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Communities in Mission

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones,

and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

The text from Ecclesiastes is one I use at just about every funeral. It's one of my favorite texts. It, like Hymn of Promise (my favorite hymn) is all encompassing. Essentially — this is life — Alpha and Omega — beginning and end. And, in life, there is a time for each and every matter under heaven.

When I was going through youth group (in the late 90's and early 2000's), a popular choice of music was the 7/11 praise and worship songs that we, as youth, vehemently thought belonged in worship. 7/11 songs are songs that are the same seven words sung eleven times. They were all prayers of a sort, and the repetition moved us to a spiritually manipulated response of faith that, when heard, and still when heard today, recalls mountaintop moments of my spiritual journey. But the season for that ended when, in college, a professor challenged the literal understanding of then famous Bible stories like Noah and the Flood. All the sudden, faith wasn't so easily dogmatic and 7/11 songs were trite. In fact, I can remember abandoning Christian music altogether and returning to my roots — classic rock, oldies, James Taylor and the Beatles — a season worth returning to.

In late seminary, when my faith felt all-but-crucified, I returned to contemporary Christian music — needing faith to come like a “peaceful easy feeling” again, but that feeling was no longer there. My faith was too big — too filled with comfortably unanswered questions about the Divine. It was the hymns of “Big Church” that brought me home again — a season of my grandparent's was where I was able to find comfort.

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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, doing well at 6 months of age. In physical, occupational, & speech therapies with a complex care clinic.

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

Mac McConnell's sister, **Peggy Sanderson**, cancer.

Phil Phillips continues to battle leukemia at home.

The family of **Maxine Guerry**, friend of **Jim Schaeffer**, who died recently after a long illness. Please pray for her daughter, **Melinda O'Bannon**.

Kathryn “Gigi” Ellis, now back at home; wisdom on part of her caregivers.

Family of **Linwood Nixon**, who died August 27th, leaving wife and 4 children.

Amanda Rozinski, 16 year old with muscular dystrophy & scoliosis.

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

Jean Moss, having tests run.

The family and friends of **Snookie Mason**, in their grief at her passing.

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

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

Upcoming

EVENTS

CHARGE CONFERENCE

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

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7th, starting at 2:00 p.m. at TUMC's Education Building.

Choir Rehearsal

The chancel choir's regular rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 6:00 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., fresh produce is distributed. In case of emergency, a bag of staple items can be obtained by calling Michael Anderson at (901) 503-2748.

Covenant Discipleship

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

Trunk-or-Treat!

Join us for Trunk-or-Treat in the parking lot of the Education Building on October 27 from 4:00—6:00 p.m. Candy! A bonfire!, S'mores! Bring your friends. (Rain date: October 28, same time)

Trinotes

The deadline for submissions for the next Trinotes is October 8th. Please email or deliver any articles to office@trinityumcmemphis.org to Debby Marston's attention. 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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I feel like the church — the church universal — is facing that same sort of season of change and where we could be apprehensive about it — and maybe we should be — I'm excited about it. The Church is in a season of decline and discernment which, if you look at it in a really twisted sort of way — is actually a season of spiritual growth. Let me remind you that to everything there is a season — a time to be born and a time to die, and if we can remember anything about the bits and pieces of our faith that never dissipate in any season — unmentioned in Ecclesiastes — a season for resurrection.

Trinity has heard me say it a lot lately. Church has outgrown Sunday morning and spilled over into the rest of the week. That is NOT because of finances (well, not completely, at least). That's because the season has changed and the church that Trinity once was, isn't the church God now wants Trinity to be. And so our season is one of faithfulness.

The Church looks like it's in a season of decline but it's not. It's in a season where it's discerning that we are no longer only Sunday morning faith-goers. Church has spilled over into the rest of the week, the rest of the month, the rest of the year. There's more to do than worship — 7/11 songs or hymns — sermons about mansions in the sky or the Kingdom that has already come and in fact is. The season we're in is one that calls us to creative, daring, risk-taking moves that have nothing to do with self-preservation. The season we're in is terrifying and yet peaceful because we know that, as the seasons change, the God who marked time to begin with, is already in the next seconds.

The thing about seasons is that they're inevitable whether or not we prescribe to them. It's a blessing for us that we're given the chance to walk through them together — as folks who know what it's like to be called to faithfulness.

I thought that the 7/11 song season would never come back to me — that I would never again feel the kind of faith like a child I felt in the early days of my spiritual journey. I thought I'd never find God in them again — that, that season was once and done. But now, as I tuck Aiden and Cooper into bed at night, and a little voice comes from the far side of the room, "Sing Sanctuary," I'm reminded that to everything there is a season, no matter where we think we are — one of resurrection hope for what the next generations and all the tomorrows might bring if only we're faithful.

With Faith, Hope, and Love,
Rev. Sara



October 1	Davis Hopper
October 3	Marie Park
October 7	Tom Edwards
October 8	Nora Dycus
October 12	Evan Webster
October 13	Sullivan Potter
October 17	Flip Brooks
October 19	Jacob Foreman
October 27	Wade Humbert
October 31	Phil Waldon



On Sunday, Oct. 7th, we invite you to come to Trinity and bring your pet for a special blessing. We recognize the sanctity of creation and celebrate all the lives that God has given us. We remember our commitment to care for creation and give thanks to God for the joy our pets bring us. You are welcome to bring ANY pet. We do please ask that your pet plays well with others and is up-to-date on immunizations.

We'll gather on the steps of the TUMC Education Building (main door).



Food for the soul

by Lois M. Young

A few months ago a representative from AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals called me and wanted to reserve a date for his work group to provide a meal for our Room in the Inn guests. I put him on the meal schedule, but it seemed way too early to send the list to everyone else. Then, a couple of weeks ago, Harry Freeman of the Midtown Memphis Rotary Club said they would like to pick their date for this coming season. They have provided a meal for the past three years. It was definitely time to send out the schedule and see if we could get some dates covered.

As usual, the response has been amazing. Half of our dates are already filled. So far our meal providers include:

- AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals
- Redeemer Presbyterian Church
- The Guleff Family
- United Methodist Women Evening Circle
- Christ United Methodist Church
- Midtown Memphis Rotary Club
- Midtown Montessori School
- On Christmas Day: Jeri Ashley and anyone who wants to help (*see page 7 for details*)

Dates that are still open include November 20, December 11 and 18, January 1, 22 and 29, February 19 and 26, and March 12 and 26. They are going fast, so if you want one of these dates, please contact me as soon as possible at loislane.young@comcast.net or 870-559-2228.

At Room in the Inn, the evening meal is a fellowship meal where our volunteers sit down with the guests, and everyone eats together. So our meal providers are offering enough food to fill 30 to 50 plates depending on how many volunteers they bring with them to eat with the guests.

Without these generous meal providers, Room in the Inn at Trinity would not be possible. We are grateful for everyone who takes on this important role.



MANNA ON MONDAY MINISTRY NEEDS HELP!

As you may know, our Manna on Monday ministry occurs on the third Monday of every month to feed the homeless and highly marginalized folks in the Highland Heights area. Lunch is provided and served by Trinity at Highland Heights UMC (NW corner of Highland and Summer) at noon. We are looking for a few more volunteers to help in this outreach ministry, specifically as servers from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and to help with clean up from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.. No prior experience required—just willing hearts, hands and feet!! Please contact either Rosemary Potter at (901) 493-6744 or Myra Finch at (901) 653-8061. You'll be glad you did... and so will we!



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.

Honorariums & Memorials

Memorials have been received:

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from an anonymous donor*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Sally Ramsey*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Wendel & Linda Stoltz*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Jane Waldrip*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Elaine Amis*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Dorothy Sue Smith*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Bill & Mary McConnell*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Charles & Melba Abraham*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Connie Johns*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Mike & Rosemary Potter*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Elizabeth & David Hopper*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Doris Porter*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Sue Caradine*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Cile & Flip Brooks*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Evelyn Stell & family*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Evelyn Mills*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Barbara Fisher*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Rosemary M. Walls*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Kathy & Phil Isbell*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Kay Humphreys*

*In memory of **Snookie Mason** from Julie McLunn*

Honorariums have been received:

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from Wendel & Linda Stoltz*

*In honor of **Bertha Ching** from Dorothy Sue Smith*

*In honor of **Laura Finch** from Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Myra Finch** from Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Kathy Isbell** from Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Nancy Rankin** from Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Diana Stein-Kabakoff** from Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Marc & Sue Taylor** from Rosemary Potter*

*In honor of **Rev. Sara K. Corum** from Rosemary Potter*

FUNERAL PALL AVAILABLE

Trinity UMC now has a beautiful funeral pall available for the use of Trinity families in the event of the death of a loved one. The pall is a lovely gold medallion design over jacquard white satin. Historically, a funeral pall was used as a covering for the coffin, and only recently has been replaced by a floral funeral pall or spray. Having this beautiful pall available will give families another option to a floral spray.

Christmas Dinner for Room in the Inn Guests

Jeri Ashley has signed up to provide dinner on Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th, for 12-15 Room in the Inn guests. She is calling on all those who are otherwise going to be "home alone" on Christmas Day to join her in providing a pot luck meal. Jeri will provide the meat. Anyone who wants to celebrate Christmas in an extra special way can bring side dishes and sit down to eat a holiday meal with some folks who might otherwise go hungry. This is what the name of the Room in the Inn ministry is all about: once upon a time, our Savior's earthly parents could not find a place to stay in Bethlehem because "there was no room in the inn." Think about it. Call Jeri at (901) 483-1860 to sign up for this opportunity.



PATHWAY TO DIGNITY

On October 25th, the Board of Directors for Pathway to Dignity will meet in order to plan for the upcoming year. Recruitment of new students is always a challenge, so Ms. Clayborne has asked us to get the word out in an effort to bring into the program those facing the challenges of living as individuals once incarcerated, but now free to carve out new lives for themselves.

Active recruitment will start in October and extend through December, with a new class starting up in January of 2019. Please make a difference by talking about Pathway to Dignity to your friends and neighbors. There are probably some whose sons or daughters' lives would be enriched by the opportunity to study ways of becoming more productive members of society. Help them find meaningful employment and, thus, a better life for themselves and their families.