



Monthly Tidings

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Melinda Anne Ensley became youth director of Trinity Oct. 12

Melinda Anne Ensley began work as Trinity's youth director on October 12, replacing Linda Haggard, who moved to North Carolina at the end of September.

The April 1992 Florida State University graduate, with a major in psychology and a minor in special education, came to Trinity from a job as assistant to the director and as co-therapist for child victims of sexual abuse in the HRS Regional Rehabilitation Center Family Intervention Program.

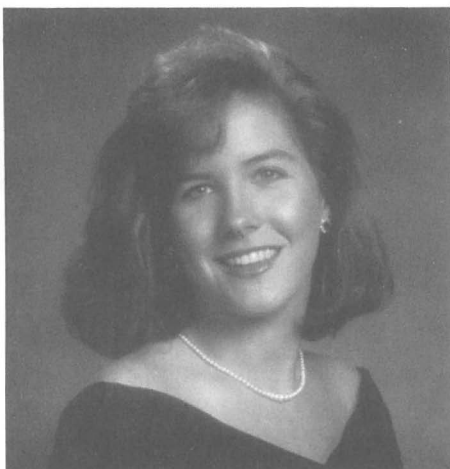
Before coming to study at FSU, she lived in Covington, LA, where she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. She will become a member of Trinity with the group joining the church on Nov. 8.

While a student at FSU, Ms. Ensley was a Rho Chi rush counselor and on the committee for Greek Week and the Greek Council Leadership Conference. The Division of Student Affairs chose her a Seminole Torch Bearer, honoring outstanding contributions to the university.

Ms. Ensley got acquainted with Trinity's youth when she taught the Junior High UMYF Sunday nights this summer. "I was impressed with the church and the youth program, and was surprised to find such a large and dedicated youth group here," she said.

"The Appalachia Service Project impressed me the most. I never had an opportunity to do anything like that when I was a youth," she added.

The new youth director said the



Melinda Anne Ensley

church has suffered a great loss and the youth great role models with the leaving of Bill and Linda Haggard and youth workers Boyd and Lisa Yarbrough. She hopes to fill this void with new volunteers and is looking for three to work with the Junior High group and two or three with the Senior High group on Sunday evenings. A total of four will be used so that a person will have responsibility for programming only once a month. "They will find this fun with no pressure," she assured.

The youth director also needs Sunday school teachers for the two groups. Volunteers may call her at the church office.

"Right now I'm just trying to hold the walls up," she laughed. She plans to keep the youth program pretty much on the same path that has increased participation to an average of 50 young people, but hopes to coordinate Sunday school with the evening UMYF by teaching Scripture in the morning and discussing its application to their lives in the evening.

Having studied music therapy at FSU, Ms. Ensley plays the piano and sings alto with the choir.

CROP Walk participants raise funds for local hungry and Church World Service

Trinity members will walk so that others may eat November 15.

The 1992 Tallahassee CROP Walk for the Hungry is set for the third Sunday of November. Walkers will gather in Myers Park at 1:30 p.m. to

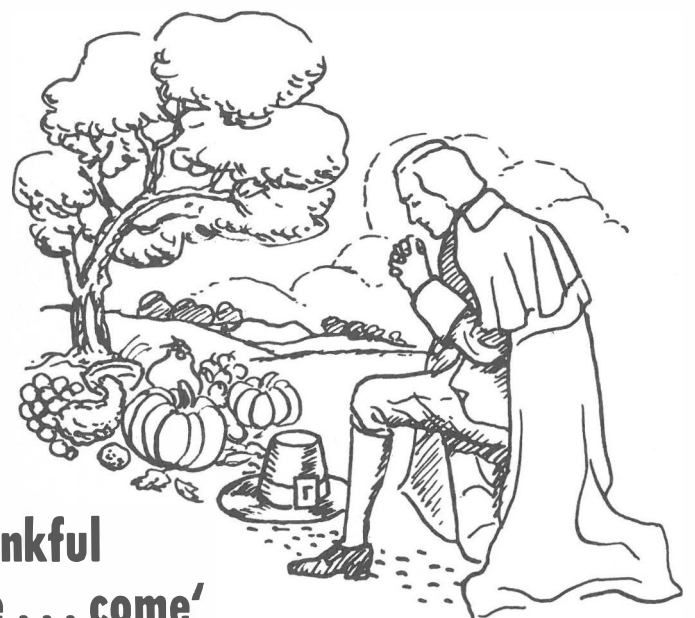
register and will start walking at 2:30.

The CROP Walk is sponsored by local volunteers on behalf of Church World Service and local anti-hunger agencies. Nationally, more than 1,500 walks involve more than 2½ million people each year. Walkers raise money by getting sponsors to pledge an amount of money for each mile they walk.

Last year, Tallahassee's fourth CROP Walk raised more than \$17,000 for hunger relief. Of money raised this year, 12.5 percent will go to ECHO Outreach Ministries, 12.5 percent to Catholic Social Services and 75 percent to Church World Service.

Cans of food collected at the beginning of the walk will be given to Good News Ministries, another local hunger agency. ECHO's share is used for its weekend meal program in which Trinity members regularly work.

Some Trinity members are already signing up sponsors for their walk. Others wishing to participate may call Duane Clark at 877-8293, or Kay Safford at 386-8056 weekdays between 3 and 9 p.m. Sponsor forms may also be picked up in the church courtyard Nov. 8 after church.



'Come ye thankful people ... come'



Services set at St. Paul's

The annual community interfaith Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Paul's United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Trinity Senior Minister David Hortin met with representatives from participating congregations Oct. 28 to make plans for the service.

The Rev. Michael W. Tugwell, priest at St. Thomas More Co-Cathedral, will deliver the sermon. Pastors of other participating congregations will have a part in the service.

A combined choir will sing, and each participating congregation will send ushers and hostesses. A reception will follow the interfaith worship.

Canned goods brought to the service will be distributed through Catholic Social Services and ECHO. Monetary offerings will be given to the local Shelter and to Somalia relief.

Annual Charge Conference scheduled on Nov. 16

District Superintendent Charlene Kammerer will preside at the annual Charge Conference of the Trinity congregation beginning at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 16, in Moor Hall. Members of the Administrative Board constitute the Charge Conference.

Council on Ministries Chair Tara Boyter will present the video, "Helping Hands," produced by the Stewardship Committee as the annual report of Trinity's programs and ministries.

Church leaders and committee and work area members for 1993 will be presented by the Nominating Committee for the vote of the conference.

Other business will include announcement of the church's fair share apportionments from the Florida Annual Conference, and setting the pastors' salaries for 1993.

Bring bags of food on Nov. 22



For the HUNGRY

A time to give thanks and to share our bounty with others.

That Thanksgiving tradition will continue at Trinity this year as the congregation brings bags of food and leaves them in the narthex as they come to morning worship on Sunday, Nov. 22.

Grocery bags will be made available the previous Sunday, Nov. 15, or persons may use their own bags to bring nonperishable foodstuffs. The food will be distributed by Shop and Share to hungry persons in the community.

Finance Committee to review budget needs

Trinity's Finance Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9 to review this year's budget and determine what changes will be required in the 1993 budget.

Work areas of the church have been reviewing this year's expenditures to determine where decreases or increases should be. Council on Ministries Chair Tara Boyter, at a meeting Oct. 19, advised the leaders that the budget is tight and there will be no large increases. She will take their recommendations to the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee is also expected to determine the best way to remind church members to pay their pledges in full by the end of December. As of Oct. 22, receipts were \$81,642 behind budget.

No financial stewardship campaign is being conducted this fall, since pledges made last fall were for two years. Members will be asked by the Finance Committee to review their pledges, and adjust them if their income has increased or decreased.

Special giving reported

In the quarter ending Sept. 30, Trinity members gave generously to special programs of the church.

The United Methodist Children's Home received \$1,624 in contributions, primarily in fifth Sunday offerings. The next such offering will be taken on Nov. 29.

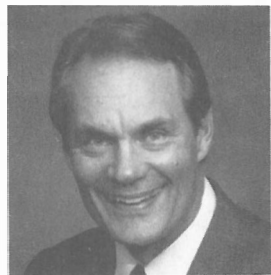
Hunger ministries, primarily from donations left on the communion rail during the Lord's Supper, received \$1,197. This is being used to buy food Trinity members prepare for the Emergency Shelter two Monday nights each month.

A love gift to Linda Haggard totaled \$2,321.

UMCOR received \$9,475 for Hurricane Andrew relief.

A drive to booster support for the FSU Wesley Foundation raised \$869 from Trinity members.

AN ENCOURAGING WORD



In the Spirit of Compassion

By David G. Hortin

A woman's screams pierced the night. We were suddenly wide awake in our little camper in Yellowstone Park. A bear had collapsed the tent next to us. The bear was easily run off, but the damage was done. The young woman emerged with great gashes in her leg.

I told her husband I had seen the signs to the hospital as we entered the historic national park the day before. It was a foggy night and he asked me to go with them to be sure they found the hospital quickly. The situation was complicated by the fact that his wife was seven months pregnant and we were afraid she might go into labor.

We found the small hospital easily. The lights were on all over the building, but we were unable to find anyone. After calling out and going up and down the halls, we finally found the night nurse — or she found us. As I reflect upon the situation, I wonder if the bear didn't have a better disposition than she did. This young woman expecting her first child needed not only medicine, but comfort and reassurance. She was in the wrong hands for comfort or reassurance.

One would have to assume that this night nurse had gone into her fine profession not only to make a living, but to minister to the needs of people in some of life's distressing times. People in the healing arts have a wonderful opportunity for ministry.

All of us have had some opportunities to extend kindness and help to our fellow human beings in the compassionate spirit of Christ.

I am glad to report that the young woman did not go into labor and the next morning she and her husband were able to start back to their home in San Francisco. They had lost their enthusiasm for camping. And, today, you see more buffalo in Yellowstone than bears. Unfortunately, the coexistence of the great numbers of people with the bears could not be safely continued.

Notes from the McKenzie Library

The recently produced video "Trinity's Helping Hands" sponsored by the Stewardship and Evangelism Committees shows the opportunities for work and stewardship in our church. Volunteers at every level within the church are honored.

The United Methodist Church, as it is today, has evolved through the centuries from the ministry of John Wesley and people first called Methodists because Wesley claimed a Methodist lived according to the method of life given in the Bible. He demonstrated, through his ministry, those activities which we are called upon to perform in order to live out our faith as Methodist Christians. In addition we must meet the needs of the modern age.

Through the Library books listed below, we can learn how Methodism in America, in Florida, and in Trinity has been interpreted and implemented following Wesley's example.

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Norwood, F. A. Sourcebook of American Methodism. 1982.

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a History of the Fla. Conference of the U.M. Church. 1987.

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Waltz, A. K. A Dictionary for United Methodists. 1991.

Washburn, P. An Unfinished Church; a Brief History of the Union of the Evangelical United-Brethren Church and the Methodist Church. 1969.

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Willimon, W. H. Rekindling the Flame; Strategies for a Vital United Methodism. 1987.

—FRANCES M. McADAMS
Church Librarian

Reserve for Holy Land tour with deposit now

Reservations are being received for the trip to the Holy Land being planned for February 21 by Linda Mobley, Rubie Butterworth, David and Barbara Hodges. Any persons interested should make reservations right away in order to insure a space.

Brochures may be obtained from any of the four persons. A deposit of \$200 is necessary to accompany the reservation form. An extension to Egypt is available as well as the basic tour of Israel.

Seven ways Sunday school can support you

By Linda K. Mobley, DCE

1. Trinity is sold on the importance of Christian Education and we encourage individuals to spend time with God and with other people who are also learning to be in a meaningful relationship with God. If you are not yet convinced of the importance of learning about God and embarking on a journey of spiritual growth and if you want to talk to someone about your desire to "want to" want to grow in your relationship with God, talk to me or to one of your pastors. We can help you know where to start.

2. We provide 25 different Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings for everyone from our little one-year-old students to our mature learners. We have classes for those interested in pure Bible study and those who are interested in discovering how the Bible informs a wide variety of topics. Pick a class and enjoy the fellowship as well as the learning.

3. If you have a desire to teach or feel led by God to assist other people in their spiritual journeys, we can accommodate you, too. In fact, we need you. The children need people who will love them as they teach them so they can come to understand what it means when we say "God loves you." The youth and adults are growing, asking questions, making decisions about all kinds of issues in life. They need people willing to listen to them and guide them. There is no other ministry more important. If you would like to talk about whether teaching is for you, call me at 222-1120.

4. Perhaps God is calling you to serve in a supportive role (Sunday School greeter, one who will pray for the teachers and leaders of our Sunday School, record-keeper, class officer, one who will be willing to invite their friends to church and Sunday School, provide rides for those who need it, and so forth). We can assist you in finding ways to answer such a call.

5. Do you need to feel more a part of Trinity? In a large congregation such as ours, it is important to find a small group that you can call your "church family"—people who will care when you need them, pray for you when you ask them to, people you can call on when you need to talk, people who will miss you when you are out of town. A Sunday School class can be such a "family." Some of our classes have regular social events and opportunities for service as well.

6. Sunday School provides materials that, if you use them, can deepen and strengthen your faith. Read them, think about them, pray about their meaning, apply them to your life.

7. Sunday School for children and youth provides each student with a foundation in the faith that they cannot get anywhere else in quite the same way. As parents who care about

the physical, emotional, and intellectual growth of your children, who make sure they are given the best education, the best physical care, the healthiest environment for growing into happy, healthy adults, do not neglect the fact that your children are also spiritual beings — as are you — created in the image of God. Their spiritual growth and development is just as important as their physical or intellectual development. Sunday School can help you provide healthy spiritual growth for your children.

— Gifts to Trinity —

Trinity has received the following gifts through October given in memory of:

Julia Sutton, by Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Draper, Mrs. John T. Sewell, Daisy H. Hawes.

Eva N. (May) Hamilton, by Aultie B. Foster, Mr. & Mrs. Austin E. Hollady, Debbie Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Short, Dr. & Mrs. W. H. Castine.

Maxine F. Puckett, by Mr. & Mrs. Austin E. Hollady.

Marietta Beall, by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Beall.

James B. Roberts, by Mr. & Mrs. William H. Moncrief.

Wilson Cogswell, by Mr. & Mrs. R. Spencer Burrell, Mrs. Charles R. Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Menendez, Mr. & Mrs. Godfrey Smith, Mr. & Mrs. L. F. Branan, Jr.

Amos Godby, by Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Menendez, Mrs. Charles R. Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. L. E. Tavenner, Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown.

Minnie Croy, by Division of Communications & Humanities at Tallahassee Community College, Mrs. J. Christie Hall, Mrs. Fay H. DeKay, Mr. & Mrs. Payne H. Midyette, Jr., Dr. & Mrs. Ledley N. Brown.

Letter to Trinity

Fifty years ago on October 23, 1942, we were united in marriage by Dr. Jack Anderson at Trinity Methodist Church in Tallahassee. We are Ruth and Rudy Stang of Elyria, Ohio.

Rudy was stationed at Dale Mabry Field. We both hail from Cleveland, Ohio area and had planned to be married when Pearl Harbor was attacked. Our wedding was postponed until we decided to get married in Tallahassee.

Rudy contacted Dr. Anderson and told him of our plans and asked if he would perform the ceremony. He said he would be happy to do so.

Then without our knowledge, Dr. and Mrs. Anderson, the youth group and members set into motion the most beautiful ceremony anyone could wish for. The youth group decorated the altar beautifully with greens and white gladioli. Mrs. H. O. Pemberton (Frances) was the soloist and Miss Ann Lane served as maid of honor.

The church was filled to overflowing with members of the church and the Air Force Base. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shelley opened their home for a beautiful reception.

Such Christian love is not to be found in every church. Your great love and caring for two strangers was overwhelming.

We both thank everyone at Trinity Methodist Church with all our heart and soul. Although we can never repay your members, we are enclosing a check for the youth group of Trinity Methodist Church.

Yours in Christ, our Risen Savior,
RUTH AND RUDY STANG

Congratulations on a job well done

Friends of H.E.O. don't know how to thank all the people for their grateful use of the gifts God has given them and their expressed special talent in producing the church bazaar this year.

It seems the compassionate hearts and hands of the United Methodist Women are always reaching out to the needs of the people in Trinity. Each year they turn their faith into concrete works of kindness so that H.E.O. can continue to function at Trinity and to extend the local mission work.

Everyone used their individual different abilities so that the bazaar was a success in giving material aid to missions when needed. As we look back, some people probably remember a few bad times in the efforts of putting together the bazaar; however, there were many efforts filled with joyous times. Working on crafts surrounded by loving friends was a good feeling, and what was accomplished was marvelous and outstanding! There are many who join me in thanking each person most heartily for all the work involved.

—CHRISTINE MOODY
H.E.O. Coordinator



Ned Pooser (right) talks with United Methodist Bishop Hasbrouck Hughes at an informal reception in the Congregate Room Sept. 27. The Bishop preached at both of Trinity's worship services that Sunday.



Bishop and Mrs. Hughes, the Rev. David Hortin, and District Superintendent Charlene Kammerer pose for photographer Tara Boyter.

UMW circles announce November meetings

UMW circles announce their meeting schedules for this month.

Circle 1 will meet Monday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m. at the home of Helen Willis, 1504 Hickory Ave. Co-hostess is Fran Veller.

Circle 2 will meet Monday, Nov. 9, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Barbara Rody, 1916 W. Indianhead Dr. The program will be given by Mary Lee Hurt and the devotion by Mary Jayne Martin-Vegue.

Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. at the home of Oleta Blount, 942 Delores Drive. The program will be on praying the Gospel of Mark.

New night circle forming

A new United Methodist Women's circle is being started this month for career women and other women who find it easier to attend an evening meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Linda Yates, 1204 Gardenia Drive. Co-hostess will be Germaine Fritchman, president of UMW.

Any woman of the church is invited to visit with the group and determine if she would like to continue as a member. Call Mrs. Yates at 385-2768 for additional information.

Circle 4 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. in the Gregory Room. A special Thanksgiving program is planned.

Circle 6 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. at the home of Eulalia Boone, 1314 Betton Rd. Co-hostess will be Mable Walters, who will also give the program.

Circle 8 will meet at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, in the church parlor, to be joined by Circle 13 at 10 a.m. Linda Mobley will give a portrayal of Susannah Wesley.

Circle 9 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 10 a.m. at the home of Rae James, 3933 N. Monroe. Jan Harrell will give the program.

Circle 10 will meet Monday, Nov. 9, at 3:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11 will meet Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Esther Harrison, 2107 Rankin Ave.

Circle 12 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 2:30 p.m. in the church parlor.

Circle 13 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. in the Parlor at Trinity, joining Circle 8 which will begin their meeting at 9:30 a.m. Linda Mobley will give a portrayal of Susannah Wesley. Visitors are welcome.

Circle 15 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 17, at noon in the Church Conference Room. Bring a brown bag lunch.

Serve God and church by volunteering

If you are looking for a way to express your faith, serve your God and your church, explore or use your God-given gifts and talents, or are looking for a way to get better acquainted with some of the members of your Trinity "church family," then perhaps volunteering is something you should consider. There are a number of opportunities at Trinity. Here are some in the area of Christian Education:

Sunday School Teacher: We are in need of two different kinds of teachers. We need two people for the Second Grade and two for the High School. A child's teacher needs to be someone who has a faith to share, loves children, can be firm and encouraging at the same time, is able to get down face to face with a child and help them discover how much God and their church loves them. A High School teacher needs to have some of the same abilities: a faith to share, loves kids, an encourager, and so forth. He or she needs to be someone who is willing to help people who are exploring what it means to be a Christian by guiding them toward answers. You do not need to have all of the answers — who does? You do need to be willing to hear questions and share some of the answers that you have discovered in your life.

If you would like to explore the possibilities of being a teacher — if you would like to talk to someone to see if this may be an area in which you could serve — call Linda Mobley (222-1120). Training is available (previous experience is not a requirement — caring about kids is.)

Directory and Bulletin Board Assistance: From time to time the class directories and hallway bulletin boards need updating. If you would like to take this on, call Linda Mobley (222-1120).

Publicity Coordinator: A person is needed to help publicize Lay Academy.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

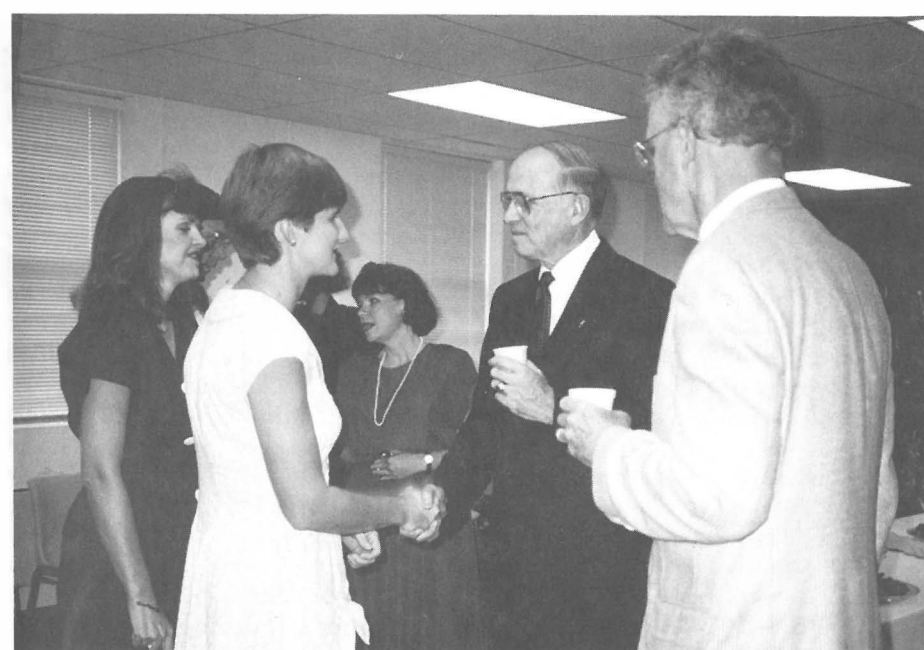
We will have a Teachers' Time for all Children's Sunday School Teachers.

Date: November 15, 1992

Place: The Conference Room

Time: 9:45 a.m.

We will provide substitute teachers for you for the morning. We will serve a light continental breakfast, share some time of inspiration and learning, and discuss the upcoming Advent and Christmas season.



Barbara Hodges, Randi Burnette and Chuck Jackson get acquainted with Bishop Hughes.

Singles program continues with 40 to 50

The fall programming for singles is in full swing with weekly programming from 6:00 till 8:00 every Sunday night. Approximately 40 to 50 persons of all ages have been attending.

The programs offered thus far have dealt with a wide range of subjects from travel opportunities, to relational friendship, to stewardship, to the differences between male and female.

Dinner is served every Sunday night at a cost of \$2 per person and each program ends with a chapel service from 7:30 to 8:00 which is open to the congregation. Social events have included a football party.

The program offered on November 8 will be financial planning, including how to budget your financial resources. The course will be taught by financial manager Buck Clements.

Annual Messiah singalong is Dec. 8

Trinity members are invited to sing along with the 4th annual presentation of The Messiah Tuesday, December 8, at 7 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church on North Meridian.

Sponsored by the Tallahassee Music Guild, the sing-along performance includes local church choirs and individuals. This year Roy Johnson will serve as conductor and Trinity's Jeff Bradford will be one of the choral directors.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the Guild to provide music scholarships to FSU students. The organization has provided 463 such scholarships to date.

Donations of \$6 from adults and \$4 from students will be received at the door. Music scores may be rented for \$2 that evening or singers may bring their own.

On November 15 and 22, Barbara Hodges will teach a course on personality profiles. This course will teach you how to identify the different parts of your own personality and how to communicate more effectively with people with various personality traits.

The Singles' Sunday night programs are open to all singles of all ages whether they are members of Trinity or a part of the Tallahassee community.

Hearing impaired may use new receivers

Along with the installation of the new sound system in the Sanctuary a new wireless system to assist hearing impaired persons has been secured. A special gift by new members of Trinity has made this possible.

Users will be able to secure a receiver from the ushers for use during the service. The wireless feature will make it possible for the user to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary and adjust the volume to personal needs. The receivers are about the size of a small transistor radio and are fitted with a small earpiece. The system operates on an FM channel reserved for listening devices.

At present five receivers will be available. In addition, one neck loop for use with hearing aids equipped with a T-coil switch will be provided. Additional units will be provided as other gifts are received. Persons may also wish to own their own units.

To obtain complete information on purchasing receivers or neck loops please contact Rubie Butterworth in the church office. A time to learn how to use these devices will be provided in the near future. Watch for announcements.



Trinity's Church and Society's Co-Chairman Dolores Jackson chats with ECHO Executive Director Bob Schminkey before his recent talk to the Betty Phifer Advanced Studies Sunday School Class. His impressions and slides of a trip to South Africa will again be presented at a Bread for the World meeting at St. Stephens Lutheran Church Saturday, Nov. 7, 6 p.m.

Adults may choose 12 Sunday school classes

Adults: Trinity has 12 classes involved in a wide variety of topics and studies from which to choose. **Adult Bible Study (Room 301)** is involved in the DISCIPLE Bible Study. In November they will be completing their study of the Old Testament and dealing with the "Intertestamental" period (between the Old and New Testaments). **Aldersgate (Room 302)** will be finishing up a series of lessons on Family Communications and beginning a study on Advent — preparing themselves, spiritually, to keep the meaning of Christmas in perspective. **Family Life (Room 303)** will begin a four-month emphasis on "Creating and Recreating"—dealing with "Recreating the Spiritual Self" in November. **Betty Phifer Advanced Studies (Room 304)** will continue their exploration of the historical roots of the Methodist Church. **Bible 101 (Room 305)** will continue an overview of the final letters in the New Testament. **Koinonia (Room 306)** will look at stories of the Crucifixion and Resur-

rection found in the Gospel of John—and then turn their attention to the AIDS crisis. **The Genesis Class (Church Parlor)** will continue its detailed look at the Book of Acts. **The College Class (Room 218)** begins a new study of world religions. **The Wesley Brotherhood (Room 219), Steinmeyer-Clemons, Room 220), Joy Class (Chapel), and Wesley Fellowship Class (Moor Hall)** will complete the Fall Quarter unit on Old Testament Characters with a look at the Prophets' role in the Divided Kingdom. **Youth Junior High** will continue their overview of the Bible with a look at the Life of Moses. **Senior High** will deal with a month-long emphasis on how to decide and stand up for what you believe. **Youth DISCIPLE Bible Study** will deal with stories and people from the Book of Genesis and Exodus. **Children:** The children's classes are completing a unit on the life of Moses.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
YOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE FUND RAISER

Trinity youth, as a part of the 1992-93 fund raising for Youth mission work, are again taking orders for Fraser Fir Christmas trees from North Carolina. Fraser Firs are beautiful, durable trees. The cost of the trees will vary depending on the size (6', 7', 8', 9', 10' & 11'). They will all be Fraser Firs. The youth are taking orders, picking up the trees and distributing them at the pick-up time. The trees will be available for pick-up one evening between December 3rd. and 8th. The delivery date will be announced and orderers will be called. The proceeds will go toward all youth missional projects in 1992-93, which will include the 1993 Appalachia Service Project youth mission trip. The ASP Mission Project provides better quality of living for families who can not afford to make home improvements on their own. In the past six years Trinity Youth have taken part in this mission. Trinity Youth have provided a family with plumbing, therefore allowing them to have clean running water in their home. They have also provided other families with new roofing, giving them warmer winters and drier houses during the rainy seasons. These are just a few examples. "Chances are you are going to buy a Christmas tree. Why not purchase from us and know that you have not only purchased a beautiful tree, but have helped to give the youth of Trinity the opportunity to help others through the ASP mission project," Youth Director Melinda Ensley said.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORDER FORM

Please fill out the information below and return to the church office by November 13. The form can be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the office or mailed to P.O. Box 1086, Tallahassee, Florida 32302. Orders must be accompanied by your check.

Name_____

Address_____

Phone (work)_____ (home) _____

Fraser fir tree size:

_____6' tree, \$35.00	_____9' tree, \$73.00
_____7' tree, \$42.00	_____10' tree, \$91.00
_____8' tree, \$51.00	_____11' tree, \$123.00

Thank you for your support.

News briefs of United Methodists in action

(Excerpts from reports published in The United Methodist Review. See below for subscription information.)

- Bishop H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr., and the Florida Conference Cabinet have announced the "Disaster Relief Covenant," a plan to provide immediate financial resources to disaster-stricken churches in South Florida. The plan will add to the churches' income during the next eight months so that they can meet operational expenses.

Twelve churches in South Florida need special assistance following Hurricane Andrew's devastation of their communities.

Total support needed is estimated at \$323,000. Conference districts have subscribed \$254,000 of this amount and \$69,000 has been promised by other conferences and districts in the U.S. The Tallahassee District has become a covenant partner with the South Dade Haitian Mission and Redlands Church.

- The 19th annual meeting of the Florida Conference United Methodist Women will be held at Florida Southern college in Lakeland on Nov. 14. The one-day meeting will focus on the theme, "Kaleidoscope of Cultures." Retired UM Bishop Leontine T. C. Kelly will be the special guest speaker.

Germain Fritchman, president of Trinity UMW, is a delegate to the conference. All UMW members may attend.

- Two Duke University Divinity School professors have been awarded a three-year grant by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., to study American Methodism. The bearing of Methodism on American culture and of American culture on Methodism will be explored.

- The World Methodist Council

Surviving holidays is Adult Fellowship topic

The regular monthly meeting of Trinity's Adult Fellowship will be held on Friday, November 20, at 11:00 a.m. in Moor Hall. "Surviving the Holidays in Shape" will be the theme of the program.

All persons of retirement or near retirement age are invited to participate in this program. Reservations for lunch (\$3.50 per plate) should be made in the church office by Wednesday, November 18.

awarded its 1992 World Methodist Peace Award to the Rev. Zdravko Beslov, superintendent of the Methodist Church in Bulgaria. The presentation was made Sept. 25 in Varna, Bulgaria, with 200 Methodists present from 40 countries. The frail 72-year-old Mr. Beslov, permanently disabled by beatings he received in communist prisons, leaned on a chair for support while his citation for "courage, creativity and consistency" was read. He was honored for efforts to keep the Methodist Church alive under Bulgaria's communist rule and to bring peace between his country's government and its churches since communism fell two years ago.

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UM missionary serves ECHO job development

Amy Harris, a 1990 graduate of Albion College from Ann Arbor, Michigan, is serving in Tallahassee as a United Methodist missionary to ECHO. In the US-2 program she began work as a job developer and mission interpreter in early Sept.

US-2 missionaries serve for two years at a subsistence level of support. As many of the people ECHO helps are unemployed or under-employed, Harris is identifying job opportunities in an effort to place people in better paying positions.

Local United Methodist congregations are being asked by ECHO to organize mission support teams for the missionary.

A program of UMC Board of Global Ministries, US-2 has 32 missionaries in this year's ministry. One works with Miami Urban Ministries coordinating hurricane relief and two others with the Tampa UM Center.

Amy Harris participates in programs at Trinity, including the Sunday evening Singles program.

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