



Monthly Tidings

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Gladly Giving—Trinity exceeds goal with \$578,767

On the close out date of Trinity's 1990 Stewardship Crusade October 23, 667 pledges committed \$578,767 annually to the church's program and ministry for the next year and the year following.

The two-year commitment exceeds 1990 budget expectations of \$560,000 in pledges, and showed most members increasing their pledges 12.5 percent on average over 1989.

There were 634 adult pledge units and 33 pledges by youths. These included 105 pledging for the first time, 87 new members of the church. Eighteen persons who had been classified as contributors formalized their giving with a pledge.

For 1989, 616 units pledged, 25 of whom have been lost due to death or moving away. Fifty of the 1989 pledgers have not yet pledged for 1990.

Contributions, volunteers needed

Annual bazaar and auction will make Christmas shopping easy December 9

Your Christmas shopping problems can be easily solved this year—all in one place within the span of five and one-half hours.

Make your shopping list now: Pecans for baking, a fresh-cut Christmas tree, some classy new ornaments, unique toys for the little ones, wreaths and decorations for the home, and a special surprise fishing trip for the man of the house.

With all the homespun quality of Land's End, the whimsical craftsmanship of Winterthur Museum's holiday decorative arts, and the country goodness of home canning and baking, Trinity's annual bazaar and auction will be staged for your shopping pleasure Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Chairperson Marti Hall and her committee of volunteers have been working all summer and fall getting ready for the annual fund raiser. This year's proceeds will continue to support the church's Help Each Other Ministry (HEO), provide funding for adult mission trips, a youth scholarship fund and for local charities.

The church's Boy Scouts also will raise funds for their program by preparing and serving a barbecue lunch the day of the bazaar. Half of the ticket sale price will go to the Scouts, who will soon be selling tickets in advance for the event.

The youth of the church also will be taking orders soon, through a coupon in the bulletin, for fresh evergreen trees. The trees will be cut and brought directly from N. C. tree farms to be available for delivery the day of the bazaar.

Orders for shelled pecans are also being taken this month. A pound bag



Stewardship Crusade Chairman David S. Walker, Jr., and the Rev. Beth Fogle-Miller give instructions to a gathering of visitors before they went out to obtain pledges. The Gladly Giving banner in the background, made by Cinda Hortin on a theme selected by Tara Boyter of the publicity committee, set the tone for both crusade workers and pledgers.

of halves will sell for \$4.25 and a bag of pecan pieces will cost \$3.75. Orders may be made on coupons in the bulletin or by contacting Carol Hart or Don Hummer.

Sue McKemie and Patti Oakley are obtaining items for the live auction to be held mid-morning. Already obtained are two fishing trips, children's birthday parties, two portraits by Lynn and Dina Ivory, and the use of a beach condo. A silent auction will also feature smaller and less expensive items.

Ruth Ann High and Patty McDonald are coordinating the work of the Busy Bees, who meet weekly to make items for sale, such as Christmas tree centerpieces, baby headbands, toy caterpillars, crocheted Big Birds, fabric baskets and houses, Christmas cottages, gingerbread houses, wreaths, stockings and ornaments.

A new feature of the bazaar this year will be a Trinity Cookbook, compiled by Sue Humphress. Some of the persons submitting a recipe will be asked to prepare the delicacy for the bazaar "tasting booth." Holly Hinson will be in charge of the tasting booth.

"Randi Burnette and Barbara Cherry are developing procedures for proper record keeping of bazaar transactions," Mrs. Hall said, "but we need many more volunteers to help operate the booths. Volunteers should telephone me evenings at 385-9471."

Donations of items for the country kitchen and the silent auction are needed. These may include canned preserves, jellies and relishes, baked goods, and similar items. Donations may be dropped off at the church between 1 and 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service planned for November 22 at Catholic Co-Cathedral

Trinity members will meet with congregations of nine other local congregations for the annual Tallahassee Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. November 22.

The service will be held at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral on West Tennessee Street.

Dr. Jim Chavis, pastor of First Baptist Church, will deliver the Thanksgiving sermon. The combined choirs of the participating churches will sing, under the direction of the St. Thomas More music director.

Edwin S. Fleet, Temple Israel, will sound the Shofar to begin the service. The Rev. Lois Powell of United Church of Tallahassee will lead the litany of confession, and Father

Charles Roland of St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral will bring greetings and call for passing the peace.

Rabbi Stanley J. Garfein of Temple Israel will give the invocation. Dr. Brant Copeland of First Presbyterian Church will lead the Psalm of Thanksgiving, Dr. A. J. Richardson of Bethel AME Church will read the Scripture, Dr. John Fletcher of St. Paul's United Methodist Church will gather the offering, and Dr. David G. Hortin of Trinity will lead a Litany of Thanksgiving.

Ushers from participating congregations will serve, and a social hour following the service will be jointly prepared.

Participating congregations are Trinity, Bethel AME Church, Catholic Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Temple Israel, and United Church in Tallahassee.

Charge Conference scheduled for Nov. 20

The Administrative Board meets for its annual Charge Conference at 7 p.m., Monday, November 20, in Moor Hall to handle business of the church as outlined by the United Methodist Discipline.

District Superintendent Charlene Kammerer will preside as the conference votes to accept the church's apportionments, sets salaries of the pastors, and hears annual reports of the pastors.

Lay Leader Linda Yates will report on the state of the church, a composite report of work areas and committees for 1989.

City provides building for cold nights shelter

Yes, there will be a cold night shelter this winter. A building has been found and funding arranged so that the homeless will not have to suffer from the cold this winter.

The building is the city-owned Independent Life Building, which like the Ackerman Building which was used last year, is on the block slated to be razed in the future. This building is better suited to the cold night use, in that it has larger, more easily supervised rooms, and an upstairs where families can sleep.

All in all, according to Dolores Jackson, the program should be very effective this winter. She says that there will be some case management and counseling. The Catholic Social Services group will be involved also.

Many volunteers will be needed, just as last year. She will ask that Trinity be assigned Friday nights (instead of Monday, as last year) in hopes that working people will find it more convenient to volunteer. The shelter has plans to open on November 18 and operate every night until spring. Churches usually are asked to staff one night a month. This is an opportunity for us to live out our Christian faith in serving those less fortunate, Mrs. Jackson said.

Church to fill grocery bags for Thanksgiving

Trinity members will have an opportunity to share the bounty of their Thanksgiving season with others in the community whose cupboards are bare.

Grocery shopping bags will be distributed in classrooms and made available in the narthex Nov. 5 and 12 for persons to take home and fill with food items for the needy. The bags are to be brought back on Nov. 19 filled with as many items as possible.

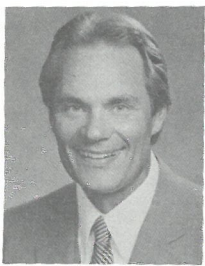
Items commonly distributed to needy families by social services agencies are suggested, such as peanut butter, dry cereals, dry beans, rice, dry milk, canned vegetables, fruit and meat, and household items such as soap, toilet paper and diapers.

During worship services before Thanksgiving a special offering will be taken for ECHO, to be used for the agency's midday meal program for the hungry in the community.

Adult Fellowship will see biblical portrayal

The November meeting of the Trinity Adult Fellowship will be on Friday, November 17, at 11 a.m. in Moor Hall. Lunch will be served at noon for \$3 per plate. Reservations should be made in the church office by Wednesday, November 15.

Mrs. Jackie McMillan, wife of United Methodist minister Don McMillan of Apalachicola, will bring her interpretation of a biblical character that will set the tone for the Thanksgiving season. All persons of retirement or near retirement age are invited to participate.



From The Pastor's Study

By David G. Hortin

Like a Revival

A good Christian stewardship crusade is like a "revival meeting" for the life of a church. Actually, it produces a revival in a church. As committees work together, members go out calling on each other, the emphasis is on the church and its ministry and the commitment of resources to the work of the Lord through the church, all of which brings renewal to the life of a church.

Most of us want to go right to the "bottom line" and see if our efforts produce results. Yes, \$578,000 has been pledged so far, and more continues to come. This means we will be able to carry out the ministry and programs we believe we should for the next two years. There is, however, more to this than the "bottom line." The process was also important. Members got acquainted with each other as they worked together, called on one another, and new friendships were made.

A church is a "fellowship of believers." In a church of many members we need many ways to enhance this fellowship. As they said of the early church, "see how these Christians love one another," we always strive to be a loving, caring fellowship. We encourage every member of the church to be involved in some group or program where they can get acquainted with other members and are nourished by Christian fellowship.

Notes from the McKenzie Library

Hard as it may be to realize (and to accept), no one gets any younger. We need to acknowledge that the aging population is increasing and attitudes toward the aging process are changing. Articles in newspapers and magazines often are based on the accomplishments of "older" citizens.

All are not equally fortunate and, when one thinks of the alternative to living to a healthy, ripe old age, one should accept life as it comes and live it to the fullest. However, circumstances beyond our control may intercede, and we find that aid is needed either from one's children or gotten by entering a retirement or nursing home. We should be eternally grateful that such facilities are available.

The Church Library has a number of books aimed at facing aging, and, for younger family members, there are books on caring for aging parents. Authors range from noted actress Helen Hayes to writers whose lives have been devoted to the study of aging.

Some of the books listed in this article have been mentioned before but "any book is a new book until you have read it." Seeing the titles again may serve to remind you that such books are easily available in your Church Library and one of them might answer some of your questions. Abernethy, J. B. *Old Is Not a Four-Letter Word!* 1975.

Anderson-Ellis, E. *Aging Parents and You*. 1988.

Atchley, R. C. *The Social Forces in Later Life: an Introduction to Social Gerontology*. 1977.

Atkins, M. H. *Also My Journey; a Personal Story of Alzheimer's*. 1985.

Bianchi, E. C. *Aging as a Spiritual Journey*. 1982.

On *Growing Older: a Personal Guide to Life After Thirty-five*. 1985.

Butler, R. N. *Aging and Mental Health; Postive Psycho-social Approaches*. 1977.

Chapman, E. N. *Comfort Zones; a Practical Guide for Retirement Planning*. 1985.

Freeman, C. B. *The Senior Adult Years*. 1979.

Fritz, D. B. *Growing Old is a Family Affair*. 1972.

Gillies, J. A. *Guide to Caring for and Coping with Aging Parents*. 1981.

Gray, R. H. *Survival of the Spirit; My Detour Through a Retirement Home*. 1985.

Hallowell, C. *Growing Old, Staying Young*. 1985.

Hayes, Helen *Our Best Years*. 1984.

Hulme, W. E. *Vintage Years; Growing Older with Meaning and Hope*. 1986.

Johnson, E. W. *Older and Wiser—Wit, Wisdom and Spirited Advice from the Old Generation*. 1987.

Kopp, R. L. *Encounter with Terminal Illness*. 1980.

Kra, S. *Aging Myths: Reversible Causes of Mind and Memory Loss*. 1986.

Manning, D. *The Nursing Home Dilemma*. 1985.

Powell, L. S. *Alzheimer's Disease, a Guide for Families*. 1986.

Rossmann, P. *Family Survival, Coping with Stress*. 1984.

Rushford, P. H. *The Help, Hope and Cope Book for People with Aging Parents*. 1985.

Tournier, P. *Learn to Grow Old*. 1972.

—FRANCES M. McADAMS
Church Librarian

— In Memoriam —

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

J. Edwin White, by Judge & Mrs. Ben C. Willis.

Helen O. Anderson, by Marie and Bruce Black, Joy and Frasier Weaver and Frances and Rachel Reeves, Lewis and Katharine Killian, Dr. & Mrs. Walter Kalaf, Leila J. Camp, Annie Royal Andrews, Louise F. Eyster.

Felix C. Walker, by Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Shelley, Jr., Lessie W. Pledger.

Thomas J. Blalock, by Mr. & Mrs. W. P. Shelley, Jr., Esther Wilfong, the Estate of Thomas J. Blalock.

Elizabeth B. Smith, by Rose Burkmann, Mrs. L. Mack Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Charles O. Kummer, Mrs. Zollie M. Maynard, Sr., Mrs. Daisy H. Hawes, Julian and Mary Meadows, Lititia and Patty, Tommy and Kim B. Mills, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Long, Bill Smith Family and Jeanette Klein Family, Dorothy J. Jones.

Sam and Mabel Teague, by Margaret Teague Mattice, Mabel Teague Kilner, Sam E. Teague, Jr., William Teague Mattice.

Margaret D. Hardy, by Mildred E. Kerby, Marilyn Bittan, John R. Dunkle.

Katheryn Harrell, by Mr. & Mrs. John M. Simmons.

Mary Riggins, Mr. & Mrs. George H. Heier.

Norma White, by Mart and Louis Hill.

— ECHO echoes —

By Nick Dawirs

Trinity is especially involved with ECHO's midday meal program which serves hot meals every Saturday and Sunday noon to the needy. This is due principally to the dedication of Fred and Duane Clark, who faithfully coordinate Trinity's turn to prepare and serve the meals. Hear what Duane has to say about the experience:

"At 11:30 a.m. on any Saturday and Sunday, people from a church or civic organization get together at First Presbyterian Church to prepare lunch. The kitchen range is set at 300 degrees and meals begin to heat. The tables are set up and the room readied for our guests.

"By 12:15, 30 meals are ready and 30 more are in the ovens and our guests begin to arrive. They line the steps and begin to fill the hall. On Sundays parents come to pick up their children from the church nursery, mingling with the lunch line. Children's voices contrast with the seriousness of those waiting for a meal. The bright new dresses of the children flash in and out of the lunch line. For a few minutes those who have are face to face with the down and out, reminding us we are all God's children—brothers and sisters together.

"When the last person is fed and the clean-up is completed, we begin to think about the experience. A meal served in a church basement on an aluminum tray—, the sharing of bread with another —, 'if you did it unto the least of these . . . ' How does it happen that 80 to 100 people are hungry in Tallahassee on any given day? Hunger in the midst of plenty! What are the answers and can we make a difference?"

Trinity's next time to serve is Dec. 2 and 3. On those days the Clarks will need help. Please be ready to help when they ask. You too can share in the experience.

ECHO is also in desperate need of financial help. A letter from Tim Davey, the director of ECHO, states that it will take at least \$10,000 above and beyond normal receipts to make it through the next two months. It is

Monday Women's Bible study open to newcomers

The Women's Bible Study Class, which meets from 10 to 11 a.m. Mondays in the Church Conference Room, will study the Book of Acts in November and Advent passages in December. Teacher Beth Fogle-Miller invites interested women to join the class at any time.

possible that the midday meal program, which is very expensive and getting more expensive, may have to be cut. Trinity's Council on Ministries has responded by authorizing a special fund drive to help ECHO as part of our Thanksgiving hunger concern. Please watch for it and be ready to respond.

Attend a UMW circle meeting this month

United Methodist Women circles are reminding current members and other women of the church who would like to attend, about their meeting dates this month.

Circle 1 will meet Monday, Nov. 13, at 10 a.m., at the home of Helen Willis, 1504 Hickory Ave. Fran Veller will be cohostess, and Mart Hill will present the program.

Circle 2 will meet at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, at the home of Hazel Bandlow, 1211 Azalea Drive. Mary Lee Hurt will review the book, *Joshua and the Children*. Mildred Yates will give the devotion.

Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. at the home of Blannie Gallagher, 1342 Terrace. Martha Hall will present the program on the study of Psalms in worship.

Circle 4 will meet at the church Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. Linda Mobley will present the program.

Circle 6 will also meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 10 a.m. at the home of Jeannette Humphress, 1503 Hickory Ave. Bob Lamison will tell about his Brazil mission experience.

Circle 8 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 9:15 a.m. in the church parlor.

Circle 9 will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21, at the home of Elise Isleib, 1403 N. Randolph Circle. Dolores Jackson will present the program.

Circle 10 will meet Monday, Nov. 13, at 3:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11 will meet at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 9, in the Koinonia Classroom to work on crafts for the bazaar. Candy McKinney-Coates is the hostess.

Circle 12 will meet at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, at the church.

Circle 13 will have a Thanksgiving potluck supper at the home of Mary Ann Helton at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Circle 14 will meet at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, in the Bride's Room at the church.

Circle 15 will meet at noon Tuesday, Nov. 21, for a brown bag lunch in the church Conference Room.

Prayer

By Beth Fogle-Miller

O God, who from the beginning has been known as the Word,
Who in the beginning spoke a creative word, and light and dark and all that is came into being,
We are grateful for the gift of speech, of verbal communication.
Parents wait eagerly for a child's first word;
We teach young children the magic words of "Please" and "Thank you";
We teach them rhymes that claim "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."
Yet, O Lord, we know that words do hurt us, and we have been hurt by words ill-used.
We know we ourselves have used words unkindly,
And we have left unsaid the words that might have healed.
Teach us to measure our words carefully,
Teach us generously the words that heal and help, such as "I'm sorry, I love you," and to guard against the words that hurt.
May the words we speak be consistent with what we do,
In the spirit of your son, your word in human flesh.

Amen

Vashti walkathon set for November 11

The annual walkathon for Vashti, United Methodist supported center for emotionally disturbed adolescents in Thomasville, GA., is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11, according to Chuck Jackson, coordinator for Trinity.

To cover a 10 K route on the FSU campus, the walkathon will begin at 9 a.m. at the Wesley Foundation.

"Trinity has traditionally been the biggest moneymaker with the poorest participation," Jackson said. "We have to change that this year, since Miriam Peirce, who has brought in the largest number of pledges the last several times, will be attending the UMW annual meeting and can't participate."

Jackson said a large contingent from Trinity's youth fellowship has promised to participate. He hopes others of every age will walk, for the fellowship, exercise and good cause.

Forms are available each Sunday morning in the Congregate Room on the third floor of Trinity Hall. Walkers are to get friends and fellow church members to pledge a certain amount of money for each mile they walk. Jackson said they should also

collect the pledge money in advance and turn it in as they begin the walk. This procedure will save them from having to contact the pledgers a second time after the walkathon is over.

Vashti is sponsored by the South and North Georgia Conferences of the United Methodist Church and has been a mission outreach of Trinity for many years. Vashti's goal is to bring its adolescents back into society so they will be able to attend public schools again.

Council of Bishops appeals for assistance

Emergency relief agencies have been hard pressed lately to meet the demands of three tragedies coming so close together. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is one of the first agencies offering its services to those whose homes, businesses and churches have been lost.

Because of the massive destruction by Hurricane Hugo in both Puerto Rico and South Carolina, the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has authorized a special appeal for funds. These funds will be used to assist in the relief and rehabilitation needs of people and their communities and for the repair and reconstruction of churches and church property. United Methodist Church and Community Workers have been sent by UMCOR to assist the Annual Conferences in their work.

Hurricane Jerry, while not causing massive damage, did affect the lives of many in low-lying areas. UMCOR is providing assistance to those persons in the Texas area who live in the path of this storm.

While meeting in New York, the Board of Directors of UMCOR received word of the occurrence of the earthquake in California. They immediately authorized a grant of \$10,000 for relief efforts and continue to work with pastors in the area to determine other ways that UMCOR may be of assistance.

All of these efforts need the support of United Methodist people both through gifts and through prayers. Gifts may be sent to Trinity Church marked for a specific relief fund. One hundred percent of all gifts to UMCOR are used for the benefit of disaster victims; administrative costs are provided through other budget means.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Trinity youth as a part of the 1989 Church Bazaar are again taking orders for frazier fir Christmas trees from North Carolina. Frazier firs are beautiful, durable trees.

The cost of the trees will vary depending on the size (6', 7', 8'). They will all be frazier firs. The youth are taking orders and will have them available for pick-up at the bazaar on December 9.

The proceeds will go toward all youth missional projects in 1990, which will include the 1990 Appalachia Service Project youth mission trip.

The cost of the trees are exactly what they were last year, as listed on the order form below.

ORDER FORM

Please fill out the information below and return to the church office by November 26. You may also call the church office (222-1120) to place your order.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (work) _____ (home) _____

Frazier fir tree size: _____ 6' tree, \$32.50

_____ 7' tree, \$37.50

_____ 8' tree, \$42.50

Return to: Trinity U. M. Church, P. O. Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

Care Team receives positive response

Three weeks into their job, volunteers on Trinity's new Care Team are finding that Trinity members absent from church for four or more weeks due to illness or vacation appreciate their telephoning to say they are missed.

With Rose Howe and Bill Branizer serving as captains, six telephoners since October 15 have discovered a lot of folks have been on vacation, but also some who had been ill and hospitalized without the church knowing about it.

"Folks generally seemed to appreciate the personal contact," the Rev. Beth Fogle-Miller, who works with the Evangelism Work Area on the project, said.

Team members have been checking attendance pads for worship services since August 20. Besides telephoning, team members will write letters to visitors and to welcome new members. A hospitality team will take baked items in a personal visit as soon as a captain is found to coordinate it.

Volunteers may call Rev. Fogle-Miller in the church or fill out the form printed in recent bulletins.

Organ being renovated

One-half of Trinity's Austin organ (built in 1964) is being renovated and will be out of commission for approximately four weeks.

The large section of the organ which holds the air, under pressure, which feeds the pipes and makes them play, has been removed and shipped back to the Austin Organ Company factory in Hartford, Conn., where it will be completely refurbished. Eventually the other half of the organ will need to be similarly renovated.

"If the organ sounds only half there for a few weeks, you know why," organist Myron Munday said.



Rebecca, Margaret and Emily McLarty and Ted Pooser were at Sunday school every Sunday for the past year. Their perfect attendance records were recognized recently. The girls' parents are Dr. and Mrs. Lynn McLarty, and Ted is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Pooser. Photo by Dan Stainer.

Training planned for Council on Ministries

A new Council on Ministries will be convening in 1990 and chairpersons of work areas, commissions and committees will have an opportunity for expert training for their responsibilities in the church.

The District Council on Ministries (chaired by the Rev. Jim Fogle-Miller) will have an in-depth training session appropriate for all church leadership on January 20 at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church.

If you are a chairperson, or a work area member, please put that Saturday on your calendar now. This training will be invaluable for beginning the year in an effective manner. Others, who may wish to know more about our connectional church and to hear our Bishop, are cordially invited to attend also.

Training specific to our own church will be held at the regular scheduled Council on Ministries meeting on January 22 as a followup of the district training.



Trinity Travelers Notes

York in 1766. In 1768 the first meeting house was built on John Street.

The next trip for the Trinity Travelers will be a Caribbean cruise April 30-May 7, 1990. The group will fly to San Juan, Puerto Rico, where they will board the S. S. Amerikanis for a seven-night cruise to St. Thomas, Guadalupe, Barbados, St. Lucia, Antigua, and St. Maarten. Cost of the trip including air fare from Tallahassee will be \$825 to \$1125 (for those 65 and older) depending on the category of accommodations selected. For full details call Rubie Butterworth in the church office.

Opportunities for enrichment, service and fellowship

- Nov. 5 Crop Walk Against Hunger, 2:30 p.m., Myers Park. See Duane Clark for sponsor pledge forms.
- Nov. 7 Raising Healthy Children—Discipline, Esteem, and Responsibility, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Apalachee Associates Conference Room, 625 East Tennessee St. Call Mary Hardison for information, 487-2930.
- Nov. 9 Preview of Faith Counseling Center's PAIRS course (Practical Application of Intimate Relationship Skills) 7:30-9 p.m., Faith Counseling Center, 2200 N. Meridian Road. RSVP 386-1560. Course is 16 weeks and allows couples to learn skills and experience a new way of relating to each other.
- Nov. 11 Vashti Walkathon, 9 a.m., Wesley Foundation. Sponsor pledge forms available in Congregate Room.
- Nov. 14 Coping with Chronic Pain, 7:30-9 p.m., Apalachee Associates Conference Room. Call 487-2930.
- Dec. 5. Recognizing When Alcohol or Drugs May Be a Problem, and Motivating Persons to Get Help, Leigh Kammerer, speaker. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Apalachee Associates Conference Room. Call 487-2930 for more information.
- Dec. 12 Alcoholism—the Special Concerns of Women, Cathi Robuck, counselor, Women's Growth Center, speaker. 7:30-8:30 p.m., Apalachee Associates Conference Room.



Lay Academy begins second term with 60 adults participating

With more than 60 adults enrolled in the second term, Lay Academy is off to a grand start. Term two classes include Christmas Crafts, Travel Logs, The Book of Romans, and Bridge (continued from Term I) all offered at 4:30, and Methodist History and Beliefs, Christmas Crafts, Piano (continued from Term I) and Sign Language (which will continue into Term III), all being offered at 6:15. In addition to these classes, of course, there are two Disciple Bible Study classes being offered as a part of Lay Academy. (There are also two other Disciple Bible Study groups running at times other than during Lay Academy.)

Term III will begin on January 10 and will run for six weeks, as will



Terms IV and V. They will offer a wide variety of courses throughout the remainder of the school year—short term Bible studies, family life classes, mission studies, CPR and many others.

Of course, an important aspect of the Lay Academy is the fellowship

meal served from 5:30-6:15 (\$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children). Even if you are not taking a class this term you are welcomed to join your Trinity family for supper. However, you must make reservations by noon on Monday prior to Lay Academy Wednesday.

These Trinity folks found learning and fellowship at the first term of the Wednesday evening Lay Academy. Upper left, Ruth Ann High (seated right) gives instructions to a group making Christmas decorations for the bazaar. Upper right, Margie Cash of St. Paul's instructs a group in bridge. Myron Munday (lower right) is flanked by his piano students. Photos by Nellie Bird Mims.

67 children attend Trinity's pre-school

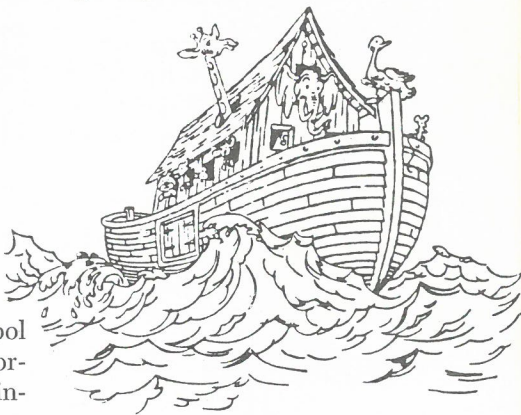
Did you know that Trinity has a weekday preschool ??? If you haven't visited the preschool floor of the Education Building during the week, you haven't heard the squeals of laughter and sounds of singing, or seen the busy hands and feet of children who are attending the weekday preschool.

Trinity United Methodist Preschool began in 1973 when the Rev. Ed Norman expressed an interest in a ministry of this type for young children. Two teachers, Mary Blackburn and Claire Nash, and 13 children met on Tuesdays and Thursdays. According to Mary Blackburn, the current preschool director, the school began on a very small budget and "we went everywhere looking for free things, and we had very few toys."

The preschool has grown since those early days. There are now seven teachers, 67 children, and the school is open five days a week. It also offers two afternoons in which the children bring their lunches and stay to play while parents have a little extra time to get those errands done! The ages of the children range from 2 years through 4-year-olds. They attend chapel once a week where they sing songs of praise ("children-style") and hear Bible stories. They also have music with "Mr. Myron" once a week and with the choir director once a week.

The preschool is a significant part of Trinity's ministry. Many of Trinity's members joined as a result of this caring ministry provided for their preschoolers.

To the casual observer, it might look like play but at Trinity United Methodist Preschool, children are learning . . .



- to work and play together
- to respect the rights of others
- to listen as well as speak
- to express ourselves creatively
- to grow in self-control
- to grow from dependence to independence
- to listen to directions and to follow them
- to develop good working habits
- to finish what we start
- to clean up after worktime
- to participate in group activities
- to enjoy using a variety of materials
- to share toys, equipment and experiences
- to dramatize stories and experiences
- to develop an interest in books
- to develop an interest in the world around us
- to improve muscular coordination
- to stay with plans for increasingly longer periods of time
- to develop new interests and extend old ones
- to understand new words and be able to use them
- to BE HAPPY!

You are invited

WHO: All Trinity members—Young and Young at Heart!
 WHAT: Trinity Troopers
 WHEN: Tuesdays, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
 WHERE: Trinity Church (Playground, Choir Room, Bible study rooms, kitchen, or Moor Hall)
 R.S.V.P. Nancy Harrell or Sue Humphress, Co-Directors
 (386-4231) (385-3877)

Many people will not step forward and offer to help with a project, but are most willing to give of their time and talents, if asked. Well, consider yourself "invited" to join the Trinity Troopers Team. This "team" is made up of adults of different ages and talents. Some can be found every Tuesday afternoon at Trinity; others help as time permits. Whatever the age, talent or amount of time, we welcome each and every one of you. Those who have participated are discovering:

- (1) A wonderful opportunity to get to know other adults (besides the ones who sit around you each Sunday morning).
- (2) A delightful group of young people.
- (3) An opportunity to share God's love in a tangible way.

The story is told of one of our members who turned to greet an out-of-town visitor after the 11:00 worship service several weeks ago. He was staying at the Hilton across the park and, being a Methodist himself, came in to worship with our congregation. It happened to be the first time the Troopers had sung during the service this fall. The visitor was amazed at the number of children in our congregation and stated, "You don't know how lucky you are to have this many children in your church!" Help us keep the interest and the spark alive in each of them.

Clip the invitation above and put it on your refrigerator—next to the artwork from your grandchildren, your dental appointment card, and your next bridge game or golf match. In the familiar words of "The Price is Right" COME ON DOWN!

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