

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.



This IS a Day of New Beginnings

From
the desk
of...
The Rev.

"We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4

Many of you know that my husband, Josh (Rev. Josh McClurkan), began serving a new United Methodist Church last week. That's where I was Sunday — fulfilling my calling to be his partner in life and supporting his call to ministry (because that's what we do). As he was preparing the order of worship for Ellendale UMC last week, he chose the same hymns I chose for our worship service, as they lined up well with the lectionary texts. He asked me to look at the service and offer input — not something he normally does. We don't actually offer input on what the other does unless asked. It's not hard. We don't do things similarly at all. But he asked, and I'm always willing to offer input (as many of you may well know).

I looked over everything and, from my perspective, everything looked fine. But, as the creative brain does, an idea came to me that felt so right that I had to add, "But you should end the service singing 'This Is a Day of New Beginnings.'" Josh looked at me puzzled. It's not that I was raised in the UMC, because I really wasn't, but I know more hymns than he does. He'd never even heard of it. The more I thought about it, the more insistent I became because it wouldn't leave me and, in our circle, the one you're a part of by virtue of your faith, we attribute that tugging, or nudging (sometimes pushing) to the work of the Holy Spirit. "I really think you should sing this song." He understood. "I really think you should..." means something around here. He knew what I meant. Something is tugging and nudging, and we do not ignore that.

The words are perfect for the beginning of any new 'thing,' and the end of any old 'thing.'

*This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember, and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.
For by the life and death of Jesus, love's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference as faith and hope are born again.
Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past, and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.
Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings; our God is making all things new.*

It is their new beginning, Ellendale. Time to remember and move on. And this is the Good News: It is our new beginning with each morning, if that's what we choose. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it! Today never has to be what yesterday was and that is the grace of God. Just as we waded into the waters and emerged anew in our baptism, every moment we are able to choose a more 'right thing' than we did in the last. Every morning our choice is before us — one in which we can claim a day, or a life, of new beginnings.

Maybe this day we will be bolder than yesterday and find our voice to speak truths to injustice.



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Maybe this day we will be kinder than the last and choose to make amends for harsh words spoken. Maybe this day we will choose to care more than we did yesterday — for our bodies, for our planet, for our neighbors, for one another.

You see, every single day is a day of new beginnings if we allow it to be, and the hymn sings truth: Christ IS alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This IS a day of new beginnings; our God IS making all things new.

In the Grip of God's Grace,
Rev. Sara

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

GIFTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

IN HONOR OF **CAROL & CAREY MILLER** FROM DORIS PORTER

IN HONOR OF **SUE & MARC TAYLOR** FROM DORIS PORTER

IN HONOR OF **CRAIG & KAY JORDAN** FROM DORIS PORTER

IN HONOR OF **MYRA FINCH** FROM DORIS PORTER

IN HONOR OF **SHIRLEY FLINT** FROM DORIS PORTER

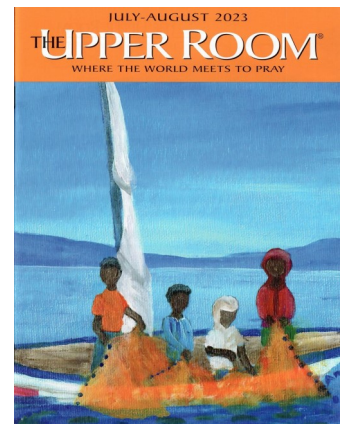


Tiny Pantry Still Needs Donations

Our Tiny Pantry is still perched in place on Trinity's front lawn, and we occasionally see neighbors come by to replenish it. It's easy to forget how important the gift of a little food can be. Most of us don't miss many meals. There are, however, hungry folks who come by looking for a can of tuna or soup, or for just enough for them to get by until their food stamps arrive. Those neighbors who are chronically unsheltered may not even have public aid in the form of food subsidies. Imagine going to bed hungry, not just one night, but almost every night. Remember to keep our Tiny Pantry stocked. Next time you go to the grocery store, pick up some extra food that can be eaten "as is," without cooking, like Vienna sausages, fruit cups, or tuna packets with crackers. Let's remember to take care of "the least of these."

THE UPPER ROOM

The July/August *Upper Rooms* are now on display at the reception desk just outside The 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, send an email to Debby Marston at office@trinityumcmemphis.org or call the church office at 901-274-6895 with your request. Be sure to specify the font size: large or regular.



Here Comes Vacation Bible School 2023!

This past Sunday there was a very important reminder in the scripture for that day's devotion in **The Upper Room**. The Bible passage was Matthew 19:13-15, and the key verse was this:

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Verse 14)

This scripture is always timely in terms of the vital importance of our passing our faith and our love and knowledge of the Lord on to our children, but it's especially timely as we approach a week of Vacation Bible School. This is the first opportunity in four years for Trinity Church to offer our children a full week of intensive, hands-on faith instruction. Yes, it's going to be different in some very big ways. We will partner with St. John's UMC and will even meet at their facilities at 1207 Peabody Avenue, and it will be an evening program (5:30-8:00 p.m.) for the first time ever for us.

But wherever it takes place, in whatever form it happens, it will still be one of the most exciting weeks of the year for our children and for those of us who are their leaders, one that will be filled with the fun, fellowship, and faith-building that's always a part of Vacation Bible School. Our children, our youth helpers, and our adult leaders will engage in faith-building together because we are all learners as we go through this process. As a teacher for over forty years, I have found that I am always learning, too. I have discovered that, whenever I think I've got this teaching thing down to a science, there are often humbling experiences that prove that I still have a long way to go in that regard. Certainly, when it comes to sharing my faith with our children, I know so very little, despite my continually learning right along with them. I'm so very thankful for the Lord's instruction through His Word and for the patient direction of His Holy Spirit as I go through this learning process. I'm also thankful for those who share this journey with me and especially for those who have graciously agreed to offer their time and their talents at this year's Vacation Bible School.

We ask for your prayers as we prepare for VBS and as we go through the action-packed week of July 17-21.

Peace and love,
Irene



Scouts' Summer Camping Activities

by Rob Landrigan

Our scouts have had a busy summer with our Cubs starting out at resident camp at Kia Kima in Arkansas. The Cubs, along with their parents, spent four days swimming in the Spring River, learning scout skills and having fun (even if they were spoiled by a dining hall!)

The older Scouts - Troops, 13 B and 13 G - journeyed to Hardy Arkansas, at Kia Kima, Camp Cherokee. For all of the learning and training that we do in Scouting, there's nothing that shows leadership better than feeding your crew for a full week.

The life of a patrol leader at camp starts at 5:45 every morning, making sure that someone's on the way to get breakfast and lunch ingredients, then getting the rest of the patrol up at six, making sure the breakfast gets started. Once KP is covered, and all the scouts get off to class, three hours of classes later the scouts return to camp for lunch. They spend some time playing around and get back to an afternoon of three more classes in the evenings, then there's free time, dinner, and finally (sometimes rather late), sleep.

Our Scouts were able to get back to the very basics of Scouting - what Baden-Powell practiced in 1910 on Brownsea Island off the shore of England, except Lord Baden-Powell would have been shown the error of his ways when he saw BOTH troops (boys AND girls) operate this week. We learn, we grow, and our kids show us how.

Up next is Philmont! Two crews will be venturing out into New Mexico to climb mountains over seven days of backpacking. Pray for our adults summiting those mountains with them!

(See more pictures on page 5.)



Scout Troop 13G



Scout Troop 13B



Julie McMahan	July 7	Helena Landrigan	July 8
Joey Hopper	July 10	Elizabeth Hopper	July 12
Maggi Comes	July 13	Aiden Tate	July 15
Ron Raybuck	July 16	Connie Johns	July 20
Krissi Moore	July 22	Ron Maddox	July 23
Steve Humbert	July 26	Mike Potter	July 27
Sam Goff	July 28		

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BACKPACKS FOR MEMPHIS-AREA INDIGENOUS STUDENTS



We Want to Fill (at least) 50 Backpacks!

We encourage you to do your own shopping, but if you are unable to shop for a backpack and contents, you can make a \$40 cash donation to TUMC, and Rev. Sara will be happy to shop for you. Please mail or bring your monetary donations to the church office by July 15.

backpacks

for Memphis-area indigenous students
Due to the church by July 19th.

K-1

#2 Pencils, 2-3 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, blunt-tipped Fiskar scissors, Elmer's glue sticks, 4 black dry erase markers, 1" ring binder, plastic folders with holes, 4 kindergarten writing tablets, 2 primary composition books,

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#2 Pencils, 3 boxes of 24 Crayola crayons, colored pencils, water-based (washable) markers, glue, 2 pkgs of wide-ruled notebook paper, 12" ruler, dry-erase markers, 2 wide-ruled composition books, plastic folders with holes, 1" binder, blunt-tipped safety scissors, sharpies, subject dividers, red checking pencil,

Middle School

College-ruled notebook paper, 3-pronged folders, #2 pencils, extra erasers, ruler, pencil bag/box, highlighters, colored pencils, markers, scissors, protractor, calculator, binder.

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Scout Troops
13B and 13G
enjoy camping!



A century of
service



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our country and the world - for earthquake & tornado victims; 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 race related 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; wisdom for our Trustees and Church Council. Also, specific prayer requests by and for:

Chris Glover, for ongoing health issues

Pray for **Brian Gansman**, Melba Abraham's son.

Gwen Dodson, bladder cancer, COPD, and osteoporosis; IV cancer treatment ongoing every 3 weeks

George Gray, Rita Allmon's brother, passed away recently. Please pray for the family.

Kathryn Gilbert Craig, stepmother to Debby Marston's children, died unexpectedly June 10th.

Doris Porter, receiving physical therapy at home

Charlotte Comes has started out-patient treatment using Y90 radiation therapy. She says she's feeling good!

Sydney Elliott, friend of Irene Dycus, in hospice care; pray for his wife **Mary**, as well.

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, hip/leg/back and nerve damage issues, doing PT & showing some slow improvement

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

Don Culpepper, Carol Miller's brother-in-law, has cancer in five locations; receiving radiation therapy.

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

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

Val Coates, multiple health problems

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; having to use walker every day due to a stroke or mild heart attack, which has caused shortness of breath & chest pain

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

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**

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 as they camp this summer

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

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