

# The Trinity Trumpeter

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## *From the Pastor— GIVE UP!!*

Not a phrase we like to utter. Like many of you, my childhood was filled with playing a variety of games. I never wanted to lose, and never ever wanted to say, “I give up!”

But there are times when it is necessary and times when we should go ahead and “give up”. We have recently given up a year. We have given up when our sports teams apparently forgot to come prepared to play. We often give up when we realize we cannot do what is in front of us ... which leads us to Lent.

Consider the Season of Lent - the forty days of preparation for the celebration of Easter. A season for us to give up what lies between us and God. During Lent, the Church invites each of us as individuals and as a community to prepare ourselves to experience the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, at 6:30 pm, we will enter the Season of Lent. We will spend time reflecting on the places in our lives where we are broken and weak -- in need of healing and strengthening. As we consider these areas in our lives, we are invited to give up... Give up and let Christ work in us and with us.

As a practice and discipline, many people offer to give up something for Lent. Our forefathers and ancestors gave up fatty foods like butter. Today people look to giving up caffeine, chocolate or other foods and vices. But maybe when we give up something we should also pick up something good. As food for thought:

- Choose to Give Up Deciding whether or not to come to church on Sunday morning... Instead, pick up your Decision now to come every week.
- Give Up Asking what Trinity can do for you... Pick up what God wants You to do through Trinity.
- Give Up being Silent... Pick up Inviting people to visit our church with you.
- Give Up a little of your Time... Pick up Giving your time to the Soup Kitchen, or the Choir, Children’s ministry, Youth ministry or attending to the church grounds...
- Give Up 30 Minutes of television or Facebook time... Pick up your Bible, or a devotional book and Read for 30 minutes.
- Give Up 5 Minutes of your day... Pick up Praying for our church: its ministries, its members, its clergy.
- Give Up the Thought that Someone Else can do things better than you... Pick up Volunteering for those things that You can do!

Looking ahead, I invite you to mark your calendar for the upcoming events:

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Trinity Lunch Bunch** will meet Thursday, February 2nd, at China Best, at 280 Eglin Pkwy , Shalimar, at 11:00 am.

The TLB will meet on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at A La Carte in Uptown Station, Suite 34, at 11:00 am. Call Tom Stewart for reservations— 850-864-4512.



The office will be closed on Monday, February 20th, President's Day.

*Thank you to Jerry and Sara Carroll for donating the beautiful "Walk to Emmaus" painting. It is located in the Narthex just above the water fountain.*



*Our condolences to:*

*The family of Trinity member, Clyde Samuel Starnes, Jr., on his passing, Wednesday, January 4, 2012.*

*The family of Trinity member, Mae Chezem, on her passing, Thursday, January 5, 2012.*

*Sara Perez, on the passing of her Aunt, Ino Penà, on Saturday, January 7, 2012.*

*Trinity member, Phyllis Seaton, and family, on the passing of her grandson, Jonathan Seaton, on Saturday, January 21, 2012.*



### Lay Speaking Training

The Conference Committee on Lay Speaking will offer a [lay speaking training](#) March 16 - 18, 2012 at Blue Lake. Who should attend? Church Lay Leaders, Local Church Lay Speakers (LCLS), Certified Lay Speakers (CLS), and those interested in becoming Lay Speakers.

### "IS IT CONTAGIOUS?"

If it is contagious, then let's catch it. Unlike a disease or a cold, if we catch it, let's hang onto it, but yet spread it around. It is guaranteed to make us well, not sick. What am I talking about? Well, I am talking about the Spirit, (The Holy Spirit).

While recently attending a church council meeting, the most amazing thing happened!! Before we were settled down in our seats good, this thing called the Spirit reared its beautiful, wonderful head amongst us. I am talking about around us, through us and everywhere. It began to appear as Jim Young (Past Council Chair) gave a stirring devotion and prayer. The Spirit continued to move within us and through us as our new chairperson, Marie Marshall, eloquently and professionally led the meeting. The reports given by the officers and ministry members gave us cause to believe that Trinity United Methodist Church is in good hands (His and ours), and our Faith and Hope for the future looks bright and very encouraging.

I heard it said once, (wherever we go, we go together) that is to say Laity and Clergy leading together in a partnership ministry. It was very evident at this council meeting, and other meetings as well that Trinity is serving God and his people as he has commanded us to do.

The Council meeting closed in a way I have never seen in my many years as a Trinity church member. We closed with taking Holy Communion. Oh, we have closed with communion in the past, but never like this. Pastor Sterling invited Lay Leader, (Glenn Carnley) and Chairperson, (Marie Marshall) to the table. Sterling served them communion, they in turn served the next two people, and those two served the next two. So it went until all had served and been served. The Spirit of the Lord was truly among us and partnership ministry truly happened.

We thank God for opening our hearts, our ears, and our eyes to the opportunities, and possibilities that are open and available to us.  
~ Duane Keck, Council Member

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LOOKING AHEAD.....

Confirmation Retreat at Blue Lake—February 3-5.

Elementary Winter Retreat at Blue Lake—February 10-12.

Church Supper hosted by Nurture and Hospitality committees, Wednesday, February 8th, at 5:30 pm. Pot Luck side dishes!

Ash Wednesday Service on February 22, in the Sanctuary at 6:30.

Lenten Sermon Series “Perspectives on the Cross” begins Sunday, February 26, during all three service times.

Lenten Communion Devotional Services will begin on February 29, in the Sanctuary at 6:30.

A great season in the church is upon us. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Peace in Christ,

Sterling

## FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Greetings! I hope everyone is doing well and is having a great 2012. The outreach and hospitality team met for the first time in January and we are excited about the possibilities for 2012. We will be having a new member lunch following 11:00 church on February 5. If you are new to the church or have been coming a while and have questions about Trinity, the outreach and hospitality team and the ministers would love to talk to you.

Jesus told Peter to go make disciples of the world and to feed his sheep. We are to help bring others into the Christian community and help feed each other spiritually. We worship with each other, we study together, we participate in missions with each other and we learn to love and care about each other. How are we caring for each other at Trinity? Do we call to check on our friends we have made at church? Do we drop in on our church members that are suffering? The days seem to fly by and every day I wonder where the time went. It is a challenge for us to stop and focus on other people when our lives are so busy but that is exactly what Christ is calling us to do.

Through his actions, Christ taught us to love unconditionally and he showed mercy to every person he met. In Mark 5, he healed a woman that had suffered many years from a blood disease. She had spent all of her money searching for a cure and when she heard of Jesus she knew her prayers were answered. Jesus healed her and restored her to society. The disease she had made her unclean, not only was she sick but she was also separated from her family. Christ showed her mercy and kindness by giving this woman her life back. We can help people feel comforted in times of sorrow, we can provide humor when life is hard and we can remind people that Christ is always walking with them.

Grace and Peace,  
Christina Hale



## MUSIC MINISTRY

### Hymn of the Month...THE GIFT OF LOVE...UMH #408

*Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.*

*Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.*

*Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.*

This paraphrase of 1 Cor. 13:1-3 and adaptation of a traditional English melody (O WALY WALY) by Hal Hopson is a very singable congregational hymn. Stanza 3 is a prayer voiced to the Holy Spirit that love may control our every action; for "by this we worship, and are freed."



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## TRINITY CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE

### **CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE ENDS ON RECORD AWARD**

The Trinity Charity Bowling League ended the Fall 2011 season on Sunday evening, January 22nd, at White Sands Bowling Center after a 15-week competition. It was the first 15-week season in the history of the Charity Bowling League, which began in 1998 with one 12-week term. Trinity was represented by 12 teams. Since beginning in 1998 with five teams and checks for \$2,400, what started as a way to pay for a new church van became an ongoing activity that has lasted for 15 years! Bowlers pay individual annual dues, and Butch Hutchinson, owner of WSBC, returns every dollar paid for bowling back to Trinity. Over these years, The Trinity Charity Bowling League Fund provided the entire \$26,000 for the church van and also bought the Trinity Disaster Trailer. Money has been used for mission trips, church material needs, personal needs, etc. To celebrate, the Charity Bowling League Awards dinner will be a potluck dinner on Saturday, February 11th, at 6 pm in MFH. Team and individual awards will be announced. Bring your favorite family dish and join in this fun time for all. This is a special invitation to all who have bowled over the past 15 years to join us in this evening of fun, celebration and fellowship. No reservation is required--simply come with a dish to share.

### **TRINITY CHARITY LEAGUE JOINS FUND RAISER FOR HOUGH FAMILY**

Fort Walton Beach Bowling Center held a bowling tournament on Sunday, January 22nd, to raise money for the Steve Hough family. Steve Hough, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Deputy, was seriously injured in the line of duty by a violent criminal. Hough was shot three times by the suspect, once in the face and twice in the leg, as he attempted to arrest the suspect on outstanding warrants. Deputy Hough's recovery is expected to take several months and will require multiple surgeries. Trinity Charity League contributed \$240 and bowlers made up two teams for the tournament.

### **SPRING 2012 CHARITY BOWLING LEAGUE BEGINS FEBRUARY 19th**

The Spring 2012 Charity Bowling League will begin on Sunday, February 19th, at White Sands Bowling Center. Play will continue for 15 weeks. If you are interested in bowling with a team, please contact Edna Sherrow, 244-3687, or Harvey Hanson, 862-6100.



## TRINITY TUESDAYS!

Trinity Tuesdays (devotion, choir, chimes) for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade have started again. We meet on Tuesdays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Registration forms are available from Paula. For more information, contact Paula, 862-4169 or email [paula.roane@trinityfwb.com](mailto:paula.roane@trinityfwb.com)

## TRINITY TUESDAYS



**TUMC CHILDREN'S  
MINISTRY**

*Reverend Paula Roane,  
Children's Minister  
[Paula.roane@trinityfwb.com](mailto:Paula.roane@trinityfwb.com)*



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!!

June 17-21, 2012 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Join us for “Sky, Everything Is Possible With God!”

We are looking for volunteers for science/imagination activities, recreation, bible story, theater time, snacks, crew leaders, decorations and more. Contact Paula, [paula.roane@trinityfwb.com](mailto:paula.roane@trinityfwb.com) to help!!!!

## SUMMER ELEMENTARY CAMP!

Summer Elementary Camp in July 16-21, 2012 at Blue Lake for those currently in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Watch for registration information. Other dates at Blue Lake are available. For more information, contact Paula, [paula.roane@trinityfwb.com](mailto:paula.roane@trinityfwb.com).



## WE NEED YOU!!!

Calling all parents and adults! We need persons to help on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We sing, play games and hear our Bible Story. We then split up for small group activities. If you would like to help us, please contact Paula, [paula.roane@trinityfwb.com](mailto:paula.roane@trinityfwb.com)

## CLASSROOM MAKEOVER CHURCH EDITION!

We have spent the last several weeks cleaning and repainting a couple of classrooms in the children's end of the newer building. Thanks to Ron Toole, Ben Toole and Harvey Hanson for removing a wall and all that goes with it! They are the best! The Back Row Crew and others ROCK!!! They painted two children's classrooms at the church in under two hours. It looks so clean and fresh! Thanks to Safiah, Sarah, Jason, Jami, Tyler, Steve, Todd, Christina, Jonathan, Hannah, Landis, William and Duane! Thanks also to Julie who organized the evening, and thanks to Susan, Debbie and Anthony who watched the children while the rest painted. Thanks also to Lee Ann and Sterling who came to check on everyone!!! Thanks!!! Come by and see our new digs.

## TRINITY FEBRUARY SPOTLIGHT - BILL AND JEAN RIVARD

“I HEARD AN OLD, OLD STORY...”

...About how people joined Trinity because of the Friendly People here!...

Bill and Jean Rivard’s story is very much the same. After attending another United Methodist Church in the area, they decided one day to find a church that gave them a warm feeling, and voila! “The first Sunday we attended the church service, Nora Doss came over and gave us a big hug and we knew this was our new church.” They have come ever since and became members shortly thereafter.

Proof that one can never underestimate the lives that an authentic greeting can change.

Originally from DeFuniak Springs, this young family moved to FWB in November 1968 with their daughter Renee and welcomed son Lee 2 years later. Renee has grown up to become a wild life biologist, earned a Doctorate in Pharmacy and lives in Escondido, CA. Lee designs custom homes and resides in Blue Mountain Beach, FL and “is the father of our only grandchild, Grant, who is now 10 years old.... makes straight A’s in school and has played Little League Football for the past 2 years.”

Bill is retired from his automobile business in Ft. Walton Beach. Jean has worked in the fields of book-keeping, banking, real estate and interior decorating. You have most likely seen Bill on the Chancel as a member of the choir for several years or roaming around the Campus as he spear headed the Inventory Committee, served on, and is Trustee Committee chairman this year, worked to get the wooden fence built for the preschool and works in the soup kitchen on Wednesday’s. Whew! And he’s Retired??????

But of course when you are married to Jean you just can’t sit down, her service to Trinity is inspirational to say the least! Jean has been a substitute teacher for several years for the New Beginnings Sunday School class, took on the huge job of Stewardship Chairman for 2 years and is a member of Trinity UMW and their secretary for the past 4 years. She went on Emmaus Walk #194 and participates in an Emmaus Group. This young lady has also been instrumental in cleaning out different storage areas around campus and served on the Parsonage Renovation Committee. Along with Bill, Jean also works in the soup kitchen on Wednesdays. In their “spare” time of the week, Bill loves fishing and golfing and in the past enjoyed hunting. Jean was an avid golf and racquetball player, but now enjoys sculpting with clay. She also enjoys traveling with some close friends to Europe, throughout the USA and Canada.

When asked about any unusual experiences, Jean said “it is a toss- up between riding a camel in Morocco, landing a helicopter and walking on a glacier or riding a zip line over the San Diego Wild Animal Park.” Wow... “For Bill, it is between marlin fishing and playing famous golf courses, such as Greenbrier in WV.” Says Jean, “Bill and I both love our community at Trinity and look forward to serving here for many more years.” It is obvious that the Rivard’s are committed to serving, and we so appreciate their presence and talents.

Contributing Editor  
Karen S. Baker



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



### UMW BEGINS NEW YEAR

Trinity UMW circles met in January to get 2012 off to a good start. The Berta Jones Circle met and Dorothy Peterson led the pledge service. Members present made their annual pledge to missions. The Claudia Adams Circle met and planned their year's calendar. The executive board met and planned four general meetings for all the women of the church. And on Saturday, January 21st, officers attended a training meeting in Pensacola. A special treat after the meeting was having Rev. Nancy Watson join us for lunch.

### 1st QUARTER GENERAL MEETING FOR ALL WOMEN— *MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!*

The first quarterly UMW meeting will be February 4th in Memorial Fellowship Hall and all women are invited. Activities are planned to include cutting and sewing comfort pillows for cancer and heart patients. Please bring needles and thread and scissors. If you have fabric suitable (cotton, soft and washable), bring it, too. Coupons and labels will be counted and packed for sending to Red Bird Mission. Bud vases will be arranged with flowers and valentines for later delivery. The meeting begins at 10:00. You are invited to bring a bag lunch and join this morning of fun and fellowship. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The meeting will end by 2:00 pm. If you can come for only an hour, please come and get better acquainted with UMW and our activities.

### SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION AWARD

Trinity UMW awarded Charles (Charlie) Davis a Special Mission Recognition pin at the 9:45 service on Sunday, December 18th. The award is to recognize someone who gives extraordinary service here at Trinity. Charlie is seen serving at the 9:45 service nearly every Sunday, is seen working at the soup kitchen many days during the week and is seen helping at every Wednesday night church supper. He arrives before most of us and he is one of the last to leave. When the UMW plans an event and puts it on the calendar, he is always checking to see that we have everything we need in support of our activity. And he blesses us whenever we are working together. A donation to missions with women and children was made in Charlie's honor.

### WEEK OF PRAYER AND SELF-DENIAL

Trinity UMW circles will participate in the annual UMW Week of Prayer and Self-Denial program. The Berta Jones Circle will present this program at their regular meeting on Wednesday, February 8th, at 10:00 am in Rm 101, MFH. Susan Kuhn will lead the program. The Claudia Adams Circle will have this program at their meeting, Monday, March 12th, at 6:30 in Rm 101, MFH. Ann Hanson will lead the program. You are invited to attend either of these meetings.



Col Dahnke (we know her as Lida Munz ) is the guest speaker for the TUM Men's breakfast on Feb 19th, at 7:00 am.

**COLONEL LIDA DAIS DAHNKE** is the Senior IMA to the Director of Safety, in the Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC) Headquarters, Hurlburt Field, Florida, supporting a worldwide organization of more than 16,000 personnel as the air component to USSOCOM employing specialized air power and directing all Air Force special operations taskings during contingencies, wartime, and for operational test and evaluation.

Colonel Dahnke received a regular commission in 1985 as a Reserve Officer Training Corps distinguished graduate. She attended Undergraduate Helicopter Pilot Training at Fort Rucker, Alabama and flew helicopter VIP missions at Ramstein AB Germany and Test missions at Eglin AFB. She is a Senior Pilot with primarily helicopter time and has served as an instructor and examiner pilot. She has held a variety of staff positions at squadron, wing, and major command levels. She has also been deployed as the Special Operations Liaison Element Director in the Combined Air and Space Operations Center for U.S. Air Forces Central and as the Commander of the 404<sup>th</sup> Air Expeditionary Group for Air Forces Africa. In her civilian occupation, Col Dahnke is an adjunct professor at Northwest Florida State College.



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**TRINITY  
 PRESCHOOL  
 NEWS**

Trinity's preschool students celebrated "Three Kings Day" by learning about the Wise men bringing gifts to baby Jesus. The crèche and baby Jesus was set up in the Sanctuary where they presented food as gifts to be given to children in need. We were able to donate a car load of food to the "Children in Crisis Center".

Upcoming events:

- Registration for the 2012-13 school year will begin on February 13.
- Field trip to US Gold Gymnastics
- Big Guy's Day – Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and any important "big guy" in our students' lives will be acknowledged with gifts and a luncheon in their honor.

Also .... We are collecting Box Tops for education. They can be found on many products. This will be an ongoing fundraiser. Please help us by saving these certificates for Trinity's preschool.



Trinity Preschool children collected blankets to distribute.



**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Church Office Closed:**  
 Monday, February 20th  
 For Presidents Day

Missions: Thursday, February 9th, at 6:30 pm, Rm 102/103.  
 Outreach/Hospitality: Monday, February 13th, 5:30 pm, Rm 102/103.  
 Trustees: Tuesday, February 21st, 6:00 pm, Rm 102/103.  
 Ash Wednesday Service—Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:30 pm

If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please email the article to:  
 sarah.craig@trinityfwb.com.

You may also drop off the written article at the church office by the 20th of each month.

Announcements for the weekly bulletin are due by Wednesday of each week.

If you would like a copy of the Trinity Trumpeter mailed to you, please contact Sarah Craig at the church office.



*The deadline to submit articles for the Trinity Trumpeter is the 20th of each month.*