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Wesleyan Service Group Plans Guild Sunday At Trinity, Jan. 17

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild are busy with plans for the annual Guild Sunday to be held Jan. 17 at Trinity, according to Mrs. Bobbie Landrum, local guild president.

Representatives from the entire Tallahassee district will attend the 11 a.m. service as special guests. The afternoon will be given over to a luncheon in Trinity hall, a business session during which new officers will be elected, and a program.

Miss Josephine Ezell is secretary of the district group; Mrs. Susie Mickler is on the committee of literature and publications; and Miss Alice Cromartie serves on the spiritual life committee.

Trinity Men's Club to Meet Jan. 28

Trinity men are requested to set aside Thursday, Jan. 28, for the first 1960 meeting of the Trinity Men.

A fellowship period from 6:30 to 6:45 will be followed by a special supper and program. Watch the church bulletin for details.

New Year's Eve Party and Service Success

The Big Time Party held New Year's Eve in Trinity Hall, and the half-hour of worship from 11:30 to 12:00 in the Church Sanctuary, provided members and friends of Trinity with a most satisfying experience.

Members of the planning committee, who are to be commended for the excellent job, include Madeline Wilson as chairman, Mrs. Frank Jackson, hostess; Mrs. Ward Fletcher, WSCS; Mrs. Bobbie Landrum, WSG; Mrs. John Crotty, Choir; and Joan Glenn, MYF.

Family Buffet Suppers for Mission Study

The committee on Family Buffet Suppers, to be held during the Church-Wide Mission Study, has requested that each family bring a main dish and a dessert *or* salad sufficient to care for its own family. Other supplies will be provided.

WSCS Annual Luncheon to Be Held Jan. 26

The annual January Luncheon of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 12:30 p.m. in Trinity hall. Tickets will cost one dollar.

The luncheon will honor the new members who have joined since last January. The nursery will be open.

Ushers for January

Usher Chairman, Orlis Causseaux and his two co-chairmen, John Turner and William Cullom, have announced the following usher assignments.

8:45 A.M. Worship Service: captain, James T. Campbell, Sheldon E. Hilaman, Robert B. Short, Charles Aho, Earl Cawthon, T. Dalton Allen, Stanley Hilaman, Wendell Gunn.

11:00 A.M. Worship Service: captain, Reid A. Nunn, Frank Branan, Jr., Ed Brown, Wilson Cogswell, George Goode, Lee Everhart, Melvin Hancock, Frank C. Pelot, William H. Pierce, Gordon Wheeler.

7:30 P.M. Worship Service: captain, Robert Taylor, Jr., Bobby Moon, Richard Menendez, Edward Strickland.

Mission Study Starts Jan. 10 at Trinity

This year's Church-wide Mission Study, "The Church and Medical Missions," and "Methodist Missions in Africa," will be held during the month of January. The first of these meetings will be on January 10, to be followed by sessions on January 17, 24, and 31. Each evening session will begin at 5:30 with a family buffet supper in Trinity Hall.

Mrs. John Ausley is chairman of the committee planning the buffet suppers, and is being assisted by Mrs. E. H. Stockton, Mrs. Frank Jackson, and Miss Madeline Wilson. Various groups within the church are assuming responsibility for serving at the suppers.

Many departments of the church are participating in the mission study. (For children and youth courses, see separate article.)

The Wesley Fellowship Class will study the timely subject of "Africa and Methodist Missions" on Sunday mornings, under the leadership of Dr. Edwin Hartz.

In the evening, "The Church and Medical Missions" will be the theme for the study by the adults who will meet in the church sanctuary following the buffet. Arrangements for topics and speakers have been made by Mrs. H. ●. Pemberton, Mrs. Stanley Marshall, and Mrs. Frank Deller. The program for the adults is as follows:

January 10: Dr. and Mrs. Gregg Phifer will orient the study on Medical Missions by showing and commenting on the film, "Why Medical Missions?"

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Light From The Pastor's Study

METHODISTS

We who call ourselves Methodists have a right to be proud of the record made by our Church in the past 175 years.

American Methodism had its real origin at The Christmas Conference, held at Lovely Lane Chapel near Baltimore, Maryland on Christmas Day 1784. From that small group of dedicated men, about sixty in number, came the evangelistic zeal to make this a Christian land. The Church has grown since those Colonial days from a few thousand souls to this day when we number almost ten millions.

Yet, it is not for us to spend our time boasting about the past, and praising the loyalty of men and women long dead. It is rather for us to see the need for pioneering in the society represented in America and in the world today. Geographical frontiers may be few now. They were plentiful in 1784. There is, however, no lack of dangerous frontiers in our world of education, social action and world evangelism. It is for us to see now that Christian men will work to provide God's blessings for all; or there will be others ready to drop bombs upon all.

Today, the people called Methodists claim to know a great truth, to believe great doctrines, and to care for the spiritual welfare of people—God's people everywhere.

There are many interesting facts that any Methodist should be glad to keep on file:

Number of Methodist Churches in
the United States 39,317
Ministers who are members of a Con-
ference 27,000
Approved supply preachers who are
not members of a Confer-
ference
Methodist Colleges and Universities
in America 117
Sunday Schools
Volunteer teachers in Sunday
Schools
Enrollment in Sunday
Schools7,112,411

In view of all this strength in our land, we have, as a Church, a great responsibility. It is not enough for us to praise John Wesley, his brother Charles, and Francis Asbury and the many others of those early days.

It is rather for us to make great history on our own. Bishop Garber says: "It would certainly be tragic if 175 years from now, some person would be speaking about American Methodism and would have to take his examples of progress from John Wesley, Francis Asbury and the early circuit riders. It is my firm conviction that, if Methodism is to continue as a vital force in America, then we of this generation will have to possess the same crusading, aggressive spirit, based upon a religious foundation, that our fathers had."

Let us see to it that Trinity Church shall be one of the truly great crusading groups in American Methodism.—GCJ.

The Executive meeting of the WSCS will be held at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the home of Mrs. Glenn C. James, 1212 Piedmont Drive.

A complete report on the Building Fund Canvass for Trinity Methodist church will be published Jan. 8, 1960, according to Sam E. Teague, Jr., general chairman. Watch for it.

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January 17: A panel, consisting of Dr. George McCain, Dr. Gerald Bryant and Dr. E. G. Haskell, Jr., will discuss the dynamics of religion and medicine as they come together in Medical Missions. The life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer will be discussed.

January 24: Dr. James Bond, of Jacksonville, who has many years of experience on the mission field, will speak on Medical Missions in Africa and will illustrate his message with personal colored slides.

January 31: Mrs. J. L. Graham will discuss "Medical Missions and the Future". The film strip, "Go Forth" will be shown.

Choir Notes

The Christmas season is the busiest season of the Church year for choirs and choir directors. The Ministry of Music would like to express its appreciation to each of the choir members for their wonderful cooperation in making this Christmas season a very successful musical one. We feel certain that the meaning and wonder of the Christmas story was made more beautiful for Trinity's congregation by the singing of its choirs this year.

It is now time to make plans and preparations for the weeks and months immediately ahead.

New Members: There are members of Trinity's congregation, children and adults, who have been "putting off" joining a choir until the right time comes along. This is that right time! Except for the Melody Choir, each of the choirs does not have its full quota of members. The membership requirements are minimal: The ability to "carry a tune" and faithfulness in attendance. We believe, however, that every choir member would say that the rewards for participation are great. For information concerning the various choirs, meeting times, etc., call the Church office or contact by phone Mr. or Mrs. Walter James, 2-8746, or Mrs. John Crotty, 3-4838.

Altar Choir Re-Organization: The time established for the rehearsal of this choir has proved unsuccessful. However, its participation with the Chancel Choir in providing music for the 11:00 Worship Service has proved successful. Therefore, a new rehearsal time is to be found, which time will be announced later. Watch for this, high school age singers! and join!

Changed Rehearsal Times: Because of the Mission Study program being conducted in January, it is necessary to change rehearsal times for several choirs. Note the following changes beginning January 10 and continuing for the four Sundays of the Mission Study:

Chapel Choir: 4:30-5:00 Wesleyan Singers: 5:00-5:30 Boys Choir: 4:30-5:30—this choir also meets on Wednesdays from 4-5.

Children Learn About Missions to Know World

"Why do our children study missions?

"There are good reasons why our children study about the world-wide church each year. We are part of a world that is rapidly becoming familiar, one nation with another. Early in life, children see pictures, TV shows, and hear conversations about peoples, places, and happenings on every part of the globe.

"Some of the things they see and hear are good, but too many are bad. We try to help our chidren to grow up and become ones who will influence and determine what the world will be."—Horace Williams, Executive Secretary, InterBoard Committee of the Methodist Church.

At Trinity on the first Sunday in January all classes in the Primary and Junior Department begin their mission studies during the Church School hour.

This year there will be additional sessions to be held in conjunction with the Church-Wide School of Missions:

Primary Department—"Along the Congo Path", Mrs. Wesley Vordenberg, Mrs. Owen Sellers, Miss Josephine Ezell, Miss Mary Ann Walker, Mrs. Robert Lawton, and Miss Barbara Leslie, leaders.

Junior Department—"Safari in Africa", Mrs. Jerry Johnston, Mrs. James Bailey, Miss Martha Sue Menendez, and Mr. Kenneth Clemons, leaders.

Youth and Missions

"When John Wesley said, the world is my parish," he could not have realized into how many villages of Africa that parish would reach! There are tens of thousands of them. There is the great Methodist Church of South Africa—one million strong, and other great conferences under the direction of Methodism of England. In our own Methodist Church there are seven annual conferences"—Bishop Newell Booth, Elisabethville Area, Belgian Congo, Africa.

The Senior MYF will be studying, "A Faith to Be Shared in Africa", during the morning Church School. This is under the direction of the Council, class chairmen and the teachers: Mr. Sam Teague, Jr., Mrs. Coyle Moore, and Mr. Wade Hopping. The study begins the first Sunday in January with the showing of the movie, "Congo Journey".

The two Intermediate MYF's will have their studies on Sunday evenings: 7th grades—Mr. and Mrs. Randy Way, leaders—"The Methodist Church in the Congo". 8th and 9th grades, Mr. and Mrs. John Sanchez, Barbara Jean Murrow, Bill Leap, and Ed Berry, leaders.

"Medical Missions"

Two groups will also be studying Medical Missions: Older Youth MYF on Sunday morning, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Marshall, leaders; and the Senior MYF on Sunday evening, Walt Jay, World Outreach Program Chairman, Joan Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. James Soles, and Miss Jane Chapman, leaders

Paul Williamson to Head Eighth and Ninth Grade MYF

The 8th and 9th grade MYF has elected its new officers for the coming year. They are: president, Paul Williamson; vice-president, Mary Lee Draper; secretary, Clelia Pugh; treasurer, Kathy Blee; MYFund treasurer, Lora Chapman; recreation chairman, Bonnie Van Brunt; and the MYF reporter, David Kerns.

On the eve of Christmas Sunday, December 20, the 8th and 9th grade MYF went on their annual caroling trip. After attending the Vesper Service and having supper at the church, the group took a city bus and went caroling to the "shut-ins" of Trinity. After they finished caroling the group went to Clelia Pugh's house, where they had recreation, played games, and had refreshments.

The MYF has, for the first time, elected a program committee to plan and lead the program every Sunday night. The members of the committee are: Billy Leap, Ed Berry and Barbara Murrow. The three members of the committee will rotate the planning and leadership.—David Kerns, reporter.

7th Grade MYF Plans for Leap Year Party

The Sunday before Christmas we had a caroling party. We went to seven homes and ended up at the Parramores for refreshments and games. We would like to thank Mrs. Parramore for all that she has done.

The January party will be a Leap Year Taffy Pull, Friday, Jan. 22. The chairman is Diane Hale; the co-chairman, Carol Bandlow.

If you would like to be on a committee come to our meetings every Sunday night.

On the first Sunday of this month we will begin our mission study, "The Methodist Church in the Congo." We will see the movie, "Congo Journey." —Diane Hale, reporter.

Senior MYF Looks Back on Holiday Time of Sharing

The third week in December we went caroling to get everyone in the "holiday spirit." About sixty MYFers participated. Later we went to Miss Jane Chapman's home for open house.

We presented a play depicting the scene of the Christ child. To all of us it was a very inspiring program. We would like to thank Miss Wilson, Jane Chapman and Mr. Mears for making this performance possible.

Oh! Did you know that Bobby Temple is engaged to Nancy Gross. We are all thrilled to death.

We also would like to thank Mrs. Jackson and Mamie. You adults will never know how much we appreciate these wonderful people. How they ever put up with our wants for food is far beyond us.

We would like to wish you a happy and wonderful 1960.—Sandra Schick, reporter.

Commission Meetings

Commission on Membership and Evangelism, Monday, January 4, 1960, 7:30 P.M., Church office.

Commission on Missions, Monday, January 11, 1960, 7:30 P.M., Church office.

Commission on Education, Wednesday, January 20, 1960, 7:30 P.M., Library.

Trinity Families to Stay Home Night of Jan. 21

Trinity's Family Night meeting in January will be just that, according to Dr. Bill Tait, chairman of the recreation committee. In fact, each Trinity family will be asked to stay at home!

"The program for the Mission Study calls for four Sunday evening suppers at the church," he said, "and the committee feels that another supper-meeting might be too much.

"Instead," explained Mr. Tait, "we are asking each family to meet, as a unit, in the home the evening of Jan. 21, and take part in the interesting and different program."

Plan Radio Contact

At 6:30 that night radio station WTNT will broadcast to all Trinity families participating in this unusual meeting. The message, to be given by Dr. Glenn C. James, will include the invocation, thoughts on family living, and a few words of inspiration. Other details of the program will be announced in the church bulletin.

Members and friends of Trinity taking part in "Operation Seminole" will be asked to invite their FSU family members to join in the family-at-home program. The committee felt this would be an excellent way to give the students a feeling that they really belonged to the "foster" parents.

Need More "Parents"

About 150 FSU students have been provided with Tallahassee people who serve as parents under the Operation Seminole program, but there are at least 150 more waiting for Trinity members to "adopt" them so that they, too, might enjoy the Christian fellowship the project provides.

Anyone interested in sponsoring one or more of the young people is asked to telephone the Church office.

Officers and members of the WSCS wish to express their thanks to Mrs. J. T. Kelley, Mrs. Mitchell Ferguson, Mrs. Lester Lewis, Mrs. Hoke Oliver, and Mrs. Henry Mills, for doing such a fine job on the Christmas decorations.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Issue of the Upper Room to Be Issued for the March-April Period in 1960

Members of Trinity will find even greater inspiration than usual in the March-April issue of "The Upper Room". The publication, used by church groups throughout the world, will contain many unusual attractions as it marks it twenty-fifth anniversary.

One special feature will be reprints of ten meditations by persons who have received The Upper Room Citation for their distinctive individual contribution to world Christian fellowship. Another will be a story on the expanding ministry of the book.

The anniversary cover, on which will be displayed the famous *Praying Hands* by Albrecht Duer, is designed to express in symbolic form the idea of hands united in world prayer.

Urge Church Attendance During Months Ahead

Churches throughout the Nation will be putting on a campaign from now until Easter for increased church attendance. Christmas and Easter are most certainly two of the greatest days in the church year.

By mutual consent, churches across the country have selected the Sundays between Christmas and Easter as the season when, together, we shall go the second mile in urging our church members and friends to find their places in church each Sunday.

The WSCS, through Mrs. Gifford Hale, provided the cookies for the college students after the Recognition Service, Dec. 27.

New Robes: New robes have been purchased by Trinity for the Chapel Choir. These will be worn by the choir for the first time at the evening service, February 7, at which time a robe dedicatory service will be held.

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

- That Ernest Menendez has been elected as president of the Telephone Association of Florida?
- That Lester Lewis was elected president of Trinity Men's club at the November meeting?
- That the engagement of Miss Nancy Gross and our student pastor, Bobby Temple, was announced during the holidays?
- That we all owe a great big "thank you" to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Parramore, 1012 Buena Vista, for allowing Trinity to use the Nativity Scene which was displayed on the church lawn during the holidays.
- That Mrs. A. B. Martin, president of the WSCS, and members of her committee were responsible for the beautiful Christmas decorations at Trinity?
- That Dr. Glenn C. James is attending the meeting of the General Board of Education of the Methodist church in Atlantic City, Jan. 4-6? And that on Jan. 7-9, in the same city, he will attend the annual meeting of the Commission on Christian Higher Education?

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