everyone parking there for the short ride to the sanctuary. If you choose to walk to the sanctuary from the Kleman Plaza fountain/planter, the distance is one-tenth of a mile, less than a three-minute walk.

## Still ahead...

**In February**, we look forward to the special Bicentennial Mission Project, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, building bunk beds for children in our community who have no bed in their home. We will also provide them with bedding and pillows. This project was funded during bicentennial fundraising, when 10% (a tithe) of the total amount of gifts to the Bicentennial Campaign were set aside to benefit the community. Scan the QR code on the right if you are interested in participating in this project.



**In March**, our in-house author, Marti Chumbler, will have the updated history of Trinity completed, including the Bicentennial Celebration information. The Trinity Sanctuary Cornerstone will be opened and a copy of our updated history will be encapsulated there. Copies of the updated history will be available to all Trinity members. Stay tuned for more information to come!

# Thank You to Our Volunteers!



This Celebration Sunday article could not be complete without special thanks to the many volunteers and the Trinity staff who make this Celebration possible. They have worked long and hard—much longer than any of us had planned! They have generously given of their time, talent, and treasure to recognize the accomplishments of Trinity's 200 years, make this special celebration possible, and prepare us to step into the future.

It bears repeating... Trinity United Methodist Church, now beginning its 201st year, has been refurbished from steeple to kitchen to basement, thanks to the generous gifts of many and the hard work of the Trinity United Methodist Church community.

THANK YOU to all our volunteers and staff and our Big 200 Bicentennial Committee Chairs:

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# The Dr. Wayne Wiatt Years at Trinity

By Gloria Colvin, Bicentennial Publicity Committee Chair

## Dr. Wiatt was Trinity's lead pastor from 2016 to 2022.

With Wayne Curry's retirement in 2016, Trinity's new pastor was introduced to the congregation as Wayne 2.0. Rev. Dr. Wayne Wiatt came to Trinity after serving churches in Jacksonville and Palm Coast, as District Superintendent of the East Central District, and as Director of the Office of Clergy Excellence, where he had responsibility for the care and oversight for all licensed and ordained clergy in the Florida Conference.



In his first few years at Trinity, Wayne introduced the congregation to Zoe Empowers, an African-based ministry that empowers orphaned youth to become healthy, safe, and self-sufficient. Several individuals from Trinity visited Kenya to see the Zoe empowerment model in action and returned with a commitment to support one of the youth-led families. Closer to home, Trinity also committed to the Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) as one of its founding members. Inspired by the vision of Trinity member Leah Wiley, CAJM is a coalition of religious congregations working together to bring about justice and equity in Tallahassee and the surrounding area.

Wayne faced several major challenges during his time at Trinity. In 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic struck the US, and public places, including churches, were shuttered for a while. At a time when there was great uncertainty about the best way to deal with a pandemic and people were largely isolated at home, it was even more important for the church to offer stability, comfort, and hope. Wayne recalls that the staff didn't miss a beat in responding to this challenge. Organist Viktor Billa and Communications Director Spencer Schrowang experimented with ways to record Sunday services and make them available online. Initially Wayne preached to an empty sanctuary, Viktor played the organ, and the recordings were spliced together, creating services that could be viewed on Facebook. A gift from Dr. Orson and Eleanor Smith enabled the church to purchase equipment that greatly enhanced the audio and video quality, and the services were quickly livestreamed on YouTube. Church meetings, Lay Academy, Sunday School, and exercise classes shifted to the online platform Zoom, and there were creative efforts to continue the work of the church.

The pandemic took a toll, though, on church participation and membership. Some people got out of the habit of attending church and never returned. Others objected to the Conference's mask mandate designed to keep people safe and expressed their displeasure in vitriolic letters and hostility directed toward the pastor.

In part due to the pandemic's effect on the church finances, Wayne took a dual position as District Superintendent of the Florida Conference's North West District, while also serving as Senior Pastor of Trinity. The additional funds from the Conference helped to cover some staff salaries.

Another reason for Wayne's decision to simultaneously serve as District Superintendent involved the ongoing struggle within the United Methodist Church (UMC) over the issues of ordination of gay pastors and allowing pastors to perform same-sex weddings. With individuals and churches threatening to leave the denomination, Wayne was "bound and determined to lead the way in unification rather than division." Despite his efforts to keep churches within the UMC, there were some that voted to disaffiliate. Again, the target of anger and hostility, Wayne recently noted with satisfaction that even in those areas where churches left the denomination, new UMC churches have sprung up.

It was during Wayne's tenure that planning for the church's bicentennial celebration began. He tapped Dr. Lynn McLarty to lead the initial planning. Lynn, he said, had a vision and kept the focus and momentum going, even during the pandemic. In 2021, a permanent historical marker detailing the church's 1824 beginnings was placed in front of the church, effectively launching the bicentennial efforts. Many individuals stepped up to make gifts for renovations to the church as it prepared for its 200th anniversary celebration.



Wayne retired from Trinity in 2022 but continued as District Superintendent for one more year. His successor at Trinity, Rev. Dr. Matthew Williams, arrived in time to be involved in planning for the bicentennial celebration and for helping to shape the year's events.

# Adult Small Groups and Learning Communities

By Candace Duclos, Director of Christian Education

**D**o you find yourself longing for a connection with other believers while studying the Word of God? Within a large church like Trinity, worshippers form relationships and find ways to support one another through participation in small groups. If you are looking for a place to connect with other members in a small group setting, you have many groups to from which to choose.

## Sunday School Classes

Sunday School classes have traditionally connected Trinity worshippers with one another, and while their names, locations, and even schedules have changed over time, these small groups remain a vibrant element of Christian education at Trinity. Please check out our Sunday School classes below:

### 8:30 a.m. | Library | Young Adult Class

Welcome to our early riser class! Members gather for coffee, conversations, and the study God's Word.

### 9:45 a.m. | Room 301 | Agape

The Agape class focuses on sharing selfless, encouraging, and unconditional love. This class includes many parents who are raising children. Newcomers are always welcome.

### 9:45 a.m. | Room 305 | Aldersgate

The Aldersgate class welcomes everyone who desires discussions and learning together. This January they will begin the study *Praising the God of Grace: The Theology of Charles Wesley's Hymns*.

### 9:45 a.m. | Room 307 | Betty Phifer Advanced Studies Class

This full-hour class examines multiple themes from a Christian perspective. Their January study is *Moral Man and Immoral Society* by Christian theologian Reinhold Niebuhr. This book was among the most influential Protestant social and political writings of the 20th century.

### 9:45 a.m. | Groom's Room | Just Us Gals

This group meets weekly for conversations, support, Christian therapy, and love as they share laughter, tears, and advice about every subject and the challenges each member is experiencing.

### 9:45 a.m. | Conference Room | Adult Wesley Bible Study

This class continues the Adult Bible Studies' *Following Jesus*. They are currently studying Unit 2, which looks at the New Testament to explore "Jesus' Beloved Community."

### 11:00 a.m. | Room 305 | Son Servants

This class desires to grow closer to God and one another through Bible study and outreach ministries. They welcome new members!

While these groups meet on Sunday mornings for Bible study and discussion, the bonds they form often lead them to find other opportunities for fellowship. For example, members of the Son Servants class, pictured right, recently formed a team at the Gingerbread House Contest on Wednesday, December 4.

Many Sunday School classes get together for holiday parties, dinners, and other types of celebrations throughout the year. Being a part of a Sunday School class at Trinity offers every participant the opportunity to gain a sense of community, love, and support among a small group of dedicated believers.



## Moving Beyond the Sunday School Model

Over the years, small group fellowship and Bible study has grown beyond the traditional Sunday School model. We have several small groups who meet regularly throughout the week. If you are looking for a different meeting day than Sunday, please take a moment to check out these other available groups:

### **Mondays | 9:30 a.m. | Library | Women's Bible Study**

Although they started out as a Monday evening gathering, beginning on Monday, January 13, 2025, this group will meet on Monday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Their first topic of study will be *Perfectly Flawed* by Lisa Toney.

### **Wednesdays | 7:00 a.m. | Moor Hall | Men's Daybreak**

The Men's Daybreak group is led by Rev. Williams and Rev. Curry. This group gathers for a continental breakfast as they focus on supporting one another through prayer and meditation on the Word of God.

## Lay Academy on Wednesdays

Wednesday evening Lay Academy classes have been a Trinity staple since the 1990s. Some Lay Academy groups meet on a continuing basis, while others meet for limited sessions. Those who prefer to avoid nighttime driving might enjoy our 4:15 class. Other classes are offered at 6:00 and 6:30. And of course, Wednesday evenings at Trinity would not be complete without our world-famous dinners. (Well, if they're not world-famous, they should be!) Be sure to check out the Lay Academy schedules each season. Here's a list of our current offerings:

### **4:15 p.m. | Library**

Join Richard Andrews and friends as they delve into Christian perspectives through conversation and study.

### **5:30 p.m. | Moor Hall**

Dinner is served in Moor Hall each week, and this is a great opportunity to take a break from cooking, gather with others, and share a delicious meal. Reservations for dinner are greatly appreciated.

### **6:00 p.m. | Conference Room**

Parents of young children are invited to join our Parenting Village. This group meets each week to laugh, share, and advise one another as we travel this parenting journey together!

### **6:30 p.m. | Room 305**

Would you like to learn about the United Methodist Social Principles? During our first 2025 session of Lay Academy, January 15 - February 19, join with other believers and learners as we discuss, with the guidance of retired clergy, the Social Principles stated in the 2024 United Methodist Conference.



*Under the direction of Culinary Coordinator Betsy Gingery, delicious food and bright smiles are always on the Wednesday evening menu. Pictured here are Zach Cramer, Rev. Wayne Curry, Betsy Gingery, and Charlotte Matthews.*

Adult Education at Trinity United Methodist Church is vibrant and welcoming! If you are not already a part of a small group at Trinity, I hope you will try one (or more!) of these groups in the new year. If you have any questions, please email Candace Duclos at [cduclos@tumct.org](mailto:cduclos@tumct.org).

*"A small group of thoughtful people can change the world."*

—Margaret Mead

# More Than a Birthday: A Blessing for the Aristondo Family

By Daniel Diaz, Refugee Volunteer Team Leader

As the soft glow of candlelight danced upon the faces of Paola and Angelica Aristondo, it was hard not to feel a sense of joy and wonder. The twin sisters, elegantly dressed as movie characters Elsa and Anna, were celebrating their first birthday. Their celebration was more than just a personal one; it was a testament to the blessing of community and the universal nature of God's love.

A small group of volunteers from our congregation has had the privilege of partnering with a team from Saint Paul's United Methodist Church to journey alongside the Aristondo family. The Aristondos are refugees from Guatemala, seeking a new beginning and a brighter future here in our community. Their journey, marked by both challenges and triumphs, has been a poignant reminder of the interconnectedness of humanity and the global church.



It was an honor to be invited to celebrate the family milestone together on this special day. Our volunteers have built personal relationships with the family members while assisting them on their path to self-sufficiency. Trinity has provided critical support, with our volunteers walking alongside the Aristondos on their resettlement journey. Our team has strived to fill in the gaps and offer practical help by purchasing a mattress, paying an over-due utility bill, and most significantly, assisting with employment search. We've been continually humbled by the family's unwavering faith and resilience, as well as their gratitude and gentle spirit.

As the twins blew out their candles, it was as if they were blowing away the darkness of the past and embracing the promise of a new beginning. Riding home with a hand-crafted Frozen centerpiece in my lap (a kind memento from the insistent host), I reflected on our interactions with the family over the last several months.



The Aristondos are faithful Christians; they faithfully served at their home church in Guatemala. They thank God for our outreach, and I see our relationship as a testament to God's faithfulness and the power of the global church to reach out and provide hope to those in need. Paola and Angelica may have been okay without our intervention. Their family's limited case management support and government stipend may have been just enough to set them on a positive trajectory, but we got to be the church for them. We got to be the instruments of God's love.

It has been a remarkable privilege to be part of that eternal work. May we all, as members of the Body of Christ, continue to extend our love and support to those around us who are in need, recognizing that we are all part of one universal family.



# Looking For Ways to Get More Exercise in the New Year?

By Beth Curry, BFC Team Leader

**D**id you make a New Year's resolution to get more exercise in 2025? If so, the *BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Ministry* is the place for you! Now in its seventeenth year at Trinity, *BFC Exercise* offers five great weekly daytime exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays for beginners to advanced.

Now beginning its second year, *BFO Pickleball* meets on Thursday evenings at the FSU Wesley Foundation. There will also be a three-week Pickleball clinic for new players on January 9, 16, and 23. To learn more, please scan the QR code or visit the website at <https://www.tumct.org/serve/bfc-becoming-fit-at-church/> for all the details.



Contact Beth Curry to register. Advance registration is required for both exercise and pickleball.

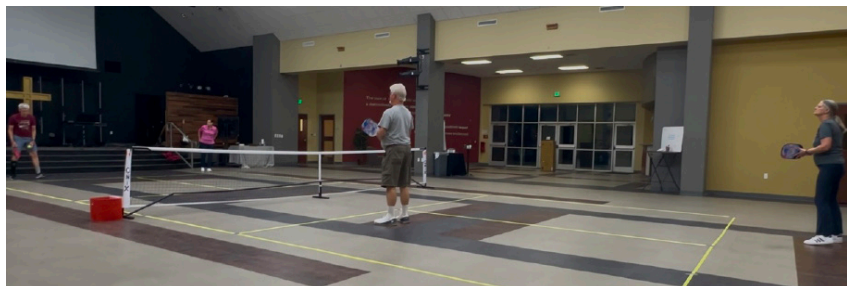
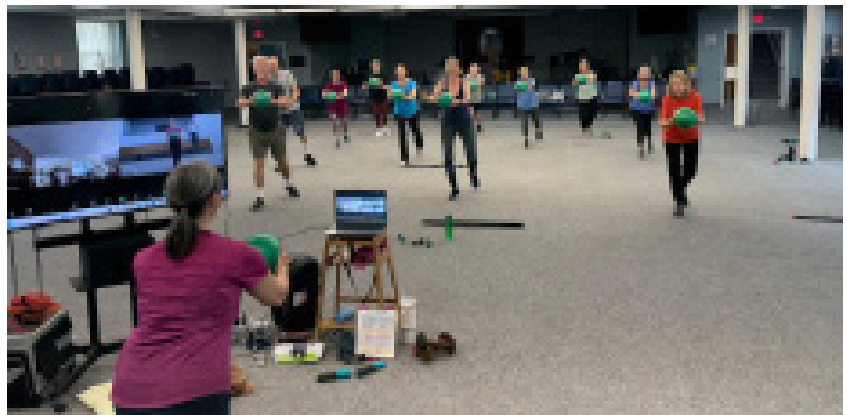
## Read what participants are saying about Pickleball:

*"0-0-START! It's time for some Pickleball action at the Wesley Foundation, not to mention some good-natured competition, needed exercise, and a lot of socializing! New to the game? No worries...we're a patient group, always willing to help out new "picklers." We have enjoyed getting to know Trinity members who are new to our church and/or go to one of the other services. If you're wondering what all the pickleball talk is about, come join us!"*

-Kathy Drake

*"If you're looking for a game where you can play at whatever pace you feel comfortable, a game where you will improve every time you play, a game where you will learn how to keep healthy, Trinity Pickleball is for you. As Kathy said above, we welcome new players and will ensure that you enjoy the game as much as we do. Come on out and see how the game is played!"*

-Dan Drake



*"The power of exercise, both to preserve and restore health, is greater than can well be conceived."*

—John Wesley

# Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI)

By Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Associate Pastor

Our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Working Group has been hard at work the past year working on accessibility throughout Trinity UMC! As our website page says, we are a group that advocates for the fair treatment of all people as children of God. We work for the full participation of all people in our worship services, spaces, and community. No matter who you are, where you are on your faith journey, or your socioeconomic status, ability, sexuality, gender identity, etc., you are loved by God, and you are an important part of our church family!



As part of our hard work, we have been gearing up for Christmas Eve and the bicentennial. Recognizing that this is an important time of year where we have many guests attending our services, we want to ensure that we are as accessible to all people as possible. Our DEI Working Group is working with staff to create a map of our parking lot and campus that indicates all places of accessible entry, seating, and parking. We plan to have the new map on our website before the Bicentennial Celebration, so that folks who use wheelchairs or walkers will feel comfortable and confident about where they can enter our sanctuary. Although this group at Trinity UMC is newly organized, the folks who are part of this Working Group have been engaged in DEI work for years. They have been a part of justice work in the community, have advocated for inclusion of folks in our congregation, and have been intentional about educating themselves further on what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

If you have any questions about the DEI Working Group or justice ministries, you can go to our website, <https://www.tumct.org/connect/community/inclusive-ministries/>, to find ways to get connected with inclusion and justice in our congregation.

## Trinity Youth Happenings

By Britton Stacey, Director of Youth Ministries

Recently, the youth have done many important things, one of which was the youth chili fundraiser on December 7! We had youth who participated in many aspects including, parking, serving chili, and talking to those enjoying the Winter Festival. This was a great event for the community to support the youth in their fundraising for their summer missions! It was a cold night which was perfect for chili and hot chocolate! Thanks to everyone who came out.

We also enjoyed our youth Christmas party on December 15. This was a time for fellowship, fun, and white elephant all the way around. We love seeing each other at these events and continuing to see our youth ministry program grow!



# Cookie Review!

By Stacey Duggar, Preschool Director

We had another wonderful turnout for Cookies with Santa last month! We had 250 children give Santa their most sincere wishes! Included in the 250 kids were many children who graduated from the preschool in the last several years; it is always so gratifying to see them and hear about their elementary/middle/high school adventures!



This is a wonderful outreach event. This year was a first for me, as well as for Santa. We had a couple get engaged! I didn't get the couple's names because I was so shocked! The crowd applauded and Santa was beaming. All of our best wishes to the happy couple!



# Children's Ministry Update

By Candace Duclos, Director of Christian Education

We are creating, serving, and having a great time learning about God's love in the Children's Ministry. We ended 2024 with the NETkids presenting "A Walk Through Whoville: Experiencing Christmas Through the Eyes of a Redeem Grinch"! This was a fun, festive atmosphere where everyone was able to experience a Wesleyan theology of salvation, through games and testimony.

We know that 2025 will be full of fun and learning as we continue to study God's Word through stories, videos, songs, and prayer. The time is now to recommit bringing your family to Sunday school!





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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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Early Service: 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel  
Contemporary Service: 9:45 a.m. in Moor Hall  
Liturgical Service: 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary

9:45 Contemporary Service and 11:00 Liturgical Service are livestreamed  
on [YouTube@TrinityUMCTallahassee](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRmTtTtTtTtTtTtTtTtTtTt)

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