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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.

Trinotes



Easter Eggs and Trunk-or-Treat

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. Hebrews 13:1-2

You may not know that I have a blog. I don't write as much as I'd like. Much of it is personal and more about raising kids than anything else. I often write about faith to share with you on Sunday. Every now and then that also includes words about my life because I'm a real person too and perhaps you connect, through your own "real person" experiences to that reality — at least, that's the hope — and in that we, together, find Christ in the realness that is life.

So, I have a blog. It's UMPastormom.com if you'd like to see it.

Last week, while I should've been finishing up my Maundy Thursday homily or putting the finishing touches on the Good Friday service OR (perhaps) writing for Easter morning, I sat down and wrote a blogpost about.....you. Well, it's about many of you — many of you amazing people who make amazing things happen. I didn't want to forget all that had just transpired, and I wanted to recall and process why I think it was all so important. So, for those of you who didn't know that I have a blog and perhaps didn't see this reflection, here you go....

Last Saturday the church had its annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and egg hunt. When I came here two years ago Trinity's tradition was to have an egg hunt and some egg-head (pun completely intended and I'm referencing myself, so it's ok) had the brilliant (insert sarcasm) idea of turning the egg hunt into an event that includes a community breakfast and a person (whoever I can rope into it) dressed up as Peter Cottontail. Brilliant, right? That took off and somewhere along the way crafts, and Easter tattoos (because every parent wants to scrub those off before Sunday morning worship), paper bunny ears, and painted

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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.

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:

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

Phil Phillips, undergoing transfusions; low blood count and very weak

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

Kanyan Glover, **Chris Glover's** great-nephew, waiting on heart transplant at Le Bonheur. **Donnie Glover**, ongoing chemo for leukemia; his wife **Sandra** has a broken vertebra; sister **Chris** also has broken vertebra from an auto accident.

Marico Mason, needs lung transplant; trying to get back on transplant list

Bryce Sellers, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Dick Faulk, **Charlotte Comes'** cousin, moving to nursing facility from rehab

Family and friends of **Chuck Comes**, who died of cancer March 26th

Allen Helms, **Sue Taylor's** brother-in-law, to have abdominal surgery

Dick Faulk, **Charlotte Comes'** cousin, now in Hearthside assisted living

Bryce Sellers, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Paige Warmath, **Alyson Foreman's** cousin, brain tumor removed, further treatment required; Paige's husband, **Brad**, recovering from serious illness

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

Scout Sunday

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will join us in worship on Sunday, April 28th for Scout Sunday.

Youth Group Mid-Week Meeting

The youth will gather at Today & Always on Wednesday, May 1st, between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. On May 8th, they will meet at Elemento Neapolitan Pizza at 6:00 p.m. (See page 6 for more.)

UMW Meetings

The UMW Day Circle Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7th, at 10:30 a.m., in the Worship Center. The Unit Meeting will take place on May 21st, same location, same time. The Evening Circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 27th, same location.

Manna on Monday

Servers needed on May 20th 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.

Holy Communion

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

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 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Guatemalan Consulate—Save the Dates!

The Consulate will be on site at TUMC on May 18-19 and September 21-22.

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next *Trinotes* is May 6th. 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:

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on noses and whiskers got added. The event snowballed into a huge undertaking quickly.

BUT the church has done, for two years now, what the church does. It makes big plans and then shows up -- rain or shine (literally) -- and in beautiful ways.

Last year this breakfast hosted about 200 people for a meal and our grounds were covered with small children racing for eggs. We ran out of bacon. We ran out of places for people to sit. We ran ourselves crazy and called it a "success," though we never unpacked what that statement means.

This year it rained. I watched the weather for WEEKS. I prayed that the forecast would clear. We'd planned better! WE WEREN'T GOING TO RUN OUT OF BACON! We'd scrambled to put-together one or 20 things that I wasn't prepared for because I'm not the big event organizer. It's not my gift. I'm the facilitator. Somehow this seems more right. But this year I was doing more than delegating and, y'all, I was stressed. And to top it off -- the rain. It rained (and rained, and rained). We hid eggs as best we could inside. About 115 folks showed up (which I completely celebrate). We had 20 pounds of bacon leftover. But guys, it was wonderful. I'll say why in a minute.

In the fall, we hosted our first Trunk-or-Treat. I told the congregation that if we could get 15 cars to commit, we'd have a Trunk-or-Treat and you know what? They committed. And more than that. Folks who I never dreamed would commit to decorating their trunk and sitting beside their car to pass out Halloween candy in the back parking lot of the church -- they showed up. I remember watching folks look around at each other in new and surprising ways. I watched them laugh over things we wouldn't have been able to experience otherwise. We probably served 150 kids that night too.

And I say "served" on purpose.....

Hiding eggs with candy stuffed in them. Easter tattoos. A big, creepy bunny costume. Passing out candy dressed as Harry Potter characters behind the church. None of this is scriptural. It's not changing the world. It's not fighting for social justice. It's not housing the homeless. It's not feeding hungry people. It's ok. I promise we do those things, too. We do. In fact, we do it a lot. We do it so much that the community knows we're the folks who hired a lawyer and got laws changed so that we could house homeless people overnight for Room in the Inn. Folks know to come here for

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'At last, a home'

In the three years (this will be our third graduation) we've offered our classes on the Trinity United Methodist Church campus, we've always felt welcomed. From our first weeks at TUMC as we set about our work of empowering re-entering citizens with the skills and assurance they need to productively embrace everyday life, we at Pathway to Dignity found church members helpful, available, and encouraging. At last, we told ourselves at the time: We'd found safe harbor.



But an April 6 meeting of the Community Connections Steering Committee changed that. Alongside people from the church and the community, I found fellowship with men and women who sought ways through meaningful, mutually beneficial partnerships to build neighborhoods in which they and their neighbors could live peaceable, productive lives—an aim that, in so many ways, mirrored the hope of Pathway for its students. And these good people want Pathway as a partner, I told myself.

Oh, joy! I thought. No longer were we just in a safe harbor, I told colleague David Hydrick as we left the meeting. We'd found a home.

We believe our students already are beginning to discern as much, too. In recent weeks, they've been more at ease, more focused, more prepared to learn. Talking with us and with one another, they've shown less hesitation and more sincerity. There appears more commitment to learning, discipline, and self-respect. On their own initiative, they're beginning to assume responsibility for building their next best selves. And with such budding, ready-to-learn students, we've been able to attract business and employment professionals to talk with them—exchanges which, thus far, have benefitted students and speakers alike.

Much work remains, of course. For these students and the ones who follow and for Pathway to Dignity in its efforts to aid them, the journey no doubt will prove a challenging one. Yet with such partners as Trinity United Methodist Church alongside, we believe the journey will prove a fruitful one, too. We LOVE and APPRECIATE your Inclusiveness! God Bless.

For more information on Pathway to Dignity, please go to www.pathwaytodignity.org.

Deloris Clayborne Executive Director Pathway to Dignity

Honorariums & Memorials

Memorials have been received:

*In memory of **Chuck Comes** from Mary Douglass*

*In memory of **Chuck Comes** from Eddie & Sally Ramsey*

*In memory of **Chuck Comes** from Jonathan & Jessica Bratt Carle*

*In memory of **Chuck Comes** from Paul & Mary Yager*

*In memory of **Chuck Comes** from John & Rita Allmon*

*In memory of **Chuck Comes** from Betty Lou Brooks*

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

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

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

*In memory of **Marie Park** from John & Rita Allmon*

*In memory of **Maynell Horton** from Betty Lou Brooks*

An Honorarium has been received:

*In honor of **Shirley Flint** from Charlie Hopkins*



REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE
**WORD, WATER
& WITNESS**
2019 MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Save the Date"

The 2019 Memphis Annual Conference will be held at Collierville United Methodist Church on June 2—4. You can go to the Conference website for details: <https://www.memphis-umc.net/>.



LAKESHORE
united methodist camp & retreat center

Lakeshore summer camps provide ways that our children and youth can experience life, love, and the God of Grace. If you are interested in providing this opportunity for your child(ren), please refer to the Lakeshore website (<http://www.lakeshorecamp.org>). You may contact Carol Miller at 901-647-1329 or the church office for more information. Partial scholarships may be available through the church. Also, please consider making a donation to the Lakeshore Summer Camp Fund. This fund helps to alleviate the financial burden for our families.

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a food voucher to address immediate needs for hunger. A few folks know that this is a safe place to run when/if you need to run somewhere after being released from prison. We have a footprint in this community for being welcoming to the LGBTQIA+ community (even if the denomination isn't fully behind that yet). So this is ok. This is more than ok.

At our egg hunt we made a 5% shift this year. We shifted toward knowing people's names by wearing our name tags, registering folks, and slapping name tags on them as well. We threw registration cards all over the place. We registered kids for VBS while they were here with their parents. We got out of the kitchen and sat at the tables and heard the stories of our neighbors -- some who just moved to Evergreen. Yes, kids left with Easter egg tattoos on their foreheads, but parents left exclaiming, "This was wonderful!" Yes, our tired volunteers proclaimed, "We're not doing this next year!" but they will.

They will because they know that through these pagan, nothing-to-do-with-scripture, things we've initiated, we've made new friends. We've reminded folks that we're here and that faith isn't all about liturgies, polity, and high church stuffiness. After a while, folks whom we've met will have the chance to know all the ways, all the real ways, we work to **also** change the world.

In Resurrection Hope,
Rev. Sara



JUNE 10th—14th: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 noon

Countdown for Trinity's launch To Mars and Beyond has commenced. Each one of us has mission critical talents to contribute. Star Guides (group guides for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5), Station Leaders (craft leaders, science assistant for Barbara Vann, recreation assistant for Sue and Marc Taylor and Carey Miller, music leaders, floaters, assembly assistant, and more), and Mission Controllers to direct our Voyagers and assist Mission Commanders are needed. A supplies list will be published in the next *Trinotes*. Contact Joan Smith (901.218.8978) or Alyson Foreman (901.734.2796) to volunteer as we Go Beyond with Faith!; Go Beyond with Boldness!; Go Beyond with Kindness!; Go Beyond with Thankfulness!; and Go Beyond with Hope!

★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

May 7 Allane Demetrio
May 10 Mac McConnell
May 14 Jeri Ashley
May 15 Bertha Ching
May 27 Mike Dodson
May 27 Jenna McClurken
May 27 Josh McClurken
May 28 Chris Glover

[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.]



May Calendar of Youth Activities

Sunday School—Youth Room
9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday
mornings

Schedule for Wednesdays (6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

May 1st—Today & Always
May 8th—Elemento Neapolitan
Pizza
May 15th—Area 51 Ice Cream
May 22nd—End of School
Dinner @ TUMC Youth Room



**CELEBRATE
SCOUT SUNDAY
IN WORSHIP
AT 11:00 A.M.
APRIL 28, 2019**



Along with many volunteers and meal providers, we have many angels who pray for and donate to this ministry. Thank you! Please continue to pray for RITI and our guests. And yes, your donations are always needed. If you have any questions about Room in the Inn, email or call Lois Young (loislane.young@gmail.com, 870-559-2228).

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS:

Ladies SUMMER clothes (all sizes)
Ladies deodorant
Ladies underwear (all sizes)
Bras
Gold Bond powder



There are still two open spots on the meal provider list for the summer sessions:

June 25
August 27

Remember: The summer season of Room in the Inn begins on May 1st and extends to September 30th. Participating churches host women and their children once a month during the summer. Trinity's host dates are May 28, June 25, July 23, August 27, and September 24.



Christianity means community through Jesus Christ and in Jesus Christ. No Christian community is more or less than this. Whether it is a brief, single encounter or the daily fellowship of years, Christian community is only this. We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ.

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer —

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