



The Mustard Seed

"If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible for you."

A Note From the Pastor

A Mother Who Prayed!

Several years ago I read a quote by a prominent American who declared that he did not know of a single institution working for the betterment of humanity that was not founded by a person who had a praying mother. This is a strong statement, it may even be exaggerated, but there is certainly a relationship between the prayers of a mother and the spiritual life of her children. No greater calamity could fall upon a nation than for godly motherhood to vanish from this life.

I want us to take a look at a mother that prayed. A lady by the name of Hannah.

Hannah had a very strong desire to bring children into the world and to rear them to be the best they could be. In ancient Israel this desire was extremely strong because the Hebrews found need for earthly immortality fulfilled in their offspring. So for a woman to disappoint her husband by failing to bear children was virtually a disgrace. Hannah was fortunate, however, that her husband understood her plight and loved her in spite of her seeming inability to perform this function. But Hannah began a ritual of prayer, praying for God to give her children. So she was first of all a praying mother. There is no doubt that it was a mother much like Hannah who became the inspiration for the saying, "God could not be everywhere, so He made mothers."

Another thing about Hannah was that she prayed with Persistence. Hannah's prayer in 1 Sam. 1:1-11 was not some, "polly-want-a-cracker" type of prayer. It was asking for something of vital importance. Sometimes we fail in our prayers because we refuse to take our prayers seriously. A lot of times our prayers are too shallow and lacking in the deep fervor they need. I wonder what our prayers would be like if we absolutely knew for a fact that everything we asked was going to be answered immediately.

Hannah also prayed even though persecuted. She was repeatedly mocked by her husband's other wife. Yet, even with all this abuse Hannah refused to become bitter.

Finally, Hannah performed that which she had promised. She gave birth to a child and named her child Samuel. She named him that because the name Samuel means, "asked of the Lord."

For us to make a promise to the Lord is a serious thing. This mother found that to do God's Will is the highest achievement of one's life. Thanks mother's for that example.

John

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Congratulations to our Seniors!



Adam Heinrich



Elizabeth Salaway



Katherine Malpas



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2020
Class of



Thomas Malpas



Calder Harvey



Rachael Davis

Trinity Outreach



Several members from Trinity volunteered to help and provide food following the tornadoes that destroyed large parts of Middle Tennessee. We thank those who were able to give of their time!

Left: Steve Lewis and Dianna Corson

Right: Dave Long



Trinity Job Opening

Trinity United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN is seeking a Part Time Nursery Worker.

Duties include:

Caring for children in a safe, child friendly environment where children can enjoy attending and can learn and grow in faith.

Maintaining a safe environment in the nursery for children ages 0-3 years old

Caring for children ages 0-3 years old in the nursery environment

Ensuring that all safe sanctuary policies are followed in the nursery environment

Following cleaning requirements at the beginning and end of shifts to ensure that health and safety measures are being followed

Supporting the Director of Children's ministry as needed in working with children 0-6th grade on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.

Helping with Parent's Night Out on Friday nights and one day in December.

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities required:

- Caring, nurturing attitude towards working with children of all ages.
- Organized and self-motivated
- CPR and First Aid trained/certified (training will be offered every two years).
- Maintain a clean environment with daily cleaning responsibilities

Hours of Work – Usual work hours are 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sunday morning and 6:15-7:30 on Wednesday nights. Parents night out is the 4th Friday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Submit your resume to trinityumc@comcast.net by May 22, 2020.

Trinity Job Opening

Trinity United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro, TN is seeking a Part Time Music Director

The Music Director position exists to plan and coordinate all music programs and performances at Trinity United Methodist Church (TUMC), support TUMC's music ministries when they are engaged in offsite activities, and support TUMC's staff in any venue where music is needed.

The workload for this position is approximately 15 hours per week. This includes four hours each Sunday (8:00 a.m.-Noon), four hours each Wednesday (5:00-9:00 p.m.), and two hours one Thursday per month (7:00-9:00 p.m.). The remaining hours are divided between preparation time, church related activities, and onsite office hours in a manner determined by the Director of Music and the pastor.

Skills and Abilities Needed:

- Bachelor of Music or demonstrated ability to meet the job responsibilities through comparable work experience
- Knowledge of Methodist traditions and beliefs desired
- Desire to share faith and ministry with others through spiritual and musical gifts
- Strong conducting and rehearsal techniques
- Skilled in providing vocal instruction to ensemble members
- Vocal skills to lead congregational singing
- Knowledge of a variety of styles of worship music
- Ability to motivate and inspire individuals
- Works well with a team

Primary Responsibilities:

- Guide the congregation in worship through music for all regular and special worship services
- Coordinate scheduling of choirs in worship services
- Oversee the selection of all music for worship
- Lead the Chancel Choir, New Life Praise Team, and children's choirs in weekly rehearsals
- Provide support to the adult handbell choir director by assisting in the selection of music, filling in as needed and assisting in arrangements for offsite activities
- Meet weekly with the pastor to plan and coordinate all aspects of music in worship
- Oversee the procurement and maintenance of all worship files, choir robes, handbells, music equipment, sound equipment, sanctuary piano, and music supplies
- Oversee annual renewal and reporting for all church copyright licenses and copyright vendors
- Develop an annual music budget

Compensation based on qualifications and experience

Please submit your resume to trinityumc@comcast.net by May 22, 2020.



The Church Family



Circle
of
Concern

If you have updates to the
Circle of Concern please
call the church office at
615-896-0413 or email
Kristen at:
trinityumc@comcast.net

Prayer Requests

Dianne Bowden, Donald Douglas, Dot Ghee, Ollie Ruth Golson, Jo Jamison,
Steve Kavanaugh, Diane Kelton, Chris Kiddoo, Wanda Lodholz, Reba Miller,
Peggy Moses, Selma Pancake. Dustin Pate, Rebekah Pate, Kaylee Pendergast,
Don Richardson, Bill Saunders, Toni Saunders, Bobbie Stewart, Robb Stringfield,
Butch Vaughn, Shannon (daughter of Nancy Smith's friend)

If you have someone that is in need of prayers you may call or email the church office
and we will gladly add them to the prayer list. Please help us to keep the list current by notifying
the office of any updates.

At Home/Assisted Living/Nursing Homes

Jack Arbuckle-NHC

Shirley Lawter-The Rutherford

Doug & Charlotte Mason-NHC Place
Franklin, TN

Reba Miller-Adams Place

Clarice Stewart-Park View Meadows

Joy Elkins Tribke-Adams Place
Reva Wallis-Adams Place

Military Personnel

Shane Aylesworth, Seth Bell, Chaplain Jen Bowden, Chance Cooke,
Tristin Corson, David Foster, Deserae Lacznia, Kelsey Lane, Thomas Lane,
Robert Tracey, and the families of service men/women.

In Sympathy



*Sue Fultz and family on the loss of her
father, J. Edwin "Ed" Pohl, who passed away March 11, 2020.*

*Nancy Lane and family on the loss of her brother,
Tom Miles, who passed away April 9, 2020.*

Stay Connected

- Morning devotionals are shared on Facebook each morning and you are encouraged to watch these at your convenience!
- Sunday morning service is also posted each week as we try to stay connected with everyone through worship. You can find Trinity's page by looking up "Trinity UMC Murfreesboro," or visiting trinityumcmurfreesboro.org.
- Call the church at 615-896-0413 if you need anything picked up or need some shopping done. We have folks who would like to help!

The Church Family

May & June Birthdays

May

June

3 Leslie Trail
3 Denette Yarber
5 Tara Strong
7 Clarice Stewart
8 Calder Harvey
8 Erin Snyder
9 Amy Adcock
10 Caroline Lewis
10 Christine O'Day
12 Cindy Burkitt
12 Don Richardson
13 Katherine Malpas
13 Sarah Malpas
13 Thomas Malpas
14 Pam Stringfield
16 Tristin Corson
17 W.K. Lane
17 Wanda Richardson
18 Brad Campbell
20 Don Cherry
20 Brendan Johnson
21 Karen Garner
21 Luke Hendrix
24 John Vaughan
25 Kellum Johnson
27 Reva Wallis
29 Sue Young
30 Karen Malpas
31 Daniel Young

1 Nancy McGill
1 Don McKinney
4 Charlene Parkinson
4 Chris Roy
4 Floyd Stricklen
7 Donald Davis
8 Travis Bugg
8 Jeanne Stevens
12 Nancy Smith
15 Jim Whitehead
16 Steve Agnew
16 Kathy Coil
17 Evie Agnew
17 Olivia Boylan
18 Diana Adcock
18 Eric Smith
20 Pat Albrecht
20 Joshua Brown
22 Jessica McDonald
22 Briana Strong
23 Barbara Wallis
27 Meredith Boylan
27 John Lewis
27 Bryan Hendrix
29 Christa Roth



May & June Anniversaries

May

June

12 Kevin & Jamie Reneau
15 Ralph & Denise Scott
20 Jeff & Dianne Bowden
22 Warren & Linda Anderson
28 Mike & Cindy Burkitt
28 Bud & Sue Fultz
29 Floyd & Wanda Strickland
31 Al & Debbie Goss

3 Jim & Brenda Whitehead
10 Robb & Pam Stringfield
16 Mark & Cathy Johnson
17 Russ & Deanna Frame
17 Eric & Melissa Snyder
20 Mike & Charlene Parkinson
26 Lee & Barbara Wallis
29 Stephen & Diane Lewis
29 Randy & Tara Strong

Opportunities to Help

- If you know of someone who is in need of a hearing aide or help with hearing items (phones that blink when a call is received), contact Laura Eggleton at the TN Department of Human Services, 931-205-0118.
- We are still collecting pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.
- Our Sunday morning Homeless Ministry is requesting men's and women's full tube socks.

Youth Ministry

Zooming in.....

The Youth have been staying connected as a whole by using Zoom meetings each Sunday night during our normal Youth time. We have enjoyed sharing favorite songs, stories about our pets, talking about Holy Week and lots of fellowship time. For several, classwork did not change at all and for others, it has become an on-line studying process from home. It has been very impressive at how upbeat the group is staying with all of the changes to their daily lives and recognizing that many of them are not getting to participate in activities that they very much enjoy.

All of the youth look forward to the time when we can all be together in person, but for now, they recognize the importance of safety of self and others. We will still be recognizing our graduating Seniors during a Sunday morning service in the future and will announce a date later on. We also look forward to planning with parents and the youth about actual programming once things are back open and people feel safe on returning. Until then, we are enjoying our weekly Zoom meetings and random texts throughout the week and any other way that we can stay connected with each other!



Worship

We continue to miss our time of worshiping together as a faith community! The end of April has come, so **Bishop McAlilly** has sent an update regarding worship and other church gatherings. Here is an excerpt from that update:

*...It has been 6 weeks since I requested our pastors and lay leaders to suspend public worship in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. I challenged all of you to find alternative ways to practice and sustain our faith. **I am, and continue to be, inspired by your response and creativity!***

As I expressed to you in March, I am convinced the faith community has a very important role to play in our communities during this unusual health crisis.

This week, I listened to government officials and consulted with several health professionals about phasing in a return to public worship and congregational gatherings. I confess that I do not know the single best course of action to take.

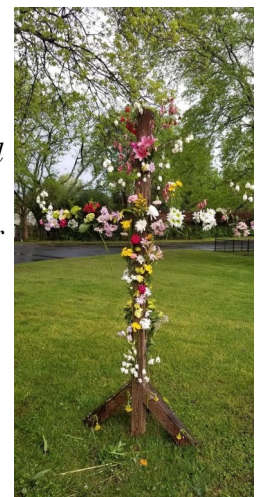
However, the most compassionate and caring approach for our return to public worship should always consider those who are most vulnerable among us.

*Therefore, I have determined it is in the best interest of our churches and faith communities for public **worship and congregational gatherings remain suspended through May 31.***

Through this cautious and proactive action, I pray that our witness and example will save lives.

As you know, things change daily with this pandemic. I will continue to consult regularly with health experts and conference leadership concerning our date to resume public worship and gatherings.

We will one day soon be able to safely and joyfully gather! In the coming weeks, I encourage you to prepare your church for that day....



Trinity's Easter Cross

Children's Ministry

Learn, Grow, Serve, Outreach

Learning about God's love does not stop even during a time of staying at home to stay healthy! The children have been busy during this time ensuring that we have many different opportunities to learn about Easter, parables, and God's love.

On Sunday mornings, the children's ministry offers regularly scheduled Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. via ZOOM. The children are able to hear the story that they would have heard in Sunday School if we were able to meet at church. We love that some of our Sunday School teachers join us during this time to share as well. After the lesson, children's parents receive follow up files and activities to help reinforce these lessons at home.



Wednesday nights are a children's fellowship and game time. For this time, the children have had a Bible scavenger hunt (all of the items found were the colors of the Rainbow) to talk about Noah, the Ark, and faithfulness. They played Bible Trivia online to see what they were learning from our Holy Week lessons. They have also played a home-made Bible version of the *Five Second Rule* and *Cadoo*. All of these games are ways to engage the children on ZOOM and let them share what they know about the Bible. Finding games that we can all play on ZOOM is a bit tricky, but we all have fun in the process! Next Wednesday, we will be playing Bible Charades!

During Holy Week, the children received lessons each day in email and on Facebook to help them learn about Jesus' journey during Holy Week. Each lesson included a Bible story, a devotion, a craft, and a song. These lessons helped the children succeed at Trivia!

As we look ahead, there are many questions about camp for some of our children and confirmation for others. The confirmands, parents, mentors, and I recently met on ZOOM to talk about when we may be able to proceed with confirmation. As a group, we will revisit setting a final date once we are able to return to church. We hope to be able to confirm our confirmands this summer if all goes well.

As of right now, all plans for Camp Cedar Crest are still moving as planned. However, I have reached out to the camp to ensure that things are still moving forward and to get additional information for our participating families. Once I receive that information, I will share it with our campers! Be on the lookout for information to come soon on this!

Children's Ministry cont'd.

If you are on the Vacation Bible School planning committee, we will be having a meeting on May 11 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM. This will give us an opportunity to talk through our VBS plans and how we will move forward in this work. You will be receiving a ZOOM link in your email about this!



If you are not receiving the information for ZOOM calls, Sunday School lessons, or other children's activities, please email me at trinitychild@comcast.net. I welcome your children and grandchildren who attend regularly and who visit Trinity to join us in our time together! I cannot wait to see each of you again, but until then, we will continue to worship, learn, and grow in Christ!

Finance

2020 Operating Budget: \$536,748.88

\$10,322.10 needed weekly to meet 2020 budget.

OFFERING

March 29	\$ 7,394.34
April 5 & 12	\$21,912.00
April 19	\$ 7,575.00
April 26	\$ 3,325.00



Trinity UMC Scholarships

Trinity United Methodist Church will give at least one \$1000 scholarship for the 2020-2021 school year. It is a one year scholarship. Applicants may reapply each year. An application packet may be picked up from the church office beginning March 1, 2020. Deadline for submission of the application packet to the church office has been extended to **June 14, 2020.**

From the Church Finance Committee:

We want to thank everyone who has been sending checks and submitting online contributions to keep Trinity UMC operating. We want to make sure everyone who submits online payments through our website is aware that the company we use does take a small fee (average 2.75%) for each payment processed with a credit card. Please keep this in mind if you submit online contributions with your credit card.

Thank you and take care!

Thank You from Trinity UMC!



Thank you to all who are working in the healthcare profession, those providing and preparing food for us, those keeping us safe, those traveling miles to make sure we have what we need, and all who are in some way caring for us during this pandemic.

We appreciate you!



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