



Monthly Tidings

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HEO Reports

The editor of the *Monthly Tidings* has given HEO a regular column in which to report activities, make announcements, and keep the congregation informed of future plans. We are most appreciative of this opportunity to acquaint everyone with what we are doing.

Our report this month starts off with plans for the Second Sunday Lunch Bunch to travel in the church van to the Stone Crabber at Panacea on March 14 right after the 11:00 o'clock service. After lunch the group will visit with Elizabeth Taylor, who has a cottage located in the area. Anyone who comes to church alone and would like to join us, please come to the parking lot north of Trinity Hall at 12 noon.

The HEO committee is sponsoring a workshop on the medical and legal aspects of aging on March 21 in Fellowship Hall. The evening will begin with supper at 5:45. Dr. Orson Smith and lawyer Robert Parker, Jr., will lead the discussion from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The following are examples of things the HEO committee has done to "Help Each Other":

- Many church members and friends have received cards of sympathy or concern or congratulation. These messages are always sent in the name of Trinity.
- Visitation of church members and friends who are in hospitals, nursing homes, or living in their own homes. These visits include distribution of magazines, books, and inspirational materials.
- Helped a police officer find a place for his nephew to live while attending college here.
- Spent many hours helping a church member locate a live-in companion for a relative.
- Obtained legal advice for a church member.
- Helped a church member who needed counseling find a suitable professional.
- A friend of a church member had her utilities cut off because she forgot to pay her bill and we were able to help get the power restored.
- A family with a very sick child was assisted through our acting as a coordinator for contributions.
- We have acted as a telephone visitor for persons who are unable to get out much. HEO is interested in hearing from others who might like to form a telephone network which would perhaps reunite old friends who have lost touch, as well as form new friendships.
- HEO has provided transportation for persons who can no longer drive and has organized trips to interesting restaurants for persons who enjoy dining out occasionally.

HEO needs volunteers for the kinds of activities just described. Especially we need men to act in this capacity.

Other needs include recent books and magazines, inspirational literature, pot plants, small gift items, and the like.

MALLIE SLATER
HEO Secretary



Trinity welcomed these new members during 11 a.m. worship on Sunday, February 21. Front row, left to right: Ken Williams, Kathy Kemp, Marjorie Rose, Ruth Ann McDonald, Nancy Mullikin. Back row: John Humphress, Sue Humphress, Cynthia Malloy, Dallas Malloy, Gaylyn Capitano, Greg Capitano, Scott Munn. Not pictured, but received into membership with this class: Steve Malloy, Julia Rose, Diane Adair. Complete names and addresses of the new members appear on page 2. (Photo by Dan Stainer)

75 Attend First Adult Fellowship Luncheon; Come Hear 'the Lilt of Irish Laughter' Mar. 19

About 75 persons gathered in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, February 12, for a valentine luncheon and launching of the new Adult Fellowship.

Many exciting ideas were proposed for future get togethers. Generally it was agreed that programs would be held on the third or fourth Friday of each month with a hot lunch served. A number of extra trips and outings will be planned during the year.

The next meeting will be on Friday, March 19, at 11 a.m. with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Juice will be served from 11 to 11:30, followed by singing and a short announcement time. Group members Walter James and

Griffith Pugh are assisting in arranging a program of Irish music and literature to follow lunch. For those who want more, Mary Jane Martin-Vegue is organizing an interesting tour for the afternoon. A committee headed by Eloise Berry will assist with the luncheon.

Reservations should be made with Rubie Butterworth in the church office for lunch and transportation. Cost of the luncheon will again be \$2.

Members of the steering committee appointed by the group include Dr. Jack Anderson, Eloise Berry, Mary Elizabeth Black, Dr. George Foster, Louise Leathers, Mary Jane Martin-Vegue, Len McKinnon and Benson Skelton.



Among the 75 adults enjoying the inaugural Adult Fellowship February 12 at Trinity was this group.



The valentine luncheon menu was tasty, these ladies discovered. The next program and luncheon of the Adult Fellowship has been set for March 19.

Emory Men's Glee Club, Women's Chorale Sings

Members and friends of Trinity will be treated to a concert by the Emory University Men's Glee Club and Women's Chorale at 8 p.m., Monday, March 22. The 50-voice group will sing in the sanctuary during one stop of their spring tour.

The concert will include both sacred and secular music and a number of spirituals for which the Glee Club has been famous.

Music director and conductor William Lemonds will direct the two choral groups and several ensembles in a choral jubilee. They will be accompanied by piano, violin and cello.

Popular selections will be sung by a barbershop quartet, a women's trio, the Chamber Singers, and the combined Chorale and Glee Club.

Trinity's Worship Work Area plans to provide the singers with dinner in the Fellowship Hall prior to the concert. They are also asking members of the church to provide sleeping accommodations the night of March 22 and breakfast on March 23 for one or two members of the group. Persons willing to house the singers may call the church office or Worship Work Area Chairperson Kathy Pope.

Foreign Missionary Will Talk Here Mar. 14 On Alfalit Program

By Miriam McLarty

The Reverend Tom Price will be at Trinity on Sunday evening, March 14, to share the progress of the Alfalit program in Costa Rica. He and his wife, Nancy, and their three children, Jimmy, Laura, and Andy, have been serving Alfalit in Alajuela, Costa Rica since 1980.

He is director of Alfalit in Latin America. Alfalit is a word formed from two Spanish words "alfabetización" (literacy) and "literatura" (literature). It is an international Christian movement. Founded in 1961, Alfalit's program for adults includes literacy, basic primary education, community development, production and distribution of literature, service to churches, and the enhancement or improvement of life conditions for women.

Have you ever thought what it would be like to be unable to read? You couldn't read the Bible, sing from a hymnal, interpret information from a medicine label, read warning signals, read legal contracts, write a check, or write a letter to a friend. Your entire knowledge of your world would be limited to what you had seen or experienced directly or to what you had heard from others.

Nancy Price has taught in the bilingual school and says, "The light which comes on in a person's eyes when she realized that she is actually reading for the first time provides the teacher with a satisfaction which is like no other in the world."

The Prices have had several groups to visit them and said, "No one who has come has gone home without a deepened sense of the importance of mission outreach and a revitalized awareness that God is indeed at work in today's world."

Last year Trinity gave \$1,000 to support Rev. Price and the Alfalit program in Costa Rica. The Prices have been very active in developing and promoting the Alfalit program.

One Great Hour of Sharing Will Be Observed March 21

The United Methodist Church responds to needs of victims of natural disasters, hunger, war and oppression during the annual One Great Hour of Sharing.

Trinity members will have an opportunity to share in this churchwide effort to alleviate the suffering of others during worship services on Sunday, March 21. *The Book of Discipline* scheduled the observance on the fourth Sunday of Lent since Lent is the season of repentance, self-examination and awareness of the hurts of the peoples of the world.

As of August 1981, United Methodists had given \$2,410,375 during the first eight months of 1981, 10 percent more during the same period in 1980. UMC Committee on Relief programs all over the world are supported in part by the OGHs offerings.

Letters to Trinity

On Tuesday, February 2, 1982, someone who loved each of you *very* much, went to be with our Lord. You knew her probably as "Miss Downer" or "Inez." To my children she was "Aunt Inez" . . . to me, one of the dearest friends I have ever had.

Because I loved her so, I want to share with you a little more about her . . . and to thank you, for her, for all you did to add richness to her life. Over the past 15 years, Inez and I despite our age difference, were very close friends. Last Thanksgiving was the first we had not shared together since we first met. She loved to cook and to bake—it was her dream at one time to have a restaurant in Tallahassee where she could serve her friends the many cakes and other delicious recipes she had learned as a young woman when her parents and brother struggled to survive by running a boarding house in New York.

She was tiny in build, but her body housed a brilliant and sensitive mind and soul. She wrote prolifically—short stories, novels, and plays—good ones, too. In fact our mutual love for the theatre was one of the initial interests that encouraged our friendship. For years Inez faithfully prepared and served cakes for the Tallahassee Little Theatre . . . it was one way she could "create" and "serve" in the area she loved.

Although she never married, she had a family—for those of us who were fortunate enough to be close to her, were, as she would say, "her family." . . .

And, how she loved you: Trinity Methodist Church was such a large part of her life; her security. In later years, serving coffee and donuts on Sunday morning became one of Inez' greatest pleasures. Even when visiting us, when we lived in South Dakota and subsequently our current home in St. Petersburg, she would arrange her schedule so she could be back for the Sunday morning coffee and donuts.

So bright was she, that in her early years she conceived of a sophisticated system for records management that was used in part by many major corporations in both this country and Canada, as she served as a consultant for Remington Rand. Her ability to organize concepts and ideas was outstanding.

When she talked of life . . . and of death . . . Inez steadfastly reaffirmed her faith in Jesus and in His promise of eternal life with Him. Although 85 at her death, throughout her life she saw others with the love and positive innocence of a child. She had the ability to turn life's lemons to lemonade with her sunny philosophy.

As her health failed the last year or so, many of you were there to help her. For that, for your loyalty and love, I thank you in her behalf, as I know she would have thanked you were she able to do so.

May God continue to bless you,
Sincerely,
BARBARA SHEEN TODD
Clearwater



The Scarritt Chamber Singers of Nashville, Tennessee, will appear in sacred concert during both worship services at Trinity next Sunday, March 7. Dr. Donald J. Welch, Scarritt College president, will be guest preacher. His topic is "Jesus Loves Me, This I Know," a sermon on the vital role of music and education in the transmission and celebration of the Gospel.

Trinity Member John Crotty Presides Over District U. M. Rural Fellowship

Trinity member John Crotty doesn't get to attend worship services at his own church very often these days. Sundays find him and his wife Pat worshipping with seven faithful members in a small church in Madison County or in another distant county with 30 or 40 senior citizens.

They are there to learn the small congregations' problems and offer program resources that will help solve them.

In January, John Crotty took office as president of the Tallahassee District United Methodist Rural Fellowship, the only chapter in Florida of a 40-year-old national organization whose primary function is to assist congregations and churches with fewer than 300 members.

"We just want to help them survive," Crotty said. "When there are just a few members, they do not have much base for a program and cannot provide financial support for a pastor. When invited, UMRF will help them find ways to increase their membership through program building."

With only 30 to 40 members in the Rural Fellowship, the assignment looms large: Over 85 percent of the Methodist churches in the Tallahassee District have small congregations of fewer than 300 members.

Crotty's goal during his year as president is to increase the Rural Fellowship's own membership roll and its program offerings. He has followed District Superintendent Tom Mitchell around the district since January to enlist members among lay people and pastors in attendance at training programs the DS is conducting for local church leaders. He explains the purpose of the Rural Fellowship and invites anyone interested in supporting small churches to become a member.

Membership dues are just \$7 a year for both the national and district organization. The member will receive the national newsletter and be able to speak before the General or Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church, Crotty said.

In existence since 1974, the Tallahassee District UMRF went before the Florida Conference and successfully had adopted an equity salary program that ensures every Florida pastor a minimum salary. The Conference provides funds to supplement whatever the small churches are able to raise for salaries.

One of the biggest problems the rural churches have, according to Crotty, is the lack of young people to carry on the work of the church. In Panacea, where the members are almost entirely senior citizens, Crotty encouraged them to start a Boy Scout troupe to bring children and their parents to the church.

"Usually the churches have good facilities. They just need programs, such as Scouts or 4-H Clubs, to bring people to the church," he said.

The work of UMRF goes hand-in-hand with that of the Leon-Wakulla Larger Parish which Pat Crotty serves full-time as church and community worker. A diaconal minister, Mrs. Crotty works with the three larger parish programs in the district. Her home church, Trinity, supports her work with a missional contribution of \$2,500 this year.

Mrs. Crotty is also membership chairman of the voluntary United Methodist Rural Fellowship. Anyone of any age wishing to become a member of that organization should telephone her or John Crotty at 385-3674.

Local Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign Kicks Off

A group of local citizens concerned about the dangers and cost of the nuclear arms race will launch a Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign in Tallahassee, March 7-June 7.

Trinity's Work Area on Church and Society has established a Peace Education Task Force to participate with other interested members of the church in the campaign. John and Susan Hemphill will serve as chairpersons of the task force. Dr. Gifford Hale, chairman of the Work Area on Church and Society, requested that other persons interested in participating to telephone him or the Hemphills.

The local campaign will open on March 7 at 7 p.m. in the Westminster Room of the First Presbyterian Church (Park Ave. & Adams St.). Planned are a short presentation on the national Freeze Campaign and discussion of local strategies.

The Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign is a national movement to halt the nuclear arms race. Specifically, it calls on the governments of both the U.S. and Soviet Union to adopt a mutual freeze on the testing, production, and deployment of new nuclear weapons systems. The Freeze Campaign has the endorsements of a number of major religious denominations, more than 50 national organizations, and 26 U.S. representatives (two bills supporting the Freeze have been introduced in the House of Representatives, H.R. 151 and H.R. 153).

UMW Mission Study Set For March

Trinity United Methodist Women will present a mission study on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, March 16, 19, 23, and 26 from 9:30-11:30.

The study theme will be Isaiah 40-55. A study book costing \$1.50 is available in the church office. Please sign your name and Circle number when you pick up the book.

The study group will meet each time in the Felkel-Steinmeyer Classroom. Altie Foster and Carol Kowalski will be the leaders for the study. It is suggested that participants in the study read the Chapters in Isaiah and obtain the study book in preparation for the study.

New Member Class

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Katherine Dianne Kemp	1226 Continental Court Tallahassee, FL 32304 576-0231	1st Baptist Orlando, FL
Kenneth Michael Williams	1830 W. Pensacola, #10 Tallahassee, FL 32304 575-6615	Renewal of Vows
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Diane Adair	1643 Fernando, Apt. 1 Tallahassee, FL 32303 488-6450	Plantation Community Church Plantation, FL
Mrs. W. B. Rose	262-B Villas Court N. Tallahassee, FL 32303 386-2954	1st UMC Clearwater, FL
Miss Julia Rose		
Mr. & Mrs. Dallas Malloy	3341 Lakeshore Drive Tallahassee, FL 32312 386-7947	Lovers Lane UMC Dallas, TX
Cynthia & Steve		
Ruth Ann McDonald	Rt. 13, Box 227 M Tallahassee, FL 32312 893-6992	1st UMC Orlando, FL
Nancy Mullikin	FSU Box 1858 Tallahassee, FL 32313 644-4910	Baptized member of Trinity UMC, Tallahassee

ATTENTION

All college students, parents or friends of college students:

Trinity wishes to locate our college students. If you have one or know of one's address, please fill out the form below and mail it to:

Higher Education Committee,
Trinity United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302

Name of college student: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

College attending: _____

Class or year: _____ Major: _____

School address: _____

Building Supportive Christian Community Is Brent Byerman's Goal

By Linda H. Yates

A supportive Christian community has special meaning for Brent Byerman, associate minister of Trinity. "I feel there is growth and power in small groups," he says as he talks about the four Bible studies he leads each week and the youth who regularly participate in MYF.

It was in a similar setting that the 30-year-old minister first found the "deeper meaning" he sought for his life when those things most young men seek first—college degree, a job in a chosen field and a wife—had been obtained.

Employed as an advertising salesman for a newspaper in Delray Beach, Brent Byerman looked to the Cason United Methodist Church for his answers. He had been inactive in church life since his junior high school days. He and his wife Mary became part of a summer marriage enrichment group. They met with other couples their age one night a week and spent a great deal of time with the church's minister.

"I found it a real growing experience," Brent recalled. "Senior minister Bill Roughton (father of former Trinity associate minister Phil Roughton) became my hero. I was impressed with his genuine humility and total sincerity, how he preached and how he lived," he said.

After a men's breakfast one Saturday morning, he found himself praying at the church altar with Dr. Roughton and experienced a dramatic conversion.

When he was offered a new job in another city a few months later, he talked the decision over with his pastor, somehow conveying his uncertainty about the new job's prospects.

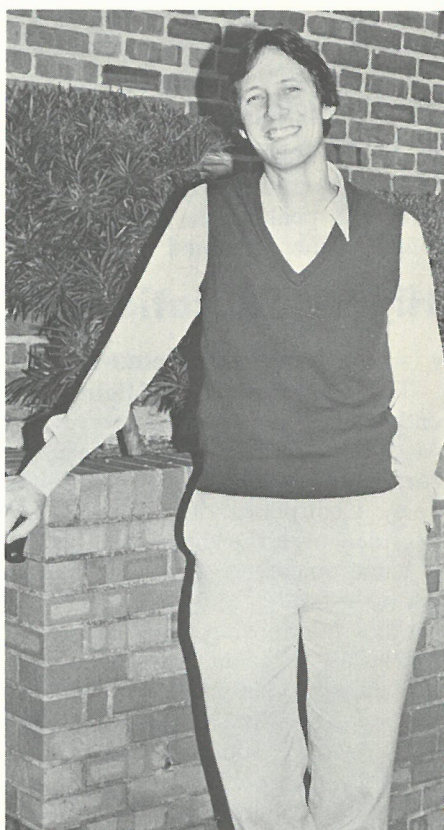
"Have you thought that God might be calling you in a different direction?" Dr. Roughton asked. An idea that had never occurred to him took form and after much prayer, discussion with Mary and Dr. Roughton, Brent decided he would become a minister. Six months later he was in seminary at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta—a sudden reality that he had never imagined during his youth.

Born in Springfield, Ohio, Brent had moved with his parents and sister to Dunedin, Florida, when he was six. He attended public school in Dunedin and came to Florida State University to study marketing in the School of Business.

During his senior year he met Mary Virginia Bell, who was studying fashion merchandising. In the course of several months he was graduated, married and had started his career.

In June 1974, he obtained the B.S. degree and married Mary that August. They moved to Tampa where for one year he was an advertising salesman for the *Tampa Tribune*. Then he felt the need for a job change. The smaller town of Delray Beach and a job on a weekly newspaper attracted him.

"The decision that I should study



for the ministry was harder for Mary than for me," Brent recalls. "She had grown up as a Catholic and had a real adjustment to make. A very domestic person who enjoys homemaking, Mary had to support me in seminary by working as a physical therapist aide," he said.

Three years of seminary and now one year and a half as a deacon in the United Methodist Church behind him, Brent feels it is a blessing that he was assigned to Trinity in Tallahassee. "Mary was able to return to FSU to finish her undergraduate degree in home economics last summer and is beginning work on a master's this semester. I'm glad she is having an opportunity to find her niche," he said. Besides taking graduate courses, Mary works three days a week in Trinity's weekday nursery school.

In his role as one of two associate ministers at Trinity, Brent has responsibility for the youth program, conducts four Bible studies weekly, supervises the Sunday evening Methodist Youth Fellowship, visits in hospitals and homes of the bereaved, and lends ministerial support to the work areas on Evangelism and Church and Society. "I'm an everything and anything person," he laughed as he acknowledged he does everything from moving tables to handling transients to crisis visitation.

The daily procession of transients who come by the church office to ask for a meal ticket or help in finding lodging and other aid has caused the Rev. Byerman to work with other churches and community groups to find some relief for the growing problem. He assisted in the effort to find a location for a soup kitchen where pooled contributions could feed transients on a more organized basis. He also has worked with ECHO, the emergency care help organization, which has finally found a downtown location, in order to work with transients more conveniently and lessen

the burden placed on downtown churches.

Admitting that there is a "lot of the caretaker in Brent Byerman," he found in his ministry at Trinity that "you can't take care of people and solve their problems for them. Instead, you can be an instrument of God in helping them become servants of God." With that revelation, he feels freed from the responsibility he first felt that he personally had to solve people's problems.

"I understand my limits, how unhealthy it is to 'take care of' people. Instead, I now seek to 'care for' people and to help them grow."

The personal involvement he favors is harder to achieve in a large congregation like Trinity's. "I sometimes feel fragmented because there isn't time to provide the followup I would like when there has been a crisis in a person's life," he said.

He particularly likes the relational aspects of the three adult and one youth Bible studies each week. Two are held at 7 a.m., one at midmorning and the youth group meets on Wednesday evenings. Four youth counselors and from seven to 12 teenagers now meet at the church at the same time many of their parents are in choir practice.

Probably the biggest challenge the young minister faces at Trinity is the rebuilding of the youth program. Now with several effective youth counselors assisting, the Sunday night MYF and special fun nights for youth are beginning to see growth. There are 15 to 20 in the "core group" he says—"kids who really want to be, enjoy being here and find support here."

The Rev. Byerman orients the

youth program toward fun and fellowship but at the same time is seeking to build a community where serious dialogue can take place.

"We are trying to establish traditions for the youth programs, such as annual retreats or mission projects," he explained. "At the same time we are developing leadership with our counselors—Mary Byerman, Cheri and Richard Harkema and Sandy Frazier—and with the youth themselves."

The Youth Council meets monthly at the Byerman parsonage and through four committees makes recommendations for their own programs, later voting on those to be adopted.

The youth recently sponsored a sandwich and soup luncheon for the congregation to raise money for two of their mission projects—ECHO and Vashti School in Thomasville.

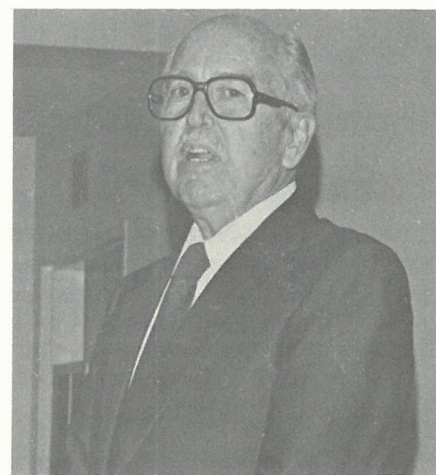
"The greatest need of the youth now is a place of their own where they may meet for recreation and expend some of their energy," he said.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Byerman has been preparing himself to go before the Board of Ministry on March 2 to complete requirements to become an elder, in full connection with the United Methodist Church. As a deacon, he is serving the second of the required two probationary years before becoming a candidate for elder.

He had to complete prescribed written documents, a written sermon, and be interviewed by the Board of Ministry. If he receives the recommendation of the Board, he may expect to be ordained as an elder during the Annual Conference in Lakeland in May.



Members and chairpersons of Trinity's commissions and work areas (above) held organizational meetings the evening of February 8 following a covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Griffith Pugh, (at right), chairman of the Council on Ministries, Administrative Board Chairman Bill Mattice and Lay Leader Kitty Ball challenged the group to work toward goals the Board adopted last year for the church.



Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

The Senior Society Planning Council, a United Way Agency, sponsors and administers the Leon County Meals on Wheels program, which provides nutritious meals to homebound persons aged 60 and over who are unable to shop or cook for themselves.

Many members of Trinity United Methodist Church serve as volunteers for the Meals on Wheels program. They deliver meals from 10:45 a.m. to 12 noon. Sometimes this visit is the

only contact that the person receiving the meal has each day.

More volunteers are needed to deliver to shutins. This is especially true in the summer months when many volunteers go away for vacations. Those who work with the program say the rewards go not only to the recipient of the meal, but also to those who help provide this service.

If you wish to be a volunteer with Meals on Wheels, for more information call: Julia Rowell at 385-2131 or Eleanor Smith at 224-9640.

Vacation Church School Dates Set

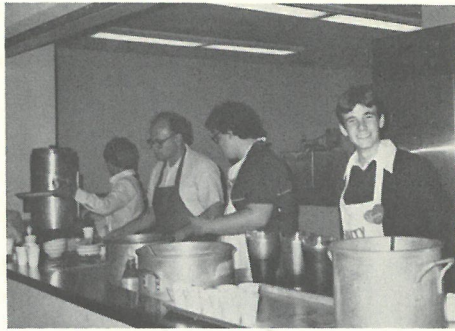
Mark your calendar now for
June 21-25

Co-chairpersons: Gail Harris and Marilyn Dean

The VSC needs teachers, assistant teachers, craft persons, recreation leaders, and helpers. Please call Rev. Carol Kowalski or the chairpersons if you have a few hours each morning of this week to be involved in the children's ministry of the church.



Carey Foster, Christie Davis and Woody Kerce peel vegetables for youth mission luncheon.



Henry Thobois, John Thobois, Woody Kerce work at youth mission luncheon.

Youth Earned Money for Missions

The soup'n sandwich lunch served by the youth on February 7 netted over \$237, which was divided evenly between the mission projects, ECHO and Vashti School.

A valentine theme was used to decorate Fellowship Hall for the event. Over 20 youth pitched in to chop vegetables, make sandwiches, set-up tables and decorate. The only casualties were the drippy eyes of the onion peelers.

Sunday morning the kitchen was filled with the excited young workers. Waiters rehearsed their job duties while secretly wondering if they would spill anything. The kitchen crew finished drink set-ups and prepared to ladle out bowl after bowl of the yummy soup. The mop crew was called in to wipe up spilled tea just before the first diners came, but

Soup Kettle Arrives

By Brent Byerman

On April 5 at 12:00 noon, a new ministry will begin in downtown Tallahassee. I have been in on the planning of this project from the very beginning.

This new ministry is the Tallahassee Soup Kettle (T.A.S.K.). Its purpose is to feed needy persons a soup and sandwich lunch. The Soup Kettle will operate Monday-Friday, 12:00-2:00 p.m. at the Bethel A.M.E. Church location on the corner of Duval and Virginia Streets.

T.A.S.K. originated out of the need of the downtown and other area churches to better respond to the needs of growing numbers of transients. In cooperation with Salvation Army and ECHO it is planned that this ministry will be an ecumenical outreach supported by all churches that wish to take part in it.

The Soup Kettle will be totally operated by volunteers. If you, your circle or Sunday school class would be willing to work a shift on a periodic basis, please contact me. Also needed are cash donations which should be marked for Tallahassee Soup Kettle.

Mature Years Retreats Planned in April

"Happiness Is . . ." will be the theme of the Mature Years Retreats being planned by the Florida Conference for March 29-April 1 and April 26-29.

The Life Enrichment Center at Leesburg will be the scene of each retreat planned to give older adults an opportunity to get together for fun, fellowship and Bible study. Dr. Walter Towner, now director of development at Scarritt College, will be the inspirational speaker for the March retreat, while the Rev. James C. Rowan, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, will be the speaker for the April gathering.

If a large group from Trinity will attend the April session, transportation will be provided by van. Cost will be \$60 plus a share of the transportation expense.

all systems were go as serving time began.

After all had been served, the weary workers sat down to eat before the long clean-up process began. Most youth felt a sense of accomplishment and enjoyed working together in fellowship for these worthwhile causes.

"Special thanks goes to Nancy Kerce, and Carolyn and Henry Thobois for assisting as crew chiefs behind the scenes and to Kathy Pope and Shirley Marshall for their "KP" assistance. The youth appreciate all of you who supported this effort," counselor Sandy Frazier said.

Conference on How To Strengthen Families Will Be April 2

The Child Abuse Prevention Project of Apalachee Community Mental Health Services, Inc., will sponsor a one-day conference entitled "How to Strengthen Families" on April 2.

The daytime session will begin at 8 a.m. at Christian Heritage Church on Highway 27 North and continue throughout the day. Then at 7 p.m. simultaneous evening sessions will take place at Christian Heritage Church and Bethel A.M.E. Church at the corner of Virginia Street and Duval Street.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Richard D. Dobbins, noted psychologist, ordained minister and director of a counseling center in Akron, Ohio. Current family trends, coping skills and individuals strategies will be discussed in workshops such as "Teens Can Be Taught Coping Mechanisms," "Stress Identification," and "Building Self-Esteem Through Family Cohesiveness."

"This conference is an attempt to mobilize parents, children, local schools, churches, colleges, professionals and businesses to become aware of, and change, the pitfalls in our social network. We would hope these groups will join together and make the family community aware of Tallahassee's local resources that support and strengthen families," coordinator Bonnie Syfrett said. For additional information call Ms. Syfrett at 487-2930, ext. 21.



Elizabeth Bilenky and Tracy Hartsfield, Trinity Nursery School pupils, are hard at work making playdough cookies. The nursery school has 11 two-year-olds and 12 three and four-year-olds this year. The new two-year-old class started with top enrollment and a waiting list. The school meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 to 12. The children enjoy music each Monday with Mrs. Sellers and chapel programs with the Rev. Carol Kowalski and the Rev. Brent Byerman.

District Youth Gathering Is March 21

A District Youth Gathering is being planned the afternoon of March 21 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. All youth groups in the district have been invited to participate.

Special speaker will be Dr. Vroom, who will speak on the effects of marijuana. Other planned activities in-

clude games, a program on Leesburg, and worship. Youth are asked to bring \$1.00 for a snack supper.

Parents of youth are invited to participate. The program begins at 4:30 p.m. and will end at 8:30 p.m. after the worship service. For more information, contact Brent Byerman at the church office.

Higher Education Commission Plans Ministry

By Miriam Peirce

The Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry met on Monday, February 8, to organize and formulate goals and objectives for the year. Chairperson Dr. Myron Blee presided over the discussion.

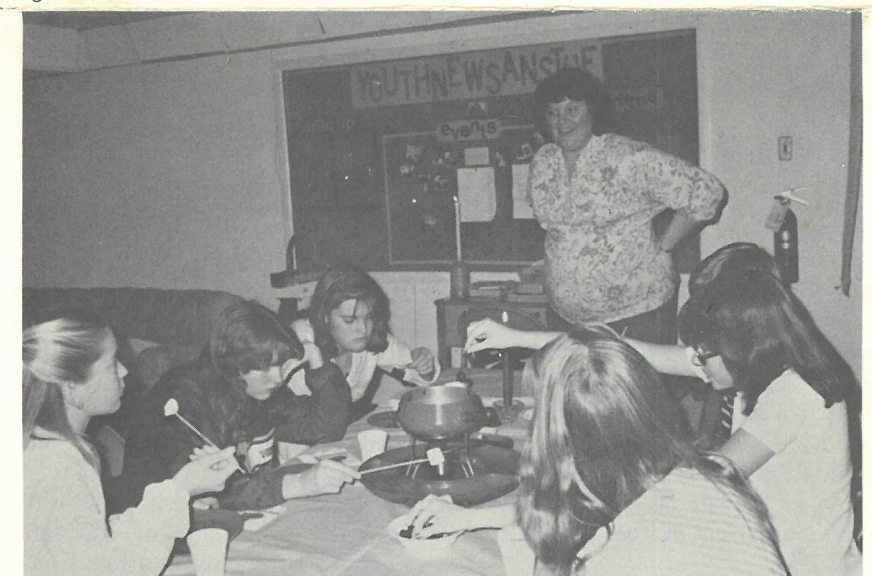
Some objectives seen by this group are to establish and maintain a supportive relationship with the United Methodist student organization in Tallahassee; minister to all students, particularly Trinity youth in college or seminary; support and promote Trinity's own college age class; educate the congregation about the

church's role in higher education; minister to international students; keep informed about the availability of scholarships for United Methodist students and encourage attendance at United Methodist colleges; and continue support and education concerning the Black College Fund.

In order to do all of these things, Chairperson Blee said the help of the congregation will be needed, particularly in keeping an up-to-date list of names and addresses of Trinity students. Liz Moncrief will be keeping list and information can be given directly to her or to the church office.



Some youth attending the valentine party in the Gregory Room enjoy dancing (right) while others (below right) taste the chocolate fondue. Counselor Sandy Frazier (standing) looks on as Sally Nash, Christie Davis, Jill Young and others dig in.



UMYF Valentine Social Draws Crowd

Trinity's UMYF celebrated Valentine's Day with a chocolate fondue social and dance. Thanks to many of the youth, the Gregory Room was decorated with hearts, streamers, and candles—a nice change in the room's atmosphere.

Over 30 youth were present—for many it was their first experience with both fondue and dancing in public.

They dipped pound cake, banana chunks, cherries, and marshmallows in the creamy chocolate, and sipped Cokes. WTNT disc jockey Tom Flanagan, father of Becky Collins, a MYF regular, played music for the dancers. Even the parents got in a dance number or two during the last few songs.

As the evening came to a close all the girls raced to find a decoration to take home to commemorate the night.

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