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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



A Season for Everything

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. — Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

It's hard for me to believe that when I moved here it was with a 3 and 5-year old. Cooper is now 7 (and a half....heaven forbid we forget that), and Aiden, on the 15th of July, will turn 5. He's preparing for kindergarten at Snowden, napless days, and uniform polos. My fiery pistol of a child is getting ready to grow.

Yesterday, he and Reid (my 5-year-old "bonus" daughter), were talking about Aiden turning 5. I overheard her say, "It's like you'll be a grown-up [when you turn 5], and then you turn 6!" I love the way their little minds work. It's constant, moving, and impatient. They want to grow. They want to take every bite out of life all at once. And yet.....on my side of the room, I wish, like most parents, that it would just slow down. Now is the time for play. It's the time for imagination, exploration, mistakes, and naps whenever you want them.

But to everything there is a season, and a time under heaven. As the Birds sang, "Turn, turn, turn." And we turn.

So it is with the life of the church. Half of the year has already passed and it's been a year of turning — a year of change. The very first week of the year, we sold the former sanctuary building. We began to redefine what it means to worship in the present "Worship Center," and moving ahead, we'll begin to look at how that space can better define who we are as a church. Turn.

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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 as they travel on vacation; 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 deal with 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, and saying new words now.

Kanyan Glover, heart transplant survivor, in crisis with a serious infection.

Donnie Glover, ongoing chemo for leukemia

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

Bryce Sellers, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

Paige Warmath, Alyson Foreman's cousin, glioblastoma recurring; at Duke University Hospital for further treatment

Continue to pray for the family of **James M. Taylor, Jr.**, father of **Marc Taylor**, on Mr. Taylor's passing.

Virginia Espinoza, 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

Study on Aging & End of Life Care

Craig Jordan is leading a group on this important topic. They will meet Thursdays, July 11–August 16, from 10:30-11:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Contact Craig or the church office to register.

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 the website for their itinerary. Let the church office know if you can host dinner on July 26, 27, or 28.)

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. Communion will be served on July 17th & 31st.

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 22nd. 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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We moved Vacation Bible School to June and instilled and encouraged new leadership in just about every area — with great excitement. All the new voices made for a very different, yet inspired, VBS. And, I'd venture to guess, those folks who led for the first time, or in different ways once again, experienced 'anew.' Turn.

We've adopted new ways to be in 'mission' **with** the community and the Evergreen Historic District is abuzz with excitement. They (our neighbors) are consistently filling our new Tiny Pantry and helping us, via social media, to brainstorm about how that pantry can be best used to serve the community. They have also engaged, alongside worshipping members, in our Memphis Area Immigrant Children backpack drive and are responsible for filling a good number of the backpacks. Without extinguishing ministries we have long been engaged in (Reelfoot Rural Ministries school supply drive, Binghampton United Methodist Mission food pantry, etc.), we have added to and expanded how we care for those in need in our very immediate context while beginning—in new ways—to encourage the Neighborhood, in which we live, to join us in those ministries. That's new! Turn.

And as the summer beats on, there are other exciting things on the horizon both inside our walls and outside, and these are things that only add to the life of the church — a life defined by our vision and mission **to proclaim God's love by building community and living by the example and teachings of Jesus Christ by being a community that is radically loving — where everyone is supported and no one is alone.**

As your pastor it is my hope and prayer that you — each of you — will join me as we turn. Turn to the new with courage. Turn to the familiar with discipline. Turn to the mission with fearlessness. Turn to the God who is at each turn with faithfulness.



Many blessings,
Rev. Sara

Reelfoot Rural Ministries

Now that we're into early July it's getting close to the time for students and teachers across Tennessee to return to school. This brings to mind one of the ministries Trinity has been faithful about supporting over the years – the collection of school supplies for **Reelfoot Rural Ministries** in Northwest Tennessee. What is collected through this ministry gets distributed to needy children and families in Lake, Obion and Dyer Counties of Tennessee, and Fulton County, Kentucky. The distribution takes place in the latter half of July and the early part of August each year.

Please be aware this is a totally separate fund raising effort from the Immigrant Families Backpack initiative already underway this summer at Trinity. We will begin accepting donations of school supplies for Reelfoot from Sunday July 21 through Sunday July 28. Bring your donated school supplies to the Education Building. You may also make a monetary contribution by check payable to Reelfoot Rural Ministries to cover school supplies. During the week of July 29-August 2, the collected donations will be taken to Reelfoot Rural Ministries in Obion County. A list of requested school supplies is shown below:



Wide/College Ruled Loose Leaf Paper
Pencil Top Erasers
Fiskar Scissors
Highlighters
Pencils (#2 Plain, Ticonderoga)
Pencil Boxes
Zipper Pouch
Graph (Paper (Bound & Unbound)
Glue Sticks
Page Protectors
3 Subject Notebooks w/ Pockets
5 Subject Notebooks
Flash Drives (8 GB or Larger)
Elementary Composition Books
Washable Markers fine/regular tip
Clear View Notebook Binders (1, 1.5, 2, & 3 inch)
Composition Notebook (black & white speckled)
Expo Dry-Erase Markers—Black (fine & broad line)
Plastic Folders w/ Pockets & Brads w/ Pockets
Dividers with/without Pockets
Backpacks



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
August 4	Lee Johns
August 16	Cile Brooks
August 16	Sean Booth
August 16	Rowan Booth
August 17	Phyllis Hoffman
August 18	Chris Comes
August 28	Reid McClurkan

[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.]

Partnering in Mission—A Reminder

As reported in the last issue of *Trinotes*, 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.

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 your 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 morning (July 28th) they will worship with us and, after worship, we will have a big potluck lunch together 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

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.

Honorariums & Memorials

Memorials have been received:

*In memory of **James Taylor, Jr.** from Connie Johns*

*In memory of **George Corbett** from Eddie & Sally Ramsey*

*In memory of **George Corbett** from Connie Johns*

*In memory of **George Corbett** from Mike & Rosemary Potter*

Honorariums have been received:

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Shirley Flint*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Sue & Marc Taylor*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Connie Johns*

*In honor of **Craig & Kay Jordan** from Sally & Eddie Ramsey*

*In honor of **Jeri Ashley** from Elaine Amis*



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

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, 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 red tin has been placed on the counter at the front desk if you prefer to give a cash donation.



RITI Summer Session 2

by Lois Young

Our second summer session was like going to a grill-out. Mike Potter grilled hamburgers and hotdogs and the members of the New Generation Sunday School Class cooked and served the many accompaniments. Our 12 lady guests were very complimentary of this wonderful summer meal. We even had a 10-month-old baby girl who loved the potato casserole. She and her mom slept in the Trinity nursery to have some privacy and quiet. One of our guests gave us the fantastic news that she was moving into a house later in the week. Many thanks to all of you who give your time, funds and prayers for these women and our Room in the Inn ministry.

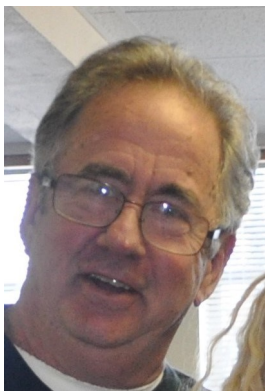
Volunteer focus

From our very first Room in the Inn session at Trinity, Carol Miller has been involved. She helped cook the first meal and, along with her trusty side-kick Carey, she has been managing the Clothes Closet since it opened in November 2013.



Carol might say she isn't the manager, but she is. She is the one who sets up the cleaning and sorting sessions and makes sure everything is well-stocked. She is the one who gives me lists of items that are needed in the closet, so

our guests will have what they need. Carey builds racks and shelves to hold all our donations, and moves all the heavy bags and boxes. It's a lot of work, but Carol and Carey go about it with smiles and good humor. Carol's grandkids call her "Honey" and at Room in the Inn, the guests call



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her Honey, too. It is very rare for her or Carey to miss a RITI session. Every once in a while they will be traveling or attending a grandchild event.

Along with leading the Clothes Closet crew, Carol and Carey also sit down and have dinner with our guests. This time of food and conversation is when we all feel like one community sharing time together. Thank you, Carol and Carey for your amazing dedication to our unsheltered neighbors.

Next Session

Our next session will be Tuesday, July 23. 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.

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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