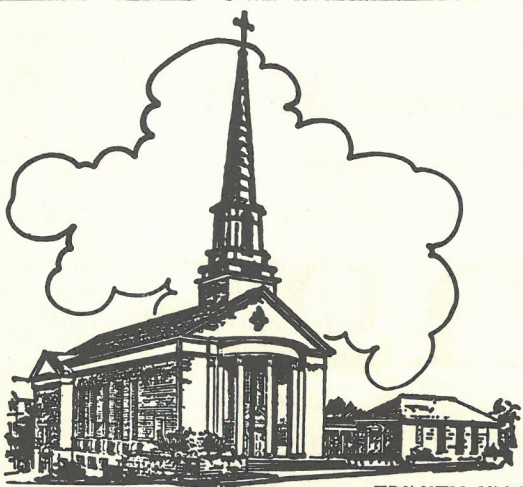




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Monthly Tidings

EARL HUNT ELECTED FLORIDA BISHOP

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., presently the spiritual leader of the Nashville Area of the United Methodist Church, has been appointed as the Resident Bishop of the Florida Area for the 1980-1984 quadrennium. Bishop Hunt has served in the Nashville Area, which includes Memphis and Tennessee Conferences, for the past quadrennium.

"It is an honor to be assigned to the Florida Area," said Bishop Hunt, "I consider Florida to be one of the most exciting and promising areas in the entire church." The Bishop also expressed his great joy at being assigned to follow one of his closest friends, Bishop Joel D. McDavid.

Hunt commented on the tremendous growth prospective in Florida as well as the entire Southeast, and felt that this was a great challenge.

The new Bishop describes himself primarily as a pastor, no matter what the assignment. He shared that he had loved every job that he had held in the church, which certainly included a great love for preaching.

Bishop Hunt was born in Johnson City, Tennessee on September 14, 1918, and was educated in the schools of Tennessee. He attended East Ten-

nessee State University and Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Bishop Hunt holds a D.D. from Tusculum College, an LL.D. from the University of Chattanooga, a D.C.L. from Emory and Henry College, and a D.D. from Duke University.

Hunt was ordained an Elder in 1945 in the Holston Methodist Conference. His ministry has included pastorates in Atlanta, Kingsport, Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee and Morristown, Tennessee.

In 1956 Hunt was inaugurated the President of Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, and served in this capacity until 1964, when he was elected a Bishop in the United Methodist Church. He was assigned to the Charlotte Area, and served with distinction for twelve years.

Bishop Hunt says that he considers himself an evangelistic and an educator.

On June 15, 1943 he was married to Mary Ann Kyker, also of Johnston, Tennessee. "We literally grew up together" shared Bishop Hunt, "and went all the way through school together." They are the parents of one

son, Earl Stephen Hunt, 31, who is serving this summer as a Research Consultant for the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Bishop Hunt is just completing two quadrenniums as a member of the General Council on Ministries, and will be serving for the 1980-1984 quadrennium on the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. He is also a Member of the Executive Committee of the Council of Bishops, and on the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council.

Hunt has served in all areas and levels of the United Methodist Church, as well as on many College and Community organizations.

In a recent book written by Bishop Hunt entitled "I Have Believed" he expressed some of his thoughts on The Christian Ethic. "I believe, he wrote, "with all my heart that salvation is social as well as personal. It

begins of course with the vertical dimension — a person's relationship to Almighty God through Faith in Jesus Christ, but it surely does not end there. There must come then the man or woman's relationships with his or her fellow human beings. To be converted to Christ involves not only saving faith in the Redeemer's death, but a total and complete change of mind and perspective where life itself is concerned."

"I believe," he continued, "that evangelism is the primary task of the Christian Church in any generation." "A proper and effective evangelism for the 1980's must be intellectually and theologically respectable, psychologically and socially aware, and must speak to the total human situation, individual and corporate . . . this is far and away the most important aspect of the church's mission."

Palmer Williams to Head Stewardship Effort

By Dean Bunch, Editor

Palmer Williams has been appointed as Trinity's 1981 Stewardship Chairman to coordinate the fulfillment of the church's financial needs for the next year.

This year will mark a major departure from the efforts of the last few years in that the loyalty dinners will be discontinued in favor of a single Stewardship Sunday in November preceded by a massive education program which will hopefully reach each Trinity member.

David Scotese, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Gainesville, Florida, a professional in the field of church giving, has been retained to assist Williams and his committee in their efforts.

Each work area chairman has been requested to turn in a proposed budget not later than September 1. After those compiled budgets are presented to the Administrative Board at its meeting September 18, the goals of the effort will be agreed upon.

These goals will be equated to the success of the Stewardship program in that the estimates of giving sought are necessary if Trinity is to fulfill its mission as expressed in the plans of each work area.

The program will be explained by Messengers, who will meet with members in neighborhood groups prior to Stewardship Sunday.

Estimates of giving will be collected at the services on Stewardship Sun-

day, the results announced, and an intensive follow-up campaign drive conducted to reach those who have not yet turned in their estimates.

The Administrative Board meeting September 18 will be highlighted by a slide-tape presentation on Trinity's program and brief remarks by Scotese.

Scotese, who will visit Tallahassee periodically during the effort will be paid one-half of one percent of the estimates of giving offered by the membership.

Bishop Hunt Honored at Reception Sunday, September 28

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., newly elected Resident Bishop of the Florida Conference for the next four years, will be honored at a district-wide reception at Trinity Sunday, September 28, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Hosts will be District Superintendent Al Vaught, the District Lay Leader, District Methodist Men President, District UMW President, and host pastor Gene Zimmerman.

Following the reception, conference officials will hold a workshop on conference finance and administration for all local church representatives active in those areas.

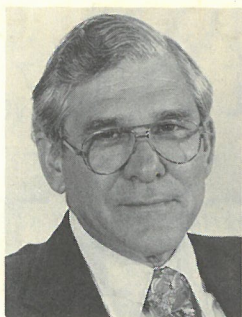
Among subjects discussed will be the conference pension system and conference apportionments.

September Trinity Calendar

Monday, 1st	Office Closed (Labor Day)
Wednesday, 3rd	7:30 P.M.—Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, 4th	12:15 P.M.—Finance Committee Meeting, (Conference Room)
Saturday, 6th	12:00 Noon—Florence Clemons Class, (Luncheon Meeting)
Sunday, 7th	Communion Sunday Promotion Sunday Jr. High Choir to Sing at Worship Service
Monday, 8th	6:45 A.M.—Men's Bible Study
Tuesday, 9th	10:30 A.M.—UMW Board Meeting (Conf. Room) 12:00 Noon—UMW Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday, 10th	6:30 P.M.—Choir Supper 7:30 P.M.—Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 13th	UMW District Luncheon 12:00 (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, 14th	Bibles presented to 3rd Graders Wesleyan Singers to Sing at Worship Service
Monday, 15th	6:45 A.M.—Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, 17th	10:30 A.M.—Bible Study (Conference Room)
Thursday, 18th	7:30 P.M.—Administrative Board Meeting (Gregory Room)
Friday, 19th	Tidings' Deadline
Sunday, 21st	Carol Choir to Sing at 11:00 Worship Service 6:00 P.M.—HEO Spaghetti Supper and Workshop
Monday, 22nd	6:45 A.M.—Men's Bible Study
Wednesday, 24th	10:30 A.M. Bible Study (Conference Room)
Sunday, 28th	Bishop's Reception (District Wide) UMW and Dist. Sr. High Choir to Sing at Worship Service
Monday, 29th	6:45 A.M. Men's Bible Study
Wed., Oct. 1st	10:30 A.M. Bible Study (Conf. Room) 7:30 P.M.—Choir Rehearsal

COMMENT

By Gene Zimmerman



Last month I wrote about a Cuban family who repaid some money I had given to bring them to the United States and be united with their young son.

That was the first time in twenty-eight years that anyone had repaid my money that was given to help them! I never asked for it back, though many good Americans have promised to repay it and write or return as soon as things are straightened out. Neither has ever happened until now. Someone finally broke the record.

She said she was going to Orlando to pick fruit. But how could a woman six months pregnant pick fruit and who was going to take care of her two year old boy? "Where is your husband?" "He left me." "Do you have a home anywhere?" "My mother's in Mississippi but my step-father doesn't want me to stay there. They gave me the money to go to Orlando." "Do you know anyone there?" "No."

With the help of the Abuse Shelter, Social and Economic Services, and the Urban League, we found food, shelter and friends. "I've never met so many nice people before," she said.

The other day she came by full of excitement about a new home, the possibility of a job, and a hope for herself that hadn't been there in years. And she handed me twenty dollars. "That's the money you let me have last month," she said.

That was twice in twenty eight years! Once from an immigrant Cuban and now from an indigent black woman! There's a moral in here somewhere, that these two were the only ones who felt compelled to return and make the money available for someone else who needed it. I'm going back to the New Testament to read more carefully what Jesus said about the outcast and poor. Maybe I can find out why he loved them so.

From the Editor's Corner

By Dean Bunch, Editor

This issue of The Tidings is a significant one because, for the first time in its history, the name of Linda Yates is not on the masthead as editor.

Linda founded the paper more than six years ago and has been its editor every month since. For any of you who have had the responsibility of coordinating any type of publication on a regular basis, you know what a massive contribution Linda has made to Trinity over these years. She has truly fulfilled the service portion of the pledge we took when we joined the church.

But what makes Linda's contribution even more significant is that she has done this work at the same time she has presided over a massive information explosion at The Florida Bar. Linda has served as editor of *The Florida Bar Journal*, the monthly magazine distributed monthly to each of Florida's 30,000 lawyers since 1959.

But during the same last years she has edited (and written much of) the *Tidings*, she has presided over the expansion of the Bar's publications from one monthly magazine to an expanded magazine plus the twice-monthly *Florida Bar News* newspaper.

Each of us owe Linda a tremendous debt of gratitude and those of you who don't have the chance to say thanks in print should do it the next time you see Linda.

Inheriting such a legacy is indeed awe inspiring. If I am to keep up the example that Linda has set, I will need the help of each of you. Trinity is too big and too active for one person to possibly hear about all of its activities.

There is a saying, "If you don't do it, it won't get done." I'd like to take a little poetic license with that and translate it to, "If you don't say it, it won't get said."



LINDA YATES

For every Trinity event, there should be at least two *Tidings* stories, one before and one after. This takes a little planning since the announcement of any event during the upcoming month needs to be turned in to the Church office not later than the next to the last Friday of the month.

What do you say? Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How. If you cover each of these, you will have gotten the message across. Neatness doesn't count; only the printer and I will see your story. But having your story typed is a must.

If you don't know how to start, give me a call at home after hours at 386-8152, and we'll work on it together. But remember, if Trinity doesn't know about your activity, it's not because the opportunity isn't there.

All communications for the *Tidings* should be turned in or mailed to the church office or the *Tidings* box in the breezeway 1st floor beneath the office.

Mustard Seeds

By Liz Smith

Reach Out . . . Reach Out and Touch Somebody

Mark 5: 24-30—"And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. And there was a woman who had had a flow of blood for twelve years and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. For she said, 'If I touch even his garments I shall be made well.' And immediately the hemorrhage ceased; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone forth from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my garments?'"

Did I happen to run into you sometime during the past few weeks, perhaps at the grocery store, or in a meeting, or maybe we talked by phone? You probably said, "Hi Liz, how are you?", and I'm sure I replied, "Fine thanks, and you?" Did you know that I was lying; that my heart felt like it was breaking into a thousand pieces? I wanted to put my head on your shoulder, feel your arms around me, your strength bolstering my weakness; I wanted to pour out my confusion and pain to you over the phone and hope somehow you could ease the ache.

I didn't confide in you, even those of you I feel the closest to, because there are simply some things that happen to us, in this case to a child, or to a friend, that are too deeply personal to share. It's alright now . . . I'm honestly "Fine, thank you", but it made me so aware, all over again, of how little we really know of the joys and sorrows, the anguish and triumphs and the deep needs of the people we encounter every day, strangers or good friends!

I've always loved this story from Mark that is quoted above; in part, I'm sure, because I'm a firm believer in touching people. I grew up in a very affectionate family and now, in our own home, hugging plays a big role; even our golden retriever gets her share! I so appreciate the television commercial promotion long distance telephone calls: "Reach out, reach out and touch somebody. . ."

So this woman reached out and touched Jesus, believing that even if she only felt the hem of his robes she would be healed. And in the midst of that huge crowd of people, surging and pushing and pressing in all around him, Jesus was able to perceive the special touch of someone reaching out to him in desperate need. What a marvelous source of hope that should be for all of us; to know that when we come in faith, when his strength and guidance and love are what we most desperately need, he will always be aware of our touch and power will go forth from him to us.

Sometimes we feel he is the only confidant we can have, the sole source of strength and help that we can turn to. But there are many, many other occasions when we can also share our grief and doubt and loneliness and pain with friends, and their love and counsel can help and heal. In those times I'm sure that friends serve as one of the ways God responds to those reaching out to him in faith. But what haunts me is that we get so wrapped up in our own lives and problems, so busy and involved that often we are not aware that people around us have needs and are troubled. Our greeting, "Hi, how are you?", is so automatic that often we are already past them before they can answer! Would we

have time, or be willing to make time, to stop and really listen if they suddenly answered, "I'm hurting and I need you"?

When I was a student years ago I read a poem that was taped up in the elevator in our dorm, and I've never forgotten it:

"If I had known what troubles you were bearing,
What griefs were in the silence of your face,
I would have been more gentle and more caring
And tried to give you gladness for a space. . .
I would have brought more warmth into the place if I had known."

"If I had known. . ." Well, sometimes we can't know the particular problem or situation or pain that fills someone's life at a given moment. But surely we can strive to be more open and sensitive, to treat each other more gently, to genuinely care. We can try to bring warmth and gladness with us where we go, so that when people need and want help they will know, as this woman knew, that if they can reach out we will feel that touch and respond.

The lovely thing for me was knowing that if I could have come to you, you would have been there. Reach out . . . reach out and touch somebody.

Admin. Board Set

The September meeting of the Administrative Board will meet on Thursday, September 18, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. in the Gregory Room. Please note that this is a Thursday night instead of our regular Tuesday night. The reason for scheduling on a Thursday is so we can hear a special guest speaker, Rev. David Scoates, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Gainesville, Florida.

New UMYF Schedule

Beginning September 14, the M.Y.F. schedule will be as follows:

- 5:00 Recreation
- 5:30 Jr. High Choir (with Shirley Kirwin)
Sr. High Program
- 6:15 Snack Supper and Announcements
- 6:45 Sr. High Choir (with Shirley Kirwin)
Jr. High Program
- 7:30 Joint Benediction

There will be a small charge for snack suppers (probably \$.50). There will be one Sr. High and one Jr. High afterglow each month. Please contact Cheri Lewis, phone 385-5770, if you could have an afterglow at your home.

HEO Office Hours Set

Starting Tuesday, September 2, the Helping Each Other Office will be open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lori Steinmeyer will be working in the office during those hours to coordinate visitation.

UMW Meeting Scheduled September 9

Trinity United Methodist Women will resume activities on Tuesday, September 9, beginning with what promises to be a most interesting and informative program for the general membership session, planned by Mrs. May Hamilton, Supportive Community Chairman.

Following the noon luncheon, with Circle 6 as Hostesses, Dr. Gayle Hamilton of Washington, D. C., will speak on the subject "Women in Transition." Dr. Hamilton presently serves as a consultant on alcoholism with the Federal government, the Women's Center in Tallahassee being one of several programs in which she has served. A good attendance is anticipated. Come and bring a friend!

Prior to the luncheon and general membership meeting, the UMW Executive Board will meet at 10:30 a.m., Sept. 9, in the church conference room. All members of the Board are urged to be present.

Circle meetings for September are scheduled as follows:

Circle 1 will meet at 10:00 a.m., Monday, Sept. 15, with Mrs. E. R. Hafner, 1126 Seminole Drive, phone 877-7428. Mrs. Carolyn Brock Wilharm will be co-hostess.

Circle 2 will meet Monday afternoon, Sept. 15, at 2:30 in the church conference room. Mrs. Jesse Smith and Mrs. R. I. Denmark will be co-hostesses. Mrs. Kittie May Taylor, in charge of the program, will present a book review and slides.

Circle 3 will meet with Mrs. Carlton Rhodes, 811 Laurel St., phone 385-

2087, on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 10:00 a.m. Study of the Parables will be continued.

Circle 4 will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10:00 a.m. in the Wesley Brotherhood Classroom. Plans for the program are under the direction of Mrs. Albert LeDuc.

Circle 5 is planning a luncheon and program at Wakulla Springs on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Circle 6 plans a luncheon meeting at the Lake Talquin cottage of Mrs. F. E. Steinmeyer, Jr., on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Mrs. Clarence Edney will serve as co-hostess. Circle members will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m., and the church van will be used for transportation to Lake Talquin.

Circle 7 will meet with Mrs. R. B. Stamey, 500 Truett Drive, phone 385-8314, on Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 10:00 a.m., with Mrs. Allison White assisting as co-hostess.

Circle 8 plans to meet in the church parlor at 9:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Mrs. Tom Guilday and Mrs. William Mickler will be co-hostesses.

Circle 9 is planning to meet at the home of Mrs. Robert Peirce, 2731-174 Blairstone, phone 878-4086. The program, a book review, will be presented by Mrs. Louis Beall.

Circle 10 will meet at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home on Miccosukee Road, Monday, Sept. 8, at 3:30 p.m. Circle 2, under the direction of Mrs. Jennings Rehwinkel, Chairman, will present the program.

HEO Workshop Sept. 21

Sunday, September 21 is HEO's Congregational Workshop. The workshop starts at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our HEO ministry is holding this workshop to inform the church membership about the supportive efforts being made in our church family.

The workshop will begin with a spaghetti supper at 6 pm prepared by Miriam and Bob Peirce and Jane and J. P. Love. Cost for the supper is \$2.00 for adults and \$.50 for youth including MYFers. Profits will go for the support of the HEO office.

Music Notes

By Jim Davis

Here begins a new item in *The Tidings* which will be devoted to news about the musical life at Trinity Church. Many members of the congregation frequently express an interest in the choirs and appreciation for the music they hear every Sunday. It seems appropriate, therefore, to have a monthly column centering around news of choir events, notice of forthcoming music, and a few notes about the music we may be singing, or playing.

With summer vacations coming to an end and a new and vital year in the life of the Church beginning, we look forward to preparing new anthems and studying and polishing major choral works for Christmas and Easter. Most of all, there is the anticipated pleasure of joining together to indeed "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

The Chancel Choir has two exciting prospects for the fall. One is that we will again join forces with our Presbyterian friends next door for our Christmas presentation, and the second is that we will be singing in new choir robes. The tattered edges, uneven hems, gaping holes and broken zippers can no longer be disguised.

This summer has been a good one for music at Trinity. In what is usually a "slack" period, we have kept the choir together for Sunday worship services and provided an anthem each Sunday. In addition to our excellent soloists from within the choir, we have had two superb soloists come as guests. Violinist Sylvia Howell provided lovely service music on July 27 and tenor Walter Richards, lifted us to great heights on August 17. This fall, Walter is taking a new position as leading tenor with the Linz (Austria) Opera Theater. Projections for September include a visit by a brass ensemble and a harpist.

Finally, I cannot pass up the opportunity to make an appeal for new choir members. The Chancel Choir truly is not a "closed" club, limited only to great musicians. The beautiful sounds are the result of dedicated hard work by people of talents both great and small. If you think you might enjoy serving the Lord as a choir member, please join us for a Wednesday evening rehearsal very soon. There are open spots in every section, just waiting for you.

LAY LEADER CITES PLANS FOR YEAR

Each month the Tidings will highlight a leadership position at Trinity, inviting the member filling that position to let the membership know what his/her responsibilities are and the plans for the upcoming months.

Walter Funderburk is Trinity's lay leader.

By Walter Funderburk

According to the Methodist Discipline, the Lay Leader is elected by the Charge Conference for the following responsibilities: (a) membership in the Charge Conference, the Administrative Board, the Council on Ministries, and the Committee on Finance where, along with the pastors, he shall serve as an interpreter of the actions of the Annual Conference and its boards and agencies; (b) continuing involvement in study and training opportunities to develop a growing understanding of the church's reason for existence and the types of ministry that will most effectively fulfill the church's mission; (c) assisting in the interpretation of the role of the local church in the community; and (d) alerting the Administrative Board and its Council on Ministries to the opportunities available for more effective ministry of the Church through its laity.

Current meetings to consider are the annual Laymen's Retreats which will be held at the Spiritual Retreat Center near Leesburg each weekend in October. Programs begin Friday with dinner and end Sunday morning. Men can attend all the programs, even if they should find it necessary to stay at a nearby motel due to the Retreat facilities being filled.

Lake Junaluska is the site of the

International Prayer Fellowship meeting October 10-12. This is a small, dedicated organization, and the mountain scenery of North Carolina is beautiful in October.

Leesburg Couples' Spiritual Retreats for 1981 are already scheduled for April 24-26, May 1-3, and May 15-17. All types of camp sites and hook-ups for mobile units are available, as well as living and dining at the Life Enrichment Center. Noted speakers have been secured for each weekend. Reservations with deposit need to be made soon. Information is on the bulletin board.

The second Sunday in October is Laymen's Day, and the worship services at Trinity will be conducted through the participation of several lay persons, special music, and guidance from the ministers. Ernest Menendez will deliver the message at both the 8:45 and 11:00 o'clock services.

Check the bulletin board in the Wesley Fellowship Hall and The Tidings for other activities in which you may be interested.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will resume Monday, September 8 at 6:45 A.M., with a light breakfast in the Parlor followed by a meeting in the Conference Room with Reverend Eugene Zimmerman to decide what we will study.

All interested men are invited to participate.

Christian Education Comments

By John Green

The Sunday School Movement Two Hundred Years

I will not attempt to cover two hundred years, in this short article! However, a brief history is necessary. In 1780, Gloucester, England, Robert Raikes began what was known as the "Ragged School". On Sunday, he taught illiterate children. The program consisted of reading, writing and arithmetic and Bible lessons. The purpose was to prepare children for an intelligent Christian life. These children were of the low income class.

These Sunday Schools did not receive an immediate welcome. What if these "ragged children" became educated and did not wish to keep their "humble" place in society? Also, the ministers of the Christian faith were upset that the laity were setting themselves up as "teachers" with no religious authority or training.

There was an enthusiastic acceptance from the churches that came into the evangelical revival or had been influenced by it. These included the people who followed Wesley and

George Whitefield. Very quickly the Sunday School lost its personality as only a school for the illiterate children and became a school for church families and non-church families. This was the form Sunday School took in America quickly after its origin in England. As early as 1790 Sunday Schools were sanctioned by the Methodist Conference of South Carolina.

The Sunday School movement in America received opposition from clergy too. The opposition was so heavy that in 1824 the American Sunday School Union was founded and no ordained minister was allowed to serve on it! Many of these Sunday Schools later grew into churches.

One characteristic of the Sunday School movement was commitment on the part of laity. If we could focus our Sunday School activity on regular attendance then our commitment to the program would be more rewarding. We have 200 years of commitment to follow so let's celebrate with a commitment to attending our Sunday School regularly.

Singing and Ringing News

By Shirley Kirwin

As we begin a new choir year at Trinity, we hope to have even better and bigger children's and youth choirs. We have lots of plans and dreams for the year and hope everyone will become involved in its program. Like last year, each choir will have a special fun outing a month and will perform at least once a month starting in October. The 8:45 communion service will belong to the Jr. High (Chapel Choir) each 1st Sunday, with the New Life Singers helping at times as well as being in charge of the fourth Sunday (8:45) service. At 11:00 be looking for the Wesleyan Singers each 2nd Sunday and the Carol Choir each 3rd Sunday.

Future Plans

In December, the Carol and Wesleyan Choirs will present Hal Hopkins', *A Night For Dancing*. Each child will either be an animal in costume or a Bible character. It will be a fun evening the 14th, and depict the true meaning of Christmas. Also on December 21, all the choirs will present their annual candle light service. To end the holidays, the Chapel Choir and New Life Singers will present a contemporary Christmas cantata on the 29th.

Other plans for the year include:

Wesleyan Singers: 1. Weekend trip to Children's Music Workshop in Lake City in the spring. 2. A local Christian children's choir festival with other churches from our community. 3. A children's musical, "Sam", presented at the end of May. 4. Puppet presentation with musical story.

Chapel/New Life Singers: 1. 2nd annual Montreat, North Carolina music workshop (1 week trip in June). 2. Choral tour in July, presenting the musical "Celebrate Life". 3. lots of money making projects for above trips.

This year we hope to make the New Life Singers a contemporary musical group which will share the message of Christ in "now" sounds. If you play the guitar, bass, drums, or other instrument and want to help us get this choir off to a great start, please contact me at 386-7221 or through the church office. We would really like to see this group grow musically as well as spiritually and need your help. (High school or college age preferred but any instrumentalist welcome.)

The rehearsal schedule for all choirs is:

Sundays

- 11:30 Carol Choir (ages 3-6)
- 4:00-5:00 Wesleyan Singers (grades 2-5)
- 5:00-5:30 MYF Recreation
- 5:30-6:15 Chapel Choir (Jr. High Choir) Sr. High MYF
- 6:15-6:45 Snack Supper (Jr. & Sr. High combined)
- 6:45-7:30 New Life Singers (Sr. High Choir) Jr. High MYF

Special Thanks

During my first year with the choirs at Trinity, I have found so many wonderful, willing people who have come to my aid so many times. It's impossible to name everyone who has given their support and prayers, who have been faithful to all our pro-

grams and money making projects, but we want to let you know we appreciate your efforts and say a heart filled THANKS.

There are a special few I couldn't have lasted the year without and want to say a special thank you for your talents: *Carol Marchant*—for accompanying the Chapel Choir and our musicals so faithfully and wonderfully., *Carol Dalton*—for your help in accompanying the Wesleyan choir., *Jeff Dalton and Steven Davis*—for playing the trumpets for "It's Cool In The Furnace", *Judy Levy*—for doing everything from washing choir robes to chaperoning the Wesleyan Choir on a weekend trip. You are just great., *Caroline and Henry Thobois*—for working so hard with the spaghetti dinner, making tickets and the furnace for our play, and a special thanks for putting up with us all on the Montreat trip with the Chapel Choir. We couldn't have done without you both., *Diane Hobblit*—for your dedication and direction with the staging and choreography of our plays., *Mary Warren*—who co-ordinated refreshments for the Wesleyan Singers., *Jim and Rochelle Davis*—for co-ordinating the housing and help in planning the Montreat trip for the Chapel choir as well as much support and help in almost everything.

I know I must have forgotten someone who deserves special thanks and I thank you in my heart. Perhaps the most important people who deserve thanks are the boys, girls and young people who participated so loyally all year, giving of themselves and their patient, wonderful parents. You all have been terrific and I love you each in a very special way.

Youth Choirs Sing For Elderly

During the summer months, the ladies at the Tallahassee Convalescent Center have enjoyed seeing and hearing the young people from Trinity. In July, the Carol Choir (ages 3-6) performed a ten minute program for the ladies as part of their monthly circle. A special thanks to all the children and their parents who shared so beautifully the meaning of love.

Also, in August, several members of the U.M.Y.F. dressed as clowns and sang for the ladies. They also made silk flowers and gave each member of the circle one during the last song as a farewell. A special thanks to Jim Butterworth who beautifully played the guitar for the group, Katy Hinson, Susan Wollschlager, Suzy Brazwell, Lori Steinmeyer, Mary & Brent Byerman for making Monday, August 11th, a little extra special for the ladies.

TRINITY UMYF

By Lauri Fulghum
Youth Coordinator

An exciting summer comes to an end for Trinity UMYFers. The summer unfolded to offer a good balance of Christian service, worship and fellowship.

We kicked off the summer with a swim and ski party at the Ekwall's lake home. Other fun activities of the summer included a trip to Ocala's Wild Waters and recently a skate-in with the District Methodist Churches.

Christian service was an integral part of the summer for Trinity's youth. Ten youth, counselors and Rev. Byerman spent a week in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky repairing the homes of families with sub-standard housing. The mountain venture was exciting as we all realized that people from different areas and cultures can love and care for each other.

Several recent service projects we have participated in include: clowning and singing at Tallahassee Convalescent Home; helping the Cerebral Palsy Foundation move to its new location; and also selling Burger King Bucks to help support the foundation.

Youth Week in mid-August brought the summer program to a close with Rev. Bob Bruce and his wife Debbie leading us through a meaningful four days of Bible study, music and Christian teachings. The theme of the Youth Week, "Finding the Me that I like", was presented in three phases. Finding the me that I like in sharing and serving others, in my Christian family and in my relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The week culminated with a Communion and Commitment service.

Although we see the summer closing we remain open to the new school year bringing many more opportunities for Christian service, worship and fellowship. The Trinity UMYF has got a lot to give!

Gayle Hamilton to Speak

Dr. Gayle Hamilton, nationally known authority on alcoholism, will speak on the subject at Trinity Sunday, September 7 and Tuesday, September 9.

Dr. Hamilton, who received her Ph.D. from Tufts University, in Experimental Psychology, is a consultant on alcoholism with the U.S. Government.

On September 7, she will speak during the Sunday School hour to several adult classes on: "A Christian Looks at the Alcoholic." That evening she will speak at UMYF on "Knowledge is Power." Tuesday, September 9, "Women in Transition" will be Dr. Hamilton's subject at the luncheon meeting of the UMW.

After the luncheon, she will be available for informal discussions.

My Pilgrimage . . .

In a conversation recently someone was telling me about the attitude a particular summer youth minister had towards the youth in his care. I was told how intensely concerned about every single youth he was and how he communicated that concern in such a way that each youth felt it.

He would go to where the youth were to be with them in their everyday life instead of just being with them at church activities. When one of the youth struggled, he struggled with them. When one of them was hurting, this youth minister hurt too. As I listened to the description of this young man's ministry, I saw how his love for each of those youth exemplifies their heavenly Father's love of each of them.

As our society becomes more and more industrialized and urbanized, our lives may become more and more complicated and depersonalized. The type of personal supportive relationships that once existed in neighborhoods and communities have often given way to hectic schedules and isolated living. Loneliness in a crowd is a daily reality that we all face.

Trinity is the largest church I have ever been apart of. As I look out over the congregation on Sunday mornings, I have the continual fear that people feel alone and unloved even in the midst of this Christian community. I fear that they will see me and the other pastors as just figureheads, too busy to care and to be involved in their personal lives. I fear that the love that God has and I have as your pastor for each of you is not seen and felt.

I desire greatly to be able to communicate my concern and God's concern for each of you in a way you can feel as that youth worker did with his youth. As your pastor, I desire to be someone that you know you can turn to anytime, to talk over any problem and to receive support.

I believe God works through the appointive system of the United Methodist Church and has blessed me with the responsibility of the youth at Trinity and the responsibility of being one of the three pastors of this Christian community. The following conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter continually runs through my mind:

When they had finished breakfast Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-17)

I can easily insert my name in place of Simon Peter. I am not just a pastor of Trinity, I am "your" pastor. Each of you please know God loves you and I love you.

In Christ,
Brent

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