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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*



## “Letting Go”

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do and  
He will establish your plans.”  
— Proverbs 16:3*

It's the first day of Autumn. It's also the day after the Guatemalan Mobile Consulate and a beautiful service of unity and mutual support and love as we celebrated in worship, yesterday, with El Redentor United Methodist Church. It's drizzling outside and I, body, soul, and mind exhausted from the glorious weekend, have yet to make it to the office. And so I write this morning, praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit who's been prevalent in all things connectional this weekend, at home — a pumpkin candle lit, beckoning the change of season.

I don't doubt I'll have to beckon with more than a pumpkin spice candle. We live in Memphis. Summer feels perpetual and today's drizzle of rain is the first we've seen in a month. The weather forecaster is getting bored reporting mid-90's temperatures and “more sunshine!” The kids have worn through their summer sandals and even though it's still hot as blazes outside, we've switched over to tennis shoes. All the white is hanging in the back of the closet. Labor Day was a month ago! And in the Church, we're moving deeper and deeper into ordinary time, inching closer and closer to All Saints Day and the season of Advent.

I recently saw written somewhere, “The trees are about to show you just how beautiful letting go can be.” I catch myself praying that the South can let go of summer so that we, too, can be reminded, in the world around us, how beautiful it can be to let things go.

Since January we've been in a church season of “letting go.” We've embraced the possibility of “taking on anew.” We're allowed ourselves to be challenged, and stretched, and moved, ever-so-reminded that we are the clay and not the Potter. And we head on, through the ordinariness of Ordinary Time, recognizing the extraordinary that happens when we let go.

This past weekend we let go of our building. We let go of our worship time. We let go of all the things we call, “ours,” so that the Potter could work. We saw the beauty in letting go as more than 1,000 of our neighbors were served, processing more than

## 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

**Bryce Sellers**, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

**Paige Warmath**, **Alyson Foreman's** cousin, glioblastoma recurring; in treatment at West Clinic

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

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

**Grace Hayden**, daughter of **Tim & Nora**, at home now, receiving outpatient rehab.

**Waltraud Elisabet “Wallie” Newton**, **Sandy Guntharp's** mother, died recently. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**Maggi Comes** and family, as they grieve the loss of her brother, **Phil Phillips**

**Mary McConnell's** niece, **Laura Fellin**, now receiving radiation for cancer

**Jacob Foreman**, son of **Caley & Alyson**, breathing problems after complications following surgery; multiple problems due to scoliosis

*(Please contact the church office if you have additional prayer concerns, need a concern removed, or need to make a change or correction.)*

# Upcoming

EVENTS

## Memphis PRIDE

Trinity UMC will have a table at the Memphis PRIDE event to be held on Saturday, September 29th, from 10 am—5 pm at Robert Church Park near the FedEx Forum.

## UMW October Meetings in Fellowship Hall

The UMW Day Circle—October 1st at 10:30 a.m.

Monthly Unit meeting—10:30 a.m. on October 15th.

The Evening Circle—October 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Youth Group—Go to <https://www.trinityumcmemphis.org/weekly-childrens-programs.html> for upcoming Youth activities. They will have dinner at Trinity 9/26 at 6 pm in the Youth Room and meet at Global Café, October 2nd, at 6 p.m.

## Room in the Inn

Please call Lois Young at 901-359-4047 or e-mail her at [lois-lane.young@gmail.com](mailto:lois-lane.young@gmail.com) if you wish to volunteer for winter season tasks or meals. Filling in this week for Lois is Rosemary Potter: Contact her at 901-493-6744 or [rosemary.potter@att.net](mailto:rosemary.potter@att.net).

## Trustees Meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Conference Room at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 7th.

## Manna on Monday

The next Manna on Monday meal will be served on September 30th at St. Stephen's UMC. Servers/clean-up volunteers welcome!

## Holy Communion

A Service of Holy Communion is held in the Chapel each Wednesday at 10:30 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 October 14th. Please email or deliver any articles to Debby Marston at [office@trinityumcmemphis.org](mailto: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:

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1000 documents in 36 hours. We embraced the beauty in letting go as we worshipped in the afternoon with El Redentor — a service offered in both English and Spanish. We let go and God did far more than we could've done, hanging on tightly.

If the weather tells us anything, it's that it's hard to let go. If the weekend has shown us anything it's that God is waiting there to do mighty and beautiful things when we do.

There are more opportunities to let God in and let God work in the weeks to come and I hope you'll meet me in the challenge so that together we can meet God in the beauty that's sure to come.

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Sara



Guatemalan citizens came from Tennessee and surrounding states to the Mobile Consulate for document processing on September 21 & 22. The Consulate served 1,266 People over the weekend!



Rev. Sara, Rev. Goya de la Cruz, Rev. Kristofer Roof, and Rev. Luz Campos pause for just a moment on Saturday while working at the Mobile Consulate.



# TRINITY + PRIDE

On September 29th, Trinity will be participating in Memphis PRIDE. This isn't the first time. Two years ago we had a table and many of you came and worked it throughout the day. Our music director, John Holtzman, was pro-active in setting up our booth and introducing us to the many folks in his circle who attend PRIDE. The experience was beautiful in that it put us in the middle of a group of folks who, in our age, would be unlikely, unexpected guests in Christian worship spaces. This particular community, the LGBT+ community, has, at times, been admonished by the Church, rather than loved by it. And so, being *intentional* about developing these relationships works to heal a wound that otherwise is ignored, and we all know what happens to ignored wounds. Our table was an example of the church being the church Jesus said should go and invite. In inviting, we emulate the love of Jesus and in loving we are answering our call to do all we are called to do.

This is the value of being present and of being intentional — connecting with the unlikely and unexpected, because why would they come if they're never invited?

If you'd like to work our table for PRIDE, please let me know. It will touch your heart in a way you may not expect. And remember, all we are ever called to be is faithful.



Blessed to be a blessing,  
Rev. Sara



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 26	Nancy Rankin
September 28	Kadynce Hemingway
September 30	Joe Hatter
October 1	Davis Hopper
October 7	Tom Edwards
October 8	Nora Dycus
October 13	Sullivan Potter
October 17	Flip Brooks
October 18	Gracie McClurkan
October 19	Jacob Foreman
October 27	Wade Humbert
October 31	Phil Waldon

*[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.]*

## BINGHAMPTON FOOD PANTRY



### FEED THE HUNGRY

**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.



## Update

One month ago, we gathered to review all that we had discovered about our

community and create some priorities that will help guide Trinity UMC in deepening connections with the community. Below you will see the priorities and the next steps for each.

### **Continue to be a catalyst for community building in the neighborhood**

- Host another Trunk or Treat in October and combine it with a family movie night on the lawn
- Host an immigration awareness/advocacy meeting and invite the larger community to learn and engage together
- Add one or two new community building events in 2020

### **Connect more fully with the Binghampton neighborhood through our relationship with Binghampton United Methodist Mission (BUMM)**

- Host an Artist Market featuring Binghampton artists in early December
- Feature international cuisine at an Artist Market catered by Binghampton neighbors

### **Strengthen communications with the larger community**

- Create a communications template to ensure that we share consistently with the neighborhood, via social media, and via traditional media
- Build a signage budget so we can communicate happenings at Trinity UMC, especially where neighbors might want to join in

### **Find ways to build upon and amplify Room In The Inn**

- Catalyze a partnership with Rhodes College, Methodist Le Bonheur and others to meet the expressed health needs of people who are homeless
- Explore adding showers and laundry to Trinity UMC building

### **Build a robust youth program**

- Volunteers will be meeting to develop this idea

### **Worship service enhancements that promote imaginative action for deeper community connections**

- Volunteers will be meeting to develop this idea

Do you see a place above where you can join in? Do you have additional ideas for connecting to the community and a few committed people to help you? If yes, contact Amy Moritz at 901-463-0983 or [amycmoritz@gmail.com](mailto:amycmoritz@gmail.com). The Trinity Community Connections Steering Committee would love to hear from you!

## Honorariums & Memorials

### ***A memorial has been received:***

*In memory of **Wallie Newton** from Kathy Isbell*

### ***An honorarium has been received:***

*In honor of **Irene Dycus** from Alyson & Caley Foreman*

*In honor of **Linda Hartin** from Ramelle Brooks*

*In honor of **Linda Hartin** from Betty Lou Brooks*

*In honor of **Debby Marston** from Elaine Amis*

## **Children's Council to Meet September 29th**

The Children's Council, composed of parents and leaders of children's ministries at Trinity UMC, will meet this coming Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the morning worship service. The noon-time Meet-and-Eat will begin with a light lunch of make-your-own sandwiches, chips, fruit, and dessert, with PB&J sandwiches as a kid's meal alternative. Children will eat lunch with the adults; childcare will be provided for the planning meeting.

All leaders and helpers in children's ministries, as well as parents, are encouraged to attend. We will be setting dates for special events for the 2019-20 school year, including Vacation Bible School. We will also be looking at personnel needs for the Sunday School, Nursery, and Card Factory.

We do need to know how many folks to plan on for lunch and also how many children will need childcare. Please email, call, or text Irene Dycus to let her know if you will be in attendance (901-652-1105 or [irenebdycus@hotmail.com](mailto:irenebdycus@hotmail.com)). We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

## Election Day Bake Sale Coming Up!

It's right around the corner! Election Day, Thursday, October 3rd, is also SALE DAY at Trinity Church! We need lots of baked goodies for our sale on that day. Home-canned goods and hand-crafted items are also welcome, if your creativity extends to those wonderful things. Proceeds from this sale will go to Trinity's



## BAKE SALE

mission and outreach ministries. As usual, we are asking every family in the church to bake one or more items to sell at our bake sale. An "item" is a cake, a batch of cookies, a pie, a loaf of bread, a batch of muffins or cupcakes, etc.

We prefer that sale items be delivered to Trinity Church during office hours on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Smaller baked items such as cookies and brownies

should be packed in zip-lock bags, 4 to a package if large ones and 6 to a package if smaller. We will price all bake sale items after you bring them to the church, so please don't put prices on your baked goods ahead of time.

Many of Trinity's neighbors forego early voting just so they can visit our bake sale on election days, and they arrive very early, looking especially for those delicious baked goods. We need everyone to help out with this project by baking/making items for sale. We also need helpers at the sales tables, which will be located in the hallway outside the voting area in Trinity's Education Building; we will need two volunteers on duty at all times, from 7:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m. To volunteer your services, call/text Irene Dycus (901-652-1105) or email her at [irenebducus@hotmail.com](mailto:irenebducus@hotmail.com).

## Interested in a game of Hearts?

A group of friends will soon be getting together here at Trinity for a friendly game of Hearts. Everyone is welcome to join for a game once in a while or on an ongoing basis. All you have to do is show up on the 1st Friday of the month at 1:00 p.m. to gather in the Youth Room. The goal? Fun and fellowship!



## In the Beginning...

...there was Father Charles Strobel, a Catholic priest with a parish in Nashville, Tennessee. Father Charlie's compassionate

love for folks living in abject poverty on the streets of Nashville led him to the establishment of a grass roots movement to offer hospitality and support to people without the stability of permanent housing. Room in the Inn Nashville grew into a 501(c)(3) non-profit that includes some 200 churches and host sites, as well as a large facility downtown that offers such services as recuperative care for patients newly discharged from the hospital, a veterans program, a guest house offering an alternative to a night in jail to those picked up for public intoxication, legal assistance, life skills education, ...and the list goes on and on.

Room in the Inn-Memphis began in a small congregation pastored by Rev. Lisa Anderson, now Executive Director of the Memphis-based organization. Recognizing the extensive needs of those in precarious living situations, Rev. Anderson and her loyal band of volunteers stepped out in faith and began recruiting other congregations to serve as host sites. Currently there are 55 host sites in the Memphis area, including 16 Christian denominations, one Jewish Synagogue, three non-profits, and one higher education institution. Even so, more host sites are needed to even begin to fill the need.

RITI-Memphis, headquartered in The Carpenter's House at 212 N. 2nd St. in downtown Memphis, is hoping to expand into a second facility that will ultimately provide for one of the most urgent needs among the homeless: recuperative care. The RITI-Memphis staff receives calls every day from hospital staff looking for a bed for someone being discharged after surgery or a hospital stay, only to have to say there is nothing available. When one is discharged to the street, there is little opportunity to rest and recover. Our neighbors living on the street live on their feet, and there is no rest for the weary, sick, desperate people who live on the very fringes of our society.

If we are to be the hands and feet of Christ, it is essential that we reach out to those Jesus called "the least of these." Trinity UMC has answered the call to service by acting as a host site for RITI-Memphis. In order to do so, we, as a congregation, need to support Room in the Inn-Memphis financially, prayerfully, and by continuing to do the hard work required in order to serve our disadvantaged neighbors.

(Room in the Inn-Memphis is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides training, support, and materials to host sites, enabling those working "in the trenches" to continue this important work for God's kingdom.)