



Monthly Tidings

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UMW Announces April Meeting Plans

The general luncheon meeting of the United Methodist Women was held on Tuesday, April 3, at 11:45. The program was presented by Mrs. Pat Schwallie of the Leon County School Board, on Child Abuse.

Circle 1 has made plans to meet on Monday, April 9, at 10 a.m. at the home of Miss Agnes Gregory, 1162 Seminole Drive, phone: 877-3523. Mrs. J. L. Graham will be the co-hostess.

Circle 2 will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9, in the church parlor. Hostesses will be Mrs. Ira R. Sutton, Mrs. Ernest Sattler, Mrs. Julian C. Smith, and Mrs. V. V. Woolwine. Mrs. J. A. Rehinkle will present an Easter message.

Circle 3 will be meeting on Tuesday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Carlton W. Rhodes, 811 Laurel Street, phone: 385-2087. They will be continuing their study of the Book of Revelations led by Mrs. J. Lewis Hall.

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

Circle 5 will meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the home of Mrs. Theo Couch, 709 Piedmont Drive, phone: 385-4174.

Circle 6 has made plans to meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Allan C. Jackson, 2104 Lee Avenue, phone: 385-1325. They will be continuing their study of different religions.

Circle 7 will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. J. F. Weatherly, 1168 Seminole Drive, phone: 877-1469. The program will consist of circle participation on the subject of "God's Love."

Circle 8 will meet on Tuesday, April 10, at 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor. Mrs. Ronald Braswell will be the hostess. A free nursery at the church will be provided.

Circle 9 plans to meet at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the home of Mrs. Jack Anderson, 1017 San Luis Road, phone: 576-1813. They will be continuing their study of the book *Beliefs of the United Methodist Christian*. Mrs. W. G. Parmenter will lead a discussion of the 2nd chapter.

Circle 10 will meet at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 14 will meet at 12:15 on Monday, April 9, in the conference room at the church. Bring a brown bag lunch and the tea and coffee will be provided.



Lenten Breakfasts, Communion Planned for Holy Week at Trinity

Holy Week begins at Trinity Monday, April 9, with the first of four Lenten breakfasts, at 7 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The breakfast will continue each morning through Thursday with ministers from other downtown churches and the Rev. Gene Zimmerman presenting inspirational messages.

The Rev. Bruce Robertson, First Presbyterian Church, will speak on Monday. On Tuesday, April 10, the Rev. Robert M. McMillan, First Baptist Church, is scheduled, and on

Wednesday, April 11, the Rev. Lee Graham, St. John's Episcopal Church, is guest speaker. The Rev. Zimmerman will speak at the concluding breakfast on Thursday.

Members and guests are invited to the breakfasts, which are planned to end in time for persons to be at work by 8 a.m.

Adult Sunday school classes will prepare the breakfasts. Advanced Studies and Koinonia classes will cook on Monday; Wesley Brotherhood Class, Tuesday; Bob Storey Class, Wednesday; and Wesley Fellowship and Joy classes, Thursday.

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion with special music by the Chancel Choir will be held at Trinity beginning at 7:30 p.m., April 12.

From noon until 3 p.m., Friday, April 13, Good Friday Service will be held for downtown church congregations at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Easter worship services are scheduled at regular worship times at Trinity at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

Joe Clemons Selected to Design New Parsonage; Zimmermans Vacate Old

Architect Joe Clemons has been selected by the Parsonage Building Committee to design a new parsonage for Trinity's senior minister to replace the 40-year old residence on North Adams Street.

Trinity's trustees signed an agreement to sell the Adams Street parsonage to the Florida Pharmaceutical Association, Inc., for its state headquarters. Transfer of title was scheduled to occur on March 27.

The Rev. Gene Zimmerman and his family were scheduled to move into a furnished house at 2010 West Randolph Circle. The trustees leased the home for \$550 per month for one year while a new parsonage is being built.

Trustees plan to pay for the rental from interest earned on investment of the approximate \$100,400 netted from the sale of the old parsonage. The trustees authorized the proceeds be invested while the new parsonage is being designed and constructed.

The new parsonage will be built on a lot donated to Trinity by the Harry Middlebrooks family off Live Oak Plantation Road. Peggy Hughes, chairman of the Parsonage Committee, said the architect will bring preliminary plans for approval by a Church Conference in May. She reported to the Administrative Board on March 13 that blueprints should be completed during the summer with construction probably starting in September. Lynn Wollschlager of

the trustees and the Rev. Zimmerman are working with the architect along with Mrs. Hughes.

Clemons has agreed to prepare working drawings, specifications, and supervise construction for a fee of \$7,200. Total cost of the house is expected to be \$90,000.

The trustees at a meeting on March 22 approved a plan that furnishing from the old parsonage be sold at an auction except for those items that can be used by the church. The auction will be at a time to be announced. Trinity members will be encouraged to donate other items for the auction, with all proceeds being set aside to furnish the new parsonage.

Church Women United Announce May Luncheon

Church Women United will conduct a forum on Family Health at 10 a.m., Friday, April 6, at First Presbyterian Church. The CWU Executive Board will meet at 9 a.m. preceding the forum.

The May Fellowship Luncheon of Church Women United is scheduled for Friday, May 4, at 12 noon at Trinity. Reservations may be made by telephoning Anna Scherdin or Jean Hamilton. A nursery will be available during the luncheon as well as during the forum.

Ballinger Ends Series, Bishop Now on WTNT

On March 4 radio listeners heard Trinity's Kenneth Ballinger give the week's International Sunday School Lesson for the last time. After 15 continuous years as Sunday school teacher during the 15 minutes at the end of Trinity's hour-long broadcast over WTNT, Ballinger has retired.

"We are grateful for the important ministry he conducted for so many years," the Rev. Gene Zimmerman told the Administrative Board on March 13. The Board gave a similar vote of appreciation to Ballinger.

The time from 9:45 to 10 a.m. each Sunday morning is being filled by a segment of Florida Bishop Joel McDavid's radio program, "Life-Trek." The Conference-wide program is being broadcast over 19 radio stations throughout Florida, including WCNH Quincy (Wednesday at 5 p.m.) and WSTB Chattahoochee (Sunday at 10 a.m.).

While "Life-Trek" will be aired from 10 to 52 weeks in different areas, its future will depend upon audience response. It hopes to reach out to persons with the message of joy, hope, and love as these exist through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The planning committee and Bishop McDavid want to hear from listeners if that message is being conveyed and received. Comments and questions may be addressed to P. O. Box 1747, Lakeland, Florida 33802.

Parker Heads Trustees

Trinity trustees reelected Robert Parker, Jr., their chairman during a meeting on March 22. Lynn Wollschlager was elected vice chairman and Godfrey Smith was reelected secretary. The trustees oversee the property of the church.

There's still time to attend Trinity's

SPRINGTIME TALLAHASSEE CHICKEN FRY

**SATURDAY
APRIL 7, 1979**

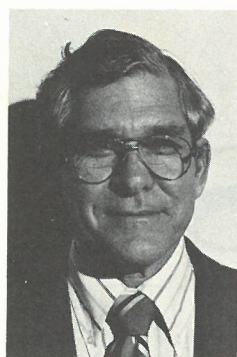
**\$2.50 adults
\$1.50 children
(under 12)**

Park & Duval

11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church

COMMENTS



By Gene
Zimmerman

Bruce Robertson (the Presbyterian preacher next door) and I were in Cedar Key a couple of weeks ago and went oystering on a bright crisp morning. It was a beautiful day! The mullet were jumping, the birds were all around, some soaring, some skimming, some stalking.

As we anchored at the edge of the bar and began breaking the larger oysters out of the clusters, we talked about time and life and the beauty of God's world. The next Sunday Bruce alluded to our experience in his sermon and a poet who was listening captured in words what was happening and carried us on beyond to see something more.

It so stirred me when I read the poem that I wanted you to see it too, and to say to you, "It's true, It's true! That's the way it was!"

CEDAR KEY

The sun is a copper kettle
spilling radiance over Cedar Key,
warming the air-chill
at the hush of dawn.
The mullet are silver blades
knifing skyward
to salute the sunrise.
The waterfowl
are ballet dancers
on the wings of the sea wind
over the oyster bar.
Two men with hefty crowbars
silently pry open
the oyster shells
to learn the secrets
of the succulent within.
And God's finger touches both
the oysters in their shells
and the men in theirs.

LAURENCE R. CAMPBELL

Poets have a capacity to bring us a picture that no camera can capture. Since I was there, I bear witness that's the way it was.

Trustees Arrange for Parking Lot Repaving

Trinity's trustees have accepted an offer from Big Bend Asphalt Patching and Paving to repave the church's parking lot on the west side of Duval Street at a cost of \$7,492.

Trustee Gordon Rogers obtained the low bid from several he sought on behalf of the trustees from paving companies. Chairman Robert Parker, Jr., reported the estimate was lower than the group's original estimate and work would begin as soon as possible.

The lot has inconvenienced Trinity members for more than a year as their cars ran over pot holes. Repair work was delayed by the trustees until money became available in the new 1979 budget to go with \$6,000 held over for capital improvements from last year's budget.

Henry Estes of the paving company has agreed to clean, level, re-surface and strip the parking lot for the agreed upon price.

The trustees voted to obtain an estimate for sealing the new paving, as well as the paving on the lot adjacent to the Education Building, to prolong the life of the asphalt.

Christian Education
Comments

By John H. Green

I would like to recommend a guide for biblical study that is in its third printing as of 1976. The guide is written by Dr. Bernhard W. Anderson, Princeton Theological Seminary. The guide is titled, "The Unfolding Drama of the Bible." It is well written and very understandable.

The guide contains eight chapters which outline the development of scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Dr. Anderson touches on the most significant aspects of each book of the Bible and uses analogies to enlighten our understanding of the unfolding biblical narrative of God's relationship to His people. Each chapter concludes with a section of discussion questions designed to help the user explore the emphasis of the scripture and its application to the hopes and needs of today's world.

Copies of the book are available through me at the Church office or you may write Cokesbury, 201 Eighth Ave., South, Nashville, Tennessee 37202, directly.

Trinity Youth Receive
Citizenship Awards

Three youth members of Trinity were honored by the Caroline Brevard Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution with Good Citizenship Awards.

Amy Douglas, Andy Ball and Sam Blackburn were among eighth grade students honored in the annual recognition of honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The students were selected by their school's faculty from candidates previously nominated by their eighth grade class.

The Good Citizenship Medals were presented on March 20 at a ceremony at Tallahassee Federal.

United Methodist Reporter
Subscriptions Available

As official publications of the United Methodist Church in Florida, the *United Methodist Reporter* is a weekly newspaper containing information about Florida Conference activities and about the Methodist Church across the nation.

Subscriptions are available by individuals for \$4 a year. Make check payable to the Florida Conference Treasurer and mail it to Florida United Methodist, P. O. Box 3767, Lakeland, Florida 33802.

Circle 14 Invites You

United Methodist Women Circle 14 invites working women and others who would find it convenient to meet at noon to visit or join their circle. The group will meet on April 10 at 12:15 in the Gregory Room for a brown bag lunch (you bring) and beverage (circle furnishes). The group emphasizes discussion and prayer.

Mustard Seeds

By Liz Smith

R.S.V.P. . . . Regrets Only

The large bulletin board in my kitchen is probably my favorite thing in the whole room. Built so that it literally surrounds the phone, it is an always changing collage of notes, pictures, cartoons, notices and appointment cards.

For a couple of weeks now an invitation has been thumbtacked to the board, and since it is still on the top layer it catches my eye whenever I glance that way. I must confess that I have forgotten what we are being invited to attend, but the message written on the bottom has stayed in my mind almost constantly. It requests "R.S.V.P.—Regrets Only." I can remember enough of my college French to know that means "repondez s'il vous plait" . . . reply, answer, respond, if you please . . . but only with regrets.

It is the word "regret" that stays in my thoughts. It is so hauntingly mournful somehow. It carries such overtones of finality and hopelessness. To me it differs from "being sorry." That seems to imply that perhaps the situation can be rectified somehow, or there will be another time, a second chance. But not so with regret. It comes from the root word meaning "to weep," and Webster says that it is "to feel remorse over something one has done or left undone, especially *one's own acts*." Perhaps that is the key: most often that which we regret is the result of our own actions.

There are two facts that seem to always be true of those situations which cause us to feel regret. One, the person or persons involved are gone, and two, the particular situation or moment is gone forever. The fact that there is a transience about all of life is not new to us. The daily papers and newscasts are full of accident reports, tornadoes, illness, plane crashes and other unexpected things that take the lives of people in an instant. We all have been touched by the sudden loss of a friend or loved one to a heart attack or cancer or other cause, and we come slowly to the realization that there is no real permanence, no guarantees. Situations can change abruptly as well; and hesitation on our part can often lead to our missing a chance to do or say a particular thing, and the chance is lost forever. We need more awareness of how precious the present moment is.

I remember so well when my father died. He and my mother had been visiting us for several days, and then they went on, with my sister, for an extended vacation trip to the West. They had only been gone a day when the phone call came. Daddy had died very suddenly in the motel that morning. The days that followed were a blur of shock and grief and desolation, but I can remember so clearly that through all of that one thought comforted and sustained me. And that was that I knew my Dad was so aware, so sure of how very much I loved and appreciated him. There were no regrets . . . no "I wish I had let him know how much I loved him, how much he meant to me" . . .

We have to respond, to reach out to people, tell them that we love them now, before it's too late. Death is not the only thing that removes people from our lives; friends move, children grow up, the stranger in need walks into the crowd and is lost to us. We must congratulate, appreciate, compliment, listen, comfort,

thank, answer, smile . . . before they are gone forever, and we have only regrets.

And then a particular moment, a particular situation won't stay the same either. If someone needed your smile right now; needed you to listen and respond somehow, and you didn't do it, it wouldn't matter how often you offered to help later, it would never be quite the same. How often has your child, your husband, a friend come up to you and wanted to tell you something, or asked for a minute of your time, and you've brushed him aside and hurried on with what you were doing. Then later, when you have time you ask "Now, what was it you wanted?" And invariably the answer comes . . . "Never mind, it's too late now." The moment is gone, forever. How often we regret not making that phone call, writing a note, going to some event, saying hello, smiling, listening, stretching out a helping hand.

The invitations come to us daily, hourly. And we tack them up on the bulletin boards of our lives. The bottom line is always the same: reply, answer, please! And we need to respond, now before we are left with regrets only.

Fund Drive for
Capitol Chapel Begins

Former Florida Governor Reubin Askew has been named the chairperson of the state's fund drive to raise \$250,000 for the chapel in the new Florida Capitol in Tallahassee.

The interdenominational religious room is the project of Florida's Religious Heritage Council, a non-profit advisory board comprised of religious and lay leaders representing all areas of the state.

Methodist Bishop Joel D. McDavid, president of the council, expressed his delight at the Askew appointment by saying, "There is no finer man to help such a project as this. The worthiness of the effort is equal to the worthiness of the man who is now in charge."

Askew, now connected with a private law firm in Miami, will work closely with the newly appointed director of financial support, the Rev. David Scoates.

It will be up to Scoates to actually raise the necessary money by private donation to furnish and maintain the Religious Heritage Chapel. The room on the plaza level of the new capitol will seat up to 20 people and will feature individually hand crafted symbols reflecting Florida's long religious heritage.

Askew said of the project, "The chapel when finished is something every Floridian can call their own. In the midst of a governmental complex, the quiet and peace offered to everyone who walks in will be a welcome experience. It would be easy to pick up the phone and obtain the necessary funds from Florida's philanthropic leaders, but this chapel means more than that. It should be a product of the wide spectrum of our state. Every gift, no matter the size, can make the chapel belong to everyone."

Any contributions to the Religious Heritage Chapel are tax deductible, and may be sent to: The Florida Conference Treasurer, P. O. Box 3767, Lakeland 33802 - designated "Religious Heritage Chapel."
(From Florida United Methodist Reporter)

By BISHOP JOEL D. McDAVID

Lent is a season of contrasts. It rotates between tragedy and triumph. There are the "hosannas" on Palm Sunday, and the "crucify Him" in the closing hours. There is the tragedy of Good Friday, which might be called 'Black Friday,' and the triumph of Easter Day with the empty tomb. Between these were the crises days in the life of Jesus, marked by denials, renunciations, humiliation, trial, scourging, ending on Golgotha. Then God broke through it all with the sunrise on Easter Day in Joseph's lovely garden.

Historically Christians have tried to identify with the suffering and sacrifice of Christ. The name Lent comes from 'Lenten,' an old English word for spring. Lent was first a 36-day period of fasting, praying, and spiritual renewal. By the reign of Charlemagne, about 1800, four days were added to the thirty-six. This made it to correspond with Christ's 40 day fast in the wilderness.

Today we try to recapture the mood and the spirit of Christ during his last days before death, and the wilderness experience of temptation, fasting and discoveries. The mood is one of sacrifice; the spirit is that of renewal and growth of soul.

Even now, years since and in another land, we try to recapture the discipline of this whole experience, and identify with the sufferings of Christ is such a way as to discover new spiritual insights and powers.

Fasting, praying, private and public worship, and meditation upon the life and spirit of Christ marks the days for many

of us. At this unusual time it is appropriate that all Christians should be so responsive to the call of the season; that they give special attention to the presence of Christ in their own personal lives.

The Florida Conference joins with other Conferences, and Christian churches everywhere in urging us to be mindful of food — food aplenty for many, and a crust of bread for many others. Those of us who are well fed are the fortunate minority in today's world. How richly God has blessed us. I would invite you to join me in special prayer for those who are malnourished and hungry. My

prayer, I am sure, will lead to some plan of fasting — foregoing a meal at least once a week, reduction of my diet to richer simplicity, or some form of personal identity with those who are hungry. My discipline must include a special gift of saving from my simpler lifestyle, or a sacrificial monetary gift beyond that. It is my hope that at the close of Lent you will join me in making that gift through your local church to the cause of world hunger.

World hunger will not be eliminated by our efforts during this sacred season, but at least we can feel something of the pangs of hunger for a short time

experienced by so many all of the time.

In our identification with these people we will begin to pray for them, and find ways to minister to their needs. Some relief will come through our efforts, and for this we will be glad. In addition to this, we will be fulfilling something of the wishes of Christ for each of us; who are his disciples to "feed the hungry."

Christ found the mission for his life while fasting and praying in the Wilderness. A similar plan, adjusted to our needs and times would no doubt clarify our mission in life. To find our mission is find life itself.

Mission of life is to minister to the needs of all

Dr. Foster to Lead Mature Years Retreat

The 33rd Annual Mature Years Retreat has been planned for April 23-26 at the United Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg. The theme for the weekend will be "Count Your Blessings."

From Monday evening through Thursday breakfast, the participants will be inspired, entertained and informed about concerns of older adults. The program is designed to provide 'carry-over' information to local church activities.

Dr. George A. Foster, inspirational speaker for the event, is one of the best-known ministers of the Florida Conference. After serving as pastor of many large churches, including Trinity, and as a district superintendent,

he has retired and lives in Tallahassee.

The Bible study leaders will be Dr. John Cook, professor at Florida Southern College, Lakeland; Ms. Cleo Barber, a retired deaconess living in Tampa; the Rev. Martha Rutland-Wallis, pastor of Druid Hills UMC, Ocala; and the Rev. Don Richardson, pastor at First UMC, Riviera Beach.

The four days are available at a cost of only \$35. Registration forms can be obtained from any of the following persons: The Rev. W. A. Fisackerly III, Box 567, Clewiston, 33440; Bess Bussey, P. O. Box 3767, Lakeland 33802 (1/800/282-8011; or the district coordinator of adult ministries.

Gulf Coast Service Project Needs Staff

Persons with home repair and/or cooking experience are needed for short term staff positions with the Gulf Coast Service Project for this summer. The term of employment will be approximately seven weeks from June 11 through July 27, 1979. The salary will be \$80 per week, plus room, board insurance, and project-related travel expenses.

The Gulf Coast Service Project is a summer work mission with two centers in Franklin and Wakulla Counties in the Florida panhandle. It is designed for senior high age youth groups and their adult counselors; who spend a week making repairs on

homes of people who are financially unable to take care of these repairs themselves.

Three staff persons are needed at each of the two centers: one to be in charge of providing meals for participants and staff, and two to handle other aspects of the project, such as determining what work needs to be done on the homes and making sure the necessary building materials and supplies are available. At least one of these latter two staff persons must be 21 or older. All other staff persons must be at least 18.

Anyone interested in applying for a staff position should write or call the Rev. David A. Day, Project Coordinator, P. O. Box 476, Apalachicola, 32320; or phone 904/653-9530 or 940/653-9657.

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Palm/Passion Sunday

8:45 A.M. SERVICE

°Congregation Stands

***Ushers Seat Worshipers

PRELUDE "Alleluia"—Rowley

INTROIT

***INVOCATION** The Rev. John H. Green

***HYMN NO. 423**, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH, NO. 738**, "The Apostles' Creed"

***GLORIA PATRI, NO. 792**

RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP AND PARISH NOTICES

OFFERTORY "The Palms"—Fauré

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

ANTHEM "Hosanna to the Son of David"—Praetorius

PASTORAL PRAYER

READING OF THE SCRIPTURE II Corinthians 5:18-21

SERMON "GOD WAS IN CHRIST, RECONCILING" Dr. Eugene Zimmerman

***HYMN NO. 424**, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional"—Mathias

11:00 A.M. SERVICE

PRELUDE "Alleluia"—Rowley

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***HYMN NO. 423**, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

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***GLORIA PATRI, NO. 792**

PROCLAMATION "He Is Coming"—Delmonte Chapel Choir and Wesleyan Singers

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM "Hosanna to the Son of David"—Praetorius Chancel Choir

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OFFERTORY "Alleluia"—Randall Thompson Chancel Choir

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Recessional"—Mathias

A Nursery Is Provided At Both Services

CHURCH FAMILY

Our Circle of Concern
Mr. H. V. Matthews
Miss Martha Willis
Mrs. C. Collins Taylor, Sr. (Ann)

IN MEMORIAM

"I am the Resurrection and the Life"
Mrs. John H. Miller (Mildred)
March 29, 1979

—

Mrs. Anthony Raymond Brautigam
(Nancy Carn)
March 31, 1979

—

Mrs. L. E. Edenfield (Isabella)
March 30, 1979

Our Christian Love and Sympathy to:
Mrs. Louise T. Fitzgerald on the death of her mother Mrs. C. C. Trowbridge on March 14, 1979 in Fort Myers, Florida.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

7:30 P.M.
April 12, 1979
Trinity Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

12:00 Noon-3:00 P.M.
April 13, 1979
St. John's Episcopal Church

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 14, the youth will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children, ages 2 through Kindergarten. It will be held at Trinity from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Bring your young one for fun and surprises.

HOLY WEEK BREAKFASTS

The Trinity Holy Week Breakfasts will be held Monday, April 9 through Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

MYSTERY TRIP

Junior and Senior High U.M.Y.F. will go on a mystery trip this Sunday. Those going should meet at the church at 4:00 P.M. and bring sack lunch and drink. Parents may pick up youth at the church at 8:00 P.M.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 8
8:45 A.M. Morning Worship
9:00 A.M. Church Broadcast (WTNT, 1270)
9:45 A.M. Church School for All Ages
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. Special Easter Services (2-5 Grades)
5:00 P.M. Sr. High U.M.Y.F.
6:15 P.M. Jr. High U.M.Y.F.

Monday, April 9
7:00 A.M. Lenten Breakfast
10:00 A.M. Adult Bible Study
7:30 P.M. Joy Class Prayer Group (Gregory Room)

Tuesday, April 10
7:00 A.M. Lenten Breakfast

Wednesday, April 11
7:00 A.M. Lenten Breakfast
2:00 P.M. Jr. and Sr. High Bells
3:45 P.M. Wesleyan Singers (Elem. grades 2-5)
4:30 P.M. Melody Bells (Elementary)
7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 12
7:00 A.M. Lenten Breakfast
7:30 P.M. Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday, April 13
11:00 A.M. Elementary, Middle School and High School Choir Rehearsal.

Saturday, April 14
8:15 P.M. "The Passion According to St. John" by FSU Choir (Sanctuary)

CHOIR SUPPER

There will be no Chancel Choir supper on April 11.

EASTER LILIES

Anyone interested in placing a memorial flower in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please call the church office (222-1120) by Monday, April 9.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS

On April 8, a new Sunday School class will begin for single parents. There will be an exploration meeting during the Sunday School hour in the church library. All single parents are invited to attend. Rev. John H. Green and Pat Schwallie will lead the discussion.

Summer Camping Opportunities Are Announced

The 1979 camping schedule of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church offers camping and hiking experiences for fifth graders through senior high students.

Rising 5th and 6th graders may spend a week at Brandon, Florida, between June 18 and July 16. Camp theme is "Your Bible and You."

Youth Ministry Camp for rising 7th graders will be at Leesburg for one-week periods from June 18- July 16. The Tallahassee District's week is June 25-30.

Junior High Camp will be at Leesburg with Tallahasseeans scheduled to attend June 25-30. Rustic camp for rising 5th graders through senior high will be available June 25-August 4.

Mid-Senior High Assemblies are planned at Leesburg in late July and August, and Appalachian Trail Hikes are scheduled every ten days from June 12 through July 27. A number of canoe trips are also available. A complete schedule, costs and application forms may be obtained from the Rev. Phil Roughton.



Roughton Rappings

Billy Baker probably won't make it to eight. He's seven now and dying with an incurable cancer at his home in Memphis. Cancer always seems cruel—it's particularly bothersome in children. So I find myself avoiding stories about it, especially if a child is the victim. I know I'll finish it feeling depressed.

I realized I was smiling when I finished reading Billy's story the other day in the *United Methodist Reporter*. Hope and a "good feeling" rather than depression were my response, and since those are things most of us could use more of, I decided to reprint the essence of Billy's delightful concept of God. His statements about his relationship with God are at once filled with fantasy of childhood and the wisdom of sages.

—Billy on whether God talks to us: "The first one that I learned from that I had a bad disease was from God."

On *how* he talks to us: "He said, 'Billy you got a bad disease but don't worry cause everything is going to be all right.'"

—According to Billy, God's voice is "kind of soft" and he calls us by our first name.

—On what God looks like: "When he first visited me he had a long white beard and he had seven little white puppy dogs. He wears a white robe, but you can't touch him because your hand will go right through him."

—On how to face living and dying: "When God will call me is up to him. When he calls, I'll be ready. He said not to worry and I ain't worrying."

Nobody can prove or disprove Billy's visits from God. According to the chaplain at the hospital where he receives treatment, the details of Billy's encounters with God never vary when he describes them. Many would give an over-active childish imagination credit for the heavenly visions and voices. Others would readily accept them at face value.

I don't think it really matters whether Billy's talks with God are real or imagined. At the tender age of seven he has come to a highly desirable trust position in the face of a major issue—one's own death. And it's not a morbid trust. It's one that allows God to bring "seven little white puppy dogs" with him when he visits. It's one that allows Billy to go on living—without worrying.

Some days I can trust like Billy; others I take hold of the future—or the imagined future—and worry slips in. My suspicion is that our humanness keeps us from continual absolute trust. And I'd guess Billy has some rough days. What I appreciate knowing is that he in whom I am called to trust stands ever ready.

Peace, Phil



Left to right are rocket derby winners Ken Johnson, Jr., 3rd place; Rhyen Rydeen, 2nd place; Dave Woolerton, cub master; Bryan Ellison, 1st place.

Cub Pack 107 Has Rocket Derby

On January 25, Cub Pack 107 had a rocket derby. The boys raced the rockets they had assembled and painted. Bryan Ellison won a gold medal for first place.

The second place silver medal went to Rhyen Rydeen. Ken Johnson, Jr., received the bronze medal for third place. About 15 boys participated in the race.

Den mothers for Cub Pack 107 are Nancy Kerce, and Nina Howell. Cub master was Dave Woolerton, who recently moved to Miami. Woolerton's leadership will be missed; Cub Pack 107 is now looking for a new cub master.

Trinity Welcomes Five New Members

Trinity welcomed five new members on March 18. They are:

Miss Margaret Cannon, 429 W. Park Ave., Apt. 8 (01), phone number 222-7997. She comes to us from East Hill Baptist Church, Tallahassee.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mattice, 1914 D Larett Dr. (01), phone 878-7416. They come by transfer of their membership from Oak Grove United Methodist Church in Decatur, Ga.

Mrs. Madeleine Shreckengost, 1567 Cheyenne (01), phone 878-2336. She comes by transfer from Chevy Chase United Methodist Church in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Miss Mary Loy Tutwiler, 6715 Tory Sound Lane (08), phone 893-5664. She comes to us from 76th St. Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama.

During the past two months Trinity had several members transfer their membership to other churches. Mrs. Thomas P. Davis transferred to First United Methodist Church, Conyers, Ga., Mrs. Brian Duffy has trans-

ferred to St. Paul's UMC in Tallahassee, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Deakins to First UMC in Franklin, Tennessee. David B. Jackson has also transferred to another denomination.

Also transferring to other denominations in Tallahassee were P. Earl Messer, Dr. and Mrs. Gene Davidson and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williamson. Mrs. Cecilia Short Rivers is now a member of Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Readers Write . . .

From Clearwater

Just received the March issue of Trinity's *Monthly Tidings*. I enjoyed it so much that I thought I should write and say thank you for a job well-done.

I grew up in Trinity, leaving there when I left Tallahassee about 11 years ago. The entire time I have been gone I have been receiving the *Tidings* and the weekly bulletin, thanks to my mother who keeps the church office informed of my whereabouts as I have moved around the country a little bit. It has meant a lot to me to be able to keep up with the things the church is doing and to see the progress of my own family members, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews as they involve themselves in the church's activities.

This month I especially enjoyed your new column written by Liz Smith, as well as the regular columns of Dr. Zimmerman and Phil Roughton. I shall look forward to Mrs. Smith's future columns; she seems to have a wonderful way of expressing herself, and I might suggest that the church, or Mrs. Smith, might consider collecting her meditations and devotionals in a book which I am sure many Trinity members and others would treasure.

Anonymous

Vacation Church School Being Planned for June

The theme for Vacation Church School this year is "We Do God's Work." Children 2 years-5 years and 1st through 3rd grades plan to attend June 18-22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Program will include Bible study, puppets, music, crafts, films, recreation and snacks. Many teachers have been recruited; if anyone would like to volunteer their services, please contact Ann Lumsden, 386-3224, Barbara Woolard, 386-6000, or the church office, 222-1120. A teacher's workshop will be May 20, at 2 p.m. in the Gregory Room.

Single Parents Class Set

A new Sunday school class begins on April 8, 1979. A Single Parents Sunday School class will have an exploration meeting during the Sunday school hour in the church library. All single parents are invited to attend. Rev. John H. Green and Pat Schwallie will lead the class.

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