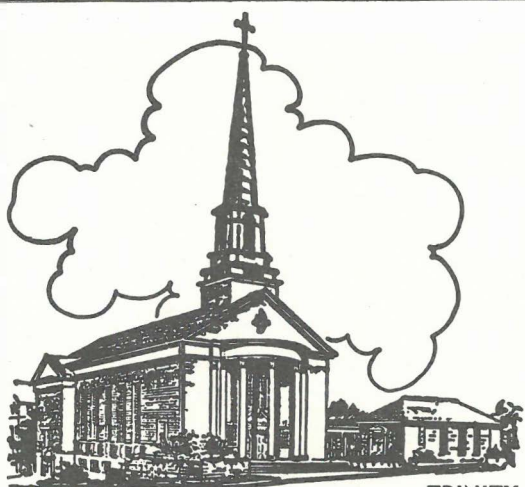




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Monthly Tidings



When you can't find the right literature to fit the occasion, you write your own. These young ladies met the challenge when they wrote the curriculum for Trinity's vacation church school. From left (seated) are Leslie Williams, Peggy Harter, Kay Ellison, Barbara Woolard, Ann Lumsden; (standing) Mary Warren and Evelyn Harper.

Vacation Church School Promises To Be Great, Education Chairman Says

"Be sure that your child doesn't miss this summer's vacation church school at Trinity. It's going to be great!" That's the word from Leslie Williams, chairman of the Education Work Area.

Vacation church school will be held from June 20-24, 9 a.m. until 12 noon for two-year-olds through third graders.

Under the leadership of coordinators Ann Lumsden and Barbara Woolard, a committee of volunteers has been writing the curriculum. Overall theme is "God Is Love" and each day relates to that theme as follows: Monday, "God Loves Me," Tuesday, "God Loves You," Wednesday, "God Loves Adults," Thursday, "God Loves All Creation," Friday, "We Love God."

Many extra activities which relate to each day's theme will be provided for the children. Along with each day's lesson, there will be correlated learning centers, puppet shows, films, music, and organized outside play. Several professional teachers will serve on the church school staff.

VCS classroom teachers include: 2-year-olds (by Dec. 31, 1976): Barbara Davidson, lead teacher Dianne Strausser, Carole Dalton 3-year-olds:

Leslie Williams, lead teacher Liz Dameron, Marilyn Dean 4-year-olds:

Terry Lee, lead teacher Dianne Ruff, Sandra Mowell 5-year-olds:

Mary Gene Lewis, lead teacher Gail Harris, Brenda Dyer 1st Grade:

Emily Ann Zimmerman, lead teacher Tricia Willis, Sharon White 2nd Grade:

Peggy Harter, lead teacher Judy Walker 3rd Grade:

Mary Warren, lead teacher Gail McGlothlin, Jan James

Special activity teachers include: Music: Suzanne Gifford

Art: Julie Hill

Physical Education: Mary Loy Tutavilder and Margaret Williams

Puppets: Sarah Ann Mowell, Nancy Steinmeyer, Nancy Pelham Puppet voices: John Green, Phil Roughton

Registration: Elaine Green, Melinda Coulter

Food: Elaine Green and Paula Cox

Pre-registration will be held the first Sunday in June during Sunday School. You may also register children the day vacation church school begins.

Missions Work Area Considers Role In World Hunger Problem

"Problems of world hunger can be solved in 20 years," the Rev. Frank Smith, representative of United Methodist Committee on Relief, told Trinity members on April 24.

"We have the know how, but are we willing?" he asked during an afternoon workshop for members of the Missions Work Area. "The task is not just a transfer of our technology, but rather a commitment to justice for those countries where people are hungry."

Weather, overpopulation and basic injustice, because people who are hungry have no control over food production, trade and marketing, were listed as causes of the problem.

The New York based world hunger coordinator said it is a global problem since no one country can produce enough to feed the world, and feeding the world is not the answer. "Our job is to help people become self-reliant; all countries have the potential to feed their own people."

He said the problem can be solved through financial help, through legislation, and through changing patterns of consumption which prevent others from eating.

The Missions Work Area is now investigating ways for Trinity to take an active role in alleviating world hunger. Additional persons are needed to serve as members of the work area if a meaningful project is to be conducted, Chairman Walli Beall said. Interested people should call her if they wish to take part.

Did You Ever Want to Be a Missionary? Haiti Mission Project Seeks Volunteers

Financial reports show that United Methodists generously give to mission work at home and abroad. You may have felt, however, that somehow it is not enough to send your money and let someone else do the work of administering to human need.

A unique opportunity is available for you to actively participate as a missionary in the field this summer.

Two mission teams will each spend two weeks in July in Haiti building a church and a home economics center where sewing, food preparation and health will be taught. Haiti is the most poverty-stricken country in the western hemisphere and it and the country of Belize (formerly British Honduras) are two mission areas the United Methodist Church is concentrating on this year.

The building project in July has been approved by United Methodist Committee on Relief and will be done in cooperation with the Caribbean Methodist Conference.

Persons age 18 or over, male or female, with building skills and people skills are invited to submit applications to participate. Besides the construction project, a Bible school will be conducted and a dental team will be treating those in need of dental work.

Each person participating must pay \$450 for transportation and living expenses while in Haiti. One team leaves Miami on July 1 and the second team will leave two weeks later.

Fifth Sunday Session Set

The next fifth Sunday is in May. The Rev. John Green, education director, hopes all Sunday school classes will make plans to meet in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. for a special assembly.

Plans for the summer program will be announced. There will be a special recognition of the Trinity choirs, and a surprise announcement concerning Vacation Church School which begins June 20.

Young Adults Plan Retreat

If you are between the ages of 18 to 25, you are invited to join the Young Adult Fellowship for a special retreat in Panama City at the Oceanna Inn on June 3, 4 and 5.

The group will leave Friday afternoon. Lodging will be \$6.50 per night per person for two nights. Food expenses will be divided later. More information is available by contacting the church office or Patsy Crotty at 385-3674. YAF'll come now!

FSC President to Preach

Dr. Robert Davis, president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland, will be guest preacher at Trinity on Sunday, May 22. He will make a special presentation to a member of the congregation during the worship service.

Trip and construction coordinator for the project is the Rev. Charles L. Peck of Chiefland. Applications may be obtained from the Rev. Gene Zimmerman at Trinity's office. Applications should be sent to Rev. Peck as soon as possible.

Other mission projects of UMCOR in Haiti include support of a Methodist Church which carries out agricultural programs, providing better breeds of cattle, seeds, teaching use of manure, and developing irrigation systems. UMCOR has developed centers where problems of a community can be discussed, literacy classes held, and young people can hold improvement programs. In cooperation with the Methodist church in Haiti, UMCOR is seeking to tackle the root causes of hunger around the town of Jeremie. It also has water development, self-help rehabilitation, and rural development programs there.

Annual Conference Will Be May 24-27

The 135th session of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church meets May 24-27 at Branscomb Auditorium of Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

Representing Trinity among the 1800 delegates expected will be youth delegate Doug Smith and delegate Bruce Harter.

The Rev. Dr. Gene Zimmerman will report during the conference on the work of the Continuing Education Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry he serves as chairman, and will also report as dean of the Pastor's School.

Rev. Zimmerman said Trinity has been assured that it will have no pastoral changes this year.

Administrative Board to Meet

The Administrative Board will consider reports from subgroups of an Evaluation Committee during its meeting May 10, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The committees have been evaluating the goals of the church and how well it is carrying them out. Upon acceptance by the Administrative Board a summary of the findings will be prepared for future implementation.

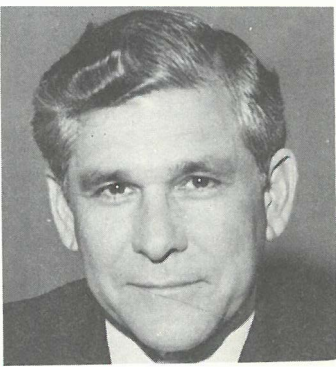
Legislators Attend Breakfast

Florida Methodist Bishop Joel D. McDavid invited Methodists serving in the Florida Legislature to a prayer breakfast in Trinity's Fellowship Hall on April 21.

The Bishop expressed appreciation for Christians in public life. About 35 legislators, local Methodist ministers and lay leaders were present. The breakfast was chaired by Lt. Gov. Jim Williams.

COMMENT:

Faith Is an Allegiance
by GENE ZIMMERMAN



I stumbled on a sentence in a book the other day that said in a few words what I firmly believe and think should be stated much more often than it is. Written by the Scotch theologian, John Bailee, it said, "... faith always contains the idea of knowing and the idea of not knowing fully."

Most people believe their faith is very inadequate. Deep down inside they feel there is so little it's hardly worth talking about, and they secretly suspect that others have found something they are still reaching for.

I think this feeling clings to most of us because we grew up in an era when religion was thought of as something you "get" and when you've "got" it you know all, see all, hear all, and believe all. And yet, if we are to understand the New Testament, faith is not a possession or a sudden disclosure, it is an allegiance. It is a confidence and a trust which we place in God and in Christ who declared and revealed Him to us.

When is our allegiance complete? When is our trust total? Can we ever say we have arrived? I doubt it.

But a man is not faithless because his faith is incomplete. Quite to the contrary, he may be a person of great faith.

Rather than condemn ourselves and live with a sense of religious inadequacy, I think we ought to rejoice in what little faith we do have and hungrily ask for more.

I've always liked that man who said to Jesus, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief."

Christian Education Comments

Children and the Bible
by John H. Green

This fall, during National Bible Week—November 20 - 27—there will be a special emphasis on children and the Bible. One program being planned now by the Work Area on Education will involve using materials written and suggested by Dr. Dorothy Jean Furnish. Dr. Furnish is associate professor of Christian Education at Garrett Theology School. She is the author of numerous books, articles and various educational publications of the United Methodist Church. A particular book that we will be studying was written by Dr. Furnish and is entitled *Exploring the Bible with Children*.

The target for this study is to include teachers, coordinators and parents. We wish to emphasize the special need for parents to attend. If you are a parent, please mark your calendar now to join us in a special two-day session during National Bible Week. Exact dates will be announced later.

Dr. Furnish in *Exploring the Bible with Children*, bases her exploration into the world of children and the Bible on four affirmations. These assumptions give direction to the rest of the book.

Affirmation #1: The Bible in search of ways to help children discover Bible meanings, the starting point must be *understanding the nature of the Bible itself*.

Affirmation #2: Children in search of ways to help children discover Bible meanings, it is necessary to *understand the nature of childhood*.

Affirmation #3: Meaning this affirmation has two parts: one is the goal of Bible study with children to help them deal with the "meaning" questions of their lives as they discover meanings in the Bible. Secondly, significant understandings occur when *children are actively involved in teaching-learning process*.

Affirmation #4: Invitation; adults as well as children can find meanings through discovery, exploration, investigation and participation.

This fourth affirmation is an invitation we would like to extend to you to

help us make this project successful. And, most of all, we hope you will help us make the Christian Education program at Trinity United Methodist Church meaningful in our exploration of the Bible with children in the church and home. If you would like to get a headstart, you may contact me now for a special order of books to be reading this summer. Our teachers and coordinators will be starting soon. Perhaps you, as a parent, would like to help us in the fall project. We would welcome you!

BY EDNA S. KELLY

Old, you say?
No, I'm not old.
The years have passed, and friends have come and gone,
But I'm not old.
I have a thousand treasured memories,
For life was rich, and long, and filled with love;
Not wild, romantic dreams,
But love which even death cannot destroy.
Yes, there were many who were dear to me,
Whose lives touched mine.
One man was outstanding, kind,
He taught me how to be myself, not just an echo of a former guide.
I'll never forget the time he asked, "And you? What do you think?"
I had not thought.
But I began to think.

Twice I was married.
Twice I nursed my husband to the end.
Joy and sorrow strengthen love.
Also into my life came little ones
Who needed me just as I needed them.
For we must love and serve
If we would live.
And there were friends, and dreams, and hopes, and fears,
A faith which through the years I made my own.

Those memories are precious,
Yet I know
I dare not cling to them.
I dare not live within the treasured past,
Because those days are gone.
Today alone is mine.
The future holds the promise of my life,
And what the future is
Depends on me.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Treasurer's Report
March 31, 1977

Cash Balance		\$17,876.39	
Plus March Receipts			
On Pledges	\$20,223.10		
Plate Offering	470.86		
Kitchen - Food	164.10		
Miscellaneous - Special	627.29		
Non Budgetary	* 1,899.98	\$23,385.33	
Total Funds for Month		\$41,261.72	
Less Disbursements During Month		\$27,387.40	
Total Funds March 31, 1977		\$13,874.32	
* Received \$900.00 income — special gift for office furniture			
DISBURSEMENTS			
Budgetary			
Benevolences	\$ 5,528.00		
Ministerial Support	3,866.66		
Lay Salaries	5,550.33		
Promotion and Program	812.16		
Office	1,684.70		
Property	7,857.00		
Miscellaneous	82.00	\$25,380.85	
Non Budgetary		\$ 2,006.55	
Total Disbursements for March 1977		\$27,387.40	
MONTHLY RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS			
	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
Cash Carry Over			\$15,254.21
January	\$25,947.86	\$23,469.02	\$17,733.05
February	\$24,503.89	\$24,360.55	\$17,876.39
March	\$23,385.33	\$27,387.40	\$13,874.32

Your Son Can Try Out
Scouting for a Weekend

Is your son not quite certain he would enjoy being a Boy Scout? Here's an opportunity for him—and his father if he likes—to try it for a weekend to see how he likes the outdoor adventure that scouting provides.

Boys and fathers from all Methodist churches in Tallahassee will leave from Trinity, May 20 for a weekend at Wallwood Boy Scout Camp, and will return at 5 p.m., Saturday, May 21. Cost will be \$2.50 per person.

Activities include archery, riflery, canoeing, rowing, hiking nature trails, and building camp fires.

Questions concerning the weekend may be directed to Wesley White at 576-4146 or Phil Roughton at 222-1120.

Pledge Income Holds
Steady With Expense

"Income from pledges for the first quarter of 1977 looks very encouraging," Dave Kerns, chairman of the Finance Committee, said. The income of Trinity is holding steady with the programmed expenditures.

"During the summer months we will have a lot of youth activities, maintenance expenses, insurance, apportionments, etc., that will continue," Kerns pointed out. "We hope that pledge payments will hold steady during these months in order to meet these continuing expenses. We appreciate our members for this dedication and concern," he said.

Trinity Trustees Will Meet

Trinity Trustees will meet at 12' noon on Tuesday, May 10, at the church. Chairman is Bob Parker.

Old?

Some things I cannot change,
But I can change
The way I look at them.
I can change how I adjust,
How I adapt.
That much is in my power.
I can be sad, or I can be content.
I can love others,
Or I can condemn
And make their lives joyless
And in so doing, also my own.

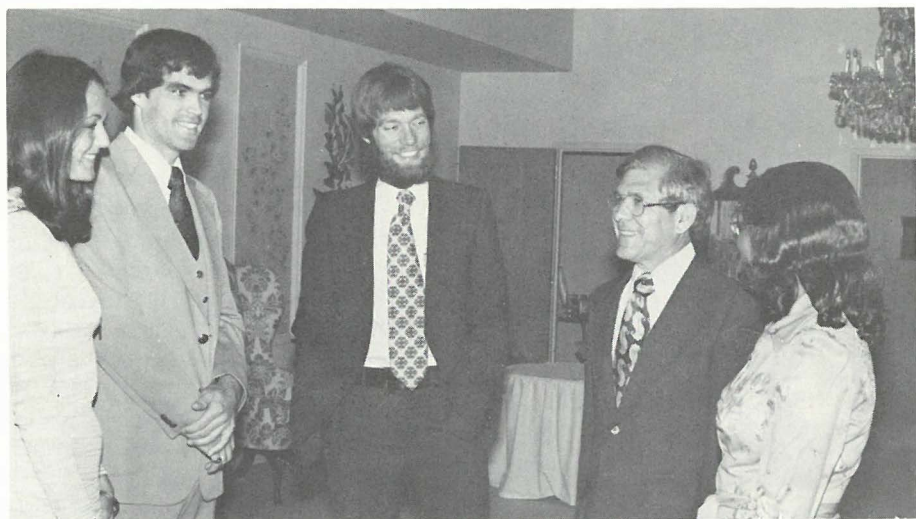
The long gone past will never return,
It's up to me.
But I can live a life that can become
As rich as the memories that are gone.

No, I'm not old.
When life no longer makes demands,
When others look aside, nor call on me
For help, and love, and all that I can give,
I may be old.

But when we see the work undone,
The work that only we can do,
We know that years alone do not bring age.
They may bring sorrow, wisdom, joy and tears;
They may bring wrinkles; even stumbling feet,
And then at last, forgetfulness.
But, they cannot rob us of our love.

It's how we look at life that shows our age.
If we help those who count on us,
If we keep cheerful, kind, and share our love,
Try to make others happy, and forget
The unpleasant things we may have known,
The long, long years can never make us old.

Mrs. Kelly, 78, is an active United Methodist Churchwoman at Ysleta United Methodist Church, El Paso, TX. This poem is reprinted from April 1977 *Response*, program journal of United Methodist Women, to honor Trinity's senior citizens.



Prior to taking their vows of church membership on the third Sunday in April these new members get acquainted with the Rev. Phil Roughton and the Rev. Gene Zimmerman. From left are Alison Godfrey, Carl A. Stickeler, and to Rev Zimmerman's left, Carla Allen.



Paul and Dianne Ruff participated in the orientation for new members in the parlor between morning worship services.

12 New Members Welcomed in April

Trinity welcomed the following new members during April:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Michael Ruff (Dianne), 1508 Sharon Road (03), phone 386-1861. Mike joined Trinity by profession of faith and Dianne transferred her membership from Centenary Methodist Church in Quincy, Florida. Mike is an attorney with the Public Service Commission and Dianne is a former home economics teacher. They have a son, Michael Thomas Ruff, who is two years old.

Miss Alison Godfrey, 461 West Park (01), phone 224-1510, transferred her membership from First United Methodist Church, Baxley, Georgia. Alison is a student at F.S.U.

Mr. Carl A. Stickeler, 922 West Jefferson (04), comes to Trinity from the Catholic faith, and is a student at F.S.U.

Miss Carla Allen, 1031 Joe Louis Street (04), phone 224-4515, joined Trinity by profession of faith. She is a junior at Florida High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Bauguess (Emoryette), 410 Victory Garden Drive, phone 878-6317. Milt comes to us from Myers Park United Methodist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Emoryette from Trinity Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia. Milt is in tax shelter retirement and insurance sales. Emoryette works in the personnel office at the Florida Board of Regents.

The following members of the Confirmation Class were confirmed and received into church membership on Easter Sunday morning: Tamara Jo Bahlke, James A. Ball IV, Samuel Thomas Blackburn, Amy Douglas, Nora Irene Harris, Charles Edward Huggins, Jr., Mary Ann Rogers, Richard Wells Hughes, Jack Brock Taylor, Edwin Andrew Steinmeyer.

By Walli Beall

UMW Circles Announce Meetings

Circle 1 will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Graham, 1163 Old Fort Drive, on Monday, May 9, at 10 a.m. Mrs. Amos Godby and Miss Agnes Gregory will be cohostesses. Mrs. Eugene Borda will present the program.

Circle 2 will have a covered dish luncheon meeting at Mrs. J. A. Rehwinkel's cottage in Carrabelle on Monday, May 16. Members will leave Tallahassee at 10 a.m. Mrs. George Foster will present the program.

Circle 3 will meet at the home of Mrs. R. T. Hemphill, Woodcrest Apartments, 275 John Knox Road, Apt. 101, Building A, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

Circle 4 will meet in Room 210 at the church on Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m.

Circle 5 will meet at the home of Mrs. William Macklin, 1107 Terrace Street, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

Circle 6 will meet at the home of Mrs. Norman Harper, 832 Pine Street, on Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m. Mrs. R. M. Yent will be cohostess, and Mrs. H. C. Mills will present the program.

Circle 7 will hold their meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at Mrs. L. N. Brown's cottage on the coast. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and meet at the church at 9 a.m.

Circle 8 will have a salad covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, May 10, from 11 until 1, at the home of Mrs. Robert Lumsden, 2419 Rosemary Terrace. There will be a nursery at the church during that time.

Circle 9 will meet at the home of Mrs. Mitchell Ferguson, 1316 Dillard Street, on Tuesday, May 10, at 10 a.m.

Circle 13 will meet at the home of Mrs. M. C. Scales, 226 Westminster Drive, on Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. H. E. Helton will be cohostess, and Mrs. H. N. Dawirs will present a program honoring Mrs. Joyce DeLeon, FSU graduate student from Jamaica.

Circle 14 will meet for lunch at the Spartan Restaurant at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9.

O. K. Club Luncheon Planned on May 18

Trinity's members 65 and over (the O. K. Club) are being honored during Senior Citizens Month with a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at 12 noon, Wednesday, May 18.

The luncheon is being coordinated by Mary Elizabeth Poag of United Methodist Women. Persons wishing to attend should make reservation by calling the church office by May 13.

Church School Workers Will Be Honored

To honor all church school workers a teacher appreciation dinner will be given on Tuesday, May 31. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and is being sponsored by the Education Work Area.

Trusts Provide Flexible Way For Continuing Gift

Trinity Methodist Church provides two methods by which gifts of money or property can have lasting benefit to the church and can be used in a way specified by the giver long after his or her death.

The Fannie Wilson Smith Trust and the Trinity Methodist Church Trust were established in 1965 and 1967, respectively, to afford a means to donate or contribute to the work and programs of Trinity with a provision that the donor may direct his or her gift to be held in trust for the use and benefit of Trinity as specifically designated.

Godfrey Smith and Julian V. Smith established the Fannie Wilson Smith Trust in memory of their mother, who before her death was a devoted member of Trinity. Memorial gifts through the years now total more than \$75,000 in assets in the trust. The assets are the permanent possession of the trust but their investment provides annual income to the church. During the past year, Trinity received \$2,200 in income from the trust for use as determined by the Finance Committee. In emergency situations the church may ask the trustee of the trust to draw upon the principal.

The Trinity Methodist Church Trust was drawn up by J. Lewis Hall and Frank Moor and now has total assets of \$8,500. Trinity's Trustees also serve as trustees of the trust with a local bank serving as agent.

The latter trust provides a number of flexible ways of giving for the lasting benefit of the church as opposed to the general operating fund. Gifts to the trust are fully tax deductible when given outright. They may be given for a specified number of years and then returned to the owner, or they may be given at death. Property can be transferred to the trust with the giver continuing to receive income from it during his lifetime, his spouse or another person receiving income from it after his death, and the church receiving income from it following their deaths.

Contributors to the trust may state the purpose for which their gifts are to be used. The trustees will see that the gifts of property or money are carefully supervised for the benefit of the church and the program designated by the donor.

Trinity Treasurer Spencer Burrell explained these two trusts during a workshop recently sponsored by the Wills and Gifts Committee. This information is furnished members of Trinity as part of that committee's efforts to provide for the long-term continuation of Trinity's ministry.

Community Action Program Serves Poor, Disadvantaged, Handicapped

The entire focus of the Community Action Program (CAP) is to alleviate problems causing human suffering. To this end a wide variety of programs are designed and carried out. The scope of the agency is as large and varied as is the scope of the problem it tries to solve.

Funded federally and from county and city sources, the agency has a budget in excess of \$1,000,000. It operates from headquarters on Brevard Street under the directorship of William A. McGill.

The programs which it undertakes run the gamut of human experience: education, a head start program, a program of food and nutrition, an employment program, a program concerned with youth development, and

Two additional vans are soon to be obtained to help in this much needed area.

Trinity Methodist Church currently budgets \$250 to CAP annually. The entire amount goes directly toward dealing with transient aid. This year CAP has spent \$5,000 for transient aid. Approximately \$2,000 in additional funds donated by area churches has gone for this program. The agency hopes that churches will match funds CAP currently spends for this program.

The agency is performing a great service as it tries to improve the lives of financially and otherwise disadvantaged residents of our community. Thank God we have the opportunity, however small, to assist in the work being done.

By Walli Beall

Trinity's Local Missions Programs

... Second in a Series

one involving senior citizens. Of major importance to many of these different program areas as well as to Leon County citizens at large is the transportation division. Currently CAP operates six mini-vans throughout the community to provide desperately needed transportation to the poor, the aged, the handicapped.

Advanced Studies Class Completes Crime Series

The Advanced Studies Sunday School will conclude its study of what Americans can do about crime with a series of lessons this month dealing with prisons, gun control and legal ethics.

James Ball will discuss "Perspectives on Prison Personnel" on May 8. The following Sunday, May 15, a film "Women in Prison" will be shown. The film was cited by the American Bar Association as "a distinguished contribution to public understanding of the American system of law and justice."

Class leader Betty Phifer will give the class update on the gun control issue on May 22.

Dr. Charles Wellborn, FSU Department of Religion, will discuss legal ethics on May 29. Then Betty Phifer will summarize the entire study on the final Sunday in the series, June 5.

The class will not be meeting during the summer months, Mrs. Phifer said.

Youth Look To 4th Year With Appalachia Project

By Donna McGinley

For the fourth straight year, Trinity youth and their adult counselors are committed to spending a week of their summer vacation participating in the Appalachia Service Project, Inc., a home repair project affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

This work program is an outgrowth of the love of one individual and his desire to see a dream come true. Glenn "Tex" Evans, a staff person with the Evangelism Section of the Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, ministered to the people of rural Appalachia for 13 years before accepting his current position in Nashville, Tennessee. Although he left those particular hills, he never forgot the people he loved.

The Appalachia Service Project, Inc., is the fulfillment of Dr. Evans' dream to help the poor in Appalachia improve their situations. It is also an opportunity for a church youth group to be vitally and personally involved in the church's mission to the world.

During the summer of 1969, the pilot project involved 50 volunteers who labored to repair four homes. The dream evolved and seven years later, during the summer of 1976, 462 homes were repaired by 3800 volunteers representing 200 youth groups and 35 states at 13 different project centers.

Project centers are staffed by college-age students who are responsible for making living and eating arrangements for participating groups and for maintaining sufficient tools and materials. Along with local community leaders, they also determine which families are served and what repairs are needed.

After arriving at a project center, the youth and counselors of a church group are divided into teams and assigned to a particular house. The things they might be asked to do include painting the outside, putting up sheetrock, repairing the steps, replacing broken boards in the porch, patching or replacing the roof, putting in new window panes, or even adding a room. Project participants are expected to put in six hours of work a day at the site. Evenings are filled with seminars and free time.

The theology of the Appalachia Service Project is established by the following statement: "We enter each community with one goal in mind: to show our awareness, concern and helpfulness—our love for those who request our help. We do not attempt to change people's beliefs or lifestyles, their religion or political preference. Each person whom we serve is a person of worth and dignity and is treated as such. We accept people right where they are and just the way they are."

The director of this project emphasizes the need for participants to work in cooperation and mutual support with fellow workers while guided by this declaration in the fourth chapter of Luke, "He has sent me to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to open the doors of the captives."

An opportunity for those who talk about evangelism to really do it—that's what the Appalachia Service Project is all about.



Trinity Girls Recall Trip to Austria

Trinity youth members Mary Nina Bevis and Amy Clark have just returned from a one-week trip to Austria. The two left early Easter morning along with 113 other Leon High School Band members and chaperones to represent this country at the International Music Festival in Seefeld, Austria.

After a stop in Frankfurt, Germany, the group arrived in Seefeld. Along with a band from Maine and a chorus from Chicago, the Leon Band participated in two concerts for the Austrians. On their own, they later gave a concert for the people of Reith, a little village just outside Seefeld.

Tours of Salzburg, Innsbruck and the Olympic ski jump, a castle in Bavaria, and a glass factory in Rattenburg were among the highlights of the trip. Both girls agreed that Salzburg was their favorite place. They stayed in the old section of the city which was blocked off to cars. And this had its advantages. "Pedestrians don't have the right-of-way there and there is no speed limit," said Amy.

Salzburg was especially memorable to Mary Nina because, "We were able to see the house and the church where The 'Sound of Music' was filmed."

Mary Nina Bevis

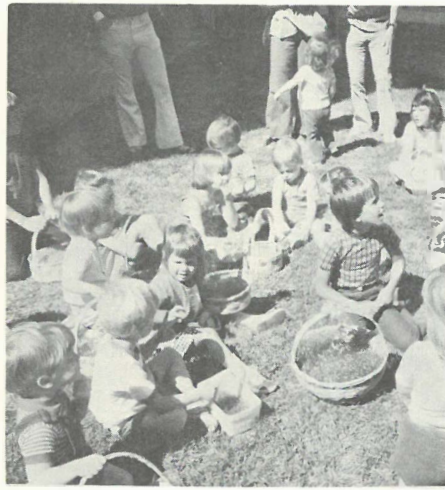


Although it snowed in Austria the entire time the Leon High School Band was there, Amy and Mary Nina said the trip was great. Upon leaving Seefeld, the group went to Zurich, Switzerland, where they spent the night in a hostel, then to Amsterdam and back to the United States.

Happy as they were to return home in the early hours of Monday morning, April 18, the students were quite relieved when their principal announced they would be excused from the first four classes of the day.

Mary Nina is a junior at Leon and plays a flute in the band while Amy, a sophomore, plays the flute and piccolo.

Forty-four young people and ten adults from Trinity participated in "wonderful wilderness" weekend last month at Walt Disney World campground on Lake Buena Vista. The group made the trip in a bus borrowed from Carrabelle Methodist Church.



Easter Bunny Delights Children At Egg Hunt

Thirty children between the ages of two and six turned out Saturday, April 9, for the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Trinity young people.

Two-year-olds and three-year-olds hunted eggs in the courtyard while those four to six searched for eggs in the park across the street from the church. Regular dyed eggs as well as special "prize" eggs were carefully hidden and joyfully found.

The youth entertained the little ones with other planned activities including games and songs. The highlight of the event was the appearance of the Easter bunny. To the delight of the little folks, Lauri Denmark made her debut dressed in shorts, leotards, tee-shirt, and floppy, bunny rabbit ears.

A jelly bean tree was also part of the fun. After showing the bunny rabbit something he or she could do—somersaults or whatever—the children were given a treat from the tree loaded with net bags of candy.

Catherine Causseaux created a bunny rabbit cake for the enjoyment of the children. They all had refreshments before going home.

"It was a fun day," said Suzanne Gifford, adult coordinator of the event. "We all really had a good time. Next year they'll be doing the same thing."



Smiles, a few cracked eggs and prizes added to the fun Trinity youth provided 30 children on April 9.

ROUGHTON'S RAPPINGS

I was in New York once on my mother's birthday (she was home in Ft. Lauderdale.) In the excitement of the trip, I'd forgotten to get even so much as a card to send. So, at the last minute, I called her up and, being the young dummy I was, said, "Hey Mom, bet you thought I forgot your birthday didn't you? Well I didn't, I just didn't know what to get you, so Craig (my best friend) and I went out to a nice restaurant here in New York and had a steak dinner in your honor!" And, being the great mom she is, she laughed so hard she nearly dropped the receiver, told me thanks, that she loved me, and never mentioned my forgetfulness again.

May is Mother's Day month and I'm glad for a day to honor and say thanks to mothers. There are always the stories of abandoned and abused children, and mothers who don't care, but judging from the results (that is, most of you walking around out there in Trinity Tidings Land) there must be a considerable number of fine, even outstanding mothers. Folks who have invested literally years of love and energy to give their children a chance to be great people someday—or at least o.k. That's beginning to sound a little schmaltzy, but if you missed it when you were growing up and being "mothered," just take a look around you at some mothers today, and you'll see it's true.

As I look, motherhood doesn't appear to be all that inviting. It begins with dirty diapers, and hungry faces and ends—or diminishes—with worse than dirty Levis and pimply, hungry faces. But there must be some rewards in there somewhere. Like the innocent grin that breaks through that spaghetti covered head, the handprint ash tray with "I love you" scribbled on the back, the thrilled expression of the first home run, the grace and poise shining through the ruffles of the new dress for the prom, and the request for advice about a vocation for life. There's no way to weigh the pain and difficulty against the joy and happiness, and I suppose that's the way it should be. It's all a part of the process, and both the joy and sorrow contribute to its richness.

So thanks, Mom, for the hours of sleep you gave up so I could scream in the comfort of your arms, for providing daily bandages and mercurochrome, for telling me what artistic talent I had, for not making me act like the preacher's kid, for helping deliver my paper route when it rained, for letting me navigate the intercoastal waterway in my eight-foot dingy when you knew I'd probably never make it back alive, for "letting go" when it was time, and most of all, helping me understand who Jesus is in the process. I love you.

PHIL

P.S. If you should read this before a Mother's Day card arrives, you'll know I haven't changed much, but neither has my love.

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