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Harold W. Griffis Appointed Trinity's Minister

On Sunday morning, September 14, the Reverend Harold W. Griffis will assume the pastorate of Trinity Methodist Church. Mr. Griffis has been serving as the Superintendent of the Albany District of Troy Conference since 1954. Previously he had been the minister at the Methodist Churches in Jonesville; Williamstown, Mass; Trinity, Troy; First, Amsterdam; and Fifth Avenue—State Street, Troy. He also served a two year term as Superintendent of the Troy District.

Mr. Griffis is a native of Gloversville, N.Y. and is a graduate of Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. Mrs. Griffis is also a native of Gloversville and is a graduate of New York State College for Teachers. They have three children—James, who graduated from Wesleyan University and now lives in Troy; John, who graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and is now living in Colorado Springs; and Nancy, who is still at home and will be attending School 16.



Mr. Griffis is a member of the General Commission on Promotion and Cultivation of the Methodist Church, a member of the Board of Managers of the Methodist Hospital in Brook-

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

9:45 a.m.—Church School
9:45 and 11:00—Morning Worship

Sermon

Resources For Endurance

4:00 p.m.—Senior High Fellowship Picnic

Monday

12:00 p.m.—Happy Hour Club
7:30 —Commission Meetings
8:30 p.m.—Official Board

Tuesday

7:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts

Wednesday

11:30 a.m.—WSCS Monthly Meeting
6:15 p.m.—Wesleyan Service Guild
8:00 —Christian Citizenship Com.

THIS SUNDAY

The flowers in the sanctuary are given in memory of mother and grandparents by Mr. W. M. Jenkins; in the chapel in memory of Mr. Ashton D. Sweet by his daughters.

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lyn, and a trustee of Drew University, Madison, N. J. He has been a delegate from Troy Conference to the last three General Conferences of the Methodist Church.

In receiving Mr. Griffis and his family we feel that we are welcoming old friends into a new relationship. In addition to having had his office in Trinity's building, we have come to know him as he has conducted our Quarterly Conferences, preached in our sanctuary, and participated in numerous organizational activities. Mrs. Griffis, already a member of Trinity church, has been active in the Woman's Society, and has taught in the Church School. Nancy has been singing in the Junior Choir.

FAREWELL TO THE HUNTS

A Coffee Hour after the 11:00 service last Sunday was the setting for Trinity's official farewell to the Hunts as they terminated their stay among us. Harold Hedberg, as chairman of the Farewell Committee, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Hammond spoke in behalf of the staff, and Russell Broughton, as lay leader, spoke in behalf of the congregation. Mr. Broughton then presented Mrs. Hunt with a set of matched luggage, and Mr. Hunt with a 35mm projector and slide storage cabinet. In addition, a check for \$300 was presented to the family.

During the services of worship Mr. Hunt repeated two convictions which contributed to his decision to leave Albany. First was his belief in the Methodist system of an itinerant, or circulating ministry, whereby both pastor and congregation have fresh opportunities for creative work. Second was his faith that God does guide the decisions and destinies of men and institutions so that both may most effectively serve His purposes.

Combined with this event was a welcome to the Griffises as they come to minister among us. Mr. and Mrs. Griffis and Nancy were in the receiving line that concluded the program.

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FRANK SNOW RETURNS

The Rev. Frank Snow, formerly assistant minister of Trinity, is back in Albany, after doing graduate study at the Harvard Divinity School, and serving as pastor of a church, to begin his work as Chaplain to Students under the sponsorship of the Capital Area Council of Churches. The actualizing of this new position is to a great extent the result of Frank's interest as a member of the Department of Student Work while here before. His many friends will be glad to see him in this area again.

READ YOUR HERALD!

This year, because the office budget is nearly depleted, and because it seems an unnecessary duplication of expense and work to publish a weekly paper and also send separate notices, the Trinity Herald will be the only means of announcing meetings and events. Please **Read** your Herald!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

The Capital Area Council of Churches' annual School of Leadership Education opens Monday evening, September 22, in Trinity Methodist Church. Under the theme, "The Gospel in the Old Testament" the school will run for six Monday evenings, ending October 27.

At 7:30 each evening Dr. Lawrence F. Toombs, Associate Professor of Old Testament, Drew Theological Seminary, will lecture on the theme subject. At 8:30 Dr. Toombs will further develop the subject for those who wish to attend. There will also be a Worship Workshop, a course in Group Dynamics, and methods courses for all department levels.

Registration cards are available at the church office. This is an opportunity worthwhile to all, but especially to church school and youth workers. Registrations should be made by Sunday, September 14.

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ORGAN REPAIRS PROGRESSING

All through July and August, and on into this month, the repairs to Trinity's pipe organs have been going on. In spite of the fact that the upper halls were strewn with displaced pipes, enough of the organs were kept in playing condition for scheduled weddings. Now all parts have been returned from the factory and reassembled. The tuning is in process, and the work will be completed in time for the anniversary events.

PARISH PERSONALS

Births

Karen Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Haggerty, July 5.

David Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Henderson, July 5.

Cynthia Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becker, July 7.

Amy Hartsell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Askins, August 21.

Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weckstrom, August 23.

Mark Vincent, son of Dr. and Mrs. Vincent Prendeville, August 30.

Baptisms

Kelly Leigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Winner, July 12.

Timothy Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Dolan, July 12.

Cheryl Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Stafford, August 28.

Charles Brandon and John Parsons, III, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Newton, Jr., September 3.

Cynthia Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Becker, September 7.

David Lloyd, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Brown, September 7.

Gifford Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Milan Fogle, September 7.

Weddings

Theresa M. Bell and Frank Leo, in the Chapel, June 29.

Marilyn Frederick and Louis Witt, Jr., in the Chapel, July 3.

Mrs. Annette McCullough and Albert J. Dearstyne, in the Chapel, July 3.

Patricia Anne Henry and John M. Gerritz, Jr., in the Sanctuary, July 3.

Dinah Mills and Arthur Erdmann, in the Chapel, July 19.

Connie Meserve and William Dickinson, in the Sanctuary, July 26.

Gloria June Brown and William C. Brayden, in the Sanctuary, July 26.

Constance Edwards and Richard Schermerhorn, in the Sanctuary, August 9.

Marilyn Bowen and Joseph Stracuzzi, in the Sanctuary, August 9.

Adelia Lather and Nelson Ockerbloom, in the Sanctuary, August 23.

Deaths

Mrs. Ruth Tebbutt, July 12.

J. Scott Nichols, August 3.

John Cook, August 10.

Our known sick

Mrs. Velma Cassin, Albany.

Mrs. Caroline Decker, Albany.

Mrs. Sherman Fuller, Memorial.

Miss Elizabeth Fulton, St. Peter's.

Louis Hauf, Memorial.

Miss Ruth Relyea, Albany.

Albert VanAlstyne, Albany.

25TH ANNIVERSARY

Reservations for the **Anniversary Dinner**, September 26, are rapidly being made, and it looks like a sellout long before the date. You are being warned now to make your reservations early at the church office, accompanied by the dinner fee, \$1.50 for adults, \$3.50 for families with children under 12.

Old Timers' Night, September 24, is primarily for members of 25 years or more, but no one will be excluded. Particularly if you wish to accompany some member of your family who is an "old timer," or if you would like to represent some member who is unable to come, then by all means plan to attend.

This is to be just a social evening, but because refreshments will be served, reservations should be made to help with the planning.

Exhibits of old documents, photographs, programs, and other interesting items, are being planned by the Publicity Committee. If you have anything of this nature to loan, contact Charles Shaver, 972 Broadway, Watervliet, or leave at the church office marked "Exhibit." All materials will be returned to the owners if identified with your name.

OGDEN CLASS

For the next three Sundays Dr. Wesley Childers will speak to the Ogden Class on the topic, "Human Forces Behind the Christians' World Mission." On September 14 the emphasis will be on the New Testament account of the early Christian movement; on the 21st, "Christianity in Europe"; on the 28th, "Christianity in Africa and the Far East".

COUPLES' CLASS

A four-week study of "Testament of Faith," by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam will begin this Sunday, under the leadership of Mrs. Ralph Tibbetts.

SUNDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIPS

The Senior High Fellowship will meet at 4:00 p. m. at the church to go by bus to the Shanholtzer Farm for a picnic.

W. S. C. S.

The first monthly meeting of the WSCS will be on Wednesday, September 17, at 11:30 a. m. in the Church Parlor. Mrs. Harold Griffis will give a report of the Poultney Summer School.

Following the business meeting, Group G will be in charge of the day's program, and the theme will be "Christ's Message for Today." Mrs. Nicholas Doyle will act as chairman of the program and devotions, with the assistance of Mrs. Howard Dasch, Mrs. Lester Coughtry, Mrs. Agnes Tull, and Mrs. Edward Goetz. Mrs. Edward Billion will be in charge of special music.

The 1:00 p.m. luncheon will be served by Group C, with Mrs. James Varker, leader. Mrs. C. Thomas Olivo, a delegate to the Fifth Assembly of the WSCS in St. Louis this year, will be the afternoon speaker. Her topic will be, "Impressions of the Fifth Assembly."

Nursery care will be provided. All children should bring a sandwich. Milk and cookies will be served.

HAPPY HOUR CLUB

The Happy Hour Club, an organization for those rich in years and with time free, will begin the church year with a membership rally on Monday, September 15, in the church parlor at noon.

Men as well as women are welcome. Bring a sandwich. Coffee and tea will be served.

After a short business meeting, Mrs. C. Edward Billion will present music and games will follow.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

The first meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild will be held Wednesday, September 17. Mrs. Stanley Smith, with her committee of Mrs. Peter R. Manwiller, Mrs. Elmeda Bankman and Mrs. Lester Coughtry, will serve supper at 6:15 p.m.

Mrs. Betty Reed, program chairman, will present representatives who attended conferences at St. Louis and Poultney to give "Highlights" of the same.

The newly-elected officers are President, Nina Schofield; Vice President, Betty Reed; Recording-Secretary, Rosa Heineman; Promotion Secretary, Harriet Colley and Treasurer, Ethel Krause.

WOMEN: SOMETHING DIFFERENT!

Save your Tuesday mornings, 9:30 to 11:00, October 7, 14, 21, and 28.

Your W.S.C.S. Program Committee has planned a study of "Isaiah" in accordance with your voted choice of study courses for 1958-'59. The teachers are of the very highest caliber to be found anywhere. Watch for their names in next week's announcement. You will be thrilled! Plan now to bring your friends and attend these four fascinating sessions.

Jurisdictional credit will be available for those fulfilling the requirements. You will be free at 11:00 to return home in time for your children's lunches, or you will be close for a luncheon and afternoon downtown.