

## Volunteer of the Month – Trinity Reynolds

It's always reassuring to find members of the younger generation who are willing to take up the mantle of volunteerism and continue the work that many of us have engaged in for so long. So when I noticed Trinity volunteering to help out at the Grace Lutheran Church Friday Night Gatherings. She has been helping out at the Friday Night Gatherings for most of the past year by passing out the desserts. The meal itself is served to everyone present by allowing them to take a plate and decide which and how much of each offering to accept. They then return to their seat at a table and enjoy their meal. After a while, and usually while most are still eating, the desserts, usually several varieties, come out on a cart and they can choose what they want. This is where Trinity comes in. She asks each person if they want a dessert and if so which they would like. When they have replied, she brings it to them. I felt both heartened and wanting to know more. So after getting permission from Tanika, her mother, I sat down to interview her.

At the time Trinity was eating some rapidly melting ice cream so we communicated mostly with thumbs up or down to my questions. She likes helping out with the desserts but can't remember whose idea it was or how long she had been doing it. She'll be going into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade in the fall. Sometimes she helps out as school also. During a lull in the interview she invited me to color some birds in her coloring book which I obliged, but not as creatively as she did. The final question of the interview was if she would recommend volunteering to others. Her answer was an emphatic yes, in fact it was so emphatic that she did it a second time so it could be videoed. You can see it at [bit.ly/trinity-yes](http://bit.ly/trinity-yes).

