

# Trinotes

March 22, 2023

**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.**



From  
*the desk*  
of...  
The Rev.

## Rain? AGAIN?

I just got back from dropping my oldest off at the Cannon Center for the Performing Arts downtown. He'll be there all day long for a rehearsal for a big city-wide performance that's tomorrow evening. Cooper has a solo. He'll be singing in front of a thousand people. Growing up in front of and around church people has given him the confidence to shine. Thank you for that.

I drove home in the rain. I didn't know we were expecting rain. In fact, the weather forecast yesterday reflected that there wouldn't be rain until Friday and now, the only day it ISN'T raining is Thursday. The God who loves me hath heard my cries. *Thursday is soccer practice.*

Driving through the rain got me thinking. Rain has that power over me. Yesterday the seasons changed from Winter to Spring, and with Spring comes this rain, and with Spring comes Easter, and the two are so beautifully, and symbolically, connected. Rain has a cleansing power. It washes over Memphis and little yellow streams of pollen make their way to the drainage ditches. Thanks be to God.

Water washes us clean too. We ought to know this well, having spent the last 3 years washing the very skin off our hands all day long — washing the Covid germs away. But even further...

We sing of that washing, cleansing power that comes from Jesus. "What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." That's a tough metaphor for our younger disciples and, at Trinity, we don't sing the 'blood hymns' that much, but consider what Jesus did on the night of the Last Supper. He threw a towel over his shoulder, knelt, and washed the feet of his disciples, telling us to go do likewise. Go and offer the cleansing power of love, mercy, and forgiveness to others in his name.

Scripture points us over and over to the cleansing power of water and Spirit. John the Baptist was offering water to those who'd waded into the Jordan that they might prepare themselves for the one who would come and wash them clean with the Spirit. And let's not forget the transformative power of water, too. It's the prophet Amos who said, "Let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream." (Amos 5:24) Water gives us life, and without it we wither. May we ne'er forget the moments the water of life left Jesus' body when they pierced his side.

And so as we approach Easter and move closer to Holy Week, as the rain falls outside and the fresh smell of newness washes over us when we step out into the shower, may we pause amid the busyness of the day and offer prayers of thanksgiving to the God who gives us life, who washes us clean, and who offers us these steady, Springtime reminders of life abundant in Jesus.

Journeying Through the Wilderness,

*Rev. Sara*



MAUNDY  
*Thursday*

APRIL 6TH, 6:30  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH



GOOD  
FRIDAY

APRIL 7TH, 6:30  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED!!

TUMC'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT  
SUNDAY, APR. 2ND, 2:00 p.m.  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LAWN  
1738 GALLOWAY AVE.





## Still Getting Ready for the Easter Egg Hunt!

The big **EASTER EGG HUNT** is coming up on **Palm Sunday afternoon, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.!** Members of the Trinity Church family were invited to stuff eggs, and you responded so graciously. You are now **INVITED TO INVITE** children who are neighbors or friends or family members to attend the hunt. All children - toddlers through 5<sup>th</sup> graders - are welcome to join in the fun. Everyone needs to bring his/her own basket, but we will provide plastic grocery bags for those who forget to bring their baskets. The Easter Bunny will be hopping around, mixing and mingling and offering photo ops for the children and their families. Many thanks to the Evergreen Historic District Association for partnering with us once again on this fun event.

**The hunt will begin promptly at 2:00**, so parents and grandparents need to get their children to the hunt early, not late! This fun event will take place rain or shine; it will happen inside the building, should we have a rainy day.

If you do Facebook, the event is posted on the Trinity UMC Facebook page; share the good news with others through your own Facebook page. Scouts from Troop 13G and Troop 13B, under the capable supervision of Rob Landrigan, will be hiding the eggs for the hunt. There will be three different sites on the grounds for specific age groups to hunt eggs. Adults are needed to help supervise those areas. To volunteer to help supervise the Easter Egg Hunt or to help hide eggs, please contact Irene Dycus at 901-652-1105 or [irenebdycus@hotmail.com](mailto:irenebdycus@hotmail.com).

We are moving right along in stuffing over two thousand plastic eggs in preparation for the Easter Egg Hunt. We are asking for **cash donations** (no candy, please) to go toward purchasing candy for the eggs; our Children's Department leaders are making all candy purchases. Monetary donations of any size will be greatly appreciated; you can give Alyson or Irene your cash donation or make a check to Trinity UMC (designate for "Easter candy").

We are pleased to be continuing our association with the Salvation Army's Purdue Center of Hope, which offers emergency family shelter and services for women and children who are homeless. Circle 2 of the United Women in Faith will be providing Easter buckets and filling plastic eggs so that those children who are currently at the center can have their very own on-site Easter Egg Hunt. Your financial contributions will also help fund this very worthy project. Circle 2 will be filling several hundred eggs at their luncheon meeting on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon. If anyone wants to join in the fun at this particular "hen party," feel free to bring your willing hands and a dish to share for the potluck meal.

Lots of fun ahead for lots of kids! Lots to do and lots of people still needed to prepare for it and to carry it out, so hop to it, folks! Help us fill up, set up, and INVITE, INVITE, INVITE! Then, last but not least, come to the hunt on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and act as gracious hosts and hostesses.



# The United Methodist Lent Quiz

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?

- ☐ Sacrifice
- ☐ Time
- ☐ Spring
- ☐ March Madness

2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?

- ☐ The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
- ☐ Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
- ☐ Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.

3. Why do people give things up for Lent?

- ☐ To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
- ☐ To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
- ☐ To give the acquired savings to the poor.
- ☐ All of the above.

4. What snack food has significance during Lent?

- ☐ Chocolate
- ☐ Pretzels
- ☐ Popcorn
- ☐ All of the above.

5. Many people fast during Lent. How often did John Wesley fast?

- ☐ Twice a week
- ☐ Twice a month
- ☐ Twice a year
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ He did not fast.

6. Why does Lent last 40 days?

- ☐ To represent the time Jesus spent in the Wilderness, tempted by Satan.
- ☐ To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
- ☐ To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.

7. What do some United Methodists not sing at Lent?

- ☐ Doxologies
- ☐ Alleluia
- ☐ "In the Garden"
- ☐ The communion liturgy

8. Which hymn, based on St. Patrick's prayer, would be a good Lenten devotion?

- ☐ "Jesus Walked This Lonely Valley"
- ☐ "Christ Beside Me"
- ☐ "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice"
- ☐ "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

9. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

- ☐ True
- ☐ False

10. When early Methodist in America sat in a church on a mourner's bench, they would:

- ☐ Repent their sins
- ☐ Experience a new birth
- ☐ Rededicate themselves to Jesus
- ☐ All of the above

Answers to the questions can be found below. Try to complete the quiz without peeking!

- Answers to the UMC Lent Quiz**

  - 1. The correct answer is spring.
  - 2. The correct answer is ashes poured or sprinkled over the head.
  - 3. The correct answer is all of the above.
  - 4. The correct answer is pretzels.
  - 5. The correct answer is twice a week.
  - 6. The correct answer is to represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan
  - 7. The correct answer is alleluia.
  - 8. The correct answer is "Christ Beside Me."
  - 9. The correct answer is True.
  - 10. The correct answer is all of the above.



**LAKESHORE**  
united methodist camp & retreat center

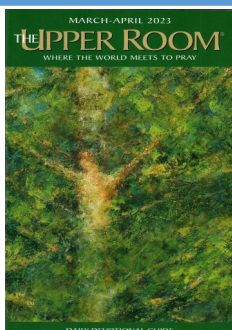
## Support the Lakeshore Scholarship Fund

Lakeshore is a camp and retreat center located on the shores of the Tennessee River, providing Christian hospitality, rest, and reflection for guests of all ages and backgrounds since 1948. Programming at Lakeshore includes summer camps, parent/child weekends, special needs camps, retreats, work weekends, banquets, and a variety of other events.

Historically, Trinity has maintained a scholarship fund for our children and youth, allowing kids to attend camps who otherwise would not be able to afford the experience. That fund has been seriously diminished over the past few years. We invite you to contribute to the Lakeshore Scholarship Fund in order to allow our children to enjoy the camping experience offered by Lakeshore. Simply write a check to Trinity UMC and note "Lakeshore" on the memo line.

## THE UPPER ROOM

The March/April *Upper Room* is on display at the reception desk just outside the Worship Center. Feel free to pick up a copy when you come for worship on Sunday. If you need to have one mailed to you (or a friend or neighbor) and aren't on the regular *Upper Room* mailing list, call the church office at 901-274-6895 or send an email to Debby Marston at [office@trinityumcmemphis.org](mailto:office@trinityumcmemphis.org) with your request. Be sure to specify the font size: large or regular.



March 23	Amy Webster
March 31	Hadley Keller
April 10	Rita Allmon
April 25	Rachel Adkins

## 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, folks 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:** You can bring canned goods or other non-perishable items for BUMM's food pantry. A box for donated foodstuffs has been placed in the lobby in front of the reception desk. A donation in the form of a check written to Trinity UMC, with "Fishes & Loaves" on the memo line, will help keep the food pantry well stocked and will be very much appreciated. Hunger is an ongoing problem. Let's commit to feeding our neighbors in need!



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Our country and the world** - for those families and communities who have fallen victim to the horror of gun violence in our country; for the people of Ukraine who are imperiled by the invasion of Russian troops, shelling of residential areas, and the terror being experienced by the civilian population; for all those in our country and around the world still impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and variants; 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; for people around the world experiencing terrorist attacks; for the poor, homeless, and disenfranchised in our city; for immigrants who still struggle due to lost jobs and lack of resources; for persons of color who are speaking out against racial profiling and injustice, and for families who have lost loved ones due to violence; for President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris—pray for their wisdom and that of all political leaders.

**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 interim District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. David Weatherly

**Trinity UMC** - for members of the congregation homebound due to chronic illness or age; for new visitors joining us as we worship in person and online; for all families who are grieving; for our congregation as we deal with transitions; for our study of *The Color of Compromise*. Wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council. Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

**Doris Porter**, now at Encompass Rehab recovering from surgery on leg and hip replacement

**Charlotte Comes**, spots found on liver, consulting surgeon for possible procedure

Myra Finch's brother, **Tim Beasley**, experiencing cognitive issues

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

**Kanyon Glover**, pray for his speech therapy and the use of his left arm (due to a stroke)

**Jacob Foreman**, son of **Caley & Alyson**, hip/leg/back and nerve damage issues, doing PT & showing some slow improvement

**David Harrison**, Carol Miller's brother, on dialysis, paralyzed on one side after stroke, asthma & COPD

**Don Culpepper**, Carol Miller's brother-in-law, has lung cancer, but doing better.

Joan Smith's cousin/mom, **Gigi**, aka **Kathryn Ellis**, receiving in-home care

**Peggy Kinney**, Charlotte Comes' 97 year old cousin, now residing permanently in a rehab center

**Val Coates**, multiple health problems

**George Marston**, still undergoing dialysis; congestive heart failure

**Lori Brown** has aggressive HER2 breast cancer and is receiving gene therapy.

**Eddie Ramsey**, multiple health concerns, and for **Sally**, as she cares for him

**Edward Thigpen**, ongoing cancer treatment; financial difficulties due to medical expenses

Pray for Joan Foley's daughter-in-law, **Marilyn Hawkins**.

**Leah Johnson**, friend of Raquel Norton, in need of secure employment & housing

Pray for **Jonathan Goff**.

**Lyle Klein**, family member of Amelia Strickland, diagnosed with Parkinson's, cancer, and heart disease

**Sandra Poole**, medical concerns, needs employment; her daughter **Amanda**, missing for seven years

For **Living Word Christian Church** and their pastor, **Rev. Kyle Dearen**, as they worship and do ministry here on the campus of Trinity UMC.

For **The Lab School**, as their students learn, grow, and develop, and for their adult Guides

For all our Scouts in **Pack 13**, **Troop 13G**, and **Troop 13B**, and for all their leaders

For those in the **NA** groups who meet at Trinity and for their continued determination to succeed

For **Pathway to Dignity** as they work toward starting back up with classes for formerly incarcerated individuals re-entering the workplace

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