



Monthly Tidings

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School of Christian Mission Scheduled In Lakeland

Women of the church and youth in rising 10th, 11th and 12th grades and graduating seniors will have two opportunities in July to gain biblical understandings of mission to individuals and society.

The Florida Conference School of Christian Mission will hold a week-long session July 21-25 and a weekend session July 25-27 at Florida Southern College in Lakeland.

Dormitory students may attend for \$49 for the week and \$32 for the weekend, including room and meals.

Trinity UMW President Georgianna Wollschlager said persons will be going from Trinity for both sessions and she hopes carpools can be arranged. Persons interested in attending may call Mrs. Wollschlager at 224-7242 or 893-4470 for registration assistance.

Three mission studies will be conducted, "Mission Education in the Local Church," "Racism in Church and Society," and "Global Hunger." A spiritual growth study, "The Interior Life," will involve students in the discovery of and acquaintance with people of prayer in Christian tradition and heritage, especially women.

Outstanding church leaders and missionaries from throughout the country will lead the study sessions.

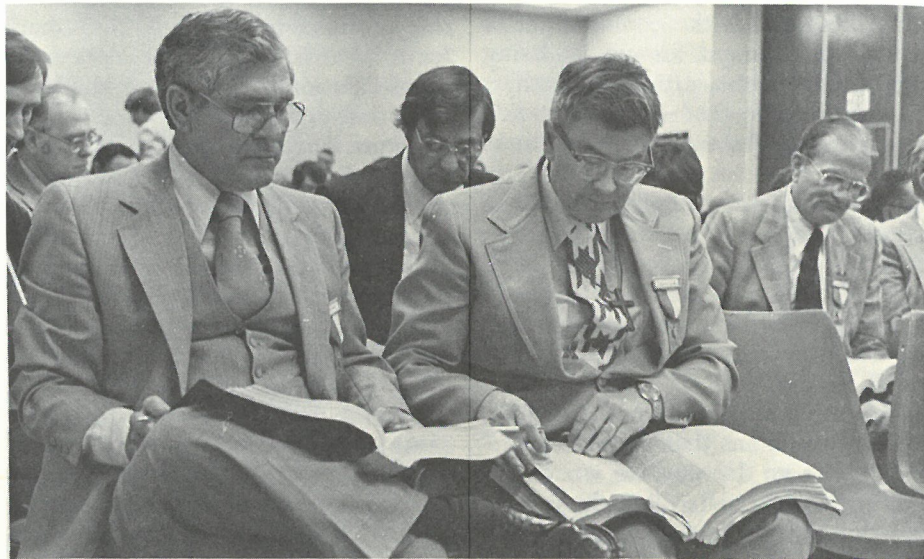
Reception Will Honor Roughtons on June 8

A reception will honor the Rev. Phil and Mica Roughton in the fellowship hall following 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, June 8. The Roughtons will be leaving Tallahassee on June 11 for a new assignment in Boca Grande.

Hosts for the reception will be the Administrative Board and United Methodist Women. Light refreshments of finger sandwiches and sweets will be served. Persons wishing to assist may bring either of these to the church Sunday morning.

A grandfather clock kit will be given the Rev. Roughton by the congregation at that time as an expression of appreciation for his five years of service as associate minister of Trinity.

Do you have 1-1½ hours a week to help an elderly person? The Senior Society Planning Council has a Meals on Wheels program that provides nutritious meals and companionship to older people who are homebound, isolated, and unable to prepare their own meals. The program needs community volunteers to deliver meals and show that someone cares. If interested please call 877-2177.



The Rev. Gene Zimmerman, pictured above left during the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, was one of Florida's delegates. The Rev. Zimmerman talked to combined Advanced Studies and Bob Storey classes on June 1 about actions taken during the conference. During the next four years the United Methodist Church will develop and strengthen ethnic minority local churches and will have as missional priorities Africa, peace with justice, church and campus, world hunger and strengthening the local church for its evangelistic mission in the world.

'Trinity was Excellent Place to Start My Ministry,' Phil Roughton Says

By Linda H. Yates

Phil Roughton came to Trinity straight from seminary in September 1975 partly to find out if being a pastor was really what he wanted to do. After earning the master of divinity degree in 1974 he had stayed on at Asbury College in Kentucky another year to work for an additional degree in counseling.

He made a conscious decision during his first year in seminary to spend his life in some type of Christian work, and counseling seemed especially attractive as a vocation.

"I came to Trinity as a test," he reflected last week amid packing and other preparation involved in moving his family away from Trinity and Tallahassee where they have lived and worked for nearly five years.

"Trinity was an excellent place for me to start. Its large diversified congregation provided a general experience that will help me in any situation in the future," he said. "Working with Gene and John has been great because of their professional experience and willingness to work with me."

As a young minister in his first church assignment, Phil Roughton admits the idealism he brought from seminary soon met with reality at Trinity. "I was disillusioned at first. My expectations early on were stereotypes that changed as I began to realize that we are all so different in our relationship with God. The Methodist Church allows people flexibility in the way they worship, and Trinity is a fine example of the way the Methodist Church should operate."

Although the youth program was one of the Rev. Roughton's major responsibilities as associate minister here, he had opportunities to counsel those in need, preach, conduct weddings and funerals, as well as administrative work and planning.

"I have decided being a pastor and ministering in all of these ways is more enjoyable than counseling alone," the Rev. Roughton now says.

He has seen changes in the church just since he has been here. The youth he started working with in 1975 were "the last of the 1960's mentality—they were activists and willing to commit themselves. Today youth seem to be hesitant about committing themselves to the church and to other things," he said. He is glad the Methodist Church is now moving toward a more structured organization in its youth program, which the youth of today will respond to better than to the loosely organized program it had in the 1970's. There are fewer youth on Trinity's rolls now as well.

"I am excited about my new assignment in Boca Grande," the Rev. Roughton said as he described the white frame old church on an island some 40 miles from Sarasota. The island, separated from the mainland by a toll bridge, has about 500 permanent residents and about 700 more during Florida's tourist season. He will preach each Sunday to the 70 or 80 members of the little church and spend one day a week in pastoral duties. Other days he will go to Rotundo six miles away on the mainland, a growing area where he is to gather a Methodist congregation and begin a church. Plans are that a new parsonage will be constructed in Rotundo within the first year where Phil, Mica and young Keller will live. In the meantime, they will occupy a parsonage on Boca Grande.

"My dad's (also a minister) first assignment was a six-acre plot of land," Phil laughed. "At least I have had the experience I have gained at Trinity to help me start a new church."

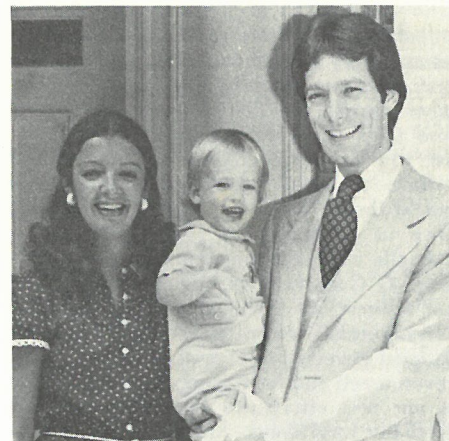
"I do have negative feelings about leaving the friends Mica and I have

Planning Committee Will Assess Needs of Congregation

"If we are to achieve emotional and spiritual growth as individuals and as a congregation, we must plan for it—it will not happen by chance," Administrative Board Chairman Kitty Ball said.

The planning will be done by a committee Mrs. Ball appointed to assess the needs of the congregation and plan how to meet them. The committee will hold a planning retreat in July after tabulating responses to a questionnaire which each family in the church will receive. Members will be asked on the questionnaire to list the needs they look to the church to fulfill for their family or, in the case of individuals, for themselves. Members will also be asked to list areas where they are qualified or willing to assist the church in meeting those needs.

Mrs. Ball said members of the Council on Ministries will serve on the planning committee, as well as the following persons: Louis Beall, Mary Jane Lewis, Marilyn Dean, Jane Love, Kitty Funderburk, Bob Mann, Griffith Pugh, Bob Walker, Georgianna Wollschlager, Linda Yates, Dean Bunch, Tom James, Allie Ferguson.



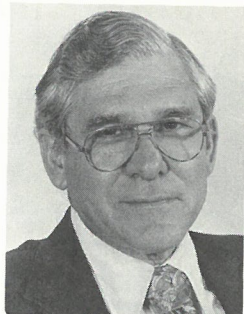
Mica, Keller and Phil Roughton.

made here. We do not plan to break off the friendships we have established—they are part of the Christian community ministers need," he said. "I appreciate the quiet support so many have given my ministry here. Those who made me feel that my job counted; those who responded to a sermon I preached, a column I wrote in the *Tidings*—they were ministering to me. I also appreciated negative comment when it was constructive criticism that helped me improve," the Rev. Roughton said.

"What is my hope for Trinity?—that it will not lose sight of the mission of the church. Several years from now when that long-term debt on the sanctuary is paid off, Trinity members will have to answer an important question: Does paying off this debt mean we can cut back on our giving, or does it mean we can broaden the outreach of our ministry? That will be a critical time for Trinity."

COMMENT

By Gene Zimmerman



Golfers can be overheard now and then to make reference to the "sweet spot" on a golf ball. It's a certain little "click" that comes from hitting it just right. When you hear that sound you know the ball is on its way for a long, lively ride and you enjoy the exhilarating sense of having mastered the shot.

Of course, you know there's much more to it than the "click." That sound only comes as a result of several preceding things. It is the combination of skills, timing, co-ordination, and that mysterious element known as being "on." (I think "on" is a psychological thing which athletes, artists, and others of skill feel when there is a strong sense of confidence that one cannot fail, and usually they are right. "No hitters" are pitched, books are written, pictures are painted when the person is "on.")

But no golfer hits the sweet spot every time, not even the pros. There are several shots in every game when it just doesn't happen. And there are days when it doesn't come through at all. So what do you do when you're not "on"? You remember the rules of the game, you recall and try to visualize the basic things that make up a smooth, well timed swing. In order to do this you may have to stop a moment, analyze what you're doing wrong, and try to correct it. After awhile, you're back on your game again.

Life has its sweet spot. Now and then everything falls in place—the timing is good and the swing is right, and most of what we do has that perfect "click." It's a grand feeling, but it, too, fades. Things don't go the way we want; just aren't quite co-ordinated and don't come through very well. What do you do about that? You can do what some golfers do: throw down your clubs and vow not to play again, or you can go on, remembering what it takes to hit the ball well and analyzing your mistakes as you keep playing.

No one can be "on" all the time. Life just isn't that way. It's great when it is, but when it isn't, we have to keep going. If you will remember the best rules of the game and hold them in front of you, sooner or later you'll find the "sweet spot" again and enjoy the sense of mastery that goes with it.

Ministers Offer Prayers in Legislature

Prayer by Dr. Eugene Zimmerman, Pastor, Trinity Methodist Church, to open the Senate on April 30:

Gracious and loving God, we pray for these who represent us all. We ask that you grant them wisdom for the facing of complex decisions; that you grant them courage to stand when they see that which is right and should be done; and that you grant to them a stability, Father, that would not allow those of us who have special interest to deter them in our behalf, at the loss of so many others who seek and need their help and representation.

We pray for all of us here this morning who come to assist in some way for the direction of our State and our people. Grant us the very best of intention, and in these ominous times when the world is so troubled, when people are held hostage and others lose their lives seeking their freedom, we ask you to bless us all.

Save us from anger and hostility that would thrust the whole world into conflict. Give us patience, but resolution; give us strength and determination; give us guidance, O God, that we might not only seek our interest but the interest of all peoples. Bless especially today those who guide us in national government as well as this our state government; and have mercy upon us all, for in our best efforts we sometimes fail and need thy forgiveness. Amen.

In the House of Representatives on April 30 a memorial service for American servicemen who died in Iran was held.

The Speaker presented the Rev. John Green, president of the Tallahassee Ministerial Association and minister of education of Trinity United Methodist Church, for prayer:

O Holy One, we recognize you as the Creator of life and the Giver of life everlasting. We approach you in prayer to speak to you about the frustrations, the fears, the sorrows and the hopes in our present world. Today, in particular, we pause to remember those of your creation who were killed in a rescue attempt to free American hostages in Iran. We name them before you:

Tech Sgt. Joel C. Mayo
Capt. Charles McMillan
Capt. Harold Lewis
Capt. Lyn Davis McIntosh
Capt. Richard L. Bakke
Staff Sgt. Dewey L. Johnson
Sgt. John D. Harvey
Corp. George N. Holmes, Jr.

We include in our prayers the families and friends of all those killed in that aborted rescue mission. We include in our prayers those responsible for governmental leadership and military forces. So much weighs on their decisions. And let us not forget to include in our prayers those in Iran who have not listened to our pleas to free American hostages.

As we pray, remind us we are your people. We are your body. Remind us that you are a giving and forgiving Creator. Remind us you are a loving and healing Creator. We cannot believe that the conditions under which we live in our world are the conditions you intended for people to live. We have prayed for peace, but the atmosphere of war prevails. And the death of eight young men bring us to sorrow and despair. We have prayed for the release of the American hostages, but they are still imprisoned. The sickness of revenge, hatred and conflict moves within us. Remind us that such sickness is evil and that evil must be fought. Remind us we must continue to confront the conditions of our world that we might make a better place to live. But, remind us too, we are not equipped to fight alone. We need the strength to sacrifice, the wisdom of creative love and the desire for undying patience. Remind us that you, and you alone, supply these weapons.

We pray for those young men whose lives were sacrificed for others. We have been taught that no one has greater love than to give a life for another. May we never forget the price they paid. And we remember the families of those dead men who must now live from day to day with only the memory of the one they loved. Help them to sustain faith and confidence and to quickly forgive. May the friends of those dead receive the same encouragement.

We pray for those responsible in governmental leadership and military forces. Please direct them to the proper places of dedication. May reconciliation be their strength and physical coercion be transformed into stronger oral persuasion. We pray for all those in public life, that all things which may destroy their effectiveness and their service be cast aside.

We pray for those in Iran responsible for the imprisonment of fellow Americans and those Americans being held. May the captors search their hearts and realize they are in violation of the teachings of their own religious faith. We pray for all under regimes whose governments are synonymous with oppression and violence.

So now we have brought our prayers to you. It is for those who have suffered and now suffer. It is for those who have opportunities, influence and power. It is for those who have lost the meaning of love among and for human beings. If it be possible make us more alert to the ways of making things easier for those who suffer in remembrance of the eight young dead men. And by your grace, may we then witness the transforming power of caring.

However you answer our prayers, may the outcome be that we love and respect each other more, that we understand your purpose better and that we live life with greater confidence. This we pray in the name of Him, in whom we live and move and have our being. Amen.

Mustard Seeds

By Liz Smith

Consolidation

Matt. 6:24—"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

We are again faced with the issue of consolidating the governments of our city and county, and there has been much written in the local paper, both "pro" and "con." Thinking about this problem has brought into sharp focus what is to me a far more basic "consolidation" issue that I think we face daily; it is spelled out in the scripture quoted above. Are we willing to join forces with God in making the decisions that govern the direction of our lives every day, or will we choose to "go it alone," serving mammon, aware that there is His power and love and guidance available to us but unwilling to seek and rely upon it?

Several years ago when this issue came to a vote the pro-consolidation forces asked three questions over and over again in their advertising and I think they are appropriate for us to ask ourselves as we face up to this decision in our own lives.

Are you tired of traffic jams?

John 14:6—"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way and the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.'"

So many forces are at work in our lives(pulling us in every direction, demanding our attention and time, that often we feel we are getting nowhere; literally in a traffic jam where our way is blocked by a hopeless clutter of conflicting needs and projects and people. If we consolidate our forces and seek, in the calm and quiet of prayer to untangle our jumbled priorities and with His help choose a course through the events of every day, we can avoid a lot of the "traffic jams" and live life more abundantly and productively.

Are you tired of bickering and buck passing?

Christian Education Comments

By John H. Green

"Are You Coping with Life?"

Life, for many, is difficult to face without some kind of religious faith. A major problem that exists with us is that God is too small for our needs. Our experiences of life and our intellectual scope have grown but our concepts of God have been stunted. Someone said to me the other day, "I can no longer believe what's being read to me in the Bible at Sunday school." What this person was really telling me was that her concept of God had not grown along with her daily experiences or her mental boundaries.

People continue to live each day with inner frustrations and with poor relations with one another. We sometimes find ourselves living with little or no faith under such circumstances. It does not mean we are necessarily "bad" people or as some would declare, "sinners"! But it does suggest our grown-up minds have not found a large enough God to accept life in both its good and bad moments. If we are to accept that God is in control of life and death, as well, we will need to cope with the senses of frustration and the challenges of living in a world with different kinds of people.

The following questions are just a few we need to examine in our quest for living. What are my concepts of God? Is God big enough for Christians

Matt. 7:3—"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

When we try to run our lives by ourselves it is so easy to blame everyone else for our failures and troubles; easy to see the faults and smallness of our neighbors but so hard to face ourselves honestly. But with the sure knowledge of His acceptance of us as we are, and the promise of His strength to help us face our shortcomings, we can stop bickering and passing the buck and begin to get our own house in order.

Are you tired of flooding after every heavy rain?

Matt. 7:24-26—"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rocks; and the rain fell and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded upon the rock."

Each of us has or will have to face his own kind of heavy rain and flooding as we live out the measure of our years. For some it is illness, tragedy and death. For others it may be the overwhelming rush of everyday things that seems to be more than they can cope with. Discouragement, failure, bitterness, grief, even too much success can all be things that crumble the foundations of our lives and set us awash without direction or purpose. But again, we have his promise that if we build our lives on the solid rock of faith and trust in his care and love we can withstand the storms and floods and remain steadfast and secure.

Will we decide to serve mammon, the false god of riches and greed, trying to run the whole show ourselves in a frantic chase after material things and false security? Or will we choose to consolidate our energies and talents with the power and love and wisdom of God? It's important. Vote today!

to cope with the Cuban, Haitian and Iran crises? How can we find the "real" God in our daily lives? Are my personal needs of daily exhaustion, worries and mistakes in the hands of God? Am I responsible, in spite of my preoccupation with personal problems, for my neighbor as well? Do we really need to care where the Detox Center is located in Tallahassee?

As Christians we have at least two directions to attempt in answering such questions: development of ideas about God that meet Bible interpretation and life experiences; and secondly, movement of the mind and body to cope with the "whole mystery of life." As one who faces life like most people, let me suggest some helpful hints: read and study more religious literature. for example, J. B. Phillips' *Your God Is Too Small* would directly deal with my subject in this article. Our library has many more books. Secondly, support your church and Sunday school programs and worship services. If you need something in particular, ask! And thirdly, seek and you shall find. This is an old scripture that has present day meaning. Your church may not offer everything you need. The church cannot always be all things to all people. But we can give guidance. Try us and see!

Sense of History Permeates Mother Church of World Methodism

By Linda H. Yates

It was only a few minutes' ride from Russell Square to Old Street Station on the London Underground, which criss-crossed the inner city unhampered by traffic. We rode up a steep escalator, hastened through the wind tunnel of an underground station and climbed still more steps to the sunshine of Old Street and City Road.

At 10 o'clock on Sunday morning, we had that part of the city nearly to ourselves. As Bob and I looked first in one direction and then the other, a kind older lady, herself on the way to church, inquired if we needed some help with directions.

"Wesley Chapel? It's straight ahead on the left. You can't miss it."

The Mother Church of World Methodism has no towering spires nor imposing exterior. Leave those to Westminster Abbey where England crowns her monarch or to Westminster Central Hall, largest Methodist preaching place in Great Britain directly across the street from the Abbey.

The brick and stone building at 49 City Road which John Wesley occupied as pastor in 1778 is, in his words, "perfectly neat but not fine." It was enriched later with Victorian stained-glass and monuments to Methodist worthies, clerical and lay, with somewhat pompous inscriptions. "Wesley would be horrified," a retired minister of Wesley Chapel told us later when he pointed out the monuments to us.

The wrought iron gate stands open to passersby and John Wesley's statue is there to greet you in the center of the courtyard. The statue was erected with funds collected by the children of Methodism, the inscription says. (A similar one was erected in Wesley Square in Savannah, Georgia, a few years ago to commemorate John Wesley's bringing Methodism to the Georgia Colony.)

Others began to appear in the courtyard—a couple from Orlando, a man from Atlanta—like us on a pilgrimage to worship at the Chapel where the social principles of Methodism were fashioned and carried aboard by John and Charles Wesley. In the 1970's its minister, the Rev. Birtwhistle, had visited Florida to ask for donations to help restore the buildings. Contributions from Methodists around the world made complete restoration of the Chapel possible. In 1978 it was reopened at a service attended by the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

The Rev. Dr. Ronald C. Gibbins appeared and invited us inside. Today the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, would be celebrated. There would be a baptism service for the granddaughter of the late Rev. Birtwhistle. He hoped we would join the congregation for coffee after the service. There would also be a lunch programme, followed by a Wesley Walkabout, which would be led by

the Rev. Douglas Wollen, church historian.

Apparently the warm hospitality of Wesley Chapel is an "every Sunday" procedure, and no wonder! In addition to the members there on May 11, there were visitors from ten of our states, Australia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, and the Methodist Bishop of Brazil.

Ushers in robes (some of them women) handed us small hymnals (just the verses, no musical score) and another small book with the order of worship. The Rev. Gibbins gave the morning sermon from the same three-decker pulpit used by John Wesley, in the center of the church before the altar. He prayed for the safety of the American hostages in Iran and thanked God for the courage of the British Special Service that had freed hostages being held at the Iranian Embassy in London five days earlier. There was another hymn and then the offering was taken. To my surprise the minister and his associate each came down an aisle, shook hands with the person sitting on the end of each pew and said, "May Jesus Christ be with you." The person on the end then shook hands with his neighbor and passed on the greeting.

Then it was time for communion. We gathered two and three deep around the altar as the ministers lifted the same silver chalice to the lips of each person. As each accepted the bread and wine, he returned to his seat and another stepped forward. We were having our own "World Wide Communion" that morning, there at the altar where John Wesley had declared the world is my parish and told those who would be his brothers: "The best of all is God is with us."

Seven Trinity Members Honored as Volunteers

Seven members of Trinity were among 1980 Volunteer of the Year Nominees honored by the Tallahassee Democrat and Voluntary Action Center of United Way on May 14.

Emily Ann Zimmerman was presented an award as School Volunteer of the Year. She spent more than 100 hours working on school rezoning plans. She is president of the Kate Sullivan Parent-Teacher Association and is a mathematics tutor.

Others honored at the awards luncheon included Dr. Ruth Dales, Gail Hock, Ann Lumsden, Gail Clark Selvaggio, Benson Skelton, Sr., and Judith Clay Walker.

The Rev. Gene Zimmerman was also recognized for service to clients of HRS, District II, during National Volunteer Week on April 23.

Used Postage Stamps Wanted for Hungry

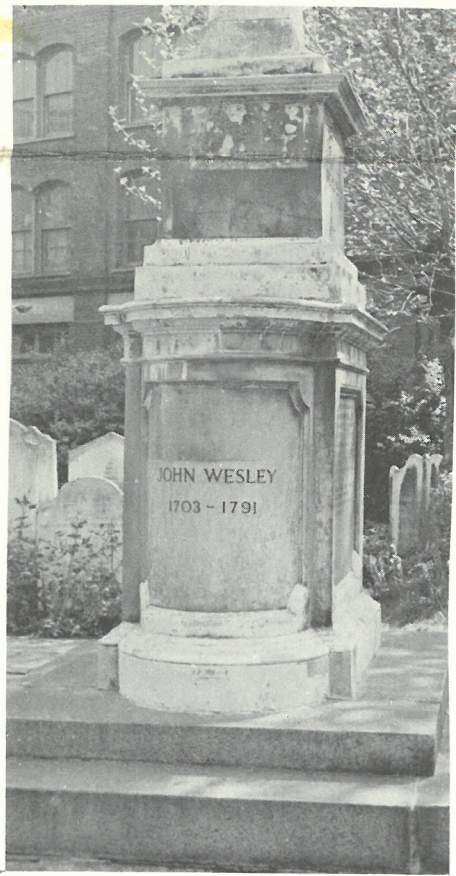
Used foreign and American postage stamps are being collected by Mrs. James McAdams, chairman of UMW Christian Global Concerns and chairman of UMW Circle 12, for the Salvation Army's "Food for Stamps Feeding Program."

Persons with stamps to contribute are urged to give them to Mrs. McAdams or another member of UMW and they will send them to the Salvation Army in Louisville, Kentucky, where the project is being coordinated.

The stamps are sold to collectors. Every \$1 serves 10 plates of food to undernourished children of Bangladesh. Stamps should have ¼ inch of the envelope showing, but those removed from the paper are also acceptable when untorn.



Wesley took over a government arms foundry as his London headquarters in 1738. The brick and stone building at 49 City Road which John Wesley occupied as pastor in 1778 is, in his words, "perfectly neat but not fine." It was enriched later with Victorian stained-glass and monuments to Methodist worthies, clerical and lay, with somewhat pompous inscriptions. "Wesley would be horrified," a retired minister of Wesley Chapel told us later when he pointed out the monuments to us.



Behind the chapel is a small walled graveyard, in the center of which is Wesley's tomb, for (unlike his more conventional brother) he chose to be buried among his workers in "unconsecrated" ground. Although a monument in honor of his mother, Suzannah Wesley, stands in the front courtyard, she is buried in Bunhill Fields, cemetery across the street. There too are the graves of many nonconformist heroes, including John Bunyan, Isaac Watts and Daniel Defoe.



WESLEY'S HOUSE
JOHN WESLEY LIVED AT 47, CITY ROAD FOR THE LAST TWELVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE. THE ROOMS HE OCCUPIED ARE NOW PART OF A MUSEUM WHICH CONTAINS THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF WESLEYANA IN THE WORLD. IT IS OPEN TO VISITORS ON WEEKDAYS FROM 10 a.m. TO 1 p.m. AND 2 p.m. TO 4 p.m. ... OR BY ARRANGEMENT.

A few feet to the right of Wesley's Chapel stands the simple brick structure where John Wesley lived and in which he died. It is said to be one of London's show places as a perfect "period piece" reflecting Wesley's discriminating taste. Today it houses a unique collection of "Wesleyana"—furniture, books, china, personal belongings and a famed portrait of Wesley. In a small bedroom where he died in 1791, is a closet, with a narrow window looking out over the back garden. Here he went for early morning prayer and meditation. Though structurally sound, the house is in need of further restoration.

Clemons Class to Meet

The Florence Clemons Sunday School Class will meet Saturday June 7, at 3 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Hostesses will be Mary Elizabeth Black, Aultie Foster and Doris Jett.

Wesley Brotherhood Elects

The Wesley Brotherhood Sunday School Class reelected Benson Skelton as its president for 1980-81. The 20-member class also reelected its other officers: Rufus Jennings, vice president..... and Craig Puckett, secretary and treasurer.

Trinity Welcomes New Members

Trinity welcomes the following new members who joined on May 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Mills (Sue) 2013 Cynthia Drive, 32303, phone 386-7374, come to us by transfer of their membership from First United Methodist Church of Cairo, Georgia.

Miss Erin A. O'Neal 2331 Moon Lane 32303, phone 386-2685, comes to us from First Baptist Church, Donaldsonville, Georgia.

Mr. Ernie MacDonald, 718 E. College Avenue, 32301, comes to us on profession of faith.

Miss Nancy Hudson, 1112 S. Magnolia, Apt. B-104, 32301, phone 878-6920, comes to us by transfer of her membership from First United Methodist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

Mr. John R. Lutz 1852 Ivy Lane, 32304, phone 575-7071, comes to us on profession of faith.

Summer Calendar

Vacation Church School
June 23-27
Time 9:00-12:00 daily
Age 2 through 3rd grade

Day Camp
July 7-10
Time:
Monday—9:00-1:00
Tuesday—9:00-3:00
Wednesday—9:00-3:00
Thursday—9:00-3:00
Rising 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.

Family Film Festival
August 3—"A Clown Is Born"
August 10—"Beyond The Next Harvest"
August 17—"The Box"
August 24—"The Cross," "The Lotus"
August 31—"Martin the Cobbler"
(This film was so popular we are repeating it)
September 7—"One Who Was There"
Time: 9:45 a.m.—Place: Gregory Room—Grades 1 - Adult (For those adults whose Sunday school classes don't meet in August.)

UMW Will Assist with Vacation School

United Methodist Women will participate in the Vacation Church School activities, scheduled for June 23-27. Members have been invited to furnish refreshments for children attending Vacation Church School, and to visit daily sessions to observe the program in action. This is a promotional effort for better understanding between the children, parents, teachers and other interested adults in the educational program, as reflected through the Vacation Church School.

Those persons contributing cookies and/or other refreshments may bring them to the church on the dates designated above. Mrs. Elaine Green, phone 385-1665 (evenings) may be contacted regarding quantities needed, scheduling of circle contributions for specific dates and other necessary information to make this phase of the Vacation Church School a success.

Roughton's Rappings

Rap it up. Forty-eight columns and almost five years later it's time to quit. The problem is—how do you quit? How do you say all you want to say? You don't—and I won't even try. What I will do is try to put on paper three strong feelings:

(1) In recent days I have at times been almost overcome with a sense of sadness and loss as I think about leaving everyone and everything familiar. Norman Vincent Peale and Robert Schuler wouldn't be pleased to hear me say that—but then I can't say I've never been displeased with what they say. There is a part of me which rebels strongly against pulling up roots, cutting off ties, severing (or at least putting on indefinite "hold") long nurtured relationships. Why can't we just stay where we know and where we're known? Why stop what has been so good? The feeling increases everytime another box is taped shut or another convenient change of address form ("so your own mail will move with you") is mailed.

(2) At other times there have been fleeting moments of genuine excitement and anticipation (there's hope Peale and Shuler). I mean, how many people get to live on an island? How many people get to help start a new congregation? How many people get to do both at the same time?! At a deeper level, of late I have been several times impressed with the real need for ministers; people specifically trained and "called" to be around in life's most tragic and most joyous moments. I am never more excited about my job, nor is my "call" ever more strongly confirmed than when I am asked to be a minister in those times—and I'm sure there will be plenty of opportunities for that in Boca Grande—or wherever we may go. This feeling grows everytime I look (carefully—'cause Boca Grande's not that easy to find!) at the map or talk to some of you who have been there.

(3) I have an overriding, ever increasing feeling of thanksgiving for all that has happened while we've been here, and love for all of you who have loved us so well. (Now Norm and Rob could really get into this). No wonder Jesus spent so much time talking about cheap words and costly behavior. No wonder he used things like body parts and vines and branches as analogies of love. He knew what you have helped us learn: what better way is there to experience the love of God than through the love of each other—in a community of faith? This feeling was strongest as we celebrated Holy Communion a couple of weeks ago. As I watched you come and go I offered individual prayers of thanksgiving for you—people who had been strangers only a few years ago—and who now are more than friends. We will miss you. "Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all." II Thessalonians 3:16. It's a rap.

Peace, Phil



Trinity's Carol Choir is directed by Shirley Kirwin and rehearses Sunday mornings at 11:30. The choir is pictured here during the Easter season as they prepared to take part in Easter and Palm Sunday worship.

UMW Announces Circle Meeting Times for June

The Executive Board of the United Methodist Women met on Tuesday morning, June 3, in the church conference room. Following the Board session, lunch was served in Fellowship Hall, with members of Circle 3 in charge. The program of the regular general meeting which followed included a presentation by the Rev. Gene Zimmerman of the proceedings of the General Conference which he had recently attended as a delegate. Rev. Zimmerman highlighted several points of interest significant to the clergy, lay members, and other church leaders of the Florida Annual Conference, with specific reference as to their effect on the church life of Trinity.

Plans for Circle meetings for June: Circles 1, 3, 6, 7, and 8 will not meet.

Circle 2 members are planning a covered dish luncheon on Thursday, June 19, with Mrs. Jennings Rehwinkel as hostess, at the Rehwinkel cottage at Carrabelle Beach. All members are requested to meet in the church parking lot by

9:30 a.m.

Circle 4 will meet in the Wesley Brotherhood classroom on Tuesday, June 10, at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Francis Black will present the program, using as her subject "Personal Spiritual Growth."

Circle 5 is planning a picnic at Maclay Gardens on Tuesday, June 10. Members are requested to meet at the gardens at 11:00 a.m.

Circle 9 will meet with Mrs. M. M. Ferguson, 1316 Dillard St., phone 385-1645, at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 10. Mrs. G. S. Roberts, Jr., will present the program.

Circle 10 plans to meet at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home on Monday, June 9, at 3:30 p.m. Mrs. Margaret Lynn Duggar will be guest speaker for the program.

Circle 12 will meet Monday, June 16, 7:30 p.m. at the church in the Glenn C. James Chapel. The program will feature a dialogue, relating to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., to be

Board Approves Parsonage Loan

The Administrative Board on April 29 voted to give the Board of Trustees authority to borrow approximately \$34,000, the balance needed to meet construction and furniture costs of the new parsonage on Live Oak Plantation Road and Twin Oaks Drive.

Donations currently being received for furnishings and decorating items will be deducted from the total to be borrowed. A list of furnishings was printed in last month's Tidings so that members of the congregation could contribute to specific items.

Receipts from sale of the old parsonage, interest earned in the interim, and gifts total \$127,568. Building, expenses, and furnishings will cost \$161,200.

presented by Mrs. Lena Herold and Mrs. Norma DeRuyter, both of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Circle 13 is planning to meet with Mrs. H. E. Helton, 1142 Circle Drive, phone 877-2878, on Tuesday, June 17, at 7:30 p.m.

UMW Recesses for Summer

The UMW Executive Board and general membership luncheons and programs will not be held during the months of July and August, 1980. Following the summer vacation period, the Executive Board and luncheon programs will be resumed in September on the second Tuesday of the month, September 9.

All circles with exception of Circles 10 and 12, will discontinue meetings during July and August, and the schedule of circle meetings for September will appear in the September Monthly Tidings.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH				
Treasurer's Report				
April 30, 1980				
Cash Balance				\$18,687.62
Plus April Receipts				
On Pledges	\$21,941.50			
Plate Offering	984.22			
Kitchen/Food	439.08			
Misc./Special	430.00			
Church School	342.02			24,137.50
Non Budget Receipts				3,463.55
Total Funds for month				46,288.67
Less disbursements during month				29,835.05
Total funds April 30, 1980				*\$16,453.62
*Plus \$1,000 on deposit with Tallahassee Federal				
DISBURSEMENTS				
Budgetary				
Benevolences	\$5,359.00			
Ministerial Support	5,015.52			
Lay Salaries	5,905.02			
Promotion/Program	1,448.73			
Office	1,658.54			
Property	7,423.50			
Miscellaneous	78.30			26,888.61
Non Budgetary				2,946.44
Total disbursements for April				\$29,835.05
Checking Account Monthly Receipts & Disbursements				
	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance	
Cash Carry-over				\$20,832.28
January	\$32,827.47	\$18,142.10		35,517.65
February	22,078.35	47,017.21		10,578.79
March	41,248.09	33,139.26		18,687.62
April	27,601.05	29,835.05		16,453.62

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