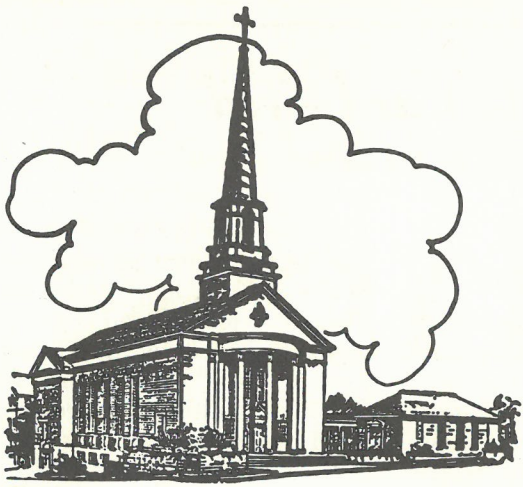




Monthly Tidings

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Charge Conference Will Vote on Parsonage Plans

A Charge Conference will meet at Trinity on December 16 following the Christmas Carol Service to give final approval to plans and budget requirements to build a new parsonage for the senior minister.

Architect Joe Clemons has completed plans and specifications for the parsonage and bids are now being obtained from builders.

The Trustees, Finance Committee and Parsonage Committee will hold a joint meeting on December 12 to pass on the plans and develop a budget. An earlier Church Conference voted that the total project not exceed \$130,000.

Approximately \$100,000 of that amount was realized by the sale of the old parsonage on Adams Street and is invested to be earning interest until needed for the construction. Some of the interest is being used to pay rent on a house where the senior minister and his family are living until the new parsonage is ready for occupancy.

Lynn Wollschlager, a member of the Parsonage Building Committee and a Trustee, said as soon as final approval is given by the Charge Conference the job will be let to the lowest bidder. The house will be built on a lot donated by the Middlebrooks family just off Live Oak Plantation Road.

Membership Now Totals 2,629

Trinity's membership totaled 2,629 at the time of annual reporting at a Charge Conference on November 6. The Rev. Gene Zimmerman reported to Tallahassee District Superintendent Al Vaught that the church gained 59 new members during the year but lost 67.

Attributing to the decrease of eight were the loss of 21 by death, 34 by transfer to other United Methodist churches, 10 to other denominations and two by withdrawal.

New members included 18 by confession of faith, 24 from other United Methodist churches and 17 from other denominations.

December Calendar

- December
- 2 Advent Communion
- 2 Mission Study (7:00 p.m.) Gregory Room
- 9 Choir Presentation 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services
- 16 Carols and Interpretation 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Services
- 16 Covered Dish Dinner and Carol Singing with Choir 6:30 p.m.
- 23 Wesleyan Singers, "Lo A Star" 7:30 p.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Communion 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Student Recognition Day



The Rev. John Green is pictured with new members Lori Fulghum and Henry Steinmeyer, both Florida State University Students, prior to their becoming members of Trinity on November 18.

Six Become Trinity Members in November

Six persons were added to Trinity's rolls on November 18, all transferred from other United Methodist churches. The new members include:

Miss Lori Fulghum, 2020 Continental Ave., Apt. 118, Phone 575-5257. She is an affiliate member with Trinity and comes from Temple Terrace U.M.C. in Temple Terrace, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Broadway, 2224 Woodlawn Ave., Phone 386-3508, transferred from Lovers' Lane U.M.C., Dallas, Texas.

Henry Steinmeyer, 446 Conradi St.

F-105, Phone 224-4226, transferred from Evansville U.M.C., Evansville, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Cook, 932 Chestwood, Phone 385-5756, transferred from John Wesley U.M.C., Tallahassee.

Those who transferred out recently include Mr. and Mrs. Timothy P. Gifford to First U.M.C., Orlando, Florida, and Miss Arlene Miller to St. Johns' U.M.C., Rock Hill, South Carolina.

United Methodist Women Plan Meetings

The United Methodist Women Board met on Tuesday, December 4, at 10:30 a.m. in the conference room at the church. Following the Board Meeting the monthly luncheon was held at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. After lunch, Mrs. Bruce Harter, Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Harry Middlebrooks presented an Advent service in the Glenn James Chapel.

Circle #1 has made plans to meet on Monday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Louis Hill, 513 Plantation Road, phone 385-2447.

Circle #2 will meet on Monday, December 10, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Dr. Mary Lee Hurt, 2102 Old Fort Drive, phone: 877-4812.

Circle #3 has plans to meet Tuesday, December 11, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Herschel H. Blount, 942 Delores Drive, phone: 224-6777. A Christmas program is planned.

Circle #4 will be meeting on Tuesday, December 11, at 10 in the men's Sunday school classroom across from the Gregory Room at the church.

Circle #5 plans to meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. William Macklin, 1107 Terrace St., phone: 222-4759. They will be continuing their study of the Parables, and have planned a special Christmas meditation.

Circle #6 is planning to meet Tuesday, December 11, 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. E. P. Dunaway, 908 Pine Street, phone: 222-8740.

Circle #7 will meet Tuesday, December 11, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Rufus Jennings, 2121 Spence Avenue, phone: 385-4049. Mrs. H. V. Matthews and Mrs. A. P. Revell will be the cohostesses. A program of

Christmas music will be presented by a Leon High choral group.

Circle #8 plans to meet on Tuesday, December 11, at the home of Mrs. John Mowell, 1414 North Ride, phone: 385-6814. Free child care will be provided in the church nursery at 9 a.m. Meet in the parking lot by 9:10 to ride to the Mowell home together. Bring your favorite Christmas goodie and coffee and punch will be provided by cohostesses, Mrs. Bruce Harter and Mrs. Lynn Pararo.

Circle #9 is planning to meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Jean Hamilton, 1948 Greenwood Drive. They will be continuing their current study and are planning on going "out to lunch" afterwards.

Circle #10 will meet on Monday, December 10, at 3:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home. Mrs. James Smith will present the program.

Circle #13 will meet on Tuesday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. J. P. Love, 926 Maplewood. A Christmas program will be presented by Elizabeth Scales.

Circle #14 will meet on Monday, December 10, at 12 noon, in the conference room at the church. Bring a sack lunch and beverages will be provided.

Contributions Welcomed

Do you have some news to share about your church group? Submit it for publication in the January issue of the **Tidings**. It should be in the church office by December 19.

Pledges Needed if Trinity Is to Fulfill Its 1980 Mission

Trinity members attending the loyalty dinners in November pledged about \$140,000 toward the church's \$334,000 program and ministry for 1980.

Pledge Program Chairman Dean Bunch last week wrote some 600 members who did not attend the dinners, "It is now up to you to determine if Trinity will be able to fulfill its mission in the coming year." Each letter contained pledge and bank cards with which those members unable to attend the dinners may find it easy to make a personal commitment to share in Trinity's ministry.

The Rev. Gene Zimmerman said, "We felt the loyalty dinners were very successful and though we raised only \$140,000 we are confident the whole amount will be pledged. Church finances always rest on an element of faith. In my 25 years as a minister, church members have always underwritten the program—either with a large unexpected gift at the end of the year or overpayment of a pledge," he said.

The church finance secretary reminded Trinity members that those persons using bank draft cards must sign a new card each year in order for the pledge to be honored. All members are requested to fill out and return the bank cards, if that is their choice of payment, even though the pledged amount is the same as it has been during 1979.

An additional \$35,000 was pledged toward the Ministers Retirement Fund. The Florida Annual Conference assigned as Trinity's share of this fund \$47,000 to be paid over a three-year period.

UMW Begins Fund For Funeral Pall

Trinity's United Methodist Women have established a Pall Fund to purchase a funeral pall to be used in church funeral services.

Because of the rising cost of funerals, many churches have turned to the use of palls to spread over the casket and eliminate the need for a blanket of flowers. Use of a pall also removes the need to buy an expensive casket simply for appearance's sake.

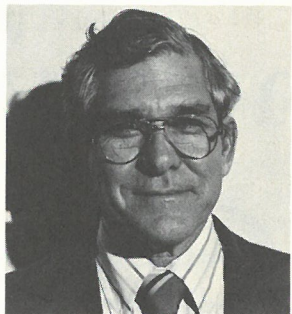
The pall is made of heavy cloth of white, bound around the edges with red cording. A three-foot antique gold cross is outlined in red in the center of the pall.

The funeral pall emphasizes that all are equal in the sight of God and provides a symbol of dignity and equality.

Contributions toward purchase of the pall may be sent to United Methodist Women in care of Mrs. Robert Lawton, Treasurer, 1403 N. Randolph Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32303.

COMMENTS

By Gene Zimmerman



The evening news had some somber statements about the economy (which is nothing new) but the commentator made mention about Christmas and how these things would affect it. The building industry was slowing down, prices were going up, and it looked like there would be less to spend so the merchants were anticipating a slump.

I'm sorry to see these things happen because it will mean less for many people and hardship and suffering for some. However, it just might help us celebrate Christmas even more if we have to do it in the face of some difficulty and sacrifice. For one thing, it will remind us all over that Christmas brings price-less gifts to all of us which no one can purchase, but are free to all. They are God's gifts of love, acceptance, encouragement and forgiveness. And if we will, we can give each other gifts that don't cost anything. Gifts that are taken from our concern for each other—a friendly visit, a handmade present, a word of affection and appreciation. All of these can be of greater value to us than anything purchased.

Come to think of it, some of my most memorable Christmases were celebrated under difficult circumstances. Perhaps if we all have to do with a little less of what we purchase for each other, it may help us appreciate more what God has given us at Christmas.

Some Questions and Answers About Human Rights

By Gwen Roberts

We are involved in a churchwide study of human rights. It probably is fair to say that this study will last through the 1980's, that indeed human rights will be the worldwide, overriding question of the next decade.

Would you like to visualize a world in which there was no hunger? Now at least 30 nations allow torture for political opposition. Do you believe that the world can outlaw this deliberate infliction of pain from one human being on another? If our answer is even "perhaps," we will want to be a part of the present struggle to extend to all mankind the blessings of liberty . . . and to the people of our own nation freedom from crime, poverty, and despair.

Q. What are human rights?

A. Those things we can claim as ours solely on the basis of our humanity. They are rights we have in common. They are ours whether or not we accept the responsibility for having them. They are ours if we trample them underfoot or if we value them.

Q. Are human rights based on the Bible?

A. We are largely indebted to the Greeks and Romans and to the Frenchman Rousseau for the basis of our laws on human rights, but it is scripture that gives us our passion for human rights. Prophetic concern for widows and children and the oppressed, denunciation of solemn assemblies without true compassion—these we get from the Bible. "Let Justice roll down like waters and Righteousness like a never-ending stream." In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus identifies himself with the destitute, those in prison, the naked, the friendless and ends with, "Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto me." This is the biblical touchstone behind Sister Theresa's recent statement: "They, the destitute, are the body of Christ and by touching them we are touching His body."

Q. Why do we seem to think of rights in connection with government?

A. It is impossible to think of the protection of rights without calling on

government for protection, control, or arbitration.

Q. What has been done in the UN about defining human rights for world population?

A. In 1948 when Nazism showed plainly that the violation of any person or people debases all humanity the UN adopted the Universal Declaration proclaiming one indivisible body of rights necessary for the preservation of human dignity. The Universal Declaration, however, is a recommendation and is not legally binding.

Two covenants, comprising 30 articles, are legally binding. One defines the economic, social and cultural rights and the other the civil and political rights. The latter, the Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, provides standards that can be measured. Countries that ratify this document become member nations and submit reports to the UN Human Rights Committee on their programs in securing the rights of all their people.

Q. Can you point to any gains made in human rights because of actions by the UN?

A. Every member country has to submit its constitution for review by the Human Rights Committee and answer detailed questions about any contradictions seen.

Finland is now revising its constitution to make it agree with the covenants. Ecuador, recently changed from dictatorship to representative government, has made gains in tolerance of its Indian population and now has a literacy rate of 76.6%.

Romania has improved health care and education but needs much improvement in its penal code. The Human Rights Committee pinpointed these needs.

In 1978 the committee questioned the government of the Shah of Iran so sharply that the Iranian representative refused to respond and said he would reply in writing after they had researched the committee's concerns. (New World Outlook, October 1979, p. 28-30)

(To be Continued in January Issue)

Mustard Seed

By Liz Smith

"To us a child is born,
to us a son is given."
Isaiah 9:6

I smiled as I read the message on the bottom of a card that featured two large red hearts with a tiny heart squeezed in between. It proclaimed: "Something has come between us!" On the other side were the words: "Someone new to love!" followed by all the vital statistics for our friends' first baby.

A baby! Even now, with our youngest almost 16, those words can stir up memories and the deep feelings of awe and joy and utter magic that we felt each time we welcomed a baby into our lives. I couldn't help but wonder, though, gazing now from my vantage point of 24 years as a parent, if our young friends have any conception at all of what the years ahead hold for them. I know we didn't when our first-born arrived, and I'll always be grateful to our very wise and loving minister for the insight he gave us.

He spoke of the joy and wonder, the beauty and love that a child would bring into our lives, but he gently reminded us that we were also opening ourselves to more chances to experience pain and disappointment, frustration and heartache as we lived out the grave responsibilities of being parents for the rest of our lives. "To have a child," he said, "is to open the door to the universe."

How prophetic his words turned out to be, for our children have given us untold joy and love and happiness and expanded our universe light years beyond ourselves. But we

Advise Ministers When Hospital Visits are Needed

The hospital provides the ministers with a list of persons who give the name of their local church when entering the hospital. Therefore, Trinity ministers encourage all members to do so.

The pastors are at the hospital on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (and at other times when needed) and will normally see those who are there.

If someone is in the hospital and has not been called on within two days please contact the church office. It is most likely that the name has not appeared on the hospital church list or called into the church. With this help, the ministers can provide a better ministry to those who are ill.

Appreciates Contribution

I have been the executive director of the Senior Society Planning Council for a little more than a year now, and have been most grateful for the community support given to this agency.

During the past year, we have continued to expand our meals programs and other services to senior citizens. We are hoping to begin a Community Care Program for the frail elderly beginning in January, 1980. This program will do much to prevent the institutionalization of senior citizens who, with some assistance from Community Care, can remain in their homes.

Your financial contributions have been invaluable to us in the past, and I hope that you will renew your \$625 contribution for our 1980 local match. Again, thank you for your financial support. I deeply appreciate it.

Senior Society Planning Council
Diane Miles
Executive Director

have also had our world shattered by the death of our second child, our hearts broken, our pride hurt, our dreams rejected and our patience tried, because we have been privileged to walk with a child from infancy to adulthood. Once you let a child into your heart it is forever!

Now, at Christmas, we receive another birth announcement; once again we hear the great, glad tidings:

... for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.

A baby! How joyfully we receive the news! It is a blessed season, the time is holy, the angels sing and the star beckons us; we are caught up in the great outpouring of adoration for the baby Jesus. But in the tumult of joy surrounding his birth, I wonder if we fail to catch the full significance of what the angel said: "... to us a son is born, to us a child is given. . ." God is offering Himself to us in this tiny, holy infant.

But this baby, too, will grow into adulthood. Soon the manger and the infant will be gone, and in their place a man, carrying a cross. The baby, too, will bring love, God's love, into our lives, and peace and joy, and open the door to the Kingdom of God. But to accept this child into our lives will also open us to know his pain and sorrow, to see our own shortcomings in the light of his perfection, to learn humility and redefine success.

It is a blessed season, the time is holy, the angels sing and the star beckons us.

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven. No ear may hear his coming, but in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.

The star beckons us and we can follow it to the holy babe in the manger. But remember: once you receive this child into your heart it is forever.

College Age Sunday School Studies Beliefs

By Cary Moon

The College Age Sunday School Class has taken form and each week views different aspects of the beliefs, goals and purposes of the young adult Christians as they begin to realize the life that lies ahead. Emphasis has been on various Biblical references which are the foundation for discussions.

Too easily one at this point in life can be caught up in the many activities of daily life and put his spiritual needs on the shelf when it is not the main concern of the day. How many times does a student find himself near the end of the quarter with a quarter of school work to do? So we kill ourselves by trying to do the work that would have been easy if done a day at a time. The same is true of the individual's spiritual growth. Through daily exercise, one can prepare himself for the trials that life will bring.

It is the goal of the class to encourage development of intellect, spirit, and communication between our brothers and sisters in and through Christ as well as offer concern and direction as we face these days of growing uncertainty in the world. Come as you are and bring a friend.

New Administrative Board, Other Officers Begin Service in January

A new administrative Board will begin service at Trinity in January following their election at a Charge Conference in November.

Thirty-nine new Board members comprise the Class of 1982, elected for one year of a three-year term of eligibility. Twenty others of the Class of 1980 were re-elected for a final year of eligibility and 32 others were reelected in the Class of 1981.

Kitty Ball was reelected chairman of the Board.

James (Buz) Harris was named church treasurer, replacing Spencer Burress who has served in that position for the past 28 years.

Work area chairmen also remain the same during 1980. Added as chairman of the Council on Ministries was Griffith Pugh.

New Trustees Ernest Menendez, Nick Dawirs and Griffith Pugh will serve with Robert Parker, Jr., Linda Yates and Lynn Wollschlager, Class

of 1980; and Gordon Rogers, Edwin Roberts and David Kerns, Class of 1981.

New members of the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations are F. E. Steinmeyer III, Elise Lawton and Ernest Menendez. Continuing to serve on this committee will be Godfrey Smith, Mary Blackburn and Palmer Williams, Class of 1980; Louis Beall, Bettye Roberts and Jim Ball, Class of 1981.

The Parsonage Committee will have Fannie Jo Drake and Marguerite Steinmeyer as new members, joining Peggy Hughes, Walli Beall, Sandra Mowell, Ann Lumsden and Pat McKenzie.

Walter Funderburk was re-named lay leader and he and Bruce Harter were also approved as alternate delegates to the Annual Conference.

Members of the Board and other church officials are set out below:

Those rotating from the Administrative Board are as follows:

Beall, Louis	Hester, Ed	Pedler, Robert
Coulter, Clint	James, Jeff	Pierce, Robert
Coulter, C. Hux, Sr.	Kerce, Nancy	Proctor, Ralph, Sr.
Denmark, Tom	Lewis, Cheri	Sharkey, Charles
Duggar, Margaret Lynn	Menendez, Ernest	Shuler, Lucile
Ellison, Daryl	Nash, Jim	Sprouse, Carl
Hale, Gifford	Olson, John	Steinmeyer, Ted

The following persons have been nominated for membership at large on the Administrative Board in the following three classes:

Class of 1980

Almarode, Richard	Hall, J. Lewis	Marshall, Stanley
Ball, Kitty	Hamilton, May	Maynard, Zollie
Black, Francis	Harris, Buz	McGlothlin, Joe
Boone, Shelley	Hinson, Charles	Pope, Mel
Carraway, Howard	Hock, Ron	Roberts, Bettye
Dawirs, Nick	Jackson, Bette	Warren, Ben
Fletcher, Lois	Lewis, Norma	

Class of 1981

Armstrong, Dr. Earl	Hulet, Richard	Sinclair, Bill R.
Armstrong, Mrs. Earl	Lawton, Robert O.	Stapleton, Jon
Brown, Ledley	Leathers, Albert	Stevens, Robert P.
Bunch, Dean	Lewis, Halley B.	Walker, Bob
Clark, James	Mann, Robert	Walker, Frances
Davidson, Barbara	Meyer, Samuel	Waugh, Harry M.
Dean, Marilyn		White, Robert
Draper, Sam	Parmenter, Broun	Williams, Palmer
Funderburk, Walt	Pugh, Griffith	Smith, Eleanor
Harrell, Martie	Quinly, Clifton	
Hill, Don	Roberts, Gwen	
Hughes, Joe	Scisson, Burke	

Class of 1982

Aho, U. A.	McLarty, Lynn	Pararo, Lynn
Allen, Chris	Flanagan, Thelma	Moor, Frank
Anderson, Carol	Frazier, Sandra	Smith, Bill
Ballinger, Ken	Godby, Amos	Smith, Jim
Bandlow, Richard	Hawkins, Rebecca	Thomas, Hollie
Beck, Otis	Lewis, Cheri	Tutwiler, Mary Loy
Berry, Roy	Lux, Bess	Walker, Wallis
Blackburn, Jim	Lux, Tom	Waugh, Nancy
Bradley, Isabelle	Mattice, Bill	Willis, Ben C.
Causseaux, Orlis	Cook, Murray	Wollschlager, Georgianna
Clark, Fred	Strickland, Roy	Wright, Tommie
Blalock, Tommy	Mowell, Sandra	Harkema, Reinard, Jr.
	Pierce, Miriam	Tyler, Fred
		Crotty, John

Work Area Chairmen

(Members of Administrative Board)
 Education—Ann Lumsden
 Missions—J. P. and Jane Love
 Membership & Evangelism—Vernon and Jamie Parramore
 Church & Society (Social Concerns)—Richard Hulet
 Finance—Jack Mowell

Committee on Finance

(includes Stewardship Work Area)
 Chairman—Jack Mowell
 Pastors—Zimmerman, Green, Roughton
 Chairman of the Administrative Board—Kitty Ball
 Chairman of Council on Ministries—Griff Pugh

Church Treasurer—James Harris
 One Trustee—
 The Lay Leader—Walt Funderburk
 Additional Members: Madeline Roland, Dean Bunch, Sam Draper, Rebecca Hawkins, Louis Beall, Palmer Williams, Mary Ed Steinmeyer, Bill Mattice

Committee on Nominations and Personnel

Class of 1980
 Ted Steinmeyer
 Jack Mowell

Class of 1981
 Dorothy Sauls
 Fred Tyler

Class of 1982
 Bob Stevens
 Celia Pugh

Meet Trinity's Teachers of Younger Children

Mrs. Virginia Cook is the toddlers' teacher (room 205). This is the Sunday School class for 1-year-olds. She has been teaching this class for 27 years!

Edith and Susan Quinly are teachers for the two-year-olds (Nursery II in room 203). Edith is a student at TCC and works at Stand'n Snack during the week. Susan is a student at FSU and works with her mother at the Travel Center during the week.

Margie Phifer is teacher of the three-year-olds. (Nursery I—room 207). She is a graduate assistant in education at FSU during the week. She is assisted by Robert Wilshire who has been helping in the three-year-old class for 20 years!

The four-year-olds (Rooms 202-204 Kind. II) are taught for one month

by Dean and Martha Bunch, then one month by Chris and Chris Allen. The Bunches taught the four-year-old class last year, too. They have a daughter, Lynn, who is three.

The Allens have just moved here from Stuart, where they were also Sunday school teachers. He is an elevator mechanic and she takes care of daughter Erin, who is 2½.

The five-year-old class meets in the large basement room and is taught one month by Bill and Paula Smith and one month by Bill and Germaine Fritchman. Bill and Paula have had the month off to enjoy their new baby. Bill Fritchman is director for the Florida Department of Revenue. Germaine is a secretary for the Department of Law Enforcement. They have a daughter Cathy, who is six.

Leesburg Life Enrichment Center Opens

By Ernest Menendez

The Leesburg Life Enrichment Center was officially opened at a dedication ceremony conducted at the new facility on Saturday afternoon, November 10. The hour long dedication service began at 2 o'clock and made a fitting climax for a retreat which began on Friday evening at dinner.

The 400 or more persons, including both clergy and laity, were housed over night in the four new motel type units, each of which contain 2 double rooms with private baths.

The dinner on Friday, breakfast and lunch on Saturday were served cafeteria style in the dining room located in the Administration Building. This room has a stage at one end and can be quickly converted to an auditorium by removing tables and arranging chairs facing the stage. The dedication service was also held in this room.

The general sessions were conducted in the Meeting Room Building, which contains one large room that will seat 250 persons, and form small rooms, that will accommodate 50 persons each, for smaller group meetings. The large room and one of the small rooms include limited kitchen facilities.

Principal speakers for the retreat included Bishop Carl J. Sanders of the Birmingham Area, Bishop Joel D. McDavid of the Florida Conference and Charles Babcock, a Miami layman who chaired the fund raising com-

Gifts Requested for Mental Patients

Christmas and Hanukkah gifts are needed for 2,000 men, women and children at Florida State Hospital in Chattahoochee.

Gifts for men and women may vary from tobacco to toilet articles, games or clothing. The elderly can use soap, cold cream, lotions, after shave lotion, white socks, slippers, etc.

Teenagers and boys and girls can use the same types of gifts you would give your own child.

Gifts should not be wrapped so that volunteers can better put the name of each patient on a gift.

Also needed are decorations, ornaments, lights, and candy, cookies, fruit and other foods for parties.

Frances Johnson, coordinator of volunteer services, says the gifts should be presented before December 11. Call her at 663-7756 for more information.

mittee that conducted a successful campaign to raise the almost \$3,000,-000 needed to complete this facility.

Also on the program was the Rev. Danny Morris, a former associate pastor at Trinity and a former pastor of the John Wesley United Methodist Church of Tallahassee and now with the Board of Discipleship in Nashville. Bishop Sanders remarked that this is without question, the finest facility of this kind in all of United Methodism.

The Rev. Lee Pearson, Enrichment Center director, stressed that these facilities are for the use of all church related groups of the Florida Conference. He added, however, that meetings are subject to reservations being made in advance and that a charge will be made. Interested groups should contact Rev. Pearson at the Center for information.

The Florida Conference now owns 253 acres of very beautiful property on Picciola Island on the shores of Lake Griffin near Leesburg. In addition to the recently constructed Life Enrichment Center, the Methodist Youth Camp occupies a portion of the land.

The Florida Conference approved the building of this Adult Center in 1977. The Conference United Methodist Women gave the first \$20,000. Working very closely with Charles Babcock and his committee, the United Methodist Men were quite active. They provided many of the lay persons and substantial funds. Several individual Trinity members have pledged and contributed to make this "dream" become a reality.

The laity of Trinity under the sponsorship of the Wesley Brotherhood Class, pledged \$1,500 over a three-year period the first \$1,000 has been contributed, leaving \$500 to be raised in 1980.

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 TO EACH TRINITY
 MEMBER

Singing and Ringing News

By Shirley Kirwin

The Wesleyan Singers and Melody Bell Ringers have been busy learning music for a number of up-coming activities. They also participated in a contest which ended with a party after singing for Market Days on November 17.

You will also have an opportunity to hear us sing several times in church in the coming weeks with a special invitation for everyone to join us in the Christmas cantata, "Lo, a Star." There will be a nativity pageant along with songs provided by the Junior and Senior high students.

We are still needing more singers to help us and invite anyone between the ages of 2nd and 5th grades to come Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. in the choir room for practice. If you need a ride call me at 575-6227 and we will try to make arrangements.

The combined New Life Singers and Chapel Choir presented an evangelical musical, "The Clown," by Carl Mays on November 18.

We also have a need for more participants in this choir with a willingness to sing to the glory of God. We are going to be in charge of the communion services each month for the 8:45 a.m. worship hour and have many plans for the Christmas season. We need your help and invite you to participate on Sunday afternoons at 3:45 p.m. before MYF.

Many thanks to Natalie Douglas (soprano soloist) and the other choir members for singing so nicely November 4 and 11th for the worship services, and for their hard work on "The Clown."

Junior or Senior high students interested in becoming a bell choir member met on Tuesday, November 27 for an organizational meeting. Bells can be such a beautiful addition to the worship service and we would

like to share their melodious tones with the congregation.

Don't forget—if you are interested in any of these choirs, call me at 575-6227. If a ride is needed let me know—we will make arrangements.

Youth Choir Activities

December

9—11:00 Melody Bells

16—11:00 Carol Choir

"Knock Knock, Knock"

7:30 Carol Service All Choirs

23— 8:45 Wesleyan Singers "Sing Noel"/"The Donkey"

7:30 Wesleyan Singers Christmas Cantata / Pageant Lo A Star

Rehearsal Times

Carol Choir—Sunday 11:30 a.m.

Wesleyan Singers and Melody Bells Wednesdays 3:30 p.m.

Chapel Choir/New Life Singers—Sundays 3:45 p.m.

John Green Heads Ministerial Association

The Rev. John H. Green, associate minister of education at Trinity, has been elected to serve as president of the Tallahassee Ministerial Association in 1980.

He will serve with other officers, The Rev. Dr. James Hudson, former chairman of the FAMU Department of Philosophy, vice president; the Rev. Michael L. McGehee, pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, secretary; and the Rev. Dr. Erich Heintzen, pastor of University Lutheran Center and Chapel, treasurer.

Rev. Green served at Trinity from 1966-70 and from 1976 to the present time. He also served as pastor at Gray Memorial United Methodist Church from 1970 to 1972.

Roughton's Rappings

You may have lost the Christmas spirit by now. With store decorations going up just before Halloween and after-Christmas clearance sales falling the day after Thanksgiving (slight exaggeration perhaps), it's a real feat of endurance just to make it to the first week in December with a viable "Ho! Ho! Ho!"—let alone some tinsely expression of the season.

And maybe that's a good thing. If the trend continues, in a few years we'll be able to finish the holiday rush in mid-August and have four full months to relax and anticipate that Currier and Ives Christmas for which I for one deeply yearn every time I see one of their cards or calendars. Fresh fallen snow. A people and package laden sleigh silently weaving its way over gentle slopes toward the golden glow of windows in a wreath bedecked farmhouse, smoke spiraling from brick chimneys toward the twinkling sky.

Peaceful? Yes. Wonderful? For many, yes. Possible? For most, no. Oh, Neiman Marcus, producer of last year's rage—"Chocolate Monopoly games," or some other organization skilled in catering to our every whimsical pleasure could probably work something out—for the right price: "Currier and Ives Christmas Package Deal (includes chestnuts roasting on an open fire) only \$XXXX. . ."

Even if we could pay the price, the least perceptive of us knows the tranquility ends just over the next hill. There's Ayatollah Khomeini. There's Northern Ireland. There's world starvation. There's corruption in government. There's the homicide rate in Atlanta. There's child abuse. There's the death penalty. There's . . . Clearly not a Currier and Ives world.

What about "Peace on earth, good will toward men" and all that? Are we to have no peace, no joy? Dimmed though they may have grown, those have certainly been central themes of the Christmas celebration. The problem is to keep them shining brightly.

One way is to work out the sleigh ride if we can. Not literally maybe—but we can look for and plan those things which provided opportunity to slow down for a moment and think about what happened at Christmas. All of us need a little Currier and Ives now and then.

Another way will require a little more work mentally. Depending on how far we want to go with it, it might also require some sacrifice. Rather than attempting to insure our peace or our joy through the preservation of any number of peaceful/joyful traditions, or the creation of synthetic experiences to isolate us from real problems, we can make an honest effort to understand what peace and joy mean—not just for us—but for everyone. With that understanding we can begin to act, make changes in the way we live, or whatever becomes necessary to realize the goal.

The peace and joy experienced from those kinds of choices could easily fuel a Christmas spirit all the way through Easter and back to Christmas again—without a single clearance sale.

Peace, Phil

1979 Program Summarized in Poetry

By John Green

Our Charge Conference was held during November of this year. A part of my pastoral statement included a program overview for 1979. Since such an overview is not always interesting to listen to during a church meeting, I used a kind of "poetry" approach. I immediately realized I am not a poet and I know it.

However, those in attendance at the Charge Conference asked me to put my "poem" in this month's *Tidings*. Therefore this piece of journalism is submitted under special request. By the way, to give you some idea of the popularity of my poem, I would like to quote a famous person who was in attendance at the Charge Conference. You know him as Dr. Stanley Marshall. After hearing the poem he said, "The only thing worse than yellow journalism is 'Green' journalism." Now you have the spirit in which this poem was taken!

'79 Program Overview (From Me To You)

We opened winter of '79 with basketball.

Ellison coached youth and men, some diminutive, some tall.

The youth won nearly every game, But the old men, like last year's loser, repeated the same.

Winter's chill was not intended to cool us off, but invigorate us to better church attendance instead of better golf!

Vernon and Jamie, under their leadership, led us to telephone the membership.

Attendance briefly increased as lesson was learned by all.

When people are touched they respond to a call.

Spring opened with our annual Lenten Breakfasts of bacon, eggs & toast.

I rose each morning at 5 to assist Sunday school classes as host.

Adult classes participated, with here and there a joke,

Especially when Dr. Robert Short kept the egg and threw away the yoke.

During this time the men tried again at sports.

Softball was the game but skills were short.

Bob White coached us very well, But his resources left opponents in a spell.

So anxious to win in the beginning, We tried a major league record, (3 outs: in 1 inning).

Then came intergenerational night And everyone square danced to their delight.

The meal was grand and the fellowship was fine,

But Myra Anderson kept saying, "I want to dance 'til 9:00."

Summer came with VCS Ann Lumsden took charge and the literature she did caress.

Expecting a good turn-out, We had an excellent program no doubt.

Sometimes inside the church, sometime in the sun,

We ended the week with a 101.

Day Camp came soon

And Hemphill and Tutwiler worked night to noon.

Plans were made for 20; 30 came instead.

Our counselors, after swimming and running, were ready for bed.

July and August were fun for the youth.

Off to the Bahamas, Oh, how couth! Two ministers went to enjoy the beach.

Guess who was left here to preach?

Homecoming brought Ed Norman to speak and food to eat.

No one left unfed, at the table or at church,

Homecoming was a treat.

Laity Sunday was a pleasure,

Ministers listened while Dr. Samuel Meyer told us

Of values to live by for good measure. Walt Funderburk, lay leader,

Directed both services with 14 lay helpers.

It is good to see,

It took 14 people to replace us 3.

Trinity being a church in mission,

Participated in Vashti-Walk-a-thon and, in addition,

With the help of Advanced Studies and the Joy Class,

Raised \$5,000 to send in mass.

The Finance Program is now on.

Bunch guides us from his throne.

Our budget is planned, loyalty dinners set.

We hope this will be the best yet!

Many other programs, too numerous to mention,

Have been going on to get people's attention.

For example, the U.M.W., under Georgianna Wollschlager

Has had programs to meet needs and have fun.

This has created in Trinity,

A spirit of one.

And now we come to the close of the year.

Charge Conference and, oh yes, the District Superintendent is here.

Not a creature is stirring not even a mouse.

As the D.S. comes into the Church house.

He commands respect and is given much.

He is kind and gentle and easy to touch.

But kind sir, never forget we are Methodist, you know,

If you keep us too long, we'll get up and go!

After looking at this you will know why some things are better said than read! oops!

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