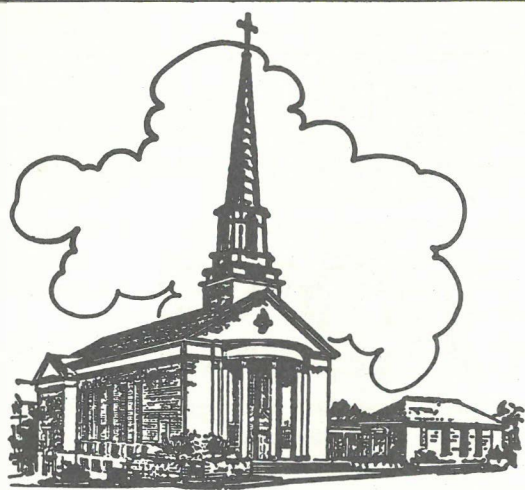




Monthly Tidings

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Lenten I Share Project to Start

On the first Sunday of Lent, February 12, the Mission Work Area will invite all people of the church—young and old—to participate in a “I care—and I can share” project.

A label that will wrap around a soft drink can and convert it into a bank will be distributed with the church bulletins that Sunday. The label urges church people to give to ease the anguish of world hunger. The Mission Work Area hopes that Trinity members and church school pupils will attempt to fill the banks during the Lenten season and return them as their offering on Easter Sunday.

In previous years members have sacrificed one meal a week or some other item and donated the money they would have spent to the world's hungry. The work area suggests that children participating may decide to give up candy and other snacks and put the money saved in their banks.

For United Methodists, the fight against world hunger is a missional priority. Money given through this Advance Special will go to work to feed hungry people now, eliminate the root causes of famine and malnutrition, affect public policy for fairer distribution of food, develop life styles less consumption-oriented.

Sunday Evening Adult Studies Are Listed

The Sunday evening studies in February continue to follow the general theme of becoming better acquainted with the members and the activities of Trinity. Three members of Trinity will describe some of their work, beyond Trinity itself, which should be of considerable interest, according to Dr. H. N. Dawirs, coordinator of the Adult Studies.

On February 5, Miriam Peirce will tell about her work as president of the Tallahassee District United Methodist Women.

On February 12, Elise Lawton will describe her work as president of Church Women United.

On February 19, Pat Crotty will describe her activities as a Church and Community Worker in the Tallahassee District for the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

Choirs to Present Cantata At Intergenerational Night

Sunday night, February 26, will be Intergenerational Night at Trinity. Members and friends of all ages are invited to a covered dish supper in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

Following the meal the jazz cantata, “100% Chance of Rain,” will be presented by the Wesleyan Singers and Chapel Choir directed by Suzanne Gifford. This cantata by Walter Horsley is a modern connotation of what the biblical story of Noah and the flood means today.

After the choirs' performance, the film “The Shopping Bag Lady,” will be shown. This is a moving film of benefit to all ages.



Justice Boyd

Justice Boyd to Talk At Wills Workshop

Supreme Court Justice Joseph Boyd will be featured speaker at a wills workshop in Trinity's Fellowship Hall at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 28.

Planned by Trinity's Wills and Gifts Committee chaired by Ernest Menendez, the workshop is open to all persons who may have questions about the importance of a will and how one should be drawn. A similar workshop was presented by the committee and attended by a large number of members and friends last year.

Justice Boyd will describe some of the legal entanglements that occur when a person dies without a will. A panel comprised of committee members Bob Parker, Ted Steinmeyer and Rebecca Hawkins will answer questions following Justice Boyd's talk. J. Lewis Hall will introduce the speaker.

Justice Boyd became a member of the Florida Supreme Court in 1969 after having practiced law in Miami for more than 20 years. He was a Dade County Commissioner for ten years and is a former state commander of the American Legion. He received his law degree from the University of Miami.

UMW Circles Announce February Meetings.

CIRCLE 1 will meet at 10 a.m. on Monday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Huxley Coulter, 412 Ingleside Avenue. Mrs. J. C. Camp will be the co-hostess, and the program will be presented by Rev. John Green.

CIRCLE 2 will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. J. A. Rehwinkel, 508 Tallaflo Street. Mrs. Louise Leathers will give a program on the History of Methodist Hymns.

CIRCLE 3 will meet on Tuesday, February 14, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. H. E. Gallagher, 1342 Terrace. The program will be given by Martha Hall on “Women In the Bible.”

CIRCLE 4 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, in room 210 at the church.

CIRCLE 5 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, at the home of Mrs. Earl Armstrong, 2100 Ridge Top Drive.

CIRCLE 6 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 14, at the home of Mrs. Johan H. Stuy, 2327 Armistead Road. Mrs. Steinmeyer will be the

Trinity's 1978 Program Goes Forward With \$304,000 Pledge Goal Reached

Trinity's ministry and program for 1978 moves forward as planned with the pledge for financial support by its members of \$304,000.

The 1978 pledge goal was reached “through the dedication of devoted members and the total response of the membership,” the Financial Committee announced. Following pledge dinners in November and initial contacts, the December *Monthly Tidings* reported pledges totaling \$181,000 of a needed \$270,000.

Five Transfer Membership to Trinity UMC

Trinity welcomes the following: Miss Patricia McDowell, 3535 Roberts Ave., Lot 23 (04), joins us on profession of faith and is employed at the Salvation Army.

Miss Ruth Ann Davis, 503 W. Park Ave. (01), 222-2899, comes to us from Arlington United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. She is a student at Florida State University.

Miss Katie Pipkorn, 503 W. Park Ave. (01), 222-3622, is transferring from Mequon United Methodist Church, Mequon, Wisconsin. Katie is a student at F.S.U.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson Skelton, Sr., 1521 Woodgate Way (03), 386-9367, have transferred their membership from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Terrance Broadway (Carol) whose current address is 1710 E. Northgate, Apt. 1018, Irving, Texas 75062, has transferred her membership to Lovers Lane United Methodist Church, Irving, Texas.

Members of the financial drive chaired by Clinton H. Coulter contacted members who had not yet pledged. Another member made and paid in advance a substantial pledge in December, which made it possible for Trinity to end the year with its benevolences paid and a balance with which to start the new year. (See financial statement on page 2).

The \$304,000 budget and program projects income as follows:

Pledge support	\$270,000
Plate offering	6,800
Kitchen, Food Services	2,500
Miscellaneous and Special Gifts	24,700
Total	\$304,000

Second mile income during 1977 included \$2,364.50 for providing a van for transportation, \$331.50 for missionary support, \$150.50 for choir recording equipment, and \$89.50 for church school audio visual special needs.

Churchwide Mission Study Is Scheduled

A churchwide mission study on the Caribbean Crescent is being planned for March 5-9 by the Work Area on Missions and United Methodist Women.

The program will begin during morning worship Sunday, March 5, when a guest minister who has served in the chain of islands in the Caribbean will be invited to speak.

During the church school hour, children of all ages will learn about Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico and other countries. That evening at 7 o'clock they will present part of the program to a combined audience of children and adults. Another part of the evening's program will focus on the needs and problems of those countries.

The United Methodist Women will study women of the Caribbean during their general luncheon meeting at noon, Tuesday, March 7. The program is being developed by Nancy Kerce and Emily Ann Zimmerman.

The study will conclude with a churchwide covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9. The Rev. Gene Zimmerman will show slides and give commentary describing a period of his ministry in the Caribbean. The Youth Choir has been asked to sing music of those countries.

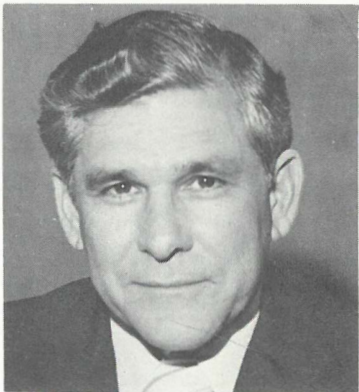
At the end of the evening, an opportunity and course of action by which Trinity members may reach out in mission to the people of Haiti will be presented.

The joint planning committee for the study consists of Walli Beall, chairman; Alberta Ashmore, chairman of dinner arrangements; Barbara Woolard and Mary Warren, dinner decorations; Emily Ann Zimmerman and Nancy Kerce, UMW luncheon; Liz Smith and Broun Parmenter, Sunday evening program; Linda Yates, publicity; and Ministers Gene Zimmerman and Phil Roughton.

COMMENT:

Look at the Whole

By Gene Zimmerman



I just found a typographical error in a good book. It leaped off the page and startled me by its presence. But why, I thought, should I be surprised to find one mistake in an otherwise perfect book. The answer I gave to myself is that we seldom see such errors in well printed books, therefore the appearance of one calls quite a lot of attention to itself.

From books my thoughts went to people. Some people scan others for errors. They are quite cognizant of the occasional flaws that are present in all and will remember those long after the good things are forgotten. If you want to compare books to people, it's like saying, "There's the

book with the error in it," and completely ignoring all the rest of the good that is contained therein.

If you want to carry the analogy further, it's impossible to print a book without some mistakes, and by the same token, it's hard to live a life without some. In spite of our best efforts to glean them all out, they still appear. To act at all is to make some mistakes.

But we don't discard books because of a few errors. We go on to read them and be rewarded by the whole work. If we'd look at one another that way and be reminded that this is precisely what God does, life would be richer for us all.

A Prayer

Father, we are sometimes frightened by the awareness of things that can and do happen to people; a neighbor dies, a friend is stricken with unexpected illness; and we ourselves are thrust into circumstances we cannot escape. We prefer to live in a world without pain, or tears, or unwanted events, and we have no desire for our lives to be changed once they have been set upon a desired course. But we soon discover this is not the kind of world in which we live.

Disappointment, disease, death are inescapable with us and though we wish to flee, we cannot. Our prayer is then, not to protect us from all harm, much as we would like to ask, but to prepare us to be strong in spirit and know that life is more than meat and raiment; what we eat and wear. Help us to see that we could lose all that we have and still, by Thy grace, possess our souls and feel an inner strength and security that could not be taken away.

Knowing that failure is as much a part of life as success, we ask you to forgive us of our sins; to forgive our neighbors of their sins, and help us to forgive ourselves and our neighbor.

We pray this prayer in the name of our Lord Jesus in whom we see life at its fullest and best.—Amen.

THE CHARACTER OF A METHODIST

By John Wesley

THE distinguishing marks of a Methodist are not his opinions of any sort. His assenting to this or that scheme of religion, his embracing any particular set of notions, his espousing the judgment of one man or of another, are all quite wide of the point. Whosoever, therefore, imagines that a Methodist is a man of such or such an opinion, is grossly ignorant of the whole affair; he mistakes the truth totally. We believe, indeed, that "all Scripture is given by the inspiration of God;" and herein we are distinguished from Jews, Turks, and Infidels. We believe the written word of God to be the only and sufficient rule both in Christian faith and practice; and herein we are fundamentally distinguished from those of the Romish Church. We believe Christ to be the eternal, supreme God; and herein we are distinguished from the Socinians and Arians. But as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity, we think and let think. So that, whatsoever they are, whether right or wrong, they are no distinguishing marks of a Methodist.

Neither are words or phrases of any sort. We do not place our religion, or any part of it, in being attached to any peculiar mode of speaking, any quaint or uncommon set of expressions. The most obvious, easy, common words, wherein our meaning can be conveyed, we prefer before others, both on ordinary occasions, and when we speak of the things of God. We never, therefore, willingly or designedly, deviate from the most usual way of speaking; unless when we express Scripture truths in Scripture words, which, we presume, no Christian will condemn. Neither do we affect to use any particular expressions of Scripture more frequently than others, unless they are such as are more frequently used by the inspired writers themselves. It is as gross an error to place the marks of a Methodist in his words, as in opinions of any sort.

Nor do we desire to be distinguished by actions, customs, or usages, of an indifferent nature. Our religion does not lie in doing what God has not enjoined, or abstaining from what he hath not forbidden. It does not lie in the form of our apparel, in the posture of our body, or the covering of our heads; nor yet in abstaining from marriage, or from meats and drinks, which are all good if received with thanksgiving. Therefore, neither will any man, who knows whereof he affirms, fix the mark of a Methodist here,—in any actions or customs purely indifferent, undetermined by the word of God.

Nor, lastly, is he distinguished by laying the whole stress of religion on any single part of it. If you say, "Yes, he is; for he thinks 'we are saved by faith alone.'" I answer, You do not understand the terms. By salvation he means holiness of heart and life. And this he affirms to spring from true faith alone. Can even a nominal Christian deny it? Is this placing a part of religion for the whole? "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid! Yea, we establish the law." We do not place the whole of religion (as too many do, God knoweth) either in doing no harm, or in doing good, or in using the ordinances of God. No, not in all of them together; wherein we know by experience a man may labour many years, and at the end have no religion at all, no more than he had at the beginning. Much less in any one of these; or, it may be, in a scrap of one of them: like her who fancies herself a virtuous woman, only because she is not a prostitute; or him who dreams he is an honest man, merely because he does not rob or steal. May the Lord God of my fathers preserve me from such a poor, starved religion as this! Were this the mark of a Methodist, I would sooner choose to be a sincere Jew, Turk, or Pagan.

(to be continued next month)

Christian Education Comments

by John Green

Social Principles of The United Methodist Church: The Nurturing World

The social principles of the United Methodist Church, adopted by the 1976 General Conference, include statements concerning our responsibility as a church community. We should provide opportunities for nurturing human beings into the fullness of their humanity. Primary for Methodism is the Gospel interpretation that all persons are important to God. We thereby support social conditions in which human communities are maintained for the goodness of every person.

The following statements are representative of Methodism:

- A. We believe the family to be the basic human community through which persons are nurtured and sustained in mutual love, responsibility, respect, and fidelity.
- B. We assert the sanctity of the marriage covenant which is best expressed by love and mutual support.
- C. (1) We recognize that sexuality is a good gift of God and we believe persons may be fully human only when that gift is acknowledged and affirmed by themselves, others, and society.
- (2) We reject all sexual expressions which damage or destroy the humanity God gives us.
- (3) We insist that all persons are entitled to have their human and civil rights insured, though we do not condone the practice of homosexuality (we believe homosexuals are persons of sacred worth) and consider this practice incompatible with Christian teaching.

D. Decisions concerning abortion should be made after thorough and thoughtful consideration by the parties involved with medical and pastoral counsel.

E. We assert the right of every person to die in dignity, with loving personal care and without efforts to prolong terminal illnesses merely because the technology is available to do so.

The greatest amount of controversy has come from the areas of homosexuality, abortion, and death with dignity. We have the right to investigate these areas ourselves and witness

to the values and principles these issues present to us. It is important to ourselves and upcoming generation to recognize the needs and rights of persons. Included in our sensitivity to others is the Christian obligation to minister to the hurts of people. The United Methodist Church speaks to the problems of life and encourages us to be participants in solving or coping with these problems. It is in our involvement with the issues of life that we witness and respond to God's call to be Christian participants.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH			
Treasurer's Report			
December 31, 1977			
Cash Balance			\$ 4,697.56
Plus December	Receipts		
	On Pledges	*\$48,354.50	
	Plate Offering	755.25	
	Kitchen-Food	312.00	
	Misc.-Special	9,581.91	
	Non Budgetary	2,210.05	\$61,213.71
Total Funds for Month			\$65,911.27
Less Disbursements for month			\$33,696.51
Total Funds December 31, 1977			**\$32,214.76
*Includes \$22,000.00 1978 prepaid pledges			
**Plus \$1,000.00 in Certificate of Deposit			
DISBURSEMENTS			
Budgetary	Benevolences	\$ 9,189.00	
	Ministerial Support	3,866.74	
	Loy Salaries	4,869.54	
	Promotion & Program	840.00	
	Office	1,824.79	
	Property	7,161.63	
	Miscellaneous	185.00	\$27,937.50
Non Budgetary			\$ 5,759.01
Total Disbursements for December 1977			\$33,696.51

Florida Conference Calendar

February

- 2- 3 Churches in a Transitional Community, UMB Lakeland, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (2) to 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. (3)
- 3- 5 Fla. Conference Convocation on Evangelism, FSC, Lakeland
- 3-11 U.N. Washington Seminar for youth and adults
- 8 Ash Wednesday
- 10 Deadline for receiving 1979 Programs in Council Office
- 11-12 UMW Committee on School of Mission, UMB Lakeland, 9 a.m. (11) to noon (12)
- 12 Evangelism Sunday
- 12 Human Relations Day
- 14-17 Founder's Week, Florida Southern College, Lakeland
- 16 Credit Union Board Meeting, UMB Lakeland, 10:30 a.m.
- 17-18 Committee on Christian Faith & Human Sexuality Training Seminar for leaders of March weekends, Leesburg Youth Camp
- 17-20 Family Camp, Leesburg
- 18 West Palm Beach and Miami Districts, Singles Weekend, Hollywood Hills UMC
- 21-22 Conference Council on Ministries Roundtable
- 23-24 Task Force on Clergy Divorce, UMB Lakeland, 4 p.m. (23) to noon (24)
- 25 UMW Finance Committee, UMB Lakeland, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
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- 25 Bishop's Day with Confirmation Classes, Pompano, First UMC
- 28 Finance Committee, Conference Council on Ministries
- 28-March. 1 Board of Diaconal Ministry

"Trinity Took Step Forward in 1977 by Reversing Attendance Decline; Lay Involvement Is Key Factor"

Taking a suggestion from the theme for the campaign to finance Trinity's program for 1978, "A Time for Reflection, A Time for Decision," the *Monthly Tidings* sought the assistance of Senior Minister Dr. Gene Zimmerman in "reflecting" on 1977.

The theme for the fund-raising program for 1977 was "A Step Forward."

Did Trinity United Methodist Church take a step forward during 1977?

"Yes," said the Rev. Zimmerman. "Our goal for 1977 was to reverse the decline of the past few years in church school and worship attendance. During 1977 we realized a five percent increase in church school attendance, a six percent increase in church attendance, and eight percent increase in pledging and seven and one-half percent increase in dollars contributed."

"Although I am an anti-numbers person, they are one indicator of movement. These figures represent the conscious involvement of all our people," the Rev. Zimmerman said.

He gave as the reason for this step forward one of Trinity's greatest strengths — broad participation by skilled lay people. "For example, Trinity's Work Area on Education is strong and active. They have enthusiasm and not only give their time, but many of the church school teachers and leaders are trained in education and are very competent. Our minister of education, the Rev. John Green, has worked closely with them and assisted them with materials and resources. And, of course, the financial support the congregation provided was a vital ingredient."

"Our youth program led by the Rev. Phil Roughton has a good balance between study and service. Phil has involved the youth in mission and Bible study as well as recreation," he said. Increased activity by the youth was in part possible with funds in the 1977 budget which provided a van for transportation during the summer months. The Youth Choir went on tour and the youth also used the van for its summer mission project to Appalachia.

Average Attendance at the Principal Worship Services (Morning)			
1969.....	800	1974.....	570
1970.....	750	1975.....	565
1971.....	750	1976.....	513
1972.....	575	1977.....	677
1973.....	620		
Average Church School Attendance			
1969.....	753	1974.....	300
1970.....	445	1975.....	293
1971.....	418	1976.....	244
1972.....	342	1977.....	256
1973.....	340		

Trinity focused attention and dollars on benevolences and conference apportionments during 1977. Though set by the Annual Conference, Trinity's increased giving, combined with the giving of other Methodist churches, made a vital force in the state, nation and world. In addition, several local service organizations received financial support from Trinity. These included the Salvation Army, Transient and Emergency Aid, Meals on Wheels, Goodwill and Terrell House.

"When you turn around a big institution, it is like turning a big ship around at sea," the Rev. Zimmerman explained. "During the 50's there was an exodus into the church, in the 60's there was an exodus out of the church. There is a national trend back to religion, but it is on the periphery of the church. Different views about religion are springing up all around us and the mainline Protestant churches continue to lose members."

The Rev. Zimmerman said this confusion of religious belief has caused us to reevaluate ourselves, make the church be clearer what it is about, what it calls us to do.

"In worship services, I am trying to preach as clearly as I know how what the Christian message is. There is so much confusion; I want to make some clear statements about it."

"Trinity has a long history of traditional Methodism; I want us to maintain it," he said. He defined traditional Methodism as "a faith of both the head and the heart, intellectual content and spiritual experi-

ence. It has a concern for persons and the quality of their life and calls us to mission at home and abroad. It also means that what we do is in concert with Methodists everywhere."

The Rev. Zimmerman said the momentum gained in 1977 must be maintained and increased. "The decision for our members in 1978 is: Will you be a part of this growing?"

Leesburg Couples Retreat Reservations Need to Be Made

Dr. David Seamands, pastor of Wilmore United Methodist Church of Wilmore, Kentucky, is scheduled to be the principal speaker at the Second Annual Leesburg Couples Retreat to be held the weekend of April 21-23.

The weekend will include prayer groups, workshops, spiritual enrichment and fellowship. Charles and Jo Anne Selph are returning from Haiti to lead the group singing.

The retreat is specially planned for married couples. Facilities at Leesburg are limited. The first 250 reservations will be accepted when accompanied by the fee of \$25 per person, which includes housing and meals. Applications for reservations should include the name, address and home church of the person making the reservation.

Checks should be made payable to Florida Conference United Methodist Men and mailed with the application to Vernon F. Mayer, 8701 15th Lane North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. For further information, contact Ernest Menendez, Tallahassee District president of United Methodist Men. (Telephone 385-6461)



Cheri Lewis Appointed Youth Coordinator

Cheri Lewis, long time Trinity member who was active in the youth program during her high school years, has been appointed the new Trinity Youth Co-ordinator, following Bruce Harter who has served the last two years.

Born in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Cheri moved to Florida with her family at an early age. She attended both Rickards and Leon High Schools, received the Associate of Arts degree from Tallahassee Community College, and the Bachelor of Bible Ministries degree from Philadelphia College of Bible, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presently she is employed as secretary to the Assistant Attorney General.

Both her experience as a youth growing up in the church and her work with the junior highs at Trinity for the past year have helped give Cheri an understanding of the problems and needs of the youth of the church, the Rev. Phil Roughton said. As youth co-ordinator, Cheri, along with the minister responsible for youth ministry, works with all the youth activities which take place in the church. She is a voting member of the Council on Youth Ministries and the Council on Ministries.

"I'm particularly pleased and appreciative when former members of the youth group come back and volunteer to help. That gives us some indication that the church's ministry to young people is significantly influencing their value choices, one of our important goals," said Rev. Roughton.

"Always a Red Rose"... Mrs. Sellers Is Faithful Home Nursery Visitor

If you have been a member of Trinity and had a baby in any of the years since 1954, chances are you received a visit soon after you returned home from the hospital from Mrs. Owen Sellers. She later placed a single red rose on the altar honoring your baby. Then when your child became a second grader, Mrs. Sellers was his Sunday school teacher.

Helen Sellers has been home nursery visitor and Sunday school teacher for a generation of Trinity members. The late Dr. Glenn James asked her to be home nursery visitor in 1954. She agreed to visit the mother and child when they came home from the hospital and to put the rose on the altar the next Sunday. "Always a red one," Dr. James said. A special silver vase was given to the church in memory of Beryl Collins to hold the roses.

Mrs. Sellers has kept records of the visits—728 in 24 years. From a low of 14 the first year to a high of 49 in 1957, births into the Trinity family held a steady pace. Since 1957 the trend has been downward, with 21, then 18, and 17 in 1977.

Mrs. Sellers and her husband Owen came to Tallahassee in 1931 from Cincinnati, Ohio. They joined Trinity

at that time, and for the past 25 of those years, she has been teacher of the second grade class. Elementary Sunday school coordinator Barbara Woolard spoke fondly of this lady who shares with her class many personal experiences and stories. "She's a gracious and soft-spoken woman who is a true delight to those who come in contact with her," she said.

"She's famous in her neighborhood for the 'chewies' she gives to children.

Children are always stopping by her house for the butterscotch candy or other goodies she shares with them. Not only does her neighborhood children adore this lady, but her Sunday school class does too," Mrs. Woolard said.

She's a musician with interest in piano, organ, and trumpet. From 1935-1945 she was a music teacher in Havana and Quincy. She taught private trumpet lessons in a Quincy school and also directed a band. Be-

fore his retirement, Mr. Sellers was assistant dean in the School of Music at Florida State University. He continues to be active in music by playing the cello in the symphony in Savannah, Jacksonville, and Albany. So from September to April, Mrs. Sellers travels with her husband with the symphony.

Mrs. Sellers invites any second grader to come visit her Sunday school class.

RULES FOR CARE OF CHURCH BUILDING

1. If you open it, close it!
2. If you turn it on, turn it off!
3. If you unlock it, lock it!
4. If you break it, repair it!
5. If you can't fix it, report its condition to the office.
6. If you borrow it, return it!
7. If you borrow it, don't abuse it!
8. If you make a mess, clean it up!
9. If you move it, put it back!
10. If you don't know how to operate it, leave it alone!
11. If it belongs to someone else and you want to use it, ask!
12. Doesn't concern you? Don't mess with it!

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Helen Sellers and some of her second grade Sunday school pupils.

Youth Plan Retreat
At St. Simon's Island
Weekend of March 3-5

The Council on Youth Ministries has announced a combined Junior and Senior High Retreat to be held at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simon's Island, Georgia, March 3, 4, and 5.

Epworth-by-the-Sea is an excellent conference/retreat center owned and operated by the United Methodist Church in Georgia. It is located on a small island off the Atlantic coast approximately one hour's drive north of Jacksonville.

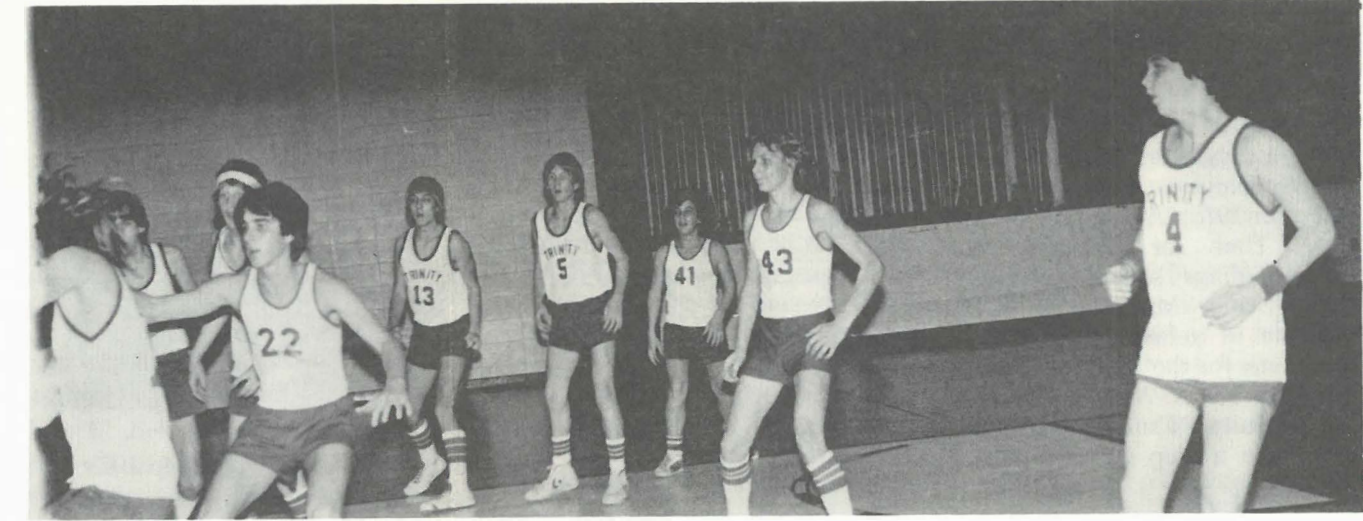
The theme for the retreat will be "I Know Where I'm Going" and will focus on personal and spiritual life values as they relate to today's world. A special guest speaker will conduct worship services Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday morning. Junior and Senior Highs will be together for eating, sleeping, recreation and worship, but will have separate programming, being planned by a special Retreat Committee.

The cost per person for the retreat which includes transportation, two nights lodging and six meals is \$24! The deadline for registration is Monday, February 27. All Junior and Senior High youth are invited to attend, especially those who have not been active in Trinity's youth program and would like to take advantage of this opportunity to meet some new people. Call the church office for more information.

Youth Reinstate Newsletter; Original Contributions Sought for Publication

In January, Trinity youth received the first copy of a new (or reinstated) newsletter for youth. At its January meeting the Council on Youth Ministries elected Natalie Douglas as the new editor and Cheri Lewis was appointed adult advisor. Jeff James has been asked to do art work for future issues and various youth will be assisting with the typing, folding, and mailing of the newsletter.

The first issue announced an editorial section where youth can express their opinions, questions, complaints,



Family Skate Night Is February 19

In an effort to demonstrate that adults are not as boring as they sometimes seem, and that young people are twice as clumsy as they usually seem, the youth are sponsoring a "Family Skate" on Sunday night, February 19, at the new Skate-Inn East!

Now, if you're an adult, and you're reading this, probably flashing before your memory is a vision of the smoke-filled, bumpy wood floored skating rink with hoodlums packed in the bathrooms, and greasy types slinking around the floor to the melodious strains of the Hammond organ over in the corner. Wrong! This is a new era and skating rinks today have shiny blue polyurethane floors, car-

peted rest areas, and high quality stereo systems to make even a novice feel like an Olympic competitor.

Trinity rented the rink, so it will be just Trinity "family" (that includes everybody, young, old, married, single, children, youth, young adults) to have a great time together.

The cost is \$2 per person, which includes skate rental. The rink is ours from 7:30 'til 10 p.m. If you plan to attend Sunday evening worship, please do and join the kids later.

Parents please note: The new skating rink has some rather tight rules to maintain a "wholesome" atmosphere—so please leave your gum at home and make sure your shirt tail is tucked in!

Trinity Number One!

Upsetting previously undefeated Killearn 68-46, Trinity's Intermediate Basketball team advanced to the league's number one position Tuesday night, January 17. As of this writing the team stands at 8 and 0, and with a score average more than 30 points above its opposition, Trinity appears to be headed for the league championship.

The final game of the regular season will be played February 2, 6:30 p.m., at Elizabeth Cobb Gym. "It's against Killearn, so it would mean a lot to the guys to have some support that night," said Coach Daryl Ellison. Ellison added that All Star awards will be presented that same night at 8:30. He expects three or four Trinity players to be honored.

District II Tournament is scheduled for February 17 and 18, with the State Tournament on March 3 and 4.

UMYF CALENDAR

Sunday, February 5:	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High UMYF Program: "We believe in God-Father, Son, Holy Spirit"—Natalie Douglas, Matt Holmes
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. High UMYF Program: Cheri Lewis and Lynn Goerke
Sunday, February 12:	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High UMYF Program: "Man, Sin, and Forgiveness"—Carla Allen, Tanya Hollady, Robin Holmes
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. High UMF Home Fellowship Valentine's Party/Banquet
Saturday, February 18:		
Sunday, February 19:	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High UMYF Program: "We Believe in the Cross" Penny Walker, Joel Jarrett
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. High UMYF Program: Film: "A Sports Odyssey" with ski jumping, surfing, hang gliding, water skiing, and skateboarding!!
	7:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.	FAMILY SKATE Skate Inn East
Sunday, February 26:	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High UMYF Program: "Some United Methodist Attitudes" Phil Roughton, Allison Lane, Jeff Glisson, Ray Marchant
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. High UMYF: Crafts, Lynn Goerke
Wednesday, March 1:	7:00 p.m.	Council on Youth Ministries
Friday, March 3, Saturday, March 4, and Sunday, March 5:		RETREAT: St. Simon's Island, Epworth-by-the-Sea: Jr. and Sr. Highs invited!
Sunday, March 12:	No UMYF	Conference Youth Department's BISHOP'S CONVOCATION FOR YOUTH with BISHOP JOEL D. McDAVID and entertainment by RON MOORE. Held at John Wesley United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 19:	5:00 p.m.	Sr. High UMYF Film: "The Jesus Song"
Palm Sunday		
	6:15 p.m.	Jr. High UMYF Film: "The Jesus Song"
Sunday, March 26:		Easter Sunday: No UMYF

ROUGHTON'S RAPPINGS



Dear Seventh Grader,

Will you be my Valentine? Why? Well, because I can use all the Valentines I can get—and, from what I've been hearing on the radio and reading in the paper lately, so can you. According to the people who are supposed to know, seventh grade will probably be one of the toughest years of your life. No surprise, huh? You say you've already noticed that your feet are about four sizes too big for the rest of you, not to mention all the other weird things that are happening to your body? And it seems like school is a lot harder than it used to be; teachers expect too much and you have trouble even keeping up with the homework assignments? And if that isn't enough, half your friends want you to climb trees, hunt for frogs, and all that neat stuff, and the other half expect you to "be cool," to go to dances, wear the right clothes and always have hair that looks like Farah Fawcett Majors! Then there are the adults. They tell you to grow up and quit acting like a kid. Life is serious and you'd better start preparing for it seriously. But you can't help but notice that the "kid's rules" still apply.

So what are you supposed to do? I'm not sure—but it would probably be a good idea to accept all Valentine offers for starters! The thing is, you need them all year—not just on Valentine's Day.

That's where the church and your Christian faith can play a part. I think if Jesus were walking around today, he'd really like two songs on the charts right now: "You don't have to be a star, baby, to be in my show," and "I love you just the way you are." When everybody seems to be saying, "Be great, succeed, be a star, change this, fix that, be someone else"—it's great to know someone will take you just as you are. God does that—and the church tries its best to do that. And we can all use that kind of Valentine. It may not have all the lace and frills, but it'll still be there after all the chocolate covered cherries are gone, and the roses have wilted—and your body has caught up with your feet.

Love and kisses,
A not-so-secret admirer

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