

# Trinotes

**The Mission of Trinity United Methodist Church is to proclaim God's love by building community and living by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ.**



*For where two or three gather in my name,  
there am I with them.*  
--Matthew 18:20 (NIV)



Have you found small groups within the church (or elsewhere) that have helped you grow in faith and in service to God's people? I love being part of our whole congregation, praying, singing, and learning together. But many times, it has been in a smaller group that I have felt supported to go deeper, to face hurts and defeats without being defeated, to serve more faithfully.

My first small groups in church were Sunday School class and MYF. Later, in college, I boarded church buses to go to

Sunday worship at various large churches with grand sanctuaries and fine music, but it wasn't until I found the Wesley Foundation, a smaller group, that I began to question and then to grow. As Craig and I raised our children and then went into our "empty nest" time, I again found support in Sunday School classes, the choir (a special kind of small group), and Covenant Disciple groups. The pandemic forced some changes, but I have found myself able to participate in some groups online that I couldn't manage to get to when attendance was in person only (for example, the Evening Circle of the UMW).

In what small groups do you find support for your journey? Some groups don't have a formal name; they are "the ones who cook breakfast" or "the ones who work the Bake Sale." No matter our age, God isn't finished with us yet, and we need support to keep on going and growing. If you don't have a group, please call or text me at (901)299-2624, so that we can find one for you, perhaps even create a new one. Because **We envision a radically loving community where everyone belongs, everyone is supported, and no one is alone.**

Grace and peace,  
Kay Jordan

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

MEMORIALS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

IN MEMORY OF **DONNIE GLOVER** FROM  
CAREY & CAROL MILLER

IN MEMORY OF **MARGARET RUCKER** FROM  
CAREY & CAROL MILLER



## Don't Forget the Tiny Pantry!



We may not be using the building very much right now, but we still have unsheltered or needy neighbors who may come by to look for assistance feeding their families or just themselves. When you have groceries delivered or when you don your mask to brave the grocery store aisles, pick up some canned goods (preferably with pop-tops) that will fit in a backpack or duffel bag, something not requiring refrigeration, especially protein-rich foods such as tuna, peanut butter, or protein bars. Stock the Pantry!

## BINGHAMPTON FOOD PANTRY

**Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry** at Binghampton UMM, 258 N. Merton St., is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for distribution of fresh fruits and vegetables....people can come as often as they want for these.

Once a month, folks can request an emergency food bag (canned goods, peanut butter, cereal, rice, dried beans, soup, etc). Neither of these options require any proof of residency or need....you ask, you receive. Individuals and families who need an emergency food bag can call Michael Anderson at (901) 503-2748.

**Trinity members:** You can bring canned goods or other non-perishable items for BUMM's food pantry. A box for donated foodstuffs has been placed in the lobby in front of the reception desk. A donation in the form of a check written to Trinity UMC, with "Fishes & Loaves" on the memo line, will help keep the food pantry well stocked and will be very much appreciated. Hunger is an ongoing problem. Let's commit to feeding our neighbors in need!



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

## Really Really Free Market



The Really Really Free Market has blessed many in the past who could use a little help and has encouraged a giving spirit in those who have enough to share. Ceasar at The Village Community Center has been reaching out to past coordinators, and it appears that he has universal support. Plans are being made as to when the Free Market will start back up, and we encourage Trinitarians to start doing home inventories so as to be ready to share useful, beautiful, and really cool stuff with folks who can most benefit.

Tentative Saturdays for the Free Market are April 30, July 23, September 10, and December 10. The Market will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on those days. Watch Trinity's website for any changes in dates or times.



## Jesus in the Garden

This Sunday's lesson in the Children's Sunday School Class is "Jesus in the Garden," based on Matthew 26:36-46. This is the story of Jesus' visit to the garden of Gethsemane to pray before his arrest. Jesus is aware that his death is imminent, and his struggle to remain obedient to his Father is very real. When he goes to the garden to pray, he is sad and anxious, revealing his humanness. Jesus also desires human companionship,

bringing the same "inner circle" who witnessed his transfiguration, Peter, James, and John, as he goes further into the garden to pray. These same friends reveal their very human nature, too, as they fail to stay awake and pray with Jesus and as they eventually desert him and run away in fear.

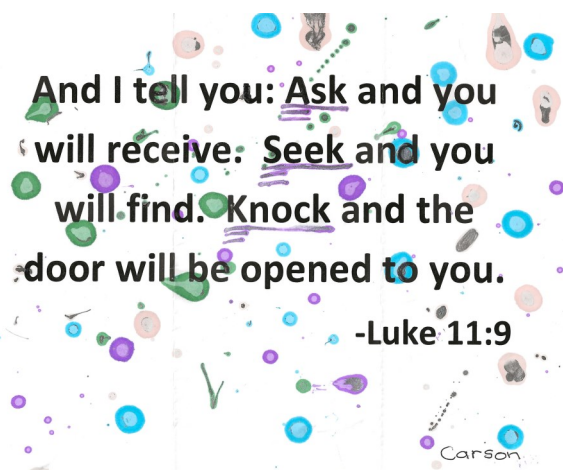
Our lessons each week have a video segment with a child host. The children who are hosts help us to approach these lessons from a child's point of view. This week's host, Abigail, reminds our children that Jesus was having a hard time because he was sad and nervous about what was to come. But Jesus had such a close relationship with God that he called him "Abba," which means "Daddy." And he was able to pray, "Yet not what I want, but what you want." As Abigail reminds us, knowing we can always go to God about anything really helps, and whatever we're feeling, God is with us.

The following week, we will begin a new unit of study. Our new FAITH WORD will be HOLY WEEK, "a time when we remember the life and death of Jesus, beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Holy Saturday." We will continue with the disciples' struggle with their own humanity, as we study about Peter, who is overwhelmed by fear and denies his association with Jesus three times. As the rooster crows, Peter remembers Jesus' prediction that he would deny him, and he weeps bitterly.

As we teach our children about Peter's denial of Jesus, we want them to know that this is not the end of the story for Peter – or for us. Yes, Peter messed up, just as we all mess up at some point. Samuel, our child host for this lesson, reminds our children that we can all learn from our mistakes so we can do better the next time. Bad moments don't make you a bad person. Indeed, the good news for all God's children, no matter how old we are, is that just as Peter was forgiven by Jesus and then given another chance, so are we.

Peace and love to all,  
*Irene and Alyson*

[Carson Witt's artistic interpretation of the Children's Sunday School Class's current Bible verse.]



## Ukraine: UMC Response

The following is an excerpt from a statement made recently by the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries regarding the crisis in Ukraine:

*“The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. We join many Christian leaders and organizations worldwide in deploring the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, and we ardently pray for a redirection of military action toward diplomatic measures to resolve grievances. United Methodists are people of peace.*

*The United Methodist Church has mission-founded congregations in both Ukraine and Russia, some from the pre-Soviet period and others dating from post-Soviet years. Both countries are geographically within the Eurasia Episcopal Area and relate to the United Methodist central conferences of Europe. Bishop Eduard Kbegay, the resident episcopal leader in Eurasia, is based in Moscow.”*

In this vein, we invite you to please read and learn from the following list of resources regarding the conflict and the UMC’s global response, as well as strongly encourage your prayers for and financial support to the people of Ukraine.

### HOW TO ASSIST THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

United Methodists and others wishing to provide humanitarian assistance to the Ukrainian people in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country may contribute to **Advance #982450, UMCOR International Disaster Response and Recovery**.

This fund will provide direct assistance to those in Ukraine as well as assistance to Ukrainians fleeing to neighboring countries. Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/982450>

By toll free telephone: 888-252-6174

By check with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” written on the memo line, either mailed and addressed to Global Ministries/UMCOR, GPO, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY, 10087-9068

A check written to Trinity UMC, with “Advance #982450-Ukraine” on the memo line will allow us to send a check to UMCOR with our combined contributions from Trinity’s congregation.

*(Ukraine: UMC Response, continued)*

**One hundred percent of all Advance contributions go to the designated cause.**

The independent charity watchdog, “Charity Watch,” gives UMCOR an “A+” ranking, and includes the UM organization on a highly selective list of charities it recommends when considering how to support the Ukrainian people.

The United Methodist community in Ukraine, though quite small, is actively engaged in assisting neighbors in need. Global Ministries is in touch with the church’s leadership as well as with church leaders in countries welcoming those who are fleeing from violence in Ukraine.

## A prayer for Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear.

We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine.

And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son.

Lord have mercy.

Amen.

## BiTS 'N PiECES

There's a lot going on at Trinity UMC these days. As I work in the church office today (Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>), there is a team from Living Word Christian Church moving some of their worship furnishings into the Worship Center. We look forward to welcoming this congregation in true Trinity style.

Spring Break is usually pretty quiet around here. The Montessori School closes down, so there are no children's voices and laughter to brighten the day. Last week's Spring Break, though, was different. Four workmen started the conversion of the worship space and lobby from cinder block to "plastered" walls. Sam Goff got the walls painted in time for this Sunday's worship, for both Living Word Christian Church and Trinity UMC, as well as for a memorial service where we will celebrate the life of our sister Jean Moss.

You will start to see some significant changes as the trustees work to convert the Worship Center to a more worshipful space. Here are some of the plans:

- New ceiling tiles will be installed.
- There will be new lighting.
- Walls will be primed and painted.
- Wood wainscoting will be installed and stained.
- Doors will be re-framed.
- Wood baseboards will be added.
- Eventually, new doors will be installed.
- The replacement of windows is being considered.

You're invited to join Trinity in worship in person or via Facebook Live to see the changes for yourself as they evolve.



March 23 Amy Webster

March 31 Hadley Keller

*(Let us know of any errors or omissions on this birthday list.)*



April 10 Rita Allmon

April 22 Mark Hudson

April 24 Karen Willard

April 25 Rachel Adkins

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## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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RADICALLY LOVING COMMUNITY  
WHERE EVERYONE BELONGS,  
EVERYONE IS SUPPORTED,  
AND NO ONE IS ALONE.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Our country and the world** - for the people of Ukraine who are imperiled by the invasion of Russian troops, shelling of residential areas, and the terror being experienced by the civilian population; for all those in our country and around the world still impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and now the omicron and other variants for families, churches, and communities impacted by storms in West Tennessee and Kentucky, especially for those who lost loved ones in those violent storms; for Haiti in the aftermath of an earthquake and hurricane; 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; for people around the world experiencing terrorist attacks; for the poor, homeless, and disenfranchised in our city; for immigrants who are struggling due to lost jobs and lack of resources; for persons of color who are speaking out against racial profiling and injustice, and for families who have lost loved ones due to violence; for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris—pray for their wisdom.

**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. Autura Eason-Williams

**Trinity UMC** - for Rev. Sara as she nears the end of her month-long sabbatical; for members of the congregation homebound due to chronic illness or age; for new visitors joining us as we worship online and in person; for all families who are grieving; for our congregation as we deal with transitions. Wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council. Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

**Maggi Comes'** niece, **Katie Pendleton**, diagnosed with Tumefactive MS

**Bryce Sellers**, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

**Kanyon Glover**, now 3+ years old, can lift his left arm and giggles at his daddy when he gives him a high five.

**Donnie Glover**, Chris's brother, passed away recently. Please pray for his wife, **Sandra**, and all the rest of the Glover family as they grieve.

**Jacob Foreman**, son of **Caley & Alyson**, hip/leg/back and nerve damage issues, doing PT & showing some slow improvement

**Gene & Irene Opel**, for their continued enjoyment of their life together and for their general health

**David Harrison**, Carol Miller's brother, recovered from broken hip; dialysis going well

**Don Culpepper**, Carol Miller's brother-in-law, has lung cancer, but doing better.

Joan Smith's cousin/mom, **Gigi**, aka **Kathryn Ellis**, receiving in-home care

**Peggy Kinney**, Charlotte Comes' 95 year old cousin, now residing permanently in rehab center

**Val Coates**, serious heart condition; still in constant pain and undergoing testing to discover the cause; grieving the loss of her mother, sister, and father this year

**George Marston**, still undergoing dialysis; congestive heart failure; COPD; severe back pain has returned

The family of **Jean Moss**, who died peacefully on March 14th at age 91

For **Living Word Christian Church** and their pastor, Rev. **Kyle Dearen**, as they begin worshipping in our Worship Center March 27th

*(Please contact the church office if you have additional prayer concerns, need a concern removed, or need to make a change or correction.)*