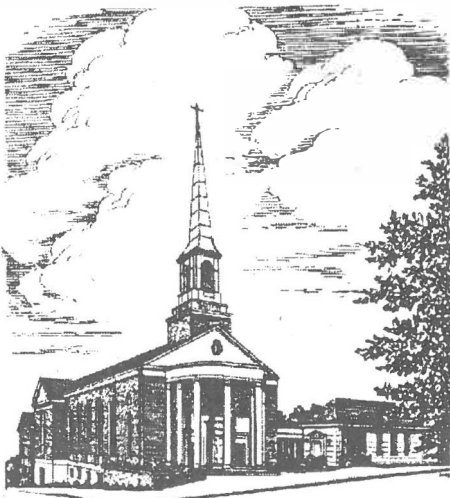




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Trinity's Mission: We will be a relevant community of faithful disciples joyfully continuing the ministry of Jesus Christ.

United Methodist Habitat House Report

The first meeting was held on February 12, 1996 to form the foundation for construction of a United Methodist Habitat House by the United Methodist Churches in the Tallahassee area. Representatives from four of the 19 United Methodist churches in the Tallahassee area were in attendance. While the attendance of the various church representatives invited were far below that hoped for, the enthusiasm for the project remained positive and those present looked forward to increased participation by those unable to attend for reasons unknown.

Why were those present excited by the prospect of building a Habitat House? A short talk by Donna Pickering, Executive Administrator for Tallahassee Habitat for Humanity and a video that reflected the close relationship of Habitat's work based on Christian principles set the stage for the meeting. Following that, Stewart Wilson-Patton, a Presbyterian Church member, spoke about the advantages they found in building a Presbyterian Habitat House presently under construction. Listed among these advantages were: (1) the fellowship that existed among those from different Presbyterian churches as they worked on a common cause; (2) the opportunity to

meet and work with the family that will purchase the house. The family was invited by one of the workers to attend church the next Sunday; (3) the impact the house construction was having on the adjoining community. For example, one woman in the neighborhood said she could not work on the house but could serve in her own way and brought a large tray of delicious barbecue meat for lunch;

many others in the neighborhood dropped by to thank the workers for their service to the community; (4) the spontaneous desire of volunteers not registered to appear and offer their services. Even though an abundance of help

was already present, work was found for these willing hands; (5) the opportunity for all ages to participate in erecting a fence at the rear of the site. Working Saturdays and Sunday afternoons for two weeks, these volunteers had finished the house to the degree that it was completely enclosed from the weather. Surely the hands of God were involved as well.

Yes, those present were not discouraged by the low turnout but will work even more diligently to enlist the assistance of other United Methodist churches to make a United Methodist Habitat House a reality.



Conversations by the Cross

Trinity's Sunday at Seven services are presenting a special series of Lenten dramas entitled, *Conversations by the Cross*, each Sunday evening between now and Easter.

What might the people involved in our Lord's Passion have talked about as they waited near the Cross on Good Friday? People like:

Malchus, whose ear was cut off and healed at Gethsemane and Mark, who ran from the Garden naked;

Barabbas, the criminal released when Jesus was condemned and Calaphas, the high priest who led the cries for his release;

Pontius Pilate and Procula, his wife;

Simon of Cyrene, who carried our Lord's cross and the Centurion who compelled him to;

The two thieves who were crucified with Christ;

Mary, our Lord's grieving mother and John the "beloved disciple," who took her into his home.

These Lenten services, beginning at 7 p.m. in Moor Hall, invite us to eavesdrop on the concern and conflicts of people whose lives were touched and changed by the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

Pre-Service Concert to Feature Repasky Family

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Mark and Cindy Repasky, with their daughter Cristin, will present a Pre-Ser-
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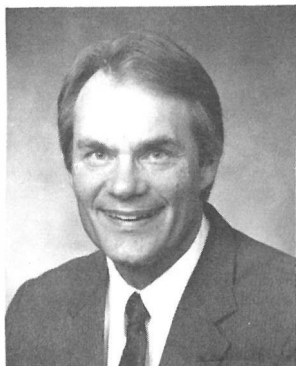
March Madness

Dr. David G. Hortin
Senior Minister

The National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament takes place in March of each year and is referred to as "March Madness." I never played in the NCAA Tournament but I did play in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary Invitational which is a far more exclusive tournament. Fortunately, I did not play for the host team but for the Chandler School of Theology Circuit Riders.

Our team, made up of former college players, played the Federal Pen each year. We tried to play them a "home and home" series but they could not come to our gym. So, they always had the home court advantage and it was important to remember where you were. Not only were the fans all inmates but so were the referees. After picking up two quick fouls one game, the coach took me out. Coming to the bench unhappily, I complained, "That guy (the referee) is blind!" A man leaned down from behind me and said, "And he's a crook, too!"

We had an All-American from the University of Kentucky that played for us. Ed Beck had been the captain of Kentucky's 1958 NCAA championship team. Ed had also played for a team that went to the Orient to play basketball and to witness for Christ at halftime of each



game. On the way to the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary one Saturday afternoon, Ed said he was going to preach at halftime.

We wondered how his preaching would be received. Perhaps he was only kidding or he would forget or he would be too tired by halftime. No, when halftime came, he climbed the stairs to the balcony where the public address announcer was and began to preach. At first, no one seemed to notice and nearly everyone kept on talking.

However, many of these men had listened on the radio to the Kentucky Wildcat games. They knew about Ed Beck and respected him.

The gym began to quiet down. Finally, it was all quiet except for one man who would "boo" every time Ed would say the name of Jesus. That, of course, was a little shocking. Church people are not used to that. Soon, a man got up and went to sit by that fellow and the booing stopped. It was quiet as a church. That was one of the most amazing things I ever experienced.

We are called to be witnesses for Christ in our own way and to the people with whom we deal. The world considers the gospel of Jesus "madness" because the values of the faith are opposite of the values of the world. If we are ever to end the "madness" of our world, we must lift up Christ so that all may be drawn unto him (John 12:32).

Many Thanks to Meals on Wheels Volunteers

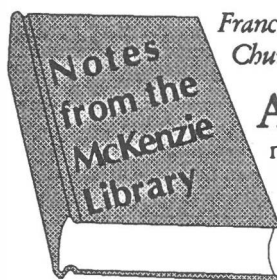
Rubie Butterworth
Older Adults Coordinator

On January 15, 63 volunteers gathered at Elder Care Services to prepare and deliver meals to 258 Meals on Wheels recipients. For all who helped out, thanks!

The Older Adult Council provides funds for the meals each year. Heading up the kitchen committee were Donna Stephenson and Dick Almarode. Those who came at 8 a.m. to assist them were Lou and Mart Hill, Lucy Yancey, Annie Grace Kennedy, Shelley Boone, Mary Frances Bell, Ann Miller, Hubert Helton and Chuck and Rubie Butterworth.

At 10:30, the meals were ready for delivery. Those covering the 26 routes were Myron & Charlotte Blee, Mary Lee Peebles, Ann Miller, Nancy & Jimmy Duncan, Ina Powell, Linda Yates, Oberly & Lou Brown, Howard & Christine Moody, Roberta Drake, Jo & Spencer Burrell, Mary Jayne Martin-Vegue, Grace Fox, Chip & Haley Martin-Vegue, Foster Davis, John Fletcher, Gregg Phifer, Gene Thornton, Lum & Nancy Kerce, Walt & Kitty Funderburk, Paula Smith, Karen Mathis, Bill Sinclair, Tom Evans, Bill Harrell, Jack Sumner, Dawn & Linzie Long & friend, Bill & Lizanne Moncrief, Betty Clemons, Gloria Whitaker, Beth Perry, Jordan Perry & friend, Nina Peterson, Norma Smoyer, Parker Lee McDonald, Mark Repasky, Duane Clark, Eleanor Cotton, Bob & Lavinia Short & Van Gilliam.

Dr. Hortin received a kind letter from Elder Care Services expressing their appreciation for this service.



Frances M. McAdams
Church Librarian

All of us are human and at times, each of us may be so worried, so lonely, so unhappy, that one thinks "What has happened to me? What have I done to deserve this? What can I do about it?" It happens to each of us in one way or another at times in our lives.

What can be done about it? Prayer is one answer and through prayer, getting a grip on the situation. Along with prayer, one can do some profound thinking, get

tingsome helpful ideas from reading books which may offer solutions to the problems.

The library has a number of books on personal problems with some fascinating titles. Come in and look over a few. You might just find one to help you.

Crook, R.H. *How to be Nervous and Enjoy It*, 1975.

Dunn, D. *Try Giving Yourself Away*, 1956.
Freeman, C.B. *The Senior Adult Years*, 1979.

Hiltner, S. *Self-Understanding Through Psychology and Religion*, 1951.

Houston, J. *In Search of Happiness*, 1990.

Leman, K. *Bonkers: Why Women Get Stressed Out and What They Can Do About It*, 1987.

McGinnis, A.L. *The Power of Optimism*, 1990.

Minirth, F. *Worry-Free Living*, 1989.

Sparks, J.A. *Living the Bad Days: Why They Come and How to Survive*, 1982.

Veniga, R.L. *A Gift of Hope: How We Survive our Tragedies*, 1985.

Walker, H.B. *How to Conquer Loneliness*, 1966.

Watson, T. *How to Be Happy No Matter What*, 1979.

Please sign for any materials taken from the library. It is most discouraging to find that books or tapes are not to be found when asked for. Remember: all library materials are church property.



Trinity's Ministries



Trinity Traveler Notes

*Rubie Butterworth
Older Adults Coordinator*

Registrations are being received for the Trinity Travelers' trip to Leesburg May 5-8 to attend the Florida Conference Mature Years Retreat and to Lake Junaluska for the Older Adult Conference scheduled for August 12-15. Forms for both conferences are in the church office.

Dr. Riley Short, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland will be the keynote speaker at the Leesburg retreat. A visit to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home is also planned as part of the itinerary.

Margaret Lynn Duggar will be one of the keynote speakers at Lake Junaluska. She is a member of Trinity Church and a well-known consultant on older adult issues. Ed Kilbourne, who has brought his considerable talents in music and storytelling to Trinity, will be providing entertainment and leadership in a workshop on "Memory and Storytelling." Other outstanding persons will be providing leadership as well.

Brochures will be available shortly for a trip planned for Sept. 9-18 to the Pacific Northwest which will include travel in Oregon and northern California.

For complete information on these opportunities, please call Rubie Butterworth in the church office.



HEO Update

*Ann Miller
HEO Coordinator*

On, February 10, 1996, I attended the Eleventh Annual Alzheimer's Update sponsored by the Pilot Club of Tallahassee. In attendance was an outstanding group of presenters representing many aspects of the professional community who offer the necessary care to the Alzheimer patient and their caregiver.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Jonathan Stewart, University of South

Florida professor of psychiatry. He offered an hour presentation of vital information about this disease in language that made it possible for the layman to understand. Dr. Stewart emphasized that dementia is never normal for any age. Ten percent of people 65 or older develop dementia. Ten percent can be helped with a medical evaluation.

The Update's agenda offered 12 workshops divided among three group sessions. I participated in the following three:

Toni Nelson spoke on the "Seven Steps to More Effective Caregiving." Her information was compiled for us in three handouts. They are available upon request from the HEO Coordinator. Toni has her Master's in social work.

"Massage Therapy for Alzheimer's Clients and Caregivers" was demonstrated by Judith Lyons, a licensed massage therapist. She can be reached at (904) 561-5577.

Last but not least was a "hands-on" experience with five wonderful and well-trained animals. Dr. Cynda Crawford, a practicing veterinarian, explained the proper approach to an Alzheimer patient when using "pet therapy." Cynda selects the pets according to temperament and ability. These animals have had obedience training also. The pets' owners take them on a regular schedule to nursing homes and homebound patients.

The Alzheimer Resource Center is a nonprofit organization that provides services to the caregivers of those who are suffering from Alzheimer's Disease in Leon County and surrounding areas. The Pilot Club offers this Update to support the center and keep caregivers informed.



Couples' Retreat

Celebrating Marriage, a retreat for married couples, will be held at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg April 19-21. Trained leaders will guide participants through a series of exercises designed to help couples grow in love and in commitment to God and one another, with a focus on communication skills. Time will be spent together in one large group, in small groups and as couples.

This event is for couples of all ages who are seeking to enrich their marriage in the context of Christian faith. The leadership consists of laity and clergy who have been trained and certified by the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. For more information, contact Barbara Potter at 222-1120 or pick up a brochure in the office.



Troopers and Discovery Club Visit Woodmont

The Wednesday afternoon children's fellowship groups visited Woodmont retirement home on February 14 to bring Valentine greetings to the residents. The children sang songs they have learned in choir and shared valentine cards and treats they made. Giving service through the sharing of their gifts and talents is part of the Troopers and Discovery Club program. This was their second visit to Woodmont this year. In the final six weeks of this year, they will be preparing for their end of the year family banquet. At this time, the children will perform for their parents and church family, slides of this year's activities will be shown and the many adults who have worked with the children will be honored. The entire congregation is invited to join in this celebration. It will be held on March 24 at 5 p.m. in Moor Hall and is a potluck.



UMW Circles

Circle 1 - Mar. 11, 10 a.m., home of Margaret Everhart, 916 Ivanhoe Road.

Circle 2 - Mar. 12, 2 p.m., parlor.

Circle 3 - Mar. 12, 10 a.m., home of Anne Doonan, 1840 Winery Way.

Circle 4 - Mar. 12, 10 a.m., church.

Circle 5 - Mar. 14, 6:30 p.m., home of Cinda Hortin, 703 Live Oak Plantation Road, light dinner and program.

Circle 6 - Mar. 12, 10 a.m., parlor.

Circle 7 - Mar. 19, noon, conf. room.

Circle 9 - Mar. 19, 10 a.m., home of Miriam Pierce, 2948 Blairstone Court.

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Circle 10 - Mar. 11, 3:30 p.m., Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11 - Mar. 12, 10 a.m., church, room 304.

S.H.A.R.E. Coming to Tallahassee

SHARE, a community-based, self-help program which builds community through volunteer service and the distribution of monthly food packages will be opening a distribution center in the Tallahassee area in the coming months. By pooling buying power across the nation, **SHARE** purchases food at wholesale prices and passes the savings on to participants. Volunteers repackage the food purchased in bulk and distribute it through a network of host organizations throughout the region. People become involved in **SHARE** to save money and because they enjoy helping others. **SHARE** is open to anyone who wants to participate. There are no income or eligibility requirements. **SHARE** began in San Diego in 1983 and has spread across the United States and into Mexico and Guatemala. **SHARE** Tampa Bay was begun in 1990 under the sponsorship of Tampa United Methodist Centers and has spread its program throughout Florida since then. They operate out of a main distribution center in Tampa with outlying distribution sites in Fort Myers, Ocala and Sarasota. Their next site will be in Tallahassee. An informational meeting about the program and the opportunities it offers churches and community organizations will be held at Trinity at 7:30 p.m. on March 12 and at 10 a.m. on March 13.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
on Relief. Through UMCOR the United Methodist Church is able to respond to emergencies around the world. UMCOR also carries out vital refugee and hunger ministries. There is a display in Moor Hall with a map and pictures of some of the major efforts funded by this offering. Coin boxes and sharing calendars have been sent home with Sunday School members and are now available in the office and Moor

Hall for those who would like to use them in preparing for One Great Hour of Sharing. The sharing calendar that highlights one of these ministries each day helps those using it to focus on what they are giving. Special offering envelopes will be in the bulletins on March 17.

Wanted for Christmas Dinner:

One good man—or woman—willing to assume responsibility for the 1996 Christmas dinner for the homeless and all those who would otherwise eat alone.

This has become a Trinity tradition over the last seven years. Our downtown location, excellent kitchen facilities and Moor Hall make Trinity the obvious choice for this annual event.

This much-needed volunteer will have plenty of help, both from Trinity members and those of cooperating Tallahassee churches. The task is one of planning and coordinating so that it all comes together Christmas afternoon. For the last three years, Donna Stephenson has assumed this responsibility but no one should be asked to carry this load forever. Members of our several Trinity Commissions serve three-year terms; the chair of the Administrative Board serves only two.

If you are interested in this opportunity for service, call Mary Ann Moore, chair of Church and Society. Also, let the church office know and plan to talk to Donna Stephenson. No one said the task would be easy but it is doable—has been done for years—and Trinity members have always pitched in with lots of help.

Skip-A-Meal Program

The Commission on Church and Society invites Trinity members to join the hunger crusade by participating in the Skip-A-Meal program on March 18.

President Clinton may not know that hunger is a real threat in the hinterland but the shelves of Tallahassee's Food Bank are nearly bare and Trinity's Food Pantry scarcely keeps up with demands.

To help the Food Bank get staples on the shelves for the relief of hunger in Tallahassee, members of the Commission and cooperating Trinity members will Skip-A-Meal March 18 and donate food to the Food Bank using the money saved.

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vice Concert on Sunday, March 17. The all-sacred music program will begin at 10:40 a.m. This is an opportunity to meet the Repasky family in a musical setting.

Their sons Matt and Michael are also quite musical but attend colleges hundreds of miles from Tallahassee.

Mark and Cindy first met in their piano teacher's studio at the College Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati. They spent a total of 10 years at the school, collecting three degrees. Both have had extensive experience as piano teachers and averaged at least 65 students per week during the last five years. In their home, the Repasky's have a seven-foot Steinway (model B) grand piano which was selected from Steinway Hall in New York City in October, 1995, a six-foot-eight-inch Yamaha Conservatory grand piano, a Yamaha Disklavier upright and an organ with full pedalboard.

Cristin is a junior at Eastlake High School in Tarpon Springs, Florida. All of her piano instruction has come from her parents. She is presently a voice student of Jerry Reynolds, a longtime voice instructor at the University of South Florida.

Mark has begun teaching private piano lessons at the church. Please contact him through the church office if interested. Cindy and Mark plan to open their home piano studio in June when Cindy and Cristin move to the Tallahassee area.

Music for the Pre-Service Concert will include:

"Fantasy on Ebenezer" for two pianos, four hands. Composed in 1993 by Mark Repasky. Performed by Cristin and Mark Repasky.

"The Heavens Declare Thy Glory" for two pianos, four hands. Composed in 1993 by Mark Repasky. Performed by Cindy and Mark Repasky.

"Give Ear Unto Me" for two sopranos and piano. Composed in the early 1700s by Benedetto Marcello.

"I Waited for the Lord" for two sopranos and piano. Composed in the first half of the 19th century by Felix Mendelssohn.

"Friends" for soprano, alto and piano. Composed around 1980 by Michael W. Smith.

"Once Again, the Story is Told" for soprano, alto, baritone and organ. Composed in 1995 by Mark Repasky. Steve White is the organist.

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The Offertory music will be "Finale" from "Variations on a Theme" by Haydn, Opus 56b for 2 pianos, four hands. Composed in the 1870s by Johannes Brahms.

Chancel Choir Preparing Special Lenten Music for March 24

Mark Repasky
Music Director

The choir will present "The Seven Words of Christ on the Cross" at both morning services on March 24. The composer, Heinrich Schutz (1585-1672), is described in Donald Grout's *A History of Western Music* as "the greatest German composer of the middle seventeenth century and one of the most important musical figures of the Baroque." This 20-minute oratorio draws material from all four Gospels, revealing the last utterances of Jesus before his death on the cross. Five soloists from the Chancel Choir will be featured. The entire work is accompanied by a ensemble of string and organ. In describing "The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross," Grout states: "The quality of this music seems to sum up in itself a quiet but deeply felt piety, a personal, ardent, yet infinitely respectful devotion before the figure of the Saviour."

Come, meet the suffering through the creative talents of this Lutheran Church musician, Heinrich Schutz.

Maundy Thursday Service Includes Something New

Mark Repasky
Music Director

Our Maundy Thursday Service is set for 7:30 p.m. on April 4. This will, of course, be a service of Holy Communion. The Chancel Choir will again provide special music. We will continue the tradition of scripture readings relating to Christ's approaching suffering and death. Something new will be included in the service this year as well! Mike Tamborello has been coaching several of our youth in dramatic readings appropriate for this Holy Week service. The youth will "take on" the character of various people who knew Jesus and who were in some way closely involved in his suffering and death. Our goal is to provide a service that will be even more meaningful as we prepare our minds and hearts for the glory of Easter.

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



Deadline for ordering is March 22, 1996. Please make checks payable to TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH and marked "Easter Lily." Checks must accompany orders.

Please print and list names as you want them to appear in Weekly Tidings.

I would like to order _____ lilies at a cost of \$12.75 per plant in honor of memory of the following people.

IN MEMORY OF

Name _____

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IN HONOR OF

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Donors name(s) printed as you want to appear in the Weekly Tidings.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

_____ I will pick up my lily(ies) after the 11:00 a.m. service Easter Sunday.

Acknowledgments of these memorials are not made individually by the church office. If you would like the person, or family of the person, notified of this honor we suggest that you secure an extra copy of the church bulletin with the name listed and sent it to them.

Music Ideas from Planning Retreat

Mark Repasky
Music Director



The Music Committee discussed many topics during the February 4 Council on Ministries and Work Area planning session.

One important item potentially involves all members of the congregation. As we look toward the future, are there other music organizations or specific music activities that you would be interested in? What about a brass ensemble or a Christian rock band for instance? Perhaps a choir exchange on a Sunday morn-

ing, where our Chancel Choir visits another church while that church's Chancel Choir visits ours.

We are looking for your ideas and/or involvement. If you play a musical instrument and would like to become musically involved here at Trinity, the first step is to let us know of your interest! That means talking to me or leaving a message at the church so I can call you back.

Remember, the music organizations already active at the church depend on a steady flow of new "recruits" to keep us operating at top form!

Gifts to Trinity

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

In Memory of:

Elizabeth Alderman by Mr. & Mrs. William H. Moncrief (Min. Sch. Fund).
Ida Burgin by Nellie Bird Mims.
C. Ernest Daffin by Mr. & Mrs. William H. Moncrief (Min. Sch. Fund).
David Eberly by Nellie Bird Mims.
Paul and Dorothy Hortin by Dr. & Mrs. David G. Hortin.
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Jack Williams by Charles Smithgall.

In Honor of:

Rev. Austin Hollady by the Oakley Family.

Dr. David G. Hortin by the Oakley Family.

Welcome New Members!

These new members were welcomed into the church on January 28. More new members will be welcomed on February 25. Make a point to welcome our new members to Trinity!

Front l to r: David Springer, Brooke Boston and Ward Venum
Back l to r: Phil & Betty Sellers, Bob Maxwell and Leslie Paugh
not pictured: Tanya Hollady, Neil and Lisa Torgerson



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