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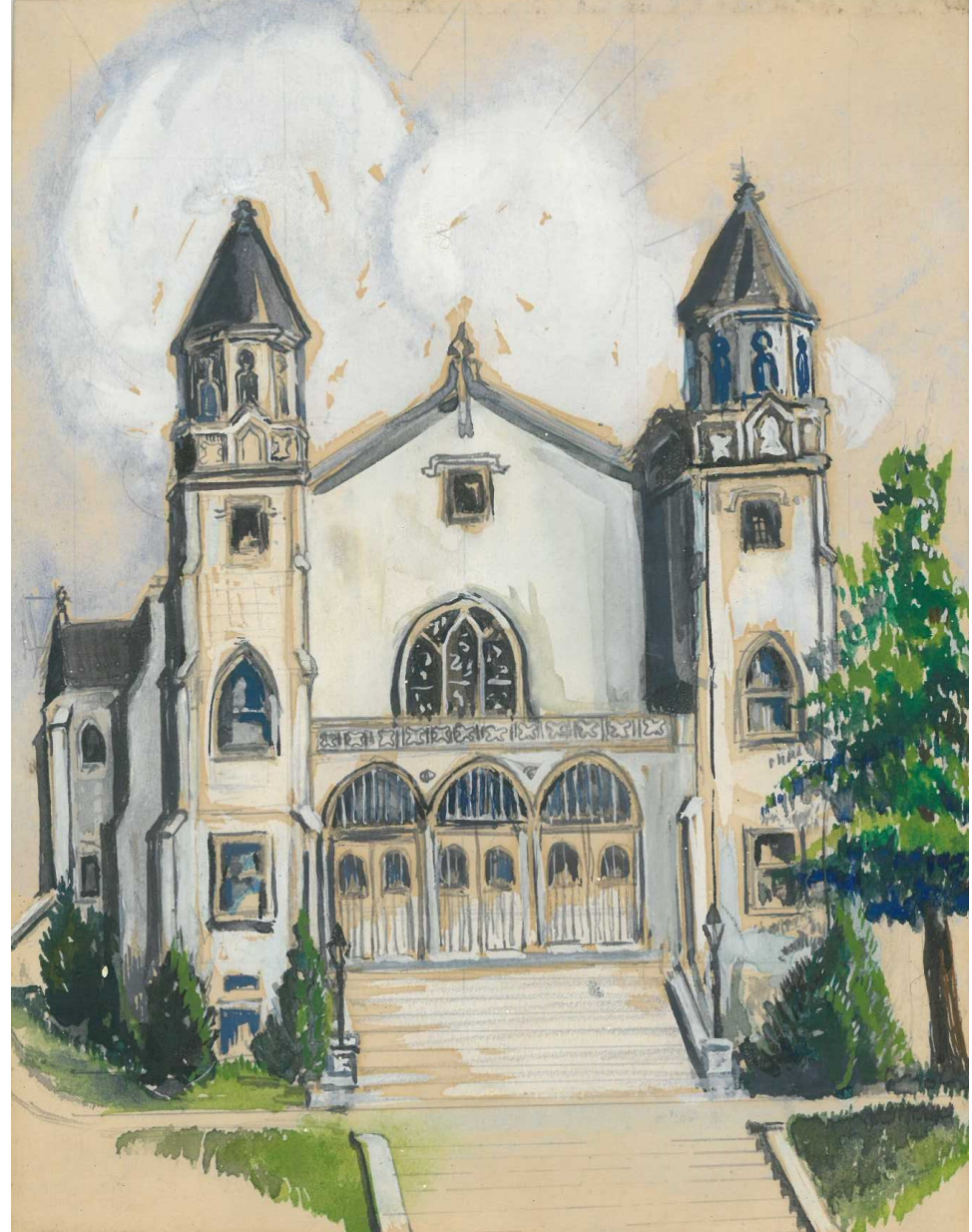
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Trinotes

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Just Say, “YES!”

I don't want to assume that you sit around all day wondering how you might best employ your membership vows to uphold the church ministries with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. It would be silly of me to think that. However, I do want to ask your help.

There are several ministries of Trinity that have really taken off in the last year. We **praise God** on Sundays that both children and youth are in worship. Children's Sunday School is the **best-structured** Sunday School hour for children that I've ever witnessed. The youth gather **every** Sunday morning to work on their growing relationship with each other while considering their growing relationship in faith. These young people aren't only the church of tomorrow. They are the church of today. They remind us of where we are going and that, ahead of us, there is life and life abundant.

But, both of these ministries are at a place where they can no longer flourish or grow without more support from us. No, right now they don't need funds (yes, you read that correctly). I'm not inviting you to a spaghetti luncheon (yet). They need **consistent** volunteers who are willing to be “in” 100%. Please don't hear “doom and gloom,” but they need this kind of support from us for their survival.

For us, these ministries are in a season of joy and excitement. They call us to attention – to action. They have to because they, too, are outgrowing their norm. There's no longer room on our Children's Sermon blanket because our children overfloweth! The regular Sunday School teachers have been delightfully over-run. Brad Moritz, as capable as he is, can tell you first-hand how impossible it is to move forward without a second, every-week, adult during youth group (9:45-10:30 Sunday mornings), and the youth...they want you. Thanks be to God that Trinity is where they want to be.

I'm reminded of how well some Trinitarians prepared me to come to Trinity when I moved here in June of 2017. One of the most exciting prospects for those I spoke with was that the church was in a wonderful place to invest in children's ministry—and you have—and it shows. I also

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for the family and friends of those killed or injured in school 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 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.

Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

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

Molly Rosson, celebrated her six-month birthday on August 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, back at work with just a few more therapy sessions needed for his injured hand.

Kathryn “Gigi” Ellis, as she continues to receive various therapies

Marico Mason, going to Nashville hospital ICU for treatment for lung condition.

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

Sara Grace Mathis, 16 year old friend of **Melba Abraham**, having outpatient chemotherapy at St. Jude.

Amanda Rozinski, 16 year old at Le Bonheur with collapsed lung (prayer request from **Melba Abraham**)

Family of **Linwood Nixon**, who died August 27th, leaving a wife & four children

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

Family and friends of **Ione “Snookie” Mason**, as we grieve her passing.

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

Holy Communion

Holy Communion will be served every Wednesday in the Chapel at 10:00 a.m.

Staff-Parish Relations Committee

The SPRC will meet in the Conference Room on Sunday, September 16th, following worship.

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

The final Room in the Inn emergency summer housing for women will take place on Tuesday, September 25th.

Covenant Discipleship

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

Blessings of the Animals

Saturday, October 7th at 2:00 p.m. in the Education Building.

Church Council

The Church Council will meet in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, October 28th, following worship. Members of the congregation are welcome.

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next Trinotes is September 24th. Please email or deliver any articles to Debby Marston, our administrator, at the church office or 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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remember being approached early with a sad-hearted concern that there was no longer a youth ministry and that the church needed to re-ignite efforts there. Well, friends, here we are. We've been given a huge gift in a short amount of time – amazing children and youth to raise in faith. I implore you to not take this gift for granted.

If any of this reads true to you today, I challenge you to not entertain the thought that “someone else will step up.” You **are** someone, and just as God has heard your excitement and prayers and answered, God can use what's left – you – to bring these ministries to fruition. Just say, “YES!”

Blessed to be a Blessing,
Rev. Sara

Extra Mile Giving??

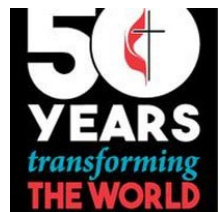
Remember when our IT expert advised us that our 5+ year old computers are on the way out? That still doesn't mean that they are going to crash and burn next week, but rather that we need to be prepared “just in case.” I know it seems like we're always asking for money, but, unfortunately, nothing seems to come free! We do not have money in the budget this year for the purchase of new office equipment, but if you want to go that extra mile in your giving, think about designating a few dollars to upgrading our computers. (This needs to be over and above your pledge or any giving related to feeding or helping those living in poverty.) To date, \$1,050 has been donated to this cause. Call me at (901) 274-6895 if you have questions.

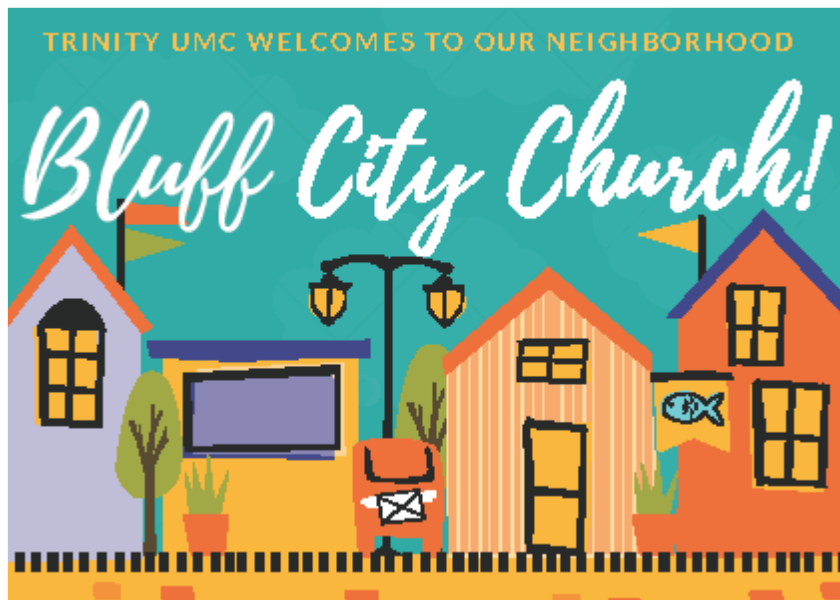
Wishing you enough,
Debby Marston

HOW'S YOUR VOCABULARY?

IT'S UMC QUIZ TIME!

Interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church? Go to ww.trinityumcmemphis.org and click on the “About” tab. Scroll down the page, which has the TUMC mission and vision statements at the top, and click on the “Take a Quiz!” button at the bottom. From there, you will be linked to the quiz of the week. Right now, it's about UMC vocabulary words, but you can follow links to other quizzes on the UMC website. Enjoy!





New Friends at Trinity UMC,

I wanted to drop you this letter to let you know how grateful we are for your generosity. Given that we're still in our infancy as a church and don't quite have our legs under us yet, your willingness to share your space on Sunday nights gives us stability that lays the foundation for a fruitful future. In particular, I have been impressed by your pastor, Sara, and her servant-hearted approach to this entire process. Where many other pastors may have hesitancy, she has approached our partnership with a willing spirit that takes our United Methodist connectionalism seriously.

On a personal note, my wife Cassie and I have been married for fifteen years. She's by far the best thing that has ever happened to me. We have four children, and they're the second, third, fourth, and fifth best things that have ever happened to me (but I won't tell you which order they're in). I am also a 2010 graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary. After serving for three years in a UMC church in NW Florida, I worked for nearly five years at Christ Methodist here in Memphis, pastoring a service called The Table. After my time at Christ Methodist, Bishop McAlilly asked me if I'd be interested in starting a new congregation somewhere in the heart of Memphis.

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Sweet Molly Rosson Update

August 20, 2018 Our sweet baby girl is 6 months old today. She celebrated by going for her checkup and getting shots. I had planned to take her picture this evening, but she got cranky, then fell asleep. I have held her for the past four hours so she would sleep. Mighty Miss Molly is now 26 inches long and weighs 14 pounds, 10 ounces. She has been working really hard in her occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech therapy. She holds her head so much better. We are working on strengthening her shoulders and torso. She is learning to eat baby food. She has six doctors' appointments coming up over the next three months. Thank you all for loving OUR sweet Molly.
~from Molly's mom

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

- James 5:13, 14

As part of our centennial celebration at
Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, we invite your
congregation to celebrate

MLH Sunday

Sunday, September 30, 2018

We hope this will be an opportunity to pray for the mission of
Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare and for your congregation to celebrate
our shared calling to heal the sick, just as Jesus did in scripture.

To learn more about our centennial and **MLH Sunday**,
we invite you to visit methodisthealth.org/mlhsunday.

100 YEARS
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United Methodist Women

UMW meetings start back in September!
The Day Circle met on September 4th,
and the Unit Meeting will take place on
Tuesday, September 18th.

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, September 24th. The regular meetings are:

Day Circle - First Tuesday of each month

Unit Meeting - Third Tuesday of each month

Evening Circle - Fourth Monday of each month.

Watch in Sundays' bulletins for any changes in this schedule.



September 6	Jamie Windham
September 10	Timothy Taylor
September 11	Doris Webster
September 13	David Potter
September 14	Kathy Isbell
September 16	Kate Taylor
September 17	Harper Keller
September 17	Jan Bailey Young
September 20	Charlotte Comes
September 22	Bennett Brown

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Trying to contain my elation, I calmly told him I'd be happy to do so, and thus, we started services on July 1st. We have met for worship over at Overton Chapel for the last few months, but we knew we would quickly need more space. When I approach Sara about the possibility, it was clear we were of one mind and heart in our love for this city and God's work within it.

Our primary objective at the new church is to minister to people often known as the "dones." That is, people who have walked away from church because they've been hurt. In this, we have latched onto Jesus' teachings in Matthew 18 about the Shepherd who seeks after his wandering sheep, leaving the ninety-nine for the one. In the Bible Belt, we feel like one of our primary opportunities to witness to Christ is not necessarily complete non-believers, but people who do believe, but have felt there's no church for them. Thus, we are not competing with other churches for mature Christians; we're trying to create an environment where de-churched and unchurched people feel like they can encounter God through sacred questions and sacred conversations.

My hope, new friends, is that our efforts can be mutually beneficial, mutually encouraging, and mutually fruitful. We already owe you so much. Thank you.

Tom Fuerst



Cassie & Tom Fuerst

Church Can Happen Anywhere

by Kay Jordan, Lay Leader

A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to work with members of Peace Tree UMC as a volunteer during the Guatemalan Consulate's time at Trinity. The t-shirts worn by the volunteers from Peace Tree had on the back, "Church Can Happen Anywhere." During that weekend, the truth of their motto really came to me. If we aren't careful, we think of "church" as what happens during the worship service on Sunday morning at 11:00. That particular weekend, that part of "church" happened in the Fellowship Classroom in the basement of the Sanctuary Building. And it was indeed "church." It wasn't the setting we were used to, either when we used to have the 11:00 service upstairs in our beloved sanctuary or when we have been having the 11:00 service in the Fellowship Hall in the Education Building. But it was church, because the Church gathered in that space. The members, visitors, pastor, music director, children, and the Holy Spirit met in that place. And we worshipped together. But beyond the 11:00 worship service, church happened everywhere that week. In the Education Building, church happened as volunteers from many congregations helped our neighbors from Guatemala get their documents up-to-date. In homes, church happened as we visited our homebound members, planned for experiences for our children and youth, prepared to house (some of) the homeless and feed (some of) the hungry. In offices, church happened as we prayed for God's guidance in our daily lives. Church can happen anywhere. We are grateful for our buildings, because they are a convenience, giving us a location to serve as home base for Church. But if we had no buildings, we would still have Church. Thanks be to God!



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.

BENEVOLENCE GIVING UPDATE



And once more we say, **"Thank you!"** to all of you who have given to the Grocery Voucher Program.

Thanks to YOU, our Grocery Voucher program is alive and well! 146 individuals have received vouchers, and another 15 people will receive vouchers on September 19th. As before, we are limiting distribution of vouchers to the first and third Wednesdays of each month, and give out ten to fifteen each time. When unable to fulfill a particular need, we refer folks to the Binghampton Food Pantry, where they can receive 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."



CHOIR NEWS: A Music Note



By: John Holtzman

Fall is almost upon us, which means the holiday season is just around the corner. With that being said, the choir has already embarked on working on the upcoming Christmas musical. The title for this year's musical is "Home for Christmas." I am excited about this for several reasons:

- We are doing this as a combined effort with the choir of Ellendale United Methodist Church. Having played for the Ellendale choir for almost seven years and having directed the Trinity choir for one year, I know that putting these two choirs together is going to make for a very powerful presentation.
- We will be doing two performances of the musical. The Trinity choir will travel to Ellendale to perform the musical and, later that day, the Ellendale choir will travel to Trinity to perform the musical here.
- This will be a larger production. We will have speaking parts, additional instruments, and a slide show that will accompany the musical, adding a great visual affect.
- John Lane, who has been the director at Ellendale for almost 30 years will direct the combined choirs, and I will be the pianist for the musical.

"Home for Christmas" is slated to be performed on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 p.m. at Trinity after our earlier performance at Ellendale during their morning worship service. It is not too late the join the choir and be part of this musical. The choir meets at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday night.

Don't forget to **save the date: Sunday, December 9th @ 4:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall.





Faith without works is dead

By Lois M. Young

We hosted 13 women at Room in the Inn August 28. All were so glad to be out of the heat, and many told me how well they slept that night and how thankful they were for the good food.

One woman came in her own car. She is fleeing an abusive husband. She has spent her whole life in a small Mississippi town, but she finally had to leave to get away from the abuse. I don't think she knows where to go, and she doesn't have many resources. In the morning, the other women were telling her where to go in Memphis and how to get a restraining order from the police. We pray for her as we do for all the others. Where will they go? How will they stay safe?

A couple days ago, our Room in the Inn Director Lisa Anderson posted these comments on Facebook along with pictures of a beautiful rainbow:

"After a particularly difficult couple of days with more women and children than we can handle at Room in the Inn, I walked out of the Carpenter's House feeling a little defeated. I rounded the corner to this work of art [the rainbow]. One of our guests who did not get shelter tonight said, 'See, Pastor Lisa, God always lets us know everything will be okay.' They preach the gospel to me every single day. During my drive home I noticed that the darker the clouds got, the brighter the colors were. Message received."

Some people think that you need to preach the gospel to people experiencing homelessness, but many times they have more faith than most people you will meet in church. They also help each other in many ways, despite having so little.

This Sunday's Epistle lesson tied all these thoughts together for me: "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed

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Memorials & Honorariums

A Memorial has been received:

*In memory of **Donna German** from an anonymous donor*

Honorariums have been received:

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from Mike & Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from Mac & Mary McConnell*

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from Charles & Melba Abraham*

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from the Trinity Choir*

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from the Nowlin Class*

*In honor of **Rev. Sara Corum** from Charles & Melba Abraham*

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for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:14-17

If you would like to meet some of our wonderful guests, our next Room in the Inn session is Tuesday, September 25. Email or call me if you are interested (loislane.young@comcast.net, 870-559-2228) or just show up. Help us put faith in action.

ITEMS NEEDED ON AN ONGOING BASIS:

- † Bras, all sizes, especially sports bras
- † Underwear, all sizes
- † Backpacks

