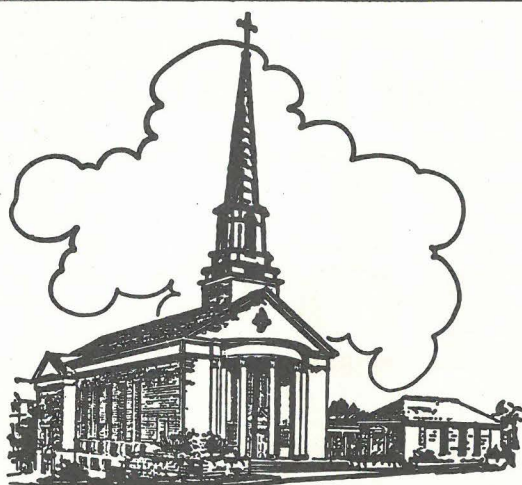




Monthly Tidings

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News Briefs

Heritage Room

Persons who have donated to the historical preservation of Trinity will be interested to know that Room 330, designated as the Heritage Room, has been repainted, carpeted and new draperies installed. Go by and see how beautiful the room is beginning to look.

Building Improvements

Special contributions for improvements in the Education Building have been received and the work is underway. The rooms and hallways are being painted; new fluorescent lights have been installed on the second and third floor hallways; and some members have volunteered to paint chairs and tables and make curtains.

Furnace Repaired

Trinity members experienced some chilly mornings during the last month due to the breakdown of the main furnace. At the cost of approximately \$2000, the furnace has now been repaired and should be in good operating condition next fall.

Transfers

Miss Ida Jurnigan has recently transferred to First United Methodist, Orlando. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Daugherty have moved their membership to 1st U.M.C., Dunedin, and Miss Ernestine DeBarry has joined 1st U.M.C., Bowling Green, Fla.

Florida United Methodist Reporter

The Florida Annual Conference is scheduled for May 25-28 in Lakeland, and the General Conference of the United Methodist Church is April 27-May 8 in Portland, Oregon.

Keep abreast of issues before these conferences with a subscription to the *Florida United Methodist Reporter*. Send \$3 to P. O. Box 3767, Lakeland, Florida 33802.

Parramores Elected

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Parramore were elected by the Administrative Board in March to serve as chairpersons of the Work Area on Evangelism. Sam Teague, former chairperson, will continue to serve as chairperson of special programs planned by the work area.

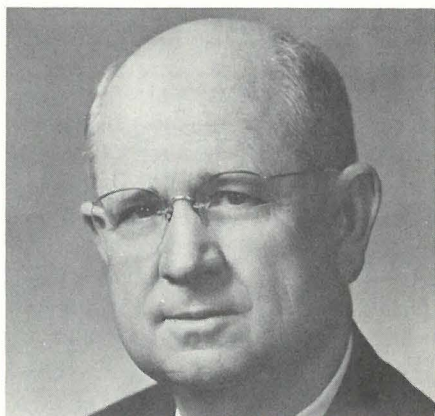
Board Plans Dinner

The Administrative Board and their families will meet for a covered dish dinner and brief business session at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 13, in the Fellowship Hall. At 7:30 the meeting will be adjourned to hear Dr. George Foster preach in the sanctuary.

Scarritt College Players

The Scarritt College Players of Nashville will be at the Wesley Foundation, FSU campus, Saturday, April 3, to present the dramatic and musical performance entitled "Cracker Jacks." Starting time is 7:30 p.m.

Persons wishing to help provide a covered dish dinner for the group at 5:30 p.m. or help provide housing overnight are asked to call Pat Crotty.



Dr. Foster

Dr. Foster Will Conduct Preaching-Teaching Mission During Holy Week

Dr. George A. Foster, senior minister at Trinity for seven years until his retirement in 1972, will conduct a special preaching - teaching mission here during Holy Week.

Beginning on Palm Sunday, April 11, Dr. Foster will preach at all three morning worship services, again on Sunday evening and each evening through Maundy Thursday.

He will speak during the traditional Holy Week breakfasts at 7 a.m. Mon-

day through Thursday in the Fellowship Hall.

At 10 a.m. each of those mornings he will conduct a series of studies in Holy Spirit and Holy Scripture.

Since his retirement Dr. Foster has continued to be very active in evangelistic and educational work. He is in great demand as a speaker throughout Florida. He began his ministry in 1932 and served seven pastoral appointments in Florida and served on many Conference boards, commissions and committees. He was a delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Church on four occasions.

A schedule of his sermon and lecture topics during Holy Week follows:

SERMONS

Sunday Morning, April 11:

- 8:30 — "Jesus Goes Before Us"
- 9:45 — "Living Into Victory"
- 11:00 — "The Triumphant Procession"

Sunday Evening:

- "The Whole Gospel for the Whole Person"

Monday Evening, April 12:

- "Dimensions of Our Salvation"

Tuesday Evening, April 13:

- "The Redemption of Our Lives"

Wednesday Evening, April 14:

- "The Sent One and the Sent Ones"

Thursday Evening, April 15:

- "The Great Imperative"

HOLY WEEK BREAKFAST DEVOTIONALS

- Monday** — "The Servant Christ — I"

- Tuesday** — "The Servant Christ — II"

- Wednesday** — "The Christian as Servant"

- Thursday** — "The Servant Church"

MORNING PRESENTATIONS: STUDIES IN HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY SCRIPTURE

- Monday** — "Holy Spirit in Matthew, Mark and Luke"

- Tuesday** — "Holy Spirit in John's Gospel"

- Wednesday** — "Holy Spirit in Acts"

- Thursday** — "Holy Spirit in Letters of Paul"

Celebration of Easter Is Topic

The monthly luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women will be Tuesday, April 6, in the Fellowship Hall. A fellowship period will begin at 11:45 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12 noon.

The program will be a celebration of Easter in the context of Christ's life — birth, death, resurrection.

Reservations should be made by Monday noon with subgroup chairmen or with the church office.

Learning to Live Series Continues for Four More Sunday Evenings

Three Sunday evenings in April and the first Sunday evening in May will be used to complete the special series of programs dealing with the basic principles of transactional analysis. This series, which began the first Sunday in March, is based on the United Methodist produced "Learning to Live" film program, a series of eight 30-minute color films.

Transactional analysis, the basis for these films, was chosen because TA translates complex psychological concepts into a language lay people can understand and implement. Through the best selling books of Eric Berne and Thomas Harris, the TA terms "strokes," "games," "winners and losers, etc.," have become household words, and self-help concepts and processes which were at one time limited to professional counselors and therapists, are now available to just about anyone who is interested. The result is that many individuals and groups are now making positive changes in their lives, their behavior — and not taking years to do it.

The concepts of "ego states," "transactions," "strokes," and time structures have been considered in the first four sessions. In the remaining programs, the following areas will be presented and discussed:

April 4: "Feelings" — We often have a tendency to save or collect our feelings like trading stamps instead of accepting and acknowledging them freely. These "stamps" are then "cashed in" at a later date when we get involved in playing games. This program shows us that what we do with our feelings is up to us. We can choose to "save up" our feelings and play games, or we can learn to accept and acknowledge our feelings, develop authentic relationships and in the process, avoid playing games.

April 11: "Games — A recurring series of ulterior transactions resulting in a predictable "pay-off" is a game. Games serve to reaffirm the "Not OK" feelings of the people involved, and the "OK" feelings are excluded. During this film, the group leader plays a game with the others in the group and in the process demonstrates the pitfalls of game playing.

April 18: Easter Sunday — **NOTE:** No Sunday evening program.

April 25: "Acquiring Life Scripts" — Very early in life our "OK" and "Not OK" feelings begin to be determined by life patterns or positions — or life scripts. Those scripts are unconsciously learned by the child through observation and interaction with significant people in his or her life. This program explores life scripts in order to help us become aware of the patterns we unconsciously act out in our lives.

May 2: "Changing Life Scripts" — Once we're aware of undesirable life scripts, the question is, "How can we change them?" There are a number of ways to do this which will be presented in this program.

The programs are held Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A nursery is provided.

Service of Baptism Planned

As has been done in years past at Trinity, there will be an opportunity this month for the baptism of infants and young children at a service of baptism.

At 2 p.m. on Palm Sunday (April 11), the service will be led by Rev. Ed Norman in the sanctuary. If you are interested in having your child baptized at this time, please contact the church office (222-1120) as soon as possible.

To All Members and Friends of Trinity United Methodist Church

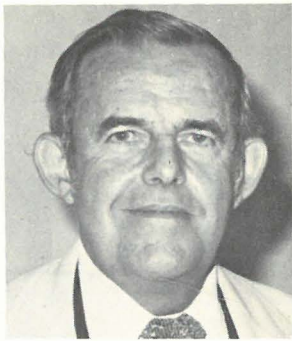
You are cordially invited to attend an open house at the Lawson Road Parsonage, Sunday afternoon, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Sunday April 4, 1976.

Directions to the Lawson Road parsonage:

Travel Northeast on Miccosukee Road to Doomar Drive (approximately 1½ miles past Tallahassee Memorial Hospital — first left after Tallahassee Convalescent Home). Turn left on Doomar, go approximately one quarter mile and take the first right, Lawson Road. Follow Lawson Road almost to the end. The parsonage is the next to the last house on the left, 1960 Lawson Road.

COMMENT:

Easter Every Sunday



The Lord's Day. The Lord's Supper. Both of these celebrations were associated in the early church with the Resurrection. (Acts 20:7)

Evidently after the Resurrection, Christians met on the first day of the week each week to celebrate the presence of Him who had conquered death. They celebrated with a meal that was preceded by the breaking of bread associated with the broken body of Jesus; they concluded with the drinking of wine associated with the blood of Jesus. They gathered around the table and shared in the Event together. There was no altar where Christ was re-presented as crucified again—only a table in a private home where the daily meals of the family were eaten. There was no priest—only someone who had known Jesus in the flesh and who now shared the Good News of His life, death, resurrection, and return with those present. The breaking of bread and the drinking of the wine were accompanied by the words, "Do this..."

Gradually changes came. The meal was dropped. Only the breaking of bread and the drinking of wine were retained. Additional words were used and actions were incorporated to lead participants together through an interpretive experience of Christian worship. This was done each Sunday.

Thus the first day of each week came to be known as "The Lord's Day." And in a sense each first day of each week became "a little Easter."

So, the early church moved from the recognition of the seventh day sabbath of the Ten Commandments, to the celebration of the Lord's Day on the first day of each week.

While we know that in a sense each Sunday is Easter Sunday, yet we make one great day of celebration on that once-a-year day we call Easter.

This year we are fortunate in our Easter preparation by having former Trinity pastor Dr. George Foster lead us through Holy Week in a "Preaching-Teaching Mission." He will preach Palm Sunday. Then Monday through Thursday he will speak during each of the Holy Week breakfasts in the Fellowship Hall and then at ten o'clock each morning he will lead us in a series of studies in Holy Spirit and Holy Scripture. I hope that all of us will be able to get in on some if not all of the opportunities of that week.

Retired People and the Church

The other day I was reading a book (dealing with Gestalt psychology) that told me something that I suppose I have known, but it did it in a way that made me focus on it in a new way. The book pointed out that too many of us spend too much time getting ready to live and too little time really living. In school we are getting ready for a vocation and a home; then next we are getting ready for promotion and a larger role in our work and community; then we are getting ready for retirement; then we are getting ready for the time when we can no longer care for ourselves; then we are getting ready. . . . Too many of us spend too much time getting ready and we miss the present moment of really living.

On the other hand, life is not merely a gift that we accept, say, "Thanks!" for, and then just hang on to as we might hang on to a lucky gold piece.

Life is a process. We are constantly becoming. Life is new. Yet it is always in the process of becoming. When we stop becoming we are dead.

Some of the most "alive" people I have known have been in their eighties. Some of the dearest people I have known have been in their twenties and thirties. I've known lots of people who died in their twenties but who kept walking around and were finally buried in their eighties. Life is not a matter of age; it is a matter of openness and growth.

There are 20 million people in the United States who are over 65. (There are 200 million in the world.) Many of these folks who are living longer are enjoying it less.

We live in a time of high mobility. People are on the move. Many times the older folks are left behind. Many times older people retire and leave the place where their roots have been deepest, come to Florida, and become very lonely because of their separation from the family and friends they have known.

Also there has been a tendency to refuse to face the facts of aging in America. There has been a tendency to treat retirement from a vocation as retirement from life. Often older people are pushed into situations where their only contact with others is with other old people.

None of this need be the pattern of the future. As Christians we can see the possibility of a radically different pattern to include:

- (1) The recognition of aging people not as problems to be solved but as persons to be loved and encouraged to continue a full participation in life.
- (2) The development of a concept of the purpose of life that sees work not merely as a means of acquiring wealth and status, but as a means of service to others. Thus retirement will not be more than a retirement from one vocation to another (that may be an avocation) where the desire to serve and the opportunity to serve continues.
- (3) The opportunity for continued intellectual and spiritual growth.

I see the Church as playing a meaningful role in all of this:

- (1) The Church can help to provide opportunities for real fellowship with people in every age group so that new roots can be established and loneliness diminished and a sense of belonging and worth increased.
- (2) The Church can broaden the recognition by all age levels of the significance and worth of older people.
- (3) The Church can help all of us to have an awareness of the aging process and to grow in our understanding of how not only to cope with it but to take advantage of it.

— EDWARD W. NORMAN

BOB'S BRINY BLARNEY

Having endured the joking persuasion of my friends for the past two weeks to use one of the two "unacceptable" titles to this column which I mentioned last month and due to the lack of an alternate suggestion, I guess we'll have to go with "Briny Blarney" for the present. Thank you, all, for your favorable reactions to last month's column. You made me feel very good.

Thank you, also, for your fine response and attendance at our recent Hunger Seminar. There were 105 persons in attendance. The food and the program presentations were delectable and superb. The international flavor of both has lingered on our tastebuds, and in our hearts. Many of our church groups will be initiating their own hunger projects, and each group should have a representative membership in "Bread for the World," a legislative-action oriented organization, begun by a group of Christians a few years ago, to lobby for state and federal assistance to feed the poor and starving, at home and abroad. Your class or circle or sharing group could receive a subscription to the "Bread for the World" legislative newsletter. Take out a personal or group membership subscription today, by contacting me through the church office. Also, I have just returned from a statewide W.H.E.A.T. Workshop (World Hunger Education Action Together), with additional information and resources to help you initiate your own World Hunger Project for 1976.

Our Confirmation Class is attending the Bishop's Convocation for Confirmation, at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, on Saturday, April 3. In spite of the distance, over 500 miles round trip, we appreciate the chance to socialize with hundreds of confirmation candidates from all over Florida, and to talk personally with our Bishop, Joel McDavid. We are pleased with the progress being made by each member of our Confirmation Class, and are looking forward to receiving you into full membership in our church on Palm Sunday.

Congratulations to the Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church on the completion of their new sanctuary. Since we spoke last month about evangelism in the Florida Conference, this milestone in the growth of Methodism in Tallahassee reminds me of the contribution that Trinity has made to this local growth. The following

statistics will illustrate what I mean.

Trinity began the year 1957 with 2,668 members. Our membership decreased to a low of 2,292 in 1964, which indicated a decline of 376 members. We began this year, 1976, with 2,706 members. Now the City of Tallahassee had only four Methodist churches back in 1957, with a total membership of 3,724. But during the past 19 years Trinity invested those 376 members to help start six new churches whose membership, collectively, totalled 1,681 as of January 1, 1975. So today, Tallahassee Methodism has grown to ten churches, with a total membership of 6,263, indicating a total growth of 2,539. And Trinity is larger now than it was before all this growth began. "Give and it shall be given unto you," even applies to an investment of people in evangelism.. Congratulations, Trinity!

— BOB CLARK

From the Library . . .

By Jo Ezell, Librarian

I've at last finished cataloging all the "gift" books and they are now all on the shelf. Rev. Clark went through some of them, especially in the area of Christian education, where most of our books are good for all time but some are outdated.

Peg Busacco has prepared two bulletin boards showing book jackets of books available in the church library. These featured children's books and are located outside the church office door.

Approximately 105 books were checked out in 1975. Added to the collection were 71 books, many from members' personal libraries.

Three new books were added just recently: *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom, given by Frances Walker.

People Making by Virginia Sater. This book fills a unique need in that it concerns itself with one of the most neglected yet integrally important parts of life—the family, its health, welfare and survival. It is written in a lively, down-to-earth style.

The Teen Guide to Homemaking was given by Kitty Funderburk. This book gives recipes, housekeeping tips and contains valuable sections on personal and family relationships. It looks like a very helpful and easy to use book.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Treasurer's Report
February 29, 1976

Cash Balance		\$30,173.65
Plus February Receipts:		
On Pledges	\$18,821.84	
Plate Offering	460.09	
Kitchen — Food	301.86	
Miscellaneous — Special	1,537.93	21,121.72
Non Budgetary		4,752.08
Total Funds for Month		\$56,047.45
Less Disbursements During Month		28,086.25
Total Funds February 29, 1976		\$27,961.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgetary:			
Benevolences	\$ 5,359.00		
Ministerial Support	3,479.16		
Lay Salaries	5,263.71		
Promotion/Program	882.51		
Office	1,266.97		
Property	8,392.30		
Miscellaneous	10.00	\$24,653.65	
Non Budgetary		3,432.60	
Total Disbursements for February, 1976		\$28,086.25	

MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Cash Carry Over			\$23,333.75
January	\$26,381.11	\$19,541.21	30,173.65
February	25,873.80	28,086.25	27,961.20

United Methodist Women Subgroup Meetings for April

The April meetings of the UMW subgroups will be held during the week of April 12 as follows:

Subgroup #1 will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Moor, 1552 Isabel Ct., at 10 a.m., Monday, April 12. Cohostesses are Mrs. G. S. Kilner and Mrs. Eugene Borda. Mrs. James L. Graham will conclude the study of the Book of Acts.

Subgroup #2 will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 12, in the church parlor. Hostesses are Mrs. Ira Sutton, Mrs. E. M. Davis, Sr., and Mrs. Richard Bradford. The Rev. Phil Rough-ton will be the speaker.

Subgroup #3 will meet with Mrs. Ed Norman, 610 N. Adams, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13. Mrs. Lewis Hall will lead a discussion on "Divine Deed of Liberation and Covenant."

Subgroup #4 will attend the 10 a.m. study session led by Dr. Foster at the church on Tuesday, April 13. Following the study class, they will go to Room 210 for a business meeting.

Subgroup #5 will meet with Mrs. Theo Couch, 709 Piedmont, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13. Mrs. H. A. Curtis will give the program on "The Proof of God's Love."

Subgroup #6 will meet with Mrs. E. P. Dunaway, Jr., 908 Pine St., at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13. Mrs. W. S. Anderson will be in charge of the program, "Women of the Bible."

Subgroup #7 will meet with Mrs. Allison White, 649 E. College, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13. Mrs. Robert Stamey is cohostess. Mrs. W. D. Stewart will give a review of Catherine Marshall's *Something More*.

Subgroup #8 will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, in the church parlor, and attend Dr. Foster's study session at 10 at the church.

Subgroup #9 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 13, with Mrs. John Long, 2208 Armistead Road. The program will be a book review.

Subgroup #13 will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, for a covered dish supper in Fellowship Hall. Following dinner and a brief business meeting, they will attend the Holy Week service at 7:30 in the sanctuary, where Dr. Foster will be speaking.



This mother established a day-care program in her home through the 4Cs; she is learning a vocation and making an income while instructing her own child and several others.

Class Sponsors Girl

Each month since October 1971 the Felkel-Steinmeyer Class sends \$12 through the Christian Children's Fund to help support a girl in the Philippines. At Christmas and on her birthday, there's a personal cash gift of \$10 sent directly to Ester Magtala.

The promptly written thank you letters show marked improvement in her English and transformation of a young school girl to a teenager now in high school. "I've decided to become a nurse so that I can help people," Ester wrote the class last month. With her \$10 Christmas gift she bought a wrist watch so that she could get to classes on time. "God bless you always," she wrote her sponsors.

The Felkel-Steinmeyer ladies began a new series of Bible studies last month. Mrs. Ruth Morris is secretary of the class and plays the piano for the class's singing of "the old time favorites."

Clarks Perform Musical

Rev. Bob Clark and his three children, Dawn, Darryl and Dana, recently performed a concert of Otis Skillin's musical, "Life," at the fifth Sunday gathering of the Liberty-Gadsden County Larger Parish. "Life" is a combination of modern youth songs and dialogue about the Christian faith, and includes such songs as "Get Involved," "He Is the Way, He Is the Truth, He Is the Life," and "Life Is a Thing That Grows." The Clark family sings "Life" to a taped accompaniment by the Ralph Carmichael Orchestra.

4Cs Needs Sponsor for Child Care Aid

Community Coordinated Child Care Centers is looking for a church or other organization to establish a toy lending library to provide equipment and toys for child care centers serving 265 children in Tallahassee.

The federally funded 4-Cs program provides child care for low income families and for families on welfare based on the theory that if child care is provided mothers will be free to work in order to get off welfare. Students with low earning power and mothers with a large number of children may also place their children in the centers.

Marilyn Morris, director of programs for 4-Cs, made an appeal for community assistance to Tallahassee Urban Ministries at Trinity last month. Although the federal government provides \$40,000 for the program annually and community organizations such as churches, the United Way, the city and county on occasion, the Florida State University (which provides interns for the program) contribute matching funds, the program needs supplemental aid in providing toys and equipment.

She cited the example of a St. Petersburg United Methodist Church which has established a room housing used toys, tot furniture, blankets, clothes, shoes and equipment for lending to child care centers and home day care centers. Ms. Morris said the program here is in great need of contributions of these items, in need of persons who will repair and refurbish them, and in need of a central "library" where the four centers and 12 home day care mothers and fathers may go to obtain the equipment and toys they need.

4-Cs took over the day-care centers formerly run by Interfaith Child Care, coordinates and serves as a referral for other child care in Tallahassee. Twelve mothers and fathers are engaged in a training program so that they can be employed in child care. After initial training, they have established a day care program in their homes, caring for four or five children of other low income families.

Ms. Morris said this program serves a two-fold purpose: providing employment for hard to employ persons and care for children of other working mothers.

The 4-Cs office is located at 222 W. Pensacola Street, telephone 224-2858.

Operation Understanding: Know Your Church

By Ed Norman

Some information garnered from the Operation Understanding program at Trinity in February:

We Are Connected

The United Methodist Church is what we call a "connectional church." Every United Methodist Church is connected organizationally to every other United Methodist Church. We are tied together into Districts and the Districts are tied together into the Florida Annual Conference. The Conferences are structured into the General Conference (which meets every four years and is composed of an equal number of clergy and lay persons.)

Under the General Conference we have a number of Boards, Councils and Agencies. For example, the Board of Global Ministries is largely devoted to carrying on the worldwide mission enterprise of the church. The Board of Discipleship, among other work, has the work of evangelism and education. The one reason for the existence of these national boards is to serve the local church. The staff of the national boards (and for that matter the staff of the Florida Annual Conference Council on Ministries) does not impose programs upon the local church, but derives its programs from the professed needs of the local church and strives in every way possible to serve the local church. One of these national board staff members said to us, "We feel that nothing significant happens in terms of our responsibility as national boards unless it happens at the local church level."

General Conference in April

The next General Conference of the United Methodist Church will meet in April in Portland, Oregon. The number of representatives at this General Conference will be determined by the number of ordained ministers in each Conference. Twenty-four persons will represent the Florida Conference (12 lay persons and 12 clergy). The General Conference is the only group which can speak for the United Methodist Church. The General Conference will be dealing with about 25,000 petitions coming to it from individuals, conferences, and churches. It will formulate the program and develop the budget for the General Church for the next four years (just as the Florida Annual Conference develops the program and budget each year for the United Methodist Church in Florida and just as we at Trinity develop our own program and budget for Trinity each year). Among the budget items for the General Church which will be set in April is World Service. After the World Service figure is set in the General Conference, it is apportioned to the various Conferences across the United States. And finally the Annual Conferences apportion the figure to each local church.

Parents May Apply With Nursery School

Trinity's Weekday Nursery School is accepting applications for the 1976-77 school year. Programs for three-year-olds will include a two-, three- or five-day-a-week program.

The four-year-old program will meet three or five days a week. Monthly costs are as follows: two days a week \$16.50; three days a week \$22.50; five days a week \$36. Sessions are from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Applications or information may be obtained by calling Claire Nash at 385-9880 or Mary Blackburn at 877-1679 or the church office.

Virginia Cook Observes 24th Year as Trinity Nursery Worker

Virginia Cook took her baby daughter to Trinity's nursery during church school one Sunday morning and stayed 24 years.

"I love babies," explains the church school worker who started to help while her own baby adjusted to the new surroundings. She's still there though daughter Nancy is now 24 years old and works with a local bank. Nancy assisted her mother in the nursery for six years until a year ago when she began leaving immediately following Trinity's 8:30 worship service to drive to Miccosukee to play the piano during morning worship at the Methodist church there.

While tending toddlers during the church school hour, Mrs. Cook has learned a great deal about child psychology. She rarely has to call back a mother to calm an unhappy child. "Each child is different and responds to different handling. If they cry when their parents leave, I first hold them and divert their attention by taking them to look out the window. If that doesn't work I put them on the floor with a toy and ignore them awhile. Most of the time they stop

crying after I have assured them their parents will soon return for them," she said.

A visit by Room 203 at 9:45 Sunday mornings shows the effectiveness of her approach. A one-year-old girl is put down outside the door by her grandmother. Eager fingers push against the gate and a sly smile beams as Mrs. Cook lets her in. After a hug and cheery greeting she's off to the toy shelf. One by one they arrive, some at first reluctant to turn loose mother's hand until they recognize the warm and reassuring hand of Mrs. Cook inside. On an average Sunday six toddlers from a roll of twelve come.

Mrs. Cook is now on the second generation of "her toddlers." Two she began with — Kathy Melton Horne and Joe Parramore — now bring their own babies to the nursery. She has watched others as they grew up in Trinity.

"Those who are leaders now were leaders when they were one-year-olds," she pointed out. "As they walked into the nursery you could tell they were leaders — they were self-

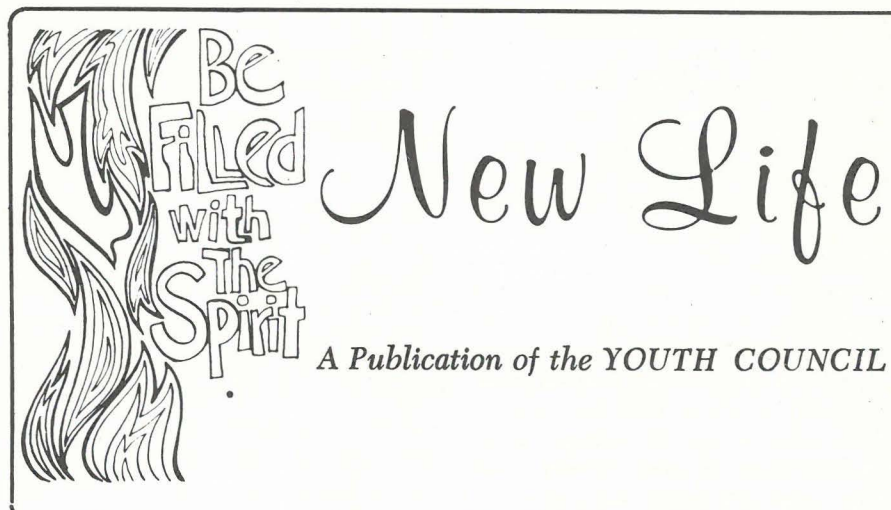
assured and other children imitated them."

Mrs. Cook doesn't believe it is necessary for parents to keep their children home until they are four or five years old. "If they start them early and bring them regularly, they will become adjusted," she said. To help the adjustment she suggests that parents talk to their child during the week about the nursery experience and call Mrs. Cook's name so that the child will recognize it when he hears it again on Sunday morning.

Besides Nancy, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Cook have a married son, Murray, Jr., who lives near his grandparents at Bradley's Country Store. Mrs. Cook assists other Bradley family members each fall when her brothers, Frank and Edward, hold "Fun Day" for the public at the farm.

She has no plans for retiring from her nursery teaching. If you pass her in the hall or on the sidewalk and see one of her former toddlers who has advanced to another class grin broadly and say, "Hi, Cook," in friendly recognition, you will understand why.

— Linda H. Yates



Youth Groups to See "The Hiding Place"

By Peg Busacco

"The Hiding Place"—the film version of the Ten Boom family's resistance to the Nazi regime in Holland—will be shown at the Northwood Mall Theater, March 31 through April 6. Both Junior High and Senior High United Methodist Youth Fellowships will be going to view the film as groups, returning to the church afterward for discussion.

The Senior High youth will meet at the church Friday, April 2, at 6 p.m., before going to the mall to see the film. The Junior Highs will go to the movie Saturday afternoon, meeting at the church at 12:30 p.m.

"The Hiding Place" movingly portrays the struggles of the Ten Boom family as they attempt to live out their Christian convictions during the brutal Nazi occupation. In faith, they are led to open their home to Jews, escaping from the country. But their efforts take them to prison and then Ravensbruck, a Nazi concentration camp.

Theirs is a grim story, set in one of the bleakest periods of our world's history. But this is also a story of hope and victory. Here in these lives are projected, but more intensely, the hurts and doubts, the fears and questionings each of us feels. And while they reach no easy answers, they are somehow enabled by their faith to live under devastating conditions with kindness and with courage.

Each young person is urged to see the film and then participate in the discussions afterward. For those who have reserved tickets in advance, the cost is \$1.75. Others may buy their tickets at the door for \$2.50.

Second Publicity Room Workday Scheduled

Saturday, April 10, from 10 a.m. until . . . is the time set for the second phase in the development of the recently established New Life/Publicity Room on the fourth floor of the Education Building.

The plan for the upcoming workday on the 10th is to finish the building and physical arrangement of the room, and to begin the collection and organization of potential publicity materials, particularly pictures and graphics from old magazines.

So . . . bring a pair of scissors, any old magazines you don't want, and a little money to splurge on lunch at a nearby hamburger or pizza joint. Also—bring your best Saturday working spirit—which in some cases is so slight it may go unnoticed!

"New Life" Editor Wanted

Wanted: Someone to serve as editor of this "New Life" page and the monthly newsletter of Trinity's youth. The present editor is retiring in order to attend college in the fall.

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to Phil Roughton at the church office.

Name _____

Address _____

Experience _____

Reason this job interests me: _____

ROUGHTON'S RAPPINGS

In a book entitled *By an Unknown Disciple*, the author describes a scene in which Jesus is talking to the disciples as they are looking over the city. Judas is speaking:

"Seeing the power you have over the people, I have told them you will end the oppression."

"By driving forth the oppressors?" asked Jesus.

"Yes," cried Judas, "by thrusting them into the sea. By breaking their Empire in pieces, and humbling them so they whisper out of the dust."

When Judas finished, Jesus rose and from the height on which we stood, he looked over the plain below, . . . with its towns, its crops and woods. . . . He seemed to withdraw into himself as if to gather strength, and then he turned again to Judas, and his face was full of graciousness, like one of the holy angels.

"Will that end oppression?" he asked, and waited for a reply.

None came, for with the question, we all, even Judas, fell silent.

As a child, I remember hearing the story of the crucifixion and getting so mad at those people—whoever they were—for treating Jesus the way they did; so unfair, so unkind. I remember wishing Jesus would just "zap" them—use some of his power to show them who was in charge!

Like Jesus in the incident above, I had missed the whole point. I wanted to use hate to stop hate. Jesus didn't come to show us how powerful he was or what neat tricks he could do. He didn't come to control us, or to manipulate us into his power. He didn't even come to tell us we ought to work at being good people. Rather, he came to offer us life by providing a way for us to be re-united in right relationship and fellowship with the one who gives and sustains life. He came in peace to offer peace.

During this Lenten season, as we approach the triumphal day of resurrection, my hope and prayer is that all of us will not miss the point, but instead will understand it in a deeper, more meaningful way—understand it in new ways that will make differences in the way we live daily.

Peace, PHIL

Summer Camping Opportunities Listed

How will you spend the summer? Why not plan to spend some time at the Florida United Methodist Youth Camps and Assemblies?

The summer camping program has been designed for people with many varied interests and in many age groups. At the main camp at Leesburg camping for several grade levels is planned from June through August. Also planned are Appalachian trail hikes, bike hikes, canoe trips and rustic camping.

Phil Roughton has application forms so you can sign up before the quotas are filled. Study the schedule

Senior High M.Y.F. Plans Announced

By Lynn Goerke

The next couple of months are going to be packed full with interesting and informative programs for the Senior High M.Y.F. Starting on March 28 and continuing through April 11, we hope to present different views on Death and Dying. Hopefully we will have some terrific speakers and films.

There will be no M.Y.F. scheduled on Easter.

April 25 through May 30 we will move into an extensive study on how as Christians, we should be in good physical health. We will explore such areas as nutrition, drugs, mental health and alcohol.

The youth choir tour will take place on June 6, so we will not have M.Y.F. that night. From June 13 through June 27 we will be studying prison systems and how we can become involved within our community, as a Christian group. We hope to take a trip down to Terrell House, which Trinity is very actively supporting, and also we have some experienced speakers planned.

The planning committee under the direction of Julie Mickler and Lynn Goerke consists of Dana Clark, Jeff James, Susan Quinly, Darryl Clark, Leslie Drake. The group feels that what they have planned will be enjoyable and educational.

Come join us for these great programs and bring a friend.

Vital Vittles for April

Trinity's staff and young people wish to thank Mary Leslie Drake, Elaine Smith and Clifton Quinly for coordinating the Vital Vittles dinners on Sunday evenings.

Special appreciation this month goes to the April chefs:

April 4—Bette Jackson
Len and Bet McKinnon

April 11—Mart Hill
Nell Morse
Mittie Dean

April 18—Easter (no meal planned)

April 25—Circle 3, headed by Blannie Gallagher and Anita Bell

below and see him about registering. "Now Horizons in Christ" 1976 Summer Camping Program:

Camp Florida (R 5's & 6's)

Choir Camp	June 14-19
No. 2 (Christian Adv.)	June 24-26
No. 3	June 28-July 3
No. 4	July 5-10
No. 5	July 12-17
No. 6	July 19-24
No. 7	July 26-31

Leesburg Youth Camp

R-7 Camps: No. 1	June 14-19
No. 2	June 21-26

Jr. High Camps:

W.P.B.-Orlando	June 14-19
Miami	June 21-26
Jax.-Gaines	June 28-July 3
2-Week Special	June 28-July 10
Mel.-Del.-Tall.	July 5-10
Tampa-Sarasota	July 12-17
St. Pete-Lake	July 19-24

Mid-Senior High Assemblies

1st Assem.	July 26-31
2nd Assem.	Aug. 2-7
3rd Sports & Skills Assem.	Aug. 9-14

Rustic Camp

South Florida:

R-7	June 14-19
R-7	June 21-26
Jr. High	June 28-July 3

North Florida:

R-7	July 12-17
Jr. High	July 19-24
Jr. High	July 26-31
Jr. High	Aug. 2-7
Mid-Sr. High	Aug. 9-14

Special Programs for Senior Highs

Bike Trip

No. 1 (Beginners)	July 6-31
No. 2 (Medium)	Aug. 12-16
No. 3 (Advanced)	Aug. 9-14

Canoe

No. 1	June 28-July 2
No. 2	July 12-16
No. 3	Aug. 16-20

Appalachian Trail Hike

No. 1	June 11-19
No. 2	June 21-29
No. 3	July 2-10
No. 4	July 12-20
No. 5	July 23-31
No. 6 (Advanced)	Aug. 3-17
Youth Music Workshop (FSC)	July 31
School of Mission	July 19-23
School of Mission (Weekend)	July 23-25

Killearn Youth Plan Dinner-Theatre

The Youth of Killearn United Methodist Church invite you to a candle-light dinner-theatre experience, *The Visitor*, April 9 and 10. Completely performed and directed by youth, this refreshing musical lends special insight to the Easter season.

You will be served a scrumptious dinner by the youth and then enthusiastically entertained by them all for \$2 (students) and \$3 (adults). For reservations call 386-1671 or 385-0116.

Gainesville Youth to Visit

The youth group from First United Methodist Church of Gainesville will spend April 24-25 with the youth at Trinity. Youth Council Chairman Jeb Blackburn said, "We are planning a really big time for them that Saturday. We hope that all Trinity youth will come get to know some youth from another part of the state and have a really good time."

Further details of the weekend will be announced at Senior High MYF.

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