

Trinotes

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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.



Let the Children Come

From
the desk
of...
The Rev.

The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them.
Isaiah 11:6

Sunday was a blessing. It truly was. It always is. It is always wonderful to gather in worship with our Scouts, their leaders, and their families. I enjoy looking out to see a full worship space. I won't lie. That's very special for me, given where we've been. The demographic of the entire congregation has shifted over the years. We have lost saints. At one point I was preaching to an empty room (if you'll remember covid). So I love the Sunday after Easter when, to my left is row after row of teenagers. I love when the cubs come down with our children for the children's sermon. I love co-leading with students.

Yesterday I was sure to tell everyone present that these young people are what's giving me hope in our time. I'm not sure that was said about the millennials when I was a teenager. We were known as the participation trophy generation (or entitled or lazy....we've been called a lot). But these kids who are coming up — the ones I'm raising — have something special. They've been given exposure to the world around them. They are in-tune with politics, and different religious perspectives. They've been taught to think critically about their existence, and they have educated opinions about the time they are living in. I like to think that I had that. I'm not sure I did — not like THEY do.

They give me hope, and I want to reiterate that. They give me hope and are filled with it. They are still under the impression that every single thing they do has the capacity to shift their society and create positive change, and many of them are running with that in Scouting ministries. Don't forget; it was Alex Landrigan who took on the Eagle project of converting what was once a chapel that was no longer used into a food pantry that is being used regularly. Soon, another Eagle candidate will take on the project of converting closet space downstairs into laundry space so that we can take on Room in the Inn, again and offer laundry services for our folks who are housing challenged.

A child really will lead them. A child really CAN lead them. They are ushers in worship. They assist with communion. Have you seen Paige Stanton singing in the choir lately, or heard Cooper and Aiden Tate lead us in "Sanctuary?" Did you watch Helena Landrigan, Zaidie Bruce, and Luke Prince stand in as liturgists yesterday? (If not, please go watch on our Facebook page. You won't regret it.) They lead us with their belief that they can make their world better. They lead us with their dogmatic faith that God is good (always). They lead us being helpful at all times, being loyal and reverent, and doing "good" things in their world. They lead us. I guess we have to be willing to follow.

I wonder a lot of things. This week it's how we can make sure that we're giving them a chance to lead and maybe how we might make sure we are following. I hope you'll wonder with me.

With Resurrection Hope,
Rev. Sara



Coming Home, Old Friends, and Looking to the Future

The “kid in all of us” came out to play at the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday afternoon. A good time was had by all – kids, parents, Scout helpers, and Trinity Church helpers! It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, with some surprisingly strong gusts of wind that attempted to make our shade-providing tents take flight a few times. Thank goodness, the resourceful Scouts and leaders from Troops 13B and 13G had secured them with concrete blocks! The kids in attendance hunted down about two thousand eggs in record time and then had lots of fun visiting the Easter Bunny, playing toss games, doing special art activities, solving a math mystery involving bunnies, and jumping up and down in the Bounce House. The face-painting station was especially popular, and it was decided we need even more “artists” for this event next year. We saw lots of families whose children we have rejoiced in seeing grow up through the years. One family commented to my son Andrew that being at the hunt was like “coming home.” What a lovely compliment that was, one that warmed my heart and made all the time and effort that went into this big day worthwhile. This event could not have taken place without the significant help of the Trinity Church family, our Scout troops and Cub Scout pack, and the generous financial support of the Evergreen Historic District Association. Thank you, thank you, one and all!

We saw some old friends at the Easter Worship Service the following weekend. This time they really were “old” friends; I can say that because I’m one of the “old-uns.” But their comments were similar in nature to those of the much younger family at the Easter Egg Hunt. They centered around homecoming and fond memories of this church. We are no longer in the sanctuary building, and some of their remarks were about missing that beautiful old structure, mainly because a lot of their history with this congregation took place there. But the larger part of the conversations focused on the heart of Trinity UMC, which always has been – and always will be - the essence of who we are as a church. This is what has made and continues to make us “home” to many, through a variety of ministries that have touched the lives of hundreds of God’s children of all ages through the years.

This brings me to this past Sunday, Scout Sunday, the day on which this church was blessed with the presence of the children, youth, families, and leaders who are part of the beautiful scouting ministry that is offered by Troops 13G and 13B and by Cub Pack 13. The scouting program has been an essential part of the life of this church for over 100 years and continues to encourage children and youth to be good neighbors, a value that is greatly needed in our society right now and that offers us hope for the future.

Speaking of the future, Vacation Bible School is fast approaching. We will be “back home” on the Trinity campus once again, but VBS will look different this time. We will be meeting on four Tuesday evenings in a row – June 10th through July 1st – from 6:00 to 7:45 p.m. - to explore the theme “Called by God.” Children and youth ages 4 through 8th grade are invited to join us each night for dinner, Bible storytelling, art, and science, as we learn about the many ways God has called people of the past and continues to call us today. For more information or to register your child, contact Rebekah Gienapp (text: (901) 212-6309) or email: rebekah.gienapp@gmail.com. Adult helpers are also needed! Contact Ms. Rebekah or Ms. Irene to volunteer your services.

This is Trinity Church’s 110th year of Christian service at the corner of Galloway and Evergreen in Midtown Memphis. May the Lord continue to bless this church and its ministries, and may we always offer the welcoming love that means “home” to those who come our way.

Peace and love to all,
Irene



Bouncy House at Easter Egg Hunt



May Birthdays

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| <i>Christy LaFlamme</i> | <i>May 5</i> |
| <i>Bill "Mac" McConnell</i> | <i>May 10</i> |
| <i>Lily Hamric</i> | <i>May 21</i> |
| <i>Mike Dodson</i> | <i>May 26</i> |
| <i>Jenna McClurkin</i> | <i>May 26</i> |
| <i>Josh McClurkin</i> | <i>May 26</i> |
| <i>Chris Glover</i> | <i>May 28</i> |

UMBRELLAS NEEDED!

If you have a spare umbrella or two, please bring them to church, to reside in the lobby umbrella stand.

Face Painting



Rob Landrigan,
sporting Bunny Ears



Bunny Ears Booth



Katy & the Easter Bunny



Couldn't have done it without the Scouts!!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for all those endangered by the war between Israel and Hamas and for families on both sides who have lost loved ones; for victims of natural disasters; 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 struggle due to lost jobs, threatened deportation, 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 race related violence; for President Donald Trump and Vice President J.D. Vance—pray for their wisdom and that of all political leaders.

The United Methodist Church - for our Pastor, Rev. Sara Corum, her husband, Rev. Josh McClurkan, and their five children; for our Bishop, the Rev. David Graves; for our interim District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Deborah Smith

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; and wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council. Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

Family of Marshall Selvidge (Martha Ostenrude's husband): his mother, **Marjorie Selvidge**, died April 29th.

Lauren Crews, friend of the Millers, passed away recently. Pray for her family.

Bobby Glover, Chris's brother, in care for early Alzheimer's

Irene Dycus' friend **Susan** and family on the death of her husband **Allen**

David Chenault, recuperating post surgery from motorcycle accident

Kate and **Neil Ostenrude**, as she continues to recover; strength to persevere in life's trials

Joan Foley's daughter, **Olivia Flasdick**, after eye surgery

For Sharman Murley's grandson **Asa**, a praise: improved behavior recently; prayer for support: grandchild **Eli** diagnosed with high performing autism

Chris Glover's sister, **Sherry Carruthers**

The family of **Mac Gardner** and his spouse, **Marty Acree** (friends of Elizabeth Hopper)

Katy Spake's son **Sean** and wife **Angelica** moving in May from Arizona to Nevada; oldest grandson, **Brooke Berry**, graduating from high school

Pam Stafford, battling liver disease, and husband **Jim Stafford**, dementia (request from Sandy Guntharp)

Bo Poppelreiter, Debby Marston's step-grandson, doing well following his kidney transplant

Katy Spake's cousin, **Deb Roark**: pray that she is able to tolerate her radiation/chemo treatments.

Seth Norton, Raquel's son, another trip to the ER; back home on more nausea meds

Gwen Dodson, bladder cancer, COPD, osteoporosis; cancer treatment

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

Kanyon Glover, heart received as baby checks out okay; receives PT for arm damaged by stroke

Jacob Foreman, for new part time job to go well; nerve damage & back pain continues

Gene Archer, diagnosed with stomach cancer, last test report was good! His wife **Julia** has MS (friends of Millers)

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

Val Coates, medical concerns

Jonathan Goff, back injury; **James Goff**, Sam's brother, abdominal issues; **Karen Barker**, Sara's sister, lung issues;

Laura Carruthers, Sam's friend, has cancer.

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