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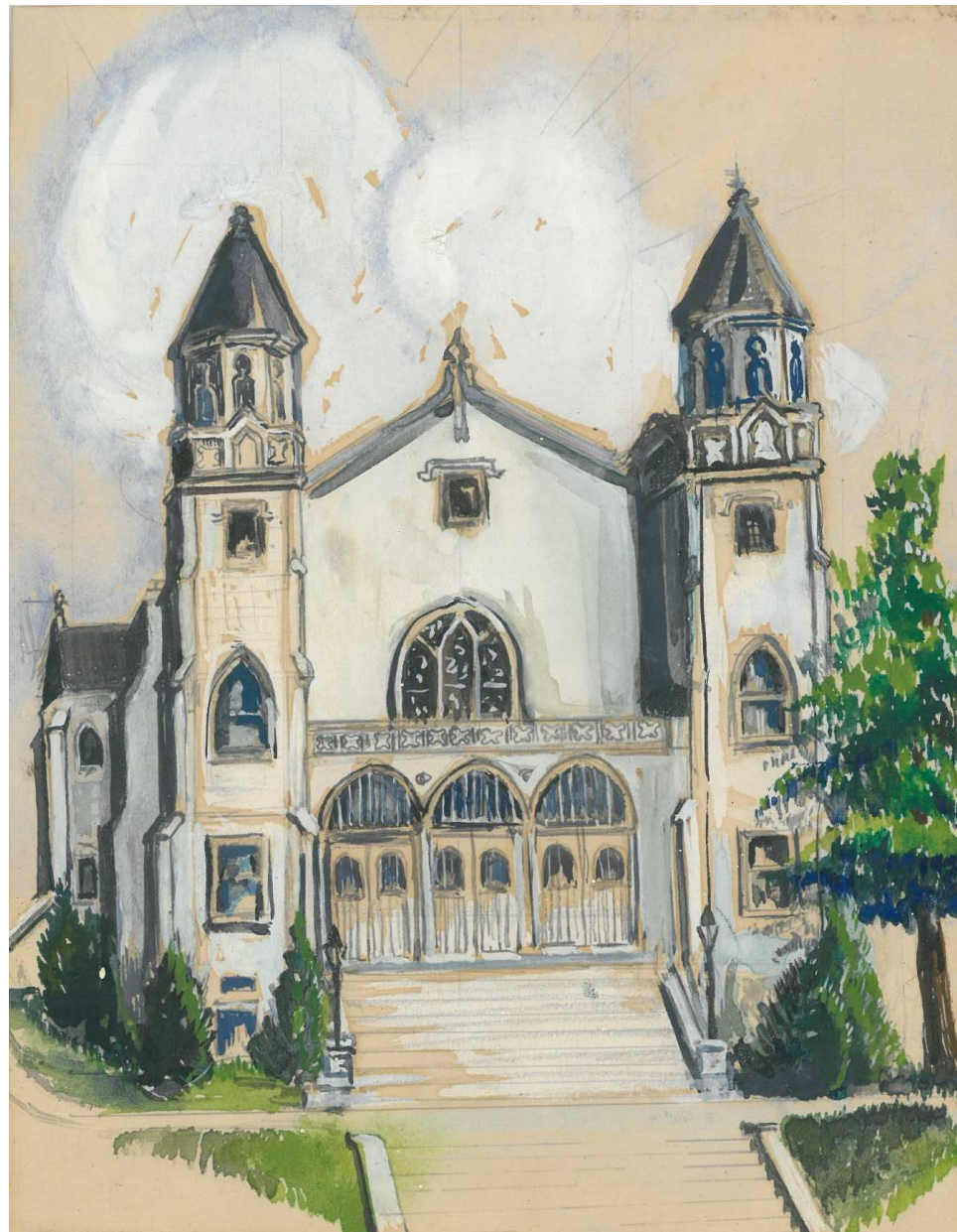
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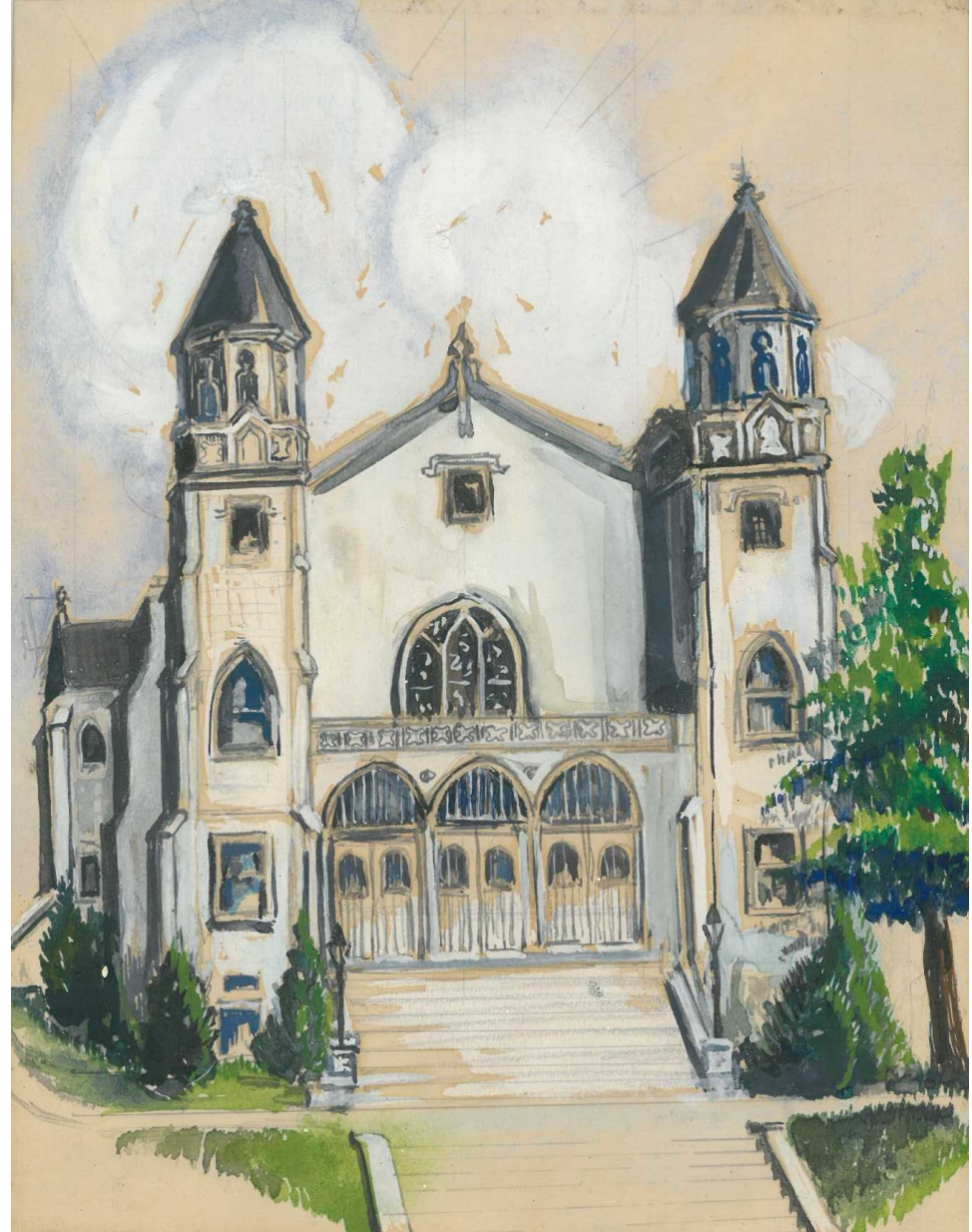
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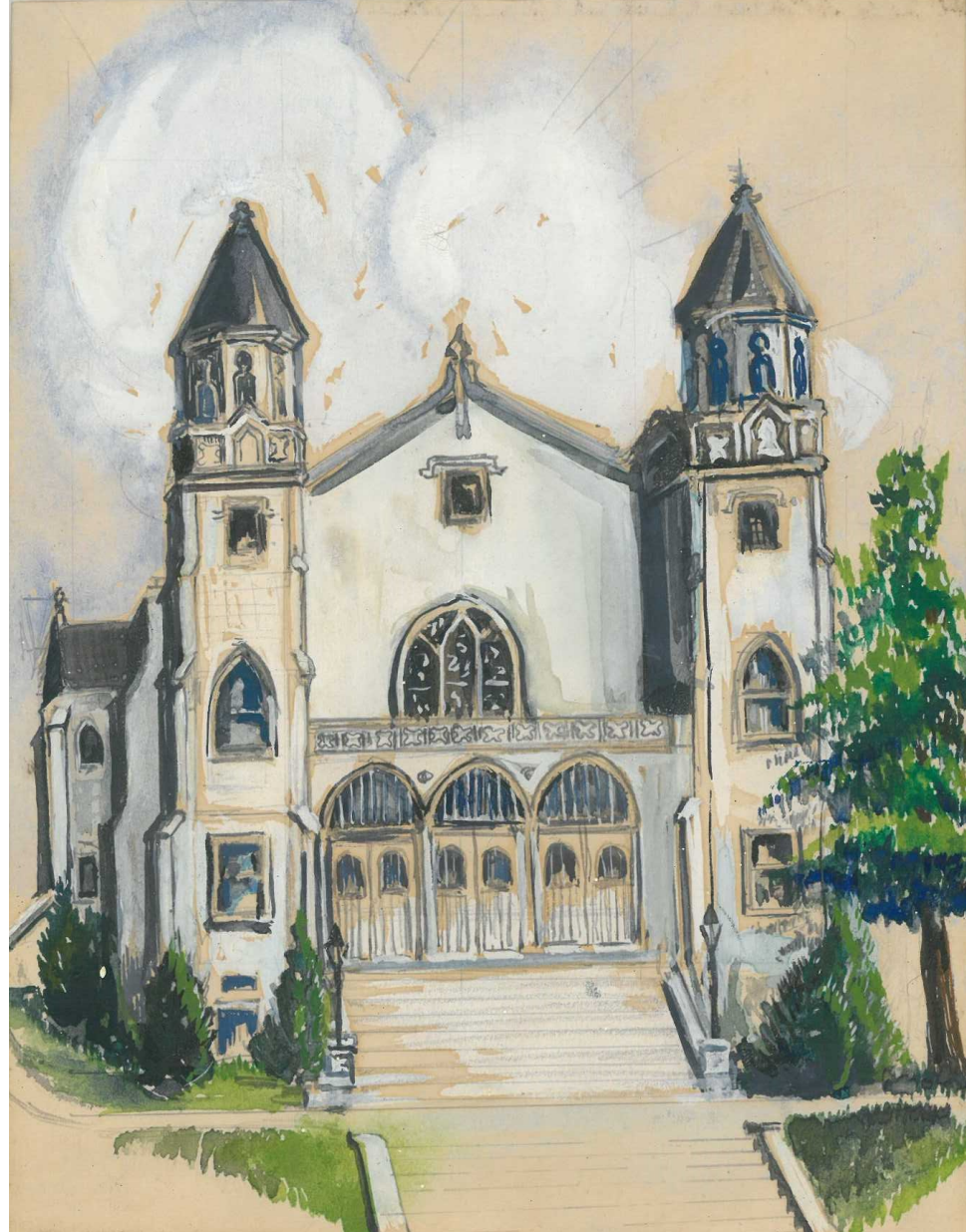
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To Be Young...

It occurred to me the other day that I am no longer young. Well, I'm no longer as young as I'd like to think I am, at least. My 'bonus' teenager, Gracie, has started using fun terms that I no longer understand. The catchy phrase of the month is just that, and, since I only see my 'bonus' children two weekends a month, just about every time I see them, they're speaking a brand new language.

With some luck, we like all of the same music. Josh and I have both been able to appreciate our parent's season of music. I am a huge fan of the Beatles and James Taylor. We've also been able to find an appreciation for much of the music we grew up with. We like a lot of what's out today as well. So, in some ways, I can speak Gracie's language.

However, she never ceases to remind me that, to her, I am old (at 33 years of age), and yet....and yet, we can be together. We speak much of the same language, though not all. We like many of the same things and often have an appreciation for most things we each hold to be of importance or of value in life.

A few weeks ago I was asked, by the youth, to be the Safe Sanctuaries required 'second adult' at the Trinity Youth Christmas party. The party was held on a Wednesday night (because that's when the youth meet) in their space upstairs. They'd elected to each bring a dish (because they, too, like potlucks), hang out, exchange white elephant gifts, and watch the movie Elf. Hey! I love to eat! I also love to hang out. I really like white elephant gifts (and scored a really cool Harry Potter present). And, I could watch Elf all year long! Hey.....I'm 33-years-old.....I'm not a teenager.....but, we have so much in common.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for the family and friends of those killed or injured in school or workplace shootings; for people of faith around the world who are experiencing persecution; for refugees seeking asylum from war and social unrest; for safe drinking water for those living in developing countries; prayers for our country, that truth and justice will prevail; for people around the world experiencing terrorist attacks; safety for children going to and from school and while at school; for the poor, homeless, and disenfranchised in our city; for the Dreamers, who seek to remain in the United States legally; for government employees during the current shutdown.

The United Methodist Church - for our Pastor, Rev. Sara Corum, her husband Josh McClurkan, and their five children; for our Bishop, the Rev. Bill McAlilly; and for our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Smith.

Trinity UMC - For homebound members in the congregation. For children and youth ministries. For new visitors to this congregation. For all families who are grieving. For our congregation as we face transitions. Wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council.

Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

Joan Smith's granddaughter **Sean's** vision

Mary McConnell's niece **Laura Fellin**, cancer—pray for her family.

Mac McConnell's sister, **Peggy Sanderson**, cancer

Phil Phillips continues to battle leukemia at home.

Kathryn "Gigi" Ellis, now back at home; wisdom on part of her caregivers.

Maggie Comes' niece, Katie Pendleton, showing improvement

(Katie's parents are Paul and Mary Yager.)

Rosemary Potter's niece, Taylor Wood, continues to recover from her accident.

Sam Cook, a paraplegic shooting victim, is regaining sensation in his legs.

Nancy Maddox's sister, Patricia Bladon, is at the Med following a fall.

Chris Glover's sister, Carol, in crisis from heart surgery.

(Please contact the church office with any changes or additions to prayer list, or if a concern needs to be deleted.)

Upcoming EVENTS

Youth Group Mid-Week Meeting

The youth will gather at Elemento Neapolitan Pizza on Wednesday, January 9th between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Fellowship Breakfast will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 13th, in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW Unit Meeting

The UMW Unit meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 15th, in the Fellowship Hall.

TUMC Living Estate Sale & Bake Sale

Friday, January 18th, bakers should bring baked goods to the church kitchen between 9 a.m. & 3 p.m., or from 5-7 p.m. The bake sale and sale of sanctuary building contents will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. January 19th. (See article on page 4.)

Manna on Monday

Servers needed on January 21st at Highland Heights UMC between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Clean-up workers needed from 12:30—1:30 p.m.

UMW Evening Circle Meeting

The Evening Circle of the UMW will gather at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 28th, in the Fellowship Hall.

Holy Communion

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel.

Room in the Inn

Trinity UMC will host our unsheltered neighbors each Tuesday evening through the end of March. (See article on page 9.)

Binghampton Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Fridays at 258 Merton, 8:00-11:00 a.m., fresh produce is distributed.

Covenant Discipleship

The Wednesday evening Covenant Discipleship group continues to gather at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next Trinotes is January 21. Please email or deliver any articles to Debby Marston at office@trinityumcmemphis.org. Trinotes is now available as an electronic file. Make a note on your Sunday attendance sheet or call Debby at 901-274-6895 if you prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail. Access it on our website at: www.trinityumcmemphis.org.

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We have this budding group of young people, about half of which come to worship on Sunday's. They come from all over and have an eclectic background. Their fearless leader is one of the newest 'members' of our congregation. Thanks be to God for sending us Brad. They are smart and funny. They have deeply theological discussions and shoot the breeze about life. They share their experiences with one-another and they want to be at Trinity.

Sunday I said something in my sermon that has sort of stuck with me. Maybe you caught it too. There's a stark difference between knowing about someone and knowing someone.

Do you know our youth? There's only one young person who's been at Trinity his entire life. Do you know him or the rest of them? Sit down with them sometime and get to know them. Reach across the aisle and learn their stories. Crash their table on a Sunday and tell them YOUR story. Believe it or not, they want to know you.

Wouldn't it be cool if you were asked to be the token Safe Sanctuaries required 'second adult' next year?

Many Blessings,
Rev. Sara

What we believe about baptism

In January, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. We invite you to take a short quiz about what United Methodists believe about baptism. Go to the Trinity UMC website:

www.trinityumcmemphis.org and click on the "About" tab.

Scroll down to the bottom of the page.

Click on the "Take a Quiz" button. We hope you find it both fun and informative.



TUMC Living Estate Sale

In preparation for the sale of the sanctuary building, we are beginning to tag furnishings in that building that we will need in the Worship Center (formerly known as the Education Building), once space currently in use by Midtown Montessori is available at the end of July. The majority of items to be kept will be put in storage, as space is very limited. If you have donated furnishings (sofas, chairs, lamps, tables, artwork, etc.) that you would like to retrieve and take home, please contact Jinx Winn through the church office by Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Any items not claimed and not tagged for later use/storage will be sold at our sale to be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019. Hours for the sale are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

A bake sale will be held in conjunction with the “Living Estate Sale” and will offer all the usual delicious baked goods for which Trinity is famous. Baked goods may be brought to the church kitchen on Friday, January 18, during regular office hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) or between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m., where Kay Jordan will be present to receive them. All proceeds from the sale will go to support Trinity’s ministries.



Thank you for holiday blessings

By Lois M. Young

I want to thank so many of you for your generosity to our Room in the Inn ministry during the holidays. We had several great sessions with our guests, especially Christmas day. Many people came out to cook and help with the Christmas dinner. When you do a potluck-type meal, you never know how much food you will get. We had much more than enough for our guests and the volunteers who were on hand to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

When Jeri Ashley decided to organize the Christmas meal, she was not sure if enough people would bring the needed food and help with serving. The amazing variety of food we received included ham, cornbread dressing, deviled eggs, pasta salad, succotash, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, mashed potatoes, squash casserole, spanakopita, rolls and at least five different kinds of desserts. Thanks to all our dinner providers: Jeri Ashley, Doris Porter, Joan Foley, Melba Abraham, Jinx Winn, Alyson and Caley Foreman, Sally Ramsey, Jeff Corbett, and Jan Young.

We also had some other happy Christmas surprises. Kim Guleff, who hosts at least one RITI meal each year, collected donations and purchased some of our most requested items for each of our Christmas guests – backpacks, flashlights, combs, Kleenex packs, \$10 McDonald’s gift certificates, gloves and a bag of other snacks. The Crespo Family – Sam, Pepo and Nina – donated \$15 Walgreens gift cards for each guest. Our Clothes Closet Crew purchased bus passes for every guest and our Trinity RITI program also supplied two bus passes for each guest. Our 13 gentlemen guests were so happy and thankful for these special gifts. Joan Smith also donated eight goodie bags for women guests, but we did not have any women that evening. I’m hoping we can use these items in the future.

Your ongoing donations help make our RITI sessions possible. I receive a list of needed items from the Clothes Closet crew every week. Some of the items include men’s boxer shorts, T-shirts, travel-sized antiperspirant and Gold Bond powder, toboggan hats, gloves, rain ponchos, and more. I’m able to buy those items because of your donations.

Other items currently needed in the Clothes Closet include men’s coats and jeans. Many thanks to all of you who give to this ministry through your funds, volunteer hours and prayers. Our unsheltered guests appreciate everything you do for them.

WHOSE BUILDING IS THIS?



When Holy Communion is served at Trinity UMC, and other United Methodist churches, the pastor says something like this: "This is not the table of Trinity UMC. This is not the table of the United Methodist Church. This is Christ's table, and all who would come are welcome." I'm thinking of how that statement applies not just to the communion table but to all of our

building. To be sure, our building was constructed by Trinity members of the past. But they acknowledged, as do we, that everything we have comes as a gift from God. So the resulting structure isn't ours; it belongs to God. When we share the use of this building with the Scouts, Narcotics Anonymous, Bluff City Church, Room in the Inn, the Evergreen Neighborhood Association, Midtown Montessori School, or any other community group, we are being faithful stewards of this resource. Long may we share!

Kay Jordan
Lay Leader

Honorariums & Memorials

Memorials have been received:

*In memory of **Jack & Bess McNeill** from Jack Tallent*

*In memory of **Bill & Helen Hicks** from Jack Tallent*

*In memory of **Frank & Bessie Tallent** from Jack Tallent*

*In memory of **Evelyn Hendren** from the Rainbow Class of First UMC, Arlington, Texas*

Honorariums have been received:

*In honor of **Mike & Rosemary Potter** from Connie Potter*

*In honor of **Margaret Spain** from Mike & Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Connie Potter** from Mike & Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Rosemary Potter** from Myra Finch*

*In honor of **Rosemary & Mike Potter**
from Charlotte & Sam Cantor*

*In honor of **Rosemary Potter** from Charles Wood*

*In honor of **Edna Hoffman** from
Judi Hoffman & Matthew Dennis*

Please Feed the Pastor's Program Fund!

Believe it or not, the Grocery Voucher Fund is very healthy right now! Feeding people is really important, but sometimes folks need assistance with rent or utility bills. The Pastor's Program Fund is set up in order to have a discretionary fund that contributes to such needs. If you had intended to give to the grocery voucher fund, please, for now, redirect that money to "Pastor's Program."



*January
birthdays
revisited!*

January 1	John Curry
January 2	Poppy Belue
January 3	Kay Jordan
January 5	Eleanor Brooks
January 5	Roscoe Dodson
January 6	Tom Wilson
January 7	Jan Young
January 9	James Keller
January 10	Joan Foley
January 12	Doris Porter
January 15	Jeff Corbett
January 17	Sarah Humbert
January 18	Philip Brooks
January 25	Irene Dycus
January 25	Lila Ruth Dycus
January 15	Jeff Corbett
January 29	Caley Foreman
January 30	Carol Miller

(If your name or that of a loved one has been omitted from this birthday list, please contact the church office at 901-274-6895.)

New Year, New Staff

Trinity family, we want to extend a warm welcome to Evan James, Trinity's newest staff member. Evan has been hired to be the point staff person for our nursery. Her responsibility is to offer the best care available to our youngest members and visitors, and the Staff Parish Relations Committee and Sue Taylor, our nursery coordinator, along with Rev. Sara, are fully confident that she will do just that.



The nursery is an important ministry for Trinity as it makes available a worship experience for parents of nursery-aged children. Please remember, as you invite friends and family to worship, that the nursery is something that we offer every single Sunday. Our nursery staff and volunteers are Safe Sanctuary trained and background checked. We also think they are the best at offering a fun, nurturing, faith-based experience for our tiny ones.

Please take a moment, when you can, to meet Evan and welcome her into our fold. And just so you know her a little better...

"My name is Evan James. I am a freshman at the University of Memphis and I plan to go to nursing school to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. I was born in Martin, Tennessee but have lived in Midtown Memphis my whole life. I love it here. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, traveling, and reading good books. I also enjoy sushi, bagels, and Ben and Jerry's Chocolate Fudge Brownie ice cream."

Welcome, Evan!
We are very thankful for you.



Congregational Care Team

Are you looking for a new way, in this new year, to be in ministry at Trinity? Have you heard of Trinity's Congregational Care Team?

The Congregational Care Team works to visit our homebound members, but that's not all they do. They also work to address immediate needs of any of our church members who are going through a time where extra care is appreciated.

The Congregational Care Team would love for you to join them to visit our homebound members, though. We have a faithful group of about eight folks who, as often as they are able, schedule visits with our members who can no longer make it to worship. This is a wonderful ministry of presence and care. This team is careful to consider staying within the bounds of our Safe Sanctuary policy, which also works of protect our members who are considered 'vulnerable adults,' and so we go two-by-two to visit.

The team meets the first Tuesday of the month at noon to discuss how our visits are going and engage in a study around the theme of congregational care. Being a part of this group does not require making the monthly mid-day meeting.

Are you feeling called to care for some of our saints? Please let the church office know and we'll find you a very welcomed spot.

