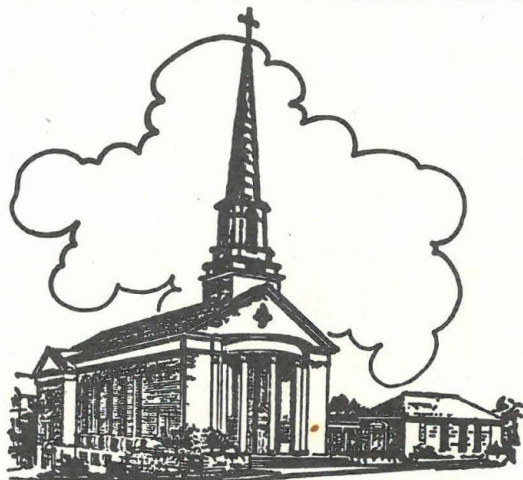




Monthly Tidings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • TALLAHASSEE, FLA. • VOL 2, NO. 11, DECEMBER, 1975

Charlotte White Is Elected UMW President

Mrs. Charlotte White will serve as president of United Methodist Women for the year starting January 1. She was elected along with other new officers in November.

Elected to serve with Mrs. White are first vice presidents, Mrs. James A. Ball and Mrs. W. G. Parmenter, chairperson and cochairperson of Committee on Programs; Mrs. Robert White, second vice president; Mrs. Bion Leathers, secretary; Mrs. Wallis Walker, treasurer; Mrs. Allan Jackson, associate treasurer.

Mrs. James Nash, chairperson, Committee on Nominations; Mrs. Ledley Brown, Mrs. L. V. McKinnon and Mrs. Robert Short, committee members.

Chairpersons of areas of concern are: Christian Personhood, Mrs. Robert Pierce; Supportive Community, Mrs. Dave Woolverton; Mrs. R. W. Ashmore, Christian Global Concerns; Mrs. Harry N. Waugh, Membership; Mrs. Allison White, cochairperson, Membership.

Other committee chairpersons are Mrs. George Ridge, publicity; Mrs. Woodrow Kerce, music; Mrs. Coyle Moore and Mrs. Edward Trembley, Historians; Mrs. Louise Fitzgerald, Courtesy and Concern; Mrs. Robert Scherdin and Mrs. James F. Weatherly, chairperson and cochairperson respectively, Local Church Responsibility; and Mrs. A. I. Metz, Community Welfare.

Mrs. Griffith Pugh is retiring president of UMW.

Refugee Family Says "Thank You"

"We are grateful to Trinity Church and to all Americans who helped our family and many of our countrymen get settled quickly in good condition." These are the words of Chinh Dang Hien as he expressed appreciation to Trinity members for their assistance in resettlement of his family in Tallahassee after the Communist take over of Viet Nam.

Now self-supporting and settled in a house sufficient for their needs, the refugee family "thanks all who were so nice and friendly, so kind to provide everything we needed."

Mr. Chinh is now working with a dental laboratory as a delivery man with the hope that he will soon be able to work with his hands in making dental products. His oldest son Dinh continues to work at Lucy Ho's and hopes to attend vocational school to learn auto mechanics when his English improves.

TUM Plans Meeting

Churches in the Tallahassee area have been invited to meet with members of Tallahassee Urban Ministries at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 10, in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity.

TUM President Don F. Creedman called the general meeting to inform other churches about the proposed program to fill some of the unmet needs of people in Tallahassee. "We are now working with several churches in Tallahassee and feel that to be really successful, we need the aid or encouragement of the majority of churches in the area," Creedman said.

All persons associated with TUM from the beginning and new ones wishing to participate are invited to the meeting. During meetings this fall the Board of Directors of TUM has investigated what the key unmet needs in the area are. These will be presented at the general meeting.

Special Programs Celebrate Advent

Christmas will be a time of music at Trinity. Special music programs and presentations will highlight both Sunday morning and evening worship services through out the month.

The Tallahassee Community College Choir will sing for 9:45 and 11 a.m. worship services on December 7.

Special selections and carol singing by the congregation have been planned by the Rev. Bob Clark and Youth choir director Suzanne Gifford for Sunday evening, December 7, at 7:30. Among selections will be a solo by Mrs. Gifford, accompanying herself on the autoharp, of "Sweet Little Jesus Boy." Rev. Clark will sing solo parts

with a quartet of "Room in the Manger" and "The Holy Day."

Randy Hock will sing "Little Drummer Boy" and a woman's trio and a male quartet will sing four additional numbers. The musical service will be concluded with carol singing by the congregation.

During 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services on December 14, the Chancel Choir directed by Delano Fenn will present a Christmas Cantata.

At 7:30 p.m. December 14 a musical program with all choirs participating will be presented in the sanctuary. Following the program, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall by the Wesley Fellowship Class. A family Christmas tree will be decorated with ornaments affixed by each family present.

International students will be guests at a covered dish dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., December 21 in the Fellowship Hall. The New Life Singers will present the folk musical, "It's the Lord's Thing." Then all will go to the courtyard to view a living creche portrayed by members of the younger children's choirs. Nancy Kerce is coordinating the creche and the Christmas story from Luke will be read by one of the ministers. Family Life Coordinator Kitty Funderburk is assisting to make this program an especially meaningful time for families.

The Trinity staff is working with other members of the congregation to plan a candlelight service and Holy Communion Service on Christmas Eve. The service will begin at 8 p.m. and will include special music, a brief Christmas message, singing by the congregation and Holy Communion.

Emory Glee Club Performs Here

The Emory University Glee Club of Atlanta will give a Christmas concert in the sanctuary of Trinity on Monday, December 15.

The group will be directed by William W. Lemonds. Details of the performance will be announced in the weekly Tidings.

Rev. Bob Clark is making arrangements with Trinity members to house the students in their homes the evening of Dec. 15. Persons wishing to assist by housing one or two students should contact Rev. Clark at the church. He also encouraged members to invite friends, neighbors and business acquaintances to the concert.

Chrismons Trees Are Trinity Tradition

Symbolic of the Christian faith, Chrismons trees will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 14 to proclaim to Trinity members that Christ is the Light of the World.

The trees have become traditional at Trinity during the past several years.

Living green trees are decorated with handmade designs forming the familiar symbols of the Christian faith.

The green tree (the symbol of eternal life) provides a background for tiny white lights (symbolizing Christ as the Light of the World) and the Chrismons (CHRIST and MONogram). The Chrismons are white for the purity and perfection of Christ and gold for His majesty and glory.

Different forms of the cross, earliest monograms of Christ (Greek letters) and other symbols of God and the Trinity are used in the Chrismons.

CALENDAR

December

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| 2 | 7:30 p.m. | Charge Conference and Administrative Board Meeting |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Project Cheer to wrap gifts in Ark |
| 7 | 9:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | TCC Choral Group |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Christmas Carol Sing |
| 8 | 2:00 p.m. | American Association of Retired People |
| 14 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. | Chancel Choir Cantata |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Special Christmas music by all choirs |
| 15 | 8:00 p.m. | Emory Univ. Glee Club |
| 21 | 6:30 p.m. | Churchwide Covered Dish Dinner, with International students
"It's the Lord's Thing,"
New Life Singers
Living Creche
the children's choirs |
| 24 | 8:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Communion Service |
| 25 | | Christmas Day |
| 28 | | Student Recognition Day |
| 31 | | Watchnight Service |



Student Recognition Day Is Dec. 28

December 28 is the Sunday designated as Student Recognition Day in churches across the country. This is a time when we are given an opportunity as a church to express our concern and support to the many church members presently enrolled in colleges and universities both here in Tallahassee and elsewhere.

In order to plan for this special recognition day, the office needs to know the names of Trinity members who are studying at the undergraduate or graduate level. If you have family members or friends in this category, please call the church office and give their names.

In India: 'Christian Church is Dwelling Of Light in Land of Darkness' Bishop Says

A District Missionary Rally was held at Trinity on November 19 to gain support for the United Methodist Florida Spanish Ministry and Methodist ministry in India.

Bishop and Mrs. Joel D. McDavid, who recently visited India, described opportunities for Christian mission in that country before a congregation of Methodists from throughout the Tallahassee District. The Rev. Victor Rankin and the Rev. Reinaldo Toledo told about the work among Spanish speaking persons in Florida in 21 congregations and two Spanish Migrant Ministry Centers, day care center, and an elementary school.

Conference leaders of the Spanish ministry told of the success of this program so far but presented it as "a fertile field for ministry," since there are over 400,000 unchurched Spanish speaking persons in Miami alone.

Bishop McDavid said "India is a land of need, land of opportunity, and of marvelous possibilities. Every need there is--food, sanitation, education, honesty in government--can be found in India. There is the darkness of ignorance; only 8% of the population can read and write in some areas," he said. Information about birth control that might lessen overpopulation problems can't be read by the illiterate, he pointed out.

"There is a serious health need. They know nothing about sanitation," Bishop McDavid said.

"But the No. 1 problem is religion. Hindus and Moslems spend much time in conflict and are superstitions more than religions. When people say the church should not interfere with the religion of the country where it serves in the mission field, they haven't been to India. The Christian faith has something better to offer than this," he said.

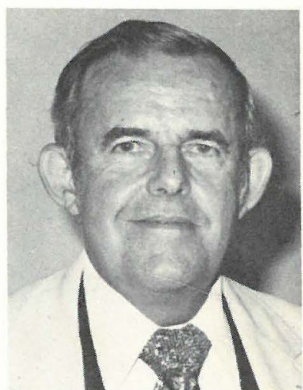
He said only a small number of Indians are Christians but their influence is great. The Christian missions and schools offer hope. The public school system is so poor that people are anxious to attend the Christian schools. Many of the students are Hindu and Moslem who are being exposed to the Christian faith. "This is evangelism!" the Bishop said.

He said that the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief is helping alleviate the serious hunger of 60% of the people who live below a poverty level established at an income of \$6.50 a month. The Florida Conference is helping to build wells, dams and irrigation systems to improve agriculture. Recent research developed a soy bean additive to provide greater nutrition for the people.

"The Christian Church is a dwelling of light in this land of darkness," Bishop McDavid said.

The Missionary Rally at Trinity was held in conjunction with a District Conference presided over by District Superintendent Alfred B. Vaught.

COMMENT: Brooms and Shotguns



Bishop James Armstrong recently commented that United Methodists tend to deal with issues "with a broom in one hand and a shotgun in the other." The broom is used by those who refuse to face the issues (sweep them under the rug), while the shotgun represents those who would have the church jump with both feet right into the middle of every conceivable issue. Armstrong suggested that responsible churchmanship lies "somewhere between the broom and the shotgun."

The Bishop went on to suggest some guidelines for responsible church people in dealing with the issues and problems of our day:

(1) As Christians we cannot avoid dealing with the issues. Jesus lived in a real world with a concern for the real needs of real people. To be His disciples means to be with Him in the midst of the world and its needs.

(2) The positions we take and the attitudes we express must be consistent with the life and teachings and nature of Jesus Christ. He is our norm or standard for decision. And we meet Him in the context of the Scriptures and in the context of the Church so far as our determination of that norm is concerned.

(3) We need to set some priorities in facing the issues. To try to deal with everything is to end up with the fellow who hopped on the horse and went riding off in all directions at once. It is better to face and deal in depth with a few issues than to pass a stack of resolutions dealing with everything.

(4) An issue has significance because it has to do with people. When the issue takes precedence over the people involved in the issue then we have lost sight of Christ who said that the Sabbath (or any law or issue or institution) was made for man and not man for the Sabbath.

(5) There is room for diversity of opinion among sincere Methodists. None of us knows the truth absolutely. Therefore we need to take our stands on the issues with humility. That is, we need to take our stands on the issues; but at the same time we need to respect those persons who take differing stands (yet who may be basing their position upon Christ as the norm, upon an informed understanding of the issues, and upon a sincere desire to help people.)

I do not believe that I have stretched Bishop Armstrong's comments too much out of the shape he intended them to take. I feel that his comments are of particular relevance as we draw nearer to the 1976 General Conference of the United Methodist Church and as the national presidential campaigns begin to heat up.

I have proposed to a few of you in conversations that I'd like to see some small groups form among our membership to spend some time looking at some of the issues we are facing. I feel that there would be some real value in looking at issues together from a Christian perspective. I see some real possible value in looking not only at issues we face on the national level but also on the state and local levels.

Each time our legislature meets, the Florida Council of Churches sponsors a legislative seminar. Last spring I served as the chairman of the task force that prepared that seminar. The seminar brought to Tallahassee concerned church-people from across Florida. We had opportunities over a two-day period to talk with senators and representatives who shared with us background on the big issues they were facing. Then at our last session Governor Askew gave a summing up message.

The reason I am sharing this with you is because I have thought about how meaningful this whole experience was for me, and I have been wishing there were some means by which you too could have this same sort of experience. So, one way would be to offer a series of study-action opportunities dealing with some of the issues we face. Some of the "action" could be a sharing with the congregation through our *Monthly Tidings* and through special programs "majority" and "minority" reports of the results of studies by the various groups and some of the reasons for the conclusions they reached.

ED W. NORMAN

What Is the Meaning of the Christian Season of Advent?

The word "Advent" is derived from a Latin root which means "coming" or "arrival," and the season was developed in the Western Church as the preparation for the festival of the Nativity.

Councils held in Gaul in the sixth century refer to the penitential period of six weeks before Christmas. There was fasting on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Various lectionaries dating from the seventh and eighth centuries show the six-Sunday pattern in Gaul and north-west Italy. In Spain, northeast Italy and south Italy a five-Sunday pattern was utilized, representing a modification of the earlier structure.

A seventh century manuscript, *Reginensis IX*, contained a complete table of lessons from the Pauline writings, and began with the Christmas vigil listing the lessons of a six-Sunday Advent at the end of the lectionary. Eventually at Rome, Advent was reduced to four Sundays.

In the East, Advent is a much longer season, beginning in the middle of November. The season is celebrated with both a view to the coming of our Lord and His birth among men as well as a reminder of the second coming of Christ as Judge at the Last Day. Since it is a time of preparation and penitence the color used is violet, the same as in Lent.

Christmastide begins on Christmas Day as the season of Christmas and lasts through Epiphany, December 25-January 6, usually two Sundays. It is a joyous season, and the liturgical color is white for paraments and stoles of the ministers.

UMW Circle Meeting Schedule Is Listed

Circles of United Methodist Women announce the following meeting schedule for December:

Circle 1 will meet at 10 a.m., December 8, with Mrs. Sam Teague, Jr., 713 Rebecca Drive. Mrs. J. L. Graham will read a Christmas story.

Circle 2 will meet at 2:30 p.m., December 8, in the church parlor. Hostesses will be Mrs. Ester Koch, Mrs. Lillian Holland, Mrs. Thelma Sattler and Mrs. Elaine Powell. Mrs. J. A. Rehwinkel will review the book, "The Two From Galilee," by Marjorie Holmes.

Circle 3 meets at 10 a.m., December 9, with Mrs. Marie Bower, 561 E. Call Street. Mrs. Claudia Barber will be cohostess. They will continue study of the book, "Rather Die Than Live."

Circle 5 will meet at 10 a.m., December 9, with Mrs. W. E. Armstrong, 2110 Ridgetop Drive. The members will take gifts to the Vashti School in Thomasville.

Circle 6 meets at 10 a.m., December 9, with Mrs. Allan C. Jackson, 2104 Lee Avenue. Mrs. Robert Jenkins will be cohostess. Mrs. J. L. Graham will read a Christmas story.

Circle 7 meets at 10 a.m., December 9, with Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, 519 E. Sixth Avenue. The Leon High Melodears will present the program.

Circle 8, meets at 9:30 a.m., December 9, in the church parlor with Mrs. Ann Lumsden and Mrs. Sarah McClellan as hostesses. Mrs. Sharon White will continue review of the book, "Beyond Ourselves," by Catherine Marshall. A nursery will be provided.

Circle 9 meets at 10 a.m., December 9, with Mrs. Robert Peirce, 2608 Lotus Drive. Everyone is to bring a salad and stay for lunch. A Christmas program is planned.

Circle 11 members will be notified of their next meeting.

Circle 13 meets at 8 p.m., December 9, with Mrs. Charlotte White, 2020 Continental Ave. The Rev. Phil Roughton, Peggy Busacco and the youth will present a musical program.

Help Wanted

As we expand our ministry to youth and our Christian education program, we are opening many new opportunities for youth and adults to participate. Please consider how you might enjoy serving in the following areas:

1. If you like to *cook*, you might think about helping to prepare a *Vital Vittles* entree for our youth on Sunday evenings. You could supply the whole meal or just a favorite dessert or casserole. Some funds are available for your ingredients.

2. We have an urgent need for mature young adults or adults, preferably a married couple, to work with our *Junior High Youth Fellowship* as *counselors*. This is a wonderful way to relate to young people and to enhance your own Christian growth.

3. We are also looking for *Senior High Sunday School teachers* to teach on a quarterly basis beginning in February. You would have a hand in choosing your subject matter and resources. Our Senior High group is very active and serious in their commitment to Christian study, and a real stimulus to their teachers and counselors.

4. If you'd like to *teach*, but can't afford the time on a permanent basis, we'd love to have you on our *substitute* list. We greatly need persons who would fill in for our regular teachers occasionally.

5. Our *Nursery* program on Sundays is in desperate need of reliable youth or adults to *babysit* during church and special programs. If you enjoy little children, please consider helping in this department on a regular or occasional basis.

6. Finally, the *Ark kitchen* is being used more and more by various groups around the church, but is *lacking utensils*. If you have any pots and pans, cutting boards, baking trays, measuring cups, big spoons, spatulas--anything--that you would like to donate, your contributions would be so appreciated.

Are you interested in helping Trinity in one of the above capacities? Please see me about your interest. Trinity is only as strong in ministry as its members who are willing to serve.

PEG BUSACCO



It Is Not Far

It is not far to Bethlehem.
The shortest cut I know
Is that directly through the heart,
The way the children go.

It is not far to Bethlehem;
It cannot take you long.
It is no farther than a prayer,
The distance of a song.

Ulrich Troubetzkoy

Book Review:

Hide and Seek

"You can cope by compensating," is the theme of this engaging book about personal self esteem by Dr. James Dobson. The writer is an eminent leader in the research of child development, a committed Christian churchman. It is a sequel to his previous book, "Dare to Discipline."

The purpose of this book is to assist concerned parents in developing a healthy self-esteem in each of their children, without bowing to the value cults of contemporary society. He describes the two major value cults, beauty and intelligence. He illustrates how parents and peers discount those children who do not possess the ultimate of either of these traits, and how it influences a low self-concept within these children. Then he offers ten strategies for "coping by compensating," that parents and teachers may use to help each child develop a life-script based on a high self-concept, valuing the uniqueness and individuality of each person.

The search for self esteem and personal worth is a universal drive. Everyone wants to know that he is of significant and unique worth, and that others recognize and acknowledge that worth. And yet our society is permeated by what Dr. Dobson calls, "an epidemic of inferiority." He describes vividly the waste of personal potential, and the resulting tragedy, of one of America's classic rejects, and concludes the description with these words: "Finally, in silence, he pleased no more. No one wanted him. No one had ever wanted him. He was perhaps the most rejected man of our time. His ego lay shattered in a fragmented dust!" Then, following a brief description of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy on November 22, 1963, he concludes, "Lee Harvey Oswald, the rejected, unlovable failure, killed the man who, more than any other man on earth, embodied all the success, beauty, wealth, and family affection which he himself lacked."

Through the many case histories and illustrations, he permits us to relive the many hurts and put-downs, the discounts and red-penciling that gave us "not OK" feelings when we were growing up.

The final two-thirds of the book is devoted to alternatives to inferiority, to strategies for developing a healthy self esteem. He asserts, "There *are* ways to teach a child of his genuine significance, regardless of the shape of his nose or the size of his ears, or the efficiency of his mind. *Every* child is entitled to hold up his head, not in haughtiness and pride, but in confidence and security. This is the concept of human worth intended by our Creator. How foolish for us to doubt our value when He formed us in His own image."

Dr. Dobson is assistant professor of pediatrics (child development) at the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He is also director of Behavioral Research, Division of Child Development, for the Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. He has a firm conviction that "only Christian values free us from the tyranny of the 'self,' and offer dignity and respect to every human being on earth. Parents who implement this 'better way' will give their children the courage to SEEK the best from their world, rather than HIDE in fear and sorrow."

And so for your enjoyment and edification, for parents, teachers, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and all other compassionate adults, I recommend this book as a Christmas gift, to someone who loves someone you love.

REV. BOB CLARK

Coordinates UMW Welfare Efforts

If a Family Has Special Needs, Community Asks Mrs. Metz for Help

The county visiting teacher locates a family with six young children who do not go to school because they do not have proper clothes to wear.

A woman loses her leg in an automobile accident. The family needs food and clothes for four boys.

A man leaves his wife and seven children. Clothes, shoes, and food offerings will help keep them together and help the woman train for a nursing job.

Special needs such as these are revealed almost daily in Tallahassee by schools and social agencies whose budgets cannot provide creature comforts that make the difference in physical and psychological health.

Among the people these agencies turn to for help is Trinity member Myrtle Metz. They know she'll find clothing and provide immediate aid to the people in need.

New Members Are Welcomed to Trinity

Trinity welcomes the following new members to the fellowship of the church:

Mrs. Bonnie King, 1712 Bordeaux (04), 575-1169, comes by transfer of her letter from First United Methodist Church in Bartow. She is employed by the office of Judge John A. Rudd, and has two children, Todd (10) and Dawn (3).

Mrs. Carol F. Llewellyn, who resides at 823 W. Jefferson (04), comes from Centerville UMC in Bedford, Pa. She can be reached at 222-2545.

Mr. & Mrs. Chris (Martha) Bentley, 2415 San Pedro Ave. (575-4767) have transferred their membership from Trinity UMC in Bradenton. They have two children, Chip (6) and Jim (5).

Mr. & Mrs. Richard (Judy) Menendez, 2263 Hampshire Way (03), 385-3418, come from St. John's UMC, Hickory, N.C. They are former Trinity members now back in Tallahassee. They have two children, Jenifer (5) and Todd (7).

Mr. Ray Reynolds, 1701 W. Pensacola No. 204 (04), 575-2566, comes from the Esto Baptist Church in Esto, Fla. He is a student at Florida State University.

Ollie Reese Whittle, 2227 Woodlawn (03), is a former Trinity member being reinstated to membership.

For the past 15 years, or maybe it has been 17, Mrs. Metz can't remember exactly, she has coordinated distribution of clothing and Thanksgiving food baskets to about 20 families a year provided by Trinity members.

She's quick to say: "The United Methodist Women are behind me in this project 100%. They always respond in a hurry to every request I make for collections of clothing of all sizes. The UMW circles volunteer to provide a Thanksgiving basket and I provide the name of the family." She particularly praised one circle who have met the needs of one family for ten years or more.

Mrs. Metz has again been elected chairman of the Community Welfare Committee of Trinity's United Methodist Women for 1976. It's a position she wrote the role of many years ago.

"I was offered a position on the Executive Board about 17 years ago," she said. "I told them I'd like to do something more constructive than the minor duties they outlined. They let me find my own job," she said.

She went to Miss Irene Foster, in charge of the Leon County visiting teacher school work program, who called upon families whose children attended school infrequently. Miss Foster, now retired, found that in many cases there was a reluctance to attend school without proper clothes to wear. She told Myrtle Metz she could help these children by finding clothes and shoes for them to wear to school.

The UMW Board approved the project and soon boxes of clothing filled Mrs. Metz' garage for sorting and distribution. She personally called upon the families, learned their particular needs, and kept track of their progress. She is still working with one family after eight years. With the help of circles, Sunday School classes and individuals in the community, she is able to provide more than \$1,000 worth of clothing each year and meet special needs in emergencies. Requests for clothing come from as far away as the State Mental Hospital in Chattahoochee.

A widow since 1954, Mrs. Metz came to Tallahassee as a stranger, and to "find my way around" contacted Miss Foster and Associated Charities to learn needs that she could help with. "The Lord has kept me on my feet and has enabled me to help. Since I live alone, it has been a blessing for me to have a responsibility to keep me busy and the good health to carry it out," she said.



Mrs. Myrtle Metz sorts clothing to give to a needy family. UMW circle members and others donate used garments totaling \$1,000 value yearly for this purpose.

Planning a Retreat? Locations Suggested

Is your group planning a retreat or special outing? Whether you're interested in getting away for a day or a week, the following sites have facilities for you: Centenary Camp in Quincy, Camp Weed at St. Teresa Beach, and the Girl Scout's Camp for All Seasons on Lake Talquin.

Centenary Camp, owned by Centenary United Methodist Church of Quincy, offers lodging for 20 to 80 persons, with cooking facilities available. Prices start at \$30 for just daytime use and \$50 for day-time use and lodging for 20 people. Included is the use of the main lodge and auditorium, which is air-conditioned and heated, three classrooms huts, a game hut and a craft hut, tennis and basketball courts, a campfire circle and a leader's building. The swimming pool may be enjoyed for an extra fee.

Camp Weed, operated by the Episcopal Diocese of Florida, is located on the beach. Rates include lodging and meals which are prepared by the camp's staff. While rates vary with size and age of the group, a three-meal weekend might cost \$6.50 for a teenager, \$7.50 for a college student, and \$8.95 for an adult. The camp can handle up to 200 persons, with winterized cottages, and a conference room with a fireplace. Special attractions are soccer and football fields, a baseball diamond, basketball and two volleyball courts, screened-in chapel and, of course, the waters and sands of the Gulf.

The Camp for All Seasons, maintained by the Girl Scout Council of the Apalachee Bend, offers a variety of accommodations from camping-out to cabins. Fees begin at \$3 per person for overnight use. Kitchens and small meeting rooms with fireplaces are provided, available at a cost of \$10 for just day-time use. There is also a lodge complex, which includes a main kitchen, large meeting area with a two-story fireplace, craft shop, sleeping rooms, lounge and other small buildings, and it is available for \$50 a day, without kitchen. The site offers a quarter of a mile of lake front, hiking trails and a dock for swimming or canoeing.

If you would like more information about the camps or their contact people, please see Peg Busacco.

Wills and Gifts Committee Plans Major Project

Trinity's Wills and Gifts Planning Committee has asked the Administrative Board to undertake as one of its major projects the sponsoring of a wills and gifts program.

Committee Chairman J. Lewis Hall presented recommendations and conclusions of the committee in a 16-page report.

Purpose of the committee is to provide leadership, information, assistance and guidance to Trinity members and friends in regard to ways by which they may make gifts to the church through wills and trusts.

Considering factors that are contributing to the growth of perimeter Methodist churches in the city that may retard the continued growth of downtown churches such as Trinity, the committee is seeking ways to maintain necessary financial strength in the event membership decreases.

Chairman Hall cautioned that the committee is not sounding a note of alarm nor forecasting a decline, but is considering potential of long range planning of a wills and gifts program to safeguard against any possibilities of weakness in the future.

"An analysis of our membership indicates that, with allowance for increasing age of the congregation, the average age of our membership is at the highest average in its history. Despite dedicated efforts of leaders in the church in our youth programs and the excellence of these programs, we conclude that the financial security of our church now and in the immediate future lies in the support and contributions of a membership whose average age is increasing from year to year," Chairman Hall said.

"A wills and gifts program to promote and inspire present and future gifts to Trinity would provide a reserve of financial strength, enabling the church to enlarge the scope of its present activities and tend to insure the continuation of its mission in the future," he said.

In its study the committee concluded that by reason of age, economic status, qualities of leadership and dedication, the membership of Trinity has the capacity for and will respond to the opportunities offered by a wills and gifts program.

Already in existence are two trusts, the Fannie Wilson Smith Trust and the Trinity Methodist Church Trust, that afford a means for implementing a wills and gifts program.

Mr. Hall has collected a large amount of informative and inspirational material regarding wills and trusts that could be used in informing the membership about such a program. He said there are also qualified persons who are willing to provide the leadership in presenting this information to Trinity members.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			
Treasurer's Report			
October 31, 1975			
Cash Balance			\$17,330.09
Plus October Receipts:			
On Pledges	\$16,955.39		
Plate Offering	670.81		
Kitchen-Food	145.25		
Misc.-Special	848.15		
Non Budgetary	3,494.74	\$22,114.54	
Total Funds for Month			\$39,444.63
Less Disbursements During Month			\$24,393.93
Total Funds October 31, 1975			* \$15,050.70
* \$15,000 of this amount deposited in 90-day certificates			
DISBURSEMENTS			
Budgetary:			
Benevolences	\$4,331.00		
Ministerial Support	3,254.00		
Lay Salaries	4,901.65		
Promotion/Program	1,730.46		
Office	1,383.46		
Property	3,943.79		
Miscellaneous	185.00	\$19,729.36	
Non Budgetary			\$4,664.57
Total Disbursements for October 1975			\$24,393.93
Monthly Receipts and Disbursements			
	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Cash Carry Over			\$25,645.60
January	\$24,162.40	\$20,554.92	\$29,253.08
February	20,192.53	21,849.90	27,596.61
March	23,805.99	23,942.15	27,460.45
April	23,266.55	23,208.82	27,478.18
May	23,705.92	24,580.70	26,603.40
June	22,453.95	24,451.31	24,606.04
July	20,355.20	25,293.55	19,667.69
August	18,108.25	18,460.44	19,315.50
September	19,235.72	21,221.13	17,330.09
October	22,114.54	24,393.93	15,050.70

A Little View of the Big World

Let us look at the world as if it were a village — a village with a population of 1,000. In this village there would be 140 North and South Americans (60 of them representing the United States); 210 Europeans; 86 Africans; 565 Asians. There would be 300 white people and 700 nonwhite people. Of the thousand, 300 would be Christians. Half of the total income of the village would be in the United States. Almost all of the affluent part of the village would be composed of Christians from Europe and North America. Over 700 of the 1,000 villagers would be unable to read. Over 500 would be suffering from malnutrition. Over 800 would live in what we call substandard housing. No more than ten would have a university education.

—from The London Rotarian



New Life

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Bishop McDavid Views Youth in the Church

by Jeb Blackburn

Did you know that Bishop Joel McDavid was in town on November 19? That's right—he was here for the District Conference. The Bishop is head of the Methodist Church in Florida.

Lynn Goerke and I asked him what his views on youth were and his comments follow: "I feel that the youth of our church have a very vital role in the total life of the church. No longer do we separate them in terms of ministry and in terms of the total operation of the church. Young people are at the decision-making level in our church now, in that they serve on work areas, commissions, boards and committees of the church. Therefore, they help to guide

the policies of the church as well as to function as a separate ministry of the church.

"It is not an either/or but it is a both/and. Therefore, I feel that it strengthens the program of the church to have young people involved in making decisions in the total life of the church," Bishop McDavid said.

Being involved in the church means we have a responsibility and when we accept responsibility, we must follow through.

From the Library

Recent gifts of books by Dr. Anderson, Dr. Chapman and the Sam Teagues have added the following titles to the church library:

A Catholic in the White House by James A. Pike

Personalities of the Passion by Leslie Weatherhead

The Book of Revelation by Charles M. Laymon

Alternative to Futility by Elton Trueblood

Prayer Can Change Your Life by William A. Parker

The Integrity of Church Membership by Russell Bow

The Modern Use of the Bible by Harry Emerson Fosdick

Bless This Mess and Other Prayers by Jo Carr

A. Bernard Byrd gave the library *An Album of Methodist History* by Elmer T. Clark. "Here in nearly 1,000 paintings, prints and photographs, woven together with brief, swift-moving text, is the march of people and events that have helped make the Methodists the largest free evangelical church on earth."

My friend Allison Lane was in confirmation class when this book was received. She was very interested in our church's history. She and her mother Gini immediately checked it out. Gini said it added to their interest in seeing Methodist landmarks in London during their recent trip there.

Rubie Butterworth has just purchased for the library *The Way Christmas Came* by Masahiri Kasuya. It is a beautifully illustrated book of the birth of Jesus for little children.

JO EZELL, Librarian

Roughton's Rappings

Have you ever noticed how true the old proverb "Haste makes waste" is? You know, you've only got 15 minutes to get ready to go somewhere so you hurry like crazy, and find you can take your normal 10 minute shower in a record twelve and a half minutes! Then, when you get out, you're so hot from hurrying in the shower, it takes two extra minutes to dry off—and you get to wherever it was you were in a hurry to get to 15 minutes late!

Well, even though in my head I know "Haste makes waste," my body periodically feels the need to prove the validity of this old adage. As the responsibilities and pressures build, my tendency is to run around acting busy and getting very little accomplished. It seems the more things I have to get done, the less time I have to do them.

This past week has been one of those times. Too much to do, too many people to see, too many needs, too many deadlines, too many programs to plan, and on and on.

Yesterday I stopped—something I'm slowly learning through experience to do. I'm learning that when I'm "wasting" through "hastening" it's usually because my priorities are messed up. I don't have things in the right perspective. Programs become more important than people, more time is spent in planning, less time in praying and personal renewal. Before long, I find myself feeling rather weak, and not very resourceful.

Last summer while working as a hospital chaplain, I reached the end of a day completely drained after several hours of work with a suicidal patient. A wise and good friend said to me, "You know, Phil, it looks like you're running only on your own strength. What about your spiritual resources?"

Those words came back to me yesterday and that's when I stopped. I stopped and spent some time with God, telling him of my frustrations, my problems, my needs. There's no magic in that kind of time, but I came away more aware of what things are really important and feeling more prepared to go after those things. I came away knowing that God doesn't call us to minister and then abandon us.

Perhaps that's part of what Jesus meant when he said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

PEACE, PHIL

Council on Youth Ministries Update

The Council on Youth Ministries met on November 11 and discussed several topics of interest to the Trinity youth and adults. Since the meeting, new developments have been made in several of the considered areas. This report represents a C.O.Y.M. update.

It was decided that the \$75 collected at Old Fashioned Day be made available to Phil Roughton for use in ministering to transients. This is being discussed with Trinity's staff, and Bill James, council treasurer, is to be instructed how to disburse the money.

Lynn Goerke, Senior High M.Y.F. program chairperson, announced plans for the coming weeks: Nov. 16—"Failure" led by Kelly Jones and Beth Hinson; Nov. 23—Special Thanksgiving emphasis on hunger; Nov. 30—Ernie Stevenson, speaker; Dec. 7—hopefully a speaker on the Bermuda Triangle.

David Moon, Ark director, gave an extensive report on new plans for the Ark. The regular coffeehouse entertainment will be provided on the first and third Fridays of the month. On the other Fridays, the Ark may offer special food nights (such as pizza-making or construction and consumption of the world's largest banana split). On other nights films might be presented. The Ark will not definitely be open every Friday. Watch for schedules of events. On Nov. 21, Walter James led a night of bread-making, used the following Sunday evening for the communion service.

Cochairpersons Doug Smith and Jeff James announced as members of the Youth in Trinity Committee Beth Skipper, Dawn Welch and Regan Seals. Since the meeting, Julie Mickler has agreed to be the committee's adult advisor. The Youth in Trinity Committee is currently working on plans for New Year's Eve watchnight activities, possibly to include a family worship service.

Cochairpersons Kelly Jones and Lauri Denmark have recently announced that Randy Hock and Catherine Ball are members of the Youth in Mission Committee. Mary Soka is the adult advisor. This committee is investigating ways in which the youth can make Christmas happier for needy Tallahassee families.

A creative dance group is being formed to include both young men and women

New Members Invited to Join Choir

Christmas is a time for music! A very personal way of offering praise to the Christ Child comes through sharing one's musical talent, great or small though it be. And yet, this sharing, which starts as a giving of oneself can become a fully rewarding and gratifying gift to the giver! I hope our Christmas performances will touch the listeners, but even more than that, I hope they lift and inspire us, the musicians!

All of the choirs will share the responsibilities of leading the morning worship services during Advent. In addition, December 14 every group will be part of a special Christmas program. This will be an evening service and will be followed by a social time. The following Sunday, the New Life Singers will present "It's the Lord's Thing." Some members of younger choirs will be a part of a living nativity scene after the musical. Also, all MYF members will go caroling one night. Details to come later!

If you'd like to be part of all this, come join us. There's a place for everybody!

Suzanne Gifford

and to be used possibly to provide interpretive body movement to hymns, psalms, anthems, and even sermons, during worship. The group is to be directed by Suzanne Gifford.

It was suggested that since Vital Vittles is a good time and Junior and Senior High M.Y.F.'ers to get together, perhaps they could present skits occasionally.

A motion was passed that Frank Roughton, talented creative dramatist and uncle of Phil, be brought to Trinity. Plans are underway to invite him for sometime after February.

Suzanne Gifford and several youth choir members will coordinate plans to go caroling in December.

The Council on Youth Ministry is beginning to research and make contacts which will hopefully prod the church to consider buying a church bus. Phil Roughton, Jean Vaught and David Moon will head up these efforts.

Trip Provides Study Opportunity on Life Stewardship

"I thought it was very good because of the sermons and all the group being together; but the sermons and the food were the best."

"I liked the evening vespers and when we sang."

"I liked every minute of it. The two nights spent at Orlando, the day at Disney and Sea World, and our stay at Daytona Beach. I learned a lot about myself, the things around me, and other people."

These are just a few of the comments that have been pouring into the church office about the recent Central Florida Youth Trip and Retreat held November 5-9. Thirty youth and counselors spent five days in the central part of the state (Orlando and Daytona Beach) learning something about "Life Stewardship" and also having some fun visiting some of the attractions in the area.

Leaving here on Wednesday afternoon, the group traveled to Orlando and spent two days there visiting both Disney and Sea World. They stayed at the Epicenter, a youth hostel sponsored by churches in the area. They began to examine their faith, how it was related to the world, and what they as Christians are doing with their lives.

After spending the two days in Orlando, the group traveled to Daytona Beach where they stayed at the Jamaican Beach Motel right on the beach.

In the two and a half days they spent in Daytona, they examined their lifestyles and the progress of their lives to date. The program theme, "Life Stewardship," was developed so that each individual could look at himself and decide just how he was living and if he liked that lifestyle or would like to make any changes in it.

On Sunday morning, the group met by the pool at 6:30 a.m. for a sunrise service, after which they went to the house of some local church members for a communion celebration and a picnic on the grounds. They then returned to Tallahassee, a little tired, but spiritually, physically, and emotionally uplifted.

The Youth Council thanks those counselors who accompanied the group on the trip and gave guidance and leadership in the venture: Peggy Busacco, Diane Bevis, Phil and Mica Roughton, Ted and Suzanne Mikalsen, and Tim Mummaw. If you want to know what five days with 25 junior and senior high youth is like, ask any of them; they'll be glad to tell you.

Merry Christmas!

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