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Back to it All

So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul...

Deuteronomy 10:12

It's the first day of school! Hallelujah! I woke up way earlier than I like, packed lunch, made breakfast, and busted into the boy's room singing, "Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory!" to which disgruntled small people emerged from underneath their blankets, eyes adjusting, and grins stretching across their faces, because at this age, back to school is so much fun!

We got dressed, ate, took the inaugural first day of school photos, and rushed off to school. After all the drops had been made, I felt like I'd already run a marathon as I slid into the office – just another Monday for me.

Of course, it's not though. It's a Monday back on schedule – a Monday back in our routine. It's a new beginning in some ways but really, it's more of the same. We're getting back.

For me, back-to-school is like New Years. It's a chance to start anew. It's a fresh perspective. It's motivating. The kids feel it. Maybe they didn't do too well last year. Well, this year there's a new teacher and a new class and new chances. They jump in headfirst knowing that they have all the opportunity in the world to create a new perspective -- both **of** them and **for** them.

Oftentimes, churches will host a "Back to School – Back to Church" season during August and it's for the same reasons. We've gotten out of routine – out of habit. We've vacationed, slept in, or stayed in because, well, summer in Memphis is HOT. We've neglected our spiritual life for summer fun and it's about this time of year that we begin to feel it. I've got a great sandal-tan on my feet but I'm feeling a little empty.

And so perhaps it's time for a mid-year resolution. Maybe we say "yes" again to our faith lives. Maybe we join a Sunday school class or come to second Sunday breakfast. Maybe we jump in and volunteer with the youth or children's ministries or (gulp*) commit to serving on a 2019 church committee. Maybe it's one of Trinity's MANY outreach programs.

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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 families who are grieving. For our congregation as we face transitions. Wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council facing difficult decisions. For our Guatemalan neighbors seeking the proper documentation from the Mobile Consulate.

Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

Joan Smith's granddaughter **Sean's** vision

Molly Rosson, celebrated her five-month birthday on July 20th. Doing well!

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

Phil Phillips continues to battle leukemia at home.

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

Dennis Vann, pins in hand to be removed on August 15th.

Kathryn "Gigi" Ellis, now in rehab and doing well.

Marico Mason, may be facing lung transplant.

Jay Allmon's fiancée, **Elizabeth Loggins**, completed surgery with good outcome. Continue to pray for her healing.

Derek Winn, please pray for help for him and his future path in life.

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

Guatemalan Mobile Consulate

On August 18 and 19, representatives of the Guatemalan Consulate will be at Trinity UMC to assist their citizens living in Tennessee and neighboring states with documentation needed to retain legal status here.

Morning Worship on August 19th will be held in the Fellowship Classroom in the sanctuary building at 11 a.m. A nursery will be provided in the sanctuary building nursery, but there will be no Sunday School or Card Factory.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, September 30th, at St. John's UMC, 1207 Peabody Ave., at 2:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

The chancel choir's regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If interested in making a joyful noise, just show up!

Holy Communion

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

Covenant Discipleship

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

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next Trinotes is August 20th. Please email or deliver any articles to Debby Marston, our administrator, 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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Maybe your gifts are better suited to help Ms. Chris take care of the landscaping or perhaps you've got a children's sermon you are dying to share. Maybe it's more private – a morning devotional or sending a card to a shut-in member. Maybe it's fellowship and worship – there's always a spot for you.

Maybe it's time.

It's back to school time. It's back to church time. It's back to God time. See you soon!

Blessings,
Rev. Sara

Save the Dates!

August 18th – 19th: Guatemalan Mobile Consulate (all day)

Trinity is, again, hosting the consulate office out of Atlanta for our Guatemalan brothers and sisters. We are hosting a global ministry opportunity out of our education building! What an amazing way to be a part of the Kingdom of God. Our worship the morning of the 19th will be in the Fellowship Classroom in the sanctuary building. Do you want to help with the consulate? Ask Rev. Sara how you can. To sign up, go to <https://tinyurl.com/MobilConsulate>.

August 26th: Called Charge Conference (immediately following worship)

For many, this is the day you've been waiting for. We will host the Metro District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Smith. Deborah will worship with us and then preside over a special called charge conference. This will be an opportunity for all members in good standing of Trinity United Methodist Church to vote on the sale of the church's sanctuary building. This meeting is for a vote. The Town Hall meeting on August 5th was for any last discussion. Absentee votes will not be accepted, per the United Methodist Book of Discipline, so please make every effort to be present Sunday, August 26th.

September 30th: Charge Conference at St. John's UMC, 1207

Peabody Ave., at 2:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend. Trinity had the biggest turn-out last year! Also consider agreeing to serve on a 2019 committee. Ministry cannot happen unless we all agree to serve.

IOTA PHI LAMBDA SORORITY GIFTS ROOM IN THE INN

by Keisha Burnett

Iota Lambda Sorority, Inc. is a business and professional sorority of African American women. It was founded on June 1, 1929 by Lola Mercedes Parker in Chicago, Illinois. The sorority currently has over 100 chapters across the United States and Puerto Rico.

The creation of a Memphis Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda began in the spring of 2018 by two Iota sorors from the Epsilon Psi chapter, Nkesse Henshaw and Dykiesha Rankin. Nine ladies were invited to join the Lomepa Pledge Club and were inducted as Lomepas on May 29, 2018. The term “Lomepa” was formed from the first two letters of the first, middle, and last name of Lola Mercedes Parker.

The Lomepa inductees are Melissa Cothran, Monifa Roberts, Chana Brooks, Keisha Burnett, Kelley Bynum, Elverna Cain, Kenya Davis-Lee, Dariona Haynes, and Rhonda Mitchell. As part of the pledging process, the Lomepas were charged with organizing their first community service project. It was decided that the Lomepas would donate feminine hygiene products to a homeless ministry in Memphis, and Room in the Inn was chosen to carry out the service project.

The Chapter Induction Ceremony was held on June 29, 2018 and was officially named the Zeta Delta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.



Members of Zeta Delta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. pose following delivery of many boxes and bags of hygiene products for Room in the Inn. Thank you, ladies!

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



Trinity UMC has two more sessions to go in Room in the Inn-Memphis's summer emergency housing program. On Tuesday, August 28th, Food for the Hungry Ministry will provide a meal at Trinity for 12-15 women experiencing homelessness in Memphis. Avalon Street Neighbors will serve the meal on September 25th. As always, we need volunteers to sweep floors, make up beds, greet guests and show them around, act as servers for the meal, work in the clothes closet helping guests find clothing and toiletries, and sit down with them to enjoy a meal together and a little conversation. Those of you who have never experienced a Room in the Inn evening at Trinity should check it out. You start by thinking that you're just helping out and end up feeling greatly blessed by the experience. Contact Lois Young at 901.359.4047 for details or to volunteer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 4 Lee Johns
 August 16 Cile Brooks
 August 16 Rowan Booth
 August 16 Sean Booth
 August 17 Phyllis Hoffman
 August 18 Chris Comes
 August 26 Grant Hechinger

Test your Bible Knowledge

How much do you really know about the Bible? If you want to take a quick quiz to determine the answer to that question, go to Trinity's website and click on the "About" tab: [www.trinityumcmemphis.org]. Scroll down the page until you see the "Take a Quiz" button. From there, you will be taken to the UMC website and a quick test on Scripture knowledge. Enjoy!

BENEVOLENCE GIVING UPDATE

All I have to say is, "Wow!" "Thank you!" to all of you who have given to the Grocery Voucher Program. Your generosity continues to astound me. **Thanks to YOU, 116 individuals have received vouchers since January 1, 2018, and another 10 people will receive vouchers on August 15th.** We have been limiting distribution of vouchers to the first and third Wednesdays of each month and will continue to do so; however, we can now afford to give out as many as 12 each time and will also be able to help out families when unusual emergencies arise. When unable to fulfill a particular need, we refer folks to the Binghampton Food Pantry, where they can receive further 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."



ZETA DELTA CHAPTER

Members of Zeta Delta Chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc. delivered LOTS of boxes and bags filled with all kinds of hygiene products to be shared this summer with women guests receiving emergency shelter at Trinity UMC and other area churches.

With the help of such caring members of the community, Trinity and Room in the Inn-Memphis are better able to provide the necessities of life for our unsheltered neighbors..

The enthusiasm and joy with which these ladies worked to collect toiletries and hygiene products and then deliver them was inspiring. Thanks again to members of Zeta Delta Chapter for your generosity!



iBeinvenidos!

[Welcome!]

On Friday afternoon or evening, August 17th, we will start to see a gathering of some of our Guatemalan neighbors lining up for the Mobile Consulate, which will open for business Saturday, August 18th, around 8:00 a.m. in Trinity's fellowship hall. Guatemalan nationals will be coming from all over Tennessee and our neighboring states in order to acquire documentation necessary to maintain their legal status in the United States, and we expect to welcome 1,000+ guests over the two days of the Consulate's presence here.



We will need volunteers to serve as parking lot security, greeters (knowledge of Spanish desirable, but not required), waiting room "gofers" to make copies of documents for guests, an early riser or two to start coffee for Consulate officials, folks to police the grounds (i.e. pick up litter) throughout the day, and people to provide kids area entertainment. Those of you who have volunteered in the past already know where you best fit, but we welcome newcomers to the experience and will happily train you to operate both the Consulate copier and the new copier in the church office.

The last time the Mobile Consulate came to Trinity, our youth did an amazing job keeping the grounds free of litter, and other volunteers pitched in to take care of any- and everything that came up



Consulate Aides

unexpectedly. You do not have to be bilingual to help. You simply need to recognize the needs of our guests as they arise and do what you can to help out. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office. In order to sign up as a volunteer, go online to: <https://tinyurl.com/MobilConsulate> and enter your name, e-mail address, and phone number in the block for the date and time you are able to serve. Call Debby Marston at 901-274-6895 if you can't access the site.

Back-to-School Bash!

It was a blast! If you had the chance to come to Trinity Saturday and hang out with our neighbors and their small people – set up music or man water slides and bouncy houses – grill hotdogs or just fellowship – THANK YOU! Our 2nd annual Back-to-School Bash was a huge success! We greeted more than 50 kids from the community, worked alongside our Scouts and their leaders, and offered radical hospitality to the neighborhood.

Our next opportunity to do more of the same is August 18th and 19th as we welcome our Guatemalan brothers and sisters to come and partake in the mobile consulate event. How can YOU help to exemplify the radical hospitality of God?



Thank you!

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers who came out to the Back-to-School Bash in order to provide supervision and to keep the kids safe. Everyone had fun and no one got hurt!

