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Trinotes

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A Week in the Life of...

by Debby Marston

Last week did not start well. Sunday morning, April 29th, our custodian, Joe Hatter, was awakened around 4:00 a.m. to the sound of a loud crash entirely too close to his house for comfort. Joe investigated, of course, only to discover that his beloved Ford Ranger had been totaled – in his driveway – by a passing pickup truck driven by a man obviously under the influence of some substance or other, and while being pursued by the police. A few other neighborhood vehicles were also damaged pretty badly. The culprit was discovered – by Joe – hiding under his truck's bed liner. Joe chose the better part of valor and quietly pointed out the inebriant's location to the closest police officer. What a way to start a week.

Naturally, with a disabled truck blocking his driveway, Joe wasn't able to make it to Trinity that Sunday and spent the day cleaning up the mess. Because he was otherwise occupied, he wasn't able to set up the fellowship hall for the upcoming primary election. Trinity being a polling place for Precinct 020-01, the room had to be pretty much cleared of all chairs and most tables. Fortunately for me, Melba Abraham showed up on Monday for some entirely different purpose, only to be conscripted into service as a mover of chairs. Unfortunately, neither Melba nor I knew how to get the round tables up onto the rolling racks, where they are usually stored. (Joe, where are you when we need you?!) We did get the chairs stacked around the perimeter of the room but managed only to roll two tables into the closet, out of the way. Ethan Taylor, the young man who works at Midtown Montessori, demonstrated how to put the tables on the rolling rack. And he made it look easy.

Oh, did I mention the gathering of various folks in my office on Monday morning? Offering counters Nelda Gray and Jane Waldrip were in and out doing their thing with their usual efficiency, Mary and Mac McConnell came by (Mary was there to pick up the May calendar – I was expecting them)...I think Carey Miller wandered in at one point. Anyway, there was a small crowd present, making things interesting. People brought baked goods off and on throughout the day, so it was pleasantly busy all day. The phone rang a lot, so I spent a good bit of time fielding calls, answering questions, talking to people about grocery vouchers, etc. At some point, I'm sure I cut checks to pay bills, as is usual on Mondays.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for the family and friends of those killed or injured in school 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 new husband Josh McClurkan, and their 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 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's granddaughter **Sean's** vision

Molly Rosson, baby born with serious health problems and not expected to survive, is now at home and doing well.

Qahtan, Dalia Alnaaman's uncle passed away—pray for the family.

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

Phil Phillips continues to battle leukemia at home.

Sue Taylor's brother-in-law, **Allen Helms**, receiving treatment for cancer

Chris Glover's brothers, **Bill, Don, and Bob**, have ongoing health concerns.

Robert Lawson, son-in-law of **Elaine Amis** and husband of **Diane**, now making good progress.

Elizabeth Hopper requests prayer for the **White Family** as the father undergoes treatment for cancer

Maxine Guerry, friend of **Jim Schaeffer**, diagnosed with abdominal cancer

Edna Hoffman, wrist broken in three places

Vickie, Edna Hoffman's daughter-in-law, recovering from eye surgery; prosthetic eye to be implanted in the next few weeks.

Chris Glover's nephew's unborn child who needs heart surgery.

Eddie Ramsey, Sally's husband, hospitalized for possible ulcer.

Charles Abraham, recovering from surgery.

Marie Park, now at Signature Health Care on Dovecrest after a fall.

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

Manna on Monday

Food preparation will occur on Sunday, May 20th, at 2:00 p.m., with meal delivery to Highland Heights UMC at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, May 21st. (This is a correction from the previous Trinotes.)

Holy Communion

Served every Wednesday morning at 10:00 in the Chapel.

Binghampton Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Fridays at 258 Merton, 8:00-11:00 a.m. In case of emergency, food can be obtained by calling Michael Anderson at (901) 503-2748.

Room in the Inn—Emergency Summer Housing

On the fourth Tuesday of each month from May 22nd through September 25th, Trinity will provide overnight housing, a meal, and clothes closet access on an emergency basis. Housing will be limited to women without shelter.

SPPRC Meeting May 20th at 12:30 p.m., Conference Room

UMW Meetings

The UMW Day Circle meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The monthly UMW Unit Meeting is scheduled for May 15th in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m. The UMW Evening Circle normally meets the fourth Monday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. The Evening Circle will meet on May 22nd to serve the Room in the Inn meal.

Covenant Discipleship

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

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 May 21st. Please email or deliver any articles to Debby Marston, our administrative officer, 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. Access it on our website at www.trinityumcmemphis.org.

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Tuesday, May 1st was Election Day, and Trinity's best bakers had brought samples of some very yummy looking cookies, brownies, pies, cakes, etc. They managed to raise \$596.75 over the course of the day. Good job, all you good cooks! I finished working on the "Happy Birthday, Church!" post card invitations for Pentecost Sunday and got them ready to mail.

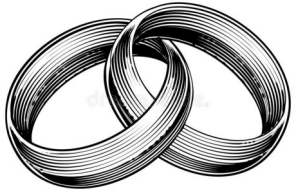
Wednesday, Joe came to work at the crack of dawn, since he wasn't able to complete tasks he normally assigns himself on Sunday. I had to break the news to him that the Storytellers would be there at 1:00 p.m. that day, so he had to do some rearranging of the worship space set-up to accommodate the Storytellers' needs. The first and third Wednesdays of the month are Grocery Voucher Days, and Sue Taylor was there to handle voucher recipients. There was some back-and-forth between Rev. Sara and John Holtzman over the worship bulletin for May 6th, since Sara wasn't going to be present for worship that day, seeing as how she was getting married on the 5th. (Putting a bulletin together for a service that is predominantly musical is somewhat different than the norm.)

Thursday: more back-and-forth about the Singspiration bulletin, but that was finally resolved that afternoon around 2:00. Joan Smith worked up front at the reception desk, but eventually needed to get the VBS order in to Cokesbury. As she read off the specifics, I keyed in the order on the Cokesbury website. All was well until I realized that the password I was trying to use wasn't going to work. I printed off the list of materials, assured Joan that I could call it in the next day, then called it a day.

Friday, frankly, is a blur. I know there were lots of things to do, as I stayed busy all day and was thoroughly ready for the day – and week – to end. I ordered the VBS materials for Joan. It wasn't a bad week (except for Joe's truck disaster), but it was a little crazier than usual. So, for those of you who wonder what you pay me for... see above. Oh, and about this week: Phil Isbell called me as I was driving in to work on Monday to tell me that there was a minor flood in the basement (nothing like The Great Flood of 2016, I promise!), plus some leaks from the flat roof over the fellowship hall. So, I called the plumber, who fixed the leak in the basement, and thus began week 2 of May 2018. (At a later date, I'll tell you about the woman who had been living in her car, found housing, but still had no utilities or home furnishings...)

I love my job.

WEDDING SHOWER PLANNED



On Sunday, June 24th following the worship service, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm, Trinity will have a wedding shower for Pastor Sara and her new husband, Josh. A love offering will be taken for the happy couple so as you feel led, please send your donations to Trinity and mark your check "Sara and Josh Shower." Additionally, please bring a card with your expressions of congratulations for them as well as your best advice for a happy marriage, happy family as they will become a family of seven, or your best advice for encouraging happy and healthy relationships. Light refreshments will be provided with thanks to Connie Johns and Beryl Willard for making these arrangements. If you have any questions, please call Jeri Ashley at 901-483-1860. What a great event for the life of our church!



LAKESHORE
united methodist camp & retreat center

Lakeshore is a camp and retreat center on the shores of the Tennessee River, providing Christian hospitality, rest, and reflection for guests of all ages and backgrounds. The mission of Lakeshore UMA is to offer ways for all to experience life, love, and the God of Grace.

Summer Camp - Lakeshore's summer camp program is filled with dynamic leadership, meaningful worship, lots of outdoor play, and opportunities to build relationships that last throughout a lifetime. Elementary, Junior High, and Senior High camps are available along with several specialty camps. For additional information and for online registration, go to lakeshoreuma.com.

Trinity has a limited number of partial scholarships available for members. If you are interested in a camp scholarship, please contact the church office or Carol Miller.

We count on member donations for these camp scholarships. Will you please donate to this wonderful program for our children? You may contact the church office or place your donation in the offering plate on Sundays. Please mark your donation for Lakeshore.

Blessings,
Carol Miller

Memorials & Honorariums

Memorials have been received:

*In memory of **Horace Phelan** from Snookie Mason*

*In memory of **Horace Phelan** from Sally Ramsey*

*In memory of **Horace Phelan** from Elaine Amis*

*In memory of **Elsie & Walter Hoffman, Sr.** from*

Phyllis Hoffman and Cindy & Philip Hoffman

*In memory of **Margaret Anne Hoffman Reynolds** from*

Phyllis Hoffman and Cindy & Philip Hoffman

*In memory of **Walter Hoffman, Jr.** from*

Phyllis Hoffman and Cindy & Philip Hoffman

*In memory of **Dan Hoffman** from*

Phyllis Hoffman and Cindy & Philip Hoffman

*In honor of **Edna Hoffman** from*

Phyllis Hoffman and Cindy & Philip Hoffman



NURSERY News

by Sue Taylor

God has blessed us with two beautiful babies: Eli Witt and Nora Dycus. In April, we had two visitors. As always, we are grateful for Dalia, and we are in prayer for her family in the death of her uncle. We regret the loss of Barbara Johnson as a nursery volunteer and will miss her. That leaves a vacancy, so if you feel called to play with our little ones, you can contact Sue Taylor at (901) 491-2113.

BINGHAMPTON FOOD PANTRY



FEED THE HUNGRY

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, persons 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: please continue to bring staple items for the food pantry each Sunday—one item per household member—as we partner in this vital ministry to the poor. A basket has been placed on the counter at the front desk if you prefer to give a cash donation.

BAKE SALE A SUCCESS!



Many thanks to those of our Trinity Church family who provided baked goods for the Election Day Bake Sale! The turnout for the election was light, but we sold steadily throughout the day. By 3:30 p.m. we were sold out and had brought in almost \$600 to go toward support of missions and ministries of the church. Many of our neighbors came in the door looking for us to be there with all the tempting goodies. We even received some special requests for our upcoming bake sales (jellies, jams, and pickles, as well as repeats of some of our best-selling items).

All you wonderful cooks: please mark your calendars now for the upcoming elections this summer and fall. Those dates are Thursday, August 2nd and Tuesday, November 6th. Our Election Day Bake Sales provide us with a golden opportunity to show the gracious, welcoming nature of Trinity Church. Keep up the good work, Trinitarians!



Welcome to the Extended Summer Season of Room in the Inn. Our first date is May 22nd. The UMW Evening Circle will prepare the meal.





A Ministry Challenge

I want to look at some numbers with you in regard to our Children's Ministries. While I don't believe that numbers are the most important thing, I do think we have to recognize that they are also not inconsequential. In fact, they can be a very big indicator of the effectiveness of ministry. Over the years, I have prayed that Trinity Church might grow in faith, in service, and in numbers; I sincerely believe that the first two, faith and service, have to precede the numbers.

Let's consider the recent Easter activities for children. In a very brief period of time we touched the lives of a significant number of children and their families. It took the great majority of our church family to do that. (I certainly hope that all of us were involved in the most important part of our preparation for any ministry endeavor, and that is prayer.) Not only did we prepare Easter baskets for 80 children at the Salvation Army's Purdue Center of Hope, but we hosted around 200 folks at the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt. In order for those two things to happen, our Trinity Church family had to respond very generously in donating time, talents, and material goods. We started out with \$200 in the budget for children's Easter activities. Cash donations of \$953 bumped our figure of what was available to spend up to \$1153. We actually spent \$1283, which meant we went \$130 over our adjusted budget, not bad considering what big undertakings both of these ministry happenings were. This doesn't count the amount of money spent by the many individuals who donated candy and toys for the Easter baskets and hunt. Just preparing for these events took hours and hours on the part of many. We scrambled to get materials ready, food bought and cooked, and the neighborhood event promoted. We were, of course, rewarded on the day of the breakfast and hunt with a bountiful crowd of participants and a sizable number of helpers. And the Easter baskets were beautiful and very much appreciated.

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We are headed into another "biggie" for our Children's Ministries: Vacation Bible School. This week-long venture requires a huge commitment on the part of quite a number of individuals who are members or associates of our church. This is a tremendously exciting and challenging week in terms of ministry. It is a prime opportunity to share the Good News with children. What a responsibility and what an honor that is! I pray that we will be up to the task, and I want you to pray for that as well. As a matter of fact, I hope that we as a church can be 100% in praying. Then, may our prayers lead us to further commitment to sharing the Good News with the children of our church and community.

May God's Peace be with us all,
Irene



BENEVOLENCE GIVING UPDATE

Again, we say, "**Thank you!**" to all of you who have given to the Grocery Voucher Program.

Thanks to YOU, we were able to start up the Grocery Voucher program again on March 7th.

Since that time, 44 individuals have received vouchers, and another 10 people will receive vouchers on May 16th. As before, we are limiting distribution of vouchers to the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and give out ten each time. When unable to fulfill a particular need, we refer folks to the Binghampton Food Pantry, where they can receive emergency help. Our partnership with Binghampton allows us to assist more families than we would be able to do otherwise.

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."