



Monthly Tidings

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Trinity Pays All 1984 Apportionments, Obligations With December Receipts

Trinity members contributed an unprecedented \$84,000 in Christmas offerings and end-of-year pledge payments during December, making it possible for the church to complete all Conference apportionments and benevolences and pay all other obligations. The year ended with a cash carryover of \$989.

Commending members for their generous response to the church's need to raise \$20,000 to \$30,000 in the annual Christmas offering, the Rev. Dr. Walter Kalaf said there has been a remarkable increase in giving by

Trinity members.

Because of a very large and unexpected increase in the church's utility bill, the Finance Committee feared a shortfall of funds would cause Trinity to fail to pay 100 percent of its apportionments for 1984 for the first time in recent history. The appeal for the special Christmas offering brought in \$17,411, and pledge payments and other contributions usually made at the end of the year totaled \$66,600.

Among apportionments and benevolences paid out with those funds

were \$10,440 for World Service (the missionary arm of the United Methodist Church); \$8,603 for Christian Service and Administration, \$2,261 for Ministerial Education Fund; \$3,600 for District Church Extension; \$1,818 for the District Work Fund; and \$942 for Black Colleges. The FSU Wesley Foundation received \$1,000, the Tallahassee Larger Parish ministry \$750, and \$500 final payment of an annual \$2,000 support of a missionary was made. Smaller amounts completed budgeted items for ECHO and other local missional efforts.

Other major obligations paid during December include a \$1,811 utility bill and \$2,561 for fuel and insurance.

Extra Mile Gifts Support Missions

Trinity members opened their hearts and pocketbooks to give extra mile gifts in a number of ways during 1984.

Special offerings during the year supported the United Methodist Committee on Relief through One Great Hour of Sharing and hunger relief offerings by giving \$3,788; the Florida Methodist Children's Home through fifth Sunday offerings of \$2-206.22; \$364 to ECHO and Refuge House for hunger relief; the Florida Conference Refugee Relief Fund, \$256; Golden Cross (hospitals and homes), \$232.93; Student Loan Fund, \$162.15; World Communion (Crusade Scholarships), \$358; Gebanga Theological School, Liberia, \$225.

In addition, special projects included a church dinner which netted the Kolwezi Hospital in Zaire \$1,250.66 and the Vashti School Walk-A-Thon which raised \$1,363.05. Altogether some \$103,210 was given for all benevolent causes through the church in 1984.

These figures only begin to tell the story. The United Methodist Women with about 300 members gave over \$10,000 for local and global concerns. No totals are available for the projects supported by various Sunday school classes but their projects suggest that Trinity members care for the well-being of others.

During the coming year the Commission on Missions for Trinity will bring before the congregation details about the ways in which these dollars reach out around the world. Watch for them in future issues of the *Tidings*.

African Hunger Appeal Brings in \$3,799

Trinity members responded generously to the Council of Bishops' appeal for hunger in Africa with contributions totaling \$3,799. That was the amount given as of January 21 after the appeal was first presented to the congregation during morning worship services on January 13.

More than 725 United Methodist Churches in Florida and 38,500 in America were urged to participate in the appeal in hopes of raising \$2.5 million to provide food to the starving people of Ethiopia and other African countries.

These gifts are expected to reach the people of Africa quickly since the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church already has a presence there.

Pledges, Other Income Assure 1985 Budget of \$499,000

The Finance Committee planned to ask the Administrative Board to approve a budget of \$499,000 for Trinity during 1985, based on anticipated income from pledges, estate and trust income, and other contributions totaling \$499,312.

Formal approval of the budget was

to come at the Administrative Board meeting January 29, after the stewardship crusade had been completed and sufficient revenue to support the budget was assured.

Stewardship Chairman John Olson told the Finance Committee on January 15 that pledges totaled \$253,419,

commitments by bank draft totaled \$122,704, regular contributors are expected to provide \$25,000 and plate offerings, \$15,000. These amounts with the cash carryover of \$989 would provide \$417,112 toward the budget and other income, such as estates and trusts, would provide 82,200. Since his report, an additional \$1,700 has been pledged.

"I am very optimistic that this operating budget is compatible with income," Olson said. "I encourage all people to fulfill the commitments they have made because the budget is planned on that basis."

Olson said the pledges and bank draft commitments represent a 33 percent increase over last year.

The final budget is substantially the same as proposed and published in the October 1984 issue of the *Monthly Tidings*.

Confirmation Class Begins February 17

Trinity's 1985 Confirmation Class will begin February 17 and will continue until Palm Sunday, March 31, when the eighth through tenth graders in the class will be confirmed.

The class will be conducted each Sunday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the ladies robing room near the choir room.

Class sessions will focus on God, Jesus Christ, the Bible, worship and decision making. They will be taught alternately by Dr. Walter Kalaf, the Rev. John Quigley, Director of Christian Education Gayle Jordan and Director of Music Mark Boehmer.

Highlight for this year's class will be the District Confirmation Retreat on March 22-24. The trip will include attending the Bishop's Convocation in Orlando for all confirmation classes in the Florida Conference, visiting Florida Southern College and the Methodist Building in Lakeland, and attending the Passion Play (the life of Christ) in Lake Wales. The class will be staying at the United Methodist Youth Camp in Leesburg.

Persons interested in the Confirmation Class should talk with Gayle Jordan.

Lay Leader Myron Blee Seeks to Foster Communication Between Laity, Ministers

By Jim Nash

Dr. Myron Blee has taken office as Trinity's Lay Leader, the position concerned with the relationship between the laity and the ministerial staff.

"My main function is to be a listening post and relate to as many organizations and agencies of the church as I can," Dr. Blee said. "My principal objective is to foster the quality and nature of communications from the lay membership to the ministerial staff."

He sees this as a positive process, but a member's perceived sense of isolation in a large and impersonal organization or feelings that no one cares would be his concern.

"I doubt this exists at Trinity but if it does I would work to overcome it," Dr. Blee said.

Publisher Dadisman To Speak To UMW

Carrol Dadisman, publisher of the *Tallahassee Democrat*, will speak on "Communication: Who Controls the Flow?" at the luncheon meeting of United Methodist Women Tuesday, February 5, at 12:00.

A member of Trinity, Dadisman serves on the Finance and Staff-Parish Relations committees and is immediate past chairman of the Communications Committee.

A social period will precede the luncheon, beginning at 11:45 a.m. The program is expected to end by 1:45 p.m.

UMW Executive Committee will meet at 10:30 a.m., February 5, in the Conference Room for its regular monthly meeting.

A nursery will be provided during the luncheon.

A former community college president and bureau chief in the Division of Community Colleges, Dr. Blee is now a consultant with responsibility for managing the College Level Academic Skills Test program, commonly referred to as the "sophomore exit test." Passing the test is now required before community college or university sophomores may become juniors.

Dr. Blee is also chairperson of the District Committee on the Superintendency (sort of a pastor-parish relations committee on the district level), and chairperson for higher education and campus ministry with the District Council on Ministries. This latter position places him on the State Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries.

"It is a great, rewarding experience," Dr. Blee says. He and his wife, Charlotte, have been active for a number of years with campus ministries at Florida A&M University and Florida State University.

He says a college student's church experience away from home is probably characterized by the nature of the experience he or she had at home.

"A less self-motivated student may coast" when he or she leaves home, he said.

An active student visitation program at Florida State has been very successful in finding students who are not involved and in making them feel welcome at Wesley Foundation services and social activities.

He described residents of Methodist housing behind Wesley Foundation Chapel as "a covenant community of workers" and credited them with the success of the visitation program.

Progress Slows on Trinity Hall

Progress on the renovation of Trinity Hall has slowed considerably and the projected early February completion date will pass with much left to be done.

"It is kind of dragging," Building Committee Chairman Ernest Menendez said. "We should be moving faster."

He said some of the delay was caused by additional work needed on the bottom-floor elevator landing. Trinity Hall, the main sanctuary building and the elevator, he pointed out, are on different levels, resulting in the need for a slightly elevated ramp.

Carpet for the top two floors is on hand and ready to be laid when construction crews finish their work. Installation of vinyl flooring was underway in late January.

Other projects yet to be completed include the walkway from the elevator to the top floor, stage and lighting in the Gregory Room/Youth Center, closing off of the Duval Street entrance, cabinet work and painting.

The Otis Company has installed the elevator and it functions properly although work is still needed at the floor openings and on the outside of the shaft.

Floor numbering has been established, with the top floor designated third and the bottom floor ground, in keeping with the fire code.

—Jim Nash

Church Family Retreat Set April 19-21

Does canoeing in the scenic Suwannee River sound like fun? Fishing? Hiking along nature trails?

All of those activities, and a life-enriching program will be available to all who are interested at Trinity's church family retreat at Camp Dove-wood, near Branford, April 19-21.

Everyone who went to Camp Dove-wood last September said it was a memorable weekend, and the spring retreat promises to be just as memorable.

Watch next month's *Tidings* for details about the program, and how to register.

HEO REPORTS

A very helpful catalogue called "Comfortably Yours" has come to the HEO office and is available for people interested in devices and products that make life's problems a little easier. Those wishing to use the catalogue are invited to stop by the office or order a free copy from 52 West Hunter Ave., Maywood, N.J. 07607.

The HEO committee welcomes Mary Draper who has volunteered to become a visitor for HEO. Visitation is the heart of Helping Each Other and any other persons, male or female, wishing to share in this ministry are asked to notify the secretary. They too will be most welcome.

The second Sunday lunch sponsored by HEO will be on February 10 at Grant's Ribs. The group will meet in the parking lot after the 11:00 o'clock service.



Notwithstanding record high temperatures in North Carolina during late December, the 1984 Winter Youth Ski Retreat was a memorable event. Twenty-seven youth and adults went on one of the most ambitious UMYF retreats in recent memory. The youth fellowship stayed in two cabins in Banner Elk, N.C. near Sugar Mountain. Skiing was hampered, but the group managed to get ski lessons and several runs down the intermediate slope (the only one open). Other activities for the youth included an afternoon at Linville Falls with its beautiful nature trails and scenic views, and an evening at the Beech Mountain Skiing Rink. The youth hope a ski retreat can become an annual event. In photo above, some of the group relax at the end of the day.

UMW Circles Announce Meeting Times

Circle #1 will meet Monday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Elizabeth Hill, 509 Plantation Road.

Circle #2 will meet Monday, February 11, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. H. J. Allen, 3261 Rue de Laffitte. Mrs. George Beasley will be co-hostess.

Circle #3 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Blannie Gallagher, 1342 Terrace Street.

Circle #4 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Chapel. Jo Burress will give a book review.

Circle #5 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Helen Oakley, 1804 W. Indianhead Drive. Daisy Hawes will be co-hostess.

Circle #6 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Eleanor Parker, 1432 Country Club Drive. Ruth Rockwood and Nell Bowers will be co-hostesses. Jean Tipton will give the program and Sophie Ramm will give the devotional.

Circle #7 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Georgianna Wollschlager, 3415 Woodley Road.

Circle #8 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 9:30 a.m., at the church. Mable Kilner will be the speaker. A nursery will be provided.

Circle #9 will meet Tuesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Elise Lawton, 1403 N. Randolph Circle. Broun Parmenter will give a book review.

Circle #10 will meet Monday, February 11, at 3:30 p.m. at Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle #11 will meet Thursday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the home

of Kim Barnes, 891 King's Way Rd. Phone number is 656-2390.

Circle #12 will meet Thursday, January 10, at 2:30 p.m., in the Chapel.

Circle #13 will meet Tuesday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting place will be announced later.

Memorial Contributions

Gifts were given recently in memory of:

Mr. George Croy, Sr., by Judge and Mrs. Ben C. Willis

Mr. Bernard Byrd by Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Harrison, Mr. Rufus Jennings

Mrs. Amorette Vason by Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Yates

Mr. Lewellon D. Fain by Mr. and Mrs. Howell Wadsworth and Mrs. Frances Simmons

Mrs. Eleanor Ketchum by Gale Haskell

Myron Munday to Present Organ Concert

Trinity organist Myron Munday will present the second in a series of three preworship recitals on Sunday, February 17, at 10:40 a.m. This series is in celebration of the 300th birthday year of Johann Sebastian Bach and will include his music.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to hear the rich talent of our organist, to celebrate one of the finest composers, and to enrich their souls in preparation for worship," commented Mark Boehmer, music director.

Everyone is encouraged to come early and hear the complete recital, Boehmer said.

Dobson Film Series Focus on the Family

On each Sunday evening, from Feb. 10 to March 24, Trinity United Methodist Church will host the "Focus on the Family" Film Series from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Produced in 1979, the film series is narrated by one of America's leading Christian authorities on the family, James C. Dobson, Ph.D.

The series will include the following:

Feb. 10—The Strong Willed Child

Feb. 17—Shaping the Will Without

Breaking the Spirit

Feb. 24—Christian Fathering

Mar. 3—Preparing for Adolescence:

The Origins of Self-Doubt

Mar. 10—Preparing for Adolescence:

Peer Pressure and Sexuality

Mar. 17—What Wives Wish Their

Husbands Knew About Women:

The Lonely Housewife

Mar. 24—What Wives Wish Their

Husbands Knew About Women:

Money, Sex, Children

The Commission on Evangelism

and Education for Trinity will sponsor the films and will provide discussion groups after each. Members from other churches and denominations are cordially invited to attend. A nursery will be provided.

Vacaton Church School For 1985

June 24-27

Marketplace 29 AD

What is Marketplace 29 A.D.?

- It is a Bible times experience for children K-6th grade.
- It is a blend of Jewish traditions and Christian Heritage.
- It is a complete "hands on" learning experience.
- It is a re-creation of family life typical of the days of Christ.
- It is a chance for your children to experience many of the things they learn in Sunday School.
- It is your chance to participate in an exciting part of your child's religious education.
- It is coming June 24-27th.

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