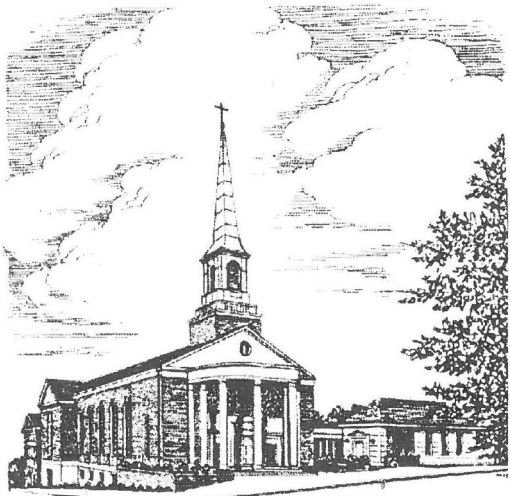




MONTHLY IDINGS

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.



Bob Yates

Trinity Counts on 'The Power of One'

Bob Yates Heads 1999 Stewardship

A Stewardship Committee headed by Charles R. (Bob) Yates met Aug. 17 to begin planning for Trinity's annual pledge drive to fund the church's budget for 1999.

Ministry teams, the Trustees and other committees of the church are assessing needs for programming, staff, the physical plant, ministries and benevolences for next year and will soon submit these budget requests to the Finance Committee. Then the proposed budget will be compiled and acted upon.

Bob Yates brings many years of church experience to leading this year's stewardship drive. He chaired the Advance Gifts portion of last year's drive,

is a past chairman of Trinity's Trustees, has served several terms on the Nominating Committee and the Administrative Board, and currently is a member of the Finance and Organ committees. A member of Trinity since 1962, he has served as an usher for many years, is vice president of United Methodist Men, and he's a member and occasional teacher of the Adult Bible Study Sunday School Class.

Bob is a past president of Tallahassee Capital Rotary Club, a past district governor of Rotary International for North Florida's District 6940, past president of the Senior Center and Gulf Winds Track Club and current treasurer of Leon County Special Olympics and FSU Track and Field Officials Assn. Bob is retired from what was the state Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services. He and his wife, Linda, have two children and four grandchildren.

Other members of the Stewardship leadership team are Larry Pendleton, Visitation; Lynn Wollschlager, Advance Gifts; Dr. Gregg Alexander, Spiritual Emphasis; Louise McMullian, Production; Kitty Ball, Hospitality; and Linda Yates, Publicity. The chairpersons will name their committee members to help carry out their assigned tasks leading to Loyalty Sunday, when all gifts and pledges are to be submitted, on Nov. 8.

The campaign theme is "The Power of One," supported by Scripture from Proverbs 3:27: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."

Unavoidable, That's the Issue

Sign Up Now for Fall Lay Academy; Courses from Sign Language to Parenting

So you think you can travel merrily down life's highway and skip the side roads?

Well, there's stuff happening on those side roads and side streets, and just like traffic you're not counting on running into, it's going to dart out, get in your way and affect your life, like it or not.

That's why we're calling a series of discussions at Lay Academy beginning Sept. 16 "Unavoidable Issues." They may seem remote to you, but each one of them will have some kind of influence on your financial, social, spiritual or domestic life in the years to come.

But "Unavoidable Issues" is only one of the offerings in this first of Trinity's three Lay Academy sessions in 1998-99. You may study the Bible in a couple of different ways--the UMW Bible Study or in the

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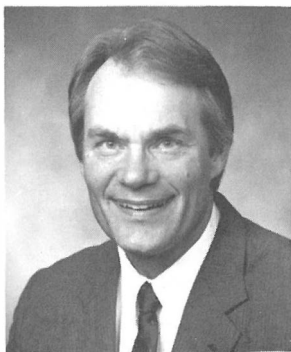
An Encouraging Word

The Silver Salmon Club

Dr. David G. Hortin
Senior Pastor

Some friends here in Tallahassee have formed a group they call "The Silver Salmon Club." They say that I am the inspiration for the club. It is based, according to them, on my "Silver Salmon" sermon. They are overly generous. I have no sermon by that title and, anyway, these are not people who listen to me preach on Sunday. Perhaps I have been guilty of "preaching" on other days and at other places.

The silver salmon principle is that life is short and a person only has so many autumn seasons left, so they should be maximized. In Florida, September and October are just two more summer months with, perhaps, a hurricane thrown in. However, in many places in the U.S.A., these two months contain the golden days of fall when the fishing is great. Even if the fish do not bite, the foliage beside the streams is so gorgeous that just being there is enough



reward. It's that time of year when the cottonwoods have turned to gold. Since the silver salmon are the last of the Pacific salmon to come from the ocean up the streams, the club is named for this fall season fish.

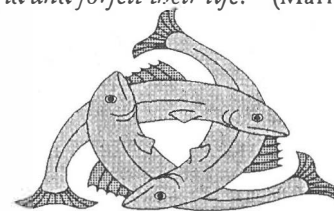
Life at its longest is short, and there are no guarantees that we will get the proverbial "three score and ten." We must make the most of our opportunities. My father, Paul R. Hortin, had a talk he gave to civic clubs and similar places in which the theme was that we should not get behind with our praying, paying or playing.

The following is a one-paragraph "Silver Salmon Sermon" that I came across awhile back:

"A man was wandering down the beach when he stubbed his toe on a magic lamp, half-buried in the sand. He picked it up and rubbed it. Of course, a genie appeared out of thin air. This genie was old and tired, and he was run-

ning low on wishes. He could only offer the man one wish. The man considered his wish for a long time. He asked the genie for a listing of next year's stock prices. He intended to invest in whatever stocks showed the most profit by next year. The genie presented the man with a newspaper dated one year in the future. The man sat down to study his new investments. He wanted to be filthy rich! But as he flipped through the newspaper his priorities suddenly changed. He had happened to glance at the obituaries and saw his own name at the top of the page."

Or, as the Scripture says, "For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?" (Mark 8:36)



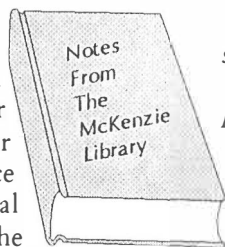
In Times of Need, Consider Turning to a Book on Prayer

Frances M. McAdams
Church Librarian

Because of the stressful times in which we are now living, our need for prayer is greater than before. When we face stresses in our personal lives or think about the problems of the world, we might remember that McKenzie Library has numerous titles on all phases of prayer.

Books of prayers and about prayer are available for all ages, for all sorts of problems.

Some suggested titles are provided here. Numerous others are in the library. Come in and find one to fit your particular prayer need.



Allen, C. L. *All Things Are Possible Through Prayer.*

Barclay, W. *Prayers for Young People.*

Hayford, J. W. *Prayer Is Invading the Impossible.*

Hendricks, H. G. *Say It With Love.*

Holmes, M. *I've Got To Talk to Somebody, God.*

Hutchcraft, R. *Peaceful Living in a Stressful World.*

Lucado, M. *In the Eye of the Storm.*

Marshall, P. *The Prayers of Peter Marshall.*

Miller, R. C. *Living with Anxiety.*

Morton, R. K. *A Book of Prayers for Young People.*

Myers, T. C. *Faith for a Time of Storm.*

Ogilvie, L. J. *Discovering God's Will in Your Life.*

Ogilvie, L. J. *If God Cares, Why Do I Still Have Problems?*

Pearson, R. M. *Hear Our Prayer.*

Rice, J. R. *Prayer--Asking and Receiving.*

Rinker, R. *Prayer: Conversing with God.*

Schuller, R. H. *Positive Prayer for Power-Filled Living.*

Snowden, R. F. *Prayers in Later Life.*

Winward, S. F. *Teach Yourself to Pray.*

The Influence of Disciple Class on One Life

'At that moment I also knew God had been with me all the way'

Erin Gatlin, a Disciple I graduate, presented a moving testimony at services Aug. 16 about what the Bible-study class has meant in her life. Here are her words:

This time last year I was sitting in the congregation just as you all are today, listening to someone explain about this wonderful Bible class offered by Trinity. I remember thinking at the time that this is what I had been looking for to get involved in.

I had just moved to Florida and felt this was a great chance to meet new people as well as expand on my knowledge of the Bible. Now, a little more than 36 weeks later, I'm here to tell you that I met nine wonderful people whom I call friends. In addition, I have a new and much more complete understanding and a kind of respect for the Bible itself.

Stories and verses took on new meanings when read in the context of the whole book. I began to view the Bible not only as a book of religion and prophesy but one of historical importance as well. In fact, I realized through Disciple lessons that many of the on-going conflicts we see in the world today can be directly linked and traced back to decisions and words of prophesy during the time of Abraham.

But as fascinating as that revelation was to me, I was completely unprepared for what I took away with me at the end of that 36th week. You see, I grew up in the church; I went through Sunday school, confirmation and UMYF at all the appropriate times, and to me God simply was. God is someone I would pray to and worship every Sunday, then go about my life until the next Sunday. In fact, I'm even ashamed to admit it, but God in my life was taken for granted. God simply was.

Yet after a couple of weeks of going to Disciple, it soon became apparent to me why I really signed up for the class. I was looking for something that was missing in my life. God knew this, even if I was unable to admit it to myself, and he effectively and gently steered me in the direction of Disciple.



Now, when I say this I don't mean that one night I was sitting in my apartment reading for Disciple and a loud, booming voice suddenly said, "Erin, this is why you are taking this class." No, I believe God works in a much more subtle way than that. So subtle, in fact; that we often think we are the ones who came up with that great idea or that things are working out the way we had intended all along.

I for one no longer believe that God simply is. To me, God is constantly and actively helping me to run my life. The options and decisions facing me are ones God has presented me with, and if I only listen carefully enough, he'll lead me in the way he has already chosen. It's simply up to us to listen.

It was during a Disciple class that I realized this was not the first time God had taken my hand and led me to a place, an opportunity that I would benefit from. We were sharing with others the times in our lives when we had felt God's presence or heard him speak to us during trying times. I remember thinking, "When have I ever heard God's voice? When have I felt God's presence directing me in the right way?"

And that's when I heard it. Again, nothing loud or booming, just a tiny voice in the back of my mind say, "Oh, but I have." And I knew that it was true. In fact, just being there that night in a church classroom in Tallahassee, Florida, over a thousand miles away from my home and family, was a testament to how active a role God had been playing in my life.

I had just gone through the most emotionally trying year in my life, and it occurred to me suddenly that the job opportunity that had presented itself, which had allowed me to start my life over, did not just magically drop in my lap. God made it possible for me to leave, God gave me that chance, and thankfully I was smart enough to listen. At that moment I also knew that God had been with me all the way. It just came down to the fact that sometimes I

It's Trinity's Turn To Help Food Urgently Needed For Big Bend CARES

Cinda Hortin

September is Trinity's month to have a food drive for the clients of Big Bend CARES, the AIDS support agency for Tallahassee and the Big Bend counties.

This is especially important as the Food Pantry at Big Bend CARES is in an emergency state of need. We volunteer to do this a month each year as we are part of Canopy Connection, the coalition of religious congregations organized to help Big Bend CARES (Comprehensive, AIDS, Resources, Education and Support).

Grocery sacks, with a suggested list of food and toiletries you might provide, will be available in the Narthex entry to the Sanctuary, Moor Hall lobby and other areas of the church throughout September. Our work area committee for local missions is sponsoring this opportunity.

Please contribute as generously as you can and return the filled sacks to the Moor Hall lobby or Church Office anytime during September.

News of special interest to the Trinity family is the recent hiring of Lisa Kalaf as Executive Director of Big Bend CARES. She succeeds Virginia Kirkland, who retired after giving 10 years of fine leadership in that position.

We are fortunate to have Lisa in Tallahassee. She comes with strong credentials built by more than a decade of personal and professional involvement with the ongoing AIDS crisis in the Tampa Bay area. Lisa is the daughter of former Trinity minister Walter Kalaf and his wife, Janie. She was part of the Trinity family while she was at FSU doing her graduate work.

listened and, unfortunately, sometimes I didn't.

But I honestly feel that it was going to Disciple that gave me the insight to the way God tends to act in our lives. I also believe that if I had not gone through Disciple, I would still be struggling to get through each day.

Through Disciple I realized just how strong my faith in God really is. But just as important, I rediscovered the strength of my faith in myself. And that is what 36 weeks of Disciple gave back to me.

If You're Interested in Helping the Church Make Music, Trinity Offers Many, Varied Opportunities For All Ages

Mark Repasky
Director of Music



Want your children to get a first-hand view of what worship services are all about?

Want to get the best seats in the house on Sunday mornings?

Want to make new church friends?

Want to develop your music skills?

Want to serve your church as worship leaders?

Has wearing a choir robe been your secret desire?

The answer to all those questions is: "Welcome to music ministry!"

We serve a vital role in the life of Trinity Church. All of our music groups will be back in action by the middle of this month, so it is time to get aboard. Joining is easy; simply come to one of our rehearsals. You may also contact me for additional information by calling the church at 222-1120.

In addition to the opportunities listed below, we need an accompanist for one of our Wednesday afternoon children's choirs. Please give me a call if you can help.

CHILDREN

Cherub Choir--For pre-kindergarten, pre-school children. Cherub Choir meets 9:45-10 a.m. Sundays in Room 107.

Wednesday Afternoon Choirs--Once again this year we are offering two children's choirs as part of our Wednesday afternoon children's program, which runs from 3:30-5:30, beginning Sept. 16. The younger group is for kindergarten and 1st graders and has a 30-minute rehearsal. The older group is for 2nd through 5th graders and has a 45-minute rehearsal.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Youth Choir--For students in 6th through 12th grades. Rehearsals are on Sundays in the Choir Room, 5-6 p.m., starting Aug. 30.

Advanced Youth Handbells--For high school students. If you are new to this group, you will be asked to demonstrate musical skills for the director. Rehearsals are on Sundays in the Handbell Room, 4-5 p.m., starting Aug. 30.

Intermediate Youth Handbells--For middle school students. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays in the Handbell Room, 5:15-6:15 p.m., starting Sept. 8.

College Age

College Handbell Choir--Rehearsals are on Sundays in the Handbell Room, 7-8 p.m., starting Sept. 13. (Note: College-age singers are encouraged to join the Chancel Choir.)

ADULTS

Chancel Choir--Rehearsals are already under way on Wednesdays in the Choir Room, 7:30-9 p.m.

Praise Band (singers, electric bass, guitars, drums, keyboard)--Rehearsals are already under way on Wednesdays in Moor Hall, 7-9 p.m.

Trinity Ringers--Newcomers will be asked to demonstrate musical skills. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays in the Handbell Room, 6:15-7:15 p.m., starting Sept. 9.

SOMETHING NEW IN BRASS

Calling all brass players, late high school through adults! Is Trinity Church ready to form a brass ensemble?

We might meet every week, or just occasionally. Let's get together and see what we've got to work with. A short meeting of all interested players has been called for Sunday, Sept. 13, right after the 11 a.m. service in the Choir Room. This is a planning meeting, so do not bring your instruments.

See you there, and bring a friend!

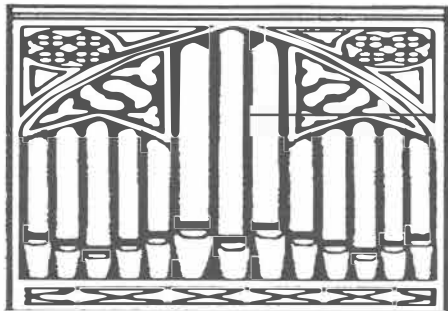
We're Still Saving Interest Thanks to Early Payment Of Organ Pledges

Continuing thanks to Trinity members who have been paying their Organ Fund pledges early.

Trinity Comptroller Connie Hostetter reports that the church needs only about \$10,000 in pledge payments between now and October to have sufficient funds on hand to meet its next installment payment of \$121,505 on the new \$593,000 Casavant organ.

So far the church has not had to borrow money to meet organ payments, meaning that Trinity is saving interest it otherwise would have to be paying, she said.

Organ Notes



An organ has to have an organist to play it. And a great organ must have a *great* organist, one who knows how to push the right stops and set the correct combinations.

Trinity has been blessed with great organists over the years, talented musicians who have played with sincerity, devotion and skill.

Do we know who they were? Here are some of their names. If you know of others, either full-time or substitute organists, please let the Church Office know.

Mrs. E. P. Wilkes
Dr. Myron Munday
Mrs. Robert Ricks
Eric Wall
Grace Carter
Michael Bryan
Robert D. Miller
Jimmy Oakley
Rebecca Rodenberg
Carol Marchant Williams
Fawn Trawick
Dr. Stephen White
Rachel James
Lih Jen
Lu Ann Snider
Cindy Repasky
Lydia Cox
Jim Lorenz

In addition to our regular staff organists, some of whom gave recitals, and a few FSU students who used our organ for recitals, several guest organists were invited to come and play recitals on Trinity's new Austin organ (which is now being replaced) as Trinity's gift to the Tallahassee community.

Again, perhaps you know of others, but recital organists have included:

William MacGowan, Alexander Schreiner, Dale Willoughby, Michael Corzine and Giuseppe Zanaboni.



ASSOCIATE PASTOR MARK CALDWELL AND TIFFANY STEWART CALDWELL greeted well-wishers in Moor Hall after their wedding in the Sanctuary Saturday, Aug. 1. Following a wedding trip to the Florida Keys, the Caldwells are at home at the parsonage on Fogarty Street.

Trinity Will Cover Fees, Housing, Transportation **Outstanding Learning Opportunity for Leaders, Teachers**

For both the seasoned veteran and the newcomer, the 1998 Discipleship Weekend Sept. 25-27 at the Life Enrichment Center in Leesburg offers training and materials to help church educators and leaders take ministries to new levels.

Under the slogan "For All Who Are Called ... Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Mind," the weekend event will feature 58 workshops focusing on leader and teacher training in a variety of areas—education, stewardship, evangelism, worship, family and youth ministries, and missions.

For one-on-one input, attendees may visit the Chat Room Saturday when conference staff, authors, leaders and "experts" will be available to answer questions and share resources. The event also will feature worship and music as well as networking opportunities.

The keynote speaker Saturday morning will be Duffy Robbins, chair of the Youth Ministry Department at Eastern College in Pennsylvania. Robbins has spoken throughout the United States and internationally, and his books and articles have become strong resources, especially in the area of youth ministry. His address will focus on all areas of leadership and ministry to help strengthen and renew attendees.

The Rev. Matthew Hartsfield, pastor of Van Dyke United Methodist Church in Tampa, will speak during worship Friday evening. The Rev. Geraldine McClellan, pastor of Mt. Pleasant UMC in Gainesville, will speak during Sunday morning worship. The Witness Praise Team from Beach UMC in Jacksonville Beach will lead music and worship throughout the weekend.

Child care will be available for children through 9 years of age.

A group from Trinity is planning to attend, so transportation will be provided. Also programs fees and housing funding are available. A full listing of workshops is posted in Moor Hall and in Room 305. For additional information or to register, contact Barbara Potter.

Campbell's Labels For Education

Preschool Is in the Soup for a Worthy Cause

Stacey Duggar

This year Trinity Preschool will be participating in Campbell's Labels for Education Program, but we can't do it without your help.

By collecting labels and proofs of purchase from any of more than 1,000 Campbell's product varieties, we will be eligible for free educational and athletic equipment.

Please save the appropriate labels and proofs of purchase for the items listed here and bring them to the church at your convenience. Collection buckets will be located in Moor Hall, at the Preschool and in the Church Office. This will be an ongoing campaign for the Preschool, so your continued support is important.

You may want to post this list at a convenient location, such as on the refrigerator or over the recycling bin, or photocopy it and distribute to others who might want to help with this effort.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me at the Preschool by calling the church, 222-1120. Thank you for supporting the Preschool.

Product

Product	Save and Turn In
Campbell's beans products (can)	front label panel
Campbell's chunky soups (can)	"
Campbell's condensed soups (can)	"
Campbell's soups in 24-oz glass jars	"
Campbell's Healthy Request soups (can)	"
Campbell's Home Cookin' soups (can)	"
Campbell's low sodium soups (can)	"
Campbell's microwave soups (tub)	plastic lid/cap
Campbell's soup and recipe mixes (carton)	bottom panel with UPC
Campbell's tomato juices (aluminum can)	cash register tape
Campbell's tomato juices (bottle)	lid
Campbell's tomato juices (can)	front label panel
Campbell's Healthy Request tomato juice (can)	lid
Campbell's Healthy Request tomato juice (bottle)	lid
Franco-American gravies/pastas (can)	front label panel
Milwaukee's Pickles (jar)	lid
Pace picante sauce, queso, salsas (jar)	lid
Pepperidge Farm breads, croutons, rolls, stuffing	UPC symbol
Pepperidge Farm cookies, crackers, snack mixes	UPC symbol
Pepperidge Farm frozen garlic breads, cakes, turnovers, dumplings, puff pastry	UPC symbol
Pepperidge Farm soups (can)	front label panel
Prego spaghetti sauces (jar)	"
Prego Primere Pasta sauces (jar)	"
Swanson broths and poultry (can)	"
V8 100% vegetable juices (bottle)	lid
V8 100% vegetable juices (can)	front label panel
V8 Healthy Request 100% vegetable juice (bottle)	lid
V8 Healthy Request 100% vegetable juice (can)	front label panel
V8 Splash (bottle)	lid

A new year, a new look ~

NETkids@Trinity

Navigators (Grades 4-5)

Explorers (Grades 2-3)

Troopers (K - Grade 1)

Awesome Activities

Model Railroadng

Handbells

Goofy Games

Choir & Musical

Pizza Parties

Bible Zone Adventures

Basketball

Four Square

Veggie Tale Readers

and more...

New Meeting Place - "The Treehouse"

Room 219 is being made over into a place just for NETkids.

Come join old friends and meet new ones ~

Plug into the NET

Wednesday afternoons 3:15 - 5:30

starting September 16.

Parent's Meeting August 26, 6:45 pm in the Gregory Room

Childcare will be provided on the playground.

Scout organization meetings for Cubs,

Girl Scouts, Brownies, and Daisies will follow at 7:30.

TUMM Ready for Fall; Rev. Caldwell Speaker

*Gregg Phifer
Secretary, Trinity UMM*

School starts, fall is in the air and Trinity's United Methodist Men return to action after a summer recess.

The first fall opportunity for Methodist Men to gather will be for breakfast at 7 on Tuesday, Sept. 8, in Moor Hall. At these morning sessions we find fellowship with other men in our church community and discuss plans for the coming year.

Our first program this fall comes at 6 p.m. (\$5 supper) on Tuesday, Sept. 22, and features Rev. Mark Caldwell, Trinity's Associate Pastor, discussing the role of the young Methodist minister in today's church. One of his principal Tallahassee responsibilities has been planning for, development of and preaching at our informal 9:45 SUN (Serving Unmet Needs) Service on Sunday mornings in Moor Hall. Many Trinity members attended Mark's and Tiffany Stewart's recent wedding in the Sanctuary, and we hope she will be able to attend the meeting as well.

We plan that Marjorie Turnbull or some other legislator will meet with us this fall to brief us on what goes on behind the scenes in our Florida Legislature. And with our first local primary scheduled for Sept. 1 and a run-off scheduled a little later, we also need to be enlightened about local (county and city) government.

Gloria Whitaker and others are going to Maracaibo, Venezuela, this September as part of a Tallahassee United Methodist Volunteers in Mission (UMVIM) program. On their return, we hope to hear something of their impressions of this South American country and their contribution to its progress.

Annually Trinity's men assist with meals at The Shelter and expect to do so again this December. A Centenary Camp update looks like another possibility. Tallahassee's Women's Shelter has a totally new program including counseling and job preparation. TUMM will have no problem finding excellent topics for our monthly program meetings.

Contributions of UMW and UMM Will Be Highlighted Sept. 20

Two supportive and missional organizations within the United Methodist Church--United Methodist Women, a vital part of Trinity's congregation for almost a century, and United Methodist Men, reorganized here just last year--will be featured in worship services Sunday, Sept. 20.

The purpose of UMW Day, according to Gwen Roberts, Trinity's women's group president, "is to become more visible to the entire congregation and to invite all women to join in our missional outreach to women and children."

The new organization of United Methodist Men, now headed by Bill Fritchman, also is taking part in the special day to encourage all men of the church to join their fellowship and service.

Dr. David Hortin's sermons at both services Sept. 20 will touch on the historic contributions of the organizations to Methodism and their enduring presence in the church's future mission. Members of the two organizations will participate in the service by reading scripture, giving the prayer and ushering. Identifying ribbons will be worn by members of UMW and UMM.

Following the 11 a.m. worship service, the congregation is invited to Moor Hall where United Methodist Women will serve lunch and offer a "harvest homecoming" sale of baked goods and other items. Proceeds will be used for the local UMW Unit's contributions to missions to alleviate the suffering of women and children in this country and worldwide.

Displays in Moor Hall will exhibit the history and purpose of the two organizations, the meeting times of the local units and provide an opportunity for new members to join their fellowships.

Gifts to Trinity

The following gifts came to Trinity between July 16 and Aug. 15:

In memory of **Marguerite Steinmeyer** by Nellie Bird Mims (for Organ Fund).

David Lang by Nellie Bird Mims (Organ Fund) and Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Helton.

Dr. Nancy Douglas by Nellie Bird Mims (Organ Fund).

Al and Kittie Mae Grant by Nellie Bird Mims (Organ Fund), Dr. and Mrs. Ledley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Helton and Dr. and Mrs. Myron Blee (Ministerial Education Fund).

Lucile Shuler by Mr. and Mrs. William T. Smith (Organ Fund).

Mary Kay Woods by Dr. and Mrs. Ledley Brown, Roberta Drake, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Helton and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Proctor.

Thomas Harris by Dr. and Mrs. Marcos H. Barrera.

Jack Buford by Dr. and Mrs. Myron Blee (Organ Fund).

Dr. W. W. Bird by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Helton.

In honor of **Rev. and Mrs. Mark Caldwell** by Leslie, Palmer, Cameron and Fran Williams (Education Area) and Dr. and Mrs. Myron Blee (Organ Fund).

September Circles

Circle 1, Monday, Sept. 14, 10:30 a.m., home of Kathie Pope, 525 South Ride. Co-hostess, Fran Veller. Program: Faith Counseling Center.

Circle 2, Tuesday, Sept. 1, 1 p.m., church Parlor.

The Martha Circle, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., home of Alice Grow, 306 Willis Road.

Circle 4, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., church Conference Room.

Circle 5, Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., Mom and Dad's Restaurant, 4175 Apalachee Parkway.

Circle 6, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., home of Mary Eleanor Daniel, 1509 Hickory Ave. Co-hostesses, Carolyn Krentzman and Mable Walters.

Circle 7, Tuesday, Sept. 15, noon, church Conference Room.

Circle 9, Tuesday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m., home of Norma Joy, 4399 Argyle Lane.

Circle 10, Monday, Sept. 14, 3:30 p.m., Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

Circle 11, Tuesday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m., church Room 307.

Lay Academy *(continued from page 1)*

Raising Some Issues Affecting All Our Lives

extended Disciple classes; or perhaps you've always had an interest in Signing--the use of hand gestures, or sign language, to communicate; or as a parent a class called "Growing Kids God's Way" might present a special interest; meetings of Promise Keepers will continue to be part of the weekly activities; and finally a spiritual journey using the writings of the late Trappist monk and mystic Thomas Merton will be offered.

Not all the classes will be on Wednesday evenings, the traditional time of Lay Academy, so study the registration forms that are being distributed with the Sunday *Bulletin* and are available in Sunday School classrooms and in the Church Office. You can always call the office, 222-1120, and ask that a registration form be sent to you.

The Wednesday afternoon and evening classes of Lay Academy run from Sept. 16-Oct. 21; Disciple classes will run into next spring; the Sunday classes will begin on Sept. 13; and the Friday class will begin on Sept. 18. A nursery will be provided for all but the Friday morning class.

And on Wednesday nights, don't forget to close the kitchen at home and join your friends in Moor Hall (you can eat here even if you're not taking Lay Academy classes) for a full meal or salad bar under the direction of Church Hostess Jan James. They begin serving at 5:30 and the requested donation is \$4.

Here's a more detailed description of Lay Academy offerings, times and locations:

- **The Bible--The Book that Bridges the Millennia.**

Wednesdays at 4 or 6:30 p.m. in McKenzie Library.

Alice Grow, who will serve as facilitator for the classes, noted, "We read the *Bible* through the eyes of faith, or we don't. In this study of the origins and formation of the *Bible*, some of the contents will be familiar, some will be new, some will be surprising. Come join us for an exciting faith journey and learn how the *Bible* can lead us into the future." The book that will be used is the same as the title of the course. It was written by Maxine Clarke Beach and is a UMW study selection.

- **Disciple I**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Room 303. Rev. Mark Caldwell, leader.

Disciple I is an in-depth, 34-week study of the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation in a small group setting. New members cannot be added after classes have begun.

- **Introduction to Signing in Conversation and Music**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Church Parlor.

Instructor Carlos Monserrate, a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church who enjoys attending Trinity's SUN Service, works for the state Division of Blind Services as a computer programmer/analyst. He has taught numerous introductory signing classes and he will use basic concepts and fundamental signs to introduce sign language. Comparisons will be drawn between Signed Exact English and American Sign Language. He said that participants will be able to carry on basic conversational skills in sign language using facial expressions, gestures, finger spelling and signing.

- **Unavoidable Issues**

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Room 305.

--Sept. 16, "Recycling: Does It Really Make a Difference?" The speaker, Kim Engleman, is a member of Trinity and is Recycling Assistant Coordinator for Leon County. A county employee for the past six years, Kim is a former high school teacher and career counselor. She holds degrees from Florida State University in psychology and from Tennessee Tech in English and Secondary Education.

--Sept. 23, The Shelter.

When Tallahasseeans think of the homeless, the place that most quickly comes to mind probably is that port-in-a-storm, overnight facility called The Shelter at 480 W. Tennessee St. Speaking at this program, and perhaps getting into a discussion of homelessness itself and its ramifications for our community and country, will be Dr. Morton Winsberg, a retired professor of geography at FSU. Winsberg is a former board member of The Shelter and serves supper there every Sunday night.

--Sept. 30, "Our Kids and Families Count, and They're Counting on Us!"

The speaker, Jack Levine, has been Executive Director of the Florida Center for Children & Youth since 1979. The Center, a private, not-for-profit citizens' organization is an alliance of Floridians striving to make Florida more child- and family-friendly. A graduate of Hunter College with a master's in Child Development and Family Studies from Purdue University, Levine has received a number of recognitions including Leadership Florida's Distinguished Alumnus Award and the *Orlando Sentinel's* Floridian of the Year Award.

--Oct. 7, The Death Penalty.

Do you believe society has a right, if not a responsibility, to put to death those who take the lives of others? Or is capital punishment morally wrong because it's simply another form of murder? The speaker this night will have heard all the arguments. He is Thomas Crapps, who, as Assistant General Counsel to Gov. Lawton Chiles, handles capital cases. He is a graduate of the University of Florida Law School.

--Oct. 14, Immigration.

The ethnic mix that is changing dramatically in Florida is certain to be a subject of this discussion with Mark Schlakman, Special Counsel to the Governor on Immigration and Refugee Policy. He is a graduate of Georgetown University.

--Oct. 21, Constitutional Revisions - What Are They? What Difference Will They Make?

If you think constitutional revision is a ho-hum issue, just consider that your life as a Floridian is constitution-driven, and what happens will have an influence on all of us for years to come. So come listen to what Cris Anna Martinez, an attorney with the Constitution Revision Commission, has to say, and bring questions.

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Gratitude to All Who Helped On Habitat House

Bob Lamison
Lay Leader

On behalf of the Church and Society Ministry Team, Tallahassee Habitat for Humanity and the Steering Committee, we wish to thank all of those participating in assisting in the construction of the second United Methodist Habitat for Humanity House by giving their time, talents and their gifts and their service.

This is the 47th house completed by Tallahassee Habitat for Humanity, and six more are contemplated to be constructed this year.



The house, at Gibbs Avenue and 5th Street (*pictured above*) is now completed and occupied by the new owner, Vanessa Solomon, her daughter and other family members. Vanessa works as a sec-

retary at Florida State University. The house was completed and dedicated on Saturday, Aug. 1, and the key to the house was tendered to Vanessa. Needless to say, she has been overwhelmed with the quality of the house and wishes to send to all of you her expressions of gratitude.

The house took two weeks longer than scheduled due to the lack of volunteers on certain days when they were needed. This is a problem that needs to be amended if a third house is built. For example, Shirley Ford provided for food on the Saturday Trinity was responsible for that duty and prepared for 40 people, but only 13 showed up. Shirley had to take the leftover food and drink home and store it for another time. Although she was disappointed, she never complained.

If 30 volunteers attended each day construction occurred, that would be ideal. We need to explore how we might accomplish this in the future. One thought is for each church to have a permanent list of volunteers who might be contacted when the need arises and who can be contacted on those days their skills are needed. If such a request is made in the future, we urge each of you with those skills to please sign up.

There are others who participated unstintingly whose names should be listed. However, their names will not be mentioned due to the danger of forgetting someone deserving our thanks. You know who you are so accept our thanks accordingly. We are truly grateful.

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• Promise Keepers

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Room 306.

Bill Fritchman leads this group for men that not only is a support group but also explores and reinforces the promises and commitments men have made to God, to themselves, to their wives and families, and to others. Any male, high school age and up, may join the group at any time throughout the year.

• Growing Kids God's Way

Sundays beginning Sept. 13, from 4-6 p.m., Parlor.

This parenting course, using a combination of videos, literature and discussion, will be led by Kay and Wally Jordan and Cindy and Glenn McDuffie. Its goals are to raise a generation who respect God, to provide practical instruction to help parents understand and apply biblical ethics, to instill confidence in parents, to help families look positively toward the teen years, and to establish a biblical mindset for parenting that can be passed from generation to generation.

• Disciple II

Sundays beginning Sept. 13, from 6:30-9 p.m., Parlor.

John and Karen Welch will lead this 32-week exploration of the scriptures in Genesis-Exodus and Luke-Acts. The course emphasizes the practice of spiritual disciplines and reinforces the importance of keeping *Bible* study related to witness and service. Completion of Disciple I is a pre-requisite.

• A Retreat with Thomas Merton: Becoming Who We Are

Fridays beginning Sept. 18, from 10 a.m.-noon, Room 305.

Thomas Merton entered a Roman Catholic Trappist monastery the week the United States entered World War II. By the time of his accidental death by electrocution while attending a Buddhist conference in Thailand in 1968, he had become one of the most widely read writers in the world on prayer, meditation and the spiritual life. Perhaps his most popular book was his first, *The Seven Storey Mountain*, which tells of his early life and his decision to become a priest and monk. This seven-week study, led by Barbara Potter and Liz Smith, will examine the spiritual journey of Merton's life through his books and other writings and its relation to our own era and our own lives.

If you did not retain the Lay Academy registration form that was in your Sunday Bulletin, you may obtain a copy through Sunday School classes or by contacting the Church Office, 222-1120.



Seven Joined Trinity in July



BECOMING MEMBERS OF THE TRINITY CONGREGATION through the SUN Service July 26 (photo above) were Terri Stephens (seated at left), Stephanie Cater and Anthony Brewer. Terri, who is a sister of Trinity member Rhonda Dalton, is employed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Stephanie is a graduate of Florida Southern College in Lakeland and was in school there at the same time as Associate Pastor Mark Caldwell. She is an accountant with the Florida Public Service Commission. Anthony is married to Trinity member Lenoir Brewer. He's an avid golfer, but during working hours he's a recreational therapist in the psychiatric unit at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital.

TWO COUPLES WHO JOINED TRINITY at the 11 o'clock service July 26 (photo at upper right) were Linda Pereksta and her husband, Michael Rowlett, on the left, and Sandy and Bill Kappes. Linda and Michael moved to Tallahassee from Iowa City, Iowa, a year ago. She



is a flutist and a graduate student at Florida State University, where she's also a doctoral fellow and a teaching assistant. Michael has been working as a secretary at Intergovernmental Services, a local legislative consulting group, but is starting work on a doctorate at the FSU School of Music this fall. He is a clarinetist. In addition to their music, they enjoy hiking and bird-watching. Bill and Sandy Kappes moved here from Pompano Beach in 1996 to be near a daughter and grandchildren. They are friends of Trinity members Larry and Amber Pendleton. Bill is employed by North Florida Environmental Services, and Sandy works at Wal-Mart. They both enjoy the beach, and Bill also is a NASCAR fan.



In keeping with the season, the pastor diagrammed the morning offering for the ushers.

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