

# Trinity United Methodist Church

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### Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

9:40 a.m.	Contemporary Service
9:40 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
9:30/9:40 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship
	Children's Worship (Family Life Center)
	Youth Sunday School
5:00 p.m.	Youth

#### Monday

6:30 p.m. Cub & Boy Scouts (not meeting in building yet)

#### Wednesday

6:00 p.m.	Youth
6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir

#### Thursday

6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Brownies/Daisies/Juniors (not meeting at church yet)

*Happy  
Mother's  
Day*

**May 9th**



**Church Office  
will be closed  
May 31st.**

For the past eight years, it has been my great pleasure and honor to serve as pastor to Trinity. This is without doubt, the most loving congregation in our Conference. With our daughter Sarah and her husband who live in Andalusia expecting a child this month, Cindy and I know our roles as parents now get to take on "grand" status. In March of this year, I heard Andalusia First UMC was coming open for a pastoral change. I contacted Dr. Jeff Wilson (Montgomery-Prattville District Superintendent) and asked for my name to be in consideration for appointment to Andalusia FUMC. This request for a change in appointment is to allow Cindy and I to be closer to Sarah, Catlin, and Riley, **not** because of us wanting to leave Trinity. Through the appointment process, Bishop David Graves and the Conference Cabinet (comprised of all the District Superintendents) have set my appointment to Andalusia FUMC effective July 11, 2021. My last Sunday as pastor at Trinity will be June 20.

While we are excited about being close to Riley (yeah... Sarah and Catlin too), our hearts are pulled with sadness of leaving the wonderful family of faith we have here at Trinity. You have blessed us in more ways than we can ever communicate. You have allowed me entry into your greatest joys, and to journey with you during some of your greatest struggles. You have loved on me in my dark days and you have danced with me at my times of celebration. For that, I am so incredibly thankful for the privilege of being your pastor. As your new pastor comes on board, I know the people of Trinity will demonstrate to him the same level of love and acceptance you have bestowed upon me. As we prepare for these next several months, I look forward to tighter and longer hugs and in sharing the sweet fellowship of the Trinity family. Change is inevitable in our lives and we are called as Kingdom people to live into this change with our eyes focused on Jesus. I love you dearly and give thanks always as I mention you in my prayers.

Attendance	9:40	11:00	SS	Giving
April 4th (Sonrise) 75	109	95	62	\$12,517.00
April 11th	65	73	70	\$13,765.97
April 18th	83	76	76	\$10,326.56
April 25th	95	96	104	\$10,485.00
Average Total Worship Attendance: 173				
Average	\$ 11,773.63			



Trinity received a letter from John C. West, Board Treasurer of Wesley College Foundation Tanzania. The letter thanks Trinity for the financial support given for the purpose of aiding faith-driven young people in Tanzania with a seminary education. Rev. Bonface Wanyama, Head of Theology wrote in the letter, "I want all of you who have committed resources to supporting our students at Wesley College to know that your support has transformed not just the students - - but the world. You are part of the bigger goal of making sure people in this part of the world have 'live in abundance.' Your support is not in vain."

Thank you Trinity for being a part of the mission and ministry to the kingdom work in our homes, in our nation and truly across the world.

**Join us for Sunday School**

Sunday Mornings 9:30/9:40 AM  
**Seekers:** (middle-senior adults) meet in the Seeker's Room doing the Cokesbury Seasonal Adult Study 9:30 Seekers Class  
**Fellowship:** (adults all ages) meet in the Library, with a focus on short term studies and theological writings  
**Horizons:** (adults all ages) meet in the room across from the kitchen. They do book studies, some videos, and discussions.

**Questions? Email:**  
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1st	David Ferguson	20th	Charlotte Alford
	Doug Hallford	22nd	Sam Caldwell
3rd	Sheryl Ferguson		Austin Steele
5th	Malcom Jones	23rd	Ann Howard
6th	Betty Eldridge		Callie Noe
	Jeremy till	24th	Pat Shipp
7th	Heather King	25th	Evelyn Ferguson
9th	Chad Sibley		Cathy Taylor
12th	Josh Thomas	27th	Richard Ferguson
13th	Megan Chaney		Harrison Till
	Becky Johnson		Dave Weeden
	Rhonda Sibley	28th	Blake Burkett
	Mykaela Watt		Ezra Chaney
14th	Kim Mathis	29th	Becca Estes
15th	Julie Harris-Fain		Kathy Scott
16th	Bryce Englin	30th	Christian Watt
	Katelyn Ferguson		
	Hanna Kinade		
	Roxanne Ray		
	Mark Reed		
17th	Rhett Ferguson		
	Emma Weedon		
19th	Susie Boswell		
	Andrew Eldridge		

**Upcoming Youth Events:**



**May meeting dates for youth:**

**Sunday Nights@ 5:00 - 6:00 pm**

May 9<sup>th</sup>  
 May 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Wednesday Nights@ 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

May 5<sup>th</sup>  
 May 12<sup>th</sup>  
 May 19<sup>th</sup>  
 May 26<sup>th</sup>

**Senior Sunday Celebration!**



Please join us May 2<sup>nd</sup> in both the 9:40 and 11:00 worship services to celebrate the great accomplishments of our 2021 seniors! We are so proud of these students and everything God is doing in their lives.

Senior gift baskets will be in the hallway behind the FLC, May 2- May 23.

Gift our eight seniors with items they may need for next year!

Following the 11:00 service we will have a special lunch prepared for the seniors and their families. Please contact Kaylee at 770-468-7936 with any questions or concerns for this day.

**Youth yard sale**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm-9pm**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6am-11am**



Help support our students in their last fundraiser before summer mission trips!

For more information on our youth activities contact Kaylee Andrews at [Kaylee@trinityprattville.com](mailto:Kaylee@trinityprattville.com) or 770-468-7936 .

**Take A Moment With God's Word**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8  
**May 9<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17  
**May 16<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
 Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Pentecost**  
 Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15  
**May 30<sup>th</sup>, Trinity Sunday**  
 Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17



## Vbs July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>

### 6-7:30pm

\*no dinner this year



### Mark your calendars!

We are VERY excited to be offering a different format of VBS this year. Plan your summer around not missing this awesome experience with special guests!

## Easter Egg Hunt Success!



We had a great day with lots of families and plenty of eggs on our Easter Egg Hunt this year. Thank you so much to those who helped out to make it a great success!

## Vbs



We will be having a completely different format for VBS this year but we still totally need great volunteers! If you think this may be something that you are interested in, give Theresa a call or text at 334-558-3540 and see what all that may look like this summer!

## Stay connected

Make sure you are on Children's Ministry Remind list and on the Children's Ministry Facebook group to get the latest updates on programs and events!

## Snack donations

If you are interested in donating snacks for children's ministry we will gladly accept goldfish (in the large pourable milk carton looking container) and animal crackers. These may be dropped off to Theresa's office. Thank you so much!

## Acolytes have returned

We are so happy things seem to be returning to normal at Trinity and one thing we have missed is Acolytes! If you have been on the list prior, reach out to Theresa and let her know if you are coming back to church soon! We miss you!! As soon as we can we will offer a training for new acolytes to be added to the list! Start discussing it around the dinner table now!

### WOW items

- Ages 10-14
- Shirts & pants
- Pillowcase dress
- sundress
- Underwear
- Shoes & socks
- Flip flops
- Hat
- Watch
- sunglasses
- Tote/bag/purse
- Hair clips, hair ribbon, elastic bands
- bandana

For the month of May we would like to focus on Clothing/Accessories. Our focus will be on boys and girls ages 10-14; this age is the most over looked age OCC delivers to. These can be Shirts and pants, Pillowcase dress (loose-fitting sundress), Underwear, Shoes and socks, Flip-flops, Hat/scarf/mittens, Decorative hat, Wrist watch, Sunglasses, Tote bag/purse, Bead jewelry/bed kit, Hair accessories (hair clips, hair ribbons, elastic hair bands), Bandana. Please place any donations in the appropriate bin behind the FLC. Thank you for the donations we have received so far!

The shoeboxes can **NOT** include candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, seeds, fruit rolls or other fruit snacks, drink mixes, liquids or lotions, medications, vitamins, breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers, or aerosol cans.

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April 15th is a significant day in my life. Yes, I know for most, its Tax day!

April 15th of 95 was the day I married my wonderful wife Connie.. Wednesday, April 15th 1997 was a significant day to me; I became your music director. This is my 25th year.

Over the course of these 25 years, I have seen change occur at Trinity. When I started, there was one service on Sunday Morning. The church has gone through other changes to include renovations. They include the FLC, which has turned into a beautiful worship center and an all-purpose room. The sanctuary was reconfigured, and parking lots have been added.

We often do not welcome change because we become creatures of habit. While we may not understand the change, as Christians we must graciously accept and move forward having faith in our Lord to lead us. Daniel was a tough guy. He was taken into slavery as a young man. He probably saw his family killed. He watched as the temple burned and his nation was destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar and his enormous army. Life was rough, but Daniel had this uncanny ability to change every situation. While life will always have changes the one certain stay, is God! one of the verses of The old hymn "Trust and Obey" puts it like this:

*Then in fellowship sweet  
we will sit at his feet,  
or we'll walk by his side in the way;  
what he says we will do,  
where he sends we will go;  
never fear, only trust and obey.*

Join us as we go through life's changes together in the choir.  
Wednesday night 6:30 pm  
robert@trinityprattville.com





Children absolutely light up and come fully alive when they see Trinity's Children's Minister, Theresa Keith approaching. Theresa's constant smile and loving heart makes our little ones feel like the most important members of our congregation. It does not matter if they are engaged in Children's worship, or throwing water balloons in the parking lot, Theresa somehow manages to make each child feel unique and specially loved. When asked how she does it, Theresa credits her family's support, and we all know Mr. "TikTok" Jeffrey gives of his time and creativity to make the ministry a success. Daughters, Gracie, Laura, and Sara have grown up in the Children's Ministers office, stuffing eggs, helping with crafts, and giving leadership. In September of 2020, Theresa stepped in to give leadership to the youth ministry, organizing parent volunteers, coordinating curriculum and planning activities for the youth until we made the new hire. Trinity would be hard pressed to find someone as talented, as energetic, and as dedicated as Theresa Keith. Thank you Theresa for bearing witness to Christ in you through your life and ministry.



**Who is that masked man?** That's the question we have asked ourselves in this past year as we have lived in this COVID era, "Who are you under that mask?" Trinity UMC has followed the CDC and State protocols for masks, taking temperatures and social distancing seriously through all our in-person gatherings. As we move into a season where more and more people are being vaccinated and the numbers of cases go down, we still need to be vigilant and mindful of people who have pre-existing conditions which make them susceptible to illnesses. With that in mind, following State protocols and recommendations from the Bishop, we are ending the required mask mandate for our gatherings...with this caveat: If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask in public gatherings,

please do so. If you choose not to wear a mask, please be mindful and respectful in maintaining a distance with those who choose to wear a mask. Bishop David Graves recently wrote: *"It simply does not matter where you live, COVID continues to be a very real threat to our communities. We are all experiencing COVID fatigue. Yet we are called as children of God to, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22: 37-39). This pandemic is not about our personal preference or comfort, it is about placing others' needs above our desires."* Let us continue to show love to our neighbor by respecting their decisions concerning their own health needs.



For the past 10 years, Trinity UMC has been gifted with a treasure through our Church Treasurer, **Heather Krell**. Heather's attention to detail, financial acumen, ability to keep staff on target with budgets and excellent reporting to the Finance Committee has been a valuable asset to us all. Add to this, her sweet spirit and winsome personality, it is easy to say she is indeed a treasurer.

Heather recently submitted her letter of resignation to the SPRC. Her last day as "Trinity's Treasured Treasurer" was April 30th.

The SPRC has hired Steve Shuemake as Church Treasurer. Steve recently retired as Assistant Museum Director for the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. He has also worked as the Church Administrator at Prattville FUMC. Steve's email is: [finance@trinityprattville.com](mailto:finance@trinityprattville.com).

We look forward to his work and ministry among us.



**Joy Swenning** has been the Church Secretary at Trinity for 18 years. During this time, she has endeared herself to staff and the membership through her scheduling all the logistics of church life. Joy is not only a capable administrative assistant, but she is also a trusted confidant and a blessing through her peaceful and joyful attitude and personality.

Joy recently tendered her intention to retire effective May 31st. We give thanks for her ministry to us and celebrate with her for the time to spend with her grandchildren.



The SPRC has hired **Virginia Cooper Hollon** as Trinity's new Church Secretary. Virginia has worked as a Benefits Generalist at ALFA Insurance, a financial Councilor at Montgomery Eye Physicians, and Office Manager for Hollon Construction. She is married to Alex and they have four children, Brandon, Ashley, Chase and Justin. They attend the 9:40 worship service. We welcome Virginia to the Trinity Staff!

**NEW CHURCH EMAIL ADDRESSES**

**The church office email address is [secretary@trinityprattville.com](mailto:secretary@trinityprattville.com) and finance secretary is [finance@trinityprattville.com](mailto:finance@trinityprattville.com).**