



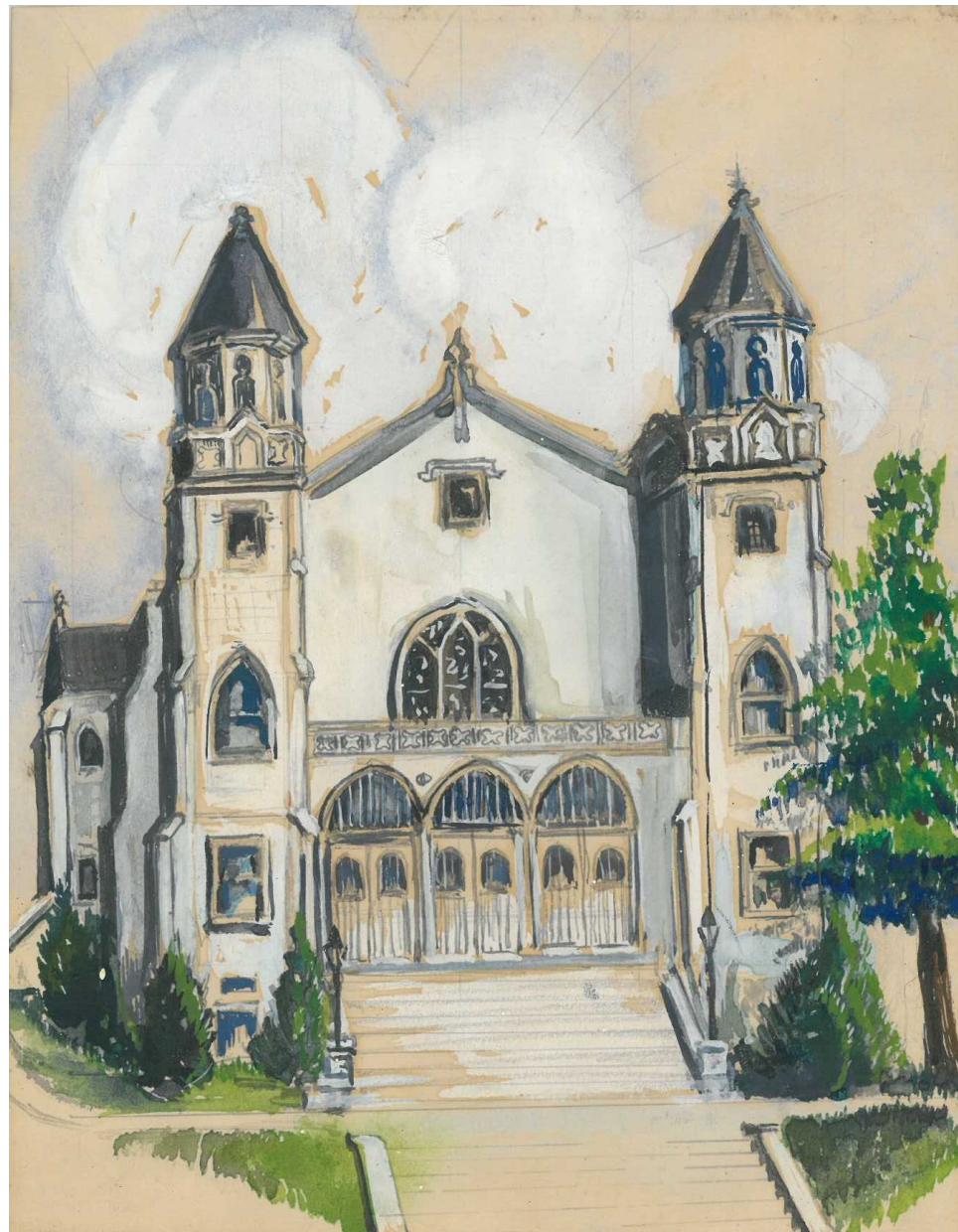
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Read it.....ALL

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. — Col. 3:23-24

I have a pretty amazing collection of books. For a 32-year-old clergy person, I feel like my theological library is pretty extensive. In fact, any time you want to borrow *The New Jim Crow* or

John Wesley's Sermons: An Anthology, just grab it off my shelf and leave me a post-it so I know who has it. Goodness knows, I'm never going to finish them.

Yes, I have an extensive collection of books I've started and not finished. It's a fact about myself of which I am not a fan. I'd love to actually get through a book before some required continuing education piece filters down through the Residency program I'm a part of, or through the District. I do love to read. I just can't seem to find the time and space to finish anything right now.

On that note, this week's edition of the *Trinotes* is lengthy and weighted — from an introduction of our newest member (and she's FABULOUS), to how you might volunteer for some ministries that make actual and tangible differences in our world. There is a lot of information before you ever get to the calendar (you know you skip to the calendar) or the birthdays and prayer concerns. I want to challenge you, this week, to hold your *Trinotes* in your hands, pray over it, and then read it from front to back. Then, rinse and repeat (you can skip my part — it won't hurt my feelings). Pray over the work that's gone into this news. Pray over the work we hope to accomplish that's published in its pages. Pray about where God is leading you to respond as there are many, many ministry needs in these letters.

We are being commissioned in this season to remember our membership vows. If you attended worship last Sunday, many of us actually took those vows again. They are to uphold this congregation of the United Methodist Church (Trinity) with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. There's a chance to do that in these pages. Will you respond?

Because of Grace,
Rev. Sara

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for the people of Puerto Rico; 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.

The United Methodist Church - for our Pastor, Rev. Sara Tate and her sons, Cooper and Aiden; 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 families who are grieving. For our congregation as we face transitions. Wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council facing difficult decisions.

Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

Joan Smith—granddaughter Sean's vision; Amanda England, inoperable brain tumor; Ira Holborn's family as they grieve his loss

Jeanne Napoli, who has persistent, severe back pain

Charlotte Comes—Ramona McWilliams now in hospice care

Melba Abraham—Charles' knee surgery scheduled for October 23rd

Whendy Merryman, successful back surgery: recovering at home

Rosemary Potter—Margaret Spain, outpatient surgery on arm

Jeri Ashley—Gwen Stuart very ill at home

Alyson Foreman—aunt, Peggy Duane, in last stages of cancer; cousin, Zack Cook, Army Corps of Engineers & all working to assist victims of recent disasters

Mary McConnell—niece Laura Fellin, cancer, her husband Marco & two sons

Debby Marston—Houston Brown, severe concussion, in rehab in Atlanta

(Please submit your prayer requests to Debby Marston at 901-274-6895 (voicemail available) or email to office@trinityumcmemphis.org.)

Upcoming

EVENTS

Sunday, October 22nd Worship

11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Classroom in the Sanctuary Building. No Sunday School classes that day! (This is a temporary move due to the presence of the Mobile Guatemalan Consulate on the 22nd.)

Daytime UMW Meeting

Tuesday, October 17th at 10:30. Bring "A Can! A Box! Or a Dollar!"

Evening UMW Meetings

The third Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.—a potluck meal will be shared. (October 16th is the next meeting.)

Church Council Meeting

Sunday, October 22nd in the Fellowship Hall.

Covenant Discipleship

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the Conference Room.

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Narcotics Anonymous now meets at Trinity UMC five evenings a week: Wednesday through Sunday.

Scouts

Cub Scout pack meetings are held Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Boy Scouts meet Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next Trinotes is October 23, 2017. Please email or deliver any articles to our administrative officer, Debby Marston, at: office@trinityumcmemphis.org. Trinotes is now available as an electronic file. Call Debby at 901-274-6895 if you prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail. You may also access it on our website at www.trinityumcmemphis.org.

Our Newest Member

If you missed worship Sunday, October 8th, you may not have had a chance to welcome Trinity's newest member, Britney Barthol. Britney is a senior at Rhodes College, majoring in History, with a double minor in Chinese and Asian Studies. Britney is a native of Memphis and attended Cordova High School. She is currently the Vice President of the Rhodes College Crew team. After graduation Britney plans to spend a year serving as an English instructor in South Korea before returning to the U.S. to pursue a doctorate degree in History/Education.



If you didn't get a chance to meet Britney, please take the time to do so. We are very blessed to have her excitement and energy and new-found passion for the United Methodist Church. Welcome home, Britney!

Guatemalan Mobile Consulate

Help out your neighbors during this Fall's visit by the Guatemalan Mobile Consulate. Trinity United Methodist Church and Iglesia Metodista Unida "El Redentor" are hosting the consulate for a two-day visit to the Memphis area on October 21st (8:00 am - 5:00 pm) and October 22nd (8:00 am - 2:00 pm). The consulate is assisting Guatemalans and other Hispanic persons with forms and other documentation that will ensure these persons have up-to-date passports, official government identification cards, marriage licenses, birth certificates, special visas, and access to Guatemalan bank accounts.

Trinity has been gifted an amazing opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ in a tangible way as, once again, and in partnership with other area United Methodists, we prepare to host 900+ immigrants. If you are able and available, volunteers will be needed in multiple areas that weekend. You can sign up here: <http://tinyurl.com/Volunteer4Consulate>, or just show up. There is a place for you and you are very much needed to bring this event to fruition.

"The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. —Leviticus 19:34



October Room in the Inn Events

Room in the Inn Sunday October 22

Room in the Inn Sunday, October 22, is an opportunity for Trinity members to raise funds for the city-wide Room in the Inn-Memphis program. Our Room in the Inn ministry at Trinity is very successful at bringing members and neighbors together to provide holy hospitality to our unsheltered guests, but it would not be possible without the dedication of Room in the Inn-Memphis Director Lisa Anderson and the city-wide program. Room in the Inn-Memphis screens our guests and provides a safe place downtown for them to be picked up and dropped off—The Carpenter’s House. This ministry now includes more than 40 congregations. As a member of the RITI board, I can assure you that there are many costs that go into administering this program—insurance, utilities, repairs, maintenance, office and promotion materials, and small staff salaries. In addition, the city-wide ministry sometimes pays for emergency hotel rooms and emergency supplies for homeless families on cold nights when there are not enough spaces at congregation sites. Please consider giving generously to this incredible program. If you are writing a check, make it out to “Trinity UMC” and put “RITI-Memphis” on the memo line. Thanks.

RITI Trinity Volunteer Training October 24

A volunteer training session for Room in the Inn at Trinity will be held Tuesday, October 24, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Volunteer training is not mandatory but it is helpful, especially for new volunteers. If you want to learn more about Room in the Inn and possibly take part as a volunteer this fall, please consider attending this session. To sign up, please email or call Lois Young, coordinator (loislane.young@comcast.net, 870-559-2228).

RITI Trinity Clean-Up Day October 29

The Room in the Inn season at Trinity begins Tuesday, November 7, and sessions will be held every Tuesday until March 27. We need volunteers to help prepare the education building for our unsheltered guests.

A Clean-Up Day will be held Sunday, October 29, from 1–2:30 p.m. We like our rooms to be super clean before we start opening our doors to those experiencing homelessness. Please come out and help us clean. The more volunteers we have, the faster the cleaning will go.

If you have questions or you are interested in helping during the Room in the Inn season, email or call me, loislane.young@comcast.net, 870-559-2228.

Memorials

Memorials have been received:

In memory of Virginia Blanton from Jane Collins
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Bart & Patty Clark
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Marion Peaks
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Edna Hoffman
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Carolyn & Mark Wakefield
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Ronnie & Marilyn Massey
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Jonathan Bratt Carle
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Carol M. Rife
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Barbara & Mike Daush
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Kent & Pamela Harris
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Sandra Lumsden
In memory of Virginia Blanton from an anonymous donor
In memory of Alex Maddox from an anonymous donor
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Tom Wilson
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Oliver & Scottye Harris
In memory of Virginia Blanton from Catherine Hames

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (CONT'D)

BIRTHDAYS LISTED IN THE LAST TRINOTES OMITTED
THE FOLLOWING:

OCTOBER 1	DAVIS HOPPER
OCTOBER 3	MARIE PARK
OCTOBER 8	NORA FINLEY DYCUS
OCTOBER 17	MARTHA PARK
OCTOBER 20	BRIANNA WILLIAMS
OCTOBER 23	AMBER STUART
OCTOBER 31	LINDA STOLTZ



Daytime UMW Circle

The Daytime UMW will meet on Tuesday, October 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are making Thanksgiving baskets for Neighborhood Centers—bring money! Pay up your pledge if you haven't already. Bring a sandwich. Mary McConnell is providing dessert. Sara Jane Goodman will have the program. Remember: bring "A Can! A Box! Or a Dollar!"

Evening UMW Circle

The Evening Circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, October 16th. We are studying the Holy Spirit and how it works in our lives. Alyson Foreman will present the lesson on Chapter 2 in our book. Be sure to bring a dish to share, and a can, a box, or a dollar for the UMNC. We would love to have visitors.

Benevolence Giving & World Communion

Thank you for your generosity in donating to the grocery voucher fund so we can continue to help those who lack the basic needs for life. Since our last Trinotes, we have handed out eight vouchers at \$25 each. Because of the great demand for food vouchers, and in order to be good stewards of the resources available to us, we now distribute vouchers on the first and third Wednesday of each month. An applicant can call the office to request a voucher. His/her name is put on a list for the next Wednesday on which vouchers are distributed, and on that day applicants come to the education building, picture ID in hand, to pick up their vouchers. Because we have to limit the numbers distributed, we have to turn some people away. Priority is given to families with children. Ten vouchers are promised for October 18th.



The communion fund is discretionary, and Rev. Sara has designated that the October 1st communion offering be disbursed to Ethnic Scholarships and Ethnic In-Service training in honor of World Communion Sunday.

The need for assistance in acquiring the essentials of life is ongoing among the poor in our community. We hope that you will continue your contributions to our grocery voucher fund so we can, in a small way, meet the needs of "the least of these."



Charge Conference 2017

On October 8th in the afternoon at St. John's United Methodist Church in Midtown, our church cluster gathered for this year's Charge Conference. The committees of Trinity UMC met faithfully for the month prior to make sure our "business at home" was in order for the coming calendar year. You met. You deliberated. You set a preliminary budget. You carefully considered how you might serve in the coming year(s). You made plans, discussed hopes, and reviewed your vision and mission statements. You did the hard work of the church and THEN you gathered as proud and grateful Trinitarians to worship and approve the Charge Conference minutes.

The Rev. Johnny Jeffords presided over worship. Music was provided by St. John's choir and was moving, touching, and timely. The Rev. Dr. Deborah Smith, our District Superintendent, offered us a message about getting outside the walls of our respective churches and making love a verb – to actively and actually love our neighbors in tangible ways. This is also timely for us as a Church. We were invited to have discussions with neighboring congregations about where we see places in our communities that hurt the heart of Christ – places where we might actively show love. We prayed. We prayed for one another, for the cluster clergy members, and for the work of the laity. We prayed for the work of our District Superintendent and for the work of the Church.

TWENTY-TWO Trinitarians were present for Charge Conference. Your pastor is humbled and proud and knows that this only speaks to how faithful you are as a congregation, how supportive you are of the work of Trinity and the local United Methodist connection, and how passionate you are about the opportunities we have to be in ministry with one another. Thank you, church! I thank God for you.

Rev, Sara

REACHING OUT TO UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of the tasks listed below, please email Joni Laney at jonilaney@gmail.com or call [901-361-6629](tel:901-361-6629). She will need both your phone numbers and your email addresses in order to be able to contact you about this work. Her promise is that those will be used only when needed and will not be shared.

For most of these tasks, we will need to do a little training about what to expect and how to deal with ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement), but those will not be set up until early in the fall because we need lawyers to facilitate the trainings, and they are pretty busy! Joni will let you know when they offer dates and times for that training.

Please contact Joni if you have any questions, issues, etc. She is new at this work and can use all the help she can get!

For the folks interested in being allies for our Latino neighbors in Memphis here are a few of the options for involvement:

1. Accompany someone to get fingerprints for Immigration purposes.
 - You would have about two weeks advance notice.
 - You would take them to 7174 U.S. Highway 64, Suite 119, Bartlett to get fingerprinted and would wait while they do so.
 - It would take about 30 minutes and would be during the week 8am-4pm.
2. Accompany someone to get fingerprinted for a misdemeanor.
 - You would have advance notice of a couple of weeks.
 - You would take that person either to 201 Poplar or to 1930 Germantown Rd. for fingerprinting and would wait while they do so.
 - Often the citation tells the person when they need to get their fingerprints, either by giving them a window of time or by giving them a specific time.
 - It would probably take about an hour.

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3. You could provide transportation to an appointment with an attorney, medical professional, or counselor.
 - You would have advance notice of a couple of weeks.
 - You would drive that person to an appointment between 8 am and 5 pm, Mondays through Fridays (sometimes Saturdays).
 - You could wait or return.
4. Providing Sanctuary: You could offer your home for folks who are trying not to be deported.
 - ICE would not be able to enter your home without a warrant for their arrest.
 - This would be a last minute arrangement but would be indefinite until the person or persons felt safe to return to regular life.
 - You would need support from your community to help with groceries, transportation, child care, etc.
 - This is a last resort.
5. Making calls on behalf of our neighbors:
 - We need to find attorneys who will work with immigration for free or for a small fee.
 - We need to find medical services and counseling for folks.
 - We need to call our congressional representatives about immigration reform.
 - We need to advocate to the city for a municipal ID that doesn't target certain populations.

