

Campus Ministry, University of Tennessee-Martin

The UT-M Chaplaincy is offered in cooperation with the Memphis Conference of the United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church, Martin; the Roman Catholic Diocese of Memphis and St. Jude's Catholic Church; Trinity Presbyterian Church (USA), Martin; First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Martin; Oak Grove Missionary Baptist, Martin; and St James' Episcopal Church, Union City. Three chaplains are officially recognized working through The Center, the Rev. Jolinne Balentine-Downey, UMC; Deacon Rodney Freed, RC, and The Rev. Don Brooks, The Episcopal Church.

The program includes highly racially and gender diversified weekly worship or meditation times; Thursday night meals and daily snacks sponsored by several congregations including St. James', sponsoring a mission trip to Ocean Springs, Miss., with students to continue reconstruction following hurricane Katrina; an annual Empty Bowl Soup Supper which this year raised more than \$2,000 for hungry people in the University area; gifts for incarcerated women at Mark Luttrell Correctional Center in Memphis; hosting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes weekly meeting in the center; and vetting several teams in the Intramural Sports activities. About 70 students are involved in worship and Bible study on a weekly basis, an average increase of 25% over last year.

The Carolyn Howard Memorial Computer Lab is the most used room in the Center. Three desktop computers and one laptop were purchased this year in part through contributions from St. James' Church; the lab was repainted, recarpeted and refurbished. The Lab is named in memory of The Reverend Carolyn Howard.

The Reverend Don Brooks, Chaplain