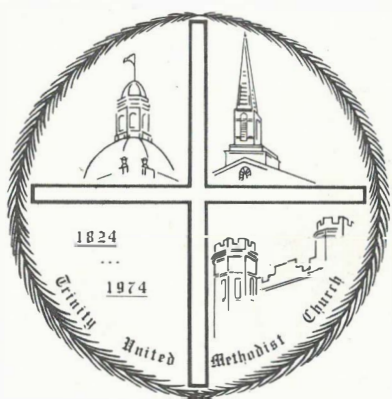




Monthly Tidings

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Conference to Vote Sale of Property

A second charge and church conference was called by the Administrative Board at the time of its next meeting, Tuesday, April 9, at 8 p.m.

The conference will vote to authorize sale of a lot given to Trinity several years ago located on Ridgeland Road, off Lakeshore Drive. The lot will be sold to the highest bidder, with no bid below \$5000 being accepted.

As provided by church law, money derived from the sale of property will not be used in the operating budget but in the building program of the church.

At a church and charge conference on March 3 the membership voted to purchase a new parsonage for the associate minister and to sell the old one on Edwards Street. Sale of the Edwards Street house was by sealed bid. It was purchased by F. E. (Ted) Steinmeyer, the only bidder, for \$19,151.

Associate Minister Harold Brown and his family moved into the newly acquired parsonage on Spence Avenue in March.

Church Records Being Microfilmed

Records of Trinity Church's history are going into the Florida Archives. They are being microfilmed by Edward J. Tribble, archivist, State Records Unit, Division of Archives, History and Records Management under the direction of Secretary of State Richard Stone.

The records, some of them going back to the early beginnings of Trinity Church, are stored in the church vault. During a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Ted Steinmeyer appointed Judge Ben Willis and Frank Moor to serve as a committee to create a policy to guarantee the safety of these irreplaceable documents.

School More Than "Babysitting"

Church school for the very young is much more than a babysitting service at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Trinity's youngest church school "students," who range from those who are still just a little unsteady on their feet to those who are beginning to see their relationship to God and to others, are one to five-year-old children who benefit from a program designed especially for them.

The one-year-olds are placed in the Toddlers Class where the concepts of sharing, getting along with others, and love are emphasized, according to Mrs. Jim (Mary) Blackburn, coordinator of the Primary Division.

"When we move into the three-, four-, and five-year-old classes, the children are given opportunity to choose activities related to the season or to a religious observance,"



Bishop Joel McDavid

Bishop McDavid To Speak At Trinity

As part of Trinity's Sesquicentennial Celebration, Bishop Joel D. McDavid will speak at services Sunday, April 21.

Bishop McDavid administers the work of the United Methodist Church's Florida Conference, comprising some 700 churches with a total membership of more than 317,000 persons.

He was assigned to the Florida Conference in July 1972, following his election and consecration as a bishop at the denomination's nine-state Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Born June 10, 1916, in Georgetown, Ala., he is a graduate of Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss., with the A.B. degree, and the Candler School of Theology of Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., with the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He also did graduate work at the Boston University School of Theology.

Mrs. Blackburn said. "We have interest centers set up in each classroom and, of course, the church literature we use is very good."

Does church school make an impression on very young children?

"I certainly think so," Mrs. Blackburn said. "They go home with bits and pieces of stories and songs they have heard, so it is making an impression on them."

She recalled a day, several years ago, when she had to telephone her son's church school teacher for the rest of the words to a song that was sung in his class the previous Sunday. It was the middle of the week and he wanted to sing it, but didn't remember all the words.

Mrs. Blackburn reports "good, steady attendance" in the Primary Division and a considerable increase when the 9:45 a.m. service was begun. About 15 children are enrolled in each of the five classes.

At April 18 Meeting

Board of Directors to Decide TUM Organizational Structure

Special Services Planned Holy Week

Continuing a 50-year-old tradition, Trinity will hold Holy Week devotional services and breakfasts Monday, April 8, through Thursday, April 11.

Breakfast starts promptly at 7 each morning and is followed by a devotional. The food is prepared by volunteers from adult church school classes under the direction of Jerry Williamson, Jr. Youth of the church will serve the food and Circle 12 will prepare the tables.

Nick Dawirs, overall chairman, announced the following schedule of participants:

Monday, April 8

Leader: Ted Steinmeyer
Speaker: Nick Dawirs
Special Music: Pat Crotty
Cooks: Gleaners-Koinonia Class

Tuesday, April 9

Leader: Walter Funderburk
Speaker: Palmer Williams
Special Music: Pat Crotty
Cooks: Wesley Brotherhood Class

Wednesday, April 10

Leader: Clelia Pugh
Speaker: Ruth Zanelli
Special Music: Delano Fenn
Cooks: Wesley Fellowship Class

Thursday, April 11

Leader: Jack Mowell
Speaker: Don Hill
Special Music: Carol Dalton, Delano Fenn
Cooks: Bob Storey Class, Advanced Studies Class

According to Mrs. H. O. Pember-ton, Holy Week devotionals were started in the 1920's by the Epworth League. Among those active in the new program was Robert Parker, Sr., who was then in high school. In 1936, the early morning services were going strong, being held in a classroom in the basement of the church.

In the middle 40's, several people decided to add breakfast on Good Friday, and met at the Tallahassee Cafe (on Adams Street opposite the Baptist Church). Later they met at the Busy Bee then on Monroe Street. Soon they added doughnuts and coffee after each service at the church. With urging by the Fellowship Class, the food expanded to the present full breakfast.

The services will be concluded by 7:45 to allow those attending to be at work by 8 a.m.

UMW Group To Hear Ezenwukwa May 7

The May 7 noontime luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women will have Richard Ezenwukwa as speaker, according to program chairperson Mrs. Robert Peirce.

He will describe the pilot rehabilitation project which he will develop

Over 40 representatives from ten Tallahassee United Methodist Churches voted themselves as the board of directors of Tallahassee Urban Ministries (TUM) for a 90-day organizational period following a full-day conference at Trinity, Saturday, March 23.

The group re-designated the Rev. Ed Norman and Terry Denham, a member of John Wesley Church, as cochairmen for the period. Rev. Norman, coordinator of urban ministry work for the Tallahassee District, more than a year ago called together representatives from all Tallahassee United Methodist Churches to form the Tallahassee Urban Ministries Committee. Their early meetings were listening sessions to hear people from various segments of community service describe what needs exist and how they are being met or unmet.

The committee called a consultation of interested members of the ten churches in February when the needs were graphically explained. The March 23 followup meeting was the beginning of an action program, to include Christian service in the areas of child care, transportation, health and housing.

A third meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 18, in Trinity's Fellowship Hall. Organizational structure of TUM will be decided from recommendations being drafted by Don Creedman, Robert Lawton and Greg Phifer.

Possibilities for funding TUM in order to employ a full-time staff director are being studied by Terry Denham, Mrs. Robert Lawton and Mrs. Guy Thomas. Trinity has already budgeted \$2,000 for action ministries. Other funds will come from participating churches and from the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Depending upon the nature of the programs initiated, additional funds are expected from foundations and from federal, state and local government sources.

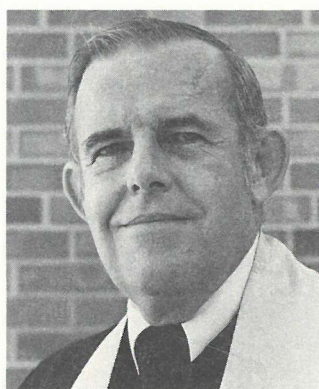
Those attending the March 23 meeting expressed a strong commitment to obtain sufficient funds to employ a staff director at the earliest possible date. They adopted a formal resolution to "find a way to accomplish Christ's work in the Tallahassee area, addressing ourselves to multiple needs, with at least one key initial program that will establish a pattern of success."

in East Central Nigeria after he completes his education at FSU and returns to his native land.

Trinity is sponsoring Ezenwukwa while a student at FSU and will continue to help him get his program underway when he returns home.

COMMENT:

"More Beyond"



When the first Spaniards arrived on the shores of America, they apparently believed they had reached the edge of the world. They sent word back to Spain to this effect. Soon coins appeared bearing the message "Ne Plus Ultra"—"no more beyond." But it was not long before men of daring had crossed over to the western shore of America and stood gazing out upon the seemingly unlimited Pacific. There was more beyond. Back in Spain the new coins were called back and reminted with the words "Plus Ultra"—"more beyond."

I believe in "more beyond." I believe in life beyond death. As we approach Easter we focus our attention upon this central certainty of the Christian faith. We voice through song and creed our belief in "more beyond."

But what is the reason for the faith that is in us? Why do we believe in life after death?

I have one basic reason for believing. I do not believe simply because I want to, though I do want to believe. I want to believe that death does not have the last word. I do not believe simply because everyone else does. I am aware that students of the most primitive societies of the past and present find evidence which points to the universality of belief in some form of immortality. However, just because nearly everybody believes something does not make it so. There was a time when everyone believed the world to be flat. But they were wrong.

I do not believe in life after death because of some sort of analogies about bulbs that die in winter and are born again in the spring or the caterpillar that spins around itself a cocoon coffin, then dies and later bring from the coffin a lovely butterfly. But analogies are no more than that—analogs. They are not proofs. I do not believe in life after death because I have participated in spiritualist seances. When I was a boy I spent three days in Lilydale, New York, in a spiritualist retreat. I saw mediums go into trances and supposedly communicate with the "other side." There was much that happened there that I cannot explain. But I do not find in this sort of thing my reason for belief in life beyond death.

I have one basic reason for believing in life after death: GOD REVEALED IN JESUS CHRIST.

God has shown Himself right here where I live, in this real world. He has disclosed Himself in a Man, an historical Person, named Jesus. Here He has revealed Himself as a God who loves me—and you—and the whole world. He loves me as if I were the only person in the world. And He loves every person in the world that way. When I trust Him I find myself involved in a relationship that adds a new dimension to life—and adds life to the other dimensions.

In the Resurrection of Jesus, God demonstrated a wonderful facet of His love—that His love is not defeated even by death. The love of God Eternal is an eternal love.

Happy Easter!
ED W. NORMAN

Trinity's Library Offers Variety

Have you made use of Trinity's library lately? Opening onto the arcade of the Education Building, the library houses books on a variety of subjects. It is open whenever the church is open and persons may check out books for themselves when Librarian Josephine Ezell is not there.

Miss Ezell said the following books have been added to the collection recently:

God Speaks to Women Today by Eugenia Price. The book was donated by the Florence Clemons Class in memory of Mrs. Bryon Adams, daughter of Mrs. Ethel Jones.

On Being a Real Person by Harry Emerson Fosdick, given by Jeanne Hamilton.

Bishop to All People by Arthur J. Moore, given by Miss Mary Schornherst in memory of Tom I. Brown, Jr.

No Hope But God by Claude L. Fly, given by Lyndon B. Phifer.

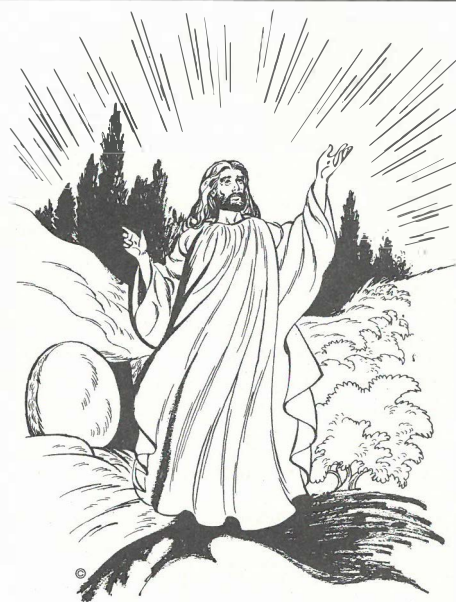
I'm Human, Thank God! by Robert McMillan, given by Mr. and Mrs. George D. McDonald in memory of Mrs. A. L. Wise (sister of E. A. Faircloth).

The Works of Thy Hands and Deciding How to Live on Spaceship Earth by Rodney F. Allen, presented by the author.

Poe Portraits of Inspiration by James J. Metcalfe, given by Josephine Ezell in memory of Mrs. F. M. Munson.

The Miracle of Love by Charles L. Allen.

The New Testament in Living Pictures by David S. Alexander, given by Magnolia Garden Circle in memory of Mrs. Marvin Collins, Sr.



"Very early on the first day of the week they went to the tomb when the sun had risen . . . and looking up, they saw that the stone was rolled back . . . Jesus himself stood among them."

BIBLE READINGS FOR APRIL

1	Romans	8:8-11
2	John	11:1-45
3	Jeremiah	31:31-34
4	Psalms	52:1-9
5	John	12:20-23
6	Philippians	3:8-14

7	Matthew	21:1-11
8	Isaiah	50:4-7
9	Philippians	2:6-11
10	Matthew	27:11-54
11	Psalms	22:1-8
12	Mark	15:1-39
13	Luke	23:1-49

14	Exodus	14:15-15:1
15	Psalms	30:1-12
16	Isaiah	12:2-6
17	Romans	6:3-11
18	Romans	6:12-23
19	Luke	24:1-12
20	Acts	10:34-43

21	Acts	2:42-47
22	I Peter	1:3-9
23	John	20:19-31
24	Acts	4:32-35
25	I John	5:1-6
26	Acts	5:12-16
27	Revelation	1:9-19

28	Acts	2:14-24
29	I Peter	1:17-21
30	Luke	24:13-35

Neale encourages us to understand the many ways in which we deny and fear death, the direct and indirect forms of self-destruction, the importance of grieving to both the bereaved and the dying person, the value of beliefs that connect life and death, and the significance of death being the consummation of life as a "fully mature adventure."

This book combines an in-depth, often profound analysis of these questions with a lively, highly readable style that abounds in a rich variety of illustrations.

A copy of *The Art of Dying* is now available in our church library.
Betty Phifer

Book Review

The Art of Dying by Robert E. Neale, professor of psychiatry and religion at Union Theological Seminary, New York.

"Contemplate modern man with his 'nice-guy' God and his tendency to see death as unrelated to life or as unreal. . . . The one we must meet in our time must be the God of both life and death." Robert Neale, who has worked extensively with the dying and the bereaved, has written a book, *The Art of Dying*, which stresses an understanding of death as a natural part of life.

The format of the book includes six chapters that lead us through a series of mental exercises designed to help us face our own death and the death of others as part of the rhythm of life—death, gestation, and rebirth.

An April Devotional

Have you ever asked someone or a group to rate you according to what kind of person you are? Cocky? conceited? arrogant? dependable? intelligent? loving? sensitive?

Lent is a time of self-examination, but some go overboard with avoidance of the very inventory which may prove most helpful: a real candid look at themselves!

If your friends will not enter into a discussion with you for a real leveling about where you stand, and if your spouse refuses to discuss such, during this month take a look at the model of our Lord and Leader, Jesus Christ. Read about how He trusted, about how He was realistic and how love meant being candid on occasion. For a starter, read with openness the Book of Mark, then another evening take the telephone off the hook and read the Book of John. Then look in the mirror and see your life in the light of Christ's suffering on the cross. It will probably be painful, but healing.

That's part of what Easter is all about!

HAROLD B. BROWN

PRAYER: *With open eyes and listening hearts may we stand revealed before thee, oh Lord. Forgive our shortcomings and help us to be more like Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.*

Trinity Welcomes Seven New Members

Trinity welcomes seven new members who transferred their membership from other churches during March.

Transferring from First United Methodist Church, Coral Gables, is Mrs. Graydon E. Bevis (Willie Mae). She lives at 2731 Blainstone Road, Apt. 22, and may be telephoned at 878-3847.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne R. Mason (Gail) moved their membership from United Methodist Church, Graceville, and live in Apt. 152, 2060 Continental Avenue, telephone 576-5744. Their son is David Wayne, who is in the sixth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Cole transferred from St. Paul's here in Tallahassee. They live at 1118 Richview Drive, telephone 877-5955. Their children are Matthew Jason (age 3) and Frank T., II (age 6).

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Ridge (Susan) moved their membership from University United Methodist Church, Austin, Texas. They live at 3105 Dian, telephone 575-2110.

Mrs. Williamson Elected

Mrs. J. D. Williamson was elected by the Administrative Board in March to serve as chairman of the Parsonage Committee.

Room 210 Is Named As "Heritage Room"

Room 210 next to the library has been designated by the Trustees as Trinity's "Heritage Room." The historical committee of the Sesquicentennial plans to design the room so that it can be used as a classroom as well as a display center for mementos, records, photos and artifacts from Trinity's past.

Cochairman Inez Yent and Manelle Barfield are requesting contributions of photos (if not to keep, to borrow for reproduction) and any other items of historical significance. Walter Bevis contributed the first item, an old hitching post.

The committee also welcomes gifts of money to purchase carpet, antique furnishings, draperies, bookcases and cabinets. They pointed out that memorial gifts would be especially appropriate.

Class Sponsors Philippine Child

"I could hardly express my sincerest thanks for the \$10 you sent me. My brother, sister, mother and father were able to share from the amount sent. . . . May God bless you always."

This message from a nine-year-old girl in the Philippines was addressed to the members of Felkel-Steinmeyer class of Trinity last Christmas. The class hears regularly from Ester Magtalas, the child they sponsor through the Christian Children's Fund.

The class began sponsoring Ester in October 1971 by contributing \$12 a month toward her support. According to class president, Miss Edna Causseaux, it has been gratifying to watch her develop into a healthy and smart school girl, whose command of the English language shows improvement with each letter. "I'm doing fine in school," she once wrote; "I only got difficulty in English as a subject. But I'll try hard to study so that I will be able to communicate with you very well."

Ester's parents are living, but they are desperately poor. In an effort to keep their home going, the father works hard and the mother has a part-time job. But even with their combined income, they cannot make ends meet for their large family, according to the Filipinas Child Care Programme, which arranged the sponsorship.

The class for several years sponsored a child in Vietnam until the war disrupted communication with that country.



Ester Magtalas

Financial Report Is Presented To Board

Chairman of Finance, David Kerns, presented a report at the March meeting of the Administrative Board on disbursements and receipts during February.

A financial statement showed the following:

Cash balance	
January 31, 1974	\$27,981.67
Money received	
in February	16,581.87
Disbursements	
for February	17,569.01
Balance on hand	
February 28, 1974	26,994.53

The largest amount spent by the church in February was under the heading "property." This included \$3,080 payment on the church building debt and \$787.54 for utilities at the church. Building supplies, repairs, and Edwards Street parsonage debt accounted for the remainder.

April UMW Circle Meetings

Circles of Trinity's United Methodist Women have announced their meeting schedule for April.

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., April 8, at the home of Mrs. Irvin Lee, who lives in Georgia Bell Dickinson Apartments at 301 E. Carolina Street. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. C. L. Barker and Mrs. John Anderson. The circle will continue its study of women in the Bible.

Circle 2 also meets April 8, at 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. R. F. Bradford, 322 Ausley Road. Mrs. J. M. Garland will be cohostess. Richard Ezenwukwa of Nigeria will be the speaker.

Circle 3 will meet April 9 at 10 a.m. with Mrs. A. E. Pooser, 1702 Semalachee, continuing its study of the book, "Healing Fountain" and other writings by contemporary Christians.

Circle 4 plans to meet in Room 210, Trinity, at 10:30 a.m. on April 9. Mrs. Eugene Fisher will lead a discussion of Romans, Chapter 12. Circle 4 had the leading attendance at the March luncheon meeting of UMW.

Circle 5 meets April 9, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Theo Couch, 709 Piedmont Drive. Mrs. E. K. Oakley will review Leslie D. Weatherhead's book, "Prescription for Anxiety."

Circle 6 will meet at 10 a.m., April 9, at 2104 Lee Avenue with Mrs. Alan C. Jackson.

Circle 7 also meets at 10 a.m., April 9, with Mrs. Eaton Burr, 633 Beard Street. Mrs. A. Van Cole and Mrs. Hoke Oliver are cohostesses. Mrs. Clarence (Eleanor) Ketchum will discuss Tallahassee's and Trinity's Sesquicentennials.

Circle 8 meets in the church parlor at 9:30 a.m., April 9. Mrs. Keith Phelps will act as hostess and a nursery will be provided. Mrs. Harold Brown will continue a study of the book, "Forever Becoming — Search for Maturity."

Circle 9 meets at 10 a.m., April 9, at 1535 Belleau Wood with Mrs. J. W. Mitchell. Mrs. William Spencer will show slides and discuss the Arab world.

Circle 10 is functioning again with Mrs. Robert Lawton as chairman. No regular meetings are held, as the circle occupies its time with supportive community projects, including work with international students, Terrell House and senior citizens.

Circle 12 meets at 7:30 p.m., April 15, in the church parlor.

Circle 13 has set its meeting for 8 p.m., April 9, at 215 S. Bronough Street, with Mrs. Madeline Roland. Harold Hawkins, chaplain at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital, will be guest speaker.

Administrative Board Makes Appointments

Mrs. Jack Mowell (Sandra) was named by the Administrative Board as chairman of the Education Work Area, replacing Kenneth Howell, who moved to California with IBM.

Taking Mrs. Mowell's place as elementary church school coordinator is Mrs. Charles Butterworth, Jr. Mrs. Barbara Carter is new coordinator of the Youth Council, and Mrs. Woodrow Kerce was named church school

literature coordinator.

Associate Minister Harold B. Brown expressed appreciation to Ken Howell for the two years he served as Education chairman and to former literature coordinator, Mrs. Samuel Mathis.

Mrs. Mowell announced that the Education Work Area is developing plans for a summer church school class at the coast.

Through the Years: A History of Trinity United Methodist Church

FRANK D. MOOR

(Editor's Note: With this issue of The Tidings, we are beginning a series on the history of Trinity United Methodist Church. Mr. Frank Moor, the author of this material, has been a member of Trinity for 70 years, and is eminently qualified to provide this interesting view of the life of Trinity over the past 15 years.)

Trinity Methodist Church had its beginning in 1824 and it is the oldest church organization in Tallahassee.

The church records show that the first church building was erected in 1825. There is a footnote to the first Quarterly Conference minutes dated April 5, 1828, as follows: "Josiah Evans raised subscriptions to build the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Tallahassee and succeeded in raising the building — (then two words follow which are illegible); this was in the year 1825." That building was erected on a lot at the southwest corner of Bronough and what is now Park, westward across the street from the present First Christian Church. The builder was Colin Woodberry. Josiah Evans was the pastor. This was a small wooden building, not ceiled or plastered and with no glass in the windows, which were closed by wooden shutters.

Mr. Cash in his history infers that this first church building was erected in 1827, which was the year the church acquired title to the property on which the church was built, as shown in the Deed Record Book A, page 141. If the building was erected in 1825, the church was built before they actually received title to the land. It is possible that the church may have had some agreement with the Commissioners to buy it before they actually got the deed in 1827. The first deeds from the Commissioners to lots in Tallahassee were not recorded until 1826. So we have the conflicting date of 1825, as indicated by the church record, and 1827 indicated by the deed record, as the year in which the first church building was erected in Tallahassee.

The second church building for this congregation was begun in 1840 and it was probably occupied in 1841. Richard A. Shine was the builder. See Deed book G, page 131, for a copy of the contract between Richard A. Shine and the church for the erection of a brick building. The cost of the building was to be \$4,250 and its dimensions were shown in the contract. This building was located on the present church site, at the corner of Park Ave. and Duval St. and faced south. That building was of the same style of architecture as the First Presbyterian Church. It also had a gallery for the use of the slaves. Mr. Cash was evidently mistaken when he stated this was a frame building erected in 1846 when the Rev. Payton P. Smith was presiding elder and the Rev. E. L. T. Blake was pastor. Mr. Cash does not give the source of his statement, but this recorded contract and the further fact that the property where the first church was located was sold in 1841 would indicate that the new church was occupied by that date. On the Board of Stewards in 1940 were:

Christopher Fletcher	John G. Padrick
H. H. Berry	Wm. Hilliard
Sam S. Sibley	F. R. Grew
Wm. C. Campbell	

The Board of Stewards generally manage the business affairs of the church.

The earliest record of the church's trustees was in 1827 as shown in Deed Book A, page 141, as Josiah Harley, John Speer, Wm. Witherington, Wesley Adams and Davis Floyd. Church trustees hold title to all property for the church.

The first reference in the church minutes to trustees was Nov. 23, 1833, where it is noted that the following brethren were nominated and appointed Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Tallahassee by Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge:

Miles Blake	James Harly
Wm. Hillard	Joseph McBride
Peletiah Whitehurst	

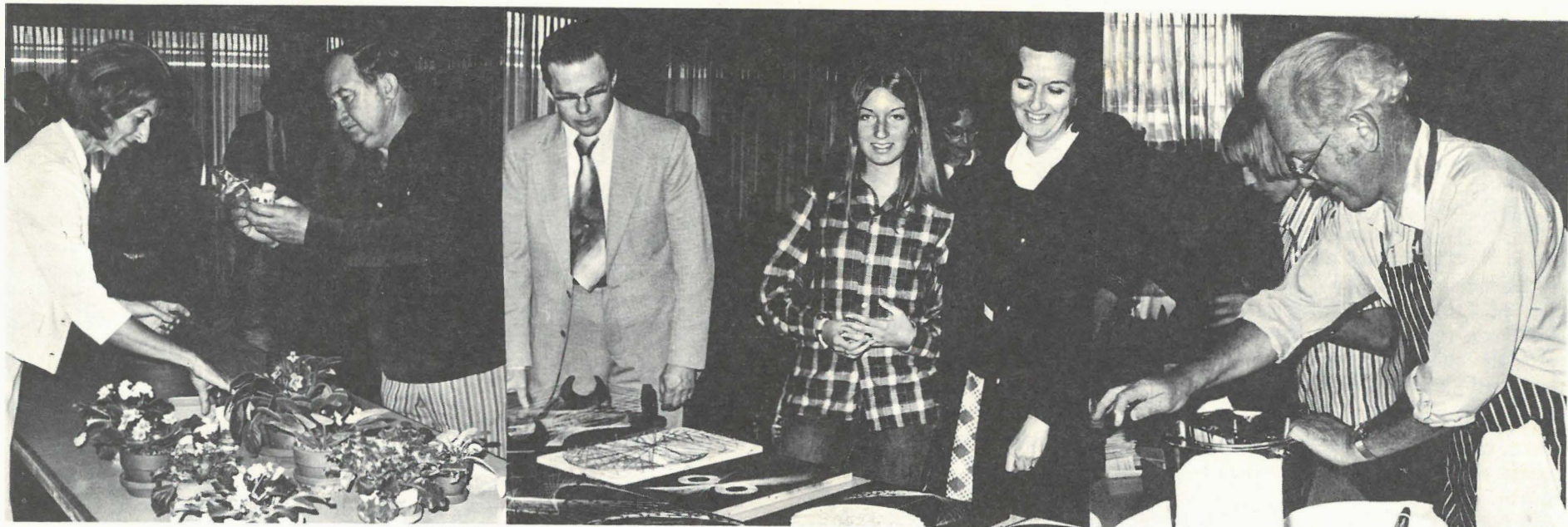
The minutes of November 30, 1866, show that "T. J. Perkins informed the Conference that the old Board of Trustees elected in 1833 were all dead and there was no record of any election since. Bro. Branch nominated the following as a Board of Trustees, and they were elected as successor to the old Board:

T. J. Perkins	M. D. Papy	G. H. Meginniss
J. A. Edmondson	S. W. Myers	D. W. Gwynn
T. P. Tatum	Issac Kirsey	C. E. Dyke

It is interesting to note that the deed to the property purchased in 1837 and recorded in Book F, page 315, shows William Hilliard, John P. Duval and Alexander McIver as trustees. The second deed to the same lots dated June 11, 1841, recorded in Book G, page 208, lists Geo. C. S. Johnson, Samuel S. Sibley, John G. Padrick, Wm. Hilliard and John P. Duval as trustees. Then a deed was recorded in Book K, page 544, dated March 21, 1853, to Lots 281 and 282 N. A. to the following: John G. Duval, Geo. C. S. Johnson, Thos. J. Perkins, Chas. E. Dyke, John B. Taylor, Selim W. Myers, trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Tallahassee.

The Quarterly Conference minutes of Sept. 3, 1829, show that the church had a parsonage, as a resolution was passed to ascertain the amount due on same.

(To be continued)



Trinity members had a look at the leisure-time activities of their fellow members during Hobby Day March 17. From left above, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carraway show how to root a cutting from a prized African violet; H. O. Pemberton, Jr., president of the sponsoring UMM, and Mrs. Robert Peirce are among those looking over some of the 30 hobbies on display; and Walter James gets the help of a young friend in a demonstration of bread-making.

Early Registration Asked For Retreats

Early registration is urged for Methodist men planning to participate in one of five weekend spiritual retreats at Leesburg Camp this fall.

The 1974 Florida Conference Laymen's Retreats will be held September 27-29, October 4-6, October 11-13, October 18-20, and October 25-27.

Interested Trinity men should contact Dr. Griffith Pugh, lay leader, or the church office immediately if they would like to participate.

The theme of the retreat is "Committed to Ministries." Each weekend will feature Roy McDonough at the piano, outstanding soloist, and well-known musical groups. There will be enrichment hour discussion groups led by outstanding lay leaders, theologians, Bishops and evangelists. Bishop Joel McDavid will speak each weekend on "Great Beliefs of the Church."

Registration and cabin reservations must be accompanied by check of \$18 to guarantee the reservation. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis.

Expansion Planned By Nursery School

An expansion of Trinity's Nursery School from a two-day-a-week to a five-day-a-week program was approved by the Administrative Board at its March meeting. The change takes place in the fall.

Mrs. Gerald (Mason) Harris, chairperson of the Nursery School Committee, reported to the Board that there have been numerous requests for a five-day program. She said three-year-olds would attend Tuesdays and Thursdays and four-year-olds the other three days of the week.

The program will continue on a self-supporting basis with tuition set at \$20 per month for the three-day nursery, \$16 per month for the two-day nursery.

Those interested in enrolling children should contact Mrs. Jim (Claire) Nash at 385-9880 or Mrs. Jim (Mary) Blackburn at 877-1679.

Church Work Areas Endorse ERA

Bills for approval of the Equal Rights Amendment have been prefiled in the Florida Legislature which opens its annual session this month. ERA has been assigned to the Rules and Calendar Committee in the Senate and the Judiciary Committee in the House of Representatives.

The Florida Methodist Conference Work Area on Church and Society and the Social Concerns Work Area of Trinity urge all Trinity members to study the amendment and respond to representatives in the legislature.

The Florida Conference group went on record in support of ERA, "because now, more than ever, our nation needs the services, talents and special abilities of both men and women, and because full equality under the law for women has yet to be attained,

Conferences Set

Attention, all youth! The "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Youth Ministry Weekend" is almost here. It will be May 10-12 at Leesburg and will cost only \$20.

"Working Together for God" is the theme of a Mature Years Conference for Florida United Methodists at the Leesburg Camp April 22-25. The cost is \$22 and all senior adults in the church are welcome.

Contact the Rev. Harold B. Brown for registration.

Southern Topics Studied By Class

Selected topics dealing with "Religion and the South" will be explored by Trinity's Advanced Studies class in April and May, according to Mrs. Greg Phifer, class leader.

"Ethics — Southern Style" will be discussed by Rev. Joe Harvard of Tallahassee's First Presbyterian Church. He will interpret the manner in which southern evangelical churches respond to the social issues of our time on April 7.

"Charter for a Southern Theology" will be discussed on April 21, with commentary centering around ideas developed by Dr. Samuel S. Hill, chairman of the Department of Religion, University of Florida.

"Black Theology" will be the subject for the April 28 and May 5 classes. Dr. Herb Alexander, former dean of students at FAMU, will present a personal interpretation of the topic, followed by an assessment of black theology by Dr. John Carey, chairman of the FSU Department of Religion.

and because we believe that support for the principles behind the Equal Rights Amendment are clearly affirmed in Section III F. of the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church."

Thirty-three state legislatures have voted in favor of ERA; 38 are needed for it to become the 27th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution.

UMM Hobby Show Is Successful Event

With a successful hobby show behind them in March, United Methodist Men look ahead to a dinner meeting at 6:15 p.m., Thursday, April 25. Speaker will be announced in the Weekly Tidings for Sunday, April 21.

President Hollis O. Pemberton, Jr., expressed appreciation to all who assisted with the hobby show on March 17, when some 30 hobbies were displayed and 123 persons enjoyed a barbeque sandwich supper.

Choir To Present Easter Services

This Easter season the Chancel Choir of Trinity will present two fine choral works, one classical and one more modern.

Maundy Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m., the choir will host a combined choral and communion service in presenting Dale Wood's *Service of Darkness*. This work is a musical reflection upon the seven last words of Christ spoken from the cross. This presentation is repeated at this service upon the request of many who have heard it before at previous Maundy Thursday services.

Palm Sunday, April 7, at the 11 a.m. service only, the Chancel Choir will sing an abridged performance of J. S. Bach's *The Passion According to St.*

Special Memberships Honor Women, Babies

Do you know a lady in the church who you believe deserves special recognition for her dedicated work? The United Methodist Women are now receiving applications for special life memberships in honor of adult women and the children or grandchildren of UMW women.

Mrs. F. E. Steinmeyer, Jr., chairman of the special membership committee, said it is a nice way to show gratitude and at the same time contribute to the UMW mission program. Adult memberships cost \$25 and those honoring babies are \$5. Membership pins are to be presented to the adult honorees and certificates to babies at a luncheon meeting to be announced.

Assisting Mrs. Steinmeyer on the special membership committee are Mrs. Fred Drake, Sr., and Mrs. Jack Anderson. Circles or individuals wishing to honor someone in this manner may contact either of the committee members.

Matthew, one of the monumental choral works of all time. Directed by Clayton Krehbiel, director of the Florida State University Singers, the featured soloists and their solos include: Walter James, narrator; Robert Foster, Jesus; Nelson Walters, Pilate; John Crotty, Judas; Cathy Foster, Majel Barrett, Patricia Crotty, Delano Fenn, Carol Dalton, René Machado, Anthony Gaines, Cindy Carson, Frank Kelley and Charles Moore, soloists. Rachel James will accompany on the sanctuary organ.

The choir has been working on both services for some time now with the hope that their performance will add more meaning and beauty to Easter worship and meditation.

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