



Monthly Tidings

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Evangelism Work Area Reports Progress

Members of the Commission on Evangelism reported Sunday, Feb. 3, on progress in carrying out the "Great Commission" and took part in the services that morning.

Plans for television broadcast are "on hold" at the present time, Palmer Williams, television broadcast chairperson, reported at a Commission meeting Jan. 28.

Due to the high cost quoted by the television station in Panama City, "the probability of it being Channel 13 is very low," Williams said. Inquiries are being made into the possibility of local station broadcast.

"We will lay a firm foundation and do a lot of leg-work," Williams said. "We've got a lot to learn about television broadcast."

Ruth McInvale, "We Care" chairperson, reported new approaches to "key in on new members." These include a brochure describing Sunday school classes and other Trinity programs, greeters to meet visitors, visitor follow-up, and recognition of new members.

Dr. Gene Davidson, Cottage Prayer chairperson, reported a "Ten Brave Christians" program will be carried out in April "if there is a response from people of the Church."

It has been determined that it would not be "feasible at this time to consider the purchase or leasing of bus transportation." It was emphasized, however, that the Transportation Committee would arrange transportation to the Church for anyone needing it.

"It is one of the greatest things that has happened at Trinity," Elaine Smith said of changes recently made in the Sunday evening service. Her committee is responsible for the transformation into a "spirit-filled" service.

She urged participation in the service and said, "Unless we share the Good News, we're not going to see Trinity shining as it should for the Lord."

Rev. Harold Brown closed the Jan. 28 meeting by asking, "How many of you have spoken about, or shared with others, the love of Christ? I would challenge you to discipline yourself to seek the opportunity of sharing Christ, particularly with those who do not know Christ."

10% Increase in Pledges Needed to Meet Budget

The congregation at the three morning worship services Sunday, January 26, was asked to increase their pledges by 10 percent to make up a deficit of \$28,000 in financing the program of the church for 1975.

The Administrative Board at its meeting on January 14 recommended that a final appeal be made to the membership to avoid abandoning

some benevolences and reducing the ministerial staff and some of the planned programs.

The program for 1975 adopted by the Administrative Board last November after several months' study and planning is expected to cost \$266,000, 12 percent of which represents inflated cost of operating at the same level as last year.

David Kerns, chairman of the Finance Committee, said only 11 percent of the total budget is for discretionary programs, and 89 percent represents fixed expenses which cannot be reduced.

"If each family who has pledged will increase their giving 10 to 15 percent, we can make up the shortage," Council of Ministries Chairman Robert Peirce told the congregation. "We're confident that Trinity can support the program to which we are committed," he said.

Palmer Williams told why he thinks making a pledge is important for every church member. "When I joined Trinity, I made a personal commitment to Christ. I then learned that only through members making a pledge could the church, through its programs, make its commitment to Christ. I realized then that I could better serve my church by pledging," he said.

Administrative Board Chairman Jack Mowell said that "making a personal commitment is a private matter between oneself and God." He asked the membership to prayerfully think about the church's needs and make pledges accordingly so that its program may move forward.

Trinity's Radio Ministry Is On The Air; All's Well With Blalock At The Console

Exactly at 9 o'clock each Sunday morning a small red light comes on in the balcony railing of Trinity's sanctuary. Minister Ed Norman steps into the pulpit and begins his sermon. Trinity's morning worship service is on the air!

WTNT Radio's audience hears well modulated voices — both spoken and sung. The practiced microphone technique of songleader Walter James or the varying voice of the first time soloist who moves back and forth before the mike are both tuned to their best advantage. Operating the sound system at a console in the balcony is Thomas J. Blalock. He's been Trinity's broadcast "producer" since 1967.

An experienced radio technician, Blalock talks around the world over his own amateur radio band. His hobby as an amateur radio operator became a service when he used the airwaves as a "phone patch" between servicemen's parents and their sons in remote areas of the world during World War II and since.

He also had a recording studio in his home where he cut records for fledgling singers, speeches for politicians, and voice "letters" from college girls to their boyfriends in the service.

Blalock brings still another talent into play as he operates Trinity's sound system. He was a baritone who sang ballads with orchestras in the days of the "Big Name" bands.

When Tallahassee's first radio station — WTAL — went on the air in 1934, auditions were held to select a singer to begin the station's broad-



Thomas J. Blalock "produces" Trinity's radio hour from this console in the balcony.

casting with a selection of songs. Blalock was chosen and serenaded the station's birth for 45 minutes. He no longer sings but he knows when Trinity's choir is about to hit a high note and adjusts the sound accordingly.

He's retired now from working with the State Comptroller and Florida Revenue Commission and emphasizes that it was due to 35 years' service, not his age.

Blalock wasn't in his usual place at the balcony console for several weeks beginning November 17. He was recuperating from surgery. Without two fingers raised signaling two minutes to air time, scheduling of the start of the morning sermon may have been off a few minutes, and the sound, both to listeners in the sanctuary and at home, may have had its ups and downs.

On January 12 Blalock returned. The red light sends out its signal again, reassuring Trinity's ministers and municians they are being heard.

Ministerial Scholarship Fund Gaining Support

Contributions to the Rev. Ralph Jones Ministerial Scholarship Fund now total \$358. The fund was established in memory of the Homestead minister who grew up in Tallahassee and Trinity. He died suddenly in December while serving as pastor of Silver Palm United Methodist Church.

The fund will be used to provide money for young men and women entering the ministry of the United Methodist Church. Rev. Jones' son, Timothy Jones, is already attending Florida Southern College for this purpose and will be the scholarship's first recipient.

Donations may be made through the church office.

Get Acquainted With These New Trinity Members

Trinity welcomes the following new members who have joined the church family during the past month:

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Edenfield (Isabella), 2164 Edenfield Road, 877-1266, come to us from other local churches. They are retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ragan (Janet), 522 Collins Dr., 385-1491. They come by transfer from 1st Presbyterian here in Tallahassee. Mr. Ragan is employed by the Florida Driver's License Bureau.

Mrs. Darlene Howell Eisele, 2106

Tamer Lane, 385-6484. She comes from 1st United Methodist Church in Thomasville, Ga. She has three children: David (13), Brad (6) and Lisa (5).

Bob Cash, 1518 Belleau Wood, 385-1441, comes by transfer from St. Paul's U.M.C. and is the Tallahassee district representative to the Conference Youth Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Silvey (Junella), 773 Victory Garden Drive, 878-3000. He is employed by the People's Flagship Bank and she teaches

at FSU and TCC. They come by transfer from St. Paul's UMC and have two children, Jennifer (3) and Preston (1).

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt R. Clements, Jr. (Buck and Donna), 2731 Blairstone Rd., Apt. 112, 878-2809. They come to us from Kendall U.M.C. in Miami. Mr. Clements works as an analyst for the state and they have two children, Virginia (Ginger), age 6, and Bo, age 8.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Doyle Perry, 2419 Winthrop Road, 385-0669. They are

transferring from Christ United Methodist Church, Ft. Lauderdale. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have two children, Stephanie (12) and Todd (9).

Kene Ezechi, 104 F.S.U. Trailer Park, 575-6295. Kene is a student at F.S.U. and comes by transfer from his home church in East Central State, Nigeria.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sperry (Jane), Greg, Becky and Tedd, 1104 Domingo Dr., 576-2564. They are transferring from White Bluff Presbyterian in Savannah, Ga.

COMMENT:

THE SPIRIT
WITHIN TRINITY

One of the problems in writing a column a week or more before the publication actually gets into the hands of the congregation is how to write news so that it is still "news" when it is read. For example, I am writing these lines on Saturday afternoon, January 25. Tomorrow Dave Kerns (chairman of the Finance Committee), Bob Peirce (chairman of the Council on Ministries), Jack Mowell (chairman of the Administrative Board), and Palmer Williams (one of our younger members of the Administrative Board and Finance Committee with a personal testimony to give) will have 15 minutes during each of the three morning worship services to make a presentation.

Their presentation will fulfil a decision of the Administrative Board in the January meeting to tell the finance story to the congregation with the hope that as more of us become aware of the need there will be a response which will enable us to reach our 1975 proposed budget and program goal of \$266,000. At this moment we are about \$28,000 short.

As I write these lines I am confident that we will move a long way toward our goal and perhaps even reach it. Already a number of Trinity members have called the church office asking to increase their pledges, and others have indicated that they are planning to make an increase. At this moment increases have ranged from \$10 to \$25 a month.

Whether we reach our goal or not I will be pleased with the results, for this whole "extra push" approach to our need has come spontaneously from the membership of this church. There have been no "pressure tactics" by the staff or by the leadership of the church. The initiative has come from within the membership of Trinity. And that is from where it ought to come. The fact that it has come in the way it has, and in the spirit it has, only serves to re-emphasize the good spirit that prevails here. I just want you to know that I appreciate it.

In the last issue of the *Monthly Tidings* we presented a "profile of Trinity giving" which mentioned among other things statistics concerning those from whom no pledge has been received. Some people have suggested that these are the people to whom we should turn for the money needed to fulfil our program needs. One insight into this sort of proposal was given by a Board member who asked me in private, "If you had an emergency in the church and needed funds to meet that emergency, to whom would you go: to those who already give heavily to the program of the church or to those who do not give?" My answer: "I'd go to YOU who already are giving!" As a further insight here, your business manager, Mrs. Lisa Miley, and I have gone over the list of those who have made no pledge to date. Many are widows whose very limited incomes already have made each new day an economic crisis in these days of inflation. Some are college students. Some are long-time members of Trinity who for various reasons never have made a practice of pledging. After a study of this segment of our membership we were convinced all the more that we would have to turn to those who are contributing most heavily to the program for any additional funds needed. (By the way, we noted that some of those who are unable to give consistently to the program of Trinity now did through the years of their active life give of themselves to their church.)

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Another matter in which I know you will be interested is in connection with something we began here at Trinity two years ago in helping to get underway in East Central Nigeria a program of rehabilitation. At that time we began supporting Richard Ezenwukwa, helping him to obtain needed training at Florida State University.

A year before Richard graduated he was joined by a cousin from Nigeria who was studying accounting. When the tragedy of Richard's sudden death became known, his cousin, along with all of us, was distressed about the fact that need was still there for someone to do the work that Richard had set out to do.

Recently this young Nigerian cousin of Richard's announced that he was changing his course of study from accounting to education for special needs and he plans to return to East Central Nigeria to take up the work that Richard had intended to do.

This young man's name is Kene Ezechi. He has been attending Trinity regularly for many months and recently joined this church. One of our members is providing his tuition at Florida State. Others have been supplementing his living expenses (he does work in his spare time but needs additional funds to subsist). Additional help has been coming from a special fund here at Trinity. As time goes on you will have an opportunity, as many of us already have, of getting acquainted with Kene Ezechi.

ED W. NORMAN

Bob Hope Performance Benefits Florida Southern

Bob Hope will perform a benefit show at the Florida Civic Center in Lakeland Wednesday, February 19, with proceeds going to Florida Southern College Scholarship Fund. During the show he will accept the position of Honorary Chancellor of Florida Southern College.

Reservations for the performance and donations to the fund may be directed to the Bob Hope Scholarship

Benefit, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida 33802. Tickets are \$6 and \$7.

Florida Southern is a Christian higher education institution sponsored by the United Methodist Church. Through the scholarship fund, students who lack financial resources will be provided a college education in a Christian environment.

Where Needs Were
UMW Were in 1974

Supportive concern and social involvement from Nigeria to Japan, for people around the world and here in Tallahassee. This was the scope of the work of Trinity's United Methodist Women during 1974, according to an annual report prepared by President Mrs. Griffith Pugh.

In the Tallahassee area, the UMW division on Supportive Community, Mrs. Robert O. Lawton, chairman, sponsored a welcoming tea for international students, a luncheon for senior members of Trinity, contributed to day camp (COCO) for underprivileged children, helped deliver Meals on Wheels and gave \$200 to the project, provided meals for Terrell House and participated in Tallahassee Urban Ministries.

With Mrs. Ed Norman as chairman, the division on Christian Global Concerns assisted with an anniversary tea benefitting Japanese International University, sponsored an appreciation day dinner for the late Richard Ezenwukwa of Nigeria, participated in Trinity's weekend in missions with the Bill Matthews family, former missionaries to the Philippines and Fiji Islands, and cosponsored Thanksgiving dinner for international students.

UMW's Christian Social Involvement, Mrs. Robert Short, chairman, sought to inform and challenge women to responsible action in the political area; cosponsored a Sunday evening program with a legislator answering questions on legislation; and gave special emphasis to child care center licensing. Other activities of this group included a card sale for UNICEF, clothing drive for Church World Service, sewing layettes for Leon Associated Charities and CWS, and a benefit for Florida migrants.

More than \$1,000 worth of clothing, shoes and household linens were distributed through the Leon County Welfare Department by the Community Welfare division, Mrs. Myrtle Metz, chairman. Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to the needy.

UMW also assisted with Trinity's Sesquicentennial celebration and carried out projects helpful to the church's total program.

Local Churches Asked
to Find Missionaries

The Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church is preparing 53 new missionaries for commissioning and has openings throughout the world for 123 more. When all positions are filled this will increase the present total of 851 in the field by another 176.

The church's increased response to missionary support, to World Service and Women's Division funds has turned around the previously held belief that the Board of Global Ministries would have difficulty in sending out more missionaries.

Local churches have the responsibility to help find committed Christians, persons of recognized professional competence, interpersonal skills and resilience, to fill the openings. Persons may apply to the Board of Global Ministries, Personnel Dept., Room 1373, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Pastors, teachers, doctors, and other skilled persons are needed in many foreign countries. Detailed needs may be obtained from Trinity's ministers.

Grist From Mills

By Joe Mills
Minister of Education and
Program Development

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
BEGINS...

Where does Christian education begin? It seems obvious that it *does* not begin in the church. It begins in the home. Historically the church was in homes. "Interpretation took place primarily in the home. For many years the law of Massachusetts required that all families catechize their children and servants at least once a week." (p. 15, *Values for Tomorrow's Children*, Westerhoff.)

Perhaps even more shaking than the law of Massachusetts was the fact that in the beginning the church *opposed* Sunday school. In 1780 a newspaper man by the name of Robert Raikes became concerned with delinquency and illiteracy in the cities of England. He took into a private home children 6 to 14 years old and on Sunday (the only day off from the factory these children had) attempted to teach them to read and write. The Bible was an obvious choice for a textbook. In 36 years a half million children were involved in these self-supporting lay organizations known as Sunday schools.

The church opposed this movement because it broke the fourth commandment concerning the Sabbath; and the privileged class did not believe these children ought to be educated. They even described the Sunday schools as instruments of the devil.

The idea for Sunday school found sympathy across the ocean in America. Through the growth of America westward and a series of many events, the Sunday school has slowly evolved into the kind of structure we have today.

However, somewhere in the evolution we have lost the idea, and the foundation that our basic Christian education is in the home. We set our children's minds and attitudes toward the *total* church by our feelings, thoughts and commitments to it. For religious education we have evolved to an attitude of "let the church do it."

The church can do its part but *only* a part. What happens in your home when your child comes home excited about church school? Do you say, "Not now, the game it on"? Do you share in your child's excitement? What happens when you get excited about an event you have in church school? Do you share it with your family? How about with a close friend or neighbor?

How about family discussions on religion, God, and spiritual growth? These are necessary if our ministry is to be a total success in building a foundation for lifetime commitment.

The time is *now* for us to join together — home and church — to share our hopes and dreams for our Christian education program here at Trinity. Share with your age level coordinators or with me your ideas for improving this program. We have age-level councils who will listen and work to develop a shared ministry for our Christian growth both in church and at home.

You Are Invited
CHURCH-WIDE
COVERED DISH DINNER
Church School Night
Sixth Grade Class Presenting:
"EVERYMAN"

February 16, 1975

6 P.M.

ON CHRISTIAN BELIEFS

by Ed W. Norman
(First in a Series)

A little girl was asked, "Mary, how do you go about drawing a picture?" She replied, "First, I think; and then I draw a line around it."

In a sense that is how creeds and doctrinal statements are drawn. They are born of experience. Our Christian creeds are the result of the experience of the church. That experience is tested and interpreted in the light of Scripture. In other words, the great beliefs of the church are not concocted out of the heads of a group of church philosophers who sit in some isolated den and spin doctrines like spiders spin webs.

Furthermore, no creed, no doctrinal statement, no system of theology is final and finished. Otherwise they become idols to be worshipped in the place of God. The God who revealed Himself in Jesus Christ cannot be captured in anyone's creed or theology.

Recognizing the limitations placed upon any attempt to formulate statements about God, we still are under obligation continually to try to verbalize our understanding of Him. We need to move beyond those who think of God simply as an oblong blur.

Our Tidings editor has suggested that we take some space in this monthly publication to present some statements relative to United Methodist beliefs and our Christian understanding of God. This I will attempt to do. And in terms of the space that is available from month to month I will make some statements about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, man, the Church, life after death, the Second Coming, the Kingdom of God, and other facets of the Christian faith and life.

I begin where the Bible begins: "In the beginning God . . ." I BELIEVE IN GOD! Does that mean that I am naive? There are people these days who suggest that it is a sign that "you aren't with it" to believe in God.

I disagree. The very facts that modern science has opened new doors to understanding the universe and in some degree has "unscrewed the inscrutable," and has tossed back the veil to disclose some of the great mysteries of this creation, have contributed to the deepening and strengthening of my own faith in God. In fact, I am convinced that you have to be more gullible and closed-minded to reject God than to believe in God.

Some of the attacks that are made upon the Christian faith are made in the name of science. I have to say that they are made "in the name of science" rather than "by scientists" because I know personally many scientists who have a firm faith in God and in Jesus Christ. On the other hand, other scientists with the same scientific background do not believe in God. Sometimes the attack on the Christian faith comes out something like this: We all begin with things that we can see and measure, which can be tested in a test tube or examined under a microscope. This is fact; this is knowledge. Now, we can go on and speculate on what lies beyond the observable and measurable. Science deals with the known facts; religion deals with faith. But this is not so. We all deal with faith. Whether we are scientists or whether we aren't we all deal with faith.

Just assuming that there is a world out here beyond our own senses is an act of faith. All we know of the world is our experience of it. We don't know the world. All I know of you is my experience of you. And you don't

know me; all you know is your experience of me. If we are to know anything about what is, our knowledge must be built upon the "stuff" which is thrust into our experience. Einstein said, "The object of all science is to coordinate our experiences and to bring them into a logical system." Another scientist named Niels Bohr said, "The task of science is both to extend the range of our experience and to reduce it to order." In other words, they are suggesting that the subject matter of science is our experience.

Have you thought about how we receive the information about the world we live it? It comes in the form of stimuli striking our nerve endings. Electrical impulses are sent to the brain; the brain interprets those impulses.

I can illustrate it all this way: Suppose you are inside a big box. The box is light-proof and sound-proof. In the box you have a television set, a closed-circuit affair with a camera located up on top of the box. All you know inside the box is what you receive on the television screen. Suppose someone slips in a video tape cassette. And as you watch your set you suddenly exclaim, "Wow!" What's going on out there? Look at those monsters! There are limitations to every analogy, but this tale of the TV in a real sense is an analogy of our real-life predicament. I have seen even that part about the cassette played out as I have visited folks in the hospital who have been given strong drugs. They have reported to me that there are things in the room that I don't see at all. I have seen men hypnotized who "saw" snakes in their shoes. I have seen things in my dreams that seemed very real to me at the time.

It sometimes comes as a shock to a person to learn that all scientific inquiry rests upon certain assumptions which cannot be proven. One such assumption is that there is a world "out there" that he can know something about. He can't prove that there is a world out there, or that the map of the world in his head actually corresponds to that world. He assumes it. It may be on the basis of evidence, but he assumes it.

What is true of scientific knowledge" also is true of "religious knowledge." Both types of knowledge are rooted in faith. Science cannot disprove God. But science cannot prove God either. However, science can illuminate our faith.

Our knowledge of God is rooted in experience and like all of our knowledge it is based in faith. Our knowledge of God is our basic knowledge in the light of which all of our other experience is interpreted and understood.

(To be continued. Next month: Why I believe in God)

UMW Hear Panelists

"A Journey Toward Wholeness" was subject of a panel at the United Methodist Women's luncheon on February 4.

Scheduled to be panelists were Church Women United members Kay Campbell, Millie Goodner, Faleda Webber and Johnnye Luebkekmann.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Join one of Trinity's choirs.

See the weekly Tidings for rehearsal schedules.

To join, just show up in the first floor choir room at the time listed.

Fill Out and Return

Questionnaire Will Determine Met, Unmet Worship Needs

Are your worship needs being fulfilled by your church? Trinity's Worship Work Area wants to know so they can plan worship opportunities which will fill unmet needs.

The following questionnaire is the first in a series developed by the Worship Work Area, Mrs. Lucy Hadi, chairperson, to identify the worship preferences and needs (both met and unmet) of each member of the Trinity church family.

The members of the work area

would appreciate a response to this first questionnaire by each member of the church, regardless of age, Mrs. Hadi said. Other copies may be obtained from the church office or from the Monthly Tidings placed in the narthex.

Return the completed questionnaires unsigned to the designated boxes in the narthex or mail them to Trinity, P. O. Box 1086, Tallahassee 32302.

WORSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE I

Part A. Individual Member Characteristics

A-1. Which of the following groups most appropriately reflects your age?

- ___ 12 and under
- ___ 13-18
- ___ 18-25
- ___ 25-40
- ___ 40-65
- ___ 65 and over

A.2. What is your sex? ___Female ___Male

A-3. What is your marital status?

- ___ Never married (Go to part B)
- ___ Married (Go to question #4)
- ___ Separated " "
- ___ Divorced " "
- ___ Widowed " "

A-4. a. If you are or have been married, do you have children?

___ Yes ___ No

b. If "yes," how many children and what are their ages? _____

Part B. Church Activities Associated With Membership

B-1. How long have you been a member of the United Methodist Church? _____

B-2. How long have you been a member of Trinity United Methodist Church? _____

B-3. Please check the boxes which indicate whether you are **currently** an active participant in one of the church activities listed below or whether you have been a participant at some time in the **past**.

	Currently Active	Active in Past
Church school	___	___
Church Choir(s)	___	___
United Methodist Youth Fellowship	___	___
United Methodist Women	___	___
United Methodist Men	___	___
Administrative Board	___	___
Board of Trustees	___	___
Work Areas:		
Christian Social Concerns	___	___
Ecumenical Affairs	___	___
Education	___	___
Evangelism	___	___
Mission	___	___
Stewardship & Finance	___	___
Worship	___	___
Young Men's Luncheon Fellowship	___	___
Tallahassee Urban Ministries	___	___
Bible or Book Study Groups	___	___
Other (Specify) _____	___	___

Part C. Information Specifically Related to Worship

C-1. Please indicate which of the following best describes the frequency of your worship participation:

- ___ Regularly (Go to question C-2)
- ___ Frequently (Go to question C-2)
- ___ Occasionally (Go to question C-4)
- ___ Almost Never (Go to question C-4)

C-2. If you responded in C-1 that you attend worship services "Regularly" or "Frequently," please indicate which service or services you most often attend.

- ___ 8:30 A.M.
- ___ 9:45 A.M.
- ___ 11:00 A.M.
- ___ Evening

C-3. Please indicate the reason(s) you choose to attend the service(s) you have checked in C-2.

- ___ Time is most convenient for me
- ___ Service is formal
- ___ Service is informal
- ___ I enjoy the hymns
- ___ I enjoy the choir
- ___ I feel more comfortable
- ___ Other reasons (Please specify): _____

C-4. If you responded to C-1 that you attend church "occasionally" or "almost never" please indicate your reasons below:

- ___ Illness or incapacity
- ___ Lack of transportation
- ___ Work or study conflicts with worship times
- ___ Do not feel that any of the worship opportunities address my personal worship needs. Please explain: _____

___ I am dissatisfied with the quality or nature of the worship experiences offered by Trinity for the following reasons: _____

___ Other (please specify): _____

UMW Circle Meetings Set for February

UMW circles will meet during February according to the following schedule:

Circle 1, Feb. 10, 10 a.m., at home of Mrs. Payne Midyette on Route 7. Mrs. J. H. Dowling and Mrs. Phil Taylor will be cohostesses and the program study will deal with missions.

Circle 2, Feb. 10, 2:30 p.m., with Mrs. Harold Yates, 1219 Camellia Drive. Mrs. James Smith will present the program.

Circle 3, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Carlton Rhodes, 811 Laurel St. The circle will continue study of the book, "Rather Die Than Live."

Circle 4, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Ed Norman, 610 North Adams Street. The group will continue studying "Our Faith in the Midst of Pluralism."

Circle 5, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. John S. Shipp, Jr., 2551 Marston Road. Mrs. E. H. Stockton will be in charge of the program.

Circle 6, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Harry Waugh, 414 Vinnedge Ride. Mrs. Johan H. Stuy will present the program.

Circle 7, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. Howell Wadsworth, 519 E. Sixth Avenue.

Circle 8, Feb. 11, 9:30 a.m., with Mrs. Geoffrey Dobson and Mrs. Mark Hopkins, as hostesses in the church parlor. Mrs. Harold Brown will lead a discussion on the humanistic approach to everyday relationships.

Circle 9, Feb. 11, 10 a.m., with Mrs. James Ball, 702 North Ride. The circle will visit in teams to Nursecare and Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11, Feb. 13, 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Bill Mickler. The circle will study the book, "Art of Communication," by John Killinger.

Circle 13, Feb. 11, 8 p.m., in the church parlor. Rabbi Stanley Garfein will show a film on Israel. Mrs. Louise Leathers will be hostess.

Praise Service Offered

A time of prayer, praise and joyous singing—that's the new format of Trinity's Sunday evening services of worship.

Each Sunday at 7:30 p.m. services in the sanctuary include special music by an all men's choir of all ages, solos, group singing and quartets.

A time for personal prayer follows—the "Hour of Power"—and then an evangelistic message is presented.

Men interested in joining the special choir should come at 7:14 for a brief rehearsal. Minister in charge, Rev. Harold Brown, invites all to "come and bring a friend, and then talk it up with your neighbors so that they, too, can share the blessings we receive together!"



Altar Guild Provides Flowers, Prepares for Communion, Worship

The altar where a Christian approaches God in prayer and for the sacraments is appropriately hollowed by the loving care of a group of Trinity women.

The Altar Guild, reorganized under the counsel of the Rev. Melton Ware in 1963 as one of the circles of the Women's Society, performs its responsibility of placing linens and flowers, preparing for communion, providing acolytes and all other details pertaining to the worship services in the sanctuary and chapel.

The Communion Committee of the Guild works with Mrs. James D. Sauls, communion steward, and her cochairman, Mrs. Ward T. Fletcher, in preparing and serving communion and caring for the communion vessels.

Other members of the Communion Committee are Mrs. Warren Anderson, Mrs. A. H. Bryson, Miss Edna Causseaux, Mrs. Marie Cureton, Mrs. Joyce Finlayson, Mrs. Melvin Hancock, Mrs. Allen Jackson, Mrs. Carl H. Ramm, Mrs. Virginia Rounds, Mrs. E. E. Somerset, Mrs. Charles Stephens, Mrs. Gladys Weil and Mrs. A. P. Wimberly.

Education Commission Member List Released

Commission on Education members for 1975 have been announced by Rev. Joe Mills. The list included in the January *Monthly Tidings* was inadvertently repeated from last year.

Chairperson for the work area is Sandra Mowell. Representing divisions of the church school and related programs are:

Nick Dawirs, adult coordinator; Linda Yates and Susan Ridge, youth coordinators; Rubie Butterworth, children's coordinator; Diann Conlin and Mary Blackburn, younger children's coordinators; Rae James, music; Pete Tully, Boy Scouts; Nancy Kerce, literature; Harold Yates, church school treasurer; Bob White, family coordinator and recreation; Fran Hinson, mothers' morning out nursery; Helen Sellers, nursery home visitor.

Several members at large will be appointed soon.

The Flower Committee works each Saturday morning under Mrs. W. N. Weisert, chairman, and Mrs. David Avant, cochairman, to care for the candles and gather and arrange foliage and flowers to be used in the Sunday worship services. Church members who wish flowers placed in memory or honor of someone may ask this committee to handle the arrangements.

The Flower Committee includes Mrs. Frank All, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Mrs. David Avant, Mrs. A. P. Bussey, Mrs. L. N. Brown, Mrs. C. A. Butterworth, Jr., Mrs. E. C. Halley, Mrs. Walter James, Mrs. C. W. Ketcham, Mrs. Robert Lawton, Mrs. Zollie Maynard, Mrs. George H. McCain, Mrs. W. Guy McKenzie, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Jr., Mrs. Ralph Proctor, Mrs. Owen Sellers, Mrs. Emmie Phillips, Mrs. A. E. Stripling, Mrs. Robert A. Taylor, Mrs. W. N. Weisert, Mrs. Gordon Wheeler, Mrs. Jim Whitehead, Mrs. Ben Willis, Mrs. R. M. Yent and Mrs. Harry Miley.

A special room, called the sacristy, has been provided near the altar to store and maintain all items such as vases, candles and linens used on the altar. Here floral arrangements are made and returned here following the service for transfer to smaller bouquets for church members in the hospital and convalescent homes.

The sacristy is also the working room for the Communion Committee Mrs. W. Guy McKenzie, immediate past chairman of the Flower Committee, is chairman of the sacristy, and Mrs. A. P. Bussey is cochairman.

The linens used in the communion services are cared for by Mrs. W. Earl Armstrong, who also serves as president of the Altar Guild.

Mrs. Charles Skipper works with the Rev. Harold Brown in selecting, training and guiding acolytes. Youth desiring to serve as acolytes may contact Mrs. Skipper at 385-1293.

The Altar Guild has established a memorial fund honoring deceased members of the guild, Mrs. Mae Edney, Mrs. Ina White and Mrs. Isabel Ziegler, to purchase altar items for permanent use when needed. Contributions may be made in name of the fund to the church office.



Mrs. W. N. Weisert and Mrs. W. Earl Armstrong lay linen on altar (left). Mrs. Ledley Brown and Mrs. W. N. Weisert, arranging colorful spring bouquets, (right) are typical of Altar Guild flower committee members who arrange flowers in the sacristy each Saturday morning for Sunday morning services.

UMC Invites All to Symposium Mar. 6-8

The United Ministries Center will sponsor a three-day symposium for the Tallahassee Community at Trinity, March 6, 7 and 8, to celebrate the Bicentennial. Educators, religious leaders and lay persons will speak on "Religious Freedom at the Bicentennial."

The program on Thursday, March 6, includes registration and an opening address by religious historian Edwin Scott Gaustad entitled, "First Amendment and Dissent in American Religion." Hasidic folksinger Rabbi Schlomo Carlebach will follow with singing, dancing and an autobiography.

Sessions begin at 9:30 Friday morning, March 7, and tackle the problems of pluralism, civil religion and religion in public schools. Ethnic, national and racial aspects of religion in America will be the focus of the afternoon session, including a specially prepared multi-media presentation.

The program Friday evening will explore religious freedom and the Jewish perspective and will include worship at Tallahassee's Jewish Synagogue. Dr. JoAnne Tucker's Interpretive Dance Ensemble will perform as a part of that worship. These programs will be held at Temple Israel, corner of Hi Lo Way and Highway 90 East and begin at 8 p.m.

Saturday morning activities begin at 9 a.m. and are directed at religious movements in Florida. A luncheon speech by Robert Mann of the University of Florida Law School, a former representative and appellate judge, will conclude the program.

All sessions are free and open to the public. For reservation for either or both luncheons call Elise Lawton, 385-1295, or Dottie Adair, 222-6320. Cost is \$1.

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