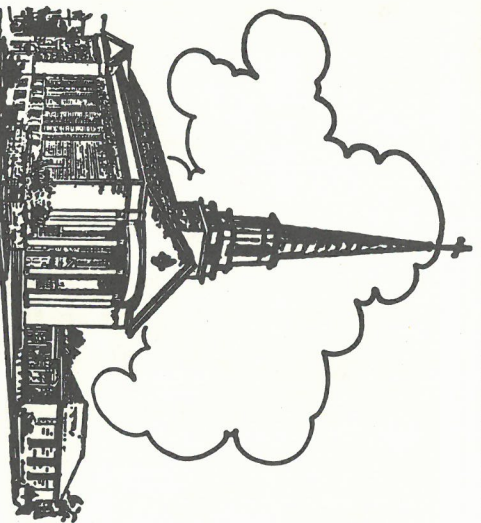




Monthly Tidings

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Committees Prepare for Stewardship Crusade for 1982

Nine committees have begun work on plans for Trinity's 1982 stewardship crusade that will be conducted during the six weeks between October 19 and November 22.

Co-chairpersons Bettye and Tommy Roberts met with committee leaders early last month to explain the schedule and outline each committee's responsibilities. Another executive committee meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., October 22, to coordinate final details.

Goal of the stewardship crusade is to raise \$415,000 to support the ministry and program of the church during 1982. "Together we can" is the theme to be carried out during the crusade. Mrs. Roberts said the crusade will be successful only with the prayers, work and participation of all members of the congregation.

Ernestine and Dick Fletcher, new members of Trinity, have accepted chairmanship of the committee for evenings of sharing. They will be assisted by Martha Ann Proctor, Miriam Pierce and Ruth Ann Williams.

"The evenings of sharing are going to be special times for Trinity members," Mrs. Roberts said. To last one hour, they will feature special entertainment and a dessert social. They have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, and Thursday, November 12.

An advance leadership committee is chaired by Louis Beall and includes Melvin Pope, Bill McKemie and Joe Hughes.

The publicity committee is chaired by Ruth Bass and includes Linda Yates and Walli Beall.

A spiritual support committee, who will plan the prayer vigil for Saturday, November 14, is chaired by Elise Lawton and includes Liz Smith.

Kathy Pope has been named chairman of the hospitality committee, assisted by Cail Hock.

Heading up support services is Sandy Frazier, who will be assisted by Ollie Dawirs and Annie Grace Kennedy.

Clint and Melinda Coulter chair the telephone committee and will be assisted by Walter Funderbark and Sam Draper.

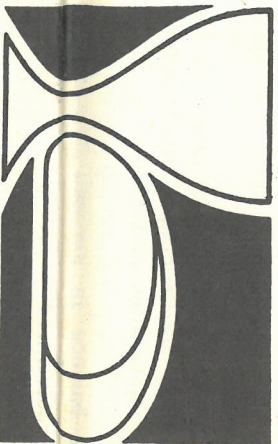
Other committees are Jane and J. P. Love, chairmen of church groups, assisted by Nancy Kerce; and the follow up committee, chaired by Lynn and Georgianna Wollschlager, assisted by Jervey Kelly and Mike Ruff.

Liz Smith Will Speak on Laity Sunday

Mrs. James C. (Liz) Smith will speak during morning worship services on Laity Sunday, October 11, according to Walter Funderbark, Trinity's lay leader.

Best known at Trinity for the inspirational messages she has presented as coordinator for Christian per-sonhood for United Methodist Women, and during the past two years, as author of "Mustard Seeds" for the *Monthly Tidings*, Mrs. Smith has chosen for her topic, "Loving the Loveable."

A native of Massachusetts, Mrs. Smith grew up in Clearwater where her United Methodist heritage encouraged her involvement in youth



World Communion

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Share in special ministries
Share the cup and the loaf

Trinity United Methodist Church will join hands with other Christians around the world on Sunday October 4, to celebrate World Communion Sunday.

Celebrate! One faith, one hope, one Lord, one God. The theme of this ecumenical festival demonstrates that just as Jesus raised his friend Lazarus to life, we can extend the Resurrection hope to persons seeking knowledge, understanding and love.

United Methodists on World Communion Sunday will place offerings on the altar for three service projects. Crusade Scholars will receive 50 percent of the offering. Crusade scholarships are equally shared by more than 50 United States ethnic minority and international students enrolled in graduate and professional schools here and in other countries.

Thirty-five percent of the offering will go for Ethnic Minority Scholarships to provide grants-in-aid for more than 600 United Methodist undergraduates.

Ethnic Minority In-Service Training will receive 15 percent to supply career development assistance to ethnic minority persons considering the professional ministries of the United Methodist Church.



Liz Smith

groups in high school and the Wesley Foundation during her college years at Florida State University. There she met her husband of 27 years, Dr. James C. Smith, an experimental psychologist on the faculty at FSU. Since their meeting at the Wesley Foundation, they have continued interested in that ministry and actively

Seventh Sunday in Kingdomtide
Laity Sunday, October 11, 1981, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

CHORAL INTROIT:

*HYMN NO. 38, "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Henry VanDyke

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Said by all, seated and bowed)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions; wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. CHORAL AMEN.

PRAYER FOR PARDON: Choral Response
SILENT PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Miriam McLarty 8:45
Bob Lunsden 11:00

ANTHEM: "How Great Thou Art" Carl Boberg

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: No. 738, "The Apostles' Creed" Jeb Blackburn 8:45
Christie Davis 11:00

*GLORIA PATRI: No. 792

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Romans 13: 8-11 and Matthew 5:43-46 J. D. Moffitt 8:45
Myron Blee 11:00

MORNING PRAYER: Choral Response
ADVANCE SPECIAL FOR WORLD HUNGER
REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Vernon Parramore 8:45
Bob Pierce 11:00

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

OFFERTORY:

*DOXOLOGY

INTRODUCTION OF LAY SPEAKER

HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 159, "I Am Thine, O Lord" Walter Funderbark
SERMON: "LOVING THE LOVEABLE" Fanny J. Crosby
*HYMN NO. 143, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Liz (Mrs. James C.) Smith
*BENEDICTION: Ray Palmer
Len McKinnon 8:45
Ted Steinmeyer 11:00

POSTLUDE:

Special offering will be taken October 18 for World Hunger

The Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations has designated October 16 as World Food Day. Schools, colleges, churches, and civic organizations in their observance of this day will demonstrate their commitment to ending the scourge of hunger.

Last month following a program on "World Hunger," a small group of Trinity United Methodist Women agreed to identify themselves with the cause, fasting on World Food

Day. They hope that many other compassionate Trinity members will feel moved to observe the day in like manner, depriving themselves and enriching themselves to make an Advance Special offering for the hungry.

This offering will be taken in the regular worship services October 18. Contributions should be clearly marked "Advance Special: World Hunger." It will be directed through the regular mission channels of the Florida United Methodist Conference.

Church Bazaar is December 5 Are You Getting Ready?

By Bob Bass and Jane Love,
Co-chairmen

Can you smell the homemade breads and cakes baking? If so, it is members of Trinity getting ready for our church bazaar on December 5.

The date of the bazaar has been changed from November 21 to December 5 from 9 to 5 so that it does not conflict with Market Day for the Junior Museum.

Sunday school classes throughout the church have been contacted to be responsible for different booths and activities. There will be a country store with all kinds of homemade goodies from the kitchens of Trinity members; a silent auction all day with several items offered at a live auction periodically; crafts of all kinds made and donated by our talented members; and oodles of lovely plants to choose from.

During lunch, the United Methodist Women will be serving bruns- wick stew, and what could taste better on a cold December day?

The bazaar is a joint effort by the Council on Ministries and the United Methodist Women to raise money for our own "Help Each Other," better

Charlotte Bozeman Begins Work on Staff

Charlotte M. Bozeman on October 1 began employment with Trinity United Methodist Church in a new full-time position as assistant church secretary.

The Administrative Board last month approved creation of the position in place of the half-time secretary-receptionist position formerly held by Mary Leslie Drake. Mrs. Drake resigned last month to accept full-time employment with a local travel agency.

Mrs. Bozeman is a member of Trinity and was formerly employed as a public school library aide and secretary. She is the wife of William Edward Bozeman, United States Tobacco Company sales representative, and the mother of a 15-month-old son.

Annie Grace Kennedy filled the position on a temporary basis following Mrs. Drake's resignation. Mrs. Kennedy is now forming a group of volunteers with secretarial experience to supplement the church office staff in times of need.

Couples Invited to Join Marriage Enrichment Weekly Meetings

By Brent Byerman

Over the past several months, four couples have been meeting at Trinity on a weekly basis for the purpose of enriching their marriage relationships.

The book entitled, *The Intimate Marriage*, has served as the resource book. This group has provided a rich fellowship and tremendously helpful insights for the participants.

I have good news for those who would want to be part of such a group. With the support of Trinity's work area on education, one or two new groups (depending on the demand) will be formed beginning the last week in October. These groups will be led by couples who have already participated in such a group.

Whatever length of time they have been married, all couples would benefit from participating in this type of group in a Christian context. There will be no cost except a \$10 fee for

known as the HEO program in the church.

To be a success, every member of Trinity needs to be involved by giving of their time, talents and material goods. For the auction, we need antique, new and used items. Minimum bids will be placed on items as we are sure every person has something of value to give to be auctioned at the bazaar.

Now is the time to begin making something to be sold in the crafts booth, baking and canning for the country store, cutting and potting plants, and thinking of something to give for the auction.

Don't forget Saturday, December 5, for all members of Trinity to join together, and invite all of Tallahassee for a day of fun and fellowship at an old fashioned church bazaar.

Everharts Refurnish Parsonage as a Memorial Gift

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Everhart have made a memorial gift to Trinity United Methodist Church in honor of J. Kenneth Ballinger, who until his death last year was an active member of Trinity for 34 years.

The Everharts have refurnished the Spence Street parsonage in memory of their friend, a practicing lawyer, one time member of the Florida Legislature, and former Miami newspaperman. For many years, Ken Ballinger taught the Sunday school lesson that was broadcast from Trinity over Radio State WTVT.

Margaret Everhart, an interior designer, along with Julian Mathis, of Everhart Interiors, selected furnishings for the parsonage coordinating rooms with flexible styles for families with or without children. Colors were selected to blend with the existing carpet and to encourage rooms to flow one to the other.

The new furnishings were selected to provide a more functional home for the associate minister. They provide a study area for the pastor, including a new desk.

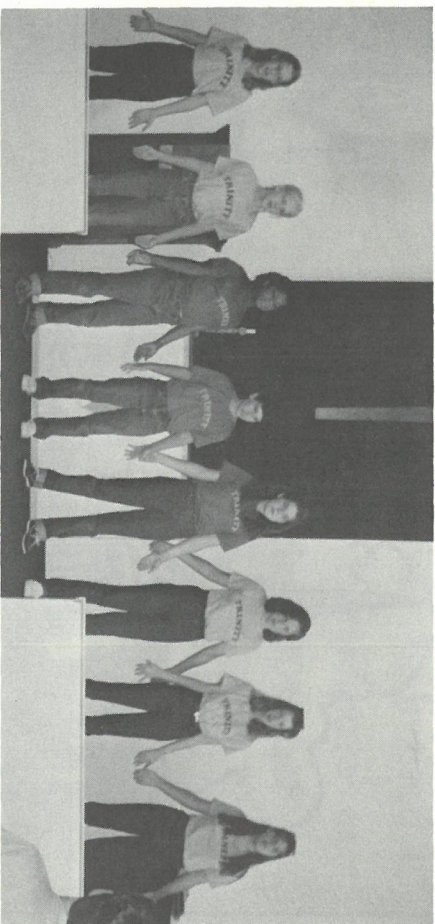
Walli Beall, chairman of Trinity's Parsonage Committee, said the committee "is very pleased with the lovely memorial gift given by the Everharts. Many members of the church will remember the unselfish years Mr. Ballinger gave to our church as they move through this beautiful memorial."

the resource book. A nursery will be available at a small cost.

If you and your spouse are interested in being in a moving enrichment group and would be willing to make a commitment of meeting one evening a week, please contact Brent Byerman.

Sunday Evening Schedule

October 4, 11, 8, 25; November 1, 8
5:00-5:45 p.m.—Adult Hand Bells,
directed by Shirley Kirwin
5:45-6:30 p.m.—Supper
6:30-7:00 p.m.—Songs of Faith, Jim
Davis, leader
6:30-7:00 p.m.—Children's Choir
6:30-7:00 p.m.—UMYF Program Meetings
7:00-7:30 p.m.—Youth Choir
7:00-8:00 p.m.—Study Groups:
1. Bible Study—Psalms
2. Contemporary Issues Study
7:00-8:00 p.m.—Children's Extended
Session
7:30-8:00 p.m.—Youth Recreation



Trinity's Youth Choir performs "Jubilation" at Currie Ford United Methodist Church in Orlando during a summer trip to Disney World. The choir sang the same musical at Trinity on September 13 as the church's first "Come back to Trinity on Sunday night" series. Going on the choir trip to Orlando were Woody Kerce, Kim Kerce, Suzanne Davis, Sarah Trobois, Corla Delton, Patti Davis, Christie Davis, Cindy Levy, Sally Nash, and David Booth. Adults were choir director Shirley Kirwin and youth leaders Mac and Lori Steimmeyer.

New Members Invited to Join Chancel Choir as Fall Season Begins

By Gwen Roberts

The Chancel Choir enters the fall season with renewed vitality and dedication but with a few places to be filled in each section: soprano, alto, tenor, and bass.

Basic qualifications for membership in the choir are willingness to learn, love of good music, and desire for worship through music. Applicants may simply come to Wednesday night practice at 7:30 p.m.

A choir supper is scheduled for the second Wednesday night in each month, furnishing members with good food, fellowship, and homespun humor.

Choir director Jim Davis brings artistry and technique from teaching of humanities and chorals at TCC. His ministry to the congregation seeks a balance in musical style among classical, romantic, and modern selections.

Music for the next few weeks will feature Palestrina's *Praise Be to Thee* written in the 16th century. For this kind of composition a straight tone is called for—soft, clear and transparent, much like the choirboys heard in a cathedral. It will sometimes be heard from the balcony.

Romantic music is best loved by both the choir and the congregation, says Davis. Pre-1916 Russian composer Gretchnoff's *Gladsome Radiance*, sung on September 27, is emotional and full of the feeling of praise. It allows the director much liberty of interpretation in expressing worship. These 19th century compositions are full of lovely melodies, meaningful texts and rich harmonies.

Modern music is presented in *A Song of Praise* by Sue Ellen Page and *Praise and Thank the Lord* by Geomanne. It is characterized by rhythm changes, dramatic climax and exciting harmonies.

Many beautiful selections from the

The Editor's Corner

Taking back a time-consuming assignment when time seems to be the most fleeting and frequently your most precious possession might be accompanied by feelings of dread. Because so many of you telephoned, wrote a note or told me in person that you looked forward to my return to this post, I consider it a joy to have the privilege of keeping you informed about our church.

The year off was renewing. My personal thanks go to Dean Bunch for his willingness to serve as editor during 1979-80. As a busy professional, he gave unselfishly of his free time to what was frequently a difficult task of producing news for the *Tidings*. He has agreed to continue as a re-

Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, and Contemporary periods are also included in the repertory. Rehearsals center on preparation of anthems six to eight weeks in advance so that each Sunday's musical offering, simple or difficult, will be carefully studied and learned.

Ar you one of those people who always wanted to sing in a quality choir but held back for one reason or another? Now would be a good time to give it a try. Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Edna Bennett Is New Chairperson For Education

By Carol Kowalski

We have a new chairperson of the work area on Education.

Mrs. Edna J. Bennett has graciously accepted the position of chairperson this fall, upon the resignation of Ann Lumsden. We thank Ann for the beautiful job she did for our church. We are looking forward to seeing Edna in and around our church school.

Edna is married to Nelson Bennett and they have two children: Clarissa and Nelson, Jr. The Bennetts reside at 8312 North Shore Circle. Our new chairperson is talented in many areas, and she is a super teacher herself. Edna teaches biology at Florida A&M University.

She has an energetic team of coordinators and teachers working with her, and we would all be glad to be of service to her as we learn and grow together.

A late note of very special thanks to Marilyn M. Dean and Gail Harris for leading our Vacation Church School this past summer. You were so good—we want you back for '82!

porter and you will see his byline even in this issue.

You, dear reader, must play a role too. You are the reporters. Tell us about your program plans, your class schedules, your speakers, your musical events, your ministry. Each work area and committee, each adult Sunday school class or age level coordinator in the Christian education program, and other groups of the church are asked to appoint a representative of the group as a reporter to the *Tidings*.

Please submit their names to the office, along with information for the November issue. All articles should be identified as to the writer. The deadline for the November issue is October 23.

— Linda Yates

Administrative Board Approves Tentative Budget of \$415,000

By Dean Bunch

The Administrative Board and Charge Conference on September 15 approved a tentative 1982 budget of \$415,000 and directed the Trustees to proceed with the incorporation of the church.

The 1982 proposed budget would be a 14.6% increase over the expected 1981 actual figure of \$362,000. Louis Beall, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the budget, which was compiled from requests from the various work areas. He explained that the figures were subject to adjustment and final vote at a Church Conference to be held December 8.

That vote will take into account the results of the stewardship campaign, whose co-chairman Bettye Roberts expressed her confidence in the church membership being able to fund the proposed budget.

In other action the Board increased the 1981 budget by \$12,098.38, an increase in large part due to an unexpected increase of \$3,000 in utility costs and \$4,250 underestimated Social Security contribution due to a previously incorrect computation.

As chairman of the nominations committee, Senior Minister Dr. Walter Kalaf reported on the nomina-

New Communications Committee Organized

An organizational meeting of a new Communications Committee was held September 16 in an effort to facilitate the flow of information about the church's program and ministry among its members and to develop an image for Trinity in the community as a congregation of people willing and able to share their ministry.

Carol Dadisman, chairman of the committee, presided during a noon luncheon meeting in the conference room. He and the Rev. Dr. Walter Kalaf outlined the scope of the committee's purpose.

A subcommittee chaired by J. D. Moffitt, and including as members, Tom Blalock, Jerry Williams, and Dr. Kalaf, will work to improve Trinity's radio broadcast and to develop the use of television spot announcements and other programming. The subcommittee will also continue taping and distribution of sermons to shut-in members.

The *Monthly Tidings* subcommittee is chaired by Linda Yates and includes Dean Bunch and a representative from each work area and major committee or group in the church. Their work will be reporting for and publishing the monthly newspaper.

Sandra Mowell chairs a bulletin board subcommittee, assisted by Tom James and Martha Chapman. They will coordinate better displays of the church's bulletin boards to explain the programs of the church on an ongoing basis. This subcommittee will also work to have updated information about the church's worship services posted in the city's motels and and hotels.

The Communications Committee plans to meet again at 12:15 p.m. October 27.

tion of Bill Smith to assume the post of church treasurer and Edna Bennett to serve as chairman of the Work Area on Education.

Dr. Kalaf also requested the input of all members on the nominations for next year's committees, whose members will be elected at the December 8 Church Conference.

Eleanor Smith, chairman of the Planning Committee, reported on the demographic and other research being conducted by that committee, whose report will be presented later in the year.

Ted Steinhmeyer, chairman of the Pastor Parish Relations Committee,

recommended the creation of a position as assistant to the minister, which is reflected in the proposed budget, and that the assistant secretary be increased to full-time position.

The board ratified and thanked Margaret R. Everhart for her gift of \$15,000 to the church which was utilized for the redecorating and refurnishing of the Spence Street parsonage.

Upon motion by Dean Bunch, the board decided that the December 8 meeting at which the church budget will be approved and 1982 officers will be elected will be a Church Conference, at which all adult members

UMW Announces October Meetings

Circle 1—Monday, October 12, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Melvin Pope, Jr., 824 Lake Shore Drive E. Mrs. Frank Moor will be co-hostess.

Circle 2—Monday, October 12, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Harold Yates, 1219 Camellia Drive, with Mrs. A. H. Bryson as co-hostess. The Rev. Brent Byerman will be the guest speaker.

Circle 3—Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Albert James, 516 East Call Street.

Circle 4—Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. in Room 100 at the church.

Circle 5—Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Robert Moon, 2824 Old St. Augustine Road. Mrs. Myrtle Mercer will be co-hostess.

Circle 6—Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Allan Jackson, 2104 Lee Avenue.

Circle 7—Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Carolyn Brown, 2108 East Randolph Circle.

Circle 8—Tuesday, October 13, at 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor. Mrs. James Clark and Mrs. Don Mills will be co-hostesses. Mrs. Barbara Sayes will be the guest speaker.

Circle 9—Tuesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Julian Hamilton, 1948 Greenwood Drive. Mrs. G. S. Roberts will review the book, *Inner Eye of Love* by Johnson.

Circle 10—Monday, October 12, at 3:30 p.m. in Tallahassee Convalescent Home, 2510 Micosukee Road.

Circle 12—Thursday, October 15, at 2:30 p.m. in the Glenn James Chapel.

Circle 13—Tuesday, October 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. E. Helton, 1143 Circle Drive.

Apalachee Community Mental Health Services Use Space at Trinity

The Board of Trustees of Trinity United Methodist Church has entered into an agreement with the Apalachee Community Mental Health Services, Inc., a private nonprofit corporation whose services are funded by government grants, private contributions, matching funds and other similar sources, to permit ACMHS to use space in Trinity Hall.

Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., the areas being used consist of the Gregory Room and the associated kitchen, sharing the HEO room, and the full-time use of a room on the fourth floor for an office and counseling room, reports Ernest Menendez, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

The space will be used to administer day treatment activities for adults and elderly that will include social programs, vocational units, counseling and outreach services. All of this will be included in two separately identified programs of Gerontology and transitional services.

The individual clients being served in these programs are referred to ACMHS by governmental agencies, Goodwill Industries, families and other rehabilitative groups. The same group of clients will not be served on

every day. On any given day, the number of clients in attendance will not exceed 20.

While Trinity is making no charge for the use of this space, ACMHS has agreed to make a monthly contribution of \$250 sufficient to cover the estimated costs of utilities and any other operational costs to Trinity which results from the use of the space by ACMHS.

The agreement also provides that ACMHS will, at the end of each day, restore the space being used to its normal condition so as not to interfere in any way with the use of the space for evening or weekend church activities. ACMHS will pay for its own separate telephone service and it has provided evidence that it has adequate insurance coverage to protect Trinity from any liability associated with the use of the space by ACMHS.

The action of the Trustees followed a careful and thorough study of the circumstances and on the strong recommendations of Reverend John Green with whom the initial contact was made, and of Dr. Walter Kalaf, who feels that by sharing this space with ACMHS, Trinity is providing a very significant and worthwhile service to the community.

of the church will be qualified to vote. Without such action of the Board, the meeting would be a Charge Conference, at which only members of the previously elected Charge Conference would be empowered to vote.

After the conclusion of the board meeting, Dr. Kalaf, as presiding elder appointed by the district superintendent to preside, called a Special Charge Conference to order. The sole item of business was to act on a resolution presented by the Board of Trustees requesting the Trustees and a special committee chaired by J. Lewis Hall to proceed to prepare documents to incorporate the church as a nonprofit corporation.

Ernest Menendez, chairman of the Trustees, explained that incorporation would facilitate the transfer of property and other business operations of the church and would also result in better record retention for church documents.

Youth Leaders Plan Program for Fellowship

"The most important goal of youth ministry is to create a Christian fellowship in which youth can play, ask questions, sing, minister, and be ministered to, all in the context of Christ's love," the Rev. Brent Byerman believes.

The adults involved as leaders of Trinity's Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), Reinard and Cheri Harkema, Sandy Frazier, Shirley Kirwin, Mary and Brent Byerman, have developed a program to carry out that goal.

The fall MYF program was kicked off by the Trinity Dinner Theatre on September 13. The youth involved in performing the musical, "Jubilation" were: Patty and Christie Davis, Stephen and Suzanne Davis, Woody and Kim Kerce, Suzy Braswell, Karla Dalton, Cindy Levy, Sarah Thobois, David Booth (narrator), Polly Williams (page turner) and John Thobois (sound engineer). Shirley Kirwin led the production and Rhonda Hock was the accompanist.

A Parent-Youth MYF Orientation Program was held on Sunday evening, September 20. This was an opportunity for youth and their parents to come together for fellowship and discussion of MYF goals.

On September 26, the youth visited Vashiti School in Thomasville, Ga., to better understand its mission. Many of the youth and counselors planned to participate in the Vashiti Walkathon on October 3.

Sandy Frazier led a youth leadership development program on Sunday evening, September 27. On that evening, committees were formed for the new year and officers elected. The new youth council will begin meeting on a monthly basis in October and will be making short-term and long-term plans in the areas of programs, service projects, hospitality and publicity.

All youth in sixth grade and older are invited to join MYF. On Wednesday nights there is a youth Bible study in the Gregory Room, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Every other Friday night, the youth do something for fun together. They have recreation, programs, and youth choir every Sunday evening. Youth also are encouraged to attend the intergenerational evenings beginning the first Sunday in October.

Trustees Vote to Purchase Copier, Document File

At their meeting on August 31, the Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a new copying machine, when funds are available, for use in the church office. The new copier will replace the 3M Brand, VQC Copier, Model 191, now being used. This machine is completely worn out and is beyond repair. It was second-hand when given to the church many years ago.

Ernest Menendez, Trustees Chairman, said a good, dependable copier that will produce good quality copies is a "must" for efficient operation of the church office. It is used to make copies of meeting minutes, material for use at the many meetings at the church, of letters that need wide distribution and for making copies in large quantities of sermons and other written material.

The machine presently in use frequently breaks down, making it necessary for some one to go to a commercial establishment to get copies made. This is very expensive and requires valuable time for some staff person to take the material to and from the commercial establishment.

It is estimated that the new copier will cost about \$3500, including the maintenance contract.

The Board also approved the purchase of a fire-resistant, locking file cabinet to be used for storing and filing valuable legal documents, such as deeds, contracts, trust agreements, insurance policies, mortgage contracts, minutes of the Trustees, Church Conference, Administrative Board, etc. Lewis Hall, one of the Trustees, has spent several hundred hours this year locating, purging, coding, and establishing files for these documents. Menendez said it is of the utmost importance that security of these files be established to protect them from loss by fire and from being removed or borrowed and subsequently being lost or misplaced. This file is estimated to cost about \$1000. The Trustees have included specific amounts in their 1982 budget requests to provide for this equipment.

Benson Skelton Is Outstanding Senior Citizen

Trinity member Benson Skelton has been named outstanding senior citizen of the year by the Tallahassee Jaycees in that group's first annual award honoring someone who continues to be active in retirement.

Claiming to be still "the busiest man in seven states," Skelton has a long list of civic and professional activities to back him up. Last year he was major gifts chairman for the Cancer Society Drive, was appointed by Governor Graham to represent the Second District at the Florida State Fair in Tampa, and last April was named by Rep. Don Fuqua to go to Washington to represent the Second District during the National Senior Intern Program.

Earlier this year Skelton was named senior volunteer of the year by the Tallahassee Democrat and the United Way.

Benson Skelton, his wife Louise, and Benson, Jr., moved to Tallahassee in 1937 from Orlando to become vice president and manager of Tallahassee Bakeries, Inc. He was active at Trinity then, serving on the Administrative Board. They moved to

World Hunger is not out of style – contributions are lagging

EDITORS NOTE: The following letter was submitted by Betty D. Henderson, the Hunger Project Coordinator for the National Division of the UMC's General Board of Global Ministries. Her appeal is for renewed support of one of our church's continuing emphases – world hunger – for which contributions are lagging dramatically so far during 1981.

To the Editor:

I have read recent letters regarding the pros and cons of the impact of cutbacks and block grants on social services in this country. I am painfully aware that the effect comes hardest on those least able to help themselves.

Perhaps it is true that mission agencies became too dependent on federal funds over the past 10 to 15 years, but it is equally true that giving for mission causes did not keep up with the mission needs nor the mission mandate of several General Conferences. The increased use of federal funds did not even enable our mission agencies to keep pace.

Each day across my desk, peering out from paragraphs and crying after the commas, come children without food, elderly persons

without medical care or the means to get it, families who are displaced, men and women ground down with insensitivity and now dare not look up from a well of despair, and all I can do is ask for help.

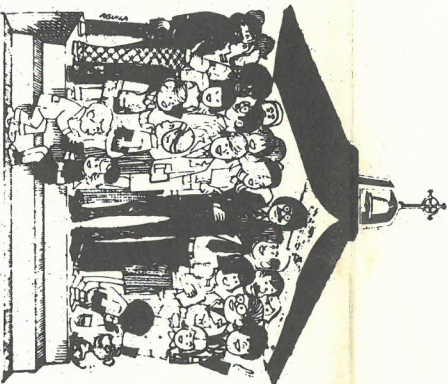
Where is the concern for a Special Emphasis on World Hunger? Less than \$50,000 has been given for the total Special Emphasis during the first six months of 1981 to meet a need of over \$1 million in national mission-related programs alone!

I will not accept the excuse that "World Hunger is out of style," or that "World Hunger is 'last year's fad'!" There must be another way! Literally hundreds of thousands of women, men, children, youth and families come daily to National Division mission-related programs and projects questioning whether the Christ they knew "who nourished spirit and flesh" is still the same.

Jesus is ahead of us in Galilee and we must follow quickly 'ere we lose ourselves along the way!

Betty D. Henderson
Hunger Project Coordinator
475 Riverside Drive
New York, New York 10115

Good things happen to attendance



NASHVILLE (UNINS) — Average attendance at United Methodist church schools during 1980 increased for the first time in 19 years, according to an unofficial report made here.

The Rev. Warren Hartman, executive for the Board of Discipleship's Christian Education Section, said reports from the 73 annual conference statisticians show an overall one-tenth of a percent increase. Attendance among adults increased for the second consecutive year while declines slowed for children and youth.

An authority on denominational memberships trends, Dr. Hartman said the overall increase in church school attendance, though small, is significant. "It's good news," he declared, "because church school trends have traditionally preceded membership trends."

He credits growth in the adult division to an influx of young adults which in turn will bring more children into the church school. Most of the annual conferences showing increases in church school attendance were conferences which actively participated in the denomination-wide "Decision Point: Church School" emphasis, he added.

Atlanta in 1955 when he became president of the Southern Bakers Association, covering 11 Southeastern states.

After retirement they returned to Tallahassee and renewed membership in Trinity. He is immediate past president of the Wesley Brotherhood Class, secretary of the International Christian Leadership Club, director and zone leader of Woodgate Neighborhood Association, vice president of the American Association of Retired Persons, and is a life member of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce.

He is an Elk, Mason and Shriner, and psat president of five major organizations in Tallahassee. The Skeltons enjoy being back in Tallahassee and living near Benson, Jr., his wife Betty Ann and three granddaughters.

Trinity Is Invited To Participate in Social Outreach Council

In an effort to get churches involved in the social problems of the community, the Tallahassee Ecumenical Social Outreach Council was formed by representatives from local Jewish, Catholic, and Protestant congregations.

Janice Thompson, social action chairperson at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, explained the purposes and program to the Koinonia and Betty Piifer Advanced Studies Sunday school classes on August 16.

"Tallahassee is a good place to go to sleep," she said. "We are so comfortable here we close our eyes to the many people who are desperate for help." Ms. Thompson said since the council was formed it receives many calls each day, many referred by Florida Impact, a statewide organization with which the council has been working on the local level.

Thirteen local churches now belong to the council. Ms. Thompson said she hopes other local congregations, including Trinity, will send a representative to the next meeting. Unlike groups that donate funds to the poor to cope with an emergency situation, the council hopes to become a problem solving group to find housing, jobs, and other help of a long-term nature.

This Space Could Be Yours . . .

- To invite others to your Sunday school class.
- To tell others about the special program or project your church circle is planning.
- To tell adults about the new bell choir just for them.
- To display art, poems, etc. done by the children you teach in Sunday School.
- For a book review in which you can tell others about the inspiration you received.
- For a letter to the *Tidings* commenting on what you like about Trinity.

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