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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.



Coming Back to Church

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. — Hebrews 1:24-25

Today was the first day of school for Shelby County children. It was fun packing backpacks and lunch boxes — laying out clothes and taking sweet pictures on their way out the door. Second grade and kindergarten will make for a fun year of learning, and they're ready — they're very ready.

Summer was long and busy. There was nothing ordered about it, though I tried, with all of my might, to keep them on some sort of schedule and some sort of routine, knowing that August would eventually get here and they'd need structure. Has everyone brushed their hair and teeth? Eaten breakfast? We don't have a snack until after 10:00. Step away from the TV! Please read for 20 minutes. It's time for baths. It's time for bed. Rinse. Repeat.

Schedules and discipline are important. Spontaneity is a necessary part of having fun and fun brings us joy (or reminds us of our joy). We need it. However, getting back into our routines, engendering muscle memory, for the positive parts of life — that's invaluable.

Maybe you're like me and summer was go, go, go! We never stopped running. We worked in all the fun and still worked in all the work. We prioritized the play, and things like newsletter articles and sermons were written after bedtime. Our schedules and routines are all out of whack and getting back into the flowworking out those muscles and that muscle memory.....it can be a struggle.

So here are a few things to remember that might jump-start the routine again. You probably know the one I'm talking about. That muscle in your heart that reminds you what it's like to be a part of a community of faith.....It's time to work that one out again.

From the beginning of scripture we can see glimpses of God's creative design — the one where we were made **for** one another. And as the concept of an early church unfolded, we see time and time again that the design was that the *ecclesia* — the assembly — was intentional. That we would be a body of faith — a

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for the family and friends of those killed or injured in recent 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:

For the Board of Directors of **Room in the Inn—Memphis**, wisdom as they make decisions about expansion of that ministry

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, home now, but still needs prayer

Donnie Glover, ongoing chemo for leukemia

Chip Glover, son of **Donnie & Sandra**, fell off ladder & crushed heel

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

PRAISE!! 40 year old **Evan Miller**, a **Dycus** family cousin, recovering at home & expected to return to work soon

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

Sharon Hicks, friend of **Beryl & Karen Willard**, now in rehab

The family of **Phil Phillips**, **Maggi Comes'** brother, who died recently

Grace Hayden, daughter of **Tim & Nora**, at Methodist Hospital in medically-induced coma after cardiac arrest

Jacob Foreman, son of **Caley & Alyson**, multiple problems due to scoliosis

Upcoming

EVENTS

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. (See article on page 7.)

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 19th.

Manna on Monday Resumes!

Manna on Monday will resume on August 26th. See the article on page 5 for details. HELP WANTED! Servers and clean-up volunteers are always needed.

Holy Communion

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

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 26th. 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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community — one that exists in **unity** — is a piece of our calling and a necessary component of the practice of our faith.

Now, what that should also mean, is that the Church is a community to which we would belong that loves us where we are and accepts us as we were created — that we would gather in support of one another for the primary purpose of giving God glory and thanksgiving, seeking spiritual discernment, partaking in the sacraments, and leaning on God's grace and mercy and the love of those who share a mutual calling. In theory, this time— Sunday morning worship— would be where God receives the fullness of our love and we, through worship and through mutual love and concern for one another, may also experience the fullness of God's love for us.

That has been the goal of the worship time for centuries and it is my great hope that, that is the goal of our worship hour at Trinity.

So, if you, like me, have an out-of-whack schedule and are finding it hard to get back into the routine of worship, know that now is a great time to work out those Sunday morning muscles. Is there something new you want to try on Sunday? It's a good time to start something. Come and see me. Come and gather. Come and give thanks to the LORD, our God.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Sara



For those of you unfamiliar with the Bags of Grace mission, those participating carry in their cars these small bags filled with items homeless individuals need. A typical Bag of Grace contains a pair of Bombas socks, Vienna sausages or other protein snack, bottled water, plastic utensils, a big garbage bag to use as a poncho, paper towels, and a picture colored by one of our children.

You may pick up a survival bag from the Bags of Grace station on the back pew of the Chapel. Please join us in offering a helping hand to someone living on the street and, at the same time, have an opportunity to relate to one of “the least of these.”

Annual 2019 UMC Conference

The Annual 2019 United Methodist Conference opened at the Collierville United Methodist Church in Collierville, Tennessee on Sunday, June 2nd at 4:30 p.m. As always, this service is to recognize and give praise and heartfelt thanks for those in the ministry that have gone and are waiting in Heaven for their loved ones.

The theme for this year's conference was "Remembering who we are WORD, WATER AND WITNESS." After several beautiful prayers and praise, the Sermon for the evening was given by Dr. Deborah Smith, Memphis District Superintendent. When she stands to speak, her presence is very powerful. Her sermon was, "Are you forgetting something?" She told several very important stories to drive home the point that we are not there for personal reasons, but to learn, and then use that additional knowledge to be better servants for Christ.

On Monday, June 3rd, the theme was "Remembering who we are: Water." The sermon was given by Bishop Bill McAlilly. He reminded us to remember our baptism — how the Holy Spirit hovered over us at baptism and descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism. It was a very profound and moving experience. The Monday evening service was of Licensing, Commissioning and Ordination. Of special interest to the Trinity family was the ordination of Amanda Hartman Westmoreland — the granddaughter of George and Charlotte Comes. She was ordained as an Elder.

On Tuesday morning, June 4th, we started at 7:00 a.m. The main business was to elect two lay delegates and two clergy delegates to the 2020 General Conference. Also to be elected were two clergy delegates and two Lay delegates, and two reserve clergy delegates and two reserve lay delegates to the 2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference. There were about 10-12 whose names had been offered for possible election for each position. Each delegate would have to receive at least a vote of 50%, or we would have to start over again. At conference, Lay delegates vote for Lay candidates. Clergy vote for Clergy only.

In early afternoon, the vote was regarding combining Memphis and Tennessee Conferences. The vote count was not made known until after the Tennessee Conference had voted. After the Tennessee Conference voted, the Memphis and Tennessee Conference elected to form a new conference in the future. Tennessee voted the week after Memphis.

I have attended a number of Annual Conferences, I would guess 6 or 7, but this one was different. The theme appeared to be strong progressive and traditional views. In the middle of the afternoon, Bishop McAlilly stopped everything for a short time to pray and tried to get everybody focused properly. Our Bishop had several suggestions for working our way through the current differences of opinion:

1. Put a candle on the altar, light it every Sunday, pray for another church, and carry on.
2. Keep praying!
3. Just breathe deeply and carry on. We have peace with God. Hope is always with us.

Should you have any questions or comments, please call me at 901-685-6813 or Rev. Sara at Trinity, 901-274-6895.

Thank you for this great opportunity!

Respectfully submitted,
Edna Hoffman

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

August 16	Cile Brooks
August 16	Sean Booth
August 16	Rowan Booth
August 17	Phyllis Hoffman
August 18	Chris Comes
August 28	Reid McClurkan
September 6	Jamie Windham
September 11	Doris Webster
September 13	David Potter
September 13	Mike (Marty) Rice
September 14	Kathy Isbell
September 16	Kate Taylor
September 17	Harper Keller
September 20	Charlotte Comes
September 22	Craig Jordan
September 22	Virginia Walters
September 23	John Stuart
September 26	Nancy Rankin
September 28	Kadynce Hemingway
September 30	Joe Hatter



[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.]

Rebecca Leigh Phillips

To all the Trinity family,

Thank you so much for all your love and support for my Dad's service. Our whole family appreciates each of you for being there for us and for your loving church.

Becca

[A note received from Phil Phillips' daughter]

MANNA ON MONDAY RESUMES

On August 26th, our ministry known as Manna on Monday will resume after the closing of Highland Heights UMC in mid-June. We will be serving lunch that day to the poor and marginalized at St. Stephen's UMC at 3981 Macon Road (corner of Graham & Macon north of Summer Avenue). Trinity will serve lunch every 4th Monday going forward. Thanks to St. Stephens for opening up their church so that this ministry can continue!

For those of you unfamiliar with Manna on Monday or who may have missed Marc Taylor's eloquent witness during Ministry Moments, it is a ministry that Trinity has been involved in for over twelve years. Every month, we prepare a hearty lunch of penne pasta in meat sauce, seasoned green beans, salad, bread, and dessert for the guests. Just as we do for our Room in the Inn guests, we also serve the meals to the guests at the tables—no standing in a serving line!

The food is prepared on the previous Sunday afternoon by Myra Finch and Flip Brooks. The food is heated at Trinity on Monday morning and then transported to the church by noon. Several volunteers gather earlier in the morning, around 10:15, to get the tables set up and forks and napkins placed on the tables. Salads are plated, green beans are heated up, bread is sliced and then we're ready to serve when the entrée arrives.



If you might be interested in volunteering, the Manna on Monday team would love to have you in whatever capacity you wish! We can **always** use additional servers from 11:50 AM to 12:30 PM. and helpers to clean up afterwards. Please contact me at (901)493-6744 or rosemary.potter@att.net to ask any questions and to volunteer.

By the way, any leftover food is taken to a small men's mission at Summer and Highland after we're done cleaning up. Because this will be our first time at St. Stephens, things may work out a little differently logistically but the mission remains the same: to feed the hungry and the poor as Jesus calls us to do.

Honorariums & Memorials

Memorials have been received:

In memory of Orville "Phil" Phillips from Rebecca Phillips

In memory of Joe Dycus from Cindy Austin

In memory of Jeanne Dycus from Cindy Austin

An honorarium has been received:

In honor of Irene Dycus from Cindy Austin

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY

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.

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

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 for our outward-facing ministries 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.

As part of our discovery phase, Flip Brooks, Sam Goff and I have been talking with neighbors. I have been delighted to hear first-hand how much Trinity is valued and appreciated. I have also heard some great ideas about other ways neighbors would love to see us supporting the community. We will bring what we are learning to our meeting on August 24. If you, too, have been talking with neighbors about what they appreciate about Trinity and what would make them appreciate us even more, please share it with me (Amy), and we will add it to the other data we have collected.

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 (Kay, Rosemary, Chris and Sara).



Rosemary Potter and RITI Guests Ernest & Freddie



RITI Summer Session 3

By Lois M. Young

Our third summer session was a success, thanks to our long-time meal providers – Food for the Hungry Ministry. Paula, Patty and Dee always serve fantastic comfort food. They do this four to five times a year for us. Our guests love Paula's home cooking. We had 12 ladies and a baby girl. The mom and baby were about to get housing. And over the past month, a few other RITI guests got into housing. Amen!

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

I'm sure some of you have heard me say this before, but Rosemary Potter is one of the main reasons I continue to lead the Room in the Inn ministry at Trinity. When we first started RITI, Camille Bradley was my co-coordinator. When she left to take a job at Mullins UMC, I wasn't sure I would be able to handle running this ministry along with doing my regular St. Jude projects. Rosemary stepped in to help in any way she was able, including laundry, greeting, the all-important staying overnight, etc. She also lives close to the church and volunteers during the week, so when I have questions about what is in the fridge or what laundry has been left, she is the one who saves me a long round trip from Marion.

Rosemary also does extra things that I wouldn't even think about, like driving some guests to work to save them a couple hours of walking or dropping off families at area charitable agencies. Our guests love Rosemary, because she talks with them like they are close friends. Many RITI guests ask to come back to Trinity again and again, not because we have the best beds, but because we have the friendliest, most helpful people. Rosemary is one of the best.

Next Session

Our next session will be Tuesday, August 27. 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.