

# Monthly Tidings

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## **Budget Preparation Begins for 1989**

Preparation for a proposed budget began Saturday, August 20, when commissions and committees under the Council on Ministries met during a six-hour retreat in Moor Hall.

The Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committee and other groups of the church have held separate meetings to determine how much will be needed to underwrite programs, property, staffing and ministry of the church during 1989.

The Finance Committee has scheduled a meeting on September 12 to review the various groups' needs and formulate the budget, scheduled to go to the Administrative Board on September 19.

Walter Funderburk, chairman of the Stewardship Committee, is putting together a committee to conduct the annual financial campaign that will seek to underwrite the budget the Administrative Board approves.

October 23 has been designated as loyalty Sunday, the day Trinity members will return their pledge cards during morning worship services. This method of receiving pledges is being used instead of the Circuit Rider Commitment Program Trinity used for the past two years.

#### **Trinity to Observe Christian Education** Sunday Sept. 25

Christian Education Sunday will be observed at Trinity September 25 with presentation of Bibles to thirdgraders during 11 a.m. worship and with a potluck churchwide supper at 6:00 p.m.

Education Commission Chairman Jane Love said third-grade children will receive Bibles, which they will use in a six-week Bible study taught by DCE Linda Mobley. The study will be held during the morning worship hour.

The covered dish supper in Moor Hall will be co-sponsored by the Education and Higher Education commissions. Special guests will be stu dents from the Chapel of the Upper Room and those participating in the Adopt-a-Nole program.

All members of the church are encouraged to attend and welcome these students to Trinity.

#### Donate to ECHO

ECHO, the organization that provides meals, emergency help and some long-term assistance to persons in need, made several appeals during the summer for donations of food and money.

Trinity members responded with donations placed in the "Loaves and Fishes" bin in the fover between Moor Hall and the Conference Room. The Outreach Commission delivers the items to ECHO and to other organiza-

Outreach Chairman Liz Smith reminded members to continue bringing donations of nonperishable food.





About 40 Trinity members who are members of the commissions and committees coordinated by the Council on Ministries gathered for a planning retreat in Moor HHall August 20.

## **Vision Statement for 1989**

During 1989, we will identify and use our resources, our talents and our strengths in a concerted way, to increase our willingness and ability to demonstrate that Christ is living and working in the world through Trinity United Methodist Church.

We will do this by working to:

- Reach out to those in need and become a visible Christian force in our community:
- · Grow in our relationship with God through Bible study and worship opportunities;
- Become a caring Christian community, showing our love to all and creating a climate of welcome;
  - Make Trinity an exciting place to be;

Support our youth;

- Provide leadership opportunities and training to encourage and nurture volunteers;
- Live the Gospel through our personal involvement with mission projects of the church.

We pray that this is God's will for us today insofar as we have been able to envision it. And we also pray for the strength and wisdom to make this vision a reality.

Adopted by Council on Ministries August 20, 1988

# Important Dates in the Life of the Church

September 6—United Methodist Women program and luncheon

September 12—Finance Committee Meeting
September 19—Administrative Board Meeting
September 20—Trinity Troopers program begins
September 25—Christian Education Sunday

October 1-Walkathon to benefit Vashti

October 9—Laity Sunday

October 23—Loyalty Sunday

Octber 29—Annual Bazaar

October 30—Churchwide study begins on "Faces of Poverty in Our Midst"

November 13—Missionary to Brazil Gordon Greathouse visits Trinity

November 13—Tallahassee District Conference at Trinity

November 21—Annual Charge Conference November 23—Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

# **Council Sets 1989 Goals from Long** Range Planning II

In a six-hour retreat Saturday, August 20, the Council on Ministries and members of the commissions and committees it coordinates selected priorities for 1989 from the report of Long Range Planning Committee II.

With the Rev. Beth Fogle-Miller and Director of Christian Education Linda Mobley facilitators, about 40 Trinity members reviewed recommendations from the report which the Administrative Board adopted in May.

An overview by LRP committee members Linda Yates, Marti Hall, Georgianna Wollschlager and Liz Smith explained how the report was developed after input from all members of Trinity, its emphasis and directions for the future.

"From a position of strength - a renovated and refurbished physical plant, a new vitality, new young families becoming members, and generous financial support from the congregation-Long Range II began its work because many of us felt it was time for Trinity to reach out to others in evangelism and mission, to grow spiritually, and to develop the kind of community in which these things can happen," the four reported to Council members.

Since the report contains in put from the entire congregation gathered from questionnaire responses, forums and group meetings, it reflects the needs, the interests and the vision for ministry of all of us, they said.

"The recommendations in this Long Range Plan seek to bring us together, to involve all generations of us as participants, as leaders and teachers, in servanthood and mission," Lay Leader Linda Yates told the group. Financing, an adequate staff, and a corps of volunteers are needed to implement it.

The Council spent several hours in small groups and in joint session discussing their own vision for Trinity based on the needs outlined in the report. Spiritual growth through Bible study, worship, music, education and fellowship; missional outreach to the community and to the world; development of a caring community and creation of a climate of welcome to new and long-time members and visitors; special programs for children and youth; leadership training and nurture of volunteers were among priorities in a vision statement the Council adopted at the end of the retreat.

Individual commissions and committees met separately to plan specific programs and ministry for 1989 and to draw up their budgets to underwrite their plans.

The vision statement is printed adjacent to this article on page 1.

Planners for the retreat were Myron and Charlotte Blee, Council chairpersons, Vice Chairperson Miriam Peirce, Linda Yates, the Rev. Fogle-Miller and Linda Mobley.



# From The Pastor's Study

By David G. Hortin

I rejoice in the great folks who make up the Trinity congregation and the marvelous facilities we have to use for worship, study, work and fellowship.

We now have the report of the Long Range Planning Committee and their recommendations for the next five years in the life of this church. The results of this study are presented in a very attractive, readable and useful publication which I hope each member of the Trinity family will read.

The Council on Ministries and the other committees of the church are studying these recommendations and considering their implementation.

There are, however, two events coming up soon, which will determine the success of the year ahead. The first event is the financial campaign. Our response to the presentation of the fiscal needs of the church will dictate what we will be able to do in 1989. The second event is the work of the Nominating Committee. They will be discovering the extent of your willingness to give of your time and ability to the ongoing work of the church.

The past has paved the way for great opportunities of service and ministry and now it is our privilege to serve faithfully and usefully.

Your church is counting on you.

#### -Notes from the Library-

The keynote speaker at the recent 21st annual National Conference of the Church & Synagogue Library Association emphasized that "librarians could face an identity crisis, wondering: "Am I needed? Am I appreciated? Why do my new books stay new? Do they know I'm here?"

I can truly empathize with those questions. However, my concern is not whether I am appreciated but more "Why do the library's new books stay new?" and "If the church members know there is a church library, why don't they use it?"

Many hours of hard work by a number of faithful lady volunteers have gone into renovating and rejuvenating the Church Library in the past three years. Has the effort paid off or is it paying off?

Out-of-town or first-time visitors exclaim about the beauty of the room and, while this is important, the purpose of the library is not just to present beauty. Its purpose is to be a source of hidden power and inspiration. Through books we can enter into and try to understand someone else's world. Without the rich heritage preserved in books, we would be robbed of thoughts, writings, prayers and proclamations found on their pages.

The most visitors come on Sunday, although the Library is also open Tuesday and Wednesday. As of August 14, only 73 books had been checked out on Sundays this year beginning January 3. Visitors on Sun-

#### -Gifts to Trinity-

Trinity has received the following gifts during the past month: Memorials were given in memory of the following:

Dr. Merritt R. Clements by Dr. & Mrs. Frederick B. Thigpen.

Dr. Clarence & Adele Edney by Dr. & Mrs. Myron R. Blee.

Mrs. Gladys Dodd by Mildred Dadisman.

Mrs. Doris Temple by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Long, Bob & Anne Buchan, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence R. Bell, Jr., Opportunity Class, College Heights, UMC, Lakeland, FL, Charlotte M. Hedberg, Gus & Carolyn Militzer, Miss Nell Thrift, Mr. & Mrs. Foster Heath, Mr. & Mrs. George H. Anderson, Jr., Sarah D. McKay, Mr. George W. Clark, Anna B. Walker, Mrs. Frances M. McAdams.

Barbara Shuler Mayo by Mrs. William F. Clark.

Mrs. Loulie Dowling by Ann & Robert F. Robuck.

The keynote speaker at the recent days from the same date total 213. st annual National Conference of Many of these are regular users, so the Church Synagogue Library Astheoutreach has not been great.

Appropriate books are ordered as funds permit — many of them best-sellers by well-known authors — yet "they stay new." A few of the titles added this summer are:

Allen, Charles L. — God's Seven Wonders for You. You Are Never Alone

Henderson, Lois — Three new novels: Hagar, Ruth, Miriam

Hinson, Wm. H. – Reshaping the Inner You

Kesler, Jay – Parents & Children, Parents & Teenagers (April 2011)

King, Martin Luther, Jr. - A Testament of Hope

Viorst, Judith — Necessary Losses Come visit YOUR Library, Room 109 in the Arcade. Hours are posted on the window. At other times, if need be, someone from the church office will let you in.

Frances M. McAdams, Church Librarian

#### **HEO Reports**

Since HEO (Help Each Other) is concerned with illnesses in our church congregation, we would like to ask friends, neighbors, and family members to notify the HEO office when someone is ill or has had an accident, whether the person is in the hospital or not. Please call even if you suspect that someone else may have already done so.

People still "What is HEO?" even though the organization is about 10 years old. Briefly, it is an outgrowth of United Methodist Women's Supportive Community Committee and came into being to serve the needs of the older people of the church, through visitation and recognition of the special things that can be done for homebound people, so that they may continue to feel a part of the fellowship of the church. But you don't have to be homebound or in a nursing home to be a part of HEO. Just call 222-1120 and ask for the HEO office. Complete information will be furnished immediately and efforts to be of assistance will be made.

HEO is largely funded through what is now the churchwide bazaar, an outgrowth of the first bazaar organized by HEO in 1981. Donations and memorials also make up a significant part of the financial support of the group.

# Bazaar Auction List Growing, Busy Bees Ready Craft Items for Oct. 29

Would you like to go quail hunting in Georgia? Take part in a Mako fishing tournament at St. Marks? Are you ready for a different kind of party for your 5-year-old? How about a supervised swimming party with someone else handling the details?

Intriquing? Plan to attend Trinity's annual bazaar October 29 for a chance to bid on these and other one-of-a-kind items.

Bazaar Chairman Sue Humphress says several Trinity members have offered special items for the silent and live auction that will be but one feature of the annual event. Among other things to be auctioned by Beth Swisher are a checkup for a cat or dog, complete with shots, by veterinarian Dr. Stephen Fisch, a Camellia Grill dinner for two offered by Art Smith, a Chinese dinner for eight cooked by Lucy Ho, a children's swimming party for eight 5-year-olds, and a children's birthday party by Carol and Ken Hart

John Humphress will provide a half-day quail hunt for an "experienced" hunter and also the Mako fishing boat for taking part in the second annual Mako fishing tournament. The two people who bid successfully on the fishing trip will also have a weekend stay at George's Lighthouse Point

offered by Nancy and Jimmy Petrandis.

Sue Humphress invites other Trinity members to offer attractive items for the auction. The silent auction needs good quality products. Larger, more expensive items will be auctioned off live.

Jamie Parramore and Margaret Moorer and their "Busy Bee" helpers have been working for several months in Trinity's craftsroom on items for sale at the bazaar. There will be a "pillow patch" of pillows of every kind, rush dolls, aprons for the whole family and other gift items.

Mrs. Humphress hopes church members will contribute canned goods, baked goods and other edibles for the Country Kitchen. Members are also called upon to donate used books for the book table, including both paperbacks and hard cover books.

Pecans will again be offered for sale, and orders may be taken for Christmas trees, Mrs. Humphress said.

Highlight of the event will be the barbecue beef lunch prepared by Bob Walker and crew.

All of this will happen between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, October 29. Mark your calendar now, and telephone Sue Humphress at 385-3877 to tell her you will help run a booth or contibute items for sale.



New church hostess Liz Cullen Stands beside the new range recently purchased for Trinity's

#### Liz Cullen Is New Church Hostess

"Home style" cooking has come to Trinity through the talent of new church hostess Elizabeth Cullen. She became a member of the church staff on August 1, replacing Julia Rowell who retired.

Trinity groups who have monthly luncheon meetings, such as the Adult Fellowship, the Singles group, the Trustees, United Methodist Women and the Trinity Troopers staff, will have their meals planned, prepared and served by Mrs. Cullen.

She works 20 hours a week supervising the kitchen, planning and preparing meals for meetings and for

#### FSU Organ Students To Practice at Trinity

Organ majors in Florida State University's School of Music will use the organ in Trinity's Chapel for practice during this school year.

Trustees Chairman Georgianna Wollschlager said the permission is being granted to about 10 students while Opperman Music Hall is being renovated. The sanctuary will be used when the students present recitals.

Trinity organist Myron Munday will serve as liaison between the School of Music and Trinity. The school will reimburse the church for utilities.

other special functions where food or refreshments will be served.

A member of Faith Presbyterian Church for the past 25 years, Mrs. Cullen assisted with meals there as a volunteer. "I hope there will be similar volunteers at Trinity," she said when contemplating her new responsibilities.

What are her specialties? "You know a church can't survive without chicken," she laughed. She says she likes to cook and emphasizes the home cooking she feeds her husband and two college-age daughters.

#### Lost Any Dishes?

Whatever happened to the large casserole dish you used for turkey stuffing at Thanksgiving? And the tray that was just right for refreshments when your UMW circle met at your house?

Have you checked the shelves in Trinity's kitchen? Several are stacked full of forgotten dishes and trays brought to covered dish dinners and left behind. Church hostess Elizabeth Cullen invites members to come by and claim any items that may be theirs

After a month or two any unclaimed dishes not able to be used at the church will be donated to a charity.

# Pastoral Ministry, Worship, Evangelism Are Among Dr. Hortin's Priorities

Pastoral ministry is high on the agenda of Trinity's new senior minister. Since he arrived in mid-June, Dr. David G. Hortin has spent much of his time visiting shut-ins in their homes, in nursing homes and hospitals. Others who are not available in the afternoon, he calls upon evenings.

Many church leaders have dropped in during his office hours on Mondays and Fridays to tell him about the programs their group is conducting. Then there have been committee meetings—Staff/Parish Relations, the Trustees, the Council on Ministries, Long Range Planning.

"The sooner I get to know people and they know me, the more effective my ministry will be," Dr. Hortin said in an interview August 15.

"I'm also finding out how things are done here. I don't feel that a new pastor should come in and yank everything around. If things need changing, I will suggest that to the appropriate committee," he added.

Now serving his fifth church, Dr. Hortin said all United Methodist churches are different yet have the same basic needs. "To illustrate, the biggest surprise I found here — although a very minor matter—is Trinity doesn't have offering envelopes. Obviously folks here must be better trained than at other places in paying their pledges without envelopes to remind them.

"When you come into a church,



Dr. Hortin talks about his ministry here.

you know certain basic things: The church has to be supported financially, and you know that Sunday morning worship makes everything else possible. It is the rallying point in the church," Dr. Hortin said.

Increasing attendance at worship services is not only a worthy goal of any church, but essential to maintain its strength, he said. "A large church has to take in a lot of members to maintain its strength—some say an increase of at least 7 percent a year. If it doesn't, it will be weaker. Even if it maintains the same number of members, it will not be as strong

because a certain number will become inactive or move away. This has been the experience of churches elsewhere—this church will have to grow too."

Dr. Hortin's ministerial record attests to church attendance and membership growth. His first appointment was to organize Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Largo in 1962. When he left nine years later, the church had 1,429 members. At First UMC in Lakeland, he recorded average church attendance that was fourth highest in the Florida Annual Conference.

How do you increase church attendance he was asked. "Provide a worship service that is uplifting spiritually and encouraging; if it meets the needs and lives of people, they will come," Dr. Hortin said.

"You can't have such a worship service without great music. This church has a tradition of great music. Trinity also has created a great place to have worship. The sanctuary is magnificent; its atmosphere is warm, the stained glass windows are beautiful, and it is functional in terms of what we want to do on Sunday," he added.

He has made minor changes in the worship service to make "sure people who are there for the first time feel at home with what we are doing." Instructions are being given when it may be in doubt whether one stands or remains seated, and parts of the service are announced or explained as they proceed.

His personal interests are worship and evangelism, "but I must take care of the other things too," he adds. He expects to "spend time as necessary and no more on administration, because I like to spend afternoons and evenings visiting."

Associate Minister Beth Fogle-Miller also takes an active role in preaching, visiting at the hospitals and performing weddings and funerals, plus assuming responsibility for program development and its implementation.

Although all professional staff assignments have not been completed, Dr. Hortin will serve as liaison to the Trustees, the Finance Committee, Stewardship Committee and Administrative Board.

"I expect all of the staff to do their jobs. They are all capable people," he said as he explained his administrative style.

Recalling the "finest of ministers" Trinity has had in the past, he said Trinity appears to have a better record of practicing the "Methodist itineracy" than do many churches. Trinity welcomes and makes the most of the talents of each minister assigned here.

"Cinda and I are delighted to be here. We have been in ministry 26 years and have been to various places, but nowhere have we found more wonderful, delightful people, a marvelous parsonage, and a great church. It is a joy to be here."

-Linda H. Yates

#### **UMW Meets Sept. 6**

Trinity United Methodist Women will have their first unit meeting of the fall season, beginning at 11 a.m., Tuesday, September 6 in Moor Hall.

President Gwen Roberts said the program will discuss "Fruits of the Spirit." Luncheon follows at noon. All Trinity women are welcome to attend and reservations are not necessary.

UMW circles also resume their regular meetings this month. The schedule is as follows:

Circle 1—September 12, 10 a.m. at Westminster Oaks, Mable Kilner, hostess; Margaret Mattice and Sara Srygley, co-hostesses. Cindy Wendel will speak on how the Youth Festival Choir was received in East Germany.

Circle 2—September 12, 2:30 p.m. in the Gregory Room. Sister Circle 14 will be guests. The Rev. Beth Fogle-Miller will speak.

Circle 3—September 13, with Annie Royal Andrews, 1106 Brookwood Drive at 10 a.m.

Circle 4—September 13, 10 a.m. at the church.

Circle 5—To be announced.

Circle 6—September 13, 10 a.m. at home of Margaret Moorer. Co-host-esses will be Carolyn Krentzman, Mary Eleanor Daniels and Sophia Ramm.

Circle 7—To be announced.

Circle 8—September 13, 9:15 a.m., Church Parlor.

Circle 9—September 20, 10 a.m., at home of Liz Smith. The Rev. Fogle-Miller will speak.

Circle 10—September 12, 3:30 p.m., Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11—September 8, 7:30 p.m., at Candy McKinney-Coates' home, 11134 Pennewaw Tr. It will begin a study of "Women in the Bible."

Circle 12—September 8, 2:30 p.m. at the church.

Circle 13—September 20, 7:30 p.m., at home of Duane Clark.

Circle 14 meets with Circle 2. Circle 15—Noon September 20 in the Church Conference Room. Kitty Ball will lead a study of South African

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Come one, come all Kindergarten through sixth graders!- Trinity Troopers is starting again for another funfilled year of recreation, Bible study, Choir, and dinner. This year, we will only have two (10-week) terms: September 20-November 21, and January 10-March 21. So come every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30-6:30 p.m. to the Trinity playground to begin the time of your life.

Registration and an all-important Parent Meeting were held on Tuesday, August 30, at 6:00 p.m. in Moor Hall. At this time the Trooper program was discussed and parents

# Linda Mobley Begins Overview of Bible

Director of Christian Education Linda Mobley will begin a four-week overview of the books of the Bible in the Adult Bible Studies Sunday School Class on September 11.

The class is scheduling a number of other special teachers during the fall and winter. Visitors, new members of the church and others who want to learn more about the Bible are invited to join the class in Room 301, Trinity Hall.

Beginning a new term as class officers are Betty Ashlock, president; Nancy Kerce, vice president; Albert Leathers, secretary - treasurer; Rebecca Hood and Lillian Eberly, hospitality chairman.

# - Troopers Tidbits

had an opportunity to sign up for an area in which they would like to help. The strength and success of our program is the commitment of parents and staff who are dedicated to Christ, our church, and our children.

The Trooper staff is being expertly co-chaired this year by Julie Mickler and Nancy Harrell. They along with Linda Mobley and Alison Mattice attended a LOGOS workshop in Jupiter, Fla., this summer at which they were introduced to an exciting new curriculum, shared ideas from other

programs and found some great new table games, even better than spoon hanging. Their enthusiasm has sparked the rest of the staff, which includes Karen Skilling, Terry Straub, Pam Reed, Shirley Kirwin, Cindy Wendel, Miriam McLarty, and Sheila Merlau.

We would like for everyone in the congregation to join us in a Covenant Service, Sunday, September 11, to dedicate this program of Trinity Troopers to Christ, and to pray for its success in guiding these young people in the way of the Lord.



Trinity Troopers leaders are pictured at a recent meeting where they made plans for the fall term: Front row, from left, are Nancy Harrell, Alison Mattice, Julie Mickler, Nancy Kerce, Karen Skillings, Linda Mobley and Beth Fogle-Miller. Back row, from left, are Tom James, Pam Reed, Miriam McLarty, Cinda Hortin, Dr. David Hortin.



# **Trinity Travelers Notes**

The Trinity Travelers have plans for a new trip—this time for four days and three nights to Fernandina, St. Augustine, Sanford (to board the Rivership "Romance") and Ocala. Mark your calendars for No-

vember 2-5 when we will travel by bus to Fernandina for an overnight stay. The next day will be spent touring historic restorations in St. Augustine. Dinner at the Columbia Restaurant is included. Early the next morning the group will travel to Sanford for a cruise on the St. Johns River with breakfast and lunch included. After an overnight stay in Ocala there will be a visit to the new Appleton Museum of Art before returning to Tallahassee.

Cost per person, twin, is \$280. For reservations please send \$100 deposit to Rubie Butterworth in the church office.



It was a hands-on experience as 14 Trinity youth repaired homes of three Appalachian families last month. Shown at work in West Virginia are from left, top row, Cathy Fritchman, Clay Lumsden, Catherine Hinckley, Noel Nash, Michele Green; middle row, Nelson Bennett, Tom Harrison, Suzanne Davis, Leslie McCarty; and bottom row, Robert Lumsden, April Ellison, Rachel Levy, Karen Levy. Adults on the trip were Eddie Long, Carol Stirling, Cheri and Reinard Harkema, Bill and Linda Haggard.

# Appalachia Service Project Youth Mission Team

perience. I have learned so much. I hope I can go next year." Catherine Hinckley summed up her feelings about the youth mission work week in Iaeger, West Virginia. She was accompanied by 19 other Trinity volunteers who traveled to West Virginia in in August to work on homes of three Appalachian families.

A slide presentation and program of their and their counselors' work week will be shown October 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Gregory Room. All

"This has been a wonderful ex- parents and Trinity friends are invited.

> Framing, roofing, underpinning, digging, painting, sanding, loading supplies were new and revisited experiences for the volunteers.

> When the week was over many thoughts were shared. "I was glad we could do something for someone else. Mr. Cooper treated me like his own son," said Clay Lumsden.

> "Thank you God for keeping everyone safe during the work week and for helping us help the families of Appalachia," concluded Rachel Levy.

# Youth Calendar-

Youth Choir rehearsal

Youth Choir rehearsal

Youth Choir rehearsal

Covered dish supper Movie: "Just Before Eve"

Recreation

Snack supper

Recreation

Sunday, September 4

No UMYF or Youth Choir Activities

Labor Day Holiday Sunday, September 11

5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00-6:30 p.m. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

7:30-8:00 p.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18 5:00-6:00 p.m. 6:00-6:30 p.m.

6:30-7:30 p.m. 7:30-8:00 p.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 25 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Coming Up . . . . Sunday, October 2 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28

7:00 p.m.

6:00-8:00 p.m.

1988 Appalachia Service Project Trip slide show and program

by the Wesley Foundation

Church-wide picnic and recreation. Entertainment and program

\*For parents, session three of "Parenting Teenagers," "Communi-

Junior High Program: "Good Things Come in Family Packages"

\*For parents, final session of "Parenting Teenages," "Your Teen-

ager's Friends and Peer Pressure," 3rd floor Congregate Room.

cating With Your Teenager," 3rd floor Congregate Room.

Senior High Program "Cliques—The Inside (Outside) Story"

Youth Lock-in, Gregory Room

### Volunteers Needed for Child Abuse Program

Volunteers are needed to work one-on-one to prevent child abuse and to help families learn to function in healthy and happy ways. Family enrichment of Florida, Inc., is seeking persons in the community not to work with "chronic" child abusers but rather to work with people who are having problems coping.

Volunteers receive extensive training and supervision by a professional staff, and donate from two to five hours a week as "therapeutic friends."

Lesa A. Dixon, coordinator of the Family Enrichment Program, said

> SEMINOLE SUNDAY September 25, 1988

6:00-8:00 p.m. Aoor Hall-Playgrou

Program provided by the FSU Wesley

Good food, fellowship and fun for

More details to come . . .

"The hope is that with the family receiving support and role modeling some of the stress within the family may be alleviated and the abuse prevented. Volunteers also act as advocates for children, provide parenting skills to parents, and heighten the level of awareness within the com-

To volunteer and arrange for training, call Ms. Dixon at 487-1322.

#### **Membership Declines**

The United Methodist Reporter, denomination newspaper published in Dallas, Texas, reported July 15 that membership in the church continues to decline. It was 9.02 million at the end of 1987, down more than 70,000 since from 1986 and almost 2 million from 1968.

Fourteen of the nation's United Methodist annual conferences reported gains during 1987. The North Georgia conference led the list of growing areas for a fourth year, with a 1.4 percent increase.

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