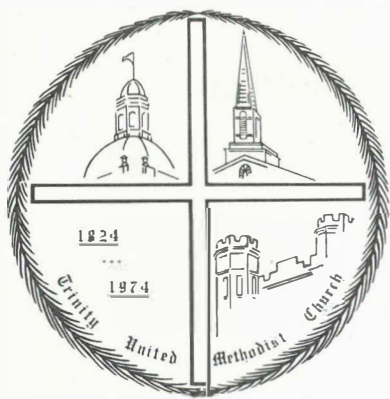




Monthly Tidings

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Administrative Board Adopts \$266,000 Program



Trinity's Administrative Board met on October 8 to study the proposed budget for 1975. (above) The Board then divided into smaller groups with members of the Finance Committee as leaders to discuss why each amount was needed.

Leroy Collins to Speak at Trinity

Trinity's Sesquicentennial Celebration continues in November with the primary emphasis being placed on "Trinity and Government."

Former Governor Leroy Collins has agreed to speak at the 11 a.m. service Sunday, November 24. Members of Trinity representing various branches of government will also participate in this special service.

Mr. Collins, now a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, "grew up" in Trinity, as his parents were long-time, devoted members. A brother, Marvin Collins, and a sister, Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, are presently members of Trinity.

During the "Trinity and Government" program, special recognition will be given to present and former members of Trinity United Methodist Church who are serving, or have served, as elected officials in all branches of government. The December issue of the *Monthly Tidings* will carry a story on members who are active in governmental affairs as elected officials.

"The Sesquicentennial Committee would welcome names of past elected officials who should be recognized," said Mrs. Louis Hill. Mrs. Hill and Palmer Williams are coordinating all Sesquicentennial events.

Florida's Governor from 1954 through 1961, Collins is a native of Tallahassee. Following completion of the LL.B. degree at Cumberland University, he was admitted to The Florida Bar and began public service as a member of first the House and then the Senate from 1935 to 1953.

He was chairman of the Southern Governors Conference in 1958, chairman of the National Governors Conference in 1959, permanent chairman of the Democratic National Convention in 1960, director of U. S. Community Relations Service, 1964-65, and U. S. Under-Secretary of Commerce 1965-66.

A proposed program costing \$266,000 was adopted by the Administrative Board on October 8 for the fiscal year beginning January 1975. This is a little more than 11 percent increase over the 1974 budget.

Trinity members will have an opportunity to pledge their support toward the 1975 program during the morning worship services on Loyalty Sundays, November 17 and 24. Pledge cards will also be mailed to Trinity families and individuals early in November.

In presenting the proposed budget to the Board, Finance Committee Chairman David Kerns explained that one of the largest increases for 1975 will go toward education and program development. This area of ministry will be strengthened under the direction of the Rev. Joe Mills, who came to Trinity in June.

Increases in apportionments specified by the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church and inflated costs of maintaining property and operating the church office are also reflected. The increase all home owners are experiencing in utility and fuel bills are also being experienced in Trinity's monthly bills even though efforts have been made to save by raising summer building temperatures and lowering them in winter. Trustees believe the minimum increase for this item in 1975 will be \$2,000.

Trustees, work areas and committees worked for several months to outline needs for the coming year. Their recommendations were studied by the Finance Committee and included in the budget in proportion to priority.

Seven Join Trinity

During the past month Trinity gained seven new members and five others moved away.

Mr. and Mrs. Ade Alaba, 509 E. Magnolia L-237, are new affiliate members. He is a pharmacy student at FAMU and they have two children.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Barnes (Carol) transferred here from United Methodist Temple, Lakeland, while he studies drama at FSU. They live at 3250 W. Tennessee, #171, telephone 575-6275.

Mrs. Daniel Miller (Becky), 2120 Deerfield Rd., telephone 877-0094, has transferred her membership from Milford UMC, Milford, Ohio. She and her husband have two children.

Mark M. Taylor has transferred from Live Oak UMC, Santa Cruz, California. He lives at 1008 Georgia Bell Dickinson Apts., telephone 224-8021.

Weston Taylor joined on profession of faith. He lives at 1810 Atapha Nene, telephone 877-9138.

Members Dr. and Mrs. Rupert Seals have moved to Arlington, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Barnette now live in Glenville, N. C., and Harry Reese now lives in Davenport, Iowa.

Congratulations and a Rose

By Cathi Peirce

When a downtown florist shop gets a call on a Saturday morning asking that a rose be saved for Trinity, its employees know exactly who is calling, the reason for the call and that the rose must be red. They have been getting such calls for the past 20 years.

Before 1954 ministers paid visits to new-born babies in hospitals. They still do, but now babies get much more than that. In 1954 Trinity pastor Dr. Glenn James decided that babies and their mothers deserved more than just a short visit at the hospital and came up with an idea to honor babies born to Trinity families. He asked Mrs. Owen Sellers if she would assume the position of Home Nursery Visitor, visit the families with new babies in their homes, and let them know that Trinity is interested in them.

Mrs. Sellers accepted and now 20 years later still holds the job. She took with her three publications: The current *Christian Home*, *A Baby Is Coming*, and a book in which the family could record the child's religious life, called *My Church Book*. She still takes these books with her except for the latter, which Cokesbury has discontinued. Both she and the minister sign the books.

It was also Dr. James' idea to put a red rose on the altar for each new baby and Mrs. Sellers does that, too. She calls the florist on Saturday mornings and asks that it save a rose (or two or three) for Trinity. She picks

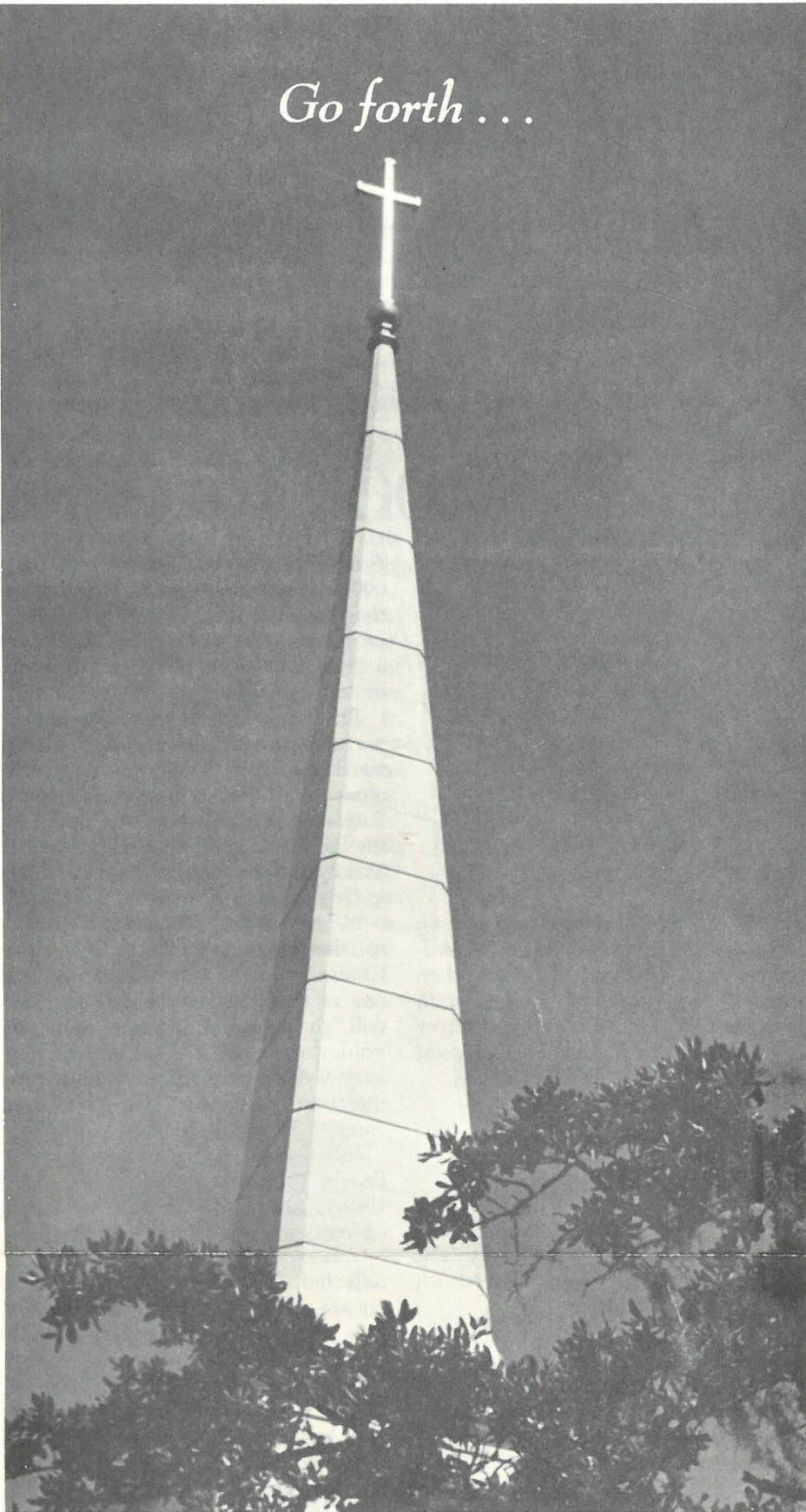
it up on Saturday, stores it in her refrigerator overnight and a little before eight o'clock on Sunday morning she takes it to Trinity.

The problem of a vase for the rose caused some consternation at the beginning. Sometimes there was only one rose and sometimes three or four and it was difficult to find an appropriate container. When Marvin Collins' wife Beryl died, he and his brother, Governor Leroy Collins, came to Dr. James, wanting to do something in memory of her. Dr. James told them about the problem with the vase and pretty soon the red roses had a silver vase engraved with Beryl Collins' name, birth and death dates. This vase holds one rose or three or four equally beautifully. The gift came with a stipulation that nothing must be put in it except babies' red rose buds.

Mrs. Sellers has visited and given roses to 650 babies. Babies have a special place in the hearts of all at Trinity but they are not forgotten as they begin to grow up. Their names are all recorded and kept on file so that through the years they are remembered and watched over. Save a rose for Trinity . . . and watch it grow.

Special Issue

This month's *Tidings* explains the programs and benevolences included in the proposed 1975 Church budget.



Go forth . . .

I Never Decided to Tithe

I never decided to tithe. I never sat down and thought me a thought and said, "I'm going to be a tither!" Yet, I do it. Irma and I have tithed on income as long as we have been married — when we both were students in college, when we had our first baby and our income was less than \$2,000 a year, during the four years in seminary, and all through the years we have served churches.

But I cannot recall ever having consciously decided, "I'm going to give at least one-tenth of my income to the Church and its work."

So, how did it happen? I don't know for certain. I think it was this way: I was in the armed forces during the Second World War. During those four years I became convinced that the Church had the answer to the real needs of the world. (Notice, I did *not* believe that the Church *IS* the answer, but that the Church *HAS* the answer.) And the answer was (and still is) the Gospel — Jesus Christ Himself.

I further became convinced if I was to respond to God in Christ with trust then I would have to begin to fulfill what I believed to be His intention for my life. (I would have to answer His call.) I believed that intention of God was for me to become a minister in His Church. So — back to school I went to finish college and then to seminary to get the training required for me to be ordained into the ministry of the Methodist Church.

What does all of this have to do with tithing? Well, I find it impossible to separate what I have from who I am. When I give MYSELF to Him and His Church, that includes giving WHAT I HAVE to Him and His Church. Tithing is one of the concrete ways of expressing that sort of commitment.

I never consciously decided to tithe. I did decide to give my life to Christ. I did decide that commitment to Christ of necessity involved me in a commitment to His Church. I did become convinced that my life's vocation, my call, has to be an ordained minister in the Church. I did decide to answer that call. And, as I see it, my practice of giving my money to the Church and its work is simply and inevitably a concomitant of that total commitment.

ED NORMAN

\$64,499 for Benevolences

Challenge for United Methodists: "We Must Be a Missionary People"

Florida Methodist Bishop Joel D. McDavid has said that his dream for Florida United Methodism is that we "renew our effort in the exciting work of missions around the world, as well as at home. As followers of Christ we must be a missionary people."

Florida Methodists ranked first in the Southeastern Jurisdiction and fourth in the nation in giving for this purpose during 1973.

Trinity members have been among the leaders in this giving. The proposed budget for 1975 includes \$64,499 for benevolences and Conference apportionments. The Florida Conference annually specifies amounts to be given by local churches for five major areas of ministry.

The *Christian Service Fund* represents \$8,900 of this amount. The money is sent to the Conference treasurer in Lakeland to be used for such things as salaries for the Bishop and 12 district superintendents, ministers in smaller churches, salaries of Conference treasurer and his office expense, upkeep and insurance on Conference Council of Ministries, publications, support of camps and college libraries, and payments on the Conference headquarters building.

World Service and Conference Benevolences of \$16,200, an increase of \$1200 over 1974, will also be sent by Trinity to the Conference treasurer in Lakeland. One-third is sent to the General Church treasurer in New York. Each local church in the entire United Methodist Church accepts a certain amount each year for world service. The Florida Conference will give \$731,607 to this fund in 1975 to be administered by the General Church Office for Global Ministries, the worldwide mission work of UMC, for discipleship (evangelism), Church and Society (social concerns), and higher education (colleges, universities, and seminaries of the UMC).

The other two-thirds of the money sent to Lakeland is used in Florida for the Conference program, including Church and Society, ecumenical affairs, education, evangelism, salary for the director of the Florida Conference Council on Ministries (Melton Ware, former Trinity pastor, is director), salaries of several associate directors (including J. P. Floyd, former Trinity minister), publication of the *Florida United Methodist*, funds for Florida Southern College, Bethune Cookman College and Wesley Foundations.

Another Conference apportionment is for the *Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund*, which in 1975 will be \$12,183. In 1975, every retired United Methodist minister will receive a pension of \$94 for each year of service. For example, if a minister retires after 30 years, he will receive a total of \$2,820 for the year.

Many ministers receive Social Security in addition to the pension. Ministers are classified by the government as "self-employed" and pay the full Society Security payment each year out of their salaries. (The Social Security figure in the Trinity budget is for lay employees only.)

Trinity's share of the Conference Pension Fund is a large amount in 1975. A drastic increase was apportioned because adequate funding for the pension program had not previously been provided. In order to "catch up" at a time when it will be easier (so that interest can accrue on the pooled funds before the big drain

begins as an increasing number of ministers retire) large amounts, one and one-third million dollars in 1975, will be given by Florida Churches.

An item by item breakdown of other benevolences and Conference apportionments is included in the proposed budget printed elsewhere on this page. Among those that may not be self-explanatory are *District Church Extension* for the purchasing of property and the building of new churches within the district; *District Work Fund* for the upkeep of the district parsonage and secretarial help for the district superintendent; the *Conference Advance Special*, a special project for work in the Leon-Wakulla Larger Parish assisting people in the outlying areas; the *World Advance Special*, giving support of \$1,000 each to four missionaries.

Local missions and relief funds contribute to the program of the local Salvation Army, provide a fund to be used by Trinity ministers in meeting needs of transients and local people in need, and help support Leon County's day care centers for underprivileged children and provide a scholarship for one such child. Trinity's Commission on Social Concerns recommended the latter participation, and together with the Council on Ministries, the support of Tallahassee Urban Ministries as it begins a program to meet unmet needs locally.

A complete breakdown of funds used in all of these programs may be seen in the Trinity office or will be mailed to those who request a copy.

Printing, Mailing Expenses Increase

Printing weekly bulletins, the *Monthly Tidings* and a membership directory is projected into the 1975 budget with an estimated cost of \$8,500. The weekly advertisement of Trinity's schedule of worship services each Saturday in the *Democrat* is also included in this item.

The Finance Committee recommended continuation of the *Monthly Tidings*, which was started last January, as a means of informing some 2,500 members of the many opportunities for worship and service available through the church. The ministerial and lay staff and the volunteer editorial staff of the newspaper hope that it serves as a link between Trinity not only with members who participate in programs regularly but with those who may be unable to attend because of being shut-in, or living outside the city.

The 1975 budget reflects an increase of \$1,000 in office supplies because of rising costs of paper, stencils and similar items. Another \$3,000 was budgeted for postage to meet the expense of mailing some 8,000 pieces monthly to Trinity members.

An up-to-date membership directory will be printed in 1975 and mailed to each Trinity family.

Seven Will Attend UMW Conference

The Annual Conference of United Methodist Women meets in Lakeland November 16-17.

Attending from Trinity will be Mrs. Robert Peirce, Mrs. Robert O. Lawton, Mrs. Ed Norman, Mrs. Dorothy Sauls, Miss Edna Causseaux, Mrs. Marshall Hamilton and UMW President Mrs. Griffith Pugh.

Trinity United Methodist Church PROPOSED BUDGET 1975

BENEVOLENCES AND CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS

Christian Service Fund	\$ 8,900.00
Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund	12,183.00
World Service & Conf. Bene.	16,200.00
Ministerial Education Fund	2,200.00
District Church Extension	5,000.00
Black Colleges	862.00
District Christian Education	150.00
Wesley Foundation — FSU	800.00
District Work Fund	1,686.00
Conference Advance Special (Leon-Wakulla Larger Parish)	2,000.00
Methodist Disaster Relief	1,000.00
Florida Migrant Ministry	200.00
Tallahassee Urban Ministries	3,000.00
FCI — Program for Families of Prisoners	250.00
Florida Methodist Children's Home	1,000.00
World Advance Special (\$1,000 each — 4 Missionaries)	4,000.00
National Advance Special — Spanish	1,000.00
Local Missions & Relief	1,510.00
Lake Junaluska Development Program	500.00
Miscellaneous Benevolences	2,058.00

**Total Benevolences and
Conference Apportionments \$ 64,499.00**

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT

Pastor's Salary	\$ 18,450.00
Pastor's Travel Expense	1,200.00
Associate Pastor's Salary	10,050.00
Associate Pastor's Travel	1,200.00
Associate Pastor's Salary	10,050.00
Associate Pastor's Travel	1,200.00

Ministerial Support Total \$ 42,150.00

LAY SALARIES

Business Manager	\$ 10,000.00
Church Secretary	7,080.00
Part-time Secretaries	2,500.00
Director of Music	3,480.00
Organist and Assistant Director	7,600.00
Custodial Services	15,370.00
Kitchen Hostess	1,000.00
Nursery Care	2,100.00
Social Security	2,875.00

Lay Salaries Total \$ 52,005.00

PROMOTION AND PROGRAM

Church School Supplies	400.00
Audio Visuals	1,150.00
Scholarship for Youth Leadership	1,000.00
Leadership Training Development	1,050.00
Youth Ministry	450.00
Scouts	400.00
Church Recreation (League Fees)	450.00
UMYF and ARK Coffee House	400.00
Library and Literature (Library \$500, Literature \$300)	800.00
Kitchen Services	2,500.00
Chancel and Altar Supplies	300.00
Adult Ministry	550.00
Children's Ministry (VCS)	100.00
Transportation	1,200.00
Summer Youth Involvement	2,000.00
Enrichment Series (Evangelism Speaker)	300.00
Music Supplies and Expenses	2,540.00

Promotion and Program Total \$ 15,590.00

OFFICE

Postage	\$ 3,000.00
Printing and Advertising	8,500.00
Supplies	3,000.00
Telephone	2,400.00

Office Total \$ 16,900.00

PROPERTY

Sanctuary Building Debt	\$ 16,100.00
Spence Avenue Debt	2,750.00
Lawson Road Debt	21,800.00
Insurance	5,300.00
Maintenance Supplies	2,500.00
Utilities and Fuel	12,000.00
Repairs and Improvements	10,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500.00
Piano and Organ Maintenance	675.00

Property Total \$ 72,625.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Total \$ 2,231.00

1975 TOTAL BUDGET \$266,000.00



A meeting of Trinity's ministerial and lay staff is a time to plan each week's schedule, and make long range program plans. From left are organist and assistant director of music Mrs. Walter James, associate ministers Harold B. Brown, Jr., and Joe Mills, minister Ed W. Norman, and business manager Mrs. Harry Miley. Standing are full-time secretary Mrs. George Ridge and part-time secretary Mrs. Sam Draper. Not pictured are music director Walter James and part-time secretary Mrs. James Sauls.

Budget Reflects Return to Full Staffing

Part of Trinity's proposed budget for 1975 comes from a return to full staffing. For two years, Trinity has gotten by with a senior minister and one associate. This was a reduction from previous administrations.

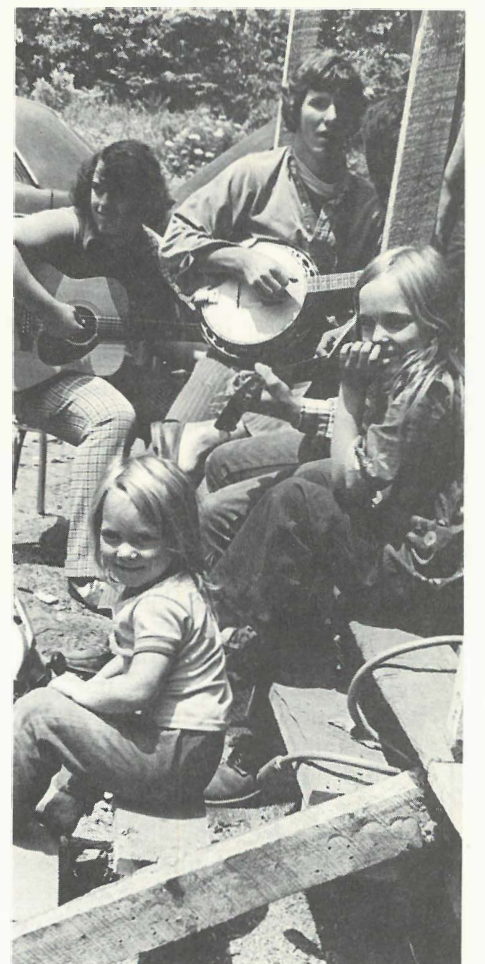
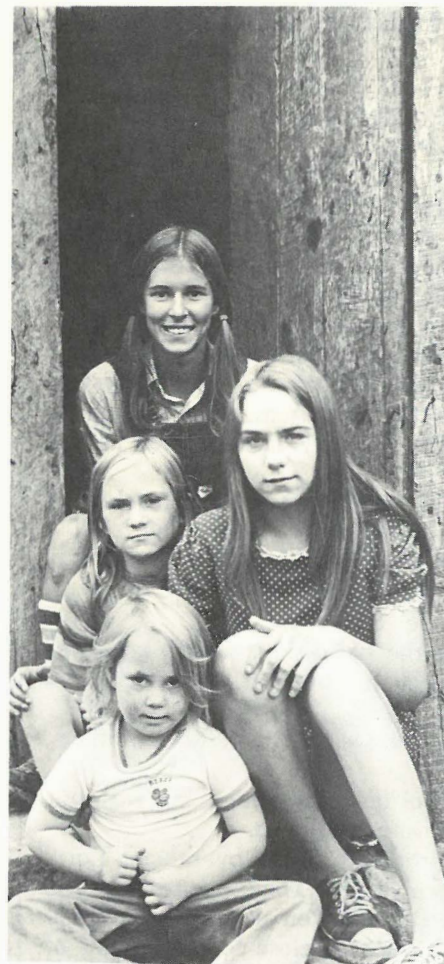
Last June a second associate minister was added with the assignment of the Rev. Joe Mills to the Trinity staff. He is using his time and special educational training to help develop an education program commensurate with the role that Trinity must fill in Tallahassee.

For the first time in several years, Trinity has a business manager. Mrs. Harry Miley, who has been serving under the title of financial secretary, has been assigned additional responsibilities gradually over the past year.

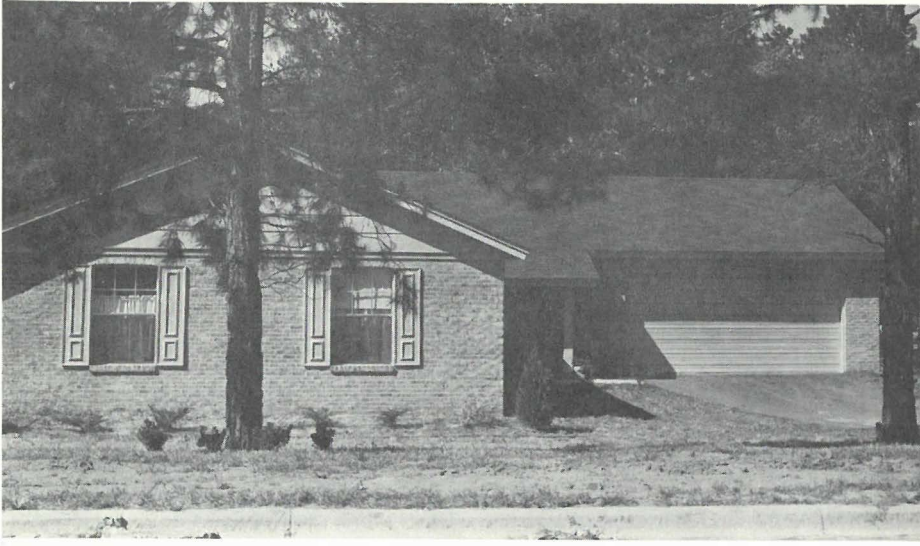
Trustees recently voted to give her a title which more nearly describes her responsibilities.

Mrs. Miley directs the entire office operation, financial records and work of the church secretaries, supervises the operation of the kitchens, the custodians and the general upkeep and repairs of the entire church complex. She purchases all supplies for the church and acts as liaison with the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee.

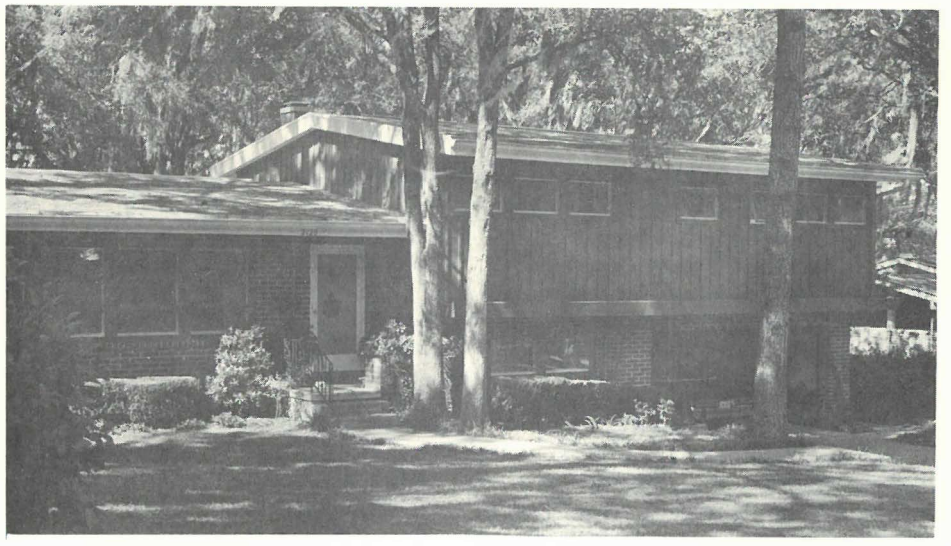
Besides full-time secretary Mrs. George Ridge, two part-time secretaries work as needed. Mrs. Sam Draper assists with the posting of pledge records and Mrs. James Sauls assists with secretarial needs of Associate Ministers Harold B. Brown, Jr., and Joe Mills.



A program of Summer Youth Involvement, working with Indians in North Dakota or Wisconsin, has been budgeted with \$2,000 for 1975. Youth fund raising projects will provide additional money. Involving Trinity's youth in mission work proved to be a rich experience for the large number who worked last summer with the underprivileged in Kentucky. These photos show Trinity youth getting to know family life among the Elvis Smith family of 18 children near Wildcat, Kentucky. Ellen Slater (at top in photo at left) poses for a keepsake portrait with three of the Smith girls, and Billy James and David Moon provide music during a rest break from the repair work they and other Trinity youth were doing on the Smith home. (Photos by Ellen Slater.)



Two new parsonages were purchased as residences for associate ministers during 1974. At left is the home occupied by the Rev. Joe Mills and family at 1960 Lawson Road. The Lawson Road parsonage will require a payment of \$21,800 in 1975 with the final payments made in early 1976. This rapid payment of debt is made possible by making no payments on the principal



of the church sanctuary debt. Only interest of \$16,100 must be paid on the sanctuary in 1975 since Trinity has prepaid 40 payments on the principal. At right is the parsonage occupied by the Rev. Harold Brown and family at 2120 Spence Avenue. An annual payment of \$2,750 must be paid on it until satisfaction of the \$28,000 mortgage.



Choir robe maintenance is an unseen facet of providing music for worship services at Trinity. Here Joneen James and Frances Pemberton find theirs in good condition as they get ready for Sunday morning worship. Keeping the robes mended and clean is expected to cost \$300 during 1975. Buying music for anthems will cost \$1000. Total budgeted for all music supplies and related expenses is \$2,540. (Photo by Gene Morse.)

A Prayer on Education Sunday

Our Kind Heavenly Father,
Thank you for this bright new day.
Thank you for this church and this opportunity to worship.
Thank you for friends and loved ones.
Thank you for life itself.

Thank you for the unique blessings we enjoy in this country and for guiding us with your protective hand through the challenges we have faced over the last 200 years. We ask that you continue to bless us and remind us of our responsibilities as your trustees.

Thank you for the beauties of this earth: Your wondrous creations — trees, flowers, birds, oceans and mountain streams. We have done our best to destroy them, Lord. Help us now to do our best to preserve them. Help us to use our existing resources wisely. Help us to be not so much concerned with the quantity in our lives as the quality of our lives.

On this Education Sunday we thank you for those who teach:

Those who make young minds aware of the joy of learning.

Those who keep maturing minds challenged.

Those whose guidance leads to intelligent career choices.

And those who are involved in higher education.

Let us not forget those who teach the basic skills which keep our world running smoothly: those who teach the builders, the mechanics, the technicians.

Remind us, too, of the teaching role that we have as fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters.

We also thank you for Sunday School teachers who, along with our ministers, help keep us in a right relationship with you.

We are sometimes blind to the problems faced by others, Lord. Open our eyes so that we might see their needs. Then, open our hearts so that we might minister to these needs. Awaken us to the needs of those we do not know as well as those who are close to us — needs of a stranger's hungry child; the needs of our own who sometimes hunger only for attention.

We pray that the lonely, the sick, the grieving, and those who suffer physical and mental pain, might be comforted. We thank you for those who — in the face of these adversities — continue to smile, continue to inspire those of us who are more fortunate.

We particularly ask that you comfort those whose losses are most recent. Help them to adjust somehow and renew their resolve to carry on.

Finally, we ask that you cleanse our thoughts, temper our words, and direct our actions toward what You would have us do.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

(This prayer was given during morning worship on September 22, 1974, Sesquicentennial "Education Sunday," by Trinity member Jim Nash.)

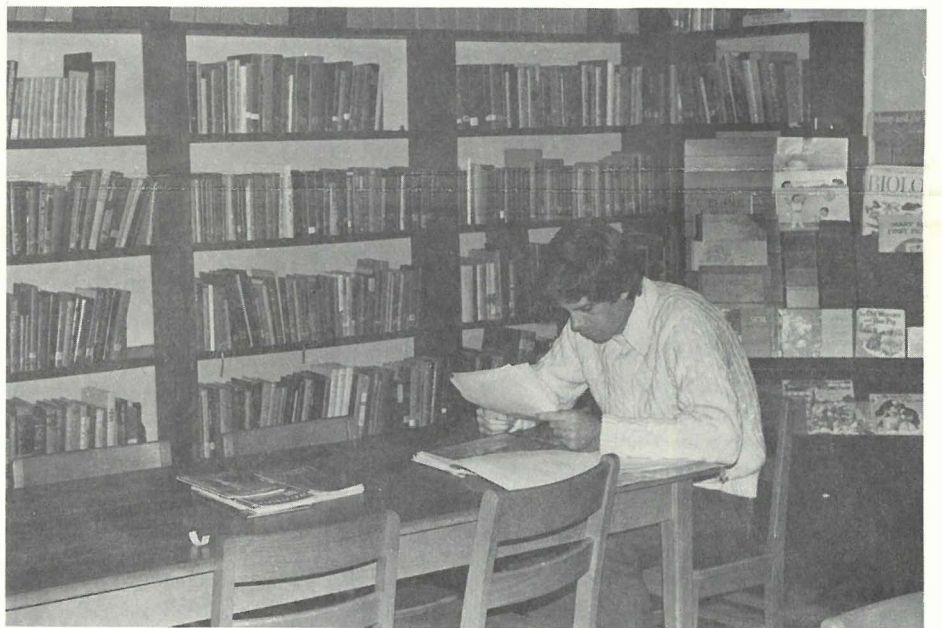
Evangelism To Be Emphasized in 1975

Evangelism will receive emphasis at Trinity during 1975 with approximately \$2,000 of the total budget designated for expenses connected with its programs. This amount is included in various parts of the overall proposed budget.

Under printing, \$1,000 for a new membership directory, and under literature, \$60 for lists of newcomers to the city published by the Newcomers Club, will assist the Evangelism Committee in its work.

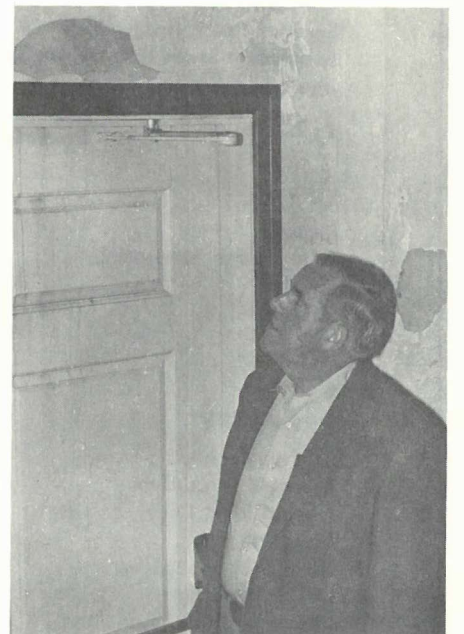
A special speaker, at an expense of \$300, will present a special program during 1975. Dr. James Buskirk, Chair of Evangelism, Emory University, Candler School of Theology, will be invited for this occasion.

Other plans include an enrichment series, a Spring Lay Witness Mission, a retreat for the Council on Ministries, and printed materials for new and prospective members. Purchase of Upper Rooms and other literature will cost approximately \$60.



Trinity's library has basic resource materials for program leaders, teachers and speakers, plus books for personal enrichment and spiritual growth. The budget includes \$500 for new books and resource materials during 1975.

First a leak and then flaking plaster add up to a big repair bill. Minister Ed Norman inspects an area near the kitchen that must be replastered and painted — one of several signs of deterioration throughout the church complex. Repairs and improvements will cost \$10,000 during 1975, the Board of Trustees estimates.



Custodians Robert King and Haywood Killings are a familiar sight at Trinity as they go about their duties daily setting up for meetings, maintaining the kitchen and keeping the buildings and grounds clean and tidy. King, seen here washing communion cups, has been with Trinity since 1970, and Killings (right) has served more than 25 years. Clifford Mosely (not pictured) is a third custodian who assists with keeping Trinity's hundreds of square feet of space mopped, waxed and polished. Cleaning supplies and janitorial services are an essential item in Trinity's budget.

An Interview With Rev. Joe Mills

Trinity's Education Ministry for 1975

Question: Since you arrived in June, we know that you have been meeting with church school teachers, youth leaders and Commission on Education members to determine where Trinity's educational program is now and what should be its future goals. Education Commission Chairman Mrs. Jack Mowell has presented to the Administrative Board a detailed report of the proposed program for 1975. What in general is planned for each division in this proposal?

Rev. Mills: In general what we are trying to do in each division of our educational ministry is develop a comprehensive plan for meeting the needs of those persons who are children, youth and adults. Our program of ministry for 1975 seeks to emphasize a "person" centered ministry—that is, one that seeks to help the Gospel be an important area of living.

For example, in our Adult Ministry we are beginning to examine ways to broaden the current program ministry. We realize that a good portion of adults do not have their needs met other than worship. So we are looking at alternative settings, such as Sunday evening, hoping to develop enough areas that no person would feel "left out."

Our Youth Ministry is seeking to develop a "university study" setting for church school. This will allow our youth to choose topics of their interest rather than use only "canned" resources. In this way we will build continually on their input and use our community resources.

In the children's area we are hoping to improve our classroom settings through room improvements. I see us moving in the direction of using learning centers geared through a central theme to arts, crafts, music, books, etc. One goal seems to be to have our church school atmosphere be such as to say to each child: "I'm glad you are here, we love you."

These are ambitious goals but with our current leaders and new resource persons emerging the goals are well within reach.

Question: You seem to be emphasizing leadership development. Does this mean better training for teachers and leaders or the awakening of the potential of all members to be active partners in the church's ministry?

Rev. Mills: Our emphasis on leadership development means both better training for teachers and leaders and awakening of the potential of all members to be active partners in the church's ministry. They are inseparable. Without emphasis in leadership development Trinity would be in serious trouble. One only needs to examine Trinity's history to see that strong leadership has been a solid tradition. Without this leadership where would we be? It takes strong leadership to awaken the potential in the membership and we hope that by developing leadership through our educational ministry we will not only continue Trinity's tradition but help Trinity with a base for future growth.

Question: And before we can obey the commandment "to go out into the world to teach" we must first learn. What types of learning experiences do you plan in addition to the church school hour?

Rev. Mills: Learning experiences in addition to the church school hour are a must. We already have some additional learning opportunities planned. Three Sunday evenings, Nov. 17, 24 and Dec. 1, we have planned three

Adult Education Seminars. We are offering one-hour lecture groups on the Gospel of St. John and on United Methodist Beliefs (led by Austin Holaday of the Wesley Foundation) and a two-hour personal growth group (to be led by Dr. Don Rapp, Department of Family Life at FSU). These topics were chosen from the special adult education survey conducted in September.

We already have learning experiences that are quite successful, such as the Mark Studies. A precedent has been set for learning experiences other than Sunday so our task is to expand these to other times and areas.

Question: Christian education programs have met success in providing opportunities to become academically acquainted with the Jesus of history. How will Trinity's educational program help us experience Christ, as well?

Rev. Mills: It would be my guess that not many of us have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through an "academic" experience. Probably we have learned and accepted Jesus Christ through a personal experience with someone else. Why not the same through our educational ministry? Two key words in this process are experiential and effective. We are striving to create the atmosphere in education that will help each person experience God's love, and acceptance through those they come into contact with in our program. Taking the question: "How do I want to be treated as a human being?" and translating that into behavior, we hope to demonstrate how the Jesus of history really lived and how *alive* that experience is for us today.

Utilizing our current settings of worship and church school and new settings being planned we will strive for personal contact to experience Christ for today's living.

Question: We all want our youth to make the church their central focal point for developing relationships and establishing principles to live by. How many junior high through college age members are on Trinity's rolls and of that number, how many are active in MYF and other youth programs?

Rev. Mills: Using the addressograph plates we have a rough guess of the junior high through college age members, which would be between 300-350. This number reflects about 120 college students. There are currently an average of 25-30 Sr. Highs and 25 Junior Highs attending the evening fellowship times.

Question: The Commission on Education must have been aware of the vital need to improve the youth ministry because they requested \$4,250 for it. What are your goals for it and how will this money be spent?

Rev. Mills: One basic goal for youth ministry is to develop a comprehensive ministry meeting their needs as maturing young adults. We see this being achieved through a challenging church school program, good sharing time through the Youth Fellowship on Sunday evenings, and through extra-curricular ministry such as mission teams, sharing groups and retreats.

The funding is actually about the same as in 1974. The major difference is that we have assumed responsibility for the Summer Youth Involvement (\$2,000) from the Work Area on Missions. The young people are hoping to take a mission trip to either North Dakota or Wisconsin to work with the Indians on the reservations in these states. We are planning to have this be a learning experience as well as a practical one.

In missions, the youth are planning to form mission teams for work in various projects here in the Tallahassee area.

We are planning for two summer youth workers in 1975 through the scholarship program. The Ark is being cleaned, painted and in the process of reopening on New Year's Eve.

Question: Only \$450 was requested for church recreation, but some exciting plans are included for involving the membership in a variety of team and individual pursuits. What are these?

Rev. Mills: Church recreation is an important item in our planning for the adult area of membership. We are planning to provide fellowship through recreation by having individual and team events in areas such as golf, tennis, swimming, volleyball, bowling, basketball and, of course, softball. It is our belief that by offering a selection of events we can touch most of our membership.

Question: Transportation is essential for the success of many programs. What are our needs for mass transportation of choirs, youth and other groups and the estimated cost?

Rev. Mills: We have kept the transportation item in our budget for 1975 with hopes that our youth and adults will be encouraged to plan learning trips, choir trips, retreats, etc. For example, the "New Life Singers" would like to make a tour in 1975. We have estimated our cost to be \$1200.

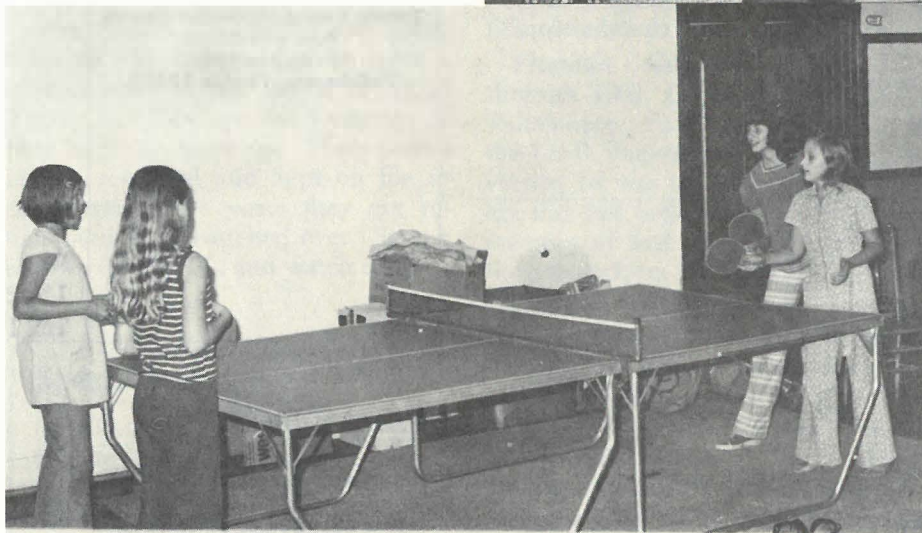
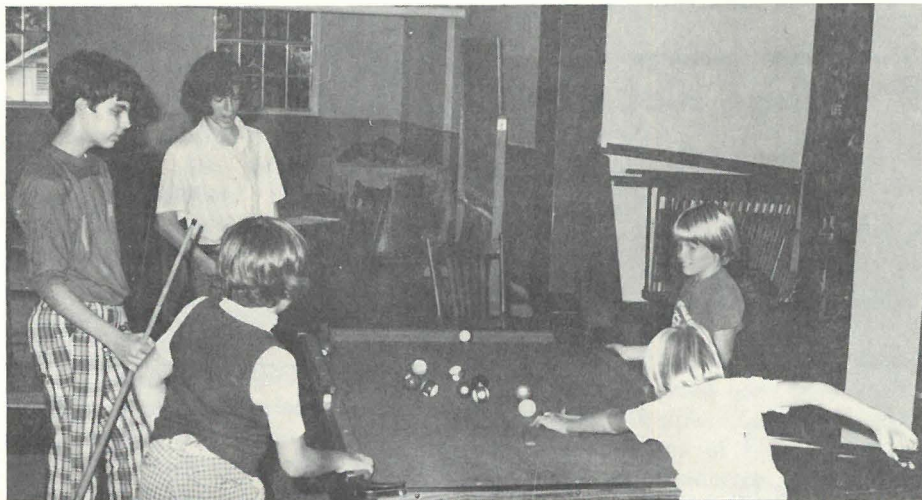
Question: Trinity's education min-

istry has followed the pattern of the nation as a whole: After World War II, a return in large numbers to the church and church school; later a shifting from downtown churches to new churches in the suburbs, and then a general decline as society became more secular. Trinity members often express regret that so many of our youth and adults do not come to church school. How can we work together to be so alive and attractive that we will once again reach the inactives?

Rev. Mills: I think one of the first ways to build an "aliveness" and attractiveness is to work in the area of our existing ministry. For example, we need to build integrity in the area of leadership. When we ask a person to work in our church school we need to get with him, set a time limit and a promise of training to help him. We have not done this in the past. Many persons do not accept leadership for fear of being "stuck" for years with no help or relief. Secondly, we need to listen to those who are active as to what their personal and spiritual needs are and then develop a ministry to meet these needs. Thirdly, we should offer the quality leadership and genuine fellowship so one might respond, "This is great! I will come back." The fourth step—that of getting the word around to the inactive—will take care of itself through personal contact of those involved in the ministry.

We have a large membership here at Trinity which has been good and bad. Good because we have persons and financial resources to carry out our ministry. Often, though, our size in a hindering force because people just don't know each other. However, I accept the theory that we operate through sub-groups in the church. It is our challenge in the educational ministry to find these sub-groups and provide ministry for them and then through personal contact, the *Tidings* and other communications, share the happenings of these sub-groups with the whole church.

Trinity is moving, growing and developing ministry for her membership. The educational ministry is an integral part of the whole church. I encourage all members to share with us their ideas, their needs and concerns as we seek to grow together through the Spirit of our Living Lord.



United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets for discussion and recreation in the Ark Sunday evenings. Table tennis, pool and a record player provide limited recreation. The youth are currently involved in a "do-it-yourself" project to make the Ark more attractive. \$400 is included in the 1975 budget for support of UMYF and the Ark coffeehouse.

Remember Loved Ones With Altar Flowers

Mrs. Guy McKenzie, chairman of the Flower Committee of the Altar Guild, wishes to remind members, classes and other groups of Trinity of the opportunity that is theirs to remember loved ones or honor members or leaders through the gift of flowers for the altar.

A calendar is kept in the church office of dates available for memorial flowers. For a contribution to the flower fund of \$25 the committee will purchase the flowers and arrange them for the donors. Following the Sunday services the family or friends may take the flowers or request the committee to rearrange them to be sent to church members confined to the hospital or nursing homes.

For special seasons more decorations are used in the sanctuary. During the upcoming Christmas season the committee wishes again to offer the congregation the opportunity to share in the beauty of the sanctuary through memorial gifts. Contributions of any amount will be accepted to provide wreaths and/or flowers for use the Sunday before Christmas. All names of persons to be honored will be listed in that Sunday's *Tidings*. Watch for further announcements regarding this as the time draws closer.



Several hundred Trinity members and friends enjoyed "dinner on the grounds" during the Sesquicentennial homecoming celebration on October 13. Typical of those enjoying the good fellowship and food were the Robert Lawtons, Mrs. Mary Kay Jones, the Robert Shorts and (back to camera) the Robert Peirces. (Photo by John Crotty.)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

Services of worship: Sunday 8:30, 9:45, 11 a.m.
7:45 p.m.
Church school for all ages: Sunday 9:45 a.m.
Methodist Youth Fellowship:
Jr. High: 6:20 p.m. Sunday
Sr. High and College: 5 p.m. Sunday

Evenings at Trinity

"Evenings at Trinity" are adult education courses offered for your Christian growth. The three courses being offered were selected from your responses to the survey

taken in September. The Commission on Education hopes you will take advantage of these opportunities and welcomes your comments and suggestions for future courses.

Adult Education Courses

November 17 and 24, December 1

GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Three Sunday evenings
Room 334

Three one-hour lectures will give us a look at the overview and several main themes of the Gospel of St. John.

Leaders: The Rev. Tom Farmer, pastor, John Wesley United Methodist Church; the Rev. Ed Norman, pastor, Trinity United Methodist Church.

UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Three Sunday evenings
Room 332

You are invited to spend three Sunday evenings discussing beliefs of the United Methodist Church.

Leader: The Rev. Austin Hollady, minister-director, Wesley Foundation.

PERSONAL GROWTH GROUP
6-8 p.m.
Three Sunday evenings
Room 330

We will spend a total of six hours growing together as a group and looking at ourselves in order to "grow" into a more enriching lifestyle.

Leader: Dr. Don Rapp, associate professor, Home and Family Life, FSU.

Children's Program
6-8 p.m.
(Age 6 years-5th grade)

Nursery Program
6-9 p.m.
(Infants-5 years)

UMW Schedule November Meetings

United Methodist Women circles have scheduled the following meetings for November:

Circle 1 — Nov. 11, 10 a.m., at home of Mrs. Frank Moor, 1552 Isabel Court. Cohostesses, Mrs. J. C. Camp, Mrs. Eugene Borda. Program: A continuing study of women of the Bible.

Circle 2 — Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m., at home of Mrs. Warren Anderson, 634 Ingleside. Cohostesses, Mrs. S. C. Draper and Mrs. Rudolph Blaettler. Mrs. Van Harbin will talk about her mission work in Japan.

Circle 3 — Nov. 12, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Charles Butterworth, 2803 Woodside Dr. Program: Study of "Healing Fountain." Members are reminded to bring canned goods for Thanksgiving basket.

Circle 4 — Nov. 12, 10 a.m., in Room 210. Martha Chapman will continue study, "Our Faith in the Midst of Pluralism."

Circle 5 — Nov. 12, 10 a.m., at home of Mrs. Blanche Stockton, 814 Governor's Drive. Program by Mrs. Myrtle Mercer.

Circle 6 — Nov. 12, 10 a.m., with Mrs. R. M. Yent, 1657 Fernando Dr. Mrs. A. E. Stripling, Mrs. E. P. Dunaway, cohostesses. Rev. Joe Mills will speak.

Circle 7 — Nov. 12, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Marvin Collins, 730 Duparc Circle. Mrs. David Lang, cohostess.

Circle 8 — Nov. 12, 9:30 a.m., church parlor. (A nursery is provided.) Mrs. W. L. Craven and Mrs. Rachel Hallam, hostesses; Mrs. Harold Brown, discussion leader on "The Inner Life."

Circle 9 — Nov. 12, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Mitchell Ferguson, 1316 Dillard St. Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein will speak and show slides of Israel.

Circle 12 — Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. (Place to be announced.)

Circle 13 — Nov. 12, 7 p.m., with Mrs. Griffith Pugh, 710 S. Ride. International students at FSU will be guests for a Thanksgiving dinner.

NOVEMBER BIBLE READINGS

18 AM	Proverbs	1:20-33
PM	Matthew	5:13-16
19 AM	Hosea	14:1-9
PM	Matthew	5:21-24
20 AM	Amos	5:14-24
PM	Matthew	5:38-42
21 AM	Micah	6:1-8
PM	Matthew	5:43-48
22 AM	Psalms	100:1-5
PM	Matthew	6:7-15
23 AM	Psalms	150:1-6
PM	Matthew	7:1-5
24 AM	Psalms	46:1-11
PM	Matthew	7:24-27
25	Ezekiel	34:11-17
26	Daniel	7:13-14
27	Colossians	1:12-20
28	I Corinthians	15:20-28
29	Luke	23:35-43
30	Revelation	1:5-8

Medallions

Attractive medallions commemorating Trinity United Methodist Church's heritage are available through the church office. Nearly the size of a silver dollar, they sell for \$1.00 each. Paperweights are available for \$3.00.

Evenings at Trinity

Register me for: _____ Study of St. John's Gospel
_____ United Methodist Beliefs
_____ Personal Growth Group

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

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