



Monthly Tidings

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A Gift for Trinity Members: Refurbished Conference Room

Trinity members who use the Conference Room for meetings, Sunday School Class and Bible study will receive a special gift from the Modernization Committee just before Christmas.

Margaret Everhart, chairman of the Modernization Committee, said the committee's goal is to have the much used room refurbished and refurnished by Christmas, or in January if Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays affect furniture deliveries.

Contributions of floorcoverings, windowcoverings and conference chairs provided the catalyst for additional contributions by members of the church to make over Room 212 adjacent to the church parlor.

Used many times each week for committee and commission meetings, Bible study classes and a Sunday School class, the room has been noted for its poor acoustics and uncomfortable seating arrangement. Its refurbishing was on a list of priorities Trinity's Planning Committee submitted as goals to the Administrative Board last May.

"Those who meet there on a regular basis had expressed a wish for a warmer atmosphere, with more sound control, better lighting and more comfortable chairs for their sometime lengthy meetings," Mrs. Everhart said. "Since the room is used almost daily, the benefits of this refurbishing will be felt by a large percentage of active church members," she added.

Mrs. Everhart said the Conference Room's walls will be painted and covered, light fixtures will be upgraded, solid core doors for sound control will be added and new conference tables and chairs will be provided. Four conference tables will be provided in order that their use will be extended to small, as well as larger groups, by placing them together.

Mrs. Everhart thanked the members of the Modernization Committee for their work in "putting it all together" and to the dedicated members of the church who made it possible by their generous contributions to the project.

Radio Ministry To Be Supported by Offering

A special Christmas offering will be taken this month for Trinity's radio ministry, the broadcast of the 11 a.m. worship service each Sunday over Radio Station WTAL. The cost of the radio ministry is \$5,200 a year.

"This ministry is not only a vital link between the church and our growing number of homebound members, but also one of our most effective means of communication with the larger community," Dr. Walter Kalaf said.

Radio ministry envelopes will be placed in pew racks for convenience of members and friends who wish to participate in this witness to the unchurched.

The Family Christmas Dinner Task Force

invites you to attend

The Family Christmas Dinner
on Sunday, December 12, at 6:00
in the Fellowship Hall

Trinity Family Christmas Dinner Is December 12

A family Christmas dinner will highlight the season for Trinity members at 6 p.m., Sunday, December 12, in the Fellowship Hall.

A taskforce chaired by Linda Clark is planning the evening in which each individual and family of the church are encouraged to participate.

"It will be an evening of Christmas fun and fellowship that you'll not want to miss," Linda Clark said. "We would like for each family or single to bring a meat, salad and vegetable, or a meat, dessert and vegetable, or a meat, salad and dessert. Please include one of your family's favorite Christmas dishes and a notecard identifying the family. Include the recipe if you'd like to share it with others," she said.

The festivities will begin with hot apple cider and singing of Christmas carols. After dinner, the program will include the cherub choir, under the direction of Marsha Weigand, the Wesley Singers, and the Youth Choir under the direction of Mildred Harrison. The nativity scene will be presented by the Cherub Choir.

"The true spirit of Christmas is a time of giving and sharing with others," Mrs. Clark said. "The Christmas family dinner task force would like for each family attending this dinner to participate in the giving of gifts to those in our community who need our help during this Christmas season.

Advent and Christmastide at Trinity

Sunday, December 5, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—The Sacrament of Holy Communion. Dr. Kalaf's topic: JESUS THE MORNING SUN. Advent Anthem: "Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes!"—Hopson. Solo: "Rejoice Greatly" from *The Messiah*—Handel, guest soloist—Janice Harsanyi.

Monday, December 6, 6:30 p.m.—Wesley Fellowship Class covered-dish supper and Fellowship Hall Christmas tree decorating.

Tuesday, December 7, 12:00 Noon—Luncheon Meeting of the United Methodist Women, Fellowship Hall. "Christmas—Sacred or Secular?"—Miki Harrison, assisted by Joan Poulson.

Sunday, December 12, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—Dr. Kalaf's topic: A CHRISTMAS GIFT LIST. Advent Anthem: "There Shall a Star from Jacob"—Mendelssohn. Solo: "The People that Walked in Darkness"—Handel, guest soloist—Roy Delp. New members will be received at the 11:00 a.m. service.

Sunday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.—Family Christmas Dinner, and the special music of Christmas presented by the choirs and musicians of Trinity Church, Fellowship Hall.

Friday, December 17, 11:00 a.m.—Adult Fellowship Christmas program and luncheon, Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker, Dr. Sally Karioth.

Christmas Sunday, December 19, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—Dr. Kalaf's topic: THE POWER TO BECOME. Special Music: "Puer Natus in Bethlehem" (a short cantata for trio and choir), by Praetorius, and "Gloria!" by Pergolesi.

Christmas Sunday, December 19, 5:00 p.m.—Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols, featuring the Chancel Choir and soloists.

Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, 7:30 p.m.—Communion and Candlelighting Service. Dr. Kalaf's topic: THE FAVOR OF GOD. Special Music: "Sanctus," from Gounod's St. Cecelia Mass, (Walter James, tenor, and Choir) and "O Holy Night" by Adam (Judy James, soprano).

Sunday, December 26, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.—FOCUS ON YOUTH, with special music at both services by combined Adult and Youth Choirs, youth ushers and liturgists, and a sermon by the Rev. Brent Byerman.

UMW Circles Plan Christmas Programs

Trinity United Methodist Women will meet December 7 at 12 noon for lunch and program. A musical program will be led by Miki Harrison.

The cost of the lunch is \$2. All circle members and all women of Trinity are welcome and urged to come.

The Executive Board of Trinity UMC meets Tuesday, December 7 at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Members of circles and women who would like to visit and perhaps join a circle will follow the following meeting schedule.

Circle 1—meets Monday, December 13, 10:00 a.m. Kathy Pope is chairman.

Circle 2—meets Monday, December 13, at 2:30 p.m. Myrtle Rehwinkle is chairman.

Circle 3—meets Tuesday, December 14, at 10:00 a.m. at home of Ollie Reece Whittle, 2227 Woodlawn. A special Christmas program is planned.

Circle 4—meets Tuesday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at Trinity, Room 210.

Circle 5—meets Tuesday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at home of Willa Mae Couch, 709 Piedmont Dr.

Circle 6—meeting scheduled for December 14 is cancelled. All mem-

bers are urged to attend the general meeting at noon, December 7.

Circle 7 meets Tuesday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at home of Oberly Brown, 1407 Randolph Circle. The program will be Christmas music by Melodeers from Leon High School.

Circle 8 meets Tuesday, December 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor. A nursery is available at the church.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, December 14, at 10 a.m. at home of Walli Beall, 3715 Bobbin Mill Road. Program will be by Elise Lawton. There will be a salad luncheon.

Circle 10 meets Monday, December 13, at 3 p.m. at Tallahassee Convalescent Home, 2510 Miccosukee Road. Program will be by members of Circle 13.

Circle 12 meets Thursday, December 16, at 2 p.m. in the church parlor. After a brief business meeting, there will be carol singing with "Miss Bessie" Jones, followed by a Christmas Story, a money tree for Methodist Children's Home and a candlelight service. A social hour will follow. Please come.

Circle 13 meets Monday, December 13, at 3 p.m. with Circle 10 at Tallahassee Convalescent Home. Circle 10 members will be hostesses and present the Christmas program.

Bring Gift for ECHO

"We are asking that each family bring a 'white Christmas gift' to be presented at the close of this dinner. These gifts should be wrapped in white tissue paper and will be presented to ECHO," she said.

Items that ECHO has suggested as desperately needed are: any kind of canned foods or non perishable foods, blankets, electric heaters, any clothing particularly—jackets for men and teenage boys—warm clothing for children under six, checks made payable to ECHO (tax deductible), toiletries for men and women, and any kind of toys, but please designate age and sex on outside of wrapping. Anything else will be greatly appreciated, Mrs. Clark said.

Fellowship Hall will be decorated with fresh greenery, candles, and bows. Music will fill the air, and the laughter of children will be everywhere. As you make plans to attend this gala Christmas event, direct questions or suggestions to a member of the family Christmas dinner task force. The members are: Linda Clark, chairperson; Kitty Ball, Margaret Lynn Duggar, Walter Funderburk, George Hensarling, Sally Karioth, Louise Leathers, Jean Young and staff representatives; Miki Harrison, Gayle Jordan, and Walter Kalaf.

Reports To The Annual Church And Charge Conference

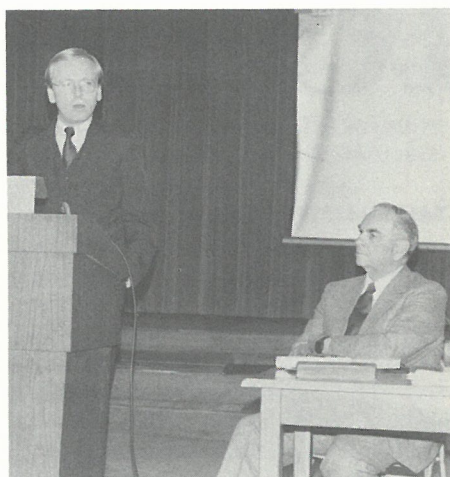
Report of the Senior Minister

By Walter N. Kalaf

This past year has probably seen more intensive planning and intentional change than has any previous year in Trinity's long history. It is noteworthy that the planning process and its implementation have been achieved because of the remarkable harmony with which the components in the process have worked together: the Trinity Planning Committee, the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Finance Committee, the Board of Trustees and the Administrative Board. Because of this harmonious working relationship and the enthusiastic support of our membership, we are months ahead of the most optimistic time-line imagined at the beginning of the process.

For one thing, the past 12 to 15 months have seen an almost total transformation of the church staff. A little more than a year ago we had seven full-time and five part-time staff members. Our present staff includes ten full-time and three part-time staff members. The extent of change is underlined by the fact that five of the full-time staff members and two of the part-time staff members are new.

With the additions to the staff projected in early 1983, given the final approval of our 1983 proposed budget, our staff will number 11 full-time members and three part-time members. More importantly, this staff, present and proposed, combines an extraordinary degree of expertise in



Dr. Walter N. Kalaf

the various areas of program, ministry and administration which comprise the total responsibility and challenge of a modern urban church, with a deep understanding of the faith and commitment to the church and its Lord. The effects of this expertise and commitment are already excitingly visible not only in terms of new programs, but also in terms of increased participation on the part of our members and constituents.

I pause at this point to note that two invaluable persons we claim as staff, but who actually have a quasi-relationship to the staff, are not included in the numbers given earlier: Mallie Slater, HEO secretary, and Mary Blackburn, nursery school di-

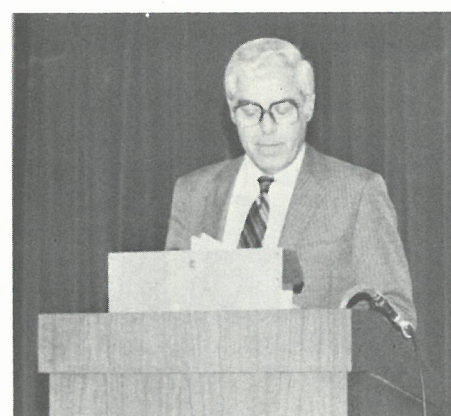
rector. At this point I wish also to acknowledge the extraordinary service rendered Trinity Church over a period of many years by Lucile Shuler, who has served us so well as church hostess without pay and without official title (at her insistence, I hasten to add). She feels she must be relieved of this responsibility, and, therefore, another person will have the title and salary of church hostess beginning January 1. I did not say Lucile would be replaced by another person, for she is irreplaceable. We owe her a great debt of gratitude for a service lovingly, generously and beautifully rendered Trinity Church for a period of many, many months.

The purpose of a church staff, beyond that of enriching the program and ministry of the church with specific kinds of expertise, is to implement and empower the ministry of the laity. A church can be weakened by an extraordinarily gifted staff such as ours if its members come to think that the staff "does" the ministry rather than implements *their* ministry. I and the other members of our Committee on Nominations and Personnel can testify to the fact that this is not now a problem for us. I mention this only because I believe it is something to which we need to be sensitive so that it never will become a problem. Because we now have the staff we have, and because of the willingness of our people to give of themselves in the leadership roles which rightly are theirs and not the staff's, we can look ahead to a year of significant growth in every area of the life of our church.

Particular areas which will need the careful and prayerful attention and concentrated effort of each of us are: (1) increased Sunday School attendance; (2) increased worship attendance; (3) a more intensive program for gaining new members and reclaiming inactive members; (4) more realistic financial support from the significant percentage of our members whose support now is either only nominal or nonexistent.

Beyond these general areas of concern, the specific challenge of 1983 is the modernization of Trinity Hall. The excellent committee charged with the planning process for this is superbly led by Margaret Everhart, and their work is progressing not only well but also ahead of schedule. We look ahead to a capital fund crusade in early 1983 to finance this crucially necessary renovation program, and expect it to be successful under the leadership of Mel Pope, as general chairperson, assisted by Mart Hill and Lynn Wollschlager.

I thank God and you for the privilege of sharing with you the challenge of this particular time in the ministry of Trinity Church.



Administrative Board Chairman William T. Mattice presents a State of Trinity United Methodist Church report to the Annual Church and Charge Conference on November 15. District Superintendent Thomas Mitchell, right, presided over the conference.

State of Trinity United Methodist Church

By William T. Mattice
Chairman, Administrative Board

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church provides that annually the Charge Conference shall review and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. I shall attempt to accomplish this by what is known as a "State of the Church Report."

Let me begin this report by going back two years. In the fall of 1980, the Administrative Board adopted goals which clearly defined what the Board wanted Trinity to accomplish in the next few years. To evaluate our performance in 1982 let me present these previously approved goals to you and highlight our attempts to fulfill them.

Goal number one: To provide environments, programs and activities for nurturing the spiritual life and growth of the members of Trinity United Methodist Church.

On Laity Sunday, our Lay Leader, Kitty Ball, arranged for Dr. Ethel Gray, Florida Conference Lay Leader, to deliver an inspirational message. Laity Sunday is an annual event, offering the opportunity to actively participate in the worship service.

The Council on Ministries, chaired by Dr. Griffith Pugh, continued to seek ways to enhance the spiritual life at Trinity. Within the Council, our staff and lay people are diligently trying to create programs and activities to appeal to a large number of people with various interests. Rev. Byerman continued offering weekly Bible studies to expand participating members' knowledge of the Bible. The United Methodist Women, led by Louise Leathers, continued its many important programs and activities, providing spiritual growth for the

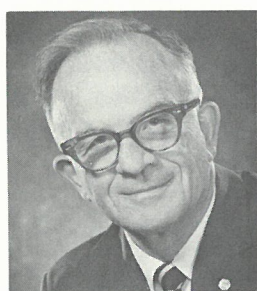
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Report of the Board of Trustees

By Ernest Menendez

This is a summary of the major activities of the Trustees during the year 11-1-81 to 10-31-82.

1. Trinity became a legal corporation on January 19, 1982. The correct legal name of the corporation is "Trinity United Methodist Church of Tallahassee, Florida, Inc." This name should be used on all documents of a legal or official nature. Ownership of all property, both real and personal,



Ernest Menendez, terminating a three-year term on the Board of Trustees, provided "the kind of leadership that is absolutely invaluable," Dr. Kalaf told the Charge Conference.

has been transferred to the corporation by appropriate deeds and/or conveyances.

2. The work of the Trinity Hall Modernization Committee, under the leadership of Margaret Everhart, a member of the Board of Trustees, has been in progress continuously. An architect has been selected and preliminary plans are currently under study and review. Associated with this project is the planned refurbishing of the Conference Room, which has been "cleared for takeoff." Contributions designated for this project have been received in sufficient amount to permit immediate purchase of much of the furniture and furnishings to complete the project at an early date.

3. Two tracts of real property, one a lot on Charlotte Street in Westview Subdivision in Tallahassee, and the other a 6½ acre tract of land along Tall Timbers Road, a short distance southeast of Havana in Gadsden County, have been given to Trinity and have been placed on the market

to be sold as soon as possible at an acceptable price.

4. A complete inventory of all personal property, including furniture, fixtures and equipment not permanently affixed to the building, has been underway for a full year and is now complete. Most items have had a serial number affixed and a complete listing of all items by serial number has been prepared. Also included as a part of the inventory are instructions as to the procedures to be followed to keep the inventory updated and to avoid the need for repeated counts to be made more often than every five years.

5. A Manual of Policies and Procedures has been prepared and adopted by the Trustees. This provides an organized grouping of these policies and permits quick and easy access for reference. This will be especially handy for new personnel, both lay and ministerial, to determine the church's policy in the areas covered.

6. A formal agreement has been negotiated and signed covering the use of the residential structure at the corner of Duval and Call Streets by the Glenn C. Terrell House, Inc.

7. A window air conditioner was purchased and installed in the Sacristy to keep flowers fresh on Saturday nights and thereby avoid the excessive cost of operating the Sanctuary air conditioning all night.

8. A new copier was purchased for the church office to facilitate the preparation of copies of printed materials.

9. A legal size, four-drawer, with lock, fire resistant filing cabinet was purchased in which to file, in an organized manner, the legal documents of the church. It will also serve as the archives for the safe storage of important, irreplaceable, historical documents.

10. The Trustees also handled many items of a routine nature in the area of their responsibilities.

Children's Extended Worship Program Began November 28

With Worship Geared for Three-Year-Olds Through Third Grade

A worship experience geared for children from age three through the third grade began November 28 in response to requests of parents who have wanted such a program for several years.

At its last regular meeting, the Work Area on Education unanimously approved a proposal submitted by the elementary and preschool coordinators and the director of Christian education to offer a Children's Extended Worship program during the 11:00 service.

The consensus of most parents who contributed suggestions, as well as the clerical staff and members of the Work Area on Education, seemed to be that this should be not merely an activity-oriented extension of the Sunday school hour, but a worship experience geared to the particular ages involved. So it was with excitement and anticipation of many blessings for Trinity's children that the first session of Children's Extended Worship was held November 28.

Children's Extended Worship will be divided into two age groups: Pre-school ages 3 and 4, and ages 5 (only if attending kindergarten in school) through third grade. These children will attend church with their parents until the singing of the Doxology, at

which point they will be dismissed to join their leaders in the narthex. They will then be escorted to one of the following learning experiences:

Ages 3 and 4

Meeting place—Felkel-Steinmeyer classroom (Room 330)

Purpose—To provide very young children an opportunity for worship through music enrichment. This includes singing, use of musical instruments, and musical games.

Leadership—1 adult volunteer, 1 substitute, 1 youth helper.

The adult leaders will work with Director of Music Miki Harrison, in securing appropriate resources for this age child.

Ages 5 through 3rd grade

Meeting place—The Chapel

Purpose—To provide a creative approach (at their age level) to children's worship. This will include some structured "order of worship" and a mood of reverence to prepare them for active participation in the regular worship services later on, while simultaneously allowing flexibility for the leaders in subject matter and methods of presentation. The plan is to employ innovative presentation methods (audio-visuals, storytelling, music, drama) and to correlate church school curricula, liturgical seasons, and special days of the church year in preparing topics for study. Some suggested topics have been: parables of Jesus or other Biblical stories, U.M.C. liturgy, U.M.C. history, and symbols of the Church. The current unit of study, under the leadership

of Sheila Merlau, concerns the Advent Season.

Leadership—1 coordinator, 1 adult volunteer, 1 substitute, 2 youth helpers. The coordinator will take a 6-months-1 year term, with the responsibility of recruiting volunteers for the 4-6 week units.

The adult volunteer and 2 youth helpers will work 4-6 consecutive weeks. Subject matter and an outline of activities will be provided to the volunteer in a pre-planning time with the director of Christian Education (the substitute and youth helpers will also be encouraged to attend this training session). The outline will allow enough flexibility for volunteers' creativity, suggestions, etc.

Parents will pick up children in their respective rooms immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

Director of Christian Education Gayle Jordan said a great deal of prayerful thought and work have gone into the initial design of the Children's Extended Worship service, but the key to its continued success will be the interest and dedication of our congregation. "Parents, please prepare your children for this experience and encourage them to take advantage of such a wonderful program. But whether you have children involved or not, no matter what your age, if you can offer some time and love to Trinity's little ones through volunteer participation in the Children's Extended Worship program, please contact the church office," Miss Jordan requested.

HEO Reports

By Mallie Slater

HEO greatly appreciates donations of clothing and similar items, but we have no facilities for taking care of them properly, nor do we maintain office hours long enough to accommodate the persons who are in need of them. Things left at HEO are taken to the ECHO office, 100 East Call Street. Therefore it would be better if donations were delivered directly to this agency. As you know, Trinity contributes to the financial support of ECHO and the donation of clothing, appliances, and other necessities will strengthen our commitment to that organization.

HEO is grateful to several men of the congregation who have responded so graciously when asked to help with transportation and other tasks around the church. Walter James, Ernest Menendez, and Len McKinnon have all assisted during the past month and we appreciate their help.

Our Good Neighbor network is functioning now and we look forward to filling all our vacancies soon. We now have at least one representative in all but 12 of our 57 neighborhoods. We think that is a real tribute to the willingness of Trinity members to be of service to one another. The vacancies are mostly in the northeastern and eastern parts of the city. Give us a call if you would like to be a Good Neighbor.

The December Second Sunday lunch for "solo" church members will be December 12 at Brothers-Three-Beside-the-Sea. If you come to church alone and want to join the group, meet in the staff parking lot north of Trinity Hall right after the 11:00 service.

Adult Fellowship Will Experience Nostalgia Of The Season Dec. 17

On December 17 the Adult Fellowship will be experiencing the nostalgia of the season through poetry and stories that members of the group will bring to share with each other.

Highlighting the sharing of the day will be Dr. Sally Karioth who will display her collection of memorabilia of Christmas and share some of her own reminiscences of the Christmas season. Carols and a Christmas dinner menu will add to the spirit. All retired adults are invited to make reservations for the luncheon. Cost of the meal will be \$2.

The first chartered bus trip for the Adult Fellowship will be scheduled for spring to the new Epcot Center at Disney World. Proposed is a four-day, three-night visit to include not only Epcot but the Magic Kingdom and Sea World as well. Details will be announced at the December meeting of the Adult Fellowship.

Mother's Morning Out Has Room Available For Your Children

The Mother's Morning Out program at Trinity is functioning very well this fall and is providing its usual fine quality of care for children of mothers who feel the need for some time apart. Enrollment has been fairly steady, but there is still room available for several more children, either on a regular monthly basis or on a drop-in basis.

Hours are 9:00-12:00 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The charge is \$3.50 for the morning or \$35 per month. It would assist the program greatly if parents make a habit of calling the church office the previous day if they plan to bring a child, and also if they would fill out the proper emergency/health information forms. Both the congregation and the general community are encouraged to make use of this service.

Chrismon Trees Stand As Visual Fulfillment of Devotion to Christ

By Mallie Slater

Uniquely decorated evergreen trees on each side of Trinity's altar during December will display ancient symbols of special significance to Christians.

Called Chrismon, a word that means Christ's monogram, the trees follow a custom first begun in 1957 under the leadership of Frances K. Spencer at the Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Virginia.

Trinity began the custom several years ago, and continues it this year thanks to a group of Trinity women who made the symbolic decorations by hand.

The decorations are white and gold, and the only lights on the tree consist of small white bulbs to represent Christ, the Light of the World. White is used because it is the liturgical color for purity, and gold accompanies it since it shows forth the majesty and glory of Christ.

We humans have only one monogram, formed by the initials of our names, but Our Savior has many names and thus many monograms. Not only initials but other symbols as well appear among the Chrisma. A symbol, the visible sign of something invisible, can convey many impressions simultaneously, so that the Chrismon Tree stands as a visual fulfillment of devotion to Christ.

In the primitive church the followers of Christ fashioned Chrisma to adorn jewelry, doorways, buildings, and in Rome, the catacombs. They were secret insignia of discipleship in the anti-Christian climate of the times. The Chi Rho monogram was the first and the most familiar. It was formed by the first two letters, X and P, of the Greek Word for Christ, as well as the

first letters of the Latin Christus Rex.

Another very ancient symbol is the sign of the fish. In Greek fish is ICTHUS and the connection to Christ is that this word happens to be an acronym of Jesus Christ, God's Son, Savior.

These and many more Christian monograms shine in our sanctuary this Christmas season. Symbols for Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost, the Trinity and others tell the whole story of this sacred season. Frequently, among the other animals will be the serpent, which may come as a surprise in the Christian context since it stands for the Tempter in the Old Testament. But the Christian concept of the serpent goes like this: The snake regularly sheds its skin and appears to become a new creature. It is this characteristic of renewal that gives this lowly animal something in common with the new life we may experience through Jesus Christ. Likewise the butterfly became a Christian symbol because of its "resurrection" from the chrysalis.

The originator of the Chrismon Tree stated that she conceived of this idea because she had seen regular Christmas trees in churches and felt they were inappropriate in the sanctuary. While it is true that in our country we inherited the Christmas tree as a pagan object of worship from the Druids and other ancient people of Europe, the tree itself has been an archetypal Judeo-Christian symbol since the Creation. The Tree of Life, the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, is also the symbolic tree upon which Christ was crucified, traditionally, it is said, over the burial place of the First Adam, Christ being known as the Second Adam.

Fill Publix Food Bins; Share Your Abundance With City's Hungry

Food bins placed in Tallahassee's four Publix stores provide a convenient way for you to share your abundance with the hungry in this community.

The Shop and Share bins have been placed by the Tallahassee Interfaith Council, on which Trinity is represented by the Rev. Brent Byerman, to help collect food distributed by five local agencies. The agencies have been inundated with calls for food in the past few months, according to Janis Thompson of the Interfaith Council.

"Their service level has been running about double from last year and even from earlier this year. Most of the agencies were almost out of food well before the end of the month, and some ran out entirely. The need is so great at this time," Ms. Thompson said.

As people shop in Publix, they are asked to remember to share by putting items in the bins as they leave the store. The Interfaith Council suggests that people put in enough for a family of four, or enough items for one complete meals.

Agencies helping to feed the hungry with the donated food include the Salvation Army, Tallahassee Urban League, Catholic Social Services, Minority Pride Project, and ECHO.

As one of 18 congregations in the Council, Trinity will have responsibility during January to maintain the bins and deliver the donations to the agencies. Persons wishing to help in the project may call Brent Byerman.

State of Trinity United Methodist Church

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women of our church. This year we reinstated a United Methodist Men's group under the able leadership of Walter Funderburk.

Holy Week and Easter were a time of spiritual worship services and fellowship for members of Trinity.

Goal Number Two: To develop better programs of assimilating members into the activity and life of Trinity.

The Evangelism Committee, under the leadership of Peggy Hughes, has continued providing these programs to assist in the achieving of this goal.

During the year, Dr. Kalaf continued his new member orientation class.

Goal Number Three: To provide increased opportunities for fellowship.

This year some exciting events took place which provided increased opportunities for fellowship. On November 13, we held a church-wide bazaar. Proceeds from the bazaar will go to fund HEO, buy new vestments, permanent Chrismon trees, nursery items and various furnishings.

In January, the Council on Ministries and the Committee on Education continued with its Intergenerational Nights.

In February, a new adult fellowship was established for the senior members of the church. The idea was well received and additional gatherings were throughout the year.

Goal Number Four: To enlarge the mission outreach of Trinity United Methodist Church.

One area of continued pride is our Help Each Other (HEO) Program. This program has directly helped many of our people, but just as important, has caused many members to be involved in providing this help. Our church's sensitivity to the needs of others is demonstrated by the positive way we are responding to the needs of others. We thank each and every one involved in the HEO project and want you to know we are proud of you.

In 1982, we continued providing space in our education building to the Apalachee Community Mental Health Services, Inc. The space is being used for adults and elderly, providing for them an environment to make the adjustment from in-patient psychiatric care to independent community living. We also continued our direct support of the Terrell House, Salvation Army, ECHO, and other providers of services to the less fortunate.

During the year, Trinity sent \$2,000 to help sponsor and support the work of missionaries Gordon and Maria Greathouse.

Goal Number Five: To give every Trinity member the opportunity to participate in tithing, pledging and better stewardship.

Planning and preparation for the 1982 Stewardship Crusade got underway at Trinity May 18, 1982, when Jervey Kelly, chairman of the Crusade, enlisted Booker Moore and Nancy Waugh as co-chairmen. These crusade leaders put together a tremendous organization. Although we are still tabulating the final count, it appears Trinity's members are responding to the needs of the church.

During the season of Pentecost, Trinity members used the "I CAN" offering to remember those not as fortunate as we are to have food.

Goal Number Six: To increase visibility of Trinity's mission and programs to the membership and to the Tallahassee community.

We continue to broadcast our 11 a.m. service, live over WTAL. Many shut-in members and nonmembers enjoy this service and depend on this

medium to keep them in contact with the church.

During 1982, the Communications Committee, chaired by Carrol Dadisman, continued its efforts to facilitate the flow of information about the church's programs and ministry among its members and the general public.

Goal Number Seven: To maintain staffing and facilities which adequately support the goals of Trinity.

During the past 12 months, there have been some significant changes in our church staff. Starting in chronological order:

In January, Rubie Butterworth joined the staff as assistant to the minister. In this position, Rubie has been directing and establishing programs for senior adults and handling other projects assigned to her by the senior minister.

Mrs. Barnett Harrison, a/k/a Miki, was selected to join the staff as Trinity's first full-time director of music.

In August, Gayle Jordan was selected to fill the position of full-time Director of Christian Education.

The Board of Trustees, chaired by Ernest Menendez, continued its vigilance over Trinity's facilities. The Trinity Modernization Committee, chaired by Margaret Everhart, is at the blue-print stage for plans to modernize our aging education building. A capital funds campaign is scheduled this spring in an attempt to provide the funding to bring these plans to a reality.

These goals, established in 1980, have served us well. Recognizing that additional planning needed to be done, due to the rapidity of change occurring in our community and church, the July 1981 meeting of the Administrative Board formed a Planning Committee. The purpose of the Planning Committee was to gather information concerning our community, Trinity United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Church as a whole; to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of Trinity in all areas; and to plan goals and objectives for our church over a five-year period.

The committee was chaired by Eleanor Smith, and I would like to personally thank her for taking this important responsibility. The committee's report was presented to the May 18, 1982, meeting of the Board. The Board accepted the report and it has become a guide for our board and committees to use in our move forward.

In conclusion, I am pleased where Trinity is and am elated about our prospects for the future. We have assembled a fine staff. Walter Kalaf, with his organizational abilities, uninterrupted enthusiasm and ceaseless energy, is serving this church well. He is aptly assisted by Brent Byerman and the other professionals I mentioned earlier in this report. We are blessed with many talented and generous members who are concerned about Trinity. It has been a pleasure to serve as chairman of the Administrative Board for the past two years. I want to thank each of you for your work and dedication to this great church. The future looks extremely promising and I look forward to being a part of it.

Remember Missionaries At Christmas

If you would like to remember our missionaries whom we help to support in Brazil with a Christmas greeting their address is as follows:

Gordon and Teca Greathouse
Avenue Afonso Pena 2744, Apt. 32
30.000 Belo Horizonte, MG Brasil

Trinity Reports Gain of 56, Loss of 93 Members to Church and Charge Conference

As Trinity United Methodist Church reported its membership to the Annual Church and Charge Conference Monday, November 15, its rolls totaled 2,545 in full membership and 331 preparatory members.

The report of the pastor to the Charge Conference, presided over by District Superintendent Tom Mitchell in the Fellowship Hall, showed 12 persons had joined the church on confession of faith, 30 transferred from other United Methodist churches and 14 from other denominations for a total of 56 new members in 1982.

Fifty Trinity members during this

period transferred to other United Methodist churches, 10 transferred to other denominations, one withdrew, and 32 died, for a total of 93 deductions.

Dr. Walter Kalaf reported that a membership audit is now being conducted as part of the Stewardship Crusade's visitation phase. He said visitation teams are attempting to locate inactive members and obtain current addresses for others. A list of members without current addresses will be published in subsequent issues of the *Tidings* for all persons to assist in locating.

A Bazaar Is Not Just for Making Money Anymore, These Miniscopes Will Tell You

Net income from Trinity's Busy Bee Bazaar had not been figured as this issue of the *Tidings* went to press, but approximately \$6,000 gross was realized from sales at the event November 13.

Cochairmen Georgianna and Lynn Wollschlager will report the amount raised to the Bazaar Committee Monday, November 29, and a decision will be made concerning what portion of the revenue will be used for HEO funding, new curtains for the Fellowship Hall and other designated needs.

More than the funds raised, the bazaar provided fellowship, hard work, tasty food and bargains as several hundred people shopped among the handcrafted items, trifles and treasures.

Trinity's roving reporter shares some of the sights and sounds of the day:

Bazaar '82 Miniscopes

Margaret Moorer in her paint splashed denim artist apron painting posters and signs from dawn till dusk on Friday.

Good things to eat coming in and going out of Bette Jackson's Country Kitchen with amazing rapidity.

Mart Hill begging for a Seminole clown to give to a FSU big-wig.

New members Pete and Sharon Gibbons arriving with their offering of delicious pumpkin bread for the Country Kitchen.

Wild bargaining by Jane and J. P. Love and Britt and Joannie Poulson in the Trifles and Treasures room would rival an Istanbul market.

Elise Lawton enjoying the Flip Flop Duck push toy made by Lynn McLarty so much one wonders how she could possibly give it up to a grandchild.

Moneymen Walter Funderburk, Tom Humphress and Bill Smith busily collecting, counting, and preparing bank deposits.

Sora Coulter searching for her

quilted pillow which had mistakenly been resold to someone else. (Everybody wanted them!) (She got it back!)

Tiny Louise Leathers ladling Brunswick stew out of the biggest pot in the kitchen while Lucile Shuler and Ellen Smith, as ever, kept the kitchen running smoothly.

Jo Burress and Guy McKenzie bidding against each other for the quilt amid cheers and applause, after forcing May Hamilton and Georgianna Wollschlager out of the race.

David Hensarling, with his face painted like an Indian on the warpath, excitedly telling about winning a TV in the auction.

Bob Yates demonstrating how comfortable for a snooze is the beautiful black leather couch he and Linda gave for the auction.

Al Leathers enjoying his warm spot in the sun while tending the silent auction table in the patio.

Linda Clark moaning over the fact that there were no more lovely little crocheted Christmas angels which were made by Esther Lamison.

Happy Cathy Fritchman reaching for the adorable Adopt-a-Doll created by Connie Morris, which she bought in the auction.

Helen Willis leaving with vases, vases, and more vases!

The Busy Ees of the sewing crew, Tot Beall, Jewell Wollschlager, Fran Trafton, Janie Kalaf, Kitty Ball, Isabel Hay, Bonnie Ekwall, Clelia Pugh, and Margaret Witte enthusiastically selling beautiful handcrafted items.

Ann Lumsden gleefully claiming the exquisitely carved duck created by Calvin Johnson after she was the high bidder in the silent auction.

Presiding over the entire scene of organized confusion with amazing poise and good spirits were Georgianna and Lynn Wollschlager, Bazaar '82 co-chairpersons.

Plans for Bazaar '83 are already underway! Don't miss it!

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