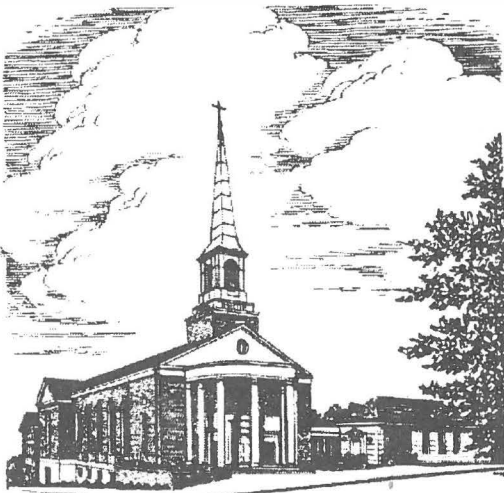




TIDINGS

Trinity United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Florida
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Tallahassee's first church, established in 1824

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

Bring Your Pledge Card to Church on Loyalty Sunday

Nov. 8 is Loyalty Sunday at Trinity--the day when members have an opportunity to make their pledge in support of the church's 1999 ministry and programs.

Commitments totaling \$780,000 are needed to continue the current level of mission outreach and programming, maintain the physical plant, and support the professional and custodial staff required to keep a large church vital and spiritually enriching. This pledge goal combined with plate offerings and other

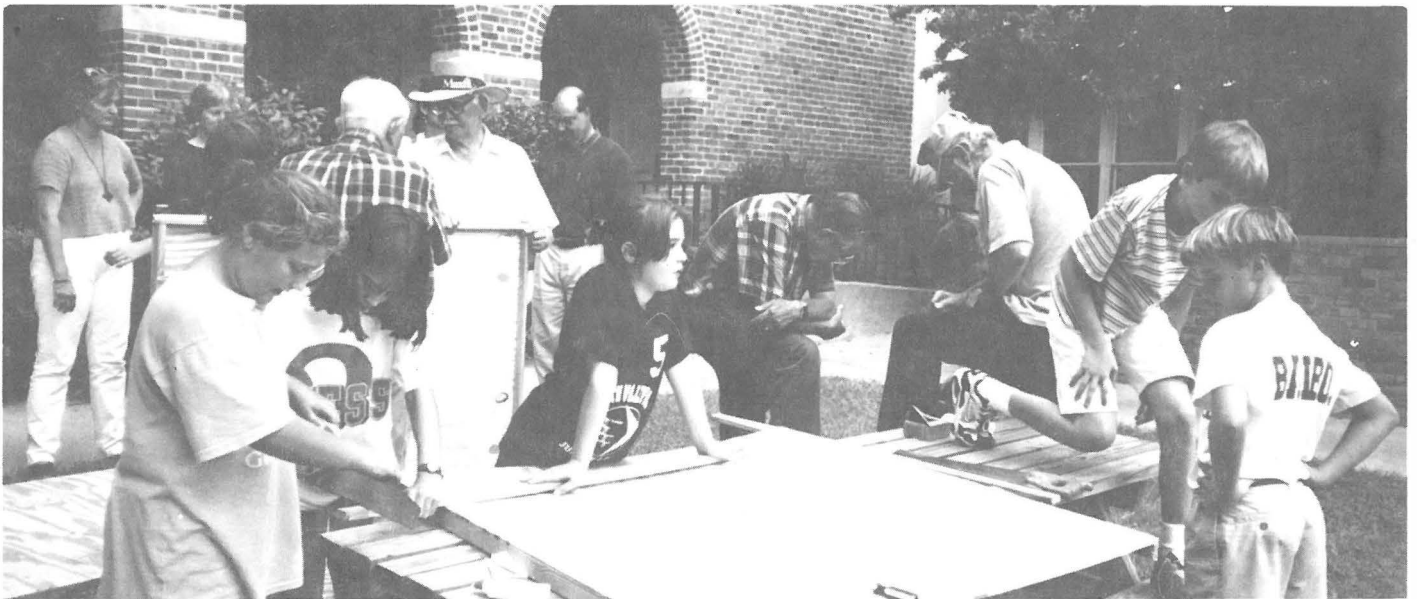
income make up a budget of \$1,156,550 for 1999, an increase of only 1.4 percent over this year's budget.

Workers in the Stewardship Campaign are telephoning regular pledgers this week to remind them to bring their pledge cards to worship service on Loyalty Sunday. Persons who failed to receive a pledge card and informational literature in the mail may fill out a pledge card from the pew racks or call the Church Office at 222-1120 and ask that one be mailed.

All pledge cards should be turned in during worship service or delivered or mailed to the Church Office by Nov. 15.

Besides a pledge for the operating fund of the church, a separate pledge is asked for a Capital Improvements Fund of \$75,000 to cover major maintenance and emergency needs, including roofing, air conditioning, heating, buses and similar needs.

(Also see "The Power of One" on page 3.)



THEY'VE BEEN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

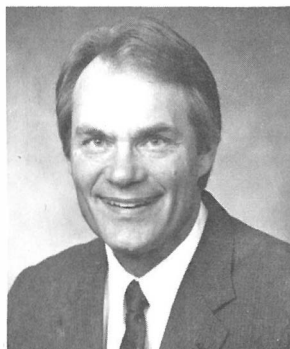
This active crowd of varying ages in the Duval Street courtyard represents the variety of talents and the intensity of effort that are going into development of a Trinity NETkids model railroad that began with the first session of fall Lay Academy and will extend through the winter and spring Lay Academies as well. Monthly

Tidings will be following development of the railroad photographically in future issues. Meanwhile, the young engineer looking so pensive right in the middle of this picture is Becky Hall. Becky has written a status report on the project for the local model railroading publication, and we've reprinted it on page 7. (Photo by Barbara Potter)

An Encouraging Word

'My Health Is Better in November'

Dr. David G. Hortin
Senior Pastor



Some years ago, Harry O. Thomas Sr. introduced me to the writings of the late Havilah Babcock. Dr. Babcock was head of the Department of English at the University of South Carolina where he was Trinity Member Dr. Griffith Pugh's major professor. However, Babcock was more widely known as a contributor to *Field and Stream*, *Outdoor Life* and *Sports Afield* and the author of several books of hunting and fishing stories.

One of his books was titled *My Health Is Better in November*. This Virginian living in South Carolina was saying that when a crispness returned to the air and it was time to follow his pointers and setters through fields and quail woods, the aches and pains that had troubled him

from March through October seemed to go away.

This is a valid principle that is operative for each of us. When we are involved in things we enjoy, we feel better.

When my mother, Dorothy Nelson Hortin, would be setting out on a trip to see new sights, her many health problems did not bother her as much. To escape the pressures of the presidency, Franklin Delano Roosevelt would work on his stamp collection. Theodore Roosevelt said that the person who leads the most interesting life is the one who touches life at the most points.

Youth who have no worthwhile activities to enjoy are in jeopardy of turning to mind-altering drugs and other harmful pursuits. Retirees with no hobbies or volunteer work are not going to find much joy in the leisure years of life. Christianity is not an ascetic religion, but

a faith that finds joy in living. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." (John 10:10)

In November, we have our national day of Thanksgiving when we seek in special ways to express our gratitude for the abundance of our lives in these United States. We think not only of our material bounty but, as people of faith, of our spiritual blessings that give joy and meaning to all of life.

As the Apostle Paul says, "...always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father." (Ephesians 5:20)



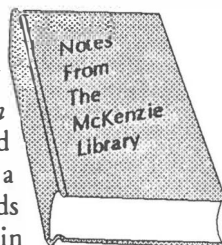
Interested in Angels? Check These Books

Frances M. McAdams
Church Librarian

A current TV series, *Touched by an Angel*, is intriguing and interesting. The cast, a very talented group, leads one to have faith in the success of angels as they assist those deeply in need. However, one must keep in mind that angels are messengers from God.

McKenzie Library has a number of books specifically about angels. Most of the books are published by Guideposts, which seems to make the subject of angels one of top priority.

Those available here include:
All Night, All Day, Angels Watching Over Me.



Anderson, J. W. *An Angel to Watch Over Me.*

Where Angels Walk: True Stories of Heavenly Visitors.

Angels Among Us.

Buck, R. *Angels on Assignment.*

Cramer, P. M. *In the Hand of Angels.*

Daniel, A. *Ask Your Angel.*

Godwin, M. *Angels: An Endangered Species.*

Graham, B. *Angels: God's Secret Agents.*

Jones, T. K. *Celebration of Angels.*

Price, H. *Angels: True Stories of How They Touch Our Lives.*

Pruitt, J. *Angels Beside You.*

Shedd, C. W. *Brush of An Angel's Wing.*

Spangler, A. *A Miracle a Day
An Angel a Day.*

Tyler, K. *There's An Angel on Your Shoulder.*

Webber, M. C. *A Rustle of Angels.*

Food Contributions To Big Bend CARES Gratefully Accepted

In a letter to thank Trinity Church for its generous food contributions, Lisa Kalaf, Executive Director of Big Bend CARES, writes:

"Your support is greatly appreciated, for it helps Big Bend CARES to sustain our mission of providing the best quality of life for the clients, friends, families, and community members affected by HIV and AIDS. On their behalf and ours, thank you."

Special thanks goes out to Gloria Whitaker, who was in charge of this food gathering, and to each of you who contributed to this caring ministry.

Don't Underestimate the Value of YOUR Stewardship Gift

'The Power of One' Has Marched Through History

The following is part of an essay written by the Rev. John R. Tindell, who was a seminary classmate of Dr. David G. Hortin at Emory University. A member of the Florida Methodist Conference, he served as a missionary to Alaska.

In his book *The Hidden Hand*, I. D. E. Thomas makes this observation:

"Remember that it was one vote that gave Oliver Cromwell control of England in 1656.

"It was one vote that gave America the English instead of the German Language in 1776.

"It was one vote that changed France from a monarchy to a republic in 1875.

"It was one vote that gave the presidency of the United States to Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876.

"And it was one vote that gave Adolf Hitler the leadership of the Nazi Party in Germany in 1923.

"Never underestimate the power of one vote or of one witness."
(Underlining and paragraphing added.)

As I read this quote I recalled the story of the minister who was looking over his church's membership rolls.

After many of the names were these initials, FBPO. He not only could not pronounce the word, he didn't know what it meant! He asked an elder the meaning of the letters, since he was a new pastor in the parish. "For burial purposes only" was the informative reply.

Any pastor knows what that means. Every congregation has members whose only purpose, apparently, is keeping their names on the membership rolls so they can easily claim the church's services at the time they pass on, pass out or give up the ghost. Such persons do not consider their part or vote or witness in the church as important.

But the interest and shared talent of EACH one of us can be vitally important in the living Church of God.



Annual Church Conference In the Chapel Nov. 16 Is Open to All Members

The annual meeting of the Church Conference for the purpose of electing officers for 1999 and transaction of other church business is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, in the Chapel.

This meeting, which replaces what used to be called the Charge Conference, is open to the entire congregation and will be presided over by the District Superintendent, Rev. J. C. Powell.

The agenda also will include reports on pastoral compensation for 1999; apportionments; reports by Pastor David G. Hortin, Associate Pastor Mark C. Caldwell, Diaconal Minister Barbara Potter, Director of Programs; and "The Vision of the Congregation" by Susan Koehler, vice-chair of the Church Council.

A detailed copy of the agenda is available in the Church Office.

A Church of His Own



IF YOU'VE NOT SEEN GEORGE POTTER in church lately, he's been there nonetheless. "There" is Lamont United Methodist Church, in Jefferson County, about 40 miles southeast of Tallahassee. Lamont was part of a two-point charge with Wacissa UMC, but when Wacissa got a full-time minister, that left Lamont with the need for a part-time pastor. George, whose ultimate goal is to be ordained and be in full-time ministry, is a Supply Pastor for Lamont. He has attended License-to-Preach School, sponsored by the Florida Methodist Conference at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, and he is beginning classes to become certified as a Local Pastor. George, who has been very active at Trinity, particularly in establishment of the contemporary SUN service, has a congregation at Lamont of about 22 members, and he invites any Trinity members who would like to visit to drive down on a Sunday. George's wife, Barbara Potter, is Trinity's Director of Programs.

We Adults Could Take a Page from These Preschoolers' Book

It's Never Too Early to Begin Learning to Give

Nancy Duncan
Preschool Director

Christmas lights were going up in the downtown area to the surprise of many Trinity Preschool parents, who were still busy getting Halloween costumes ready for their little trick-or-treaters.

Perhaps October was a bit early to begin thinking about Christmas, but it's never too early to think of giving. Children in our Preschool have been practicing giving throughout the year. Here is a list of some of their giving opportunities:

- * Decorating bear-shaped cookies during a unit on bears for "Beary" Special Families at the Ronald McDonald House.

- * Making Valentines for Vets and for members of a local elder care facility.

- * Decorating cookies for Florida Baptist Children's Home and Second Harvest.

- * Collecting Toys for Tots.

- * Bringing change for the Salvation Army Kettle at Christmas.

- * Baking Brownies to show our appreciation to the firefighters who wave and blow their horn for us (and also to show that we care about how they help our community).

- * Making placemats for the Community Christmas Dinner held at Trinity each year.

Our latest giving project is the collection of change in a Giving Jar, after which the Preschool children will get to select an item, maybe a small toy or a can of soup, that will be given to someone who needs these items.



THEY'RE LEARNING GENEROSITY, these Trinity Preschoolers. Robby Lytle drops a coin into the Giving Jar, carefully monitored by (clockwise) Bruce Foster, Matthew Duggar and Maria Parsons. (Photo by Stacy Duggar)

Perhaps decorating a batch of cookies or donating a brightly painted placemat or giving a small amount of change seems so little to give in a world that needs so much. Keep in mind, however, that these are 2-, 3- and 4-year-old children who have a very hard

time giving up a cookie or a coin or a brightly painted picture that they have created. They are truly giving of themselves and giving very generously.

We need to follow the example set by these young ones and make giving an integral part of our lives throughout the year. Perhaps, then, October was not too early to be reminded of how much we are all given and how much we have to share.

Circle 8 Alive Again, Meeting Wednesdays Downtown

Circle 8 has been reactivated under the leadership of Marti Chumbler. Its first meeting will be the third Wednesday, Nov. 18, at 12:30 p.m. in the Doubletree Hotel. Other circle meetings this month are:

Circle 1, Monday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m., home of Leona Hunt, 1420 Denholm. Program by Bonnie Mannheimer.

Circle 2, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 1 p.m., church Parlor.

The Martha Circle, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m., home of Martha Tilden, 2512 Betton Woods Drive.

Circle 4, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m., church Conference Room.

Circle 5, Thursday, Nov. 19, 7 p.m., home of Diane Glover, 1113 Corby Court East.

Circle 6, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m., church Parlor.

Circle 7, Tuesday, Nov. 17, noon, church Conference Room.

Circle 9, Tuesday, Nov. 17, 10 a.m., home of Mary Ann Braswell, 721 Rebecca Drive.

Circle 10, Monday, Nov. 9, 3:30 p.m., Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m., meeting with Circle 4 in the church Conference Room.

November MOPS

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will have a play day on Tuesday, Nov. 10, beginning at 10 a.m. in Myers Park.

The regular November MOPS meeting will be on Tuesday the 24th beginning at 9:15 in Moor Hall. In addition to crafts and other activities, the discussion topic will be "Community and Peers," about outreach opportunities in Tallahassee.

The goal of MOPS is to help women become better mothers through fellowship, friendship and fun. The meetings are casual and "user-friendly." Want to know more? Call Linda Lewis at 668-4343

Trinity Stepped Out at CROP Walk

Rebecca Hood



MAKING A FAMILY AFFAIR of the CROPWALK were Libby McHaffey (left) and her mom, Barbara McHaffey. (Photos by Rebecca Hood)

Trinity Girl Scouts and their leaders led the CROPwalkers Sunday afternoon, Oct. 18, in the Myers Park area. Most of the girls who are members of the troop walked. All members contributed money to relieve hunger locally and worldwide.

Members are Kelby Matthews, Tiffany Harrell, Laura McDonald, Laura Hobbs, Tina Berry, Elizabeth Wells, Christina Pelletier and Ashlee Higginbotham.

Other members of Trinity walked at both locations—Myers Park and in Killearn—many for the first time. Dennis Smith pulled a wagon with his two children—the youngest participants, I think—at Myers Park.

When all pledges are paid, a financial report will be given.



THANKS TO OUR GIRL SCOUTS, Trinity's presence and support were much in evidence at the Oct. 18 CROPWALK. Ashlee Higginbotham (left) and Christina Pelletier held up the banner. Others, from left, were Tiffany Harrell, Scout Co-Leader Robin Harrell, Elizabeth Wells, Co-Leader Wendy Mathews, Kelby Mathews and Co-Leader Tina Berry.

Pin a Rose on Rose



ROSE HOWE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED by United Methodist Women for the many years of service she has given to Trinity and the UMW. A gift to Global Missions of UMW was given in her honor, and a pin and certificate were awarded to her in appreciation for the nine years she has served as UMW treasurer. Every Monday morning since 1989 she also has served the church by checking the Sunday worship attendance pads and organizing volunteers to telephone those who have been absent for several Sundays to learn if they might need some of the services of the church.

Pecans! Get Your Pecans!

Did you order pecans? They may be picked up after Nov. 1 in the Resource Room (beside McKenzie Library). Please be prepared to make payment at the time. Checks are to be made out to Trinity United Methodist Church.

"Thank you," Mary Ann Helton said, "for your cooperation in this United Methodist Women money-raising project."

From the Other Side of the World, A Joyful Anticipation of Soaring Organ Music in Our 'Cathedral Church' ...

Liz Smith

One of the highlights of our trip to Europe this summer was an organ concert, given in a great cathedral in Pecs, Hungary. We were in Pecs, a university town and cultural center of Hungary situated in the far south of the country, because Jim was attending an international scientific meeting there for several days.

Our Hungarian hosts had gone to great lengths to make our visit in their country a memorable one, and so had arranged a special evening concert in the cathedral just for our group. A young woman began by lecturing about the cathedral and the organ, built there in the town of Pecs that once boasted a thriving organ-building business.

It was a magnificent instrument, with 67 registers, hundreds of pipes, etc., and was played by the head organist of the cathedral. There was also a flautist and a cellist who played with the organ on certain selections.

The lights were dimmed and the music began, and I have truly never heard such beautiful, rich tones from an organ. We were enthralled as the evening progressed and music welled up around us in that magnificent setting. I guess many people are like we are when they travel in Europe; we are always hoping we might be in a city on a Sunday, or luck into an organ concert in one of the great cathedrals, but usually that doesn't work out.

Finally the evening was drawing to a close, and after a brief silence, the organ erupted in a great, joyous soaring sound that lifted you right out of the pew! And as the great organ filled that beautiful, sacred place with indescribable sound, the lights began to come on, starting at the front of the long, narrow nave and progressively flooding the church with light. It gave me goose bumps and literally brought tears to my eyes.

I thought about our own Trinity and the new organ that will be installed

here soon, and I was reminded of the vision our former pastor had of Trinity as a "cathedral church," in the sense that it could be a center for great music and worship in our town. With our wonderful musicians and the new organ that promises to be a truly magnificent instrument, I think that vision will be a reality. I can't wait!

Thanksgiving Service

The 17th annual community Thanksgiving service is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22, at the First Baptist Church on College Avenue, a block south of Trinity.

The speaker will be the Rev. James McWhinnie, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Food offerings will go to ECHO and the Catholic Social Services, and the money offering will be donated to Good News Ministries.

That's Our Youth Director ...

Out of Tallahassee

On a Rocky Mountain High

Bryan Trochessett
Youth Director

Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the National Youth Workers Convention in Denver. The time there proved to be a wonderful experience for many reasons.

Before the convention began, I took three days off to enjoy the Rocky Mountains. I had never been there before, so I was amazed by the beauty and size of the mountains, the big sky, and the thin, dry air. I camped out for three nights with two college friends in the cold. What a great time!

A major reason for attending the convention was to become more informed of what is going on in the youth culture and how to better minister to our youth's needs. I heard many wonderful speakers, such as Tony Campolo, while I was there. Some of the topics that were discussed were understanding the changing gender roles of youth, giving good youth talks, and developing spiritual youth. That is definitely not all of the session topics, but the ones I benefitted most from and thought our youth would benefit most from.

The best thing about the trip was that it allowed me time to be rejuvenated by the Spirit of God. It is all too easy to become tired and run down in youth ministry, so a trip such as this, that provides both a break from the routine and the op-



portunity to gain information and skills to bring back home, was very rewarding. I was able to visit with some wonderful friends and discuss what is going on in our ministries, and we provided feedback to each other.

Overall, the week in Colorado was wonderful. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in such a fantastic event.



Please keep in mind that Trinity Youth are selling Christmas trees and wreaths. Watch for order forms in Sunday School classes and in the Sunday Bulletin.

Hymns, Cuba and Church History Will Highlight Next Term of Lay Academy

History--musical, political and theological--will be the key word at Trinity's next Lay Academy beginning Nov. 4. The Wednesday afternoon and evening classes will run through Dec. 16 with Thanksgiving week off.

Dr. David Hortin and Trinity Organist Jim Lorenz are going to pair up for a 4 p.m. class in the Sanctuary called "The Faith We Sing." The class is described as offering "not only the study of but also the singing of hymns from the United Methodist Hymnal that express and affirm our faith."

At 6:30 in McKenzie Library, Vernon Parramore will discuss "United Methodist History," tracing the church from its founding in this country by John Wesley. One of the sessions will be in the church's Archives Room. Vernon and Jamie Parramore head Trinity's Preservation of Church History Ministry Team and they co-chair the Florida Conference Commission on Archives and History.

Also at 6:30, in Room 305, a class called "Cuba: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," will draw speakers including

a district lay leader from the Methodist Church in Cuba, a member of a mission team to Cuba, and a retired Methodist bishop who served a mission church in Cuba before the Castro era.

In the church Parlor at 6:30, Carlos Monserrate will continue his class that started during fall Lay Academy, "Introduction to Signing in Conversation and Music." Other ongoing 6:30 sessions will include **Promise Keepers** in Room 306, which any male, high school age and up, may join at any time, and **Disciple I** in Room 303, a continuation of a class that started in September and is facilitated by Rev. Mark Caldwell.

Please look for more information in Lay Academy brochures that are being distributed to Sunday School classes and as an insert in the Sunday *Bulletin*. Copies also may be obtained from the Church Office.

For your convenience, a registration form is printed at left.

LAY ACADEMY REGISTRATION

1998 Fall Session, Term II
Wednesdays, Nov. 4 - Dec. 16
(no class Nov. 25)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

☐ \$10 regular class fee enclosed - couples attending the same class \$15 total
☐ scholarship assistance needed

I would like to register for the following classes:

AFTERNOON CLASSES (4 p.m.)

☐ The Faith We Sing

6:30-7:30 CLASSES

☐ United Methodist History
☐ Introduction to Signing in Conversation and Music
☐ Cuba: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow
☐ Promise Keepers

☐ DINNER: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (\$4)

☐ I will ☐ I will not be eating supper most of the time.

CHILDCARE: PLEASE LIST NAME AND AGE OF EACH CHILD

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

IMPORTANT: Registration is required for all classes. Classes without sufficient registration will be cancelled. Please include your CLASS PAYMENT ONLY with this form and return to the church office or mail to: Trinity United Methodist Church - Lay Academy, P.O. Box 1086, Tallahassee, FL 32302. Please make checks to Trinity UMC & marked Lay Academy. Or you may register by e-mail and pay the first night of classes. Trinity's e-mail address is: trinity@tlh.fdt.net

NETkids' Model Railroad Beginning to Take Form

Becky Hall

This month we have continued to work on our model railroad. We have built the platform. We have painted the platform and also people and houses to go on it. We have added trees and have started the tunnel. We have begun to lay the track and place the houses.

We had a lock-in at Trinity on Oct. 11. As part of the evening we went to see some model railroads. Fourteen children and five adults visited three model railroaders' layouts. They belonged to Mr. Sim Dekle, Mr. Sam Miller and Mr. Mitt Paul. They were outstanding! They gave us a lot of great ideas, like a Kentucky Fried Chicken shop, a river and an overpass.

We appreciate their hospitality. Thank you!

(See photo on page 1.)

Gifts to Trinity

These gifts to Trinity were received between Sept. 16 and Oct. 15:

In memory of:

Mary Frances Harris by Mr. and Mrs. Don King.

Hank Mannheimer by Mrs. Alice Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Nunn, Mrs. Mary E. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Bartels and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bell.

Helen A. Willis by Eula Bell Wood, Betty Wood May and Family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Reid Nunn (for HEO), Mrs. Mary E. Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Gary M. Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. G. Pierce Wood Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James D. Beasley and Mary Ann and Duncan Moore.

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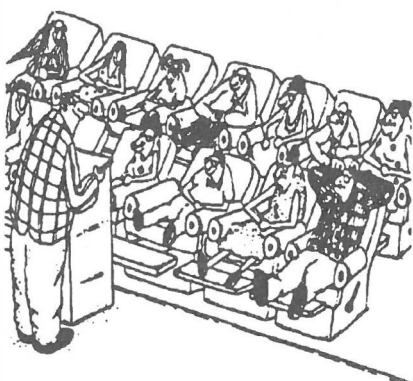
Josephine G. Phillips by Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moncrief (for Ministerial Scholarship Fund).

Jack Buford by Mrs. Bess Lux (for Organ Fund).

Myres Guilford by Staff of Trinity United Methodist Church (for HEO).

In honor of:

Paul and Judy Parker by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Petrandis (for the Organ Fund).



Attendance increased by 60 per cent after the recliners were installed

Meet Our September Members



MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF THESE NEW MEMBERS who joined the church in September and make them welcome to Trinity. At left are Emeretta (Retta) and Harry Rudy, residents of Tallahassee since 1972. Retta retired from the U.S. Geological Survey in 1992. Harry, who received a heart transplant in 1990, retired from the Florida Department of Education that year. They enjoy square and round dancing and are active in the Taoist Tai Chi Society of Florida, and Retta paints in both watercolor and oil. Polly Williams, seated in the center, previously was a member of First UMC in Melbourne, Fla. A widow since 1994, she is a resident of Westminster Oaks. At right are Terri Hughes and Kevin Punskey, who are engaged to be married. Terri has a 3-year-old son, Tyler, and she works as an administrative assistant at McKenzie Tank Lines. Kevin, a 1993 graduate of Florida State University with a degree in communications, is the Communications Director for the Florida Commission on Community Service, which promotes volunteerism in Florida.



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