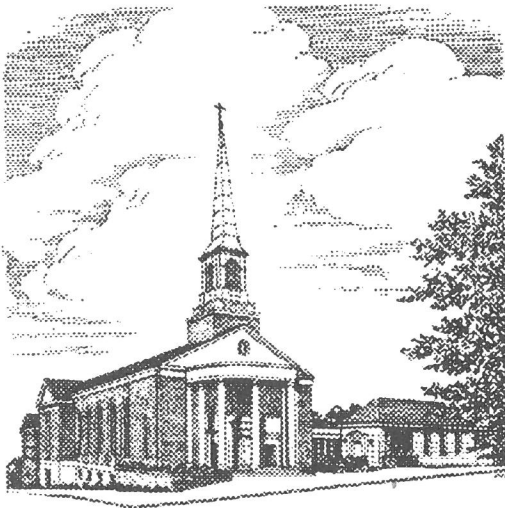


MONTHLY IDINGS

Trinity United Methodist Church

Tallahassee, Florida

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

Activities planned for four special Sundays

Faces of Trinity: Stewardship 2000 kicks off Oct. 17

*Paula Smith, co-chair
Stewardship Campaign 2000*

How do we describe Stewardship 2000? With the FACES of Trinity! This year's campaign kicks off Sunday, Oct. 17, with choirs singing and Rev. John Willis preaching. Pledge cards, hand-decorated by the Sunday school classes with the FACES of Trinity, will be passed out at each service.

Plan to wear casual attire (picnic clothes) on Sunday, Oct. 17, and immediately following the 11 a.m. service, you are invited to Moor Hall for a picnic and the debut performance of "Hollywood!" Have you ever participated in a cakewalk? How about musical chairs? Fun, food and fellowship all will be waiting for you after the 11 a.m. service.

This may not sound like any Stewardship Campaign you ever have experienced. Remember all the years Trinity has passed out cards to call on other members? This year, the only card you receive will be your pledge card, decorated with the FACES of Trinity. Instead of phone calls, we are calling on you to remember your **stewardship** by participating in the **fellowship** of our church community.

We challenge you to attend church services **all four Sundays** during the Stewardship 2000 Campaign. You'll be glad you did! Three more Sundays to look forward to:

Sunday, Oct. 24 - Laity Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 31 - Rev. Caldwell preaches for All Saints Sunday. Immediately following the 11 a.m. service, join us in Moor Hall for a chicken tetrazzini lunch and an "Old Fashioned Hymn Sing." We'll be using the Cokesbury Hymnal. Plan to join in the fun by entering your favorite dessert in the Trinity Bake-off. Bring your recipe to share. We'll all be tasters, and prizes will be awarded for the favorites!

Finally, the highlight of Stewardship Campaign 2000 is Loyalty Sunday, Nov. 7. All pledge cards not already turned in will be collected in the Tithing Bag. Results will be counted during each service and announced at the end of each service. At the close of the 11 a.m. service we will know the results of the FACES of Trinity, Stewardship 2000.



HOLLYWOOD COMES TO TALLAHASSEE - On Oct. 17, the celebrated "Hollywood" will make his Tallahassee debut at the festivities following the 11 a.m. service. "Hollywood" will be introduced by his "close" friend Rev. John Willis, and will be part of the entertainment at the picnic. For more Stewardship 2000 information, including a clip and save calendar of events, please turn to page 6.

Reflections

'One Individual and the Church'

John G. Willis, Jr.
Pastor

I had been here at Trinity less than a week when it all began. In midst of Vacation Bible School a thirteen-year-old member of the church, Brittany McKinnell, had to be taken to the hospital with severe headaches and nausea. After many tests at different hospitals, it was determined that Brittany had a brain tumor. As I write this, she is back in the hospital and not doing very well.

Through all of this, the response of this church has been tremendous. Meals have been prepared, cards have been sent and prayers lifted up. I want you to know that they all make a difference in the lives of this family.

In a church as large as ours, we have many different people who become ill or face crises in their lives. There have been several families I have been with that have faced difficult times in recent days. As a Christian community we have and must continue to reach out to each of them and offer our support. Each one is special in the eyes of God.

Some people have asked me, "Why? Why did this have to happen?" I guess I could find some highfalutin theological answer. But



from deep down inside of me comes a resounding, "I don't know why." I am sure that no one else really knows either.

But there are some things I am very sure of. God loves Brittany. He will sustain her and her family. I have seen evidences of this already. In 1 Corinthians, Paul tells us "*You Are the body of Christ, and each one is a part of it. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it.*" This is a vital part of what it means to be a Christian.

We are involved in many different things at our church. Things such as a major renovation, the many marvelous programs, the great celebrations. However, all these things pale in comparison to hurts in the lives of people. I am so glad to be a part of a church that shows its greatness by how it cares. As your pastor, I want to ask you to join me as we continue in daily prayer and reaching out to each other in love.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John".

Food News

Hungry? Here are two events to keep in mind

A Little Bit of Mambo will be in the air at Trinity's Cuban Food Fest, Friday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Moor Hall. Spicy, scrumptious Cuban fare will be the focus of attention at this event to support the Mission Team's trip to Cuba in March 2000. Enjoy a great meal at \$4 for adults and \$4 for children, and support a worthy cause.

Community Christmas Dinner - Trinity's annual Christmas day dinner, served from noon to 2 p.m. in Moor Hall, is for those who would otherwise be eating alone or not at all. Planning already is under way, says returning chair Shirley Ford. Watch here for details or contact Shirley if you'd like to be a part of this important Trinity program.

Gifts to Trinity

The following gifts were received by Trinity between Aug. 16 and Sept. 15:

In Memory of:

Mary Blackburn by Mothers of Pre-Schoolers

Liska Lang by Mrs. Charles R. Barnes, Dr. and Mrs. **Ledley N. Brown** for H.E.O., and Circle #2 U.M.W.

Fred Trawick by Mary and Jackie Marchant and family for Organ Fund.

Lois Shaw by Mary and Jackie Marchant and family for Organ Fund

Elise Lawton Islieb by an Anonymous Donor.



Volunteer Leadership: *It's Crucial to Music Ministry at Trinity*

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

(Editor's Note: When Mark submitted the following column, he had no idea how prescient his words would be: in the early morning hours of Sept. 26, the day of Trinity's long-awaited 175th anniversary celebration, Mark was admitted to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital for an emergency appendectomy. Mark's plan for the morning was implemented by others, and through a combination of thorough preparation, teamwork and a little luck, the volunteers and professionals noted below brought us a musical program to remember. Mark now is on the mend -- watch for more details of the pinch-hit Sunday in next month's Tidings.)

Jim Lorenz, our Organist, Jeffery Ames, the Music Director of the SUN Service, and I serve the church as paid music professionals. Most people in the church recognize us; we are quite visible every Sunday morning! Often unnoticed however, is another vital arm of the music ministry at Trinity.

On a recent Sunday at the SUN Service, Jeffrey Ames needed to leave early. Jeffrey Rolf, the Praise Band's electric bass player, sat at the piano and filled in without missing a beat! Jeffrey Rolf is a very talented musician who volunteers his time here at Trinity. He is one of many unsung heroes that keep our music ministry "humming along."

Our recent 175th Anniversary Sunday was a great example of volunteer music leadership in action. During the service, Lu Ann Snider accompanied the Youth Choir on piano. Mary Marchant prepared the younger half of the Netkids Choir and co-directed their song. You may have noticed that Randi Sinclair essentially conducted all of the handbells and

handchimes for our opening Fanfare/Processional. Before the service began, other music volunteers were at work. Warren May led the hymnfest in Moor Hall 9:35-10:15 a.m. Barbara Cherry and Mary Marchant took charge of the children's special musical presentation when the parade of vehicles arrived at the church around 10:30 a.m.

During the summers when your paid music staff takes time off for vacation, choir tours and workshops, we depend on volunteer music leaders to carry on the program. This past summer members of Chancel Choir conducted the choir's anthems on the four Sundays I was gone. Thank you, John Welch, Judy Bowers, Michael Rowlett and Warren May. We have depended on volunteer pianists to help accompany the hymns at the 11 a.m. services since our main organ was removed in June...Thank you Michael Bryan and Cindy Repasky.

The list could go on, and I am concerned I may have accidentally failed to mention someone involved in the activities already listed. The great news is our volunteer music leaders are not in it for the publicity or the accolades from their peers: they are happy to serve the church using their God-given talents!

Myron Munday Memorial Concert Rescheduled

Our annual Myron Munday Memorial Concert has traditionally taken place in late October. Since our sanctuary will be without a main organ (that was after all, Myron's main duty at the church...organist), and will likely be in some disarray due to new organ installation and possibly painting of the interior, we have rescheduled this important event for Sunday January 23 at 5 p.m. Our new organ will be in place by that time: mark your calendars!

New Organ Installation Begins Soon

Mark Repasky
Director of Music

The chancel area of the sanctuary is nearly ready to receive our new organ. The electricians and painters have completed their preparations and installation of the new slate flooring should be completed soon. Casavant Freres, our organ builder, plans to deliver the instrument via semi truck on Oct. 12. The instrument comes disassembled: several thousand pieces! It will take several weeks for the crew from Casavant Freres to install the instrument in the chancel and an additional several weeks to do tonal work.

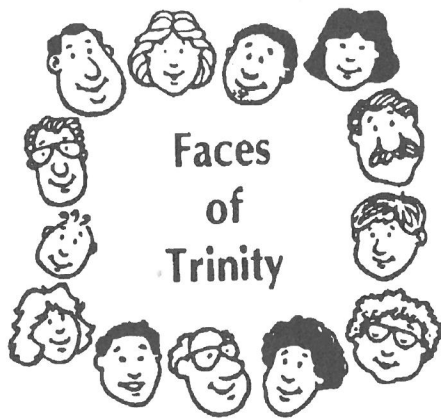
Putting a new pipe organ into a church is part manual labor and part artistic endeavor. The tonal work

needed to allow the new organ to perform at its best in the acoustical space that is our sanctuary is a complex and time-consuming process. Those who do this work are really artists. Their finished product will produce the "character" of the instrument we will enjoy for many decades to come.

Predicting the exact date the instrument will be completed and ready for use is difficult at this point. We expect this will occur in early to mid-December and we look forward to that day with great anticipation. The Sunday when the new organ is first introduced to our congregation at Sunday worship services will be a time of great celebra-

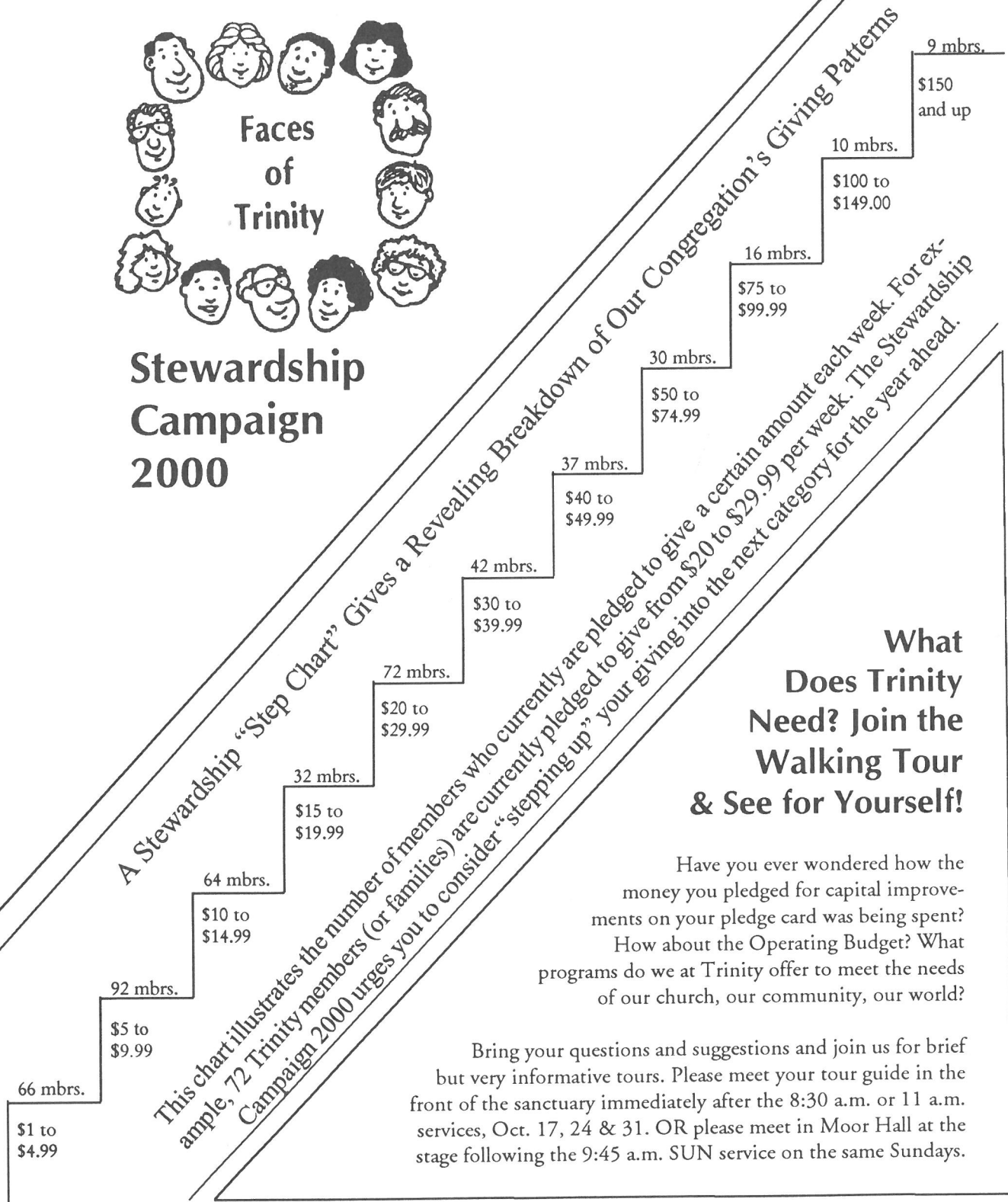
tion! During the 8:30 and 11 a.m. services that day, the instrument will be dedicated to the glory of God and will begin what we believe will be a long and glorious era serving the music needs of Trinity United Methodist Church. We plan to announce in the December Tidings the exact Sunday the organ dedication will take place.

We will be celebrating the installation of our new organ with a series of concerts featuring the instrument during the year 2000. Watch for articles in Tidings during the next few months focusing on these special concerts.



Faces
of
Trinity

Stewardship Campaign 2000



What Does Trinity Need? Join the Walking Tour & See for Yourself!

Have you ever wondered how the money you pledged for capital improvements on your pledge card was being spent? How about the Operating Budget? What programs do we at Trinity offer to meet the needs of our church, our community, our world?

Bring your questions and suggestions and join us for brief but very informative tours. Please meet your tour guide in the front of the sanctuary immediately after the 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. services, Oct. 17, 24 & 31. OR please meet in Moor Hall at the stage following the 9:45 a.m. SUN service on the same Sundays.

Trinity Programs Prepare for the Year 2000

Barbara Potter

Director of Programs

As we project our program needs for the year 2000, it is exciting to see the many varied and vital ministries embraced by our growing and vibrant congregation. Trinity touches lives of every age. In the Vision 2000 long-range plan, it was our intent to become a seven-day-a-week church. Anyone who spends much time around Trinity can attest we have become just that!

Are you aware of all the programs that make Trinity what it is today? How does Trinity minister to its congregation, our community and the world? To help us understand the breadth and depth of Trinity United Methodist Church, follow this article through a week of activities at our church...

We start the week in Sunday worship, both traditional and contemporary, accompanied by two sessions of Sunday school and nursery care. Sunday afternoon and evening brings a strong and growing youth fellowship, preceded by choir and handbell practice.

During the week, our facility is busy with the week-day Preschool and Mothers' Morning Out, which has expanded to a year-round program, using the entire first floor of the education building. This pre-school expansion has necessitated the establishment of other child care areas for young children during Mothers of Pre-Schoolers(MOPS), United Methodist Women (UMW) and weekday Bible studies. Some programs will be relocated to the ground floor, in space that traditionally has been used only on weekends, afternoons and evenings by the youth. As you can see, education building space is always busy. Almost all rooms are used by two or three different groups. Unfortunately, because of financial constraints, the education building is not yet slated for desperately-needed building improvements, such as the waterproofing of the brick.

One of the most exciting days during the week at Trinity is Wednesday. Preschool has chapel. NETkids gather for recreation, choir, bible study, chapel and other activities. Scouts

meet. Youth participating in Lay Academy have two age levels of Bible studies after dinner. Adults have afternoon and evening classes, choir, praise band and handbells. All ages gather for a fellowship dinner. People enjoy being together. The stewardship of love and friendship is everywhere.

Meetings of ministry teams, circles, UMW, United Methodist Men (UMM), MOPS, Disciple and Christian Believer classes, three AA groups, Scouts, altar guild, communion stewards, shelter cooks and various other groups, all carrying out the ministry of Trinity, help keep the stairways and hallways busy the rest of the week. Thursday evenings promise to add to the excitement, as Mark Caldwell launches a new ministry to college-aged young adults.

Several special events are proposed in this year's budget. Vacation Bible School is a real highlight of the summer and a phenomenal event involving all ages. Prayer Partners, Disciple Reunion, Teacher Appreciation Sunday, the Christmas Program, Bible Sundays for third- and sixth-graders, Confirmation Retreat, Discipleship Weekend and a Confirmation Banquet are some of many programs we would like to focus on in the year 2000.

There are visions for continued involvement in the community *and* in the mission field. Five Trinity members are slated to go to Cuba in March. We will continue our relationship with our sister church in Fomento, Cuba. We also plan to continue support of our missionaries, Gordon Greathouse in Brazil and Jeannine Reynolds with Madison County Cooperative Ministries here in the Tallahassee District. This year we opened our doors and used our front steps during Springtime Tallahassee to connect with the community. There are plans to continue this and expand our outreach efforts to the Winter Festival of Lights.

As we continue to expand our programs and seek to increase our presence in the community, communication is crucial. Technology improvements are planned to provide a web site and increased access for e-mail. The Monthly Tidings and weekly bulletins will continue to be the cornerstone of communication with our congregation.

As you can see, the vision for 2000 is in place. Your support and pledges are needed to bring this vision to reality. With your help, we can continue to grow in our ministry, serving the many faces whose lives are touched each day by the ministry of Trinity United Methodist Church.

October Circles

Circle 1, Monday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m., home of Peg Parkey, 4521 High Grove. Co-hostess: Kathie Pope.

Circle 2, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 12:45 p.m., Church Parlor.

The Martha Circle, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m., meeting place to be announced.

Circle 4, Tuesday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m., Hostess: Pat Willis, The Parsonage.

Circle 5, Thursday, Oct. 14, time and location to be announced.

Circle 7, Tuesday, Oct. 19, noon, Church Conference Room.

Circle 8, Wednesday, Oct. 13, 12:30 p.m., Gordo's at the Grove.

Circle 9, Tuesday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m., home of Neddy Sumners, 650 East 6th Ave.

Circle 10, Monday, Oct. 11, 3:30 p.m., Tallahassee Convalescent Home.

What a time we had Sunday, Sept. 26 at the 175th Anniversary Grand Celebration! Watch for photos and post-celebration coverage in November's Monthly Tidings.

Membership Survey Shows What We're Thinkin'

The results of the recent Trinity United Methodist Church member survey are back, tabulated and compiled in a nine-page booklet. If you'd like to review the results, copies of the survey are available in the church office and in the narthex.

The survey, which was distributed by mail and as a bulletin insert during August, gave Trinity members an opportunity to state their opinions on different aspects of Trinity's current state, as well as planned priorities for the future, in-

cluding: strongest traits/programs, focus of resources, members' giving - current and future, programs & services, and comments & thoughts.

The member survey offers a snapshot view of members' opinions and priorities, and will be extremely helpful for members of the Stewardship Campaign committee as well as other leadership bodies of the church as they plan for the future.

Clip and save this article!

Fun, Food and Fellowship Abound during Stewardship 2000

*by Louise Byrne, co-chair
Stewardship 2000*

There's so much to see and do, you won't want to miss a moment of the Faces of Trinity Stewardship Campaign 2000

Events:

Sunday, Oct. 17

Rev. John Willis preaches; all choirs will sing.
Dress casually for church -- wear "picnic" clothes.
"Personalized" pledge cards passed out at each service.
Immediately following 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m. services, tours will be given showing the physical needs of our facilities.
Hot dog lunch and games for all ages in Moor Hall immediately following the 11 a.m. service.
Cakewalk, go fish, crafts, ping-pong toss, water gun games...
The famous "Hollywood" makes his debut and the Praise Band entertains until 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 24

Laity Sunday
Tours of facility needs will again be offered following the 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m. services.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Rev. Mark Caldwell preaches -- All Saints Sunday
Again, tours of facility needs after 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m. services.

Old-fashioned hymn sing and Chicken Tetrazzini lunch in Moor Hall immediately following 11 a.m. service.

Best desserts of Trinity contest - Everyone's invited to bring his or her favorite homemade pie, cake, cookies, ice cream, etc. and the recipe. You'll be entered in the bake-off! Everyone gets to sample and prizes will be awarded.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Bring your pledge card (if you haven't already returned it) to place in the Tithing Bag.
Pledges will be tabulated and pledge totals will be announced at each service.



Reservation Form for Stewardship Events

Please call the church office to make your reservations (222-1120) or complete the reservation form(s) and place in the offering plate.

Yes! I will be there for lunch on Sunday, Oct. 17 in Moor Hall.

Name: _____

Number in party: _____

Yes! I will be there for lunch on Sunday, Oct. 31 in Moor Hall.

Name: _____

Number in party: _____

_____ I will attend lunch, but will not participate in the dessert bake-off.

_____ I will bring my favorite baked good and the recipe (for sharing).

_____ I will bring my favorite baked good, but not the recipe.

_____ I cannot bring a baked good, but will bring a copy of my favorite recipe.

God Doesn't Need Your Money!

Lowise Byrne and Paula Smith
co-chairs of Stewardship Campaign 2000

This may seem like a strange headline for an article about Trinity's Stewardship Campaign, but it's a true statement. We don't give our tithes and offerings because God needs our money to fulfill His plans. We give because God wants our hearts -- and our tithes and offerings are an outward sign of our *duty* to honor God.

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." (Ps 24:1) Our tithes and our offerings are God's by right for the first fruits belong to Him. We live under grace, therefore tithing is not a legal requirement but a response of grace to God. We give because of our great joy in Jesus Christ! (2 Cor 8:2)

We don't have to guess about our pledges; God speaks to us through His word and our prayers. "Whoever has the gift of giving to others should give freely." (Rom 13:8) "Each one should give as you have decided in your heart to give. You should not be sad when you give; and you should not give because you feel forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily." (2 Cor 9:7)

During this Stewardship season, consider assessing where you are writing your checks and using your credit cards. It is an indication of the priorities of your heart. Are God and His church where you want them to be on your list of priorities?

We have all chosen to be a part of the body of Christ and more specifically to serve and worship God as mem-

bers of Trinity. Trinity **does** need your financial support to continue with our programs, missions and worship into the 2000s. We all know of the debt recently shouldered in order to repair our facilities.

The Finance Committee has set a goal for our Operating Budget representing a three percent increase in spending. Our Capital Improvements Budget is stretched beyond its limit, as the recent publicity about repairs to the church may have made you aware.

Please pray for our campaign and the level of support you will give Trinity. What position will Trinity United Methodist be in to enter the new millennium? Will we be prepared, or will we fall further behind each year? Will our children and their children be faithful

believers and disciples to the Word of God?

These questions could make us uncomfortable. We prefer to feel our church's future is assured. Are God and His church where you want them to be in your list of priorities? Are we personally ready to step up to our future?

Find where you currently are pledging in the step chart that follows. Then prayerfully decide where God would like you to be. Will you step up? His concern is your heart, not the amount of your pledge. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow gave more than all those rich people. They gave only what they did not need. This woman is very poor, but she gave all she had..." (Mark 12: 43-44)



Members of the 4th & 5th grade Sunday School class show off the pledge cards they helped decorate for the Stewardship 2000 campaign. Seated, left to right: James Fadool, Greg Tullos, Jordon McAllister, Clayton Hinson, Lisa Sawicki, Stephanie Brewer and Kara Colvin. Back row, left to right: Jordan Perry (kneeling), teacher Ann Lumsden, Kirkland O'Steen, Darryl Rudell, Hollie Bender, Annabel Cherry, Scott Griffith, Caroline Peebles, Betsy Rogers and Stewardship 2000 co-chair Paula Smith.

Every Step Counts in Nov. 7 CROP Walk

The annual CROP Walk, a community hunger education and fund-raising event sponsored by Church World Service (CWS), is the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 7. The event is at Myers Park, and registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. Walkers will begin a one- or five-mile walk at 2:30 p.m.

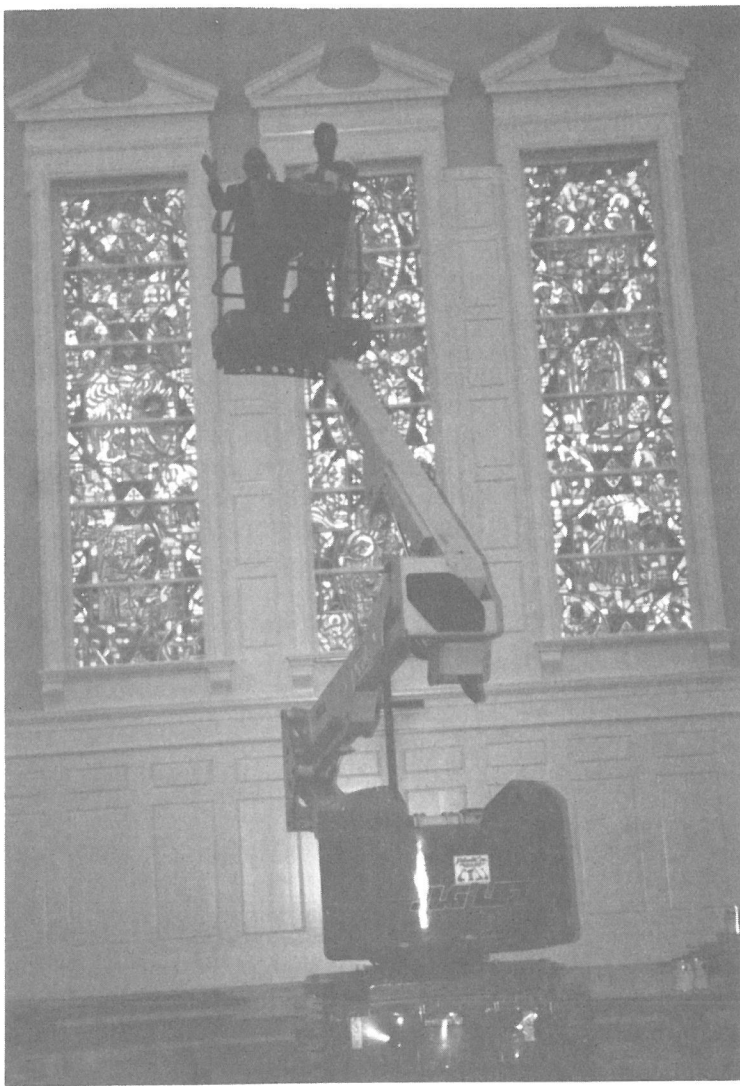
If you'd like to be a CROP walker, pick up a sign-up sheet from Rev. Mark Caldwell or Rebecca Hood. You also can help by sponsoring a walker, or by bringing non-perishable food items. Checks may be made out to CWS-CROP.

This year's walk is in memory of Christopher Wright. Last year the 15-year-old participated in the CROP walk with other young people from his church, Berean Mennonite Church in Wakulla County. A few hours after the walk, Christopher was struck by a car and killed as he and his friends crossed the highway in front of their church.

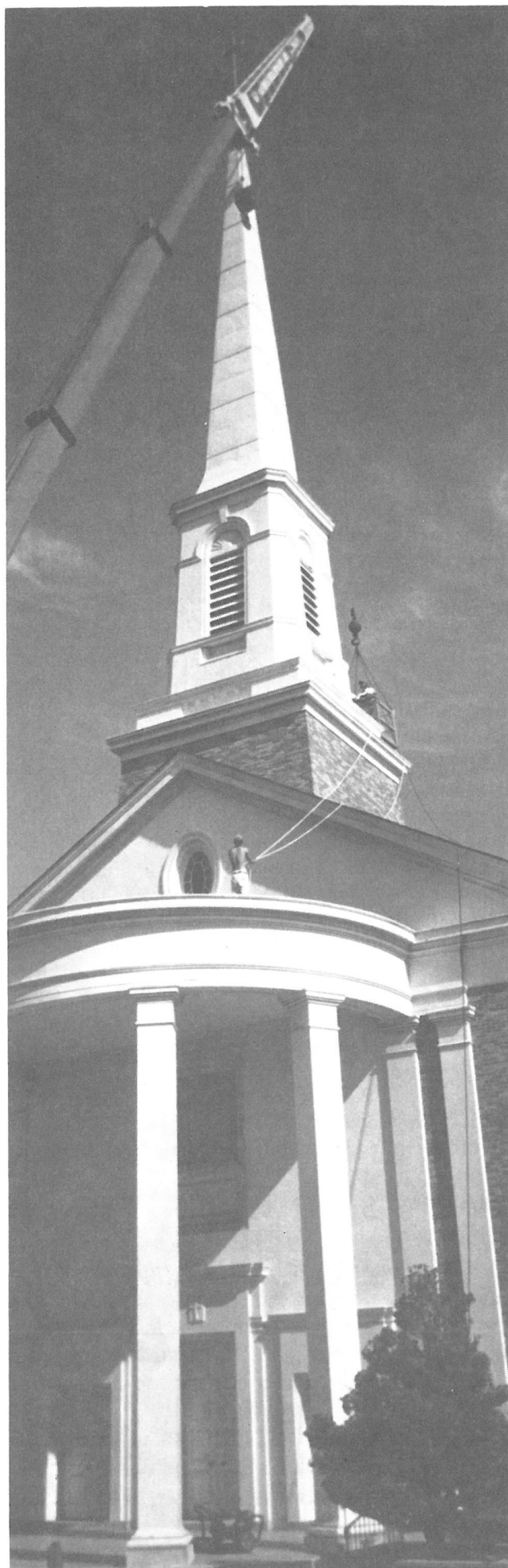
Trinity members have participated in this interdenominational relief work for many years. All CROP walkers and their sponsors will be appreciated.

BEEHIVE OF ACTIVITY -- *It's been a veritable swarm of activity at Trinity throughout August and September, as crews perform much-needed repairs. The first and second phases of the renovation project (concentrating on the sanctuary, organ installation and the chapel) are progressing on schedule and are expected to be wrapped up by the end of January 2000.*

If you "crane" your neck you can get the full picture (right) of the 186-foot hydraulic crane that occupied the street in front of Trinity for a week in early September. Workers from Jeff Kynoch Painting, Inc. pressure-washed and painted the cupola and spire of the steeple. The top of the steeple is 141 feet from the ground.



Aspects of the sanctuary renovation have been "uplifting" for senior pastor John Willis, pictured here aloft courtesy of the articulated boom lift operated by John King, right, of First Impressions Painting Contractors.



Frances McAdams, Alice Grow Retire

Two members of the Trinity office family, one a volunteer and the other a staff member, retired in September. Frances McAdams ended her 20-plus years of service as church librarian, and has relocated to Smith Center, Kansas to live with her niece. Alice Grow, director of Adult Ministries for the past two years, is staying in Tallahassee, and plans to remain an involved Trinity member.

Francis, a native of Kansas, earned degrees in Education in Texas and Library Science from Columbia University in New York City and worked as a librarian at Purdue University and Louisiana Tech. before joining the library staff at Florida State University in 1952. When she retired from FSU, she held the title of Associate Director for Administration for the library. Frances also had been a librarian on an army base in Nebraska during WWII, where she met her future husband, James McAdams. They were married here at Trinity in Glenn James Chapel.

Frances was part of a small group of people who worked diligently to set up a new library at Trinity the summer of 1985, then she became the volunteer librarian in September of that year. All those who have had the pleasure of working with Francis during her time at Trinity know she took great pride in serving as church librarian. She'd love to keep in touch with dear friends at Trinity (and is thankful for the many cards and letters she's already received). Her new address is 315 West Court, Smith Center, Kansas 66967.

Alice may have only been at the helm of the Adult Ministries program for two years, but her involvement with Trinity runs deep. She and husband Bill, who is a former trustee, have been members of the church for more than 12 years. In 1996, the Grow's organized and hosted the Community Christmas dinner. Retirement will bring more time for rest and relaxation for Alice, as well as time to catch up on the busy lives of her children: Allison Grow, a medical student at Stanford University; William Barron Grow, M.D., who recently completed his residency at Shands Hospital in Gainesville and has been honored with a fellowship there; and Justin Marshall Grow, a law student at Stetson University in St. Petersburg.

Both Frances and Alice have enriched Trinity through their dedicated service, and will be missed.



Changing of the Guard



NEW CHURCH SECRETARY KAY ROACH, left, learns the ropes from Shirley Bean, who retired from the position in August after nearly 10 years. Kay joined the Trinity staff Aug. 31. A native of Ft. Myers, Kay was reared in Miami and has lived in the Tallahassee area for 20 years. She's been in the secretarial field for 34 years, and her previous work experience includes stints at the Collins Center for Public Policy and the Florida Chamber of Commerce, among others.

Kay and her husband, Mickey, live on Lake Talquin in Quincy, and have two daughters, Ellen and Becky. Kay just became a grandmother for the first time, with the birth of Ellen's daughter Sarah Isabelle Watson. In fact, Sarah's arrival came on what was to have been her grandmother's first day on the job at Trinity!

A member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Quincy, Kay sings in the choir and also is an active voice with the Sweet Adelines, the international women's barbershop organization.

Under the "leave them with a lasting impression" category, Shirley Bean displays in the photo her bandaged thumb. She injured it while using the paper cutter one week from her retirement. It was her first on-the-job injury in her decade at Trinity. On the bright side, it was also her last!

Rev. James' Daughter is Laity Sunday Speaker

Miriam Peirce, Lay Leader

Laity Sunday is a special day set aside by the church to honor and to enjoy the leadership of the laity. This year, Laity Sunday at Trinity is Oct. 24. We will have a very special lay speaker at our Sunday morning worship services; no one will want to miss hearing her.

Whether you have been a member here for a short time or a long time, you undoubtedly know of Glenn James. Our lovely chapel is named in his honor and memory, his picture appears in our narthex, and his name is often spoken with awe, reverence and, quite often, chuckles. The Rev. Glenn James was Trinity's pastor from 1953 to 1962, a period of challenge and transition. He stood steadfast and true, bringing our church into a new era with pride and dignity. It was not an easy time for any of the churches or pastors and we are grateful to Dr. James and his family for the Christian leadership that saw us through this period.

When Glenn James was pastor her, he and his wife, Gladys, had two daughters, Jean and Caryl. Both daughters brought joy to the family, growing up to be faithful Christians and contributors to the community. Our focus this Laity Sunday will be on Caryl James Cullom, who will be our Laity Sunday speaker. We have asked Caryl to reflect on her father's ministry and to think about how he might view Trinity today, at the end of the century. Her talk should be extremely interesting.

Caryl grew up in Methodist parsonages and has remained faithful to the United Methodist Church all of her life. She was graduated from high school in Miami, then headed to Tallahassee and FSU. There she was active at the Wesley Foundation, as was Bill Cullom, whom she married in 1956. They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Both daughters live in North Carolina, which is a very important place in the Cullom's "spiritual geography."

After Dr. James died, his widow Gladys returned to Tallahassee and Trinity, and was a faithful member here for many years. Jean James Vaught married a Methodist pastor, Al Vaught, and lived here as the wife of the Tallahassee District Superintendent for six years, from 1975 to 1981. Although these three family members are deceased, their legacy of love and caring stays with us and will be renewed in the person of Caryl James Cullom.

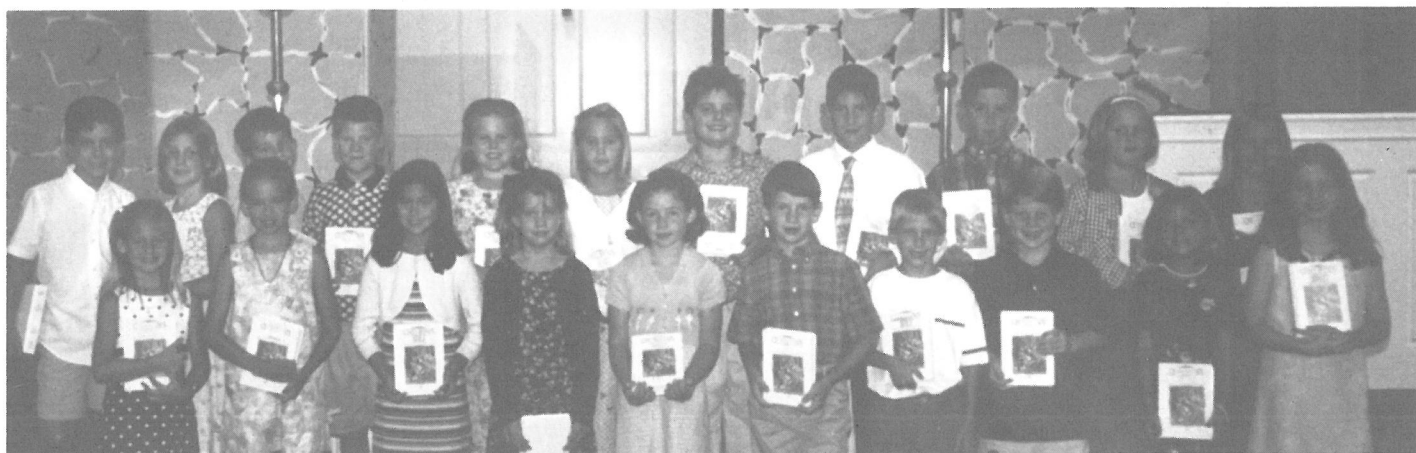
On Laity Sunday there will be other lay people serving at all the services. It is hoped that a large congregation will be on hand to participate in and support this special Sunday.

Youth Updates

Sheri Koyles
Youth Director

Christmas in October? Yes, it is time to start thinking about Christmas. Save your Christmas tree order for Trinity's youth. Each year we sell Christmas trees and wreaths of different sizes that can be picked up right here at Trinity. The profits from the sales go toward all youth mission activities. This year the funds will primarily benefit Appalachian Service Projects (Senior High) and Love At Work (Junior High). So yes, by purchasing a Christmas tree from the youth at Trinity, you can support missions both local and abroad. Thanks for saving your order for us! Merry Christmas!

Calling All Volunteers! Are You: A youth leader? A youth parent? A youth volunteer for events? An interested bystander? Well, have I got news for you. The youth here at Trinity need your advice and expertise in planning the events for the year 2000. We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping our youth program be the best it can be. Please come out for a brief preliminary meeting to discuss Lead Teams on Oct. 24, immediately following each of the Sunday morning worship services. Please come even if you're just curious!



PROUD DAY FOR THIRD-GRADERS -- It is a tradition at Trinity to present Bibles to our third-graders and any other older elementary children who have not yet received one. This is funded each year by a special gift from the Wesley Fellowship Class. These bright shining faces received their Bibles Sept. 12: Front row (left to right) - Caroline Campbell, Elizabeth Garcia, Amy Gilleon, Emily Hirst, Natalie Jump, Bobby High, Will Rogers, Robert Wiwi, Mary Beth Waddill and Leslie Stinson. Second row (left to right) - Alex Drake, Ashley Byrne, Harrison Avera, Heath Blackburn, Emma Jonas, Claire Elliott, Tyler Koehler, Lee McAlister, Taylor Walker, Ashley Smith and Dylan Snowden. Also receiving Bibles but not pictured were Taylor Green, Caroline Eubanks, Scott Griffith, Steven Henderson, James McKinnell III and Mary Lu Mullikin.

United Methodist Habitat House

Bob Lamison

steering committee chair for Habitat for Humanity

The Church and Society Ministry Team concluded at its September meeting to once more join with other Methodist Churches to help fund and build the fourth Habitat for Humanity House next year, the precise date subject to the success of fund raising for the project.

Trinity's share of construction costs for the house is presently set at \$10,000 based on our church's membership. The Church and Society Ministry Team has budgeted \$3,000 toward this effort and an additional amount of \$7,000 will be needed prior to construction. In the past three years our church, with the participation of many of our members for which we are indeed grateful, has been able to accomplish this. So for those of you who have generously contributed in the past, we hope you will do so again this year. Simply make your checks payable to Trinity United Methodist Church and identify your donation "for the U.M. Habitat House."

For those of you who do not know about Habitat for Humanity, here are the advantages of contributing to this effort:

1. Tallahassee Habitat for Humanity is the local affiliate providing housing in Leon County.

2. Habitat for Humanity is a Christian-driven organization that opens its arms to any religious or secular group wishing to participate, thus telling the

Christian story in their own special way.

3. The house is constructed to provide decent housing for a family of low income who presently lives in below-standard housing. One of the mottoes of Habitat's founder, Millard Fuller, is "No More Shacks."

4. The family is required to serve 400 hours of "sweat equity" in the construction of their own home, homes for other needy families or in other needed services required by the Tallahassee affiliate.

5. The family is required to have sufficient income to cover a modest down payment and support a monthly no-interest mortgage provided by the local affiliate.

6. Income from mortgage payments from houses built is used to construct additional houses for those in need.

7. One hundred percent of the funds provided by the churches are used to build the house. Administrative costs are funded from other income.

8. The result amounts to a "hand up," not a "hand out," and is not only about building houses, but improving the lives of families (without depending on welfare), substantially changing their environment and giving them hope for a better future.

We wish to thank all who participated in the past, and to thank in advance all who will join the list in the future.



WE LOVE TO READ AT PRESCHOOL! Maybe we can't really read all the words, but we're always interested in books and stories. What a great experience for our preschool volunteers who quickly and efficiently assembled the reading loft, which was purchased with funds from both the Mary Blackburn and Helen Sellers memorials. Both of these dear women contributed so much time and love to the children at Trinity. Pictured are Soheila Latifaltojar (left) and Connie Jo Carbonell, loftily trying out the new structure.

Cross-Generational Prayer Partners Enjoy Luncheon

Ann Miller

HEO Coordinator

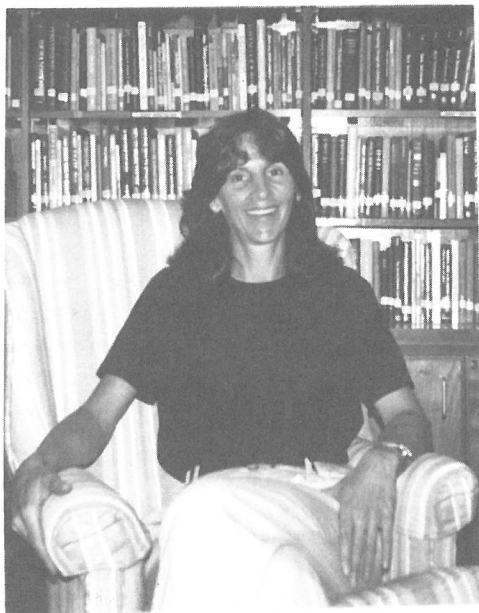
Approximately 60 of Trinity's Partners in Prayer gathered in the church parlor after services on Sept. 19 to enjoy an informal luncheon and spend time with the persons they have been praying for all year long. The youngsters attending were pinned with animal-shaped nametags and then matched them with the adult wearing the same type nametag - their Prayer Partner.

Director of Programs Barbara Potter announced that first-year partners will continue as prayer teams for another year. There will be an opportunity for new children who would like to participate in the program. A flyer will be distributed through Sunday School classes and via the Sunday bulletins.

Adults participating this year are: Liz Smith, Cindy Repasky, Donna Duggar, Deborah Jean Bass, Rev. Mark and Tiffany Caldwell, Ruth Ann High, Linda Wells, Gail Stewart, Alison James, Barbara Potter, Joe Sigler, Ruby Butterworth, Erin Gatlin, Miriam Peirce, Jackie Trapp, Stacey Duggar, Joan and Wayne Anderson, Ollie Dawirs, Oberley Brown, Christine Moody, Mary Lee and Bill Peebles and Jan James.

The program's young people are: Evan Anderson, Annabel Cherry, Alex Drake, Jenna Dugger, Lauren Goldman, Becky Hall, Jenny High, Bobby High, Kelly James, Jimmy McKinnell, Claire Mott-Smith, Mary Lu Millikin, Kelley Olson, Caroline Peebles, Jordan Perry, Alison Pridgeon, Betsy Rogers, Will Rogers, Dylan and Emily Snowden, Elizabeth and Leslie Stinson, Mary Beth Waddill and Amanda Wolfe.

Welcome September's New Member



Join us in welcoming Jacqui Griffith, who joined the church Sept. 19. Jacqui, a Tallahassee resident since 1981, in some ways both preceded and followed Rev. John Willis to Trinity United Methodist Church. She grew up in Kissimmee and attended First United Methodist Church there. And as an adult, she attended services whenever she visited Kissimmee, so she heard many of Rev. Willis' sermons there. She's been attending services here at Trinity for about a year, so she was pleased and surprised when John became senior pastor. Jacqui is a registered dietitian, and works with area nursing homes, home health agencies and special interest groups who need her services. She and her husband, Fred, have two children: Scott, 9, and Jennifer, 5. The very fit Jacqui enjoys all sorts of exercise, especially water sports.

Food Drive For Big Bend CARES

The food pantry at Big Bend CARES (Comprehensive AIDS Resources, Education and Support) is in need of non-perishable food items to supplement their clients' groceries. Unfortunately, CARES does not have the funding to meet their clients' basic needs, so what we contribute helps a great deal. Trinity members generously supported this food drive last year.

Types of food needed include bottled and canned food (pop-top cans helpful), sports drinks like Gatorade,

boxed cereals and side dishes, and snack foods of all kinds.

Toilet articles and disposable diapers (in small and large sizes) are also needed.

Bring your grocery bag of donated items to Trinity anytime during the month of October -- there will be boxes in the narthex and in Moor Hall. Call Gloria Whitaker at 878-6064 for more information or to have your donated items picked up.

Dadisman Speaker For TUMM Oct. 26

Gregg Phifer
Secretary, Trinity UMM

Carrol Dadisman, retired publisher of the Tallahassee Democrat, will be the speaker for our meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, when Trinity's United Methodist Men gather for supper (\$5) and our monthly program. Trinity's women, with or without their spouses, are always welcome to join us for support, hear our speakers and take part in the discussion following.

Carrol has been to Russia twice in the last year or so. During one or both of his visits he offered professional advice as he met with and attempted to assist a number of struggling independent newspapers in Russia. Battling a subsidized state press, independent papers work hard to find an economic and social niche in the new Russian society. Those papers face many critical challenges, but we will learn more about their problems -- and those of Russians generally -- as we listen to and interact with Carrol Dadisman this October.

Can you imagine Sunday morning without a thick Democrat reporting the weekend's football action? Carrol tells us that in Russia, papers publish during the week but not on Sunday. Why? We suspect that Russia may not have any equivalent to our national obsession with football. Come and learn all about it!

Remember UMM's breakfast gathering, set this month for Tue. Oct. 12 at 7 a.m. We will plan future programs and discuss service activities in which TUMM needs to be involved. Men, come join us!



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