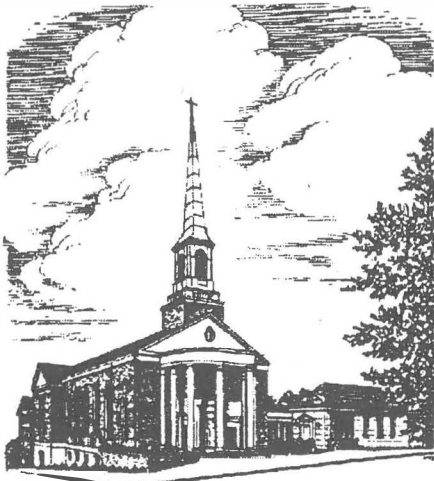




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Trinity's Mission: We will be a relevant community of faithful disciples joyfully continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ.

In Gratitude for Myron Munday

Cinda Hortin

Our wonderful friend and colleague, Myron Munday, quietly slipped away from us November 7, 1995. A friend remarked that it's difficult to believe that someone who brought us so much sound has been silenced.

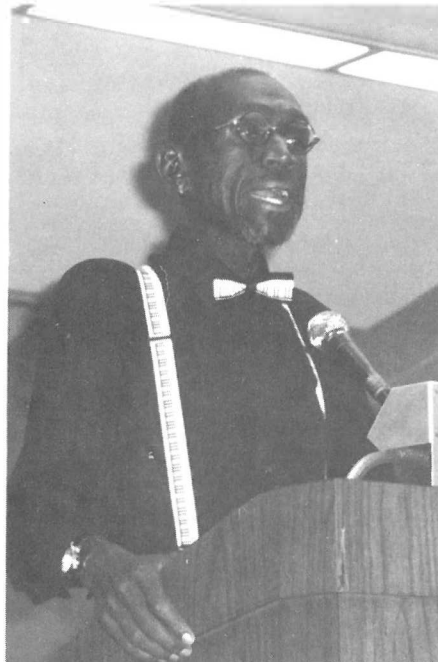
I believe that many of us share in an important relationship--that Myron Munday is the only person in our lives who every called us "Sug"--short for "Sugar," of course. And, it's been an honor to be among the many people Myron held dear.

Myron loved people and we loved him! Wherever he went, he endeared himself to all those whose lives he touched. As I have encountered people throughout the community in these years we've lived in Tallahassee, often my connection with Trinity United Methodist Church has become known. Time after time, the person I was talking with would brighten and say, "Oh, that's the church where Myron Munday is the organist!" Then, a glowing testimonial would follow on how Myron spread happiness and energy wherever his effervescent personality went.

Myron paved innumerable paths with good will. He was an ambassador for Trinity Church and the other churches he had served. He was an ambassador for his Christian faith, which meant so much to him. And--just by being Myron--he was an ambassador for human relations as God intended human relations to be!

Myron was a "happening," but the

goodness and gift that was Myron Carl Munday didn't just happen. He spoke so often in praise of his mother and father, Willie and Alget Munday, and of the loving nurturing and guidance they gave him from his birth and for all his days on this earth. And, he expressed his appreciation for the devoted care



Myron at the Choir Appreciation Dinner this year.

they gave him during his illness. We can only imagine the energy Myron must have exuded as a small child to believe that, for his parents, guiding Myron must have been, at times, a challenge. He loved his parents, his brothers, his extended family and spoke of them frequently with loving gratitude.

Myron was also grateful for his

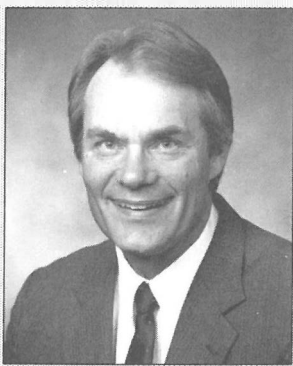
many friends and he took care of his friendships. I want to acknowledge, on his behalf, those of you who have been special angels of God in your friendship with Myron. While it is true that ministering to Myron brought a return blessing, many of you went extra miles. He knew that and it touched his heart. Victoria Tettey, his dear friend who was like a sister, commented, "It was a privilege to be loved and trusted by him."

Myron Carl Munday was a man of faith with a great gift for music, in which he earned several academic degrees. There is a hymn in our hymnal that meant a lot to Myron because it put forth his deeply held beliefs about his music in its title: "When In My Music God Is Glorified." Myron, known by Trinity's children as "Mr. Music" before he was "Dr. Munday," brought all ages closer to God and the church through the way he presented music--his paramount motivation in his music ministry. If Myron enriched *our* worship experience through his music on this earth, just think of what he's doing in heaven!

Even as his body was failing him, Myron was optimistic about his health and he minimized his discomfort when you inquired. He might admit that his back was bothering him or that his legs were giving him some trouble; but, then, he would say, reassuringly, that he was doing fine.

Myron believed in God's promise of life through eternity and that brought him comfort in the seriousness of his illness. I know he mourned the coming separation

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Dr. David G. Hortin
Senior Minister

An Encouraging Word... Making Christmas Last

Most people spend a lot of time preparing for Christmas. It takes time and energy to get the decorations out of the attic and placed where they make the house festive and cheery. It is time consuming to buy cards, address them, put stamps on them, and mail them to friends and loved ones to express our wishes for a glorious celebration of Christmas. Also, it is a daunting task to purchase appropriate gifts for family and friends and wrap those gifts. And, for those who have loved ones in far off places, then to package them and mail them.

The happy gathering of friends, neighbors and co-workers for parties and dinners takes much house cleaning and food preparation. A wonderful meal that can be eaten in a few minutes takes many hours to prepare. The special worship services and dramas at Christmas take weeks of preparation and practice.

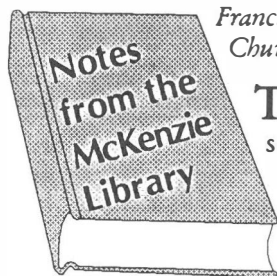
Then, Christmas is suddenly over! But, it is only over if it is just a holiday that we are celebrating. If we are rejoicing in the gift of God's love, we are, then, heartened and renewed to go forward in Christlike living and service. Howard Thurman expressed it well in this bit of verse:

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and the princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart."

May Christmas bring us such joy and renewal that we will be empowered to go forward in faith as Christ's disciples.



Francis McAdams
Church Librarian

The Christmas season, once more, is almost here. Stores began their decorations and offerings of Christmas items early last month. Have we begun to think of the real meaning of Christmas or is that a last minute thought for most of us? Hopefully, we have begun to think of God's gift to us of His Son and what it has meant through the years.

The library has numerous books on the Christmas season. Books on Advent, on Christ, Christmas stories, poems, car-

ols and customs are available. There is something for everyone. If you need program material, visit the library.

Listed here are a few of the available titles:

Biddle, D. *Christmas Idea Book*.

A Book of Christmas: Readings for Reflection during Advent and Christmas.

Boone, C.E. *The Real Christmas*.

The Christmas Book of Stories, Poems and Carols for each of the 12 Days of Christmas.

Dargatz, J.L. *52 Simple Ways to Make Christmas Special*.

Dobson, J.C. *Christ in Christmas: A Family Advent Celebration*.

Harper, W. *Merry Christmas to You: Stories for Christmas*.

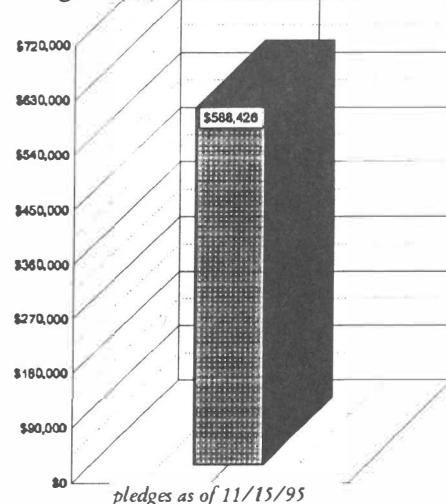
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Stewardship Update

Robert R. McDonald
Stewardship Campaign Co-chair

We are firmly on the way to reaching the financial goals necessary to continue all of the ministries of Trinity, but we must continue our efforts to ensure that the needs of the church are met. As of Nov. 15, \$588,426 has been pledged to the Operating Budget pledge goal of \$720,000 and \$66,309 has been pledged to the Capital Improvement Budget goal of \$58,100. Although we have made good progress, we are still over \$100,000 short of the Operating Budget pledge goal and it will take support from all of us to reach the church's financial needs.

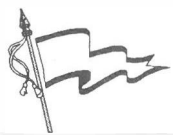
1996 Operating Budget Goal



When I was a small boy, my father said to me that a person's best friends are his or her church friends. Your church friends will always be with you when you are down to help shoulder your burdens and your church friends will always be with you to help you celebrate the joys of life. Your friends, your church, needs your support to enable us to continue joyfully in ministry. Many thanks to you if you have returned your financial pledge to support your church and its ministries. If you have not yet pledged and are trying to decide how much you will pledge, try to think of what is important to you and what gives you the most joy and inner peace. I am happiest when I am helping other people, whether physically, morally, emotionally or financially. Aren't you?

Being co-chair of the Stewardship

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Trinity's Ministries

Adult Fellowship Meets Dec. 15

Rubie Butterworth
Older Adults Coordinator

A special program of Christmas music is being arranged by Stephen White, interim director of music, for the December meeting of the Adult Fellowship. The program will be held on Dec. 15 at 11:00 a.m. in Moor Hall. Lunch will follow the program.

Special guests will be homebound members of Trinity who may be able to come with some assistance. If transportation is needed, please call the church office at 222-1120.

Reservations for lunch should be made in the church office by Wednesday, Dec. 13.



HEO Update

Ann Miller
HEO Coordinator

Trinity United Methodist certainly tries to help its members through HEO. If any person in our congregation finds they are in need of help financially, mentally or physically, please call the HEO office and explain the situation. The coordinator cares very much and will try to help or find help. HEO is committed to confidentiality.

HEO volunteers care—they are ready to help by offering transportation to members for appointments, visiting our homebound, calling on those who are in nursing homes, retirement centers and even make small repairs in homes.

HEO, in its never-ending search for volunteers, offers each person a tremendous opportunity to serve Trinity's congregation by caring for one another. Call the church office today, ask for the HEO office and become a HEO volunteer!

On Dec. 15th, the Adult Fellowship has invited Trinity's homebound to be their special guests for a Christmas musical celebration luncheon. Transportation assistance is available through HEO.

(See Adult Fellowship article on this page.)



Kim Kerce
Singles Coordinator

Trinity Singles in November

November started off with a fun-filled night at the home of Michael and Donna Bryan as the Cornerstone class and the Singles got together for a post-Halloween party. There was a great turn out and some really fantastic costumes, except for the few wise-guys who dressed up as Virginia Cavalier fans. A special word of thanks goes to the Bryans and the Cornerstone class for their hospitality and inclusion of the Singles. We really had a great time.

On November 11, a group of brave singles ventured into the stormy, windy, tornado-like weather to enjoy the FSU victory over North Carolina. Despite having to listen to the first half on a battery powered radio, we had a great time, which proves that with great people (like our singles at Trinity) a good time is always to be had.

And to round out the month, several singles volunteered with the Habitat for Humanity "Building Blitz" on Saturday, the 18th. For those who participated, it was a great opportunity to serve and help lift up the community.

From the Trinity Singles, we hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and wish you all a great December.



UMW to Install Officers Dec. 5

Linda Yates
UMW Publicity

United Methodist Women will install 1996 officers during the unit meeting at 11 am, Tues., Dec. 5, Moor Hall.

Members are asked to bring a brown bag lunch or they may share a sandwich platter that will be provided if bringing a lunch is inconvenient. Because of Madrigal Dinners that week, the church hostess is not being asked to prepare lunch for the meeting.

Liz Smith will take office for a third year as president and Dolores Jackson will continue as vice president for programs. Others being installed for on-going service include Barbara Cherry, secretary; Rose Howe, treasurer; Georgianna Wollschlager, historian; Donna Stephenson, membership; Alice Grow, Christian personhood.

Taking office for supportive community/courtesy and concerns are Mary Elizabeth Black, Mary Draper and Pat Burns; for Christian social involvement, Pam Reed, Bonnie Mannheimer and Sara Paul; global concerns, Mary Ann Moore; program resources, Nancy Waugh; nominations chair, Mable Walters; local church responsibility and HEO committee chair, Nancy Kerce; publicity and communications, Miriam Peirce; music, Mary Ann Helton and Rachel James.

Circle chairpersons being installed are Kitty Jones, Circle 1; Rose Howe, Circle 2; Anne Doonan, Circle 3; Bonnie Mannheimer, Circle 4; Patty Oakley, Circle 5; Marion Buford, Circle 6; JoAnn Rall, Circle 7; Kelley Schild, Circle 8; Donna Stephenson, Circle 9; Georgianna Wollschlager, Circle 10; Ollie Dawirs and Lavinia Short, Circle 11.

Dec. Circle Meetings

Circle 1 - Sun., Dec. 10, 10 am, home of Martha McEwen, 3752 Bobbin Brook W.

Circle 2 - Tues., Dec. 12, 2:30 pm, in the church parlor.

Circle 3 - Tues., Dec. 12, 10 am, home of Anne Doonan, 1840 Winery Way.

Circle 4 - Tues., Dec. 12, 10 am, at the church.

Circle 5 - Tues., Dec. 12, 7 pm, for dinner at Golden Corral on N. Monroe.

Circle 6 - Tues., Dec. 12, 10 am, place to be announced.

Circle 7 - Tues., Dec. 19, noon, in church parlor for a Christmas sampler.

Circle 8 - Tues., Dec. 12, 11:30 am at Chez Pierre. Reservations: 668-7993.

Circle 9 - Tues., Dec. 19, 10 am, home of Ann Booth, 2404 Tamarack Ave.

Circle 10 - Mon., Dec. 11, 3:30 pm, Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Christmas Giving Opportunities

Annual Christmas Day Dinner

Trinity will once again feed the homeless with a Christmas Day Dinner sponsored by Church and Society. All who have participated in the past have had a wonderful experience. Volunteers are needed as servers, kitchen help and clean-up crew from 10 am - 12:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm on Christmas Day. The Dinner will take place in Moor Hall. If you would like to give back to the community for Christmas, please call Donna Stephenson at 656-6679.

Heifer Project International

Helene Werner

For five decades, Heifer Project International has helped people around the world become more self-reliant by providing gifts of animals and training in their care. Since 1944, continued support through churches and individuals has made it possible for HPI to provide food and income-producing animals to more than a million families in need. Within this ecumenical project, which is rooted in the Christian tradition, HPI joins with people of faith everywhere to work for the dignity and well-being of all of God's people. The Methodist church is the largest participant of the some 14 denominations involved.

The goal of all HPI projects is that each recipient must pass on offspring of the farm animals they receive to others in need, which will help to alleviate hunger and poverty in countries around the globe. The principle, called "passing the gift," assures that each participant in the program becomes a donor to others. Passing on the gift also heightens the prospect for the project to become self-sustaining. HPI's "ark" has grown from a few heifers to more than 20 types of animals, from yaks and dairy goats to llamas and geese.

The first animals given by HPI were 17 heifers sent to families in Puerto Rico in 1944. Their malnourished children had never before tasted cow's milk. Today, families and communities in approximately 110 countries and 35 states are leading self-reliant lives as a result of support for HPI projects.

Volunteer to make a difference. Ever since Abraham decided to leave Ur, God has relied on volunteers to get important tasks done. Each year, hundreds of people join this long tradition and volunteer with HPI. Volunteer service can be one of the most rewarding commitments you make this year. The Tallahassee Area Volunteers' representative to the Heifer Project International is John Davis. The HPI office is located at 1010 McLendon Drive, Tallahassee, 32308, 877-0926.

Youth Angel Tree

Anna Thomas

The senior high Sunday school class is getting involved in the community Christmas by participating in a program known as Angel Tree, which helps children with parents who are in prison. The purpose is to help reestablish family relationships and to increase the love between inmates and their children.

This project has proved to be effective in the past and to suc-

ceed, we need as much help as we can get. Each child who we sponsor receives a toy and a piece of clothing as a gift from his or her parent. The child does not know that the parent did not buy the gift. So, if you would like to help us be truly "secret," but blessed Santas, contact Mike Tamborello at church or Anna Thomas at 668-0764. There will be a Christmas tree at church with information about each child.

TUMC Youth "Adopt" a Family

Jennifer Sheffield

To get into the Christmas spirit and help our community, the Senior High Youth Group has taken on a project to help a family in need.

The Senior High Youth Group has "adopted" a mother and her two sons who are desperately in need of winter clothing and other necessities.

If this project sounds interesting to you and you would like to help, please contact Mike Tamborello at the church, Suzanne Summerlin at 386-6582 or Jennifer Sheffield at 562-4228.

Skip a Meal Program

Members of the Church and Society Work Area agreed at its October meeting to participate in the area-wide Skip a Meal program to benefit the Food Bank.

We learned, for instance, that despite the highly successful Meals on Wheels program, more than three thousand elderly citizens here in Leon County do not have enough food to eat each month. Meager social security checks force seniors and others living at or below the poverty line to choose among shelter, electricity, medical care and food.

Cooperating churches in this area include Calvary Presbyterian, Evangelical Assembly of God, First Assembly of God, Grace Lutheran, Haywood Cate Baptist, John Wesley United Methodist and St. John Episcopal.

Church and Society members believe that Trinity United Methodist should be added to this list and members urged to Skip a Meal. Trinity could provide a bulletin notice and/or a bulletin insert and envelopes for church members to return their donations for the Food Bank.

With these funds, the Food Bank can establish and maintain a Brown Bag program in Tallahassee. Because of the volume of food donated to the Bank and volunteer assistance to do the work involved, critical bags of supplemental nutrition valued at \$20 can be distributed for \$8. A donation of \$12 will, therefore, provide a needy senior with extra food for four months; \$36 will meet the same objective for the entire year.

Five new churches established

H. Hasbrouck Hughes, Jr.
Resident Bishop

Because of the support of Florida United Methodist Churches for new church development, the appointments last June re-

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flected the launching of five new churches in the Florida Conference. The pastors assigned have been hard at work during the summer and fall, fulfilling the many tasks required in launching new congregations. Four of the five new churches will conduct first services on Sunday, December 3, 1995. The fifth will be on February 18, 1996. It appears also that a new Korean Mission in Miami may be ready to get underway probably in December or January.

All our churches: old, young and brand new, need our continual prayers for each other. In that regard, I am asking all Florida United Methodists to join me in special prayers for these new churches, their pastors and leaders.

Blood Drive Successful

Gregg Phifer

After a slow start that almost caused Linda Rogers, Trinity's Health and Welfare representative, to call off the Bloodmobile visit October 22, Trinity members came through

once again. Twenty two reported to the Bloodmobile parked just off Duval and 17 were able to donate blood. This is exactly the maximum the Southeaster Community Blood Center said they could handle during their visit.

Thanks to all those who gave this Gift of Life from the Blood Center, Trinity UMC and Linda Rogers, who spark-plugged the effort. Donors were Duane Clark, Shirley Kirwin, Dawn Long, Bonnie Manheimer, W. Gary Mathews, Paul J. Neese, John D. Stewart, Jody Walthall, Brenda Wilkinson, David Dalton, "Blue" Whitaker, William T. Benis, Jim Kress, George Potter, Duncan Hoehn, Judy Levy and Charles Jackson.

Five additional Trinity members provided icing on the cake by reporting to the Bloodmobile during its Sunday morning visit. For one reason or another, they were unable to donate blood during this visit of the Bloodmobile. Some will undoubtedly donate later at the Blood Center: Marti Chumbler, Darci Lolley, Tanya Hollady, Donald Douglas and Pam Waller.

Congratulations, Trinity! We came through again! Bloodmobile personnel were ecstatic and the Southeastern Community Blood Center received what it needed most: blood, the Gift of Life.

The Christmas Madrigal Dinners

*Linda Yates
UMW Publicity*

Holly boughs will bedeck the tables and hall, a yule log will light the hearth and fragrant smells of plum pudding and wassail will fill the air as guests of Trinity's United Methodist Women arrive for a celebration of Christmas Dec. 7 and 8.

The Madrigal Dinners will transform Moor Hall into a scene reminiscent of Medieval England. Trinity's Adult Ensemble, directed by Duncan Hoehn and dressed in costume, will wind their way among the tables of guests with a first fanfare of greetings to friends old and new.

Other fanfares will toast the season with wassail bowl, a boar's head preceding the serving of a roast pork dinner and the flaming plum pudding for dessert. A madrigal concert will follow with Christmas songs of old England and more modern carols of today. At the end of the evening, the audience will join in with the singing of "Silent Night."

Tickets at \$10 each have been on sale since the first of November by Miriam Peirce. To learn if tickets are still available for either of the two nights, telephone her at 878-4086. Proceeds from the dinners will support the HEO ministry and Trinity youth mission projects.



Musicians and performers include: Jack Swartz as master of merry disport; Don Rapp, juggler; Bob Beard, magician; Jimmy Oakley, accompanist; and singers Shirley Kirwin, Carole Dalton, Randi Sinclair, Susan Snowden, Marc Cramer, Duncan Hoehn, John Welch, David Dalton and Gary Mathews. Nancy Kerce is coordinating the choir's participation.

Bill Townsend is producer of the madrigals and Walter and Rae James are serving as production and music advisors. The script for the production is adapted from that used by Walter James when he originated the madrigals at Florida State University.

Light and sound will be operated by Rhonda Dalton and Legrand Dalton will serve as master electrician. David Dalton is in charge of props.

Betty Ashlock and Dolores Jackson, UMW vice presidents, are co-chairing the Madrigal Dinners. Assisting them are Jan James, meal preparation; Linda Yates and Linda Miller, publicity and program; Miriam Peirce, tickets. Others will assist with decorations, serving and clean-up. To volunteer, call 893-0883.

Costumes are being loaned by former Trinity music director Jeff Bradford and Lake Magdelene UMC where he now serves.

Messiah Sing-Along

Wanted: Singers and listeners for the Seventh Annual Messiah Sing-Along on Tues., Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at Faith Presbyterian Church, N. Meridian Rd. at John Knox Rd.

This annual Christmas offering to the community from the Tallahassee Music Guild requires no rehearsals and will be directed by Dr. Roy Johnson of the FSU School of Music faculty. Professional musicians, conductors, soloists and instrumentalists will also donate their services.

Singers and listeners may sit in designated areas for specific voice parts or may sit wherever they choose. Scores will be available for rent or purchase. Donations are suggested at 46 for adults and \$4 for students. All proceeds will be used for music scholarships given by the Music Guild. A nursery will be provided for children through age six and a reception will follow the performance in the church fellowship hall.

Several trinity members are active in the Guild including Majel Barrett who is president of the Guild and Nancy Waugh who is chairwoman of the Sing-Along.

Gifts to Trinity

Through November 15, gifts were given to Trinity in memory or in honor of the following people:

Barbara Ainsworth by Helen A. Willis, Elizabeth Thomson, Ernest & Kathryn Upmeyer and Charlotte J. Ainsworth.

Strom Bryson by Mr. and Mrs. John Aurell.

Eliza Cleveland Bruce by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Avant, Jr.

Martin C. Hynes by Staff of Trinity United Methodist Church and the Trinity Singers.

Julie McIntosh by Trinity United Methodist Church Circle #2 (HEO).

Fay Rollo Williamson by Mr. and Mrs. William Moncrief (Min. Sch. Fund).

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from those he loved, the loss of opportunities to give his gift of music and the brevity of his ability to live life on this earth. But, it is easy for me to believe that, while he misses us and these earthly opportunities, he is speaking to us from the glories of heaven and saying, "But, other than that, everything's just fine, Sug."

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Krueger, C.W. *101 Ideas for the Best Ever Christmas.*

McGinley, R. *A Wreath of Christmas Legends.*

Miller, S.H. *What Child is This? Readings and Prayers for Advent/Christmas.*

The New Guideposts Christmas Treasury

Pennel, J.E. *The Whisper of Christmas: Reflections for Advent and Christmas.*

Editor's Note: Don't forget that Trinity puts out an Advent Meditation book compiled of reflections from church members. Stop by the office and pick up your copy.

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Campaign this year has given me a better idea of how wonderful and loving the church staff and members are. I wish to thank all of the staff and all of the members of the Stewardship Campaign Committee for their outstanding work and support. If you see any of them, please give them your thanks as well.

Welcome New Members!

The following new members were welcomed into the church on October 29. More new members will be welcomed on November 26. Make a point to introduce yourself and welcome our new members to Trinity!

Jake Jernigan
Jodi Jernigan

Paul Jernigan
Sarah Schultz

Advent: A Season of Celebration!

The Trinity United Methodist Church Music Department presents

Music of the Season



◆ Sunday, December 3

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
7:00 p.m., Trinity UMC Sanctuary
The Chancel Choir
Stephen White, Organist and
Choirmaster

◆ Wednesday, December 6

Advent Organ Meditation
12:15-12:45 p.m., Trinity UMC
Sanctuary
Stephen White, Organist

◆ Sunday, December 10

Children and Youth Christmas Celebration
5:00 p.m. Dinner and Program
Moor Hall

◆ Wednesday, December 13

Advent Organ Meditation
12:15-12:45 p.m., Trinity UMC
Sanctuary
Stephen White, Organist



◆ Wednesday, December 20

Advent Organ Meditation
12:15-12:45 p.m., Trinity UMC
Sanctuary
Terri Jones Ellis, Organist

◆ Sunday, December 24

Service for All of God's Children
5:30 p.m., Trinity UMC Sanctuary
Children and Youth Choirs
Stephen White, Organist and
Choirmaster

Service of Lessons and Carols
8:00 p.m., Trinity UMC Sanctuary
Pre-Worship Recital at 7:30 p.m.
The Chancel Choir
Stephen White, Organist and
Choirmaster

Service of Holy Communion
11:00 p.m., Trinity UMC Sanctuary
Pre-Worship Recital at 10:30 p.m.
The Chapel Choir
Stephen White, Organist and
Choirmaster



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