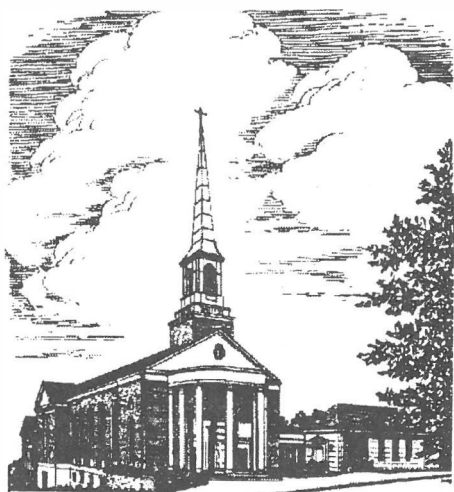




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Trinity's Mission: We will be a relevant community of faithful disciples joyfully continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Tallahassee Boys' Choir to Perform at Trinity

*Liz Smith and Myron Blee
Coordinators*

February is observed in the United Methodist Church as Black History Month. This year at Trinity it will be observed with a church-wide dinner and a concert by the Tallahassee Boys' Choir on Tuesday, February 6. The event is being planned and sponsored jointly by the United Methodist Women and the work area on Religion and Race.

The Boys' Choir was featured last November in the Tallahassee Democrat article "From Boys to Men" and it is now in demand by churches and civic organizations. As a youth outreach project of the FSU School of Social Work, the choir

was established to offer constructive activities for middle and high school-aged students in several southeastern Tallahassee neighborhoods.

The choir program is designed to prevent juvenile crime by providing positive alternate activities through music. The director of the choir is Earle Lee, Jr., who

has a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Social Work degrees from FSU. He recruits young men, inspires them, teaches them and accepts no excuses for less than their best.

If you decide to come to the concert, be prepared to be moved by the performance. In the words of FSU Dean Dianne Montgomery, "If you are not inspired by watching these kids, check your pulse."

Reservations are required for the dinner which will be served at 6:00 p.m. in Moor Hall. Dinner reservations need to be made by Friday, February 2 by calling 222-1120. If childcare is needed, those needs should be made known at the time dinner reservations are made. Dinner will cost \$4.00.

If you are coming only to hear the choir, be in Moor Hall by 7:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary for the concert. There will be no charge for the concert but an offering will be taken to help finance the choir's participation with the Columbia Boys' Choir in Montreal next May.



Musical Notes

*Mark Repasky
Music Director*



Included among my duties as Music Director is providing music leadership for the Contemporary Worship Service. I will begin serving as song leader in February. We will need the support of other church musicians as well. Our most pressing need is for pianists. We are also looking for guitarists, percussionists (the church has a drum set and timpani) and other band instrumentalists. If there is enough interest, we would form an instrumental ensemble for that service. The Contemporary Worship Service is held on Sundays at 7:00 p.m. in Moor Hall. Please contact me at the church if you are interested in this vital ministry.

Many thanks to all who greeted Steve White and me at the reception held in our honor following the 11:00 a.m. service on January 7. The warmth and encouragement I have felt from the church leadership, the music leadership and many members of the congregation indicates to me that this will be my church home for years to come. The church has enjoyed a stellar reputation in this community for its music ministry over the years. YOU, Steve White and I are partners in this quest for a strong, active music ministry. If you have a musical talent and would use it in service to God and your church, we have a place for you! The vocal and handbell choirs are always pleased to welcome new members. Joining is easy; just come to one of our

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An Encouraging Word...

"They're Singing Songs of Love"

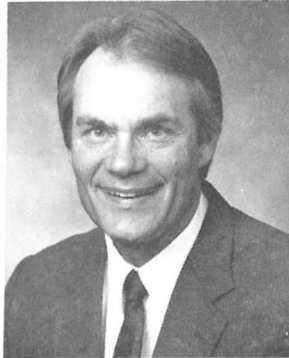
Dr. David J. Hortin
Senior Minister

"It is going to be the year of the wedding," Nancyanne Carothers said. She should know because she schedules the weddings at Trinity Church. When I put all of them in my 1996 date book, there were twenty-two of them. Not that that is a record for me - in Clearwater one year, I had forty-five weddings. One summer in Lakeland, I had twenty-one weddings in thirteen weeks. The total for Trinity will undoubtedly increase if we have twenty-two scheduled by the first week in January.

"They're singing songs of love," as the old song said. There is romance in the air. I like to ask people who are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary, "How did you meet?" There are some interesting and charming stories in answer to that question. Hopefully, children ask that question of their parents and grandparents. If they don't ask, tell them anyway.

As a student at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, my father, Paul Hortin, saw a notice on a bulletin board that counselors were needed at a Rotary boys' camp in northern Illinois. When he arrived there to work for the summer, he first saw a young man nailing a canvas tent down to a wooden floor. In the con-

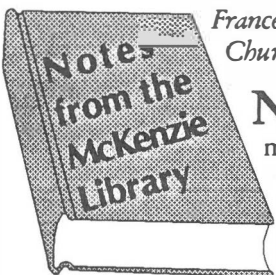
versation that followed, the "big Swede," as my father referred to him, said, "You ought to see that Nelson girl over at the Fresh Air Camp." Apparently, the lake between the two camps was not an insurmountable barrier. My father did meet Dorothy Nelson, and romance bloomed.



Several years later, when my mother had finished a Masters Degree in Religious Education at Northwestern and my father had finished most of his seminary work at Garrett Biblical Institute, they were joined in marriage by Dr. Ernest Fremont Tittle of First Methodist Church of Evanston, Ill.

The wedding ceremony says, "The covenant of marriage was established by God, who created us male and female for each other." So, Christian couples gather at the church with their friends and family to, not only satisfy the requirements of the State of Florida regarding marriage, but to take the sacred vows of Christian marriage and receive the blessing of God and The Church.

To me, when the bride starts down that long aisle on her father's arm, it is one of life's greatest moments; and I have an even better view of that than does the mother of the bride. So, we celebrate the love that God has placed in our hearts. We give thanks for those whom we love and who love us within the "holy estate of matrimony."

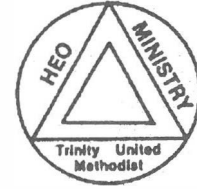


Frances McAdams
Church Librarian

Now that Christmas is over at which time we celebrated the birth of Christ, let us now learn more about Him as our Savior. The library has a number of books on the subject of Jesus Christ, His life and His works. Most are not new but often the older books are more scholarly and more helpful.

Some of the ones in the library are as follows:

- Allen, C.L. *The Life of Christ.*
 - Barclay, W. *Jesus as They Saw Him: New Testament Interpretation of Jesus.*
 - Barton, B. *The Man Nobody Knows: a Discovery of Jesus.*
 - Barton, G.A. *Jesus of Nazareth, a Biography*
 - Blair, E. P. *Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.*
 - Bornkamm, G. *Jesus of Nazareth.*
 - Bowie, W. R. *I Believe in Jesus Christ.*
 - Bowie, W. R. *The Master, a Life of Jesus Christ.*
 - Dodd, C. H. *Benefits of His Passion.*
 - Erskine, J. *The Human Life of Jesus.*
 - Johnson, S. E. *Jesus in His Homeland.*
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HEO 1995 Annual Report

Ann Miller
HEO Coordinator

Nineteen ninety-six sped by faster than I'd like to remember; 1996 hovers full of new challenges for HEO at Trinity to meet. The first challenge is to exceed the excellent job done by the volunteers this past year.

We are excited to give the following information of the services provided by HEO in 1995:

- 987 home visits were made by our volunteers and coordinators to members of our congregation living alone, homebound or those with special needs.

- From the HEO office—810 items of correspondence were sent to families and individuals. The items included sympathy notes, birthday cards, get-well and congratulations cards. 386 phone contacts were made in connection with service for or about our members. 17 families were given brown bags of groceries. This food is purchased from the Second Harvest Food Bank at a discount and is also used (when available) for meals prepared at Trinity for The Shelter. Distributed 12 pieces of health care equipment. 94 office contacts to share resources and make referrals. \$2,530.02 was given out from the crisis fund to help with living and medical expenses for those who were in need.

- 119 Upper Rooms were distributed to homebound persons. 7 large print hymnals were given to members by request.

- 15 requests for transportation were provided and 58 people received flowers that had been on the altar.

- 5 receptions for family and friends following funeral services were planned. Food for a family was provided after a funeral service.

- From July to November, 56 faithful followers attended "Lunch Bunch."

- HEO is represented on the boards of Faith Counseling and Church and Society. 18 adults are participating in "Pray Partners" with the Youth Department.

- HEO and Adult Fellowship sent two members to the Governor's Seminar, sponsored by the State of Florida Elder Care Agency and initiated a shuttle from the parking lot to the front of the church

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Trinity's Ministries



Trinity Traveler Notes

*Rubie Butterworth
Older Adults Coordinator*

As of this writing, there are still places available for the Trinity Travelers trip to the Okefenokee Swamp scheduled for March 22 and 23. Several attractions related to the park will be visited. An extensive tour of the Okefenokee Swamp Park is planned for Saturday. All meals, transportation and hotel accommodations are included in the \$109 (double) cost. Please call Rubie Butterworth at 222-1120 to make a reservation or to secure a brochure. The total cost for the trip is due no later than February 20.

In May, the group plans to attend the Mature Years retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg sponsored by the Florida Annual Conference. Bishop Robert Spain, retired, a member of the Tennessee Conference, will be the keynote speaker. Further details will be forthcoming as soon as they are received from the conference office. Reserve May 6-8 and plan to join the Travelers in Leesburg.

In August, again this year, plans are being made for a group to attend the Southeastern Jurisdiction Conference on Older Adult Ministries being held in Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. The dates are August 12-15. Special for this year is the fact that our own Trinity member, Margaret Lynn Duggar, will be the platform hour speaker on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. She will also serve on a team of leaders conducting a workshop for professional workers with older adults. She is president of Margaret Lynn Duggar and Associates, an independent consulting firm specializing in products, services and marketing to older adults. Some interesting new workshops are being offered. Ed Kilbourne, one of the most popular singers/storytellers in the country will be there to entertain and to lead a workshop on "Memory and Storytelling."

A \$75 deposit is necessary to register and make a room reservation. Final payments will be computed when transportation

arrangements are complete. For a complete brochure of the conference program, please call Rubie Butterworth.



*Kim Kerce
Singles Coordinator*

Singles Get in Gear for the Year

One month down and 11 to go. I hope you have recovered from the festive yet very busy holiday season. The singles activities in January were planned mostly for the latter part of the month, so you will get a full report on them next time. However, I can tell you that we are going to Jacksonville's Museum of Science and History on the 20th and on the 28th we are having a Superbowl Party.

The singles did lead the Sunday at Seven worship service on the 7th. My thanks go out to all who were involved. Also, Susan Butler, one of our faithful singles, gave the message at the worship service on the 14th and did a wonderful job. If you do not know the fine people in Trinity's Singles group, you are missing some of the finest people I have ever had the opportunity to know. Do yourself a favor and get to know them.

Singles: be looking for the February calendar and make your plans. And to the rest of the Trinity family, have a great February!

UMW Feb. Circles

Circle 1 - Feb. 12, 10 a.m., home of Elizabeth Hill, 509 Plantation Rd.

Circle 2 - Feb. 13, 2 p.m., church parlor.

Circle 3 - Feb. 13, 10 a.m., home of Jan Ragan, 522 Collins Drive.

Circle 4 - Feb. 13, 10 a.m., church parlor.

Circle 5 - Feb. 8, 7 p.m., home of Laura Jensen, 2890 Green Forest Ln.

Circle 6 - Feb. 13, 10 a.m., Westminster Oaks with Nell Bowers and Ruth Crawford.

Circle 7 - Feb. 20, noon, church conference room.

Circle 8 - Feb. 13, 9:30 a.m., church parlor.

Circle 9 - Feb. 20, 10 a.m., home of Rubie Butterworth, 329 Remington Run Loop.

Circle 10 - Feb. 12, 3:30 p.m., Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11 - Feb. 13, 10 a.m., church, room 304.

Discovery Club Adds New Activities

Discovery Club, the Wednesday afternoon fellowship group for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders, has added new activities for the winter semester. Mark Repasky, our new music director, will conduct a handbell group and Dr. David Hortin, our senior minister, will teach basketball skills. There is also a craft group during the activity period. In addition to the activity period, Discovery Club members are working on the God and Country Religious Recognition Award for their age group and participate in the choir. They will also join with Trinity Troopers (kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade) to visit the Woodmont Retirement Community in February and March to share with the residents there and honor their public school teachers at a dinner on February 11. Discovery Club and Trinity Troopers are always open to new members. To register or for more information contact Barbara Potter at 222-1120.

Register Now for '96-'97 Preschool



Registration for the 1996-97 school year at Trinity United Methodist Preschool is now open for currently enrolled students and children of church families.

Contact Mrs. Mary Blackburn at 222-1120 or 877-1679 to obtain an application or for further information.

Gifts to Trinity

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

Ruth Carr by Janice A. Shindel.

Myron C. Munday by Mrs. Margaret T. Mattice, Julia D. Rowell, Howard and Barbara Carraway, Dr. and Mrs. Orson Smith, Kathleen H. Stinson, Julia A. Foster, Margaret Witte, Nancy and Phil Evans.

Thelma S. Roberts by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Moncrief (Min. Sch. Fund).

Frances Snow Simmons by Mrs. Wm. P. Simmons.

Jack W. Simmons by Mrs. Wm. P. Simmons.

Sarah Scott Simmons by Mrs. Wm. P. Simmons.

Mary Ed Steinmeyer by Nancy and Phil Evans.

Eunice Williamson by Nancy and Phil Evans.

Welcome New Members!

These new members were welcomed into the church on December 31. More new members will be welcomed on January 28. Make a point to introduce yourself and welcome our new members to Trinity!



1996 Pledge Status

Currently, pledges for '96 total \$700,615. We're short of our Operating budget goal by \$89,661 but have exceeded our Capital Improvement budget goal by \$12,176. Please return your pledges today!

1995 End of Year Report

	Operating	Capital Imp.
Budget	\$934,200	58,100
Revenue	871,646	69,276
Expenses	851,239	68,152
Carry Over	20,407	1,124



photo: Dan Stainer

Front l to r: Eric Etters, Melanie Mowrey (Eric & Melanie are engaged).

Back l to r: Scott Lovecamp, Phil Jensen, John & Gail Stewart, Tiffany Stewart, Jamey Deering (Tiffany's fiance), Matt Stewart

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rehearsals! The only choir that requires an audition to join is Trinity Ringers, our adult handbell choir. Contact me at the church if you have additional questions on how to become involved in the music ministry of the church.

In looking over brochures and other printed information about the church before arriving in Tallahassee, I noticed a tradition of occasional pre-worship music presentations. This offers an opportunity to introduce my wife and daughter to you, since they will remain in the Clearwater area until June, 1996. The Repasky family will present a Pre-Wor-

ship Recital of sacred music on Sunday, March 17, beginning at 10:40 a.m. The presentation will include two-piano and vocal music. We hope you can come!

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Laymon, C. *Christ in the New Testament*.

Laymon, C. *The Life and Teachings of Jesus*.

Oursler, F. *The Greatest Story Ever Told*.

Phillips, J. B. *When God Was Man*.

In addition, there are books on the Last Week and the Resurrection as well as more books on the life of Christ.

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on Sunday mornings.

Your coordinator attended a one day workshop given by Stephen Ministries in Pensacola, Florida.

I am grateful to the volunteer visitors and the staff of Trinity for their help and loyalty to this program. I am grateful to our congregation for the time, monies and prayers you continue to give to HEO. Thank you to Christine Moody for help in easing the transition from her excellent service as coordinator to my new adventure in the same position.

Let's keep our attention focused so that no one in need is left unattended.



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