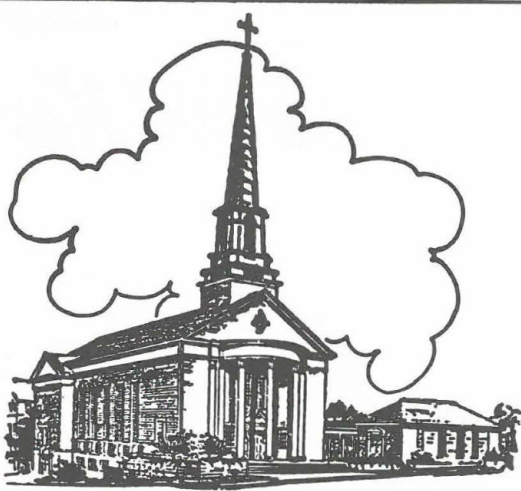




Monthly Tidings

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Circuit Rider Program Nears Pledge Goal

Another \$75,000 in pledge commitments was needed as of November 22 to meet anticipated income required to underwrite Trinity's program and ministry for 1988.

Walter Funderburk, who with his wife Kitty has been coordinating this year's circuit rider commitment program, said he is encouraged by the approximately \$400,000 pledged as of that date. They sent a letter to members who ordinarily pledge but who had not yet been heard from, asking if they were inadvertently missed on Circuit Rider Sunday, to please call the church office for a pledge card or to give verbal confirmation of their pledge.

"We are pleased to have received an increase from many members and to have received pledges from several who had not pledged before," Funderburk said. "We feel good about the response we have received from those we have contacted by telephone, and know we could reach our goal if we had time to telephone everyone. Since we are not able to do that, we hope that all who may have been missed will voluntarily call the office with their pledge," he said.

The 1988 proposed budget of \$620,000 was based on anticipated pledges of \$475,000 and the balance from other offerings and trust income. The 1987 budget was underwritten with \$428,000 in pledges.

The budget will be reviewed by the Administrative Board in January and programs and ministry adjusted up or down according to anticipated income.

Council Votes To Halt Ticket Sales in Narthex

The Council on Ministries on November 9 adopted a policy that prevents the sale of tickets and other fund raising activities in the narthex or outside the sanctuary before and after worship services.

Following several months of fund raising activities in behalf of choir and youth trips, handbell purchase, the bazaar and mission projects, the council determined these promotions were disruptive to persons coming to worship. In the future such activities will be restricted to other locations in the church plant.

Appeals for participation in a fund raiser may be made only once during a worship service by the sponsoring group. This policy does not preclude the minister from including the activity in his announcements to the congregation.

The council also reserved the right to approve fund raising activities in order to control their frequency. At its November 9 meeting it approved the sale of citrus by the Youth Choir and two after church dinners between January and May to raise money for the summer Youth Choir trip.



Pictured during a noon meeting November 10, members of the Long Range Planning Committee II are (seated from left) Eleanor Smith, Liz Smith and Walli Beall; (standing from left) Chairman Stanley Marshall, Ben Betts, Walter Funderburk, Carrol Dadisman, Marti Hall, Walter Kalaf and Allie Ferguson. Not pictured are Kathryn Davidson, Linda Yates, Bob Bone, Georgianna Wollschlager and Bill Smith.

Long Range Committee Schedules Forum

What do you want Trinity's future to be? Long Range Planning Committee II invites your recommendations.

Members of the congregation are invited to participate in a forum on the future of Trinity immediately after the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 6. Chairman Stanley Marshall and other members of the committee will be in Moor Hall for the hour-long forum to receive comments, questions and recommendations from all who wish to participate.

Special Music Highlights Advent

There are many opportunities this month to share the seasons of Advent and Christmas with Trinity's music ministry.

On Sunday morning, December 6, the Chancel Choir will present the Saint-Saens Christmas Oratorio at the 11:00 worship service. There will be no early service that day. Soloists will be Mary Michenselder, Carole Dalton, Linda Haggard, Randy Wells, and Pat Rice.

That same evening, the Chancel Choirs of Trinity and Faith Presbyterian Church will combine to sing "The Many Moods of Christmas" by Robert Shaw. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Faith.

On Friday, December 11, the children of Trinity's weekday preschool will present a short Christmas program for their parents in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 12, members of the Chancel Choir will be singing with and for the annual Muscular Dystrophy Christmas party. This will be the second year that the choir has been given this special opportunity.

On Sunday, December 13, the Trinity Ringers, under the direction of Bill Haggard, will present a pre-worship recital beginning at 10:40 a.m. as well as playing during both worship services. You won't want to miss this fine handbell choir and its music of Christmas!

Also sharing in the worship services that day will be the Youth Choir.

That afternoon, the Trinity Ringers

will be playing Christmas anthems at the Old Capitol Rotunda. The time has tentatively been set for 5:15-5:40.

At 6 p.m., December 13, the Trinity Troopers will present "Silent Night: the Birth of a Carol" in the sanctuary. This will be followed by churchwide carolling to some of Trinity's homebound.

On Sunday December 20, (Christmas Sunday), the Chancel Choir will sing at both worship services.

That evening, following the church family Christmas dinner, members of the Chancel Choir, along with a group from Faith Presbyterian, will provide a short program and carol sing.

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Carollers to Sing

On December 13, groups of eight to ten adults and children will be carolling in front of the homes of Trinity's homebound members and those who have difficulty coming out to programs at night.

The goal this year is to double the number of homes visited in previous years. All individuals and families able to give one hour on Sunday evening, December 13, are asked to contact Barbara Shores at 222-1120 as soon as possible so that the carolling route can be completed.

Hot cider, coffee, and light refreshments will be served in Moor Hall to carollers as they return to the church.

Safety Rules Prevent Cold Nights Program

Trinity's Outreach Commission was expected to meet early this month to address alternatives to housing the Cold Nights program ECHO had planned to coordinate with several local churches beginning December 1.

The commission had asked Trinity's trustees to consider using Moor Hall as an overnight shelter for the homeless and for city residents with inadequate heat on nights when the temperature is 32 degrees or below.

At a meeting November 16, the trustees heard a report from trustee Ruth Bass of requirements for operating a dormitory type shelter that are so stringent that the trustees believe the church is unable to comply.

"The trustees all were sympathetic with the request for the shelter, but our responsibility for the financial burden and the physical maintenance of the church required us to say no," Mrs. Bass said.

"Even if we started today, it would take more than a year to comply with the requirements of the Life Safety Code for buildings that provide sleeping arrangements," she said. "We are also talking about major expenditures—in essence renovating a building that was constructed in 1953 for other purposes to conform with today's safety code for dormitories."

Mrs. Bass said she discussed the Cold Nights program with the City-County Fire Prevention Office, which outlined numerous requirements before a dormitory shelter permit would be issued. Most difficult and expensive of these is for a sprinkler system to be installed throughout the building connected physically to Moor Hall, including the sanctuary. There would also have to be fire doors shutting off the four stairwells at the front and back of Moor Hall, a fire alarm system, smoke alarms, more fire extinguishers and lighted exits.

The heating and air conditioning system would have to be modified

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Annual Church Family Christmas Dinner Is Dec. 20

Trinity's annual church family Christmas dinner and program is being planned for Sunday evening, December 20, in Moor Hall. It is being planned on a different night than the annual children's program because of the overflow crowds the combined events drew in past years.

The covered dish dinner is being coordinated by Jamie and Vernon Parramore, who this month end a three-year term as chairpersons of the Council on Ministries.

The evening's entertainment will be provided by the Chancel Choir of Trinity and a group from Faith Presbyterian Church.

A Personal Word . . .

from Walter Kalaf



The Challenge of Christmas

On the second night of the Vatican Council, Pope John XXIII stood at the window of his private study smiling at the thousands of cheering Romans below in St. Peter's Square. After a time he quieted them and said: "Go home, and make love grow from here to everywhere."

This, it seems to me, is the inescapable challenge of Christmas. When we really understand what Christmas means, and when we truly seek to live by the light Christmas sheds on the life of the world, we must love. For the great idea that came to the world with the birth of Jesus is the staggering fact that love is the attribute of the Power behind the universe, that God is love, and, therefore, that love is the groundwork of human existence and the life-principle of society.

If this means anything at all it means that there is no happiness, no health, no harmony either for individuals or for society when love is denied. If God is love, then love is life.

Love or perish! Through all the centuries since the birth of Christ this has been the great word of Christian theology. Now it also has become the great word of modern psychology. Love is not just a matter of religious idealism, the great psychologists have been insisting. Rather, it is the indispensable emotion.

There have been discoveries in the psychology of love and hate during the past few decades which, in their way, are just as startling as the discoveries in biology and physics. It is a fascinating historical coincidence that during the years when we learned to unchain the destructive forces inherent in matter we learned also so much more about the nature of destructiveness within human personality. We have learned that hate, fear, resentment, hostility work like poisons, that they literally affect the secretions of the body and induce disease.

Strange and wonderful it is that in this age when humankind has brought its powers of subduing nature to the place that by using them all life on this planet could be exterminated we also have learned that love is the indispensable emotion, that our need of it is as real as our need for food, that we condemn ourselves to frustration and self-destruction when we scorn it, when we hate and quarrel and will not live in peace and good will with one another.

"Go home, and make love grow from here to everywhere." This is the challenge of Christmas, and somehow, in this tender and holy season, it actually seems possible. The beauty and breathless wonder of Christmas cast a spell over us, and we feel a sensitivity toward others, a tenderness, a generosity of spirit far more urgent than our normal mind and mood. Unless, however, this mind and mood outlast the spell of this season, our observance of Christmas will be as superficial as the tinsel on our Christmas trees.

Perhaps it might help you to sustain the essential posture of those who seek always to have in them the mind of Christ Jesus to follow the example of one person about whom it was said that he read the 13th chapter of I Corinthians once each day for three weeks, and it changed his life.

Try it. You might find that it is the key to receiving and, subsequently, giving the most precious gift conceivable—the love of God in Christ which empowers us to become channels through whom His love flows into the life of the world.

Cold Nights

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with automatic dampers to prevent smoke from a fire from being blown through the air ducts.

Another major problem, according to Mrs. Bass, was word from Trinity's insurer that the church's present policy would be cancelled if the building is used to sleep people. "The company does not write high risk policies and said we would find it both difficult and very expensive to find a company that does," she said. "At present the church enjoys a low risk policy. We would have to pay from \$2500 to \$5000 more a year in premiums for a high risk policy."

The trustees plan to invite personnel from the Office of Fire Prevention to walk through Trinity's plant to determine what types of use the buildings can offer in the future. They voted to recommend that the church support a movement in the community to create a permanent shelter which will meet safety codes for such usage.

Liz Smith, Outreach Commission chairman who last winter learned that one of the elderly persons to whom she had delivered Meals on Wheels had frozen to death in her home, expressed disappointment that Trinity would be unable to house the Cold Nights program.

"My initial reaction was great disappointment, but I am encouraged that the church is open now to do this sort of thing. As we plan for the future, I hope we can be more intentional in involving our people in hands-on types of ministry and in making our facilities available," Mrs. Smith said.

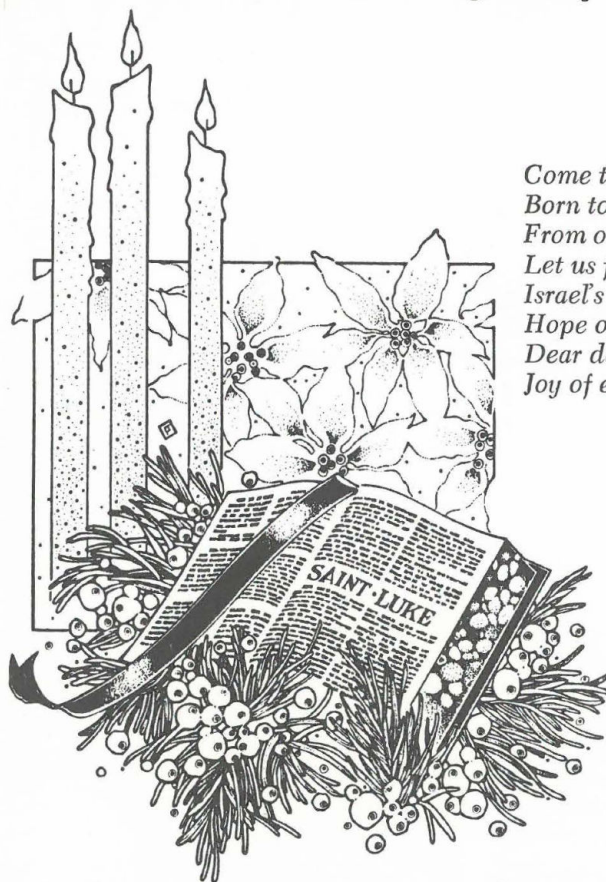
Dolores Jackson, chairman of the Subcommittee on Social Concerns, also expressed disappointment. Her committee tried to explore all issues involved in hosting the Cold Nights program, including the responsibility of ECHO to provide financial support and bedding, coordinate volunteers and provide security, before taking the proposal to the trustees. "We worked through the process every step of the way. It is disappointing to have it end like this."



Plans are moving ahead for the Trinity Travelers' next trip on February 20-26, which will feature a circle of Florida. Stops will be made in Sarasota, the Florida Everglades, Key West, Jupiter and Epcot. Special activities will include the Asolo Theatre and the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre. On the return trip, a visit will be made to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise.

Only a few more reservations are needed to assure a second bus for the trip. Any one interested in going should call Rubie Butterworth right away for a reservation. Total cost will be \$575, double, with \$200 of that amount needed for a deposit.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus



*Come thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.*

—Charles Wesley

Circles Announce December Meetings

Circle #1 will meet Monday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Mart Hill, 513 Plantation Rd. Juanita Ketchum and Frances Simmons will be co-hostesses. Members are reminded to bring linens for the kitchen.

Circle #2 will meet Monday, December 7, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Mary Lee Hurt, 2102 Old Fort Dr. Co-hostess will be Cora Morse. The program will be given by Myrtle Rehwinkle and the devotion by Eloise Berry.

Circle #3 will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Liz Revell, 1203 Firethorn.

Circle #4 will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 11:00 a.m., in Moor Hall, for a covered dish luncheon.

Circle #6 will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Jeonette Humphress, 1503 Hickory Ave. Margaret Harper and Evelyn Burns will be co-hostesses. Cindy Wendel will give the program and Sophie Ramm will give the devotion. Members are reminded to bring food for the McKee family.

Circle #8 will meet Thursday, December 10, at 12:30, at the home of Sue Mills, 2013 Cynthia Dr., for a luncheon. The nursery at the church will open at 12:00.

Circle #9 will meet Tuesday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m., at the home of Helen Price, 711 Sixth Ave. Members are asked to bring a favorite

Christmas reflection to share.

Circle #10 will meet Monday, December 14, at 3:30 p.m., at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle #11 will meet Thursday, December 10, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Dawn Long, 1500 Cristobal Dr.

Circle #12 will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 2:30 p.m., in the church parlor.

Circle #13 will meet Tuesday, December 15, at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Elizabeth Scales, 226 Westminster Dr.

Circle #14 will meet Tuesday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m., with Mrs. L. N. Brown, 1407 Randolph Circle. Mrs. David Lang will be co-hostess.

—Compiled by Claire Nash

In Memoriam

Trinity has received the following gifts during the past months:

Memorials given in memory of the following:

Charles Barnes by Mrs. Annie Royal Andrews, Miss Margaret Maxwell.

Luke Blanton, Sr. by Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Parker.

William Breen by Miss Margaret Maxwell.

Huxley Coulter by Alma Jane Whitehead, Miss Annie Royal Andrews.

Betty Hinson by Evangelism Committee, Joy Sunday School Class.

John Y. Humphress by Mr. & Mrs. Alton C. Watson, Mrs. W. L. Meadows, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Myron R. Blee, Capital City Group Foundation, Inc., Mrs. Frank M. Parker, Mr. & Mrs. J. Gordon Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. Payne Midyette, Jr., Charlotte H. Midyette, Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Funderburk, Jr., Charles H. Deeb, Mrs. Mary E. Daniel, Frances F. Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey Smith, Mary Jane Hoffman, Mrs. Annie Royal Andrews, Esther Wilfong.

Monnie K. Johnson by Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Funderburk, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Myron R. Blee, Clara V. Bert, Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey Smith, UMW, Circle No. 1, Iota of Alpha Delta Pi Corp., Mr. & Mrs. Howard Smoyer, Gene and Ruth Mink.

James D. Plant by Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Clark.

Ralph E. Proctor, Sr. by Charles H. Deeb.

Gene Young by Mr. & Mrs. Fred A. Clark.

Adult Fellowship Will Hear Wendel, Munday

By popular request, Cindy Wendel and Myron Munday will again bring a program of Christmas music to the Adult Fellowship. An added attraction this year will be the talent of Linda Haggard, Trinity's youth director, as a soloist. The children of Trinity's pre-school will also share their Christmas music.

The program will be on Friday, December 18, at 11:00 a.m. in Moor Hall. Luncheon reservations (\$3 each) should be made by Wednesday, December 16.

Special guests invited for this meeting will be Trinity members and other participants in Adult Fellowship who are 90 and above. If you know of persons in that category, please call Rubie Butterworth so that arrangements can be made to have them come. Transportation, if needed, can be arranged.

Heifer International

Help Decorate Mission Tree With Farm Animal Gift

By Liz Smith
Outreach Commission

Certainly by now you've "herd" about the Heifer Project. Yes, that's "heifer" as in "cow" . . . and you've heard too that you can actually give a cow, or a sheep or goat, pig or bunny, chickens or bees as a Christmas gift to someone you want to remember in a special way.

This unique opportunity is brought to you by the Outreach Commission through the annual Advent Christmas Tree that will again grace our narthex during the Sundays of Advent, beginning Nov. 29.

It's a fun and wonderful way to give a meaningful gift to people you want to honor, and to help in a very positive way to address the problem of hunger in our world. Heifer Project International, a nonprofit, interfaith agency, sends food-producing animals, or bees or chicks and ducks to families and communities in need, and teaches them to care for and breed these animals to produce food and income on a long-term basis. And the gifts are further expanded, because each recipient is required to

share at least one offspring from the original animal with another needy family, letting them be givers as well as takers.

How can you be a part of this wonderful project? It's easy and fun. You decide the people you would like to remember, then choose which animal you want to help purchase. Whimsical cutouts of those animals will then be hung on the tree and you will be given cards to send to your friends, telling them that a gift of that particular animal was given to Heifer Project International in their name, from you.

Besides remembering special friends, here is a great way for a Sunday school or Bible class to thank the teacher, for church members to let our wonderful clergy and staff know how much they are appreciated, or for parents to help children learn the joy of giving. As little as a dollar will purchase a chick or bee, and \$5 will pay for a share of a sheep or goat.

And think of the fun you can have making up the message to go on your card. Buy some bees and tell your friend, "Thanks for always 'beeing'

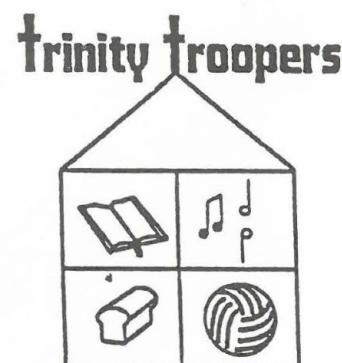
there," or put a goat on the tree for that child you are so proud of, and tell them, "You're a good kid." How about a rabbit, with the thought, "Somebunny loves you this Christmas," or just the simple words, "I care and I wanted to tell you," are always appreciated. And both you and the person honored have the joy of knowing that this gift is truly one that will keep on giving.

The tree will be in the narthex, decorated with the animal ornaments. But this year, in compliance with a new policy set by the Council on Ministries that no longer allows the sale of any tickets or merchandise in the narthex or on the church steps, you will have to show you truly care enough to come to the courtyard between the buildings to select your ornaments and donate to the project.

If you took home the "shopping list" that was in the church bulletin, you can send that, along with your check, to the church office and you will be mailed the appropriate cards to send to the people you are honoring. There will be tables set up in the congregate room and in Moor

Hall before Sunday school to give you an opportunity to choose your animals and join in the fun.

Please take a moment between Sunday school and church, or after church as you walk to your car, and help us make our Advent Christmas Tree truly beautiful because it is decorated with your love and caring.



Troopers End Fall Term With Musical

Although November 24 was the last afternoon of fun and study for the Fall Troopers, they will continue to practice for the Christmas program. Tuesday afternoons, December 1 and 8, from 3:30-4:30, they will rehearse "Silent Night: the Birth of a Carol," which they will present Sunday, December 13 at 6 p.m.

As the fall session comes to a close, the children who participate were asked about their reactions to Trinity Troopers. Lauren Hurley and Fran Williams were enthusiastic when discussing the dinner hour and the games the children and their table leaders enjoyed together. Eight-year-old Carrie Bryant said she enjoyed singing in the choir and was looking forward to the Christmas program.

Both parents and children have had high praise for the organization and fun atmosphere that has surrounded the program and the dedicated people guiding the children.

Term II of the Troopers will begin January 5 and run through February 23. For more information about participating call the church office.

Adult Bible Studies Class Plans Party

The Adult Bible Studies Class will have a Christmas open house for members, former members and newcomers from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, December 5, at the home of David and Lillian Eberly, 5407 Touraine Drive.

The class recently elected Greg Shafer its new president. Other officers are Gail Mason, vice president; Albert Leathers, secretary; and Lillian Eberly, hospitality chairman.

The class meets each Sunday in Room 301, Trinity Hall. It currently is studying the book of Ephesians. Newcomers are welcomed.

Pray for Treaty

United Methodist bishops praised both U.S. and Soviet leaders for seeking an arms reductions treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear forces.

The Council of Bishops called for United Methodists throughout the world to observe a Day of Prayer Dec. 6, the eve of disarmament negotiations scheduled in Washington.

"We now give thanks to God for signs that the superpowers have chosen to back away from the course of confrontation and potential catastrophe," the bishops said in a resolution issued during their annual fall meeting.

UMW Gives Thanks for Four 'Super' Volunteers

By Miriam Peirce
UMW President

United Methodist Women honored four of their super volunteers at their November monthly meeting. The theme of the program was "We Are Thankful." The members of the unit said, "We are thankful" for Walter Kalaf, Dolores Jackson, Linda Yates, and Frances McAdams.

These four individuals were honored for their commitment to the work of the church in general, and, in particular, to the purpose of United Methodist Women. "Telgrams" were delivered by Western Union delivery-person, Mary Ann Helton, informing the four of their honor and presenting them with special mission recognition pins.

Dr. Kalaf's telegram read: "We are thankful for your sure, steady support of our organization, your lively enthusiasm and beautiful spirit that lifts and leads us." Although Dr. Kalaf is a member in good standing of the unit (by decree of The Discipline) he does not have much time to spend in our meetings. He does, however, support our work in every way possible.

Dolores Jackson's message read: "We are thankful for your vision, the way you act out your faith, the way you bring back to us your broad, inclusive Christian perspective." Dolores has always been very active and interested in the work of United Methodist Women and has held many responsibilities on the District, Con-

ference and Jurisdictional levels. Of course, in giving service beyond the local unit it is necessary for her to be away much of the time. Her service is to the church wherever it leads her.

Another who is not able to participate much in the daily meetings of our United Methodist Women because of full-time employment is Linda Yates. Her telegram read: "We are thankful for your willingness to spend so much of your not-at-work hours working for the church that you so obviously love. We are thankful for your depth of understanding of the church as whole." Linda has given so much of herself to the church, both local and at conference level, and of course the people of Trinity could not function without the *Monthly Tidings* that she prepares for us!

The fourth to be honored was Frances McAdams. Her telegram

read: "We are thankful for your presence among us, the way you encourage our better selves to come through and the many, many hours of service given to the glory of God." Now, Frances is one who is with us in all we do, but still finds the time and commitment to be our church librarian. Her work there enriches us all.

Trinity women are very generous with their time and talents and serve as volunteers for many community projects. During the scheduled program of this meeting these women were honored and their special organizations lifted up. Some of these were ECHO, the Red Cross, Meals on Wheels, Terrell House, Tree House, Vashti, and HEO. It was observed, that among the women present that day, that literally thousands of volunteer hours to worthwhile causes were represented. We are proud of you all.

Notes from the Library

With the observance of Christmas drawing near, one's thoughts turn to the birth of Christ in Bethlehem and to Biblical scenes in Israel associated with His life on earth.

Speaking from experience, a trip to the Holy Land is one that will never be forgotten. The thrill and emotion are indescribable where, as in the words of the song, one "walked today where Jesus walked," rode on the Sea of Galilee, visited the tomb from which Christ is alleged to have risen from the dead, and saw many other places mentioned in the Bible.

Whether or not one has made the trip, some books in the library either will refresh your memory of scenes observed or give you the urge to make the journey. Some of the titles have recently been added; others, which are classics, have been in the library. Regardless of their dates, they are worth your while to check out and read.

A few suggested titles are:

Crosby—The Geography of the Bible Lands.

Daniel-Rops—Daily Life in the Time of Jesus.

Fosdick—A Pilgrimage to Palestine.

Gilbert—Jerusalem, Rebirth of a City.

Jeremias—Jerusalem in the Time of Jesus.

National Geographic Society—Everyday Life in Bible Times.

Pennel—The Whisper of Christmas; Reflections for Advent and Christmas.

Reader's Digest—Jesus and His Times.

Thurman—The Mood of Christmas.

Weatherhad—It Happened in Palestine.

Also available are numerous books on the life of Christ by various authors. Too, there are reference books such as Biblical atlases, handbooks, illustrated Bible dictionaries and encyclopedias which are non-circulating except for class use or research but, nonetheless, are interesting to look at.

On the lighter side, a few books of Christmas stories and customs are there waiting to be checked out.

For some moments of relaxation and to remember the true meaning of Christmas, come visit the library.

—Frances M. McAdams
Librarian



Congratulations . . .

•To Barbara Shores, director of Christian education, and the Rev. Mark Barden, who announce their engagement. Their wedding is planned on May 27, 1988, at Trinity United Methodist Church.

•To Dr. George Foster, Trinity pastor emeritus, who was honored by Duke Divinity School with its annual Distinguished Alumni Award. The presentation ceremony in Durham, N.C., in October cited him "for outstanding and unselfish service, for dedicated witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and for unwavering loyalty to His calling." Dr. Foster received his B.D. degree from Duke in 1933.



Chairperson Paula Smith is assisted by husband Bill Smith and auctioneer Beth Swisher (top right) as a crowd of Trinity folks bid for exotic prizes at the annual bazaar November 14. Far left center photo shows Janie Kalaf describing one of the Busy Bees' handcrafted items to an interested customer. The ladies in the country kitchen (center) and at the Christmas decorations table did a booming business. The barbecue was worth standing in line for (lower left). Proceeds from the bazaar support HEO and the church van.

Trinity Members Learn About Soviets

October Sunday nights found Trinity members deep in a study of the "Peoples and Churches of the USSR." Although the focus of this study was on religion and peace, it encompassed many other facets that helped us all understand the Soviet people better. We made our own icons and Ukrainian Easter eggs; we developed a liking for cooking various Russian dishes, borscht, stroganoff, piroshki, among them. We participated in authentic Orthodox worship (except that we were able to sit rather than stand throughout!) and learned some of their music, and a lot about their art. We heard true stories about family life and some of the difficult choices that face individual Soviet people. Some participants felt that their eyes had been opened to a new perspective on world peace. Said one: "I never really thought about the losses suffered over the years by the families. No wonder they want peace so much!" And another: "We have been told that the

USSR is a communist and atheist country. I can see now that that applies to a very small percentage of the population." "And finally: "I really wondered why we were studying this subject and I really didn't feel that I wanted to participate. Now I know why and I am so glad I came." When time allowed, discussion was lively and showed deep sensitivity to the need for all people to pray for and work for, peace. The fact that one Communist has said, "We'll bury you" (Kruschev, many years ago) and that our President replied, "Russia will end up on the ash heap of history," does not seem to be as important today as the desire of us all for peace. (Kruschev's statement has been interpreted by linguists as meaning, "We'll prevail over you." It is not really known what Truman meant! It seemed clear that a study of this sort is relevant, necessary, and exciting and challenging, as well.

—Miriam Peirce

'Trinity Treats' Sent to College Students

Members of the Commission on Higher Education and Campus Ministry on October 19 baked, packaged and mailed 24 cans of "Trinity Treats" to the church's out-of-town college students. The commission used this way to say to these students that although they are not with us each Sunday, they are remembered and supported during their college years by their Trinity family. Briley Proctor, a freshman at the University of Colorado, wrote, "... I want to say thanks so much for the Halloween treat! It is so nice of you to remember us college students so far away. I also received the book *Jesus Now* that you sent me and have put it to use quite a few times. I just want you to know that your thought-

fulness is appreciated." The commission asks each Trinity member to keep all of our college students in their prayers. Following is a list of out-of-town students for which the church has current addresses. Families of college students are encouraged to call the church office with up-to-date information on their students. Melinda Baker, Ben Betts III, Suzy Braswell, Bo Clements, Michael Coleman, Brett Cureton, Christie Davis, Suzanne Davis, Wes Harris, Elizabeth Hinkley, Holly Hughes, Wells Hughes, Hardy Jackson, Halley Lewis III, Drew Marshall, Kim Marshall, John Mims, Briley Proctor, Katie Rogers, David Sherwin, Patricia Smith, Jennifer Walter, James Weatherly III, and Laura Williams.

HEO Quiz Informs About Ministry

About 35 people stopped by the HEO table at the bazaar and tried their hand at winning a prize by correctly answering all of the questions on a short quiz about HEO. Less than half knew all the right answers, but all agreed it was a fun way to learn more about this vital ministry of our church. Virtually everyone knew that HEO stands for "Help Each Other," that the United Methodist Women originated and still sponsor it, and that Mallie Slater is the present HEO secretary. However, when people answered the true-false question, "The HEO secretary is a paid member of the church staff" as "true" and were told that was wrong, a justifiable argument always ensued because she is paid, is listed with the other staff members and works with and is con-

sidered to be a valued member by all concerned. However, the intent of the question was to point out to people that the HEO secretary is hired by and reports to the HEO committee of the UMW, and that her salary and the other funds necessary to support the work of HEO are not included in the regular church budget, but come from a percentage of the bazaar profits, from the UMW and other gifts and donations. A few people mistakenly thought that HEO only responds to the needs of Trinity members, and some did not realize that financial aid is often given in an emergency situation, but generally the range of services was pretty well known. HEO is here to serve you, or for you to serve others by working with it.

Youth Calendar

Sunday, December 6	
5:00-6:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00-6:30 p.m.	Covered dish supper in the Gregory Room.
6:30-7:30 p.m.	Decorate Christmas tree and youth center. Make baked goods to be delivered to Trinity shut-ins.
7:30-8:00 p.m.	Recreation
Sunday, December 13	
6:30-8:30 p.m.	No youth choir rehearsal Youth Christmas carolling and delivery of baked goods to the shut-ins.
*NOTE Please eat dinner before arriving. We will meet in the Gregory Room at 6:30 p.m. and then board the vans for carolling. When we return to the church refreshments will served.	
Sunday, December 20	
6:00-9:00 p.m.	No youth choir rehearsal. Youth Christmas party at the home of Alison James. A very delicious dinner will be served, the hot tub will be available for those who want to relax. Everyone will participate in the Chinese Christmas gift exchange. (more details to come) We will board the vans and leave the church at 6:15 p.m. SHARP. Please plan to attend this fun evening and invite your friends.
Friday, December 25	
	Merry Christmas!!
Sunday, December 27	
	No youth choir or UMYF meetings tonight.

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