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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



The Case for Vacation Bible School

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, 'Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?'"

"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: 'Truly I tell you,

unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me'" Matt. 18:1-5 NIV

Before I moved to Memphis, Pastor Jonathan and I spent a lot of time in conversation about what I should expect at Trinity and what might be ahead. The church needed to hire a new music director. The church needed to come to a conclusion on the sale of a building and other various 'normal' church in's and out's.

Quickly I began receiving correspondences from you — words of welcome, questions about the kids, and **your** perspective on what the church needed when I got here. Your hope was that I would help Trinity re-energize its Children's Ministry program and that we would plant seeds for the church to have a Youth Ministry program again.

And we have.

Two weeks ago, 24 children — half of whom had never stepped foot in this church (and their parents), came to us for a week of Vacation Bible School. At least 4 youth from the neighborhood signed on to be VBS "helpers." At least 4 regularly attending church 'visitors' were here all 5 days to help members lead music, art, recreation, snacks, science, and a slew of others odds and ends so that our smallest disciples might experience a faith community and the love of God. Also, many of **you** were there.

That means we had at least 19 visitors, 5 days in a row last week. WOW! We must be doing something right or well or faithful. What an incredible blessing it was for us to have the opportunity to engage those children **and** their families in the name of the Lord.

I know it was a lot of work. It was months of planning, gathering, recruiting, begging, navigating, negotiating, and making room in our space and in our hearts to continue answering a call to welcome the little ones unto Jesus. As a pastor, I'm proud. As a

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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:

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

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

PRAISE!! **Molly Rosson** is eating solid food & playing pat-a-cake.

PRAISE!! **Kanyan Glover** has had his heart transplant and is doing very well.

The family is thankful for your prayers.

Donnie Glover, ongoing chemo for leukemia; wife **Sandra** has a broken vertebra

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

Bryce Sellers, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Paige Warmath, **Alyson Foreman's** cousin, brain tumor removed, but

needs further treatment; Paige's husband, **Brad**, recovering from illness

Continue to pray for the family of **James M. Taylor, Jr.**, father of **Marc**

Taylor, on Mr. Taylor's passing.

Our youth—**Julian**, **Adrean**, **Joey**, **Graham**, and **Rachel**—who are at camp at Lakeshore this week, returning home on Saturday, June 29th.

Virginia Espinosa, Debby Marston's friend, who has Stage V kidney disease

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

On the R.I.S.E.

Rev. Jonathan Bratt-Carle and his youth group will arrive at TUMC July 25th to engage in mission projects and see the sights in Memphis. They will be staying here at Trinity until July 29th. (See page 8 for more details and the website for their itinerary.)

Room in the Inn

The next summer session of Room in the Inn is scheduled for Tuesday, July 23rd. Subsequent sessions will take place on August 27th and September 24th. Please call Lois Young at 901-359-4047 or e-mail her at loislane.young@gmail.com if you wish to volunteer and are not already doing so.

Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. on August 26th.

Holy Communion

A Service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Due to various summer activities, there will be a few Wednesdays when Communion will not be served. If in doubt, please call the church office at 901-274-6895.

Binghampton Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Fridays at 258 Merton, 8:00-11:00 a.m., fresh produce is distributed. (See page 6 for details.)

Covenant Discipleship

The Covenant Discipleship group continues to gather at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next *Trinotes* is July 8th. 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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VBS volunteer, I'm energized and thankful for all that happened. As a mother whose children came home singing all the songs and also recalling the Bible story of the day, I am hopeful. I'm hopeful for my own children as they continue to be a part of the life of this church where they are welcomed and encouraged, and I am hopeful amongst other parents who brought their children last week — that our small people may come to know the love of God.

In the midst of all the planning, all the busyness, all the messiness and chaos, all the money spent, and the very long days, it's easy to forget all we managed. It's easy to miss it — the goal accomplished and the mission fulfilled. It's very easy to be too tired to hear God saying, "Well done, good and faithful one." But, well done, good and faithful ones.

You made a difference in the lives of many people a couple of weeks ago. **You** did. You made disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. You fulfilled your mission to proclaim God's love by building community by living by the example and teaching of Jesus Christ.

The smallest of disciples are thankful for you. God is thankful for you. I am thankful for you.

Many blessings,
Rev. Sara



SAVE THE DATE!

July 25, 2019 @ 6 PM

Pathway to Dignity Graduation

Celebration & Dinner

Please mark July 25 on your calendar so you can join us in celebrating the success of our students! If you've attended our graduations in the past, you'll know you will be inspired by our students' stories, remarks from distinguished speakers, and a moving graduation ceremony, followed by dinner and dessert.

The celebration will be held in the fellowship hall at

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901-270-0050

THE UPPER ROOM

The Upper Room devotional guide is available at the welcome desk at the entrance to our Worship Center. There is no charge for this helpful book, and you are encouraged to pick up a copy. Large print editions are also available. The Upper Room is published bi-monthly, so please check the welcome desk every other month for a new issue.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



July 1	Lois Young
July 2	Jamie Skjoldager
July 6	Sara Goff
June 7	Julie McMahan
July 10	Joey Hopper
July 11	Laura Finch
July 12	Elizabeth Hopper
July 13	Maggi Comes
July 15	Aiden Tate
July 16	Ron Raybuck
July 18	Elaine Amis
July 20	Connie Johns
July 22	Dorothy Sue Smith
July 22	Krissi Moore
July 23	Rod Maddox
July 25	Richard Ashley
July 26	Madeleine Edwards
July 26	Steve Humbert
July 27	Mike Potter
July 28	Sam Goff

[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.]

A Reminder to Parents

Parents, we LOVE, LOVE, LOVE being in ministry with your tiny people. Please do us a favor on Sunday mornings and help make sure that they are where they're supposed to be. We need help keeping them out of the kitchen, specifically, primarily for their safety.

Thank you in advance.

— Rev. Sara, TUMC Staff, and your loving Children's Ministry Volunteers

Partnering in Mission

One of the most beautiful parts of the structure of the United Methodist Church is that we are connectional. We share district and conference level staff with one-another, funds, and, when we do it right, we partner together in mission and ministry because, ultimately, we share the mission field.

That being said, we are being invited to partner in mission with former TUMC pastor, Rev. Jonathan Bratt Carle, and the youth group from his new church, at the end of July. They are venturing to Memphis for an immersion experience in our mission field. They will be here late evening July 24th through early morning July 29th. During their time here they will tour the Binghampton community and participate in a service project. They will check out Quest Ministries (in south Memphis), the STAX Museum, and the Memphis Zoo. They'll visit the sites of several Memphis area lynchings and get to hear about some of the history of Memphis and civil rights before they tour the National Civil Rights Museum. They'll see Peabody and Beale Street, Sun Studios, and the Cooper Young District, and their 'hub' for the trip will be Trinity. We are invited to join them for ALL of these things. For a full itinerary, please check the church website and the information bulletin board in the narthex of the church.

They will gather at Trinity for a breakfast and lunch which they will prepare and on the evenings of July 26, 27, and 28, we will have the opportunity to serve them dinner. If you, your family, your Sunday school class, or circle would like to host their group (9 youth and 3 adults and likely a few Trinitarians) for dinner at Trinity one of those nights, please contact Debby in the church office or Pastor Sara.

On Sunday (July 28th) morning they will worship with us and after worship we will have a big potluck lunch together with them to celebrate their presence and our partnering in ministry.

Please be in prayer for this group as they prepare to head south and be in prayer about how you might join them in partnering in ministry.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” (Matt. 18:20)

— Rev. Sara

Honorariums & Memorials

Memorials have been received:

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Charles & Melba Abraham*

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Eddie & Sally Ramsey*

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Carey & Carol Miller*

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Shirley Flint*

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Charlotte Comes*

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Rosemary & Mike Potter*

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Elaine Amis*

*In memory of **George Comes** from Charlotte Comes*

Honorariums have been received:

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Jan & Lois Young*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Kathy & Phil Isbell*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Stephen S. Ritchie*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Wansie Benson*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Jan & Lois Young*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Charles & Melba Abraham*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from David & Elizabeth Hopper*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Elaine Amis*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Mike & Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Sharon L. Fletcher*



JORDANS CELEBRATE 50TH

Craig and Kay Jordan celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 22nd in Trinity's fellowship hall. They were joined by friends and family, from TUMC and beyond. (It was suggested that they must have married very

young, as neither appear old enough to be celebrating a golden wedding anniversary.)

The Jordons are very active in the life and work of Trinity UMC, Kay serving as Lay Leader and both she and Craig serving in the liturgist rotation periodically. In July and August, Craig will be leading a six-week study on Aging and End of Life Care. (*See article below.*) Craig also volunteers for Room in the Inn. Congratulations to the Jordans on this wonderful milestone!

Aging and End of Life Care

Beginning in July, Trinity will offer a six-session small group experience on Aging and End of Life Care. Topics for group discussion include the following ones: Aging—Gifts and Challenges, Health Issues in Aging, Experiencing and Dealing with Losses in Aging, Finding Meaning in Aging, End of Life Needs and Concerns, and Spirituality, Faith, and Dying. The sessions will be held from 10:30-11:45 A.M. on 6 successive Thursdays beginning July 11 and concluding on August 15. Fittingly, we will meet in the 2nd floor Youth Room. This small group that Craig Jordan is leading is open to everyone. Please join us for sharing, exploring, and learning as we deal with life changes that we who are seniors experience but do not necessarily discuss in a faith context. If you desire additional information please contact Craig at 662-429-0158.



RITI Summer

by Lois Young

Our first summer session went very well. The ladies were tired because the heat is already oppressive. We heard many thank-yous that night. Many women thanked us for having these once-a-month sessions, because otherwise they would be outside every night. At dinner, one woman told me she had already spent five nights outside over the week. She doesn't sleep well outside, so she spends most of the night checking on the other ladies who are on the streets. The women are so vulnerable outside. If they fall asleep, other people will sometimes steal their belongings.

Many thanks to all of you who have given your time, funds, and prayers for these women and our Room in the Inn ministry. Any thank-yous we hear are really for you and your continued support of RITI.

Volunteer focus

I thought it would be nice to focus on some dedicated Trinity volunteers this summer. Six years ago, Marc Taylor was one of the first people to say he would help with our Room in the Inn ministry. He has filled so many roles since then, and he volunteers for almost every RITI session. Marc has been a regular evening driver, greeter and dishwasher. When needed, he helps in the Clothes Closet and has even stayed overnight several times. I can't thank Marc enough for all the help he has provided during the past six years. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!



Next Session

Our next session will be Tuesday, June 25. Let me know if you would like to volunteer (loislane.young@comcast.net) or just stop by after 6 p.m. to meet our guests.