

# The Trinity Trumpeter

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## Changing Seasons

The change of seasons has been on my mind this week, if for no other reason that our weather seems to have jumped from winter right into the middle of summer. Some years ago (was it really 1965!?) there was a song by a rock group, The Byrds, that was based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. "To everything – turn, turn, turn – there is a season – turn, turn, turn...." There is profound truth here, for our individual lives are each a succession of seasons. Life together as a congregation has been no different. Over the past fifty years we have known seasons of challenge and seasons of plenty, seasons of risking and seasons of stability, seasons of growth and seasons of reflection. It has been my privilege over the past twenty three years to interweave the seasons of my own life with those of my Trinity family:

### Turn, turn, turn...

**"A time to weep and a time to laugh"** – our shared joys, frustrations, and grief have enriched my life over and over again; they have become jewels in my heart, ever cherished.

**"A time to lose and a time to seek"** – have you seen my office??? See also "a time to laugh."

**"A time to keep and a time to throw away"** – I am packing to move; what more can I say?

### Turn, turn, turn...

**"A time to plant"** – how many of you, how many times, told me I should teach classes, lead groups, go to seminary, enter the ministry? Did I listen? Well, finally....

**"A time to build up"** – all through seminary you supported me. Then through those first sermons, initial awkward visits, beginning stilted prayers you have loved me, encouraged me, built me up. You have taught me how to be a pastor – there are no words for my profound gratitude.

**"A time to uproot what was planted"** – many of you have heard me say that we were created to be Garden people. Sometimes God will uproot a plant in order to place it elsewhere, not to die but to flourish and to bear new fruit in a new place. I'm not sure John Wesley was thinking in these terms when he developed the practice of moving preachers from place to place, but I don't believe he would disagree. It is important to remember that uprooting also makes space for a new plant to grow and put down new roots. You have another wonderful opportunity to build up, to support, to teach, and to love: Christina will thrive with your blessings!

For God's kingdom to grow, new seeds must be planted, tender shoots nurtured, mature plants pruned, and sometimes be replanted and transplanted. Over the years so many of us have come and gone, moving to other places, moving on to Glory. Yet at the root we remain connected to one another and to that great cloud of witnesses – uprooting only means that the roots are relocated and reconnected, not lost.

"For God has made everything suitable for its time, putting a sense of the past and of the future in our minds." How marvelous that Methodism places such value in being connected, remaining connected, and thriving in a connection that is both grounded in the past and looking toward the future! It is within our shared past and common future that I find comfort, hope, and joy....wherever I am, I will treasure my connection to the Trinity family.

**To everything there is a season**

**Turn, turn, turn...**

You will always walk in my soul  
Blessings, Nancy



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The SERVICE OF COMMISSIONING AND ORDINATION for Pastor Nancy Watson is Monday, June 7th at 7:30 p.m. at FUMC, Montgomery.

We will be BROADCASTING LIVE FROM TRINITY MFH!!! Please join us at 7:00 pm as the pre-service begins. We are very excited to be able to offer this opportunity for those who cannot travel to Montgomery.

Please join us to worship together and celebrate this Holy occasion.

## Angelfood Ministry

June Order Deadline: Mail in and check orders, Thursday, June 10th  
All other orders due by 12:00 pm. Thursday, June 17th .  
Distribution: Saturday, June 26th, beginning at 8:30 am



YOUNG AT HEART will meet at  
at Mary's Kitchen at Uptown Station.  
On Saturday, June 10, 2010 at 11:30 am.  
Please remember to bring an item for Sharing and Caring!



### Welcome New Members!!

Francis Larson      Roger Wills



Registration for the next round of Disciple classes has begun, and will continue through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex and on the table at the back of the Memorial Fellowship Hall. The form has a brief description of each class to help you decide. Please turn the completed form into the church office. If you have any questions, please call JoAnne Shular at 864-4927.



The Trinity Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, June 3rd, at 11:30 am, May 20th, at D'wons on Highway 98, at the foot of the Navarre Beach Bridge. The group will meet on Thursday, June 17th, at the Glass Slipper Tea Cottage at the corner of Hospital and Staff Drive in Fort Walton Beach.

Call Tom Stewart for reservations—864-4512. Everyone is welcome!!



**Upcoming June UMM Monthly Breakfast** – Please make a note on your calendar that next month’s UMM breakfast will be on **June 20<sup>th</sup>** and Mrs. Linda Heller will be our guest speaker. She will talk concerning her relief mission to Haiti after their recent devastating earthquake. Please come out and enjoy a fine breakfast and presentation. We hope to see you there. No reservations are required and wives, youth, and guests are always welcome.

**UMM Bulb Sale** - Thank you very much for all those who helped out with the UMM bulb sale. It is greatly appreciated! We received 79 orders and the proceeds for UMM missions was \$242! Thank you everyone!! The bulbs are here!! They will be handed out on the south side of the Memorial Fellowship Hall after each of the three consecutive Sunday services on May 30th. Just look for Dave Stroup and the red truck!

**UMM/UMYF Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash** - Thanks also for all of the wonderful assistance with the UMM/UMYF Pancake Breakfast and Car Wash. Whether you were one of the folks who came out to flip pancakes, wash a car, or just came down for some good friendship and camaraderie we all had a great time. Total proceeds from the event, after expenses, was \$480 to be shared between UMM and UMYF missions. Thanks again to the Trinity family for the fantastic support.

**May UMM Monthly Breakfast** - This month’s United Methodist Men’s breakfast was well attended by approximately 50 folks from Trinity UMC and the Harvest Vineyard Mission. Our speaker for the breakfast was Senior Pastor Alex Thompson, from HVM, who gave us his testimony and talked about his mission in Crestview. A wonderful time was had by all.

**UMM Recycling / Reuse Programs** – As a final note, please don’t forget about these important UMM programs. Whether you have 1) metal products that you want to recycle, 2) unused sporting equipment that needs a new home, or 3) unused cell phones that you would like to go to a good cause (i.e., Cell Phones for Soldiers), the UMM would like to help find alternative uses for your unused belongings. Please drop your items off at either the recycling trailer behind the Memorial Fellowship Hall or at either of the marked UMM storage bins in the main narthex or MFH. Thank you very much for your donations.

### **Farewell & Welcome Receptions for Pensacola DS**

From the District Committee on Superintendency:

Let us, clergy and laity alike, express together our thanks and appreciation to outgoing District Superintendent Mike Roberts and his wife, Jo Ann. Farewell receptions will be held June 13, 2-4 p.m., at Shalimar UMC; then at the other end of the district June 27, 2-4 p.m., at Gadsden Street UMC.

Let us also, clergy and laity alike, meet and greet incoming District Superintendent Jeremy Pridgeon and his wife, Abigail. Welcome receptions will be held July 11, 2-4 p.m., at St. Luke UMC; then at the other end of the district July 18, 2-4 p.m., at Ft. Walton Beach First UMC.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### UMW JUNE General Meeting - A Special Event for ALL Women

The quarterly general meeting for Trinity UMW will be on Saturday, June 19th, in MFH from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. It will be a "Baby Shower for UMCOR." The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) stocks baby layettes at their warehouse so that when a disaster occurs (remember Haiti) they can **immediately** respond with needed items. Trinity UMW previously made school kits and health kits for UMCOR. All women of all ages are invited to enjoy an afternoon of refreshments and fellowship as they participate in this event. A very special program is planned. Rev. Cheryl Vaughan, a Presbyterian pastor from Decatur, Georgia, will recite the Book of Ruth as a drama. Cheryl is from Fort Walton Beach and her family resides here. We are so very fortunate to have her visit with us on this occasion. Please help us spread the word and be sure to bring your friends. The afternoon is free of charge--but you are requested to bring an item on the UMCOR lists or make a donation to purchase an item to complete the kits. To help with our setup, please make a reservation by calling the church office, 862-4169, or Edna Sherrow, 244-3687.

#### UMCOR LAYETTE KIT ITEMS:

6 CLOTH DIAPERS  
 2 SHIRTS OR 2 ONE-PIECE BODY SUITS  
 2 BABY WASH CLOTHS  
 2 GOWNS OR SLEEPERS  
 2 DIAPER PINS  
 1 SWEATER OPEN IN THE FRONT  
 2 RECEIVING BLANKETS

#### UMCOR BIRTHING KIT

1 Hotel Size BAR OF SOAP  
 1 PAIR OF LATEX GLOVES  
 1 SQ YARD OF CLEAR 4 MIL PLASTIC SHEETING  
 3 PIECES OF CLEAN STRING, EA 12 IN LONG  
 1 SINGLE USE RAZOR BLADE (CAREFULLY WRAPPED TO PREVENT INJURY)  
 2 FLANNETTE RECEIVING BLANKETS, EA 1 SQ YARD

All items included in kits must be NEW ITEMS.

All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items--nothing more. Please DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

### UMW ASSEMBLY 2010 - FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE -- IN ACTION

Four members of Trinity attended the UMW Assembly in St. Louis, Missouri, April 29-May 2, 2010, as part of a group of 38 from the Alabama/West Florida Conference. This gathering occurs every four years for United Methodist women from all over the world. It was a memorable event attended by 6500 women. Speakers included Bishop Joaquina Filipe Nhanala of Mozambique, the first woman elected UM bishop in Africa; Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former US Surgeon General; and Anita Phillips, Elder in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, serving as executive director of the Native American Comprehensive Plan. Holy Communion was observed on Friday evening as part of the opening service. Bishop Nhanala urged United Methodist Women to continue in its mission: "We are called to be the hands and feet of Christ in our communities. Continue in prayer to connect with God, the source of power...and know it's God's will for us to act with faith, hope and love. More than 40 prayer shawls and baby blankets donated by Trinity were added to others and the number was more than 10,000 and still counting. A special thanks to all who donated to our project.

### SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN MISSIONS STUDY, NATIVE AMERICANS-GIVING THEIR HEARTS AWAY

Trinity UMW hosted the Pensacola District mission study on native Americans on Saturday, May 8, 2010. Approximately 70 women from churches all over the district were warmly welcomed by Pastor Bobby. Trinity women served a delicious breakfast buffet before the study began. Libby Anderson from Georgia was the program leader. This study was the last of three annual studies undertaken each year by UMW. The studies for 2011 were announced and are: Spiritual Growth Study, "For the Love of God--John's Letters;" Geographic Study, "Sudan--Why a Dream of Peace is Possible;" and the General Issue Study, "Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity." The conference Cooperative School of Christian Missions for training leaders for these studies will be held at Blue Lake Junly 23-24.



### HAVE YOU WONDERED WHY?

I know many of you have been sitting in the congregation the last few weeks wondering why Paula has been sitting in the chancel area with a crooked stole? It became customary in the early Christian church for elders to wear a stole around their necks and for deacons to wear a stole diagonally from their left shoulder to their right side. So now you ask, what is a deacon?

A United Methodist deacon is a clergyperson called by God and ordained by a bishop to a servant ministry of word and service. A deacon's ministry connects worship with service to God in the world. Many deacons serve in a specialized ministry area inside and outside of the church. Some are school teachers, counselors, nurses, Christian educators, children and youth ministers. By wearing the stole on the left shoulder, the right hand is free for service. The symbol on the bottom of my stoles is the basin and towel representing Jesus' washing of the disciples' feet during the last supper.

And now you know the rest of the story!

Peace,  
Paula Roane, Children's Minister



### REGISTER FOR VBS ON OUR WEBSITE!!

Vacation Bible School July 11-15, 2010 6p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Join us on our "High Seas Expedition"

We need volunteers in all areas!!  
Crafts, Recreation, Drama, Snacks, and Class Shepherds

We need your help in surrounding our children in an environment of Christian love and support and to model the faith and discipleship we teach.



Elementary Summer Camp  
Who: Those have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
When: June 27 – July 2, 2010

Where: Camp Baldwin (outside Foley, Alabama)

Cost: \$210

Come join Ms. Paula and others as we experience "Jesus Everyday"

More info, call Paula Roane 862-4169 or [Paula.Roane@TrinityFWB.com](mailto:Paula.Roane@TrinityFWB.com)

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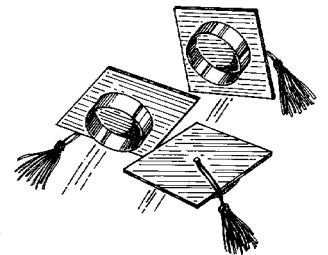
**SUNDAY — JUNE 20, 2010 @ 7:00PM - MFH  
ADMISSION IS FREE —  
A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED**

*\*We still need volunteers to provide accommodations for some of the youth group and their chaperones. If you would be willing to help—please contact Kevin Shular at [Kevin.shular@trinityfwb.com](mailto:Kevin.shular@trinityfwb.com), or 862-4169.*



**Senior Recognition Sunday**

On Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, we are having our annual Senior Recognition Sunday for all graduating high school seniors at Trinity. The senior breakfast, provided by the UMM will begin at 7:30 am in the fellowship hall and we will celebrate the seniors and their accomplishments during the 8:30 service.



**Summer Mission Trip w/ A.R.M.**

For the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive summer, Trinity's Youth will be working with Alabama Rural Ministries for our summer mission trip. This year we will go to Livingston, Al. to do home repair and help run a children's day camp. This year's trip will be from Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, until Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and is open to all students who have completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade, by June 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. Cost of the trip will be \$180.00. Deadline to get registered for the trip is Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and we just need a \$25 deposit. Full payment for the trip is due Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup>.



The Trinity UMC Preschool has concluded another school year, with our VPK Graduation Ceremony and End of Year Program. We were excited to have Pastor Bobby and Children's Minister, Paula Roane, attend these events and speak to our families. What treasures we enjoy sharing with our church family! We said goodbye to our VPK students that will be entering kindergarten with the knowledge that they were taught and cared for by a loving staff. They will be missed! We look forward to our August "Jump Start" program and our 2010-2011 school year with anticipation.

A Preschool Advisory Committee meeting was held on May 5th, during which the condition of the Preschool building was discussed. It was determined that there is a real need for some repair and refurbishing throughout the school. We have been blessed by a group of church members who have adopted one of our classrooms that is in dire need of repair. What a wonderful example of God's Grace at work everyday!

~Judy Mastromonico and Christa Johnson



## SPRING 2010 CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE

### TRINITY CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE

Another season of fun and fellowship at White Sands Bowling Center ended Sunday night, May 23rd, when the Spring 2010 Charity Bowling League ended. Unofficial results show the team Newman proved that their taking first place in the Fall 2009 league was not "beginners' luck." They finished in first place again with a strong lead over the second and third place teams. Our high school team, "Spare Us Money," won 2nd place honors and an old charter team, "We Are One," captured third place on the last night of play. (Old team means "time bowling in the Charity League, not ages of the team members!!) When the official results are received, we will name winners in all the individual and team categories. Watch for the date of the pot luck supper to gather for the awards presentations. Thanks to every single bowler who spent Sunday evenings to bowl and, by so doing, have contributed to the funds coming back to Trinity for missions and ministries.



### BUILDING FUND UPDATE:

Thank you for donating to our "Building Fund" as it continues to grow almost daily. To date (5/25/10) we have in cash \$79,232, and \$65,821 in pledges yet to come. Officially we can complete Phase One and Two. It is so exciting to watch the Trinity UMC congregation pull together to take care of the beautiful Church the Lord has provided for us. If you have any questions regarding the building fund, please feel free to call me or email me at [Jackie.jeffers@trinityfwb.com](mailto:Jackie.jeffers@trinityfwb.com).

Phase 1 includes Chancel Improvements, Phase 2 includes Sanctuary Renovations, and Phase 3 will include Lighting and Audio Visual upgrades. Any questions regarding Memorial donations should be directed to Ned Woodard, financial related questions, to Lorene Stanford, and construction or design issues to Jack Baker.

### MID YEAR UPDATE

As we are nearing the end of the first half of the year already, I wanted to let you know that I will send out Pledge statements in July. As you may know, we built the budget on 95% of the pledges, because sometimes life doesn't always go as we hoped. With that in mind, I wanted you to know that we have received only 86% of the budget number. The end of May we should have received \$298,450., however, to date, (May 25<sup>th</sup>) we have only received \$258,513. Since May has five Sundays, I am sure this will help out some, but it is a long way from our budget figure. Many things have happened this year that may have taken our focus off center just a bit with disasters everywhere, and possibly one headed in our direction now or later. Thank you for your giving and your kind hearts when we need it most, that is the spirit that holds Trinity together. Blessings to all of you, Jackie Jeffers, Administrator.

Many blessings to you,  
Jackie Jeffers

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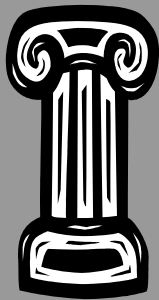
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**Reach Up, Reach In, Reach Out**

**Our Mission Statement**

As a loving people of God, we will come together to glorify God and win persons to Christ by:

- **Reaching Up** through praise and worship,
- **Reaching In** through growth in faith and stewardship,
- **Reaching Out** through service and fellowship.

Return Service Requested

**Important Dates to Remember**

Please let me know again if you would like the newsletter by mail. Call Sarah Craig at 862-4169, or email [sarah.craig@trinityfwb.com](mailto:sarah.craig@trinityfwb.com)

Also—if you would be interested in coming in to make the copies of the newsletter for display, please let us know! Volunteers are always welcome!

**Church Meetings/Closings to Remember:**

Sunday June 6th—Wednesday June 9th -  
Annual Conference in Montgomery, AL

Monday, June 21st  
6:00 pm Trustees Meeting

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Please note that the next Trumpeter publishing date is **June 23rd**

The deadline to submit articles will be noon, Friday **June 18th.**