



"The Resurrection Community"

In my sermon last Sunday (April 10), I spoke about conversion and the idea that to convert literally means "to turn together." It is the notion that the individual discovery of the spiritual, temporal, and emotional relevance of the Resurrection of Jesus happens *in community*. It is the Body of Christ – our mercy, our loving challenge, and our way of being together – that will convince a person that Jesus is real and alive. I'd like to share a short piece by the Lutheran pastor, the Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber, which explains why this is so important to grasp if we are going to learn and relearn how to be the Church:

I think that the key is praying for people who've hurt you, not feeling warm feelings towards them. I don't think it's about feelings. I think it's about an action. And I think that action is commending them to the one who perfected the love of the enemy. That's prayer, right? And that is what we — I think that's what "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" means. I will actually ask other people to do it for me sometimes - like, it doesn't always have to be us. I don't think faith is given in sufficient quantity to individuals, necessarily. I think it's given in sufficient quantity to communities. The same with that whole thing like "God will not give you more than you can bear." I don't think God will give you more than a community can bear. And we've individualized this thing of faith so much in a way that makes it inaccessible to people -- because they're like, "well, I don't know if I believe this." Like the Apostles' Creed. "I can't say the Creed because I don't know if I believe every line in the Creed." I'm, like -- nobody believes every line of the Creed. But in a room of people, for each line of the Creed, somebody believes it. So we're covered, right? So this is Western individualism run amok in religion. It's not your creed. It's the church's creed. And I think we've really lost track of that in this, like, personal me-and-Jesus, how-I-feel, what-my-piety-is, my-personal-prayer-life, all of that stuff, and we've lost the beauty of — this thing is really about community. It always has been the body of Christ.

What Nadia demonstrates for us is that for people who believe that we are creatures made in the image of a Triune God, we cannot be that image on our own: We can only be the image of God together. The family at Trinity UMC is called to seek this image as a community of faith, and as an institution that means to bring dead things to life in our struggling, poverty-worn, race-torn city. *In the power of the Spirit of Life*, let us be one – because the Lord our God is One. Inasmuch, let us be holy – for the Lord our God is Holy. Let us be converted to the realization that we cannot live – that we have no life – without the neighbor, the stranger, and the enemy. Love the Creator. Love the Creator's creatures. Life from the dead.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

John 14:12-14

Let us all eat the daily bread of this prayer:

O LORD, make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world;
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we sit down with the world
at the banquet of your New Creation.

Jonathan Bratt Carle
Pastor, Trinity UMC

Mark Your Calendars!

Trinity Spring Market and Bazaar, Saturday
June 4th on the grounds of the Education
Building. Get your stuff together!

For information call:
Chris Glover at 358-7201
or
Susan Hall at 491-1791

Dancers, Inc. is getting ready for their spring show
Dance Scholars, Inc.

"Open House Performance" Sat. May 14, 2016.

At Southwest Tenn. Community College Theatre-Union
Campus-434 Union Ave. 38103

We hope you will come and see us! Tickets in Advance
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Sponsors: Orpheum Foundation &
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June 13th-17th

from 9a.m.-12 noon

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(901)274-6895

or visit our website

cokesburyvbs.com/trinityumcmemphis
www.trinityumcmemphis.org

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We currently have four campers who wish to attend Lakeshore summer camps. Thanks to all of you have donated to our Lakeshore Scholarship Fund. Trinity hopes to help defray the cost of the camps for the children in our congregation, and we are still a little short of our goal. If you would like to help, donations may be placed in the offering plate (be sure to designate it for Lakeshore), or may be sent to the office. Any amount will be appreciated. Contact the office or me if you have any questions.

Upcoming EVENTS

- ◆ UMW meets the first and third Tuesday's in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Prayer and Holy Communion are held in the chapel every Tuesday morning at 8:30
- ◆ Wednesday Bible Study in Conference Room, 12:00 noon in the Edu. Building.
- ◆ The first Monday of each month is reserved for Trustee Meeting in the Conference Room of the Education Building at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ The second Monday of each month is reserved for SPPRC meeting in the Conference Room of the Education Building at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The third Monday of each month is reserved for the Evening Circle to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30p.m.
- ◆ Highland Heights Luncheon is on every 3rd Monday of each month, at Highland Heights UMC. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at HHUMC to help.
- ◆ The fourth Monday of each month is reserved for Church Council Meeting in the fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.

UMW UPDATE:

SPECIAL PROGRAM!

PIANO CONCERT BY MYRA FINCH

We look forward to this occasion and will be happy to share the program with other church members (UMW members or not). Remember:

- Bring a sandwich (we will serve dessert)
- Bring Campbell soup labels
- A Can! A Box! or a Dollar!

Tuesday--April 19--10:30 AM--Fellowship Hall

UMW Evening Circle

The Evening Circle will meet on Monday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share, and a can, a box, or a dollar for the UMNC. We'd be delighted to have some visitors.

SPRING CLEAN UP AND DINNER ON THE GROUNDS

Saturday, April 23rd, 9-2

On Saturday, April 23rd, the Board of Trustees will host a Spring clean up day to give some much needed attention to the plants and grounds of our beloved buildings. From 9 to 12 noon, we'll be

- pruning and trimming;
- raking, blowing and bagging leaves and twigs;
- laying down mulch; and
- enjoying the fellowship and fresh air.

We'll have snacks and water, and will conclude our day with a picnic on the grounds from 12:30-2: BBQ/Drinks provided - everyone bring a side.

RSVP needed - call 274-6895 between 9:30 and 3, Monday through Friday.



Minutes 03.28.16

Chairperson, Charlotte Comes, opened the meeting with a devotional about prayer. Carol Miller presented the minutes, and Sally Ramsey moved to approve the minutes. Flip Brooks seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Charlotte Comes presented the Staff Pastor-Parish Committee (SPPRC) report for Irene Dycus. The committee is in the process of reviewing job descriptions currently in place and bringing them as up-to-date as possible. Pastor Jonathan met with the music ministry staff. The SPPRC is recommending that Lisa Machen continue in the position of Director of Music Ministries, and that Alicia Butler's job title be changed to Associate Director of Music Ministries. Their respective responsibilities and their salaries remain basically the same, and both are agreeable to these changes. The committee is still working on updating the Safe Sanctuaries Policy according to the recommendations of the Memphis Conference. In accordance with the *Book of Discipline*, the chairperson of the SPPRC, the chairperson of the Trustees, and the pastor are to conduct an annual review of the parsonage to ensure proper maintenance. This will try to be scheduled in April.

Tom Wilson presented the Trustees report. Work is ongoing to repair the plaster in the Sanctuary Building. Hopefully, a roof leak in the Education Building and some damaged wooden moldings have been repaired. A contract with Martin and White has been signed to replace one of the basement HVACs. While that unit is out, we will have an asbestos company come in and remove existing toxic insulation in that closet and the closet in the Fellowship Hall. The Trustees voted to extend the use of our parking lot to ease the tensions between the Zoo, Overton Park Conservancy, and the neighborhood. Work is in progress to remove the toilet in the kitchen closet and to replace it with a wash bucket sink. This will help us to make code for a commercial kitchen in the future. A new pager system is being purchased that will allow the nursery to alert designated congregation members of problems during the worship service. We will also install keyed dead-bolts on the classroom doors as added security precaution. A new lease has been signed with Midtown Montessori School from June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. There is an increase in the rent and an additional fee for storage use during the summer. We will potentially have partial use of the Wesleyan Room during the summer break. The school has experienced rapid growth and seeks to expand their footprint in the Education Building. The Trustees recommended that Trinity discontinue our relationship with Dance, Inc. by not renewing the lease with that organization. After discussion, Tom Wilson moved to allow the Trustees to start the process of disassociating Trinity with Dance, Inc. Sally Ramsey seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Tom reported that Pastor Jonathan would like to schedule a community BBQ picnic/cleanup day to spruce up the grounds and outdoor plantings. Tom Wilson moved to schedule the event for April 23rd. Marc Taylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

At a previous Council meeting, Cile Brooks stated that by having Choices and Planned Parenthood (PP) occupy booths on our property during the Workers Interfaith Network (WIN) Labor Day Picnic, we are implying that we support those organizations, which in turn, implies that we support abortion. After thoughtful discussion, the Council recommended that we continue to

Upcoming Renovations to Trinity's Education Building

As many of you know our buildings are older and are in need of repairs. Starting April 25th, we will begin a much need HVAC overhaul. This will include the removal of asbestos. We have lost two of our main air handlers units that move the air (whether hot or cool air) to the basement and to the first floor. The first step to replacing these units will be to have all the asbestos removed from the pipes to these units and the rooms that hold them. In the coming weeks, you may see signs or plastic taped-off rooms. These rooms have to remain sealed while the asbestos is being removed. **DO NOT** enter a room while the asbestos team is working in it!! This is not only for your safety but theirs as well. Once the abatement is completed the new air handler units will be able to be installed. The Education building might get warm in the coming weeks. We ask you not touch the thermostats. The two working units will try to compensate for the units that are currently off line. If their temperature is set below 70 degrees, it will freeze the AC unit and could cause a Freon leak or worse. Katie is keeping box fans in the church office and, if you or your group need one, you may check one out with her. The abatement will take place in the basement the whole week of April 25th and the following week of May 2nd. The abatement will start in the Fellowship Hall on May 2nd and last 3 day's. If your group meets in the Education Building the weeks of April 25th-May 4th please contact Katie Smith in the Church office to see what room will be available for your meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding of any inconvenience!

Katie Smith
Admin. Officer
Trinity UMC
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Trinity Memories DVD for Sale

Two DVDs which were made for Trinity's 100th anniversary celebration are available to sell for \$10 each. Titles are "Trinity United Methodist Church 1915-2015" & "Trinity Memories: Children's Choir and Dinner Theaters' Comedy." Please leave message at church office, (901)274-6895 and you will be contacted.

Serving at Calvary's Lunches

Wearing aprons embroidered Trinity UMC and Trinity United Methodist Church name tags, 8 volunteers provided Trinity's presence during one more Lenten luncheon season. Diners spoke of coming to Trinity as children, of their youth group joining in events with Trinity youth, of coming to Dinner Theater. They asked to be remembered to present Trinity members and spoke of members now gone.

Calvary's Lenten ministry is supported by a wide community. We are aware of only a few of the other servers: students from a Montessori school, Rotarians, Methodist and Episcopal churches, Temple Israel. It was a blessing to be part of this wider community supporting Calvary good work.

Trinity servers were Tracy Crenshaw, Joan Foley, Laura Gansman, Sara Jane Goodman, Jim Ostner, Doris Porter, Wendel Stoltz, and Bertha Ching. Many thanks to the Covenant class members for the generous loan of their TRINITY aprons, to Katie Smith for preparing servers' name tags and to Wendel for his coordination of volunteers.

From: Bertha Ching

allow WIN to host its picnic on our grounds, on the condition that Choices and Planned Parenthood agree not to advertise abortions during the picnic. The Council also recommended that Trinity purchases a booth at the picnic (\$35) and that we provide outreach materials that will outline for our community our theological identity, and describing all of our available ministries and programs and how to get involved. Rosemary Potter moved to accept both recommendations and Mike Potter seconded the motion. The motion carried. **AMENDMENT:** Pastor Jonathan moved by email to accept an amended statement about the picnic from Mike Potter. The new statement reads: Trinity will allow WIN to continue to host its picnic on our grounds on the condition that Choices and Planned Parenthood agree not to advertise, discuss, or otherwise offer any information about abortions during the picnic, and to focus, rather, on other issues pertaining to women's health (cancer screenings, aging, etc.). Irene Dycus seconded the motion by email, and the motion carried.

Mike Potter provided the report on Spiritual Formation. At the last Church Council meeting, Mike had proposed a three-part plan for spiritual formation at Trinity, which the Council tabled for further consideration. Rather than taking the comprehensive approach as previously presented, Mike and Pastor Jonathan will develop a pilot program for covenant disciple groups. They will identify professing members and regular attendees who seem ready to make the serious and ongoing commitment to further explore their relationship with Jesus and their response to grace. After this period of discernment, a letter will be sent out inviting them to participate in an 8-week study of David Lowes Watson's book, "Covenant Discipleship – Christian Formation Through Mutual Accountability". Anyone who is committed to the study may participate. At the conclusion of the study, one or more covenant disciple groups of 5-6 members each will be formed. Once the pilot groups have learned the covenant process, their members will help form new groups that will invite others in the congregation who are ready for such accountability and support in their discipleship journey. Pastor Jonathan and Mike will also develop a program to teach newcomers and members the basics of Wesleyan theology and Methodist history in order to facilitate an awareness and participation in our traditions, and practices, or what John Wesley called "holiness of heart and life".

The Outreach report was provided by Flip Brooks. The committee is still working on Project Transformation, the summer reading program. They are also working on an email newsletter. Trinity continues to support Manna on Monday, Room in the Inn (RITI), and Cop Stop. March 29th is the final evening for RITI. It was a very successful season. We hosted four Memphis police officers at our March Fellowship Breakfast, and we hope to see more at the April 3rd breakfast. Flip is still in the process of forming an Outreach Committee.

Katy Spake, Witness Chairperson, stated that Trinity has had several visitors in the past month and that the church office is sending welcoming letters to all of the visitors who have provided their information.

Kathy Isbell, reporting for the Nurture Committee, stated that the Take Them a Meal program provided several meals to Lori Brown and her family following the death of her mother. Lori sent a note expressing her appreciation for the love shown to her family at this difficult time. The new transportation ministry is ready to begin with its 10 volunteers. This ministry offers errand running and transportation for situations of short-term need following a hospital stay or illness at home. An article explaining this ministry will be placed in the Trinotes so that our members will know that this service is now available.

Snookie Mason presented the report for the United Methodist Women. They continue to support the United Methodist Neighborhood Center with food for the Food Bank, and Easter Baskets, etc. They have a small group that sorts medicines at the Church Health Center. Our local UMW also supports the National UMW Organization financially.

Charlotte Comes and Alicia Butler provided the Music Department's report for Lisa Machen. The Chancel Choir presented its Lenten Cantata on Palm Sunday. It was conducted by Alicia Butler. Accompanists included Jeanne Simmons on flute, Diana Stein Kabakoff on string reduction keyboards, and Lisa Machen on piano. Soloists included Marc Taylor, Jonathan Bratt Carle, Jeri Ashley, and Alicia Butler. The Chancel Choir also participated in the Maundy Thursday communion service, presenting "Thy Will Be Done" as an anthem. Easter services were completed on March 27th and the choir presented "Risen Alleluia" as the anthem, and "Up From the Grave He Arose" for the offertory. The choir will take one week off of rehearsals on Wednesday, March 30th, but will continue on Sunday, April 3rd in service music and present the anthem as usual. On Saturday, May 7th, the choir will host a retreat in the choir room from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided. The choir raised \$800 at their Election Day sale.

Carol Miller mentioned the Lakeshore Scholarship Fund and stated that so far, Trinity has four children who are interested in attending. Because we have not raised enough money to support registration costs for all of these children, Carol will post another article in the Trinotes asking for donations.

Kathy Isbell provided the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Miller

✠ *Prayer List* ✠

Pat Lovington
Marie Park & Family
George Guntharp
Nancy Scott
Frances Lloyd
Gwen Stuart
Carol Raiford

Peggy Tate
Frances Skinner
Laura Hartmann
Pam Santirojprapai
Shirley Skjoldager
Randy Bruce
Nancy & Rod Maddox

A third successful season brings hope to hundreds of neighbors!

By Lois M. Young

Trinity's third Room in the Inn season was a great success. We provided a total of 286 beds over 22 sessions and averaged 13 guests per night. An average of 43 volunteers took part in each session, which included those involved in transportation, setup, clothes closet, meal preparation, serving our guests, dinner cleanup, fellowship, staying overnight, serving breakfast, morning cleanup and laundry.

We had hundreds of volunteers who served at least once; however, a large core group served many nights and mornings in regular positions. Some of our regular volunteers came from our own congregation, but others are from the neighborhood, local churches and other community groups. Below are 14 outside groups that were involved this season:

Autumn Avenue Neighbors
Avalon Street Neighbors
Binghampton United Methodist Church
Carpenter Art Garden students
Church on the Square
Christ United Methodist Church
Evergreen Presbyterian Church
Grace Evangelical Church
The Guleff Family
Midtown Memphis Rotary Club
Midtown Montessori School
Miki Skeen's Homeschool Service Learners
Redeemer Presbyterian Church
Second Presbyterian Church

We also had individual volunteers representing Boy Scout Troop 13, Rhodes College Bonner Scholars, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, St. John Orthodox Church, Saint John's Episcopal Church, Church of the River, Neshoba Unitarian Universalist Church, Christ United Methodist, Redeemer Presbyterian, as well as other congregations.

This is definitely my favorite aspect of this ministry—bringing people of different faiths and backgrounds together to serve God by serving our unsheltered neighbors.

Along with faithful volunteers, we had many dedicated donors giving much needed funds, clothes, coats and supplies.

Rosemary Potter and Myra Finch continued to serve as assistant coordinators this season. Many thanks to them for their willingness to take on these roles.

I hope that during the next six months we can focus on preparations for our fourth season and spend some time helping the city-wide Room in the Inn program, as well. Email or call me if you would like to get involved or learn more about Room in the Inn-Memphis at Trinity UMC (loislane.young@comcast.net, 870-559-2228).