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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



Greetings Trinitarians!

By Josh McClurkan

I am the guest writer for the *Trinotes* this week. For those who might not know me, I am Josh, Sara's husband. Being a pastor myself, I haven't gotten the opportunity to meet all of you.

To those I have not yet met, Hello!! To those of you I have met, hello again!

I asked Sara if I could have the opportunity to write an article to the family of Trinity UMC. I have a unique perspective for some things that I think you need to hear. I not only see Trinity as the spouse of the pastor, but as a pastor myself. I get to see the way that your church members interact with one another and with the community. I get to hear—through Sara, our children, and people in the Trinity community—how Trinity is impacting Midtown, Memphis, and the rest of the world.

I don't think this article is what you might think. I am writing to brag on something that you do very well as a diverse group of Christian people. Trinity does this as well as any churches that I have had contact with. That thing is Radical Hospitality.

From the very first day that Sara landed in Memphis, you guys have been hospitable to Sara and myself. You might not know (or remember) that the electricity was not on in the parsonage, and some of you opened your home to Sara to stay. I was helping her move, and some of you opened your home to me, as well: Radical Hospitality.

From the first time you met all of our children, you have opened your homes and your lives to them. They enjoy coming to Trinity. They feel welcome in Sunday School, and they feel welcome in worship. They enjoy Vacation Bible School. They love the Easter Egg Hunt. They adore the Back To School Bash. It is a testament to your level of care for children that they desire to return to Trinity every time that they are here: Radical Hospitality.

You open your doors multiple times a year to a group of people that aren't from this country. They are able to come in and ensure that they have the proper documentation to work and live good lives. You not only open your doors, but it takes a group of strong volunteers to make that event successful, and the people of Trinity never fail to step up: Radical Hospitality.

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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 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 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; in treatment at West Clinic

Rusty Ramsey, son of **Sally & Eddie Ramsey**, undergoing treatment for a second round of throat cancer

40 year old **Evan Miller**, a **Dycus** family cousin, in hospital & on dialysis for kidney failure following gall bladder surgery; father of two-year-old

Jane Manning, friend of **Joe Hatter**, chronic health problems

Sharon Hicks, friend of **Beryl & Karen Willard**, hospitalized at Methodist University with serious leg infection, diabetes

Ben & Lauren Short, whose pre-term baby died last week. **Ben** is on staff at Room in the Inn-Memphis.

Phil Phillips, **Maggi Comes'** brother, passed away last weekend.

Upcoming

EVENTS

Study on Aging & End of Life Care

Craig Jordan is leading a group on this important topic. They meet in the Youth Room on Thursdays through August 16, from 10:30-11:45 a.m. 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 headquartered here at Trinity until July 29th. (See the website for their itinerary.)

Room in the Inn

The next summer session of Room in the Inn is scheduled for Tuesday, August 27th. The final summer session will take place on 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.

SPRC Meeting

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet in the Conference Room following worship on August 18th.

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 31st.

Binghampton Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Fridays at 258 Merton, 8:00-11:00 a.m., fresh produce is distributed.

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 August 12th. 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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Once a month in summer and once a week in winter—nearly all year long—people with nowhere to lay their heads and no guarantees of where the next meal will come from, make their way to Trinity to have a safe place to sleep and hot food to eat. This takes a dedicated base of people that believe in the mission of helping others. This takes people who are willing to take time from their lives and give to other people without reservation and without judgment. This happens nearly flawlessly: Radical Hospitality.

Every day of the week there are people coming through the doors of Trinity seeking a positive experience with a Christian organization: Narcotics Anonymous, Boy and Cub Scouts, Montessori School kids and parents, people who come to receive food vouchers, groups that use the building for meetings, Bluff City Church, and on and on. Trinity might be the most connected church to their community I have experienced...and you make the most important part: Radical Hospitality.

It is hard to see when you are embroiled in the day to day operations. I wanted the opportunity to tell you to pat yourselves on the back for a minute. I wanted you to know that it is very noticed in the community. I wanted to tell you to never stop being authentically and radically hospitable to everyone who walks through your doors.



Thank you from “To Mars & Beyond”

Although To Mars and Beyond has officially splashed down, the mission still lives in the hearts and minds of our Space Cadets. They and we give heartfelt thanks to Trinity members for their commitment to our 2019 VBS.

Whether you were here or picked up resources; answered the phone to aid registration; wrote a check; blasted off or splashed down; offered up prayers for a successful VBS; were a leader; or brought a craft, science, decoration, or cleaning item, your contribution was invaluable. Thank you!

We love you “To Mars and Beyond!”

Joan & Alyson



Now that we're well into 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.

We are accepting donations of school supplies for Reelfoot until 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. The collected donations will be taken to Reelfoot Rural Ministries in Obion County on Tuesday, July 30. 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!



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.]

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Another Way to Help Trinity

Similar to Kroger, Superlo grocery stores have a Community Rewards Program for their shoppers to give to their favorite charity...and for us that's Trinity! Our church will receive 1-3% of your purchases.

Here's how it works:

First step: set up your community rewards account. Go to www.Superlofoods.com and sign up. At the bottom of the page, go to Community Rewards and create an account.

Next step: Once your account is set up, you will give your phone number to the cashier every time you check out. You will not have a card to show but will use a phone number.

Additional Option: After setting up your account, you can then download the Superlo App on your cell phone. There is a bar code to use for the community card. You can use this barcode instead of giving your phone number, if you prefer. The app also gives you digital coupons and weekly specials.

It's easy to set up and will benefit Trinity financially. We encourage you to shop at Superlo and help Trinity at the same time!

Children's Department Update

By Alyson Foreman



Since last fall we have been studying about different kinds of families in the Bible. We began with when Jesus was born and joined his earthly family. We studied about the baptism of Jesus, and how he chose his twelve disciples, creating another kind of a family. We have studied about Jesus and the children in Matthew. We have learned about

so many different Bible families and how much God loved and cared for them, and that he continues to love and care for us today.

This summer, we began to study about the beginning of the church at Pentecost and how much our church family means to us. As one of the children said during Sunday School one day, "We are like a REAL family", and we are!

I appreciate so much all of you who have helped me to keep the Children's Department going strong while Irene was caring for Jeanne and then moving. There are too many of you to name, but your prayers and encouragement, your physical presence, your financial support, and your contributions have been invaluable to me. All of you who help Card Factory, the nursery, and Sunday School each week are so appreciated.

The number of children we have each week varies. There may be 3 or 4, or there could be 12 to 14, or any number in between. We have a multiage classroom with ages ranging from 3 to 12. We love each other and we love Trinity. You all make our children feel loved and special. I thank God for our children, and for the opportunity God has given me to be with them in ministry each week. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we teach our children each week.



Not only is it a huge blessing to have Irene back with us in the Children's Department, but God has sent us another blessing. Sandy Guntharp will be joining us again whenever she can to help teach

our older children. Our church is blessed to have these two fine ladies with their many gifts and years of experience with children as a part of our Children's Department team. Church family, thanks again for all the support and love you have given me and to our precious children over the years.



Honorariums & Memorials

An honorarium has been received:

In honor of Craig & Kay Jordan from Mary P. Lollar

Aging and End of Life Care

Trinity continues to offer a 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 are held from 10:30-11:45 a.m. on Thursdays, concluding on August 15. Fittingly, we meet in the 2nd floor Youth Room. This small group led by Craig Jordan 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.



The Choir Returneth!!

We're coming back!!! Summer vacation for choir is soon coming to an end. Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, July 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the Worship Center, and we will resume singing in the service on August 4th. I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to extend an invitation to those of you who have thought about joining the choir to attend a rehearsal. The choir meets each week on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. for a rehearsal that lasts about 1 hour. Rehearsals are a fun, learning experience – if you don't believe me, ask any choir member.

I am excited about the choir ministering in the services. While the choir was enjoying their summer vacation, I was able to select some new songs for us to sing. In addition, I was also able to create some arrangements of some songs that I believe will be a blessing. I am thankful God has blessed me with the ability and tools to arrange music. Though arranging can be challenging, it is something I enjoy doing. So get ready for some new music in the coming weeks.

As an end note, I wanted to say I have enjoyed our "Hymn Sing" time during service. I hope the hymns were a blessing as we sang songs that have been sung by the congregation for some time. I have enjoyed taking part in putting this together and leading these wonderful songs.

Community Connections

Church-wide Gathering—August 24, 2019

Please mark your calendars to be part of a church-wide gathering on **Saturday, August 24 from 9am to 12pm**. At this meeting, we will develop goals and priorities based on the information we have gathered (gifts, assets, relationships, etc.) along with the new things you have been learning about our community during our discovery and discernment process.

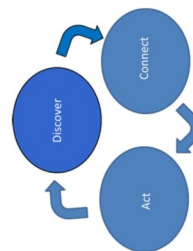
The chart included on page 7 of this *Trinotes* outlines the process we have used and where we are headed on August 24. The goal of our gathering is to identify the priorities that will guide TUMC's outward-facing ministries over the coming year or so. The hope is that the direction we set will be shepherded by a Community Connections Committee (what we might have called in the past the missions committee or the outreach committee).

If you have questions about August 24 or the process we have been using, contact Amy Moritz at 901-463-0983 or amycmoritz@gmail.com or one of the other members of the steering committee (Rosemary, Kay, Chris, and Sara).



Clothes Closet Wish List

Travel-sized Gold Bond powder
Travel-sized deodorant/antiperspirant
Underwear (all sizes)
Bras (all sizes)
Reading glasses
Sunglasses
Backpacks



Trinity United Methodist Church
Discovery and Discernment Process
Growing Community Connections



TUMC Vision

A radically loving community where everyone belongs, everyone is supported, and no one is alone.

DISCOVER

- Gifts of Hand, Head, Heart—member gifts
- Neighborhood Assets around TUMC
- Organizations and people connections (Social Network Map)
- Continuum of TUMC ministries (Give a Fish)
- From transactional to relational (5% shifts)

CONNECT (If others would join me, 5% shifts, Connecting & Mini-acts)

- Breakfast w/Bunny—nametags and info cards
- Pathways, Overton Park Conservancy and Boy Scouts attend
- April meeting
- Meeting RITI (Lois and Craig) with Rhodes (Kendra) to explore health initiative
- Scout Sunday celebrates TUMC/BS relationship
- VBS crew leaders send hand-written notes to children
- Ministry Moments added to worship hour
- Connecting with El Retenlor and immigration concerns
- Exploring collaborating opportunities with Evergreen Pres
- Aging and end of life sharing group
- Tiny Pantry
- Backpack Drive

ACT

- Church-wide Gathering
- August 24—Sense-making & Decision-making

Act

Connect

Discover

February March April May June July August September October

From Scarcity
To
Abundance

From For
To
With

From Charity
To
Justice