

# Tidings



Trinity's Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build, funded by a tithe from our Bicentennial Fundraising Campaign, is schedule for February 22, 2025. See details and find out how you can help on p. 6.

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## Onward Together: Trinity's Strategic Plan Journey

By Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor

*"If it's something you plan to do, it's not part of a strategic plan."<sup>1</sup>*

One of our staff parish co-chairs shared the above quote with me. When she shared it, it affected me, given that most planning meetings I have been a part of have been scheduling meetings. Organizations need both.

In November 2024, our Church Council unanimously voted to embark on a transformative journey for Trinity United Methodist Church. Trinity has developed a Strategic Plan before in 2015. This plan has guided us for many years beyond its intention. This speaks of the strength of both the plan and the process. Together, we are setting out to refresh our vision and mission by laying the groundwork for a future that reflects who we are and who God calls us to be. This process is about putting pen to paper to outline actionable steps that will guide us into the next five years and beyond with clarity. Trinity's vision and mission have been invaluable to the church since 2015; however, the time to develop actionable plans for a dynamic future is now.

Read on, and learn about the exciting process that will move us Onward Together into Trinity's future.

<sup>1</sup>Roger Martin, The Difference Between a Plan and a Strategy, Harvard Business Review, May 2023

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# Onward Together

By Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Senior Pastor

Trinity is a thriving church and institution. We are a diverse Christian community that seeks to be the heart, hands, and feet of Jesus Christ to one another and our world. Our downtown church exemplifies a vibrant community of individuals with diverse political perspectives, life experiences, and personal goals, united in their shared mission to embody Jesus Christ to the world. Over the last two years Trinity has taken into membership upwards of 250 individuals, all who are new to our church.



Like every flourishing organization, churches need intentional moments of reflection and recalibration that include a broad spectrum of people to reorient for the future. Now that our bicentennial is past, we seek to do just that in discerning our next steps. By revisiting our vision and mission, we will ensure that Trinity continues to be a beacon of faith and love for all in Tallahassee and beyond.

With the help of the Center for Strategic Planning and Christina Drouin, Founder and Principal Consultant, we are entering into a process rooted in Trinity's Core Values that seeks to answer key questions about our future: What will Trinity look like five years from now and beyond? What steps must we take to remain a vital church that introduces people to Jesus Christ, serves our community, and impacts our world?

**Christina Drouin, Founder and Principal Consultant, Center for Strategic Planning**

## Nan Hillis and Dr. James Hunt to Co-Chair Visioning Process

I am delighted to share that this vital process will be co-chaired by two of Trinity's own: Nan Hillis, retired Chief Strategy Officer of Prime Meridian Bank, and Dr. James Hunt, Associate Vice Provost and Chief Data and Analytics Officer at Florida State University. Their love for Trinity, along with their extensive strategy, leadership, and decision-making expertise, will be invaluable as we navigate this strategic planning journey together. I am so grateful for their willingness to lead and serve in this way!

The strategic planning process has begun with the Church Council. It continues with forming a Core Planning Group to set the foundation. Over the coming months, the group will assess our current strengths and challenges, identify key opportunities, and invite the entire congregation into the conversation.



**Nan Hillis, retired Chief Strategy Officer of Prime Meridian Bank**



**Dr. James Hunt, Associate Vice Provost and Chief Data and Analytics Officer at Florida State University**

### Trinity's 2015 Vision and Mission Statements

**Vision:** *Trinity United Methodist Church will be a diverse Christian community shining as a beacon of God's love and actively engaging as the heart, hands, and feet of Christ in the world.*

**Mission:** *Because of God's love for us through Jesus Christ, we exist to worship, grow, and serve. Together we seek to realize our mission through our Core Values: Faith, Worship, Love, Service, Community.*

## Visioning Day Scheduled for Spring

One important highlight of the strategic planning process will be an all-church Visioning Day this spring. This will be a time for the whole congregation to dream together and outline the goals and strategies that will carry Trinity forward.

Here is what together we will accomplish:

- ***A Shared and Renewed Vision:*** This clearly outlines what we hope to achieve as a church by 2030
- ***Goals and Strategies:*** Practical steps to bridge the gap between where we are and where we want to be
- ***Congregational Engagement:*** Opportunities for every member to contribute, ensuring that our plan reflects the heart and soul of Trinity
- ***Implementation and Accountability:*** Structures and processes to bring our vision to life

Your voice, prayers, and participation are essential. As your pastor, I desire for everyone to be involved. Whether you attend Visioning Day, join a task force, or stay engaged through updates, your involvement makes all the difference!

As we move through the coming months, we will share regular progress updates and opportunities to get involved. This is a time for all of us to come together, trusting that God is guiding Trinity toward a bright and impactful future.

Let's move *Onward* together.

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# Memorials and Honorariums

## September 2024

- **In memory of Rowe Rogero** from Second Monday Night Book Group c/o Cheryl Dodd, Rebecca Dougherty, Joanna Warren, and Gordon Warren
- **In memory of Shirley Benson** from Circle One United Women in Faith Group

## December 2024

- **In memory of Marvin L. Pope Jr.** from Kelly and Linda Phillips, John Stoner, James Trafton, Wendy Speckerman, Mark Bates, John Bohn, Ellen Brake, Gayle Carraway, Lewis Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hillis, Carol and Harry Morrison, Grace Church of Columbia, Julia Parker, Fred Wilkinson
- **In memory of Edgar Moore** from Mr. and Mrs. F. Palmer Williams
- **In memory of Alice and Bill Grow** from Allison Grow, MD
- **In memory of Clayton Bailey** from Heath and Gay Annin, Robert and Marilyn Dean, Janice Foley, Mr. and Mrs. Hilaman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huggins Jr., Charles and Elizabeth Marschall, Sidney and Linda Matthew, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McDuffie, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McGlothlin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mrs. Jayne Mittan, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Squire Jr.
- **In honor of Mart Hill** from Christopher Iansiti

## January 2025

- **In memory of Paul Leroy Nichols Jr.** from Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Jr.
- **In memory of Melvin Pope Jr.** from Melvin Pope III to the HEO Funeral Committee
- **In memory of Wayne Hodges** from Carol and Harry Morrison
- **In memory of Mart Hill** from Elizabeth Leggett, Cynthia Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hillis, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ruff, Julian Smith Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Smith Jr., Rich and Julie Weidner, Dell and Kjell Andersson, Chip and Marie Ashmore, Roger and Rhonda Titus, Camille Vermess, John and Betty Crowe, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Langford



# Celebration Sunday: January 12, 2025

By Paula Smith, Big 200 Committee Chair

*“Don't forget to remember...”*  
Bishop Tom Berlin

**S**unday, January 12 dawned a cold but clear 30 degrees. Trinity volunteers had been working non-stop, preparing tables, flowers, food, and desserts for nearly 400 who had made reservations. The greeters were prepared, and the traffic managers were fully prepped. The choir and musicians had practiced and prepared for a glorious morning of music. Parking instructions had been circulated to all.

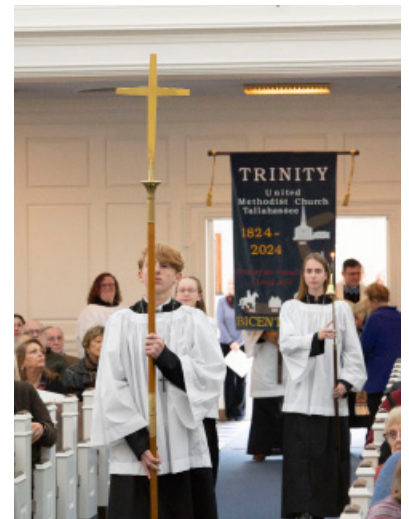
Let the fun and worship begin!



*Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams leads a litany and prayer at the site of Trinity's original church building.*



*Bagpiper James C. Ashcraft leads a processional to Trinity's sanctuary.*



*Siblings Mike, Penelope, and Lillian Waters process into the sanctuary.*



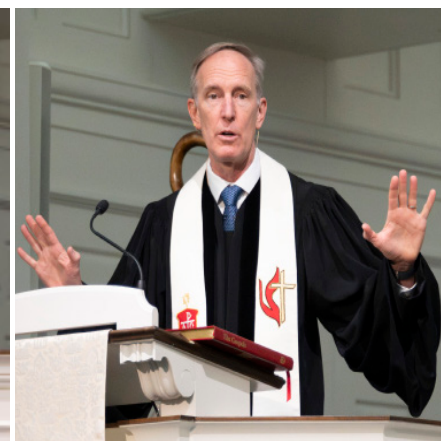
*Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Trinity's Associate Pastor*



*Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Trinity's Senior Pastor*



*Rev. Catherine Fluck Price, North West District Superintendent*



*Bishop Tom Berlin of the Florida Episcopal Area*



*Pictured left, Organist Viktor Billa, and pictured right, a brass quintet along with Trinity's chancel choir, led by Director of Music Yuliia Billa*





**Candace Duclos, Director of Christian Education, leads the Children's Moment.**



**Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski and Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams receive a Proclamation from John E. Dailey, Mayor of Tallahassee.**



**From left: Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Rev. Jim Mitchell, Dr. David Hortin, Rev. Catherine Fluck Price, Bishop Tom Berlin, Rev. Ann Godbold, Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Rev. John Willis, Rev. Rich Wilson, Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Rev. Barbara Hynes, Rev. Patty Daniels, and Rev. Bob Tindale**



**Front: Lillian, Mike, and Penelope Watters  
Back: Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Bishop Tom Berlin, Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, Rev. Catherine Fluck Price, and Rev. E. Wayne Curry**



**Left: Dr. E. Lynn McLarty with daughters Emily, Rebecca, and Margaret, and wife, Miriam. Rebecca holds a commemorative plaque presented to Lynn on behalf of his work in preserving Trinity's history.**

Following a service at the site of the original church, a bagpiper led congregants and clergy — including Trinity pastors from 1988 to the present — in a beautiful procession to the current sanctuary. With Director of Music Yuliia Billa and Organist Viktor Billa at the helm, inspiring music filled the church. Bishop Tom Berlin delivered a stirring sermon. All 500+ in attendance were rivetted by the masterful message, perfect to remind us of the importance of the past as we prepare to enter our future.

Thank you to all members, volunteers, guests, clergy, musicians, and Trinity staff. It was a delightful service, long awaited and much appreciated!



**Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Rev. E. Wayne Curry, Bishop Tom Berlin, Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, and Rev. Catherine Fluck Price**

# Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build

By Ray Diaz, Local Missions Co-chair

## The wheels are in motion for Trinity's February 22 bunk bed build.

**W**e would like to say thank you to the 87 members of our congregation, family members, and friends who responded to our "show of interest" for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) bunk bed build that Trinity United Methodist Church is sponsoring. As a result of the overwhelming show of interest, we are now ready to begin the official sign-up for the build.

**You will still need to sign up to participate even though you responded to the "show of interest."** Scan the QR code on the right and click on the SignUpGenius link. Once you've opened the SignUpGenius page, scroll down, and you will note that there are four categories for volunteer assignments. If you decide to be a "Build Team" member and a "Delivery Team" member, please sign up for both slots. Please remember that children under the age of 12 are asked to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.



## What if I want to help but can't be a part of the build?

If you can't be a part of the build, there are other ways to help! We are going to kick off our journey to the February 22 build with the opportunity to donate bedding (for twin beds), which will be delivered with the 20 bunk beds that we have committed to build. The bedding includes; sheets, pillow covers, pillows, blankets, bedspreads, or comforters. All donations must be new. (Mattresses for the beds are provided by SHP.) Collection bins will be present in the Narthex and in the Welcome Center from Sunday, January 26, through Sunday, February 9.

## What should I expect on the day of the build?

- A typical build day begins at 8:00 a.m. and ends by noon.
- Water, sports drinks, and snacks will be provided.
- All materials, tools, equipment, and personal protective gear are supplied by SHP, who will be on site for the build.
- No experience is needed—the build follows SHP's simple and easy-to-follow bunk bed design and requires no previous woodworking experience.
- Inexperienced volunteers are trained and supervised by experienced staff from SHP.
- Volunteers will be measuring, drilling, sanding, staining, sorting hardware into Ziplock bags, partially assembling bed frames, and branding the headboard.
- Delivery team volunteers will deliver and assemble the beds at the recipients' home.



For General information about SHP, you can visit [SHPbeds.org](http://SHPbeds.org) If you plan to sign up for the Delivery Team, there is a tutorial for how to assemble the bunk beds once they are delivered to the recipient's home. To view the tutorial, go to YouTube and search for "SHP Bunk Bed Assembly Tutorial." If you have questions, email Ray Diaz at [raydhhs@msn.com](mailto:raydhhs@msn.com).

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## Special Thanks From the Angel Tree Team

By Gail London, Angel Tree Co-Chair

**O**ur Angel Tree 2024 was a huge success thanks to the generosity of Trinity members! Thank you for sharing the Christmas spirit and spreading Christ's love. Through your generosity, 190 "wishlist" presents, ranging from toys and bikes to blankets and cookware, and more than \$1,100 in gift cards were provided to our community through The Christmas Connection. Additionally, four families (20 people) were "adopted" by Trinity groups (Sunday School classes, Choir, Women's Circle), and each family member received just what was on their personal list! Also, many thanks to the Trinity Angel Tree volunteers and staff who worked diligently to ensure a merry Christmas to so many.

# Trinity and the Civil Rights Struggle

By Gloria Colvin, Member of Trinity's Historical Society

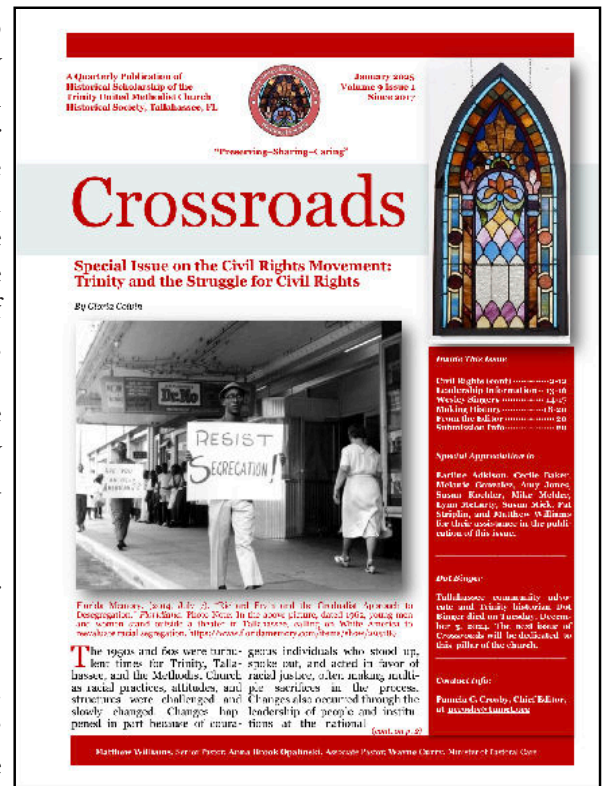
**Editor's note:** In recognition of Black History Month, we share this overview of the January 2025 issue of *Crossroads*, a quarterly publication of Trinity's Historical Society. This edition is entitled "Special Issue on the Civil Rights Movement: Trinity and the Struggle for Civil Rights." Read this issue in its entirety by using the link or QR code at the end of this article or by picking up a physical copy in Trinity's Narthex or the church office.

In his sermon on Celebration Sunday, Bishop Tom Berlin recalled asking Dr. Williams what Trinity had done during the Civil Rights movement. The same question had occurred to me a few years ago since there didn't seem to be much written about that period in the church's history. I set out to see what I could learn, which led me to interviewing church members, or in some cases their children, who were here in the 1950s and 1960s, checking historical church documents, and reading other sources that detailed Tallahassee's Civil Rights struggle and changes within the Methodist church nationally.

Looking back from the vantage point of sixty to seventy years, it's difficult to realize that there was a time when Black people couldn't worship at Trinity or become members, but that was indeed the case for most of the twentieth century. It wasn't until 1970 that the first Black people since the Civil War and Reconstruction joined Trinity as members. In the meantime, people left the church because it wouldn't seat Black people, while others left when some Black people were seated a few years later. Some members of the congregation tried to preserve the status quo of Jim Crow segregation, while others had the courage to stand up for justice. The words and actions of these courageous individuals helped move the church to become more open, welcoming, and inclusive, as well as having an impact on the community. Through the leadership of pastors and forward-looking members of the congregation, the church navigated those difficult times and ultimately remained faithful to Christian beliefs that all people are children of God and equal in God's sight.

To know ourselves, we need to know and confront our history and consider what we're doing in the present. We, too, face challenges and societal change. Despite progress that has been made, racism and injustice are still present. People, including those who are unhoused, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and immigrants, are still marginalized. How will we respond? Perhaps we can learn from this time in our church's past to guide us in the present. In the words of Bishop Berlin, "Don't forget to remember."

Scan the QR code to read the full article on Trinity during the Civil Rights struggle, access *Crossroads* on our website ([tumct.org](http://tumct.org)) and Trinity app, or pick up a copy in Trinity's Narthex or Welcome Center.



## A Note from Our Sister Church in Cuba

Glory to God! May God bless Trinity even more.

We are very grateful to our brothers and sisters from Trinity for the gift of this year's Christmas dinner. We fed 600 people — our church has grown! May God multiply all of the help you have offered us. Greetings from Fomento!

Pastor Osmar Matos Vazquez



# Trinity UMC 2025 Committees

The following Trinity members were approved to leadership and committee positions by the 2024 Charge Conference and will serve throughout 2025 as follows:

## Elected Officers

Paula Smith - Chair of Church Council  
Robert McDonald - Church Treasurer  
Laurie Atteberry - Financial Secretary  
Kathy Drake - Lay Member to Annual Conference  
Dan Drake - Lay Member to Annual Conference  
Stewart Fleming - Alternate  
Linda Fleming - Alternate  
Diane Bower - Recording Secretary  
Doreen Barton - Membership Secretary

## Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development

Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams - Chair  
Kathy Drake - Vice Chair  
Cynthia Smith  
Cindy Donelan  
Barbara Hynes  
Susan Moreton  
Holly Francis  
Jacqui Griffith  
Karen Rowan  
Corwin Barnes  
Ray Diaz

## Committee on Finance

Frank Mercer - Chair  
Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams - Senior Pastor  
Laurie Atteberry - Business Administrator  
Paula Smith - Chair of Church Council  
Robert McDonald - Church Treasurer  
Nan Hillis - Investment Committee Chair  
Nancy Waugh - SPRC  
Kathy Drake - Lay Leader  
Judy Green - Chair of Trustees  
Susan Thomas - Vice-Chair of Trustees  
Benson Green  
Brent Chumbler  
James Hunt  
Jim Campbell  
Joe Williams  
John Thomas  
Lee Nichols  
Larry Pendleton  
Glen McDuffie  
Palmer Williams  
Stewart Fleming  
Stephen Shiver

## Board of Trustees

Judy Green - Chair  
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Alex Anderson  
Tanya Hollady  
Lawton Langford  
Chris Duclos  
Heath Annin  
Laura Rogers  
Bob Burleson

## Committee on Staff-Parish Relations

Pam Epting - Chair  
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Matt Foster  
Emily Waugh  
Tisha Keller  
Alicia Whittington  
Sally Huggins  
Randy Clay

**Interpreter of Connectional Giving** - Robert McDonald

**Children's Home Representative** - Renee White

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## Winter Lay Academy

*By Candace Duclos, Director of Christian Education*

Winter Lay Academy began on January 15 and runs through February 19. No registration is needed for classes, but please be sure to sign up for dinner by using your Trinity app or calling the church office at 850-222-1120. See the schedule for the remaining weeks of this session below.

**4:15 p.m.** | Richard Andrews' Bible Study | Library

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

**6:00 p.m.** | Parenting Village | Conference Room

NETKids after-hours is available for all children from birth to grade 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. No registration needed.

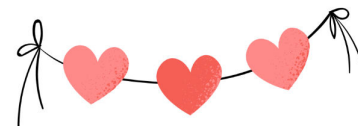
**6:30 p.m.** | Social Principles | Room 305

**February 5** - Economic Community with Randy and Starr Clay

**February 12** - Social Community with Rev. Bob Tindale

**February 19** - Political Community with Rev. Rich Wilson

On February 5, 12, and 19, Rev. Wayne Curry is hosting a three-week discussion on strengthening your marriage. This class is for all folks at any stage of their marriage! They will meet in room 301 at 6:30 p.m.





# BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Ministry Offers Two Programs

By Beth Curry, BFC Team Leader

**D**id you know the BFC Ministry offers two programs that run all year long? Come join us as we gather with Friends for Fun, Fellowship, Fitness, and to raise Funds for community service.

- **BFC (Becoming Fit at Church) Exercise** - seven weekly classes offered in-person and/or via Zoom. Beginner to Advanced.
- **BFO (Becoming Fit Outdoors) Pickleball** - New player clinics and open play for established players.

## Class Descriptions

- **Staying Strong** - easy, gentle basic exercise- seated and standing. Great for beginners.
- **Balance & Fall Prevention** - short workout to improve both
- **Variety Mix** -full body workout using a variety of exercises and equipment. Intermediate to advance including floor exercise.
- **Flex on the Floor** - flexibility exercises on the floor
- **BFO-Pickleball** - periodic clinics for those who want to learn and open play for new players (at FSU Welsey)



## Class Schedule (available both in-person and on Zoom except as noted)

Tuesday 9:40 a.m.	<b>Staying Strong</b>
Tuesday 10:30 a.m.	<b>Balance &amp; Fall Prevention</b> (in-person only)
Tuesday 11:00 a.m.	<b>Variety Mix</b>
Tuesday 12:10 p.m.	<b>Flex on the Floor</b> - flexibility exercises on the floor
Thursday 11:00 a.m.	<b>Variety Mix</b>
Thursday 12:15 p.m.	<b>Staying Strong</b>
Thursday 1:05 p.m.	<b>Balance &amp; Fall Prevention</b> (in-person only)
Thursday 6:00 p.m.	<b>BFO - Pickleball</b> (in person only)



Advanced registration is required for all BFC Ministry Programs. Please email Beth Curry at [BFCSeries@yahoo.com](mailto:BFCSeries@yahoo.com) or call the church office and leave a call-back number.

# Women United in Faith Opportunity

By Candace Duclos, Director of Christian Education

**M**arch 7-9, United Women in Faith have the opportunity to visit Epworth by the Sea for the Connection in Sisterhood: Abounding in Hope retreat. There will be guest speakers, Soul Care Workshops, and tours of this historic venue.

If there are women interested in attending this retreat, we will need someone to volunteer as driver and leader of the group. If you are interested in leading or attending, please contact Candace Duclos [cduclos@tumct.org](mailto:cduclos@tumct.org).



# CAJM (Capital Area Justice Committee) News

By Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, Associate Pastor

**T**rinity United Methodist has been faithfully and diligently involved in the Capital Area Justice Ministry (CAJM) for years. This organization is a coalition of religious institutions in Tallahassee that have come together to advocate with our elected officials for policy changes regarding issues of injustice. In the past five years, CAJM has worked with officials on issues regarding affordable housing and gun violence in Tallahassee. In the next few years, we will be bringing forth the issue of food insecurity to our elected officials. While we are still in the research stage for how best to address food insecurity, we are thrilled to be addressing this need in our community.



CAJM Meeting at Trinity UMC with the Coalition of Churches

CAJM has been an important part of Trinity UMC's justice and anti-racism work. By focusing on our democracy and the voice of the people, CAJM peacefully brings about change in our community. This type of justice work is crucial to our faith, allowing us as followers of Christ to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, advocating for the fair and liveable treatment of all of God's creation. We meet with city and county commissioners, as well as other elected officials, to bring about system changes that impact all in our community and help make Tallahassee look a little more like heaven.

As we begin our spring justice work, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of several important dates coming up for CAJM:

- February 9 → If you are a Network Member for CAJM (or attended a house meeting and are planning on going to the Nehemiah Action), then you are invited to a luncheon immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be discussing how we can invite others to join us as the Nehemiah Action this year.
- March 4 → Join us for our CAJM Pep Rally as we are brought up to date on all of the work being done by CAJM for affordable housing and gun violence, and as we prepare for our Nehemiah Action!
- March 31 → IT IS TIME FOR THE NEHEMIAH ACTION! This is our big event every year where we meet with as many elected officials and hear their thoughts on the issues we are concerned about. We submit questions several weeks in advance so our elected officials are not caught off guard, and we celebrate the ways that God's justice is advancing in our community.

If you have any questions about these events, or if you are interested in knowing more about CAJM, please reach out to Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski at [abopalinski@tumct.org](mailto:abopalinski@tumct.org).

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## It's Time for Preschool Enrollment

By Stacey Duggar, Preschool Director

**I**t's time to enroll students in Trinity United Methodist Preschool for the 2025-2026 school year. We are a Gold Seal School, a VPK provider, and a top performing early education center. However, space is limited, so be sure to take note of our enrollment dates.

Please see the chart on the right to find the priority dates when enrollment opens for currently enrolled families and legacy and church families. Open enrollment will begin on February 12, 2025.

If you have questions, please contact Stacey Duggar, our Preschool Director, at 850-224-8992.

**PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

Currently enrolled families:  
Feb 10, 2025

Legacy and church families:  
Feb 11, 2025

Open enrollment begins:  
Feb 12, 2025

For More Information, call Stacey at  
**850-224-8992**

# Children's Ministry Update

By Candace Duclos, Director of Christian Education

The Children's Ministry continues to grow in God's love! We enjoyed celebrating the bicentennial with our church family and friends! This winter, we will learn more about how we worship God in many ways.

The NETKids annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner will be held at the end of this month. We are also gearing up for the Spring Musical and Easter. Many fun activities and lessons are planned — make sure your children and grandchildren are joining us!



# Trinity Youth Happenings

By Britton Stacey, Director of Youth Ministries

January was an amazing month for the youth group. First, we had an enjoyable time helping with Bicentennial Celebration Sunday by handing out goodies to many different generations of our church. Then we kicked off one of our services by singing and leading worship! We enjoyed showing the passion of the next generation of the church while also learning from previous generations.

Finally, we had so much fun at Rock the Universe in Orlando! The youth got to ride on a lot of rides, and they experienced firsthand some of the popular Christian worship groups. Trinity's youth are learning in many ways what it looks like to lead the church in worship. January was a great month, and we're looking forward to more fun events in the coming months!





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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/UCq1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1v1)

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### PASTORAL STAFF

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Rev. Dr. Matthew M. Williams, *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Anna Brook Opalinski, *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. E. Wayne Curry, *Minister of Pastoral Care*

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Ben Armstead, *Sexton*  
Dori Barton, *Financial Assistant*  
Viktor Billa, *Organist*  
Yuliia Billa, *Director of Music*  
Zachary Cramer, *Technical Director*  
Candace Duclos, *Director of Christian Education*  
Sarah Duclos, *Sexton*  
Stacey Duggar, *Preschool Director*

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Melanie Gonzalez, *Church Operations Administrator*  
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Brett Ingram, *Facility Director*  
Susan Koehler, *Director of Communications*  
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Britton Stacey, *Director of Youth Ministries*

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