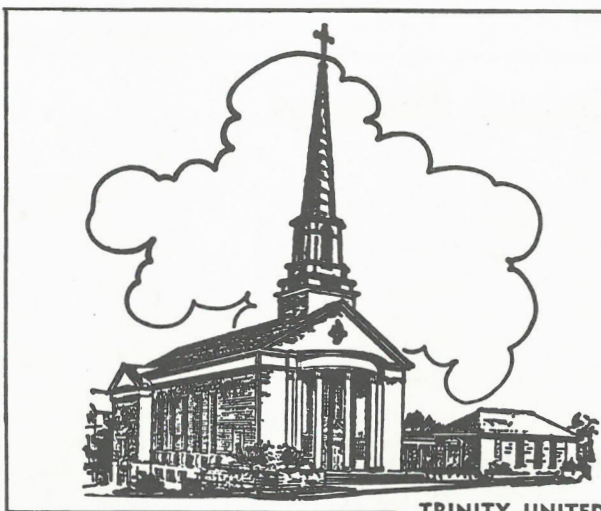




Monthly Tidings

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA • VOL. 12, NO. 10 • NOV., 1985

Dr. Kalaf Will Give Thanksgiving Sermon At Bethel A.M.E.

Trinity Senior Minister Walter N. Kalaf will deliver the sermon for an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service that will join Protestant, Catholic and Jewish congregations in a celebration of food and shelter on November 27.

This year's service will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 501 West Orange Avenue, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Worshippers will bring forward gifts of canned goods for the community's needy during the prelude at the beginning of the service. The food will be distributed through ECHO and the Neediest Cases project of Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More. Money from the offering taken later during the service will go to the work of Habitat for Humanity.

The traditional sounding of the shofar by Edwin Fleet of the Temple Israel congregation will be followed by the reading of Governor Bradford's Thanksgiving proclamation by Dr. Walter Moore of the First Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. A. J. Richardson, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, will bring greetings as the host church.

Dr. Kalaf's sermon, "I Remember, I Remember," will be based on the text from Psalm 103: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all the benefits."

Combined choirs of the eight participating churches will sing under the direction of Dr. Roy Johnson, organist and choirmaster of St. John's Episcopal Church. Members of children's choirs of the congregations will sing under the direction of Cynthia Wendel, director of music at Trinity UMC.

Pastors, priest and rabbi of the participating groups will take part in the worship service by reading the scripture lesson, leading prayers and responses.

A social hour will follow the service with refreshments provided by women's organizations of the churches.

Participating in the fourth annual interfaith service will be the congregations of Bethel A.M.E. Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Temple Israel, Trinity United Methodist Church, and United Church in Tallahassee.

Frazers To Tell of Work In Zaire At Mission Rally

A Tallahassee District Mission Rally is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. November 17 immediately following the District Conference at Trinity.

Midway through a speaking tour at mission rallies in each of the Florida Conference's 14 districts, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Frazer will be featured speakers for the evening. Veteran missionaries with 18 years' service in Liberia and Zaire, the Frazers are assigned



The Greathouse family

A 'Great' Happening

Something really "Great" is happening at Trinity. Gordon Greathouse, missionary to Belo Horizonte, Brazil, is visiting us on November 18. We have supported Gordon and Tereza through our budget and with the Pentecost offering this year and enjoyed their letters, but this is the first opportunity we have had to meet him and learn first hand of his mission work in Brazil.

Lunch and fellowship will begin at 12:30 p.m., November 18 in Moor Hall. Gordon will also attend the covered-dish supper at 6:00 p.m. prior to Charge Conference. Please join the Commission on Missions in welcoming Gordon to our church family.

—Duane Clark

Commission on Missions

'A Year When A Dream Has Come True'

Gordon Greathouse, missionary to Brazil who will speak at Trinity November 18, in a letter to the Commission on Missions September 19 gave a preview of the mission work he and Mrs. Greathouse do for the Methodist Church in Brazil. Usually working 55 to 60 hours a week, they suffer many setbacks in their projects and say they are encouraged from letters from their sponsoring churches.

But progress is made too. He wrote:

This year, activities have exploded in the Community Center. It has been a year where a dream has come true. For three years we have struggled to create a center that could help the slum dwellers in São Gabriel. The first year was a year of frustration where a group of people placed a number of obstacles to the creation of the center. It was a year of delays, lack of money, confusion. Finally the members of the local church (a very poor church), said they would push the project ahead even if people in other churches didn't have time or money to help.

The second year was a hard year with extreme overcrowding. No place to house programs, no place to store

material, no equipment, no money for salaries, difficulty in selling what we made. It was nevertheless a year of hope. We trained people for working in cottage industries, we laid the foundations for two buildings, we developed contacts with the poor in the communities and won their confidence.

This year we built or completed the two buildings, we provided health care, schooling for 4-year-olds, tutoring for grade school students, rebuilt or repaired 11 houses, and grew to 14 full-time employees (11 in cottage industries) with services to the community 7 days a week. We have a good 50 regular volunteers in areas ranging from puppetry and judo, to music and Christian education as well as recreation.

If I have a chance to visit you, I'd like to share the story of this explosion. It has been exciting and tiring but above all we have felt the presence of the Lord. We know that God wants us to work with the poor in São Gabriel, we have to listen carefully to know how, but without any doubt he has been at our side.

Gordon Greathouse

offering and subsequent donations initial equipment, medicine and funding for the hospital.

Also reporting during the mission rally November 17 will be participants in the Volunteer in Mission projects of the district.

Offering taken during the rally will be donated in part to the Vashti Center in Thomasville, GA, and for other mission projects in the district.

Trinity's Annual Charge and Church Conference Is Nov. 18

Trinity's annual Charge and Church Conference will begin at 6 p.m., Monday, November 18, with a covered dish supper in Moor Hall.

With Tallahassee District Superintendent Thomas Mitchell presiding, the conference at 6:45 will hear annual reports of pastors, and of other major committees of the church.

The Planning Committee, created in 1981 to assess the needs and plan the direction of Trinity's program and ministry, will report on progress made. Chairperson Eleanor Smith convened the Planning Committee on October 28 to determine how many of the recommendations it made three years ago have been implemented.

The Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers, chairpersons and members of commissions, committees and the Administrative Board for election. The new leaders will take office in January 1986.

Members of the Administrative Board constitute the charge conference and all members of the church are members of the church conference. All members and friends are invited to attend in order to learn more about the workings of their church.

District Conference Also at Trinity On November 17

Trinity members will have an opportunity to view the United Methodist Church's connectional system first hand Sunday, November 17, when the Tallahassee District Conference convenes in our church.

District Superintendent Thomas G. Mitchell will call the gathering of all United Methodist Churches of the district to order at 3 p.m. Highlights of each of those churches' activities for the year will be distributed in written form.

District Lay Leader Dolores Jackson, a member of Trinity, and Dr. Mitchell will report on the year's programs and ministry and present challenges for 1986. Dr. and Mrs. Mitchell will report on their exchange service with a church in England this summer.

Supper will be served at 5:15 p.m. Lay leaders, pastors, lay members, presidents of United Methodist Women and Men, and district officers are expected to attend, but any interested UM may attend. To make supper reservations, deliver \$3 to Rubie Butterworth in the church office by November 11.

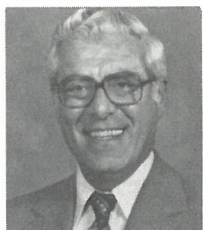
Stewardship Sunday

November 10, 1985

Be in Church that day.

A Personal Word . . .

from Walter Kalaf



Thanksgiving and Giving

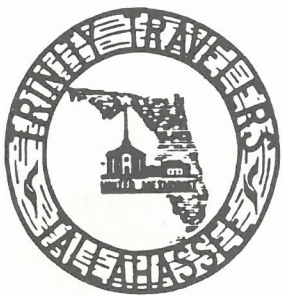
In 1981 a delegation of the National Council of Churches was invited to reestablish relations with the churches of China. In a memorable address Dr. Claire Randall, then NCCC General Secretary and a member of that delegation, told of some of their experiences.

We sat with Christians in a village home and heard how during the Cultural Revolution, when all churches were closed and most Bibles had been confiscated, these people continued to worship in their homes. They said they closed the door and sang quietly. We also heard how many of them had saved their titles over a period of ten years and brought them out and gave them to the churches when they reopened. We heard of the woman who went with her family every Christmas Eve for ten years and stood quietly in front of their church building which had been made into a warehouse, as a reminder to themselves of their faith. When they could do nothing, the Chinese Christians did something. Their remarkable joy in their faith now reflects . . . their faithfulness during the long, hard ten years of the Cultural Revolution.

Our church has never been closed to us, our Bibles never taken from us. We never have had to worship in secret, in fear of dire consequences to us and to our families were we apprehended in this illegal activity.

Should we not be even more joyous and generous, faithful and full of praise? Are we?

November brings with it both our Stewardship Crusade for 1986 and our national Thanksgiving observance. When you think about it, thanksgiving and giving belong together, for genuine gratitude always results in the spirit of generosity.



TRINITY TRAVELERS NOTES

On September 30, 73 persons boarded Delta flights to begin a delightful tour of New England and Canada. All would agree that the fall colors could not have been more spectacular. Picturesque Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia, Old Quebec City, the elegant Mt. Washington Hotel in New Hampshire, Lake Winnepesaukee, the Quincy Market in Boston, charming Salem, Massachusetts, rocky coastlines and beautiful mountain scenes were

outstanding in the minds of the group.

Those traveling with escorts Mark Bryars, Rubie and Chuck Butterworth, and Gayle Jordan were Bobbie Weatherly, Charlotte Snider, Nell Hambrick (Bainbridge), Allie Ferguson, Kathleen Hays (Apalachicola), Mabel Kilner, J. W. and Mary Luis Melvin, Martelle Mohler, Clyde Allen, Tina Sinclair, Lena Herold (Plant City), Alice Wadsworth, Ruby Wimberley, G. C. and Ruth Norman, Gladys Moates, Nell Bowers, Nell McDonald (Meigs), Ruth Whitehurst (Thomasville), Clifton Smith, Florence Scherdin, Helen Anderson, Caroline Barthelmess, Florina McClure, Willa Chapman, Marion Buford, Kathryn Moon, Gladys Meyer (Apalachicola).

Margaret Poitras (Winter Haven), G. S. and Gwen Roberts, Lucile Shuler, Louise Fitzgerald, Margaret Anderson (Santa Monica, CA), Catherine Norris (Pacific Palisades, CA), Jean Nix, Ruth Neilson, Virginia Lawson, Mozelle Douglas (Immokalee), Sue Seph, Lorrie White, Vivian Waites, Esther Hendrickson, Myron and Charlotte Blee, John and Ida Buchan, Lucy Shaeffer, Marian Rude (Quincy), William and Norah Rogers, Angie Stair, Pat Springer (Panama City), Willie Andrews, Ella Phelps, Myrtle White, Bessie May Cravey, Tom and Frances Lewis, Margaret Stickler, Hazel Stevens, Mary Jayne Martin-Vegue, Grace Fox, Myrtle Chapdelaine, Marion Knapp, Madeline Rolland, Bea Calhoun (Jekyll Island), and Marguerite Meagher (Jekyll Island).

Save April 2-4, 1986, for a delightful spring jaunt to Callaway Gardens. There will be a stop in Columbus, Georgia, for a tour of the restoration there before going on to Callaway Inn for two nights. Following a guided tour of the gardens group members will be free to visit the Little White House at Warm Springs or return to the gardens. On Friday morning the group will go to the annual pilgrimage of homes in Eufala, Alabama, returning to Tallahassee late in the afternoon. The cost will be \$230 which will include two breakfasts and two dinners at Callaway Inn.

HEO REPORTS

From time to time HEO likes to remind the people of Trinity of the various services available through the HEO office and the volunteers who work with this committee.

HEO tries to avoid duplicating any program offered by other church groups. Some HEO projects include the services of the handyman, Don Briggs; visitation of homebound members; greetings to homebound members on special occasion and to members who are ill; and help with various problems, including referral to community agencies.

The contributions of persons who make donations are gratefully received and all the work of those who cooperate in presenting the bazaar is very much appreciated, since these activities provide the funding for HEO, and fulfill the meaning of Helping Each Other.

Youths Invite You to Church Family Dinners

The youths of the church are planning two family dinners after 11 a.m. worship services on November 10 and December 8 in Moor Hall.

Proceeds will go to benefit the UMYF compassion children project in which Trinity youths sponsor two Haitian children. The boys receive education, food and clothing with the financial help Trinity youths provide.

Trinity members can support the youths' efforts by sharing the good food and fellowship on these two Sundays. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 or under.

Information for Tidings

Articles for the December issue should be in the church office by November 18.

UMW Circles Announce Meetings

Circle #1 will meet Monday, November 11, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Helen Willis, 1504 Hickory. Co-hostesses will be Frances Simmons and Barbara Ainsworth.

Circle #2 will meet Monday, November 11, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Hazel Bandlow, 1211 Azalea Dr. Mrs. Nell Somerset will be co-hostess. Mrs. Frances Lewis will have the program, "Must We Have Enemies?" Members should bring Project Cheer gifts.

Circle #3 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Annie Royal Andrews, 1106 Brookwood. The study will be on the Book of Daniel.

Task Force Studies Circle Organization

A United Methodist Women task force has been studying circle organization.

Circle visitation has been completed and all members of Trinity's unit of United Methodist Women have had an opportunity to complete a registration form that reflects their wishes and feelings about circle membership. Most of these have been returned to the task force.

If any circle member has not completed the form and turned it in, and if you want your feelings known, please see your circle leader immediately as these forms are in the process of being studied and some circles reorganized.

The task force making this study reported it is pleased with the response and feel that it has been a very worthwhile endeavor, which will result in stronger circles and a more effective unit.

A complete report will be presented to the unit so that any changes recommended may be made by January 1986. Task force members are Liz Smith, Frances McAdams, Libba Harris, Mary Ann Helton, Jo Burrell, Louise Leathers, and Miriam Peirce.

Trinity Walkers Set Pace in Vashti Walkathon

Ten Trinity members walked their way to the top of the pledge list October 5, and when the miles were covered they had raised \$2,286.20 for Vashti, the United Methodist school for emotionally disturbed children at Thomasville.

Miriam Peirce of Trinity walked the Tom Brown Park course to become the single highest money raiser among the 112 participants. She brought in \$1,106.

Total raised by all participants was \$8,001.47, just a little below the 1984 total of \$8,682.

With Trinity acting as host church for the annual event, Charles Jackson served as church coordinator. He tabulated pledges and walkers from

Circle #4 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 301 at the church.

Circle #5 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Jessie Moon, 2824 Old St. Augustine Rd. Myrtle Mercer will be co-hostess.

Circle #6 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Emily Jenkins, 1313 Lemond Street. Co-hostess is Helen Davis. Mary Eleanor Daniel will give the devotional. John Quigley will talk on Haiti.

Circle #7 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Mrs. J. F. Weatherly, 3248 Rue de Lafitte.

Circle #8 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 9:15 a.m., in the parlor. Grace Fisher will give a program on Suzannah Wesley. A nursery will be provided.

Circle #9 will meet Tuesday, November 12, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Isabel Hay, 105 Lasswade Drive.

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

Circle #11 meeting will be announced later. Call Lark Mott-Smith at 878-8897 for information.

Circle #12 will meet Thursday, November 14, at 2:30 p.m., in the parlor.

Circle #13 meeting will be announced later.

In Memoriam

Gifts have been made as memorials by the following:

In memory of *Minna E. Jewell* by the Felkel-Steinmeyer Class, Julia Sutton and Mrs. Thomas Lux.

In memory of *Murray Cook* by Julia Sutton.

In memory of *Mrs. Bryan Willis (Willie)* by Cynthia N. MacFadden, J. D. Plant, W. J. Oven, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Fordham, Maggie C. Sorensen and Anne C. Whitehead.

In memory of *Gene Young* by Esther Wilfong.

16 United Methodist Churches in the Tallahassee District. He was assisted with registration by Dolores Jackson, Kathleen Gayhard and George Hensarling.

Although Trinity participants brought in the most money, John Wesley UMC had the most walkers—17. The oldest participant was 73-year-old Earle Herb of Tallahassee Heights and the youngest was 8-year-old Heather Hughes of Monticello.

Trinity walkers also included David and Matt Hensarling, April Greene, Allison James, Jason Dameron, Rebecca Hood, Cal Bender, F. J. Black and Giles Kennedy.

The Wesley Fellowship Class contributed \$25 to help with costs and others contributed in various ways.

Trinity Pledgers Nearing Goal For Florida Conference Development Fund

Trinity members had contributed \$27,043 to the Florida Conference Development Fund at the end of September, just \$8,560 short of fulfilling the pledges they made two and one-half years ago to help establish a loan fund to build new churches.

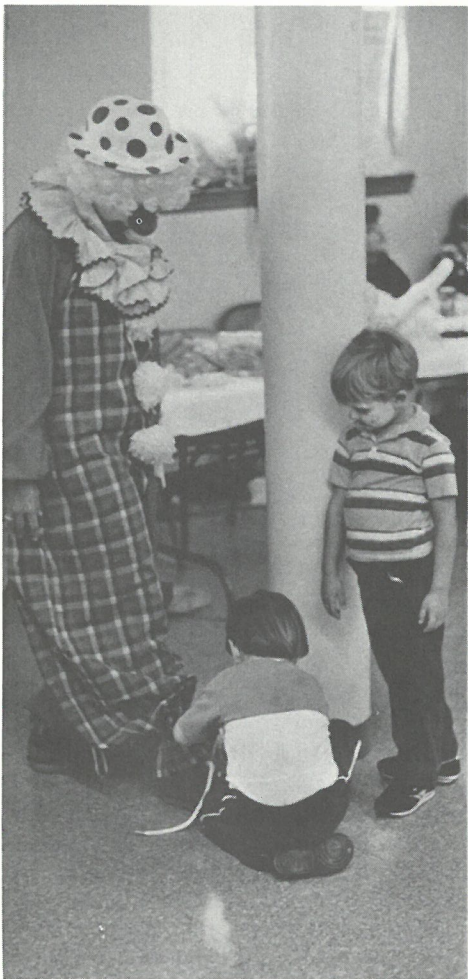
The three-year pledge period ends April 30, 1986. Trinity members' total pledges of \$35,603, combined with those of other United Methodist Churches in Florida, will have helped create a loan fund of \$7 or \$8 million to launch new churches, relocate old churches where population has shifted, and redevelop others. The Florida Annual Conference started

the fund three years ago to meet the challenge of Florida's rapidly growing population.

Early payments into the fund have made possible loans to churches in Palm Coast where forest fires last year destroyed the church building, at Suntree, Middleburg, Orange Park, High Springs and Melbourne. These loans total \$795,000.

Other loans have been committed but not yet fully disbursed totaling \$376,307 to churches in Lake Panasoffkee, Bartley Temple near Leesburg, St. James in Sarasota and an additional loan to Wesley in Melbourne.

Busy Bee Bazaar Brings Crowd To Trinity



Devin Dupree, son of Valerie and Chuck Dupree, observes while his friend Sam Sweat ties the shoe laces of a Busy Bee clown, reliably reported to be youth counselor Cheri Harkema.



Several hundred people came to Trinity's Busy Bee Bazaar between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, October 26. This group pays close attention as auctioneer Ann Boyd (right) calls for a bid.

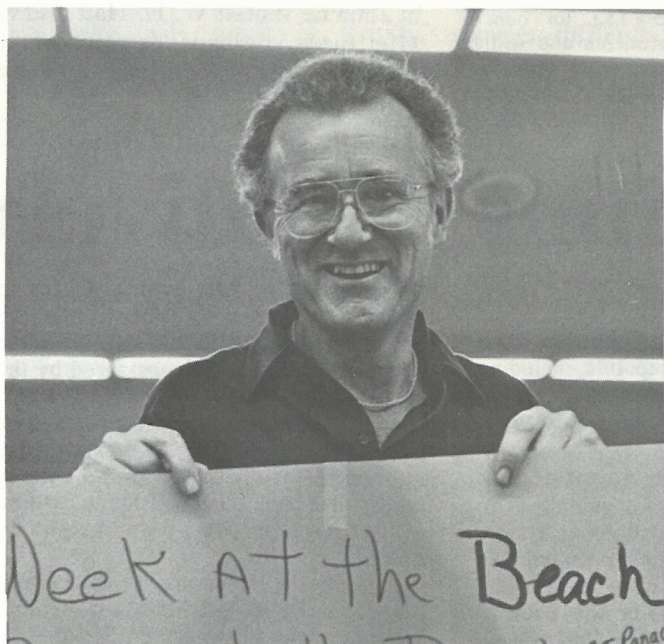


Janie Kalaf introduces five-year-old Maggie Batts to the last of the Gourdis. Only a few remained out of a family of 50, making this one of the best money-raisers of the bazaar.

Photos by Jim Nash



Co-Chairman Bob Bass shows off one of the chairs in the auction.



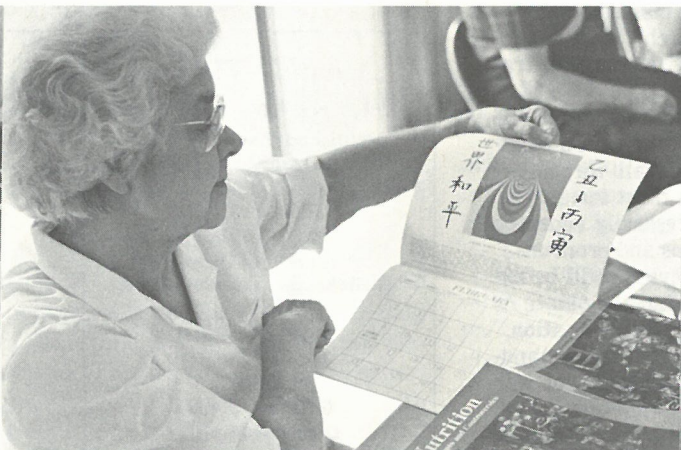
Chuck Jackson, 1984 bazaar co-chairman, brings up a bid item for close inspection—a week's use of a beach cottage.



Jane Love, associate chairman, and Nancy Petrandis, general chairman, preside and keep the books at the October 26 bazaar. Proceeds totaled nearly \$10,000 by day's end, but expenses have to be deducted before profits can be known.



A weary Sally Nash, UMYF president who coordinated youth activities at the bazaar, presides over a table of knick-knacks.



Mallie Slater examines the art used in a calendar designed by computer expert E. P. Miles. It was one of many items sold at the bazaar to raise money for the H.E.O. program and other Trinity activities. Mrs. Slater is the H.E.O. secretary.



Dolores Jackson, 1984 bazaar co-chairman, and Claire Nash, coordinator of the quilt project, spend a few moments in conversation.

Evangelism Commission Planning Spiritual Enrichment Week

The Evangelism Commission is planning a Spiritual Enrichment Week for February 23-25 with the Rev. Sam Rogers, minister at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ga., as guest minister.

The observance will include the two Sunday morning worship services, an evening, youth-oriented service, Bible studies on Monday and Tuesday mornings and evening services on those days.

Rev. Rogers, son of Trinity members Gordon and Melba Rogers, has selected as his theme, "Crosswalk: With Jesus on the Way to Calvary."

His four sermons will focus on Jesus and his temptation (Luke 4:1-13); his charge to the disciples to follow him (Luke 9:18-27); the institution of the Lord's supper (Luke 22:14-27); and Gethesmane (Luke 22:39-53).

"It's a good time for active and inactive Trinity members to regroup spiritually in order to reach beyond the walls of Trinity," Commission member Eleanor Smith said. "To reach out into the community—that is our mission and goal."

The Spiritual Enrichment Week is the kind of emphasis members of the church Planning Committee had in

mind in 1982 when they stated the Mission of Trinity in the following words: "To provide the kind of atmosphere which will enable members to see they have a full-time ministry to perform for Christ—that they are all called to be full-time Christians whatever their profession or state in life might be."

"The Spiritual Enrichment Week also presents an opportunity to respond to needs of our own members, to nurture and support them," Mrs. Smith, who was chairman of the Planning Committee, said.

Members of the Evangelism Commission discussed the need for a church-wide spiritual enrichment week last December and it has been a major topic for discussion at several succeeding meetings.

The commission envisions this observance as a major, church-wide activity involving all Trinity members in an enriching experience.

—by Jim Nash

Hales Will Speak at Adult Fellowship

The monthly meeting of Trinity's Adult Fellowship will be held in Moor Hall on Friday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m. Featured on the program will be Eleanor and Gifford Hale who will share experiences of this past summer in Tallahassee's sister city, Krasnodor, Russia.

All persons of retirement or near retirement age are invited to participate. Lunch will be served for \$2.50 per plate. Reservations should be made in the church office by Wednesday, November 13.

Rae and Walter James, former Trinity organist and music director, are serving as music directors for the musical "Once Upon a Mattress" scheduled for a November 7-9 and 14-16 run at Tallahassee Community College. The production is by the West End Players, TCC's company of student actors. Ticket prices are \$3 for general admission and \$1 for students and will be available at the Turner Auditorium Box Office each performance night. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Colin Pigott is shown rehearsing his role as Dauntless.



Its floor boards broken through and its front porch sagging, this frame house is the only building left at Old Rolfe, Iowa. Built in 1867, the house was visited by Methodist Missionary Charles Crozat Converse, who here wrote music for the hymn, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," in 1868.

Serendipity on the Prairie

Favorite Hymn Written at Old Rolfe

After miles and miles of corn fields, a stop at the ghost town of Old Rolfe seemed a welcome respite as members of my family traveled by chartered bus July 1 to find our family "roots" in Pocahontas County, Iowa.

We followed the West Des Moines River south on gravel roads to a knoll where the first settlers stopped in 1859. The site turned out to be more than a glimpse at what happens to once thriving towns when a new railroad causes the population to move to a more accessible location—it presented a moment of serendipity that added special significance to a favorite Methodist hymn.

In the only house remaining from Old Rolfe's pioneer days, a house still stubbornly standing despite rotten floor boards and sagging posts, Methodist Missionary Charles C. Converse wrote the music for the hymn, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." In 1868 he visited W. H. Hait and his wife there, perhaps on one of his journeys to minister to the midwestern settlers.

It was one of the most scenic lo-

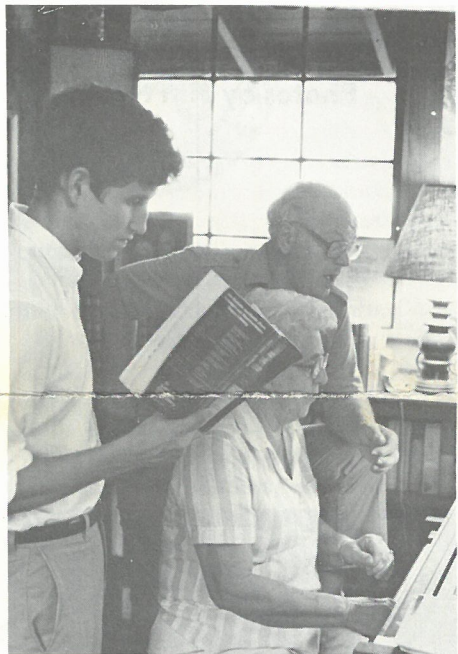
cations in that flat prairie country. Nearby was God's Acre, the cemetery that became the resting place for many of the early settlers. The graves gave testimony to the hardships of frontier life and the composer responded.

"Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer."

The August 23 issue of *The United Methodist Reporter* told about a survey being taken to determine which hymns to leave in or delete from a new Methodist hymnal. Converse's words written at Old Rolfe narrowly made the "Retain" list.

The scorekeepers may not know what those words of assurance meant to the pioneers on the Iowa prairie, to a young girl growing up in a country town in Florida, or to families gathered by the grave of a loved one. I'm going to keep my copy of the present hymnal just in case.

—Linda H. Yates



200 present hymns tentatively deleted

By JOHN A. LOVELACE
Managing Editor

CHICAGO—The United Methodist Hymnal Revision Committee passed an important checkpoint Oct. 14-15 when it finished reviewing the hymns portion of the current (1966) Book of Hymns.

Of the book's 500-plus hymns, more than 300 are tentatively listed for retention. Another 200 or so are listed tentatively for deletion, based mainly on their apparent low usage.

The committee's editor, the Rev. Carlton R. Young, said the new book appears on its way to being "the most radical departure from traditional Methodist hymnody since the Civil War."

He defended the number of penciled-out deletions by saying, "If we don't delete at least 200, it's not a revision."

80 ethnic hymns slated.

Dr. Young, summing up the meeting, said the committee is "on the way" to an inclusive hymnal.

The committee agreed in principle to include 80-plus hymns from ethnic minority supplements to the current hymnal. These include 60 Negro spirituals and other songs from the black tradition from Songs of Zion; 16 from Celebremos, representing the Hispanic tradition; six from Hymns from the four Winds, representing the Asian-American tradition, and one representing the Native American tradition.

These, added to the proposed retentions, total over 400 hymns proposed for inclusion in the revised hymnal.

The entire hymn output of Charles and John Wesley remains to be reviewed as a separate category, and other popular sources of Methodist hymnody, including

the Cokesbury hymnal, are yet to be reviewed.

All hymns under consideration must pass several more checkpoints, including language, before the committee can finally approve them.

Language guidelines adopted

The committee adopted guidelines to measure language of traditional hymns, which Dr. Young defined primarily as language based on the King James Version of the Bible (1611) or the Book of Common Prayer (1549). The 1984 General Conference instructed the Hymnal Revision Committee "to respect the language of traditional hymns" in the current book.

A unified definition of "respect" has eluded the 25-member committee. Nonetheless, the Wesleyan quadrilateral of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience and "sensitivity to our participation in the ecumenical church" were established as basic tests for language of traditional hymns.

Inclusive forms of address are to be used for persons. And "the poet's original language" for God—all three persons—is to be used "in most instances," substituting for "unnecessarily repeated gender metaphors, nouns and pronouns."

Texts of traditional hymns will be examined to determine what they state or imply about "care of God's creation," human rights, international understanding and cooperation, eradication of war and establishment of justice and peace. Language of traditional hymns which is judged discriminatory or not in accord with the United Methodist Social Principles "should be altered or deleted," according to the guidelines.

These guidelines apply only to tradi-

tional hymns or new hymns written in traditional language. Other guidelines will be established to measure language of new material to be considered by the committee.

In addition to adopting language guidelines, the committee established a subcommittee to recommend where, within the book's overall hymn section structure, certain hymns might be placed.

A proposed structure chart recommended the hymn section be divided into five parts with the working titles of:

- The glory of God.
- The grace of Jesus Christ.
- The power of the Holy Spirit.
- The community of the church.
- A new heaven and a new earth.

1989 sales eyed

The United Methodist Publishing House, which has the responsibility to publish and promote any new hymnal, presented a detailed promotion and production plan, complete with deadlines.

The Publishing House's chief executive, Robert Feaster, said plans are based on the assumption that the 1988 General Conference will adopt the Hymnal Revision Committee report. The report is expected to feature the entire contents of the proposed hymnal with a paperback cover rather than permanent hardboard.

The Publishing House is shooting for first-year (1989-90 fiscal year) sales of 2.5 to 3 million copies.

Reprinted from Oct. 25 U. M. Reporter

Monthly Tidings

Vol. 12, No. 10 Nov., 1985

Published Monthly except

August by

Trinity United Methodist Church

USPS - 013 - 030

P. O. Box 1086

Park and Duval

Tallahassee, Florida 32302

☆ ☆

Walter N. Kalaf

John K. Quigley

Ministers

Gayle M. Jordan

Diaconal Minister

☆ ☆

Linda Yates, Editor

Dec. deadline: Nov. 18

Second Class Postage Paid
at Tallahassee, Florida