



Monthly Tidings

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Youth Plan Fish Fry May 14, 15

On May 14 and 15, the youth of Trinity are sponsoring the greatest fish fry to be held in the Tallahassee area in recent memory.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until 9 p.m. both Friday and Saturday night, delectable morsels of golden fried mullet will be served up alongside grits, coleslaw and hush-puppies. The price for this fine feast is a mere \$2 for adults, \$1.25 for children (12 years and younger) — "all you can eat." A variety of delicious desserts will be available at a small additional cost.

The purpose of the fish fry is to raise money for a number of special youth projects/events during the summer months including the Youth Choir tour, Ichthus '76 trip, Appalachia Service Project, and Youth Week.

While the youth are sponsoring the event and will be doing much of the work co-ordinated by Bill James, the actual preparation of the food will be done by a number of adult volunteers under the able leadership of Bob Walker, a veteran of many similar events.

The youth are counting on the support of the whole church, both in buying tickets for themselves, and helping to sell them to friends, neighbors, business associates, etc.

The summer youth program is a vital part of the total ministry of Trinity and this fund raising event provides everyone with an opportunity to help support that program.

Oh yes, rumor has it that any person selling 50 or more tickets will have the privilege of throwing a cream pie in the face (not to mention the beard!) of our associate minister, Phil Roughton.

Also, our own Rev. Norman in a rare moment was heard recently to say, "I learned how to have a really successful fish fry. First, you get some fish. You need a lot of fish. Then, you fry 'em." With words of wisdom like that, how can we fail!!!

Editor's Note: Due to special significance of this stellar event, editorial staff is permitting editorializing in this "fish story."

We'll tell you on May 16 if opinions expressed are also those of the editorial staff and congregation!

New Life Singers Set Bicentennial Musical

Trinity's New Life Singers will present a Bicentennial musical Sunday evening, May 23, under the direction of Suzanne Gifford.

The sacred program of American music will include choral works, handbells, sacred dance, various accompanying instruments, dramatic readings and narration.

The program was conceived by members of a group within the New Life Singers, and the narration is being written by Peggy Busacco.

The program will be carried on a short Florida tour the first weekend in June.

Ed Norman, Bob Clark Will Be Transferred in June

Senior Minister Ed Norman will end four years of service at Trinity on June 9 when he moves to St. Petersburg with his family to become senior minister of Pasadena Community Church.

Dr. Eugene Zimmerman, now minister of the First United Methodist Church, Orlando, has been named by Bishop Joel McDavid as Trinity's new senior minister.

Associate Minister Robert Clark, who has served Trinity for one year, is also being transferred. He will remain in Tallahassee as minister of the Lake Jackson United Methodist Church.

In almost a complete turnover of the staff, lay personnel Peggy Busacco, education and program coordina-

tor, and Susan Ridge, church secretary, are also moving from Tallahassee. Mrs. Busacco will move to Gainesville where her husband, Brad, will enter medical school. Mrs. Ridge and her husband, George, will move to Jacksonville where he has accepted employment with a law firm.

Associate Minister Phil Roughton will continue to serve at Trinity, to be joined in June by Rev. John Green, former associate minister here who is returning to be minister of Christian education and programs.

Chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Godfrey Smith, announced the expected departure of Rev. Norman during morning worship services on April 18. He said that he had written to Bishop McDavid and

did "all we could to keep Ed Norman here." The Bishop responded that the Pasadena Community Church with an average weekly attendance of 2,040 and a membership of 3,600, had especially requested the appointment of Rev. Norman as their minister. "I had no choice but to respond," the Bishop said.

Bishop McDavid assured the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee that he had not overlooked the needs of Trinity, Smith said. Dr. Zimmerman is an outstanding minister and excellent pastor who looks forward to coming to a smaller church after having served the 4,600-member Orlando church, largest in the southeast.

About his leaving, Rev. Norman said: "We have had a great four years in Tallahassee serving Trinity. You have taken us into the warmth of your love. You've made us feel completely at home. The church has been an easy one to serve. . . . I realize some people are congratulating me on my 'promotion,' but I cannot see how any church could be a promotion from Trinity."

Rev. Norman and Rev. Clark and their families will be honored during a churchwide covered dish luncheon following 11 a.m. worship on May 30.

On Leaving Tallahassee . . .

"To tell you the truth (that's a good place for a preacher to start) I was ignorant before I got to Tallahassee about this whole world of the Panhandle of Florida. I don't recall having seen downtown Tallahassee until we moved here. I had been in Northwest Florida only once before when passing through to get back to South Florida. I had heard people speak of this part of Florida as if it were another world. Well, it's another world all right. But not in the sense that they meant it.

As many of you know, after living here for about a year, Irma and I decided that this was it. This was the place we have been looking for. So, I sold five acres of land in Homestead that I had bought while I was in high school and used the money to buy over 30 acres of land near Monticello. We have decided that this is where we want to spend our retirement years.

Some of you have asked if we will be selling that land now that we are moving back to South Florida. The answer is, "No, No, a thousand times No!" After experiencing a spring like this one we have just experienced where on earth could anyone go that would be more satisfying?

This has been an easy church to serve. I have not been aware of any cliques. You have been willing to try new things. When nearly four years ago I began setting up several weekly Bible studies I never dreamed that we would still be meeting and studying this many years later. You have told me how much I have helped you through these studies. And I've tried to tell you that I've gotten back many, many times over from you what I have put into them.

When three years ago I led the Administrative Board and Council on Ministries into something called "process planning" and tried to provide ways for the congregation too to get involved in the planning of the program of the church, not one of you held back saying, "It won't work!" But you jumped in and we went at it together. When I wanted to add the 9:45 worship service to the Sunday morning schedule you may have had some doubts about it but you supported me wholeheartedly in the venture. And that's the way it's been with everything we have tried to do. And that's why I can say, "It's been great to be here these four years!"

Not only the church, but the whole Tallahassee community has been open to us. Irma has enjoyed working not only in the church, the choir, the United Methodist Women, but also in Terrell House, the Delta Kappa Gamma, and the Women's Club. I've enjoyed serving on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Tallahassee and Leon County. I've enjoyed the associations in the Kiwanis Club, the Masons, Scottish Rite, and the Ministerial Association, and in the community in so many other ways.

What about our children? Our oldest, Jim, had moved to Los Angeles before we moved to Tallahassee. A few weeks ago our youngest son, George, was moved by the electronics firm with which he is employed to Los Angeles. Our daughter, Jane, is a student at Florida State and plans to complete her studies there.

If any of you get far enough south to see the outskirts of St. Petersburg, Irma and I both hope you will come to see us.

ED W. NORMAN

Trinity's Program To Be Evaluated

Chairman Dr. Marshall Hamilton will present to the Administrative Board at its meeting May 11 plans for evaluating the entire program of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Purpose of the study, as described by Dr. Hamilton, "is to improve the service of the church in the lives of its members, in the ongoingness of God's kingdom, and in the communities served by the church." The study will examine the effectiveness of the work of the church in relation to its purposes and objectives.

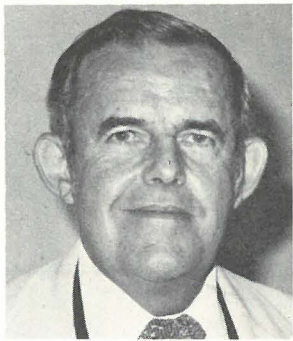
For the evaluation to be successful, Dr. Hamilton said it must have the full support of the Administrative Board, the Trustees, the professional staff, lay staff, commissions, work areas and committees.

A steering committee will supervise and appoint other committees to evaluate goals of the church, organization and administration, church program, financial resources and physical plant. On the steering committee, which met April 28 to begin its work, are chairpersons of the Board and Council on Ministries, the senior minister, business manager, chairpersons for Finance Committee, Trustees, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, lay leader, and president of Youth Council.

Evaluation committees are expected to begin their work by June 15, gather information during the summer and make recommendations for each committee's final report by September 1. The Steering Committee will prepare its preliminary final report by October 1.

COMMENT:

Respond to God in His Hereness



"Let not your hearts be troubled," Jesus said.

"Why not?" we reply. "We've got good reason to be troubled," we say as we read the big black headlines in the evening paper. "We've got good reason to be troubled," we say as we think of the troubles that swarm in on us at the beginning of each new day. "We've got good reason to be troubled," we say as we visit a loved one sick in the hospital or as we stand at the edge of a grave.

"Let not your hearts be troubled," Jesus said.

"Why not?"

"Because you believe in God; that's why."

Notice that Jesus did not answer as a certain farmer answered as he sat on his front porch and thought about his barns filled to overflowing. "Soul, take thine ease," he said. "Let not your heart be troubled," he said. "Why?" he asked himself. "Because thou hast much goods stored up in that barn," he said. But in the hour of crisis the barn full of goods could not help him. In the hour of crisis it was not what he had but who he was that was required. "This night thy soul (who you really are) shall be required of thee." And his soul was empty. His barn was full but his soul was empty.

"Let not your hearts be troubled," said Jesus.

"Why?"

"Because you believe in God."

"Believe in God. Believe also in Me," said Jesus.

What is He saying to us here? He's saying "God is here!" — a very present help. That is what believing in Jesus means. It means to respond to God in His "hereness." He is here in the midst of life even as in Jesus He was there where people were struggling to find purpose, forgiveness, comfort, help.

Time magazine puts the various segments of life into neat compartments, with one section for education, another for medicine, another for cinema, another for science, and still another for religion. I appreciate the reasons for doing that; and I like that approach for a magazine format. But life itself cannot be compartmentalized like that.

So far as the Christian faith is concerned, God is not stuffed into a neat compartment labelled "religion." He is in the midst of all of life creating, sustaining, judging, redeeming. He is the ground of all being, the source of all life, present everywhere, and personally here meeting each of us where we are.

EDWARD W. NORMAN

Did You Know . . .

- Did you know that about half of the United Methodist Churches have less than 100 members? Did you know that young adults want to be heard and therefore went en masse to General Conference this year? Did you know that for the last four years the World Service amount apportioned to the various United Methodist Churches has totaled more than 23 million dollars EACH YEAR?
- Did you know that it costs about \$372,000 to operate the Central Treasury of the United Methodist Church, but that through a wise investment of funds in very short term (ten-day) loans, the Central treasurer and his staff are able to more than pay for their own operation? (This is possible because Conference treasurers send in their funds on the first of each month; but the General Church treasurer does not have to make his payments until the tenth of each month.)
- Did you know that United Methodist Committee on Relief responds to disasters in the United States as well as across the world IMMEDIATELY after a disaster strikes? About every 11 days a tragedy strikes some place and the United Methodist Church is in ministry there shortly after, and we continue to serve long after most other groups have left. Lay participation makes our response possible. The director of MCOR has a list of 400 medical doctors who have volunteered to go any place in the world and work for two weeks on twenty-four hours' notice and all at their own expense.
- Did you know that when you give \$1 to UMCOR that the cost of administration is less than four cents? But on top of that because of the volunteer workers and the way the church is able to purchase supplies, your \$1 given to UMCOR buys \$4 worth of ministry.
- Did you know that only a little over five cents of each dollar given to the local church goes out of Florida? And even part of that comes back in special programs. Our Tallahassee District, for example, receives several thousands of dollars each year from the national board (Global Ministries) for special programs which we have in operation in our rural parishes. Bethune-Cookman College (our United Methodist college in Daytona Beach) receives between \$300,000 and \$350,000 each year from our national church boards.
- Did you know that it costs \$18,000 to keep a missionary couple on the field for one year? This is not all salary, but includes travel, education, and other requirements for effective ministry.
- Did you know that it costs \$3 for the U. S. Government to administer \$1, that it costs from \$.27 to \$.84 for various charities to administer \$1, but that the United Methodist Church spends only \$.08 in administering a dollar? Did you know that while it costs the State of Florida about \$66 per day for each child kept in its children's homes, the United Methodist Church cares for children at the Children's Home in Enterprise, Florida, for \$20 per day?



"Life is divided into two halves, one frozen, the other aflame; the burning half is Love. . . . Make, me O Lord, nourishment for the blazing flame . . . Make me, O God, food for the sacred fire. . . ." — Kahlil Gibran.

Know Your Church:

Council on Ministries Coordinates Programs

By Sandra Mowell
Chairperson

What is our church all about? Why are we here? What is our purpose for being? What are we doing as a church to achieve our purpose? These and many similar questions are reviewed each year by our congregation, our Administrative Board, and our Council on Ministries.

Our church is one which defines, accepts, develops, and carries out its mission, and the mission of Trinity is expressed through varied but carefully integrated programs. The fundamental task of the Council on Ministries is to plan, develop and coordinate all such programs. It is the Council which is responsible for carrying out the mission of our church.

The members of the Council on Ministries are individuals who have a designated leadership responsibility. In order to strengthen this planning group, the members carry a strong commitment to the church's mission. They enjoy communicating and working with others. They have initiative, foresight, and courage to explore new ideas. Most important, they always stand ready to give their time to this work.

The major concerns of the church's mission are represented on the Council through the work area chairpersons.

These include Ecumenical Affairs, Education, Evangelism, Finance and Stewardship, Missions, Social Concerns, and Worship. The specific needs of our individual members are represented through the age level coordinators. These are our Family, Adult, Youth, Children and Younger Children's Coordinators.

The chairman of the Administrative Board is a member of the Council on Ministries. His key role is one of communication to and from the Board. He helps to interpret recommendations and goals.

The Lay Leader brings to the Council a general overview of the congregation's entire ministry. He contributes in developing goals and also in interpreting the work of the Annual Conference to the Council.

The presidents of United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men, youth representatives, director of music, business manager, director of Christian education, and the ministers are all members of the Council on Ministries. The ministers' active participation is essential to this group since the Council's work touches on every aspect of the congregation's life and work.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Treasurer's Report March 31, 1976

Cash Balance		\$27,961.20
Plus March Receipts:		
On Pledges	\$17,243.59	
Plate Offering	563.82	
Kitchen — Food	275.76	
Miscellaneous — Special	973.35	19,056.52
Non Budgetary		1,479.05
Total Funds for Month		\$48,496.77
Less Disbursements During Month		23,705.01
Total Funds March 31, 1976		\$24,791.76

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgetary:			
Benevolences	\$ 4,759.00		
Ministerial Support	3,479.16		
Lay Salaries	5,073.11		
Promotion/Program	811.20		
Office	1,230.68		
Property	5,974.07		
Miscellaneous	10.00		\$21,337.22
Non Budgetary			2,367.79
Total Disbursements for March, 1976			\$23,705.01

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
March	20,535.57	23,705.01	24,791.76

U.M.W. Plan May Meetings

United Methodist Women subgroups will meet during the week of May 10 as follows:

Subgroup 1 — Monday, May 10, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Hux Coulter, 412 Ingleside. Cohostesses are Mrs. J. L. Graham and Mrs. Alan Goforth. Plans for next year's programs will be discussed.

Subgroup 2 — Monday, May 10, at 2:30 p.m., in the church parlor. Hostesses are Mrs. John Koch, Mrs. Graydon Bevis and Mrs. M. E. Holland. Peggy Busacco will give the program.

Subgroup 3 — Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. J. Lewis Hall, 1204 Firethorn Lane. Discussion of the book *Decision for Destiny* will continue with the chapter entitled, "The Search for a Common Denominator."

Subgroup 4 — Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., in Room 210 at the church.

Subgroup 5 — Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., at the home of Mrs. John Shipp, 2551 Marston Road. The program is entitled "Lift Up Your Hearts."

Subgroup 6 — Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Rufus Yent, 1657 Fernando. Mrs. Yent and Mrs. W. C. Vason, Jr., will give the program.

Subgroup 7 — Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Eaton Burr, 633 Beard St., Peggy Busacco will give the program. Cohostesses will be Mrs. Hoke Oliver and Mrs. Van Cole.

Subgroup 8 — Tuesday, May 11, at 12 noon at the home of Mrs. Julian Whiting, 1534 Hickory Ave. There will be a luncheon and discussion about plans for next year's programs.

Subgroup 9 — Tuesday, May 11, at 10 a.m., with Mrs. Don Hay, 1105 Lasswade Dr. Mrs. Mitchell Ferguson will give a review of the book, "Growing Old Is a Family Affair."

Subgroup 13 — Tuesday, May 11, at 8 p.m., with Mrs. John McDonald, #2 Franklin Ct. Guest speaker will be Susan Schellerberg, who will talk about the Navigator Fellowship.

Subgroup 14 — Monday, May 10, at 12:30 p.m., in the Conference Room (212) at Trinity. The program will be entitled, "A Trip with Mission."

Vacation Church School Workers' Workshop Is Set

A Vacation Church School Workers' Workshop for the Tallahassee District has been scheduled for the Sunday afternoons of May 16 and 23, from 3 to 5 p.m., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

On May 16 the classes will include Mary Blackburn, Nursery; Bess Bussey, Kindergarten; Ernestine Larkin, Grades 1 and 2; "Tiny" Weimert, Grades 3 and 4; Rev. Bob Clark, Grades 5 and 6; and Music, Pat Crotty.

On May 23 the session will be open to all teachers but will be primarily for the benefit of vacation church school directors and Christian education coordinators. Topics will include delegating responsibilities in implementation of programs, teacher-pupil relations, developing a supportive community.

Rev. Clark of Trinity is coordinating the workshops as District Christian education director. He said they are based on the philosophy that year-round church school teachers can most readily be recruited from the vacation school staff if they can be provided with a rewarding, fulfilling, short-term teaching experience. Such recruitment can have a significant long-range impact on the general education program of the church, he said.



Willshire: Teacher of Three-Year-Olds

The nosegay your three-year-old gives you on Mother's Day was fashioned with the help of a former paratrooper and worker with prisoners.

Robert Willshire proves the principle that the strongest man is the most gentle when he teaches Trinity's three-year-olds each Sunday. During World War II he received the Purple Heart for his service as a paratrooper. Then he worked for the U. S. Government for 33 years, most recently at the Federal Correctional Institute here from which he retired in 1974. For the past 18 years he has made the contrast of working with the toughest of people during the week to the gentlest on Sunday morning.

In 1958 he began assisting his wife Alice, Ruby Wimberly and Frances Nell Melton during the Sunday school hour. He provided the feeling of stability that a man's presence gives young children. Mrs. Willshire attests to his love for children, knowing that out-of-town trips must be planned so that they can be back to teach on Sunday morning. If you look in on May 9 as he helps the children create nosegays from flowers donated by Artistic Flowers there will be no doubt that his love is returned.

Interest Sought for Community Projects

Tallahassee Urban Ministries is considering two community projects and is soliciting expressions of support and interest from individuals and groups interested in becoming involved in the projects as a Christian mission.

TUM President Don F. Creedman described the projects in a recent letter to members of the organization which was founded two years ago to meet some of the unmet needs in Tallahassee.

One project would serve the elderly by providing housing with care. An area on Linda Ann Drive has about 10 block duplexes and triplexes that could be redesigned for elderly couples under the supervision of a resident couple. No nursing services would be provided directly, but neighborly assistance would be provided for shopping, errands, and transportation.

The property owner will cooperate in preparing the housing and will sign a long-term lease. Needed are leadership and a show of support for the project, Margaret Lynn Duggar, Senior Society Planning Council director, said.

Another proposed project involves the Macon Community off North Meridian Road. The community needs paved streets, a water and sewage system. "Conditions which negatively affect the quality of life for any members of our community also affect the quality of life of all of us," project proposer J. P. Love, Jr., said. He would like a task force of interested persons to work with members of the Macon Community in their efforts to improve living conditions in their area.

Class Begins Bicentennial Series

Dr. Leo Sandon, professor in the Florida State University Department of Religion and director of the American Studies Program, will begin a Bicentennial series with the Advanced Studies Class at Trinity on May 16.

A prospectus of "Theology American Style" will continue for six weeks and will cover enduring themes in American religious thought.

The six-week series will include the following discussion topics:

I. Voluntarism — the idea that the

"For All You Love Make a Will"

A Wills and Gifts Planning Committee proposal that Trinity stationery be imprinted with a slogan on the bottom, "For all you love, make a will," was approved by the Administrative Board during its April meeting.

The resolution was presented by Committee Chairman Ernest Menendez as first step toward promoting stewardship toward one's family, church and community by planning one's estate.

The Wills and Gifts Planning Committee recently completed a study under chairmanship of J. Lewis Hall pointing out the need for long-range planning for the future of the church. Educational programs are being planned for the fall about wills, trusts, and other aspects of estate planning for the personal benefit of church members.

YMCA Asks for Church Support

During the month of May the YMCA of Tallahassee will be engaged in a major capital funds drive with a goal of \$1,168,000. Sunday, May 9, Trinity along with many other churches in Tallahassee and Leon County will call attention to the YMCA drive and will pass out to the people special bulletin inserts describing in detail the YMCA campaign.

The money derived from the drive will be used to purchase Camp Indian Springs, do some expansion of the present facilities on Apalachee Parkway, and will institute a satellite YMCA program on the Northside of Tallahassee.

Education Workers Honored

Trinity's workers in Christian education were honored with an appreciation dinner on April 29 in the Fellowship Hall.

Motivating messages were delivered by Dr. Don Rapp of Home and Family Life Department at FSU and by Rev. Ed Norman.

As an additional expression of gratitude for their many contributions to Christian education at Trinity, each worker was presented a certificate of appreciation by Leslie Williams, chairwoman of the Work Area on Education.

Paint Party Planned

On Wednesday, May 12, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon, a "paint party" will be held at Trinity to help spruce up the younger children's church school furniture.

If you are interested in helping then or at another time, telephone Leslie Williams at 385-9606 or Ann Lumsden at 386-3224.

Workers with Trinity's preschool-age children invite the membership to visit the second floor in the Education Building to see the face lift new paint and lights have accomplished.

Mica Roughton has also made name plates for the doors and hall decorations.

only service which is pleasing to God is voluntary and uncoerced.

II. The Idea of the Beloved Community — the communitarian vision, from William Ames through Josiah Royce to Martin Luther King, Jr. The communitarian emphasis as being as basic as Hobbesian individualism in American thought and culture.

III. The Primacy of Experience Over Tradition — the "American" predilection for experimental religion over an inherited theological context.

IV. The Millennial Obsession — the pervasive influence of millennialism, both "post" and "pre" in American life and culture. Manifest Destiny, the Social Gospel, etc.

V. Sanctification — the peculiarly American emphasis on sanctification, both societal and personal. "Holiness unto the Lord" as an American preoccupation.

VI. Arminianism — the gradual but total domination of Arminian motifs in both elitist and popular theology in America.

Advanced Studies Class meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday in Room 212. Class leader is Betty Phifer.

Volunteers Needed

Do you have some time to give to community service?

The Volunteer Action Committee needs volunteers for the following projects:

1. Editors and writers for newsletters for LARC, Mental Health Association, and several other organizations.

2. Tutors for all subjects in schools, grades K through 12.

3. Babysitters for children of mothers doing volunteer work.

4. Six people, working in teams of two, to make door-to-door health service survey in a small black, low income area. Working hours would be in the morning and afternoon.

5. A young church group to give parties for old people in nursing homes.

Anyone interested in working on any of these areas should call Sue Hanlon, VAC director, at 224-0581.

O.K. Club to Meet

Trinity's O.K. Club for retired persons and their friends extends an invitation to all its members to attend the next luncheon on Thursday, May 20, at 12:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This is scheduled to be the last meeting before the fall.

Program planners Helen Anderson and Elise Lawton have announced a special musical program by members of Trinity's staff. Suzanne Gifford, director of children's and youth choirs, will be a featured soloist. Associate minister Phil Roughton and Peggy Busacco, education coordinator, will offer some Christian folk and popular numbers, accompanied by guitar.

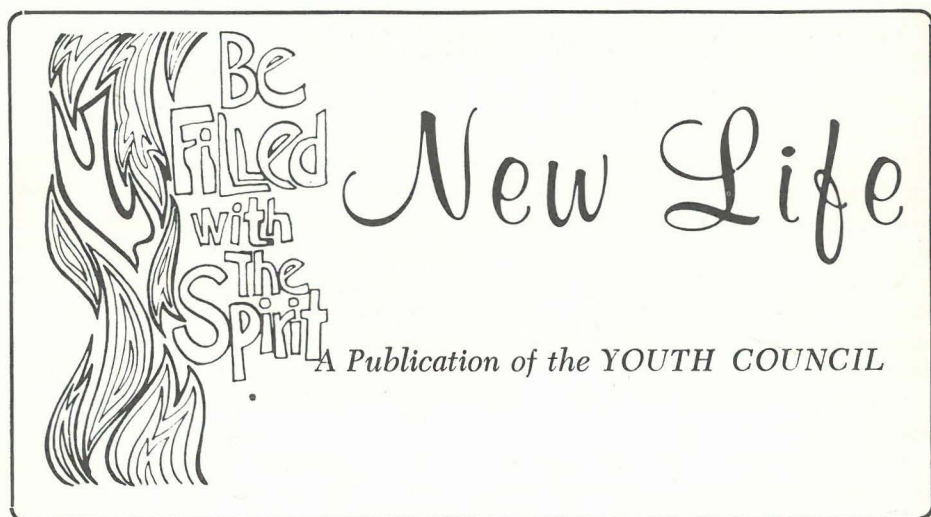
Cost of the luncheon is \$1.75. Reservations should be made with the church office by May 17.

Slides of Israel Loaned

Hollis O. Pemberton, Jr., has loaned Trinity a set of 100 slides and a descriptive tape of the principal religious sites of the Holy Land which he purchased in Israel.

Any group having someone who can operate the cassette recorder and carousel projector can check these materials out of the resources room.

The slides are in two carousels paralleling the tape which has audible slide change cues. The carousel boxes are labeled slides 1-53 and 54-100. The first side of the tape runs about 40 minutes.



Summer Youth Worker Is Appointed

Wayne Wyatt has been selected to serve this summer as the summer youth worker at Trinity. Wayne, chosen from a number of highly qualified applicants, comes highly recommended from the First United Methodist Church, Valdosta, Ga., where he has been serving as youth minister

Choir To Be Recognized

A special service recognizing the children's and youth's choirs is being planned for Sunday evening, May 30, choir director Suzanne Gifford has announced.

Each choir will perform from the repertoire of music it has sung or rung during the year. This service will mark the end of the choir year for the children's choirs which will not meet during the summer.

The junior and senior high choirs will continue to meet during the summer and work on a musical to be presented during Youth Week.

VCS Dates Announced

Vacation Church School will be held June 21-25 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. for children two, three, four and five years old and for first and second graders.

Anyone interested in teaching or assisting, please call Ann Lumsden at 386-3224. A nursery will be provided for workers' children too young for class activities.

Information concerning day camp for third through fifth grades will be announced later.

and youth choir director while attending Valdosta State University, Rev. Phil Roughton said.

During his work at the university, he has also travelled with a Christian folk / rock group throughout the Southeast.

Wayne's primary responsibilities will be planning and coordinating the various youth activities which take place during the summer months. He will also work with younger children during the day camp program. Since Wayne's family owns property in Tallahassee, he is familiar with the area and already has some ideas about places for outings, parties, etc.

Wayne is preparing for ministry and sees this work at Trinity this summer as an important learning experience in his training, Rev. Roughton said.

Vital Vittles for May

Mary Leslie Drake, Clifton Quinly and Elaine Smith wish to thank the following persons for volunteering their cooking skills for the youth's Vital Vittles in May:

May 2 — Mrs. Charles Butterworth, Mrs. Ruth McInvalle.

May 9 — Dr. Minna Jewell, Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Mrs. Judy Gamble.

May 16 — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker.

May 23 — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Almarode, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell.

May 30 — Mrs. John Koch, Mrs. Emmie Phillips, Mrs. James Campbell.



Junior High church school teachers Jo Burress and Mica Roughton (seated) test sound equipment available for use in classrooms with Jean Vaught, former youth coordinator.

Bruce Harter Is New Youth Coordinator

Due to her new job as membership and program coordinator at the Wesley Foundation, Jean Vaught has had to relinquish her position as youth coordinator here at Trinity.

Mrs. Vaught has ably worked in this position since last September, coordinating the various youth activities which take place Sunday mornings, evenings and during the week, Rev. Phil Roughton said. While she is leaving this position, she is not leaving youth work at Trinity. Since the time conflict with her new job is primarily on Sunday mornings, she plans to become more involved in working with senior high UMYF which meets Sunday evenings.

"Jean's contributions to youth ministry at Trinity thus far are warmly appreciated by the youth and they look forward to her continued involvement on Sunday evenings," Rev. Roughton said.

He said the person who has agreed to become the new youth coordinator is a person well known and loved among the youth and membership of the church as a whole, Bruce Harter. Bruce, along with his wife, Peggy, and Bill and Julie Mickler, has served as a youth counselor for four years.

Family Emphasis Planned May 9, 16

Family Life Coordinator Kitty Funderburg is planning two special family nights in May, during Sunday evening worship time. On May 9, the evening service will have the home and family as its theme, with a time of sharing from the congregation about aspects of their own families for which they are grateful.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a dessert that evening to be enjoyed in a social time after the service.

On May 16, Mrs. Funderburg has scheduled a media presentation on family life, to be followed by small intergenerational discussion groups.

Parents, singles, teenagers, children — everyone is invited to attend these evening programs, as the home and family are brought to focus. A nursery will be available for very young children.

While he has worked primarily with the senior high group on Sunday nights, in this new position he will be responsible for coordinating activities for both junior and senior highs, including the Sunday school hour.

"Bruce is a dedicated lay person, a hard worker, and is excited about this new opportunity for ministry," Rev. Roughton said.

Kelly Jones Honored for Community Service

Trinity member Kelly Jones was one of 12 young persons honored for community service at Tallahassee Community College's Third Annual Youth Appreciation Day April 23.

Miss Jones was selected as the Alfred B. Maclay, Jr., Day School honoree for her participation in the Appalachian Service Project of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, leadership in the Goodwood Nursing Home Project of the Maclay Anchor Club, chairing neighborhood carnivals for Muscular Dystrophy, participation in Backwater River Science Education Project and other school activities.

"Her cheerful acceptance of responsibility and genuine concern for others are evident in her activities," Maclay Headmaster Winston Ranft wrote.

Last year another Trinity youth, Margie Phifer, was selected as the Florida High honoree.

Youth Spotlight

The youth would like to shine their spotlight on Gamble Morse. Gamble, one of the younger members of the group, has shared her love and joy with everyone around. Though not holding an official position, her leadership abilities have encouraged many to strive toward their goals and dreams in life.

Now that she has moved to Texas to live with her mother, she is separated by miles but remains deep in everyone's heart. The youth salute Gamble and extend to her their deepest love and appreciation for all the work she did. May God bless her as she lives out her new life.

ROUGHTON'S RAPPINGS

"It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." Sometimes that old saying makes absolutely no sense to me. Who cares about concise little philosophical sayings when you're experiencing the pain of losing someone close to you, someone you respect and appreciate, someone you love? That's the way I've been feeling during the past few weeks. During those weeks the realization that four of our church staff members and their families will soon be leaving, moving on to other places, other responsibilities, has dawned on me. My initial reaction to that realization was defensive: "If I'd never met any of you, losing you wouldn't be such a problem! I'm just getting to the place where I feel like we really know each other, really understand each other — and you have to go. Why did I ever invest myself in you?" I know the answer to that question, and after the initial shock has worn off, I can answer it. Sure, I know the safe, painless way is to maintain arms' length. Don't allow yourself to get too close to anyone; don't let down your defenses; don't get personally involved. That way you never get hurt. But what do you get? A robot-like existence; free from bad feelings and pain, true, — but also void of the joy of intimate fellowship, of loving and being loved.

Ed, Irma, Jane, George, Lea, Susan, George, Bob, Grace, Dawn, Darryl, Dana, Peggy, Brad, I've invested myself in you because you welcomed me and accepted me. Far from regretting it, I am grateful for the time we've had together, for the things you've given me, for the things you've taught me, for the support you've given me at a time in my life (the beginning of my ministry) when those things were very important.

I am grateful that as Christians we share a common bond, the spirit of God himself which extends beyond any physical, geographical separation we may experience, a bond which is not limited by time.

Thank you for making my life richer and fuller. May God continue to bless you as you go from here to give yourselves to others.

Peace, PHIL



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