

# Trinotes



**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.**



**ROOM  
IN THE INN  
MEMPHIS**

*A hand of  
encouragement and  
a leadership change*

by Lois Young

“One reason why the rich in general have so little sympathy for the poor is because they so seldom visit them.” John Wesley, Works, 3:387

Pastor Sara recently posted this thoughtful quote on Facebook. What this quote says is one of the main reasons I feel Room in the Inn is a critical ministry. We all know that the main goal of the program is to give our unsheltered neighbors a good meal and a safe place to sleep for the night. But, it is also an important opportunity for people to volunteer and learn more about these homeless individuals – to see them as fellow humans.

I’m not saying that all our volunteers are rich, but by comparison to those who are on the streets, we are all rich. Once you get to know Room in the Inn guests, it is hard to not have sympathy for all they are going through. It is easy for someone to say, “They made mistakes and now they are dealing with the consequences.” Often their only mistake was being born poor. Sometimes an illness or job loss has led to their homelessness. There are so many stories, and they are all different. There is no room for judgment at Room in the Inn.

When we picked up our guests downtown last Tuesday evening, our morning driver, John Peeples, was there volunteering during pickup. He said he wanted to see the other side of the program since it was always his job each Wednesday morning to put our guests back on the streets. I had not looked at it that way before. He definitely has one of the most difficult volunteer positions for this reason.

Each Wednesday morning, I *do* think about how we are putting our guests back out in the elements. Sometimes it’s cold, sometimes wet. Always there are safety concerns. Last week, I was struggling with it more than usual. As I climbed on the bus counting to make sure everyone was there before John pulled away, I said what I always say,

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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:

**Maggi Comes’** niece, **Katie Pendleton**, diagnosed with Tumefactive MS

**Bryce Sellers**, fighting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

**George Stokely, Chris Glover’s** nephew, autistic high school honor student suddenly acting out & dealing with anger.

**Paige Warmath, Alyson Foreman’s** cousin, continuing treatment for brain tumor

**Kanyon Glover**, heart transplant survivor; in and out of hospital

**Jacob Foreman**, son of **Caley & Alyson**, diagnosed with ENS & undergoing treatment; prayers still appreciated

**Jane Collins** still in rehab following a fall.

**Gene Opel**, very weak; currently in rehab to help him walk; **Irene Opel**, ongoing health concerns

**Nancy Rankin’s** sister, **Betty Bell**, as she recovers from abdominal surgery & undergoes rehab; Betty’s husband, **Scott Bell**, as he cares for her.

**Rev. Sara’s** grandmother, **Kathleen Corum**, now home—please pray for her and Rev. Sara’s father, **Tilman Corum**.

**Jeri Ashley’s** health concerns

**Jane Waldrup**, recovering well following heart valve surgery

*(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

## **Upcoming UMW Meetings in the Worship Center**

The UMW will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4th. The UMW Unit Meeting takes place in Tuesday, February 18th at 10:30 a.m. The UMW Evening Circle will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24th. The Evening Circle is engaging in a Lenten study from Philippians, "Because of This, I Rejoice." Visitors are welcome!

## **Committee Meetings**

**Church Council**—Sunday, February 2nd, immediately after worship in Worship Center. Members of the congregation are welcome to sit in. **SPPRC**—Sunday, February 16th, immediately after worship, in Conference Room

**Youth Group**—Go to <https://www.trinityumcmemphis.org/weekly-childrens-programs.html> for upcoming Youth activities. (See schedule on page 5.)

## **Room in the Inn**

Please e-mail Lois Young at [loislane.young@gmail.com](mailto:loislane.young@gmail.com) or call her at 901-359-4047 if you wish to volunteer for winter season tasks. (See article on page 2 & 3.)

## **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 February 10th. 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:

[www.trinityumcmemphis.org/e-newsletter.html](http://www.trinityumcmemphis.org/e-newsletter.html)

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"Be careful out there." I paused a moment longer than usual. Several ladies looked at me like they knew what I was thinking. Miss Lois grabbed my hand and squeezed it and with a concerned smile she said, "Have a good day, Lois." Yes. Lois to Lois I think she knew what I was thinking. "Why does this woman have to live this crazy, dangerous, homeless life? Why do any of them?" I had to take some deep breaths and blink a lot walking back to the building to keep the tears away. The system is screwed up, but we need to keep doing the best we can to provide our guests with some needed relief.



Despite these feelings, I have made the decision to step down from the RITI coordinator position at Trinity after March 31. That will mark the end of seven years in this position. I've very much enjoyed getting to know all the volunteers and guests and having this extraordinary hands-on experience. I would prefer that the program continue at Trinity, so I hope we can find a new coordinator before the end of the season. If you have any interest in this or know of someone who would be good for this position, please let me know. I'm happy to share my knowledge with a new coordinator, because I believe RITI is a vital

resource for our guests, and it has been a great outlet for our volunteers to serve this underserved population. I have many reasons for making this change. I'm happy to share those with you if you want to send me an email ([loislane.young@comcast.net](mailto:loislane.young@comcast.net)). I will continue to volunteer with RITI and other organizations, but I prefer one-on-one volunteering rather than leadership roles.

I offer many thanks to all our RITI volunteers who give so generously of their time. I hope everyone else will consider joining us one Tuesday evening. It is an eye-opening experience.

# Vacation Bible School

North Castle is hidden in a frozen land. The King's valiant Knights are on a quest in search of the King's Armor. But the armor isn't what they think it is. Wow! This sounds like an action-packed new series on Netflix, doesn't it? Oh, but it's not some new fantasy show. It's the exciting theme for this year's VBS, which will be June 1-5, from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon daily. During our week as **Knights of North Castle**, our VBS children, in their **Quest for the King's Armor**, will take on the role of brave Knights as they learn how to **"be strong in the Lord and the strength of God's power."**



The time is NOW to start inviting children to join us for this fun week. Parents start early in the year planning their schedules for summer vacation. We will have flyers available shortly for you to share with family, friends, and neighbors. That personal invitation makes a big difference!

As always, it takes a lot of helpers to make Vacation Bible School happen. Susan Childress and Irene Dycus, co-directors, are remembering our Banner Verse for this year's VBS (the words from Ephesians 6:10 that you see in quotation marks in the previous paragraph) as they plan activities and recruit volunteers. We will need leaders and helpers for:

- Activity Centers (Art/Crafts, Science, Recreation, Music, Snack)
- Preschool Class
- Group Guides
- Decorations
- Registrations
- Publicity

Mark your calendar now, and let one of the co-directors know in what capacity **you** want to **serve the King** at VBS this year!

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## Newsletters

### TUMC Trinotes

Submit article to Debby Marson for *Trinotes* (mailed to congregation twice monthly)

### Memphis UMC Annual Conference Enews

Submit event/ article to [communications@memphis-umc.org](mailto:communications@memphis-umc.org) (goes out each Wednesday.)

### Evergreen Enews

Submit to [evergreenhistoric@gmail.com](mailto:evergreenhistoric@gmail.com)

Goes out every Friday. The deadline for submission is noon on Wednesdays for that week. Submissions should be in text format and images must be jpeg files. No pdfs.

VECA Enews: Send through [contact us](#) button

## Newspapers

Daily Memphian: Submit via: [releases@dailymemphian.com](mailto:releases@dailymemphian.com)

Commercial Appeal Event List: <https://eventful.com/events/new?site=events.commercialappeal.com>

### Memphis Flyer

Best Times Event Page: Submit via: <https://www.thebesttimes.com/users/admin/calendar/event>

## TV Stations

### WMC

ABC Channel 24: [goodnews@localmemphis.com](mailto:goodnews@localmemphis.com)

## Other Ideas Depending on Event

Rhodes – Bonner Scholars – PR person – Chaplain – Kendra  
Crosstown Concourse (has bulletin boards for community events)  
Caritas Village (will place flyers on information table)  
The Commons (Binghampton)  
Evergreen Presbyterian

Usually you can create a press release and send it to all of these outlets, deleting or adding sentences as you need to. We want our neighbors to know what's going here, and to participate when they are interested. If you have other ideas, feel free to add to the list!

(Kay Jordan, for Community Connections Steering Committee)





## HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

One of the goals that emerged during our Saturday Visioning sessions was better communication with our neighborhood. When something is going on at Trinity, we want our neighbors to know about it! We have compiled a list of ways to get the word out. If you are in charge of an event, or are helping a group to publicize one, here is a checklist of ways you can communicate with Trinity members and others who may want to participate:

### Trinity UMC Website

Ask Debby Marston to add event to TUMC calendar and website

### Social Media

Post to TUMC FaceBook Page

- <https://www.facebook.com/trinityumcmemphis1738>  
(Send to Sara Corum, page admin)

Post to Evergreen Historic District FaceBook Page

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/455558124514471/>
- Only members can post: Send to Sara Corum, Sara Goff or Amy Moritz

Post to Vollintine-Evergreen FaceBook Page

- <https://www.facebook.com/VECA-Vollintine-Evergreen-Community-Association-157296581966/>
- Only an administrator can post. Send a FaceBook message to the VECA page or send to Amy Moritz.

Encourage TUMC members to “like” & “share” the event from the TUMC page to their own FaceBook page. And post on these pages to help reach a larger audience:

I Love Memphis Blog Event Page:

<https://ilovememphisblog.com/events/community/add>

Memphis Parent Calendar of Events:

<http://memphisparent.com/events/submit.html>

Choose 901 blog: Submit story ideas:

<https://choose901.com/contact/>

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 29

Caley Foreman

January 30

Carol Miller

February 6

Beryl Willard

February 7

Sally Ramsey

February 12

Jane Collins

February 12

Myra Finch

February 19

Paul Skjoldager

February 22

Eli Witt

February 27

Amy Moritz

February 27

Rev. Sara Corum



## February Schedule

Sunday, February 2—9:45-10:45 a.m.

Topic: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon on the Mount

Wednesday, February 5, 5:30—6:30 p.m.

Saucy Chicken at Crosstown

Sunday, February 9—Fellowship Dinner—No Youth Group

Wednesday, February 12, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Elemento Neapolitan Pizza

Sunday, February 16—9:45-10:45 a.m., Topic: Matthew 5:21-37

Sins & Oaths

Wednesday, February 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Area 51 Ice Cream at Crosstown

Sunday, February 23—9:45-10:45 a.m., Topic: Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration

Wednesday, February 26—Ash Wednesday—No Youth Group

## Children's Council Meeting

Trinity's Children's Council will meet Sunday, February 9, following that morning's worship service. All children's teachers, leaders, and workers, as well as all parents, are encouraged to attend this meeting. Other "lovers of children" who don't fall into one of these previously mentioned groups are also welcome to join us as we plan our Children's Ministries.

We will have a pizza lunch and dessert. Those who attend are invited to make a contribution toward the cost of the lunch. Please let Irene Dycus know how many from your family, including children, will be with us for the meal, so we will have plenty for all in attendance. Contact Irene by email at [irenebdycus@hotmail.com](mailto:irenebdycus@hotmail.com) or call her at 901-652-1105.

We will be discussing the following upcoming children's special activities:

- \* Breakfast with the Easter Bunny/Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4
- \* Children's Sabbath – Sunday, May 10 (also Mother's Day)
- \* Vacation Bible School – June 1-5

We ask for everyone's prayers as we plan activities to enrich the faith lives of our children and their families.

**CONGRATULATIONS** ARE IN ORDER TO **SAMUEL KING COMES** FOR HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ALL REQUIREMENTS OF HOPEWORKS ADULT EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATED IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 13, 2019. GOOD WORK, SAM!

## Interested in a game of Hearts?

A group of friends gets together here at Trinity once a month 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!



## Honorariums & Memorials

### **Memorials have been received:**

*In honor and memory of **Theo Cook** from an anonymous donor*

### **Honorariums have been received:**

*In honor of **Joan Smith** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Irene Dycus** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Alyson Foreman** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Nancy Rankin** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Nelda Gray** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Melba Abraham** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Sue Taylor** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Rosemary Potter** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Shirley Flint** from an anonymous donor*

*In honor of **Debby Marston** from an anonymous donor*

## Church Nursery Workers Needed

Remember how much fun babies and toddlers are? Well, here's your opportunity to provide an important service to the littlest ones at Trinity UMC and enjoy yourself at the same time. The nursery (and

everywhere children are gathered) has to have two attendants during each shift in order to comply with Safe Sanctuary protocols. Currently, we need volunteers during the worship hour for the 1st and 2nd Sundays, just *one person* per shift. We also need a volunteer for the Sunday School hour on the 3rd Sunday. Please consider joining this important ministry to "the least of these."

