



Monthly Tidings

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Missions Group Suggests Ways To Collect Offering

The Work Area on Missions invites all church members to participate in the Easter to Pentecost special offering. This offering will be used to fund nutrition projects at the Sao Gabriel Community Center in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Gordon and Teca Greathouse are Trinity's missionaries at the center.

For six weeks each family is asked to keep an on-going collection in their home. Each week the work area will provide collectors with suggestions on how to add to their collection.

On May 14 during the 11:00 a.m. worship service the congregation will be invited to bring their collection to the altar.

April 2-April 8—Plan a special celebration meal for you and your family or friends. Figure the cost of giving this meal and instead give the money to your collection.

April 9-April 15—Collect the change from all your money transactions you make. If your groceries cost \$72.22 add \$.78 to your collection.

April 16-April 22—Adopt a child to stay with you this week. But instead add to your collection what it would cost to accommodate this child. You can figure the extra cost to your grocery bill and what it might cost to entertain the child. Add this amount to your collection.

April 23-April 29—Take your lunch to work every day this week and add to your collection the money you would spend eating out.

April 30-May 6—Figure the cost of taking your family out to eat and to a special outing. Then stay at home and make the special outing a family activity in the home. Add the savings to your collection.

May 7-May 14—Figure what it would cost you to treat yourself to some of your favorite things. But instead of buying yourself some ice cream or having your hair done, add this money to your collection.

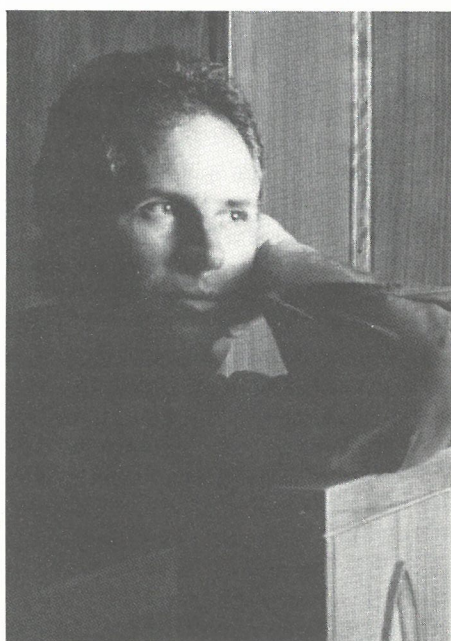
Bread for Brazil will be on sale April 23 and April 30. Stop by before and after Sunday School and enjoy some delicious bread and cookies baked by church members. All proceeds will go to support the programs of Gordon Greathouse.

Linda Mobley Will Portray Susannah Wesley April 21

Members of the Adult Fellowship will see a portrayal of Susannah Wesley, mother of John Wesley, during the program that precedes their monthly luncheon on April 21.

Director of Christian Education Linda Mobley will portray the mother of the founder of Methodism, beginning at 11 a.m. in Moor Hall.

The luncheon follows at noon. Cost is \$3 and reservations should be made with the church office by Wednesday, April 19.



Ed Kilbourne, recording artist and entertainer, will perform at Trinity three evenings in April.

Habitat for Humanity Needs Volunteers to Build House in Week

In Tallahassee the Cold Nights Shelter closed March 15, leaving 70 to 80 people every night searching for a place of refuge. It is reported that approximately 640 homes in Tallahassee lack indoor plumbing. During cold weather we read in the newspaper or see on television people dying of hyperthermia due to lack of heat. This occurs not only in Tallahassee but throughout the nation, and is often identified as a national disgrace.

"Habitat for Humanity in Tallahassee is trying to do something about this problem, and with your support can succeed," said Bob Lamison, chairman of Trinity's Work Area on Missions.

During the week of April 17, this local organization is going to build a house for some needy family in one week's time. Volunteers are needed to assist in this effort.

"Why, you may ask, in such a condensed time? It is in order to make this a demonstration project and show this community what can be achieved by a group of dedicated volunteers in so a short time span, and just how quickly the housing problem could be whipped in Tallahassee, if the churches, businesses, and government really get behind the effort," Lamison said.

More than just builders are needed for this effort. There is a need for assistance in fund raising, speaking at local churches and clubs, preparing and serving food and drinks during each day, public relations, etc. If you are interested in participating, Lamison has applications for volunteers which can be submitted to Habitat.

"Hopefully, we will have so many volunteers some may have to be turned away; however, the total number of volunteers will give Habitat an indication of the help available for future houses to be constructed under this program," Lamison said. Volunteers may call him at 878-4688.

Folk Singer, Story Teller Ed Kilbourne Will Bring Christian Message April 23-25

A new spirit of evangelism will challenge members and guests of Trinity United Methodist Church April 23-25.

Folk singer and story teller Ed Kilbourne is coming to share a combination of contemporary music and theological insight in a unique Christian experience for persons in and around Tallahassee.

Now a resident of Rock Hill, South Carolina, Kilbourne served as an ordained minister and artist resource for the United Methodist Church in the Southeast early in his career. He returned to the laity in 1974 and developed his own style of entertaining and communicating. He has appeared in thousands of churches during his 23-year career.

He was born in Kentucky, the son of third-generation missionaries, and spent his childhood years in the Orient.

Through arrangements made by Trinity's Work Area on Evangelism, the Christian performer will provide this year's spiritual enrichment program.

The three-day program begins with a congregation-wide covered dish supper at 6 p.m., Thursday, April 23, with the performance beginning at 7 p.m. On Friday, April 24, a prepared dinner will be served at 6 p.m. at a

cost of \$3, with the performance starting again at 7. The final evening will feature dessert at a cost of \$1.50 at 6:30 p.m. and the performance at 7. All meal service will be in Moor Hall and the programs in the sanctuary.

In announcing the event, the Work Area on Evangelism said of the entertainer: "Kilbourne's songs, humor, and the unusual way he combines them to entertain and communicate, have earned him comparisons to some of the best singers and storytellers of our time. Those who have heard him have been looking forward to this. Those who have not heard him before are in for a treat."

With what one reviewer called "a touch of Jim Croce and James Taylor in his voice, and a whole handful of Garrison Keillor in his storytelling style," the popular recording artist has turned out 15 albums and made thousands of concert appearances. His newest album, "Beyond Belief," features six original tunes, including "A Different Jesus," a song he wrote in response to the TV ministry scandals of 1987.

Kilbourne says his idea of a "Christian presentation" continues to be one that deals less with talking about Jesus Christ and more with talking about what Jesus talked about.



Fifteen members of the 18-member Confirmation Class joined the church on Palm Sunday following several weeks of class sessions led by Dr. David Hortin, senior minister. Shown with Dr. Hortin following morning worship are, front row, left to right: Stefan Pedler, Stacy Legal, Kelli Parrish, Angela Gray, Angie Owens, Beau Thomas, Skyler Waldrop. Second row, left to right: Ben Brown, Wiley Mathews, Christopher Brown, Michael Ruff, Carissa Bennett, Alison James, Dana Morgan. Not pictured is Alanda Greene. Three other Confirmation Class members, Lynn Bunch, Huxley and Jonathan Coulter, will be taken in with the next new member class April 30.

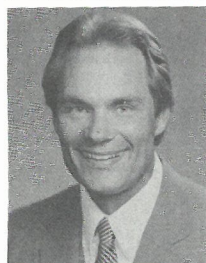
An Evening of Dinner, Handbells Set May 5

On Friday evening, May 5, Trinity members will have the opportunity to enjoy "An Evening of Dinner and Handbells" to be held in Moor Hall. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a special concert by the Trinity Ringers.

This event is a joint effort of the Trinity Ringers and the Trinity youth program. Trinity youth will act as servers for the meal while the Trinity Ringers provide the entertainment. The event will provide support for both programs. Proceeds will benefit the youth Appalachia Service Project trip and the purchase of additional equipment for the handbell rehearsal room.

The concert by the ringers will include many of the favorite selections heard in worship services plus many familiar secular numbers. In addition to the enjoyment of good music, those in attendance will have the opportunity to learn more about this unique musical idiom.

The price for the evening of fine food and music is \$10 per person. Child care will be provided. Reservations may be made by contacting the church office at 222-1120. There will be limited seating, so make your reservation as soon as possible to insure that you will not miss this evening of fun.



From The Pastor's Study

By David G. Hortin

From Despair to Hope

Matthew and Mark quote Jesus saying from the cross, "My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me?" These words trouble us because we think of Jesus not simply as a "man of faith" but the paragon of faith. Yet, these words seem to speak not of faith and trust in God but of despair and abandonment. Biblical scholars have wrestled with this utterance of Jesus across all these centuries but have done so inconclusively. There are many possibilities. One is that Jesus is quoting from the Psalm 22, which begins with these same words and ends triumphantly. We, of course, have no way of knowing if this is what Jesus was doing. However, we do see that the psalmist uses a good formula for dealing with despair and returning to trust and hope.

First, the psalmist expresses his true feelings: "But I am a worm, and no man; scorned by men, and despised by the people." (vs.6) We would be specific as the psalmist is about expressing our troubles to God.

Second, the psalmist cries out for help: "But thou, O Lord, be not far off! O thou my help, hasten to my aid!" (vs. 19) Specifically, what do we want the Lord to do for us?

Third, the psalmist recalls what God has done in the past: "In thee our fathers trusted; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. To thee they cried, and were saved: in thee they trusted, and were not disappointed." (vs. 4,5) We need to recall how God has ministered to our people and to us in the past.

Fourth, we like the psalmist speak our praise of God: "For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations." (vs. 28) Our praise of God's specific acts moves us from the negative to the positive attitude.

As we see Jesus and the psalmist wrestling with the harsh realities of life we are guided in our difficulties that we may move from despair to hope. Nothing could look like more of a defeat than the cross but nothing is a greater victory than the resurrection. We are not alone in our struggles—God is with us.

Notes from the Library

Some interesting new books have recently been added to the Library. Some are outstanding reference books; others are on the more personal level.

Several of these deal with personal problems and are written by well-known authors. Everyone has problems of one kind or another and one often needs a comforting word or a bit of advice.

Glance over the titles—there may be one you'd like to read. Similar other books on problem-solving are also available.

Anderson, J. D. *The Ministry of the Laity*. 1986.

A solid comprehensive guidebook for lay ministry that encourages each of us as we try to do what is right in our families, jobs, communities and churches. A very useful book for both pastors and church members.

Eerdman's Handbook to the History of Christianity. 1977

Here is a comprehensive, colorful, and reliable account of Christianity from its beginnings in Jerusalem to its worldwide spread today. Emphasizing growth and vitality rather than institutions, key movements and outstanding personalities in each historical period are highlighted.

Elliot, E. *Loneliness*. 1988.

Elliot draws distinctions between the two kinds of aloneness: solitude, which does not connote suffering, and loneliness which does. She sees loneliness as a gift, not a problem, for it is here in the wilderness of loneliness that God wants to give us Himself.

Harper's Bible Commentary. 1988.

Written by 82 members of the Society of Biblical Literature, this well-illustrated, readable commentary introduces each book of the Bible and interprets it section by section. Entries are cross-referenced to the companion *Harper's Bible Dictionary*, also in the Library.

Lawson, J. *The Wesley Hymns*. 1987.

Best-loved hymns as well as less-familiar ones are included without the music. The author shows how the hymns which contain biblical quotations and allusions are a guide to the teaching of the Scriptures as the Wesleys understood them.

MacDonald, G. *Rebuilding your*

Broken World. 1988.

The author believes that personal worlds under duress are the rule more than the exception. He discusses the sources of a broken world and reminds us powerfully of the Christian scheme of hope and restoration.

New Dictionary of Theology. 1987.

A completely new and authoritative directory of theology. Theologians and movements, terms and ideas are all presented in concise yet comprehensive articles by recognized experts. Numerous cross references and useful bibliographies are included.

New Westminster Dictionary of Liturgy and Worship. 1986.

This outstanding volume provides an unrivaled wealth of data on virtually all aspects of liturgy from specialists writing from within their own tradition. Different expressions of worship are also explored.

Ogilvie, L. J. *A Future and a Hope*. 1988.

A near-fatal accident and months of recuperation helped Dr. Ogilvie understand real hope. He shows that in Christ we have real hope regardless of how hopeless we may feel.

Swindoll, C. *Growing Wise in Family Life*. 1988.

Dr. Swindoll takes a wise warm look at families, and using Bible characters as role models, he offers inspiration and practical information for modern family life.

Swindoll, C. *Living Beyond the Daily Grind*. 2 vols. 1988.

Often it is not the major crisis that does us in; it's the bone-wearying drudgery of the daily grind. Swindoll reveals that selected psalms and proverbs tell us about developing a zest for living. You can get "beyond the grind" of daily hassle. The author's inimitable style will bring quiet consolation and encouragement.

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PEACE SUNDAY MAY 21

On May 21, the second Sunday of Pentecost, Trinity will celebrate with United Methodist churches around the nation the 1989 Peace With Justice Sunday.

A statement about the meaning of this celebration will appear in the May *Monthly Tidings*, Trinity Peace Advocate Giff Hale said.

Adult Fellowship Says Farewell to Departing Friends

Trinity's Adult Fellowship said goodbye to Aultie Foster March 24 as she prepared to leave her home of 24 years to go live with her daughter Julia in Delaware, Ohio.

The widow of Dr. George Foster, Trinity pastor for seven years who retired and lived in Tallahassee until his death in December 1987, Mrs. Foster was remembered as a biblical scholar and Sunday School teacher, a frequent visitor to the ill and shut-ins, and a much loved member of the congregation.

Dr. Myron Blee read a tribute to her during the Adult Fellowship meeting. Excerpts follow:

"We know that we have not been students worthy of the master teacher who came into our midst 24 years ago, but your many friends at Trinity will agree more gracefully to your move to a new congregation if we could count on you to write a new Gospel, Aultie's Letters to the Tallahasseeites!

"All through your years, beginning early in childhood, and continuing through your high school years in Nashville, your years at Peabody and Scarritt, your years in Rio de Janeiro on behalf of the Methodist Board of Missions, and the many years as the wife of a Methodist minister in 12 cities in Florida, you have been presented with countless challenges. No one of which was ever dodged; and all of which have been met quietly but effectively. We hope that you have left some of that ability with us.

"All along the way, through your teaching by precept and example, the lives of countless people have been enriched and fulfilled. Through their association with you, they have become more nearly what God intended them to be.

"When we consider ourselves, we like to think that we are more nearly ready now, than we were when you first entered our lives, to evidence that Jesus Christ is living in us and through us in this community. We hope that we are more open to new solutions as we apply Christian principles to present-day problems. In any event, we promise never to forget the teachings or the teacher.

"We rejoice that in your new location you will be close to your church and to a community of scholars where you will be in your own element. As you go there, please know how much we love you, even as we know of your love for us."

Mrs. Foster's response follows:

"When words are made impossible because of the deep feeling they are unable to express, perhaps it would be better that one remain speechless. Yet because you dear friends of Trinity are unique in my experiences as a pastor's wife over more than a half century, and have shared during the past 24 years in our greatest joys and our deepest sorrows, you will have a perfect understanding of what I try to say.

"Moving is an integral part of the Methodist ministry. We know from the beginning that we shall move from time to time, and we accept it. Usually it is no great ordeal, because Methodist congregations usually provide a well-furnished parsonage, made spotlessly clean by a welcoming parsonage committee, and no detail is spared that will contribute to the comfort and convenience of the new family who will live there.

"When we found after seven years in Tallahassee that it is a choice place to be and decided to make our retire-



Mrs. Aultie Foster talks with Dr. Myron Blee (back to camera) during the Adult Fellowship Good Friday brunch, when she was recognized for her years of devotion to Trinity and its members.

ment home here, we were made happy by the enthusiastic assurance of you good friends that you were glad too. So we enjoyed 16 great years living at 1014 East Sixth Avenue, fellow members with all of you in worship and fellowship here at Trinity. Only heaven could be better.

"When George quietly left us, visibly at least, Julia and I were overwhelmed by the expressions of love you showed in your memory of him and in your concern for us. In the difficult times that followed, this care and concern on your part has never abated. It has really seemed to increase if possible, and it is true that words can never express our love and gratitude to you. Though separated by space, we shall never lose you because a part of each of you is woven into the fabric of our lives."

Friends may write to the following address: Mrs. Aultie Foster, 72 West Winter Street, Apt. 7, Delaware, Ohio 43015, telephone (614) 363-3562.

The Adult Fellowship made a gift to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in her honor.

—Call to Prayer—

By Beth Fogle-Miller

Some mornings, Lord, it's hard to get out of bed, to gather here, to call your Name.

You do not need our advice or information, for you know us better than we know ourselves.

You are present, of course, wherever we are—we do not need to be in a special place for you to hear us.

But we are sometimes more present, more aware of you here than we might be elsewhere.

That is, perhaps, why we come—not so you can hear us, but so we can hear you over the many voices that compete for our attention.

Help us in our prayers to know how to pray.

Help us to pray about situations without demanding a specific outcome from you.

Help us learn to listen for your answers and guidance, and to be patient when your answer is "no" or "not now" or "not that way."

We pray especially for those who are in physical pain or distress, Who face uncertain futures, for whom even the present is full of doubts, anger or questions.

We pray also for those who suffer other sorts of pain, Whose relationships are marked with conflict or distance, Who argue too violently, or speak not at all.

We pray for those swamped by practical, daily concerns—which bills to pay, when the money is short—which activities to pursue, when time is short

—how to juggle competing demands and conflicting loyalties Even as we pray for these, for ourselves,

We offer ourselves for your use in responding to these, or other needs, in ways which you know best.

Amen

Trinity Members Continue Efforts to Shelter Tallahassee's Homeless

By Miriam Peirce

Members of Trinity do care about the homeless. It is clear from the number participating in the Cold Night Shelter that the congregation takes seriously the responsibility to feed the poor and shelter the homeless.

Trinity member Dolores Jackson, president of the Board of Directors of the Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless, said a survey taken in December 1988 showed at least 268 homeless people in the community who sought assistance during the three months the shelter was open.

Assisting with registering the homeless many of those nights and frequently serving as attendants until morning, in addition to Mrs. Jackson, were Trinity family members Jim and Betty Ashlock, Myron and Charlotte Blee, Craig Cramer, Connie Daniel, Beth Fogle-Miller, Sandy Frazier, Kevin Goldbarth, Giff and Eleanor Hale, Austin Hollady, Bob and Elise Isleib, Walter and Rae James, Leigh and Charlene Kammerer, Bob and Esther Lamison, Stan Marshall, Gregg Phifer, G. S. and Gwen Roberts, Dan and Janet Stainer, Laura Rice and Bob Hummer. Lu Ann Snider and Beth Fogle-Miller served as volunteer coordinators.

In all, the shelter registered 715 guests, many of whom were repeat patrons. About half were employed. About one third of the homeless have full-time employment and most of



Tallahassee District Superintendent Charlene Kammerer (right) discusses the Cold Nights Shelter registration process with shelter staff member Gary Mosel last month. The Rev. Kammerer and Trinity member Janet Stainer (left) served as the first shift of volunteers March 6. Many other Trinity members volunteered their services during the three months the shelter was open. (Photo by Dan Stainer)

the others have some part-time work, according to Mrs. Jackson. "Most just need a little help to get back on their feet and to save a little money for utility deposits or advance rental requirements," she said. "It made an enormous difference to these employed people and their ability to work that they had a good night's sleep, a place to get cleaned up and something to eat before going to

work. Just not having to worry about where to bed down helped so much," Mrs. Jackson said. "And the cost for this came out to be \$2.51 per person per night. That was a real bargain for the community!"

One of the shelter's guests had this to say: "With the caring and compassionate help of the staff and volunteers of the Cold Night Shelter, I was able to reconstruct my once shattered

life. As of today (March 15 when the shelter closed for the year) I now have a full-time job managing and maintaining rental property. I am once again paying taxes. I have \$800 in my bank account. But best of all, I will be moving into my first apartment next week paying \$250 a month in rent."

The Tallahassee Cold Night Shelter grew out of a need to protect the homeless on cold nights. In a previous winter, several deaths occurred, which were directly due to freezing weather. In order to prevent this from ever happening again, church people banded together to provide a temporary shelter. The first winter (1988), First Presbyterian Church opened its doors to those needing shelter on cold nights when the temperature was forecast to be 32° or less. Church members, including many from Trinity, volunteered to staff this shelter overnight when needed. This past winter of 1989, facilities were provided by the city in a building that was empty, but soon to be demolished.

It soon became clear that shelter was needed on more than just cold nights, so the facility remained open every night until March 15. As of March 1989, the Homeless Shelter is itself homeless. The need for a permanent shelter is utmost in the minds of those who have been involved in this caring ministry.

Several members of Trinity have been asked to serve on the Mayor's Task Force for the Homeless. These are Carol Dadisman and Dolores Jackson. Serving on subcommittees for this task force are Stan Marshall, Eleanor Smith and Lu Ann Snider. Any one wishing to help in any way may contact Dolores Jackson at 893-0883. Members of Trinity's Work Area for Church and Society have been very proud to receive these reports from Dolores Jackson and Beth Fogle-Miller and others who have participated so willingly on this ministry to the homeless. This is our church at work.

United Methodist Women Announce April Meetings

Trinity United Methodist Women circles announce meeting times and places for April. Women of the church are invited to attend any of these meetings. Call the hostess for information as needed.

Circle 1 meets Monday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the home of Margaret Everhart, 916 Ivanhoe Road. Co-hostesses will be Mary Clark and Kitty Jones. The program will be given by Bob Lamison on Habitat for Humanity.

Circle 2 meets Monday, April 10, at 2:30 p.m., at the home of Clyde Allen, 3261 Rue de Lafitte.

Circle 3 meets at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, at home of Liz Revell, 1203 Firethorne Lane. A Bible study on

women of the Bible will be presented.

Circle 4 meets Tuesday, April 11, at 10 a.m. at the church.

Circle 6 meets at 10 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, at home of Hazel Koontz, 2408 Napoleon Bonaparte Drive. Co-hostess will be Martha Meyer.

Circle 8 meets at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, April 11, in the church parlor.

Circle 9 meets Tuesday, April 18, at home of Liz Smith, 1210 Domingo Drive. A book review will be given by Broun Parmenter.

Circle 10 meets at 3:30 p.m., Monday, April 10, at Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11 meets at home of Dawn Long, 1500 Cristobal Drive, Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Circle 12 meets at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, in the church parlor.

Circle 13 meets Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at home of Lavinia Short, 2407 Miranda.

Circle 14 meets Tuesday, April 11, at 10 a.m. in the church Conference Room.

Circle 15 meets from noon until 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 18, in the Conference Room. Members bring brown bag lunches.

Work Area on Church and Society Keeps Busy

The Work Area on Church and Society has been very busy this year. Under the direction of Linda Scowden, the group has taken interest in several areas of local mission and community service.

Mike Zeigler is investigating a study developed by the General Board for Church and Society called "Faithful Witness on Today's Issues." Giff and Eleanor Hale, Trinity peace advocates, are planning Peace with Justice Sunday on May 21.

Duane Clark, hunger chairperson, has been actively participating in Midday Meals, Shop'n'Share, Bread for the World, Loaves and Fishes and generally keeping the group involved in and informed about the problems of hunger in the community. She also

works with the Ethnic Minority Local Church emphasis, represented by the St. Eugene's Cultural Program for Children sponsored by the FAMU Campus Ministry.

Dolores Jackson, who is president of the Tallahassee Coalition for the Homeless, has been working to minister to the needy and homeless in the Tallahassee community. Miriam Peirce is preparing a resolution concerning opposition to the death penalty and hopes that others will join her in signing it.

"The areas of interest of this group are broad and diverse, but in all, the Christian ideals of the United Methodist Church are held uppermost," the work area reported.

Community Christmas Dinner Wins Award

The United Way of Leon County is an award winner in United Way of America's Second Century Initiatives competition for the "Innovation and excellence" in the special events category for the first Community Christmas Dinner for the homeless, needy or lonely. The dinner was held at Trinity.

The dinner was sponsored by six local law firms, including Carlton, Fields, Ward, Emmanuel, Smith, Cutler & Kent. Also Fowler, White, Gilen, Boggs, Billareal & Banker; Hol-

land & Knight; Moyle, Flanagan, Katz, Fitzgerald & Sheehan, as well as Steel Hector & Davis.

The dinner, coordinated by Judy Gross of United Way and the Rev. Beth Fogle-Miller of Trinity United Methodist Church, attracted 50 volunteers who spent their holiday cooking and serving the dinner, as well as providing entertainment in an informal setting.

The award will be presented at the 1989 Volunteer Leaders Conference to be held in Chicago in April.



Among those joining Trinity United Methodist Church on Palm Sunday were (from left) Beth Hogan, Bob and Dawn Hummer, Bill Townsend, Bill and Marilyn Firehammer.



Mrs. Esther Leedham (first from left) was affiliating with Trinity for the third time as she returned to Tallahassee from Atlanta. Also joining were her sister Theodora Floyd, Andrea Kennedy, Susan Snowden, Patty and Kirk Brown. Also Laura Smith, Jean Lickson and Linda and Jennifer Townsend.

Volunteers in Mission Are Invited To Take Part in Brazil Project

Have you ever wanted to be a missionary? Even for a brief time where you could actually help people improve their lives by teaching them a skill or helping them build a church or a home?

This year Trinity members can do more than just contribute their funds to help support the work of missionaries Gordon and Teca Greathouse in Brazil. They can go to Brazil and help construct low-cost housing, teach sewing or woodworking skills, and do related service during a special Volunteers in Mission project July 28-August 12.

The mission trip is being planned by Leroy Irwin, who is Tallahassee District mission coordinator, and Gordon Greathouse. Participants will help build houses funded by Habitat for Humanity.

Trinity's Work Area on Missions is seeking ways to raise money to help pay traveling expenses of volunteers from Trinity. An appropriation in this year's budget may not be available because the pledge program last fall fell short of funding all budget requests.

Persons interested in being a volunteer in mission this summer may telephone Rubie Butterworth in the church office for additional information.

What is it like to be a volunteer

in mission? Last summer Trinity member Jon Cramer was one in Chihuahua, Mexico. He tells of his experience below:

Last year about this time I was asked if I would be interested in participating in a mission trip. My response was yes, but I did not really imagine myself going anywhere. It was a great idea to talk about, but I did not expect much would come of it.

Well, I was certainly mistaken. The idea became a reality under the leadership of Leroy Irwin. Leroy has organized a number of Volunteers in Mission trips for the Tallahassee District United Methodists, and he was planning this one to work on the construction of a church in Chihuahua, Mexico.

My brother Marc decided he was going, but I was procrastinating. Now that I was faced with the reality of actually going, I was full of doubts.

But part of me was still excited about doing something that would be helpful and out of the ordinary in my life. The more I thought about it, the more I realized that this trip could be a real adventure for me. Besides, I had never gotten involved and this instead of just talk about it. It was my opportunity to do something also a great opportunity to give something of myself to other people. I did not have to be a missionary. I could just share my friendship.

I continued to wrestle with the idea, but when the deadline for signing up came, I decided to go. What I discovered was that by my willingness to give a little of my time, I received so much in return.

Trinity Members Can Help Prison Ministry

Trinity members are invited to participate in an unusual ministry that fulfills Jesus' commandment to help the prisoners.

The Work Area on Church and Society, chaired by Linda Scowden, has learned of this annual community service project sponsored by the Prison Fellowship USA. Men who are inmates in FCI will be doing community service by repairing homes for the needy in our community. These men are being prepared for release by being housed in Christian homes for two weeks, taking Bible studies, participating in prayer groups, and of course, giving community service.

They are not violent, and have never been accused of violent crimes. They need help and acceptance to come back into the working world.

Trinity members can help by providing one of these Christian homes, taking them to church and other activities, and providing the evening meal. For further information about how you can help with this ministry, see or call the Rev. Beth Fogle-Miller at the church.

Trinity Travelers Notes



Last month details were given for the Trinity Travelers trip to California. Places are still available for this trip; however, reservations should be made right away to assure a space with the group. Cost for the 10-day trip on July 3-13 is \$1,795 per person for double accommodations. Brochures are available with complete information. Call Rubie Butterworth in the church office for more details.

The Older Adult Conference will be held at Lake Junaluska August 13-18. Again this year a group will be going in time for the Junaluska

Singers Concert prior to the beginning of the conference. Bishop Kenneth Goodson will be the conference preacher. Dr. David Oliver, Chair in Gerontology, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, will speak, and Dr. Evelyn Laycock, conference coordinator of adult ministries, Holston Conference, will lead a Bible study.

Workshops on Local Church Ministries, Spiritual Formation, Lifestyles, Adult Day Care, Reminiscences, Story Telling, Creative Exercises, Legal Aspects of Aging, Death-Dying-Grief, Inter-generational Ministries, and Chorus will be offered. Complete details and cost will be available shortly. Keep these dates open and watch for future announcements.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Sponsored by Trinity's Youth
April 8th — Springtime Tallahassee Saturday
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Moor Hall

MENU:

Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, beverage
(dessert sold separately)
\$3.00/adult, \$2.00/child (age 10 and under)
Tickets may be purchased from any youth,
Linda Haggard, or call the church office.
Free parking with the purchase of Spaghetti
Dinner ticket.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

All proceeds will go toward the youth summer
mission trip to Appalachia.

Poem About Worship at Trinity Wins Award

Judges at the Eighth Annual Space Coast Writers' Conference in Melbourne on March 4-5 awarded the top prize for poetry to Mrs. Jackie Trapp of Dawn Lauren Lane, Tallahassee.

Mrs. Trapp is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Tallahassee, where she found the inspiration to write her award-winning poem entitled "Worship."

The award was presented at the Annual Awards Banquet, attended by some 200 writers and their guests from all over the United States, Canada, Sweden and England.

This was the first poetry award won by Mrs. Trapp, who retired to Tallahassee from Jacksonville in 1986 after a lengthy career as a medical technology educator. She is the mother of Robert Trapp of Tallahassee, and Stanley Trapp of Safety Harbor. Mrs. Trapp is vice-president of the Tallahassee Branch of the National League of American Pen Women and a member of the Tallahassee Writers' Association and a

Trinity UMW Circle.

Her winning poem follows:

WORSHIP

The sky is gray; the wind is sharp.
Streets are wet but the rain has stopped.

People scurry with turned up collars,
As church bells chime, calling the crowds.

Groups gather over coffee and discuss
the week's happenings,

Then scatter to their various classes.
Outside the bare limbs of trees

Sway gracefully in the breeze.
Skies lighten slightly as the service

begins.

The organ prelude sets the mood, and
The choir sings a soothing love melody.

A gentle stillness fills the sanctuary,
Broken only by a chorus of coughs.

The sermon on prophecy unfolds,
Cleverly titillating the senses.

Time passes quickly bringing the
Benediction and Choral Amen.

The congregation exits into a chilling
wind,

spiritually renewed for the week to come.

—Jacquelyn D. Trapp

Council on Ministries Coordinates Programs

The Council on Ministries is a group within the structure of the United Methodist Church. It was designed for larger churches as a program coordinating body that will take a broad overview of all church-related programming, projects, fund-raising efforts, and the impact these things have on the church calendar and its members. These areas of interest all come under the broad term of "the church's mission."

When senior pastor Dr. David Hortin attended a meeting of the Trinity Council not too long ago, he stated, "This is a perfect example of the way the concept of the Council on Ministries is supposed to work. I have never before seen it work quite so well."

Members of the council are the chairpersons of the various work areas, coordinators of age level groups, president of UMW and UMM, chair of the Administrative Board and various other leaders of church programs. The Council on Ministries is chaired by Myron and Charlotte Blee.

Mid-day Meal Program Needs Volunteers

Did you know the ECHO Mid-Day Meal Program serves 150 to 200 meals each weekend to help needy people in Tallahassee? The meals are served at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 and all persons needing this service are welcomed.

Two years ago concerned people began searching for ways to meet the needs of hungry people living in our city. During the week the Catholic St. Vincent DePaul Society provided an evening meal, but on weekends there was no place to go. The solution came when ECHO agreed to take on this additional service with volunteers from churches and civic organizations.

Some of the first people to recognize the needs and get actively involved in providing solutions were (and still are) members of Trinity. They did research, talked to various

organizations and were a part of the planning. Volunteers from Trinity Church School classes have assisted in serving meals every four months from the beginning, coordinated by Duane and Fred Clark.

This past year, Trinity budgeted \$1,000 to help provide nutritious meals at \$2 each for needy persons, including children. When you pay your pledge you are helping Trinity reach out to those in need.

In January the following persons helped serve: Nick and Ollie Dawirs, Lillian Gaines, Madeline Rolland, Bernadette Thompson, Laurine Thurmond, Elise and Bob Ulsleib, and Linda Yates. In May and again in September, the Clarks will be asking for volunteers. If you can assist, please sign up or call Fred Clark, 385-8227, or your church office.

Class Appreciates Gift

The Betty Phifer Advanced Studies Class would like to thank Dr. E. P. Miles for the gift of four of his beautiful "color graphic" prints for use in their classroom.

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