



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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### Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>	Contemporary Service
9:40 a.m.	Children's Sunday School
9:40 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
9:30/9:40 a.m.	Traditional Worship
11:00 a.m.	Children's Worship (Family Life Center)
	Youth Sunday School
	Youth
5:00 p.m.	
<b>Monday</b>	
6:30 p.m.	Cub & Boy Scouts (not meeting in building yet)
<b>Wednesday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Youth
6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
<b>Thursday</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.	Brownies/Daisies/Juniors (not meeting at church yet)

The Trinity United Methodist Church  
**Monthly Newsletter** is available both online at  
[www.trinityprattville.com](http://www.trinityprattville.com) and by mail by submitting a  
request to the church secretary. Submissions for the  
Monthly Newsletter should be sent to  
secretary@trinityprattville.com.  
**September newsletter submissions are due**  
**Monday, September 20th no later than 12 Noon.**

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Please join us  
in PRAYER  
as our children  
return to school.

**Sunday,  
August 1, 2021  
9:40 & 11:00**



### Success.

What is success in these crazy days of Covid19? On good days we are skating on quicksand while on the bad days it's more of quicksand swimming. How do we measure success? Normally we want our numbers to go up and to the right. But in order to do that we need a baseline. We need a normal. We need a control group. Unfortunately, we are in an out of control time with abnormal situations. I can't think of a time in at least American history where we shut down churches for months at a time. It's broken our normal. It's quite simply a crazy time. So if there is no normal in which to quantify success let's make a new normal. If you make it through the day and no one looks at you with concern and ask if you are okay that's success. If you show up most of the time where you are supposed to be when you are supposed to be there that's success. If you don't eat all the ice cream in the fridge that's a success. You get the picture. Baby steps to success. Functioning, trying, continuing, that's a success.

Proverbs 3:5-6 say: *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

We normally focus on the trusting part of this scripture but for today I want you to think about what you understand. We live in a time where we assume there should be the answer and yet we are drowning in uncertainty. Maybe God is trying to teach us to quit trying to rely on ourselves. Maybe God is waiting for us to give up and give in. Maybe a successful prayer would be simply to say, "God I need you."

As I sit here at my desk in my second week at Trinity there is still some uncertainty. But I'm hoping it's been a success. I hope we continue to move towards success. But I also fully realize I need God. My simple prayer is, "God please help." May we all give up and give in to the fact that God is in control. May he make our paths straight.

Rev. Stuart Worth

Attendance	9:40	11:00	SS	Giving
July 4th	65	71	59	\$13,282.00
July 11th	145	122	81	\$13,517.76
July 18th	119	101	104	\$12,348.00
July 25th	120	100	72	\$ 2,934.51
<b>Average Total Worship Attendance:</b>	<b>290</b>		<b>Average Giving</b>	<b>\$10,520.57</b>

August 2	Becky Oates
August 5	Julia Steen
August 6	Donna Cognasi
August 6	Jace Guy
August 7	Kathy Sears
August 7	Dee Stanley
August 8	Lisa Cash
August 8	Rob Douglas
August 10	Del Collins
August 10	Lloyd Snellgrove
August 11	Marilee Petty
August 12	Leslie Bishop – Holt
August 12	Jason Taylor
August 16	Abbey Staver
August 18	Megan Chong
August 18	Ashlyn Krell
August 19	Matlee Findley
August 19	Virginia Hollon
August 19	Landen Owens
August 19	Cindy Weedon
August 20	Joanna Lawrence
August 21	Christian Douglas
August 21	David Frederick
August 21	Elizabeth Harris-Fain
August 23	Anna Wells
August 24	Norm Kleinschmidt
August 24	Wilma Osborn
August 25	Galen Mathis
August 27	Marleigh Cheshire
August 27	Patricia or Trish Leverette
August 27	Raelynn Rawlinson
August 27	Lindsey White (Frederick)
August 29	Hunter Gregg
August 31	Cal Davis
August 31	Anita Reid



**Giving Options**

Thank you so much for your faithfulness and generosity in giving to the ministries of Trinity. To help make things easy for you, we have some electric/online options available for giving that you might not be aware of.

1. You can tithe through the church Paypal account. You can access the Paypal account through the church website ([www.trinityprattville.org](http://www.trinityprattville.org)). On the top menu bar you can click "give" which will direct you to a screen with a yellow "donate" button. This will take you straight to Paypal to process your giving.
2. You could set up a reoccurring monthly bank draft through Vanco Services. The process is simple and Heather can get it all set up for you. Please contact Heather in the church office at 365-7339 if you are interested in further information.

**August Acolytes**



	Cross bearer	Bible bearer	Torch bearer	Torch bearer
1-Aug	Kiptyn Wilcox	Charlotte Alford	Christian Wilcox	Ben Baxley
8-Aug	Griffin Till	Evelyn Ferguson	Ezra Chaney	Emma Chaney
15-Aug	Norah Corindia	Kristofer Tuck	Artem Tuck	Daria Tuck
22-Aug	Ben Baxley	Christian Wilcox	Kiptyn Wilcox	Charlotte Alford
29-Aug	Emma Chaney	Ezra Chaney	Evelyn Ferguson	Griffin Till



**Summer Events Recap!**



These students had a BLAST at camps in June! They are all growing so much into who God has called them to be. They experienced great fellowship and times of worship.



**August meeting dates for youth:**

**Sunday Nights:**

- 1st
- 8<sup>th</sup>
- 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 29<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesday Nights:**

- 4th
- 11<sup>th</sup>
- 18<sup>th</sup>
- 25<sup>th</sup>

**Volleyball Tournament on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:30 outside of TUMC!**

Come hang out with our amazing youth for a great day of fellowship. You can either join a team or you can cheer on your favorite players. Food will be provided as well as coolers of drinks. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs and come hang out. Also, if you would like to bring a dessert the youth would love you!



### Family Waterpark trip



On July 21 Trinity families had a great day fellowshiping and water sliding together! Thanks to Brother Stuart for driving and everyone who came and made it a really fun day!

#### Children's Ministry

##### Facebook Page and Remind code

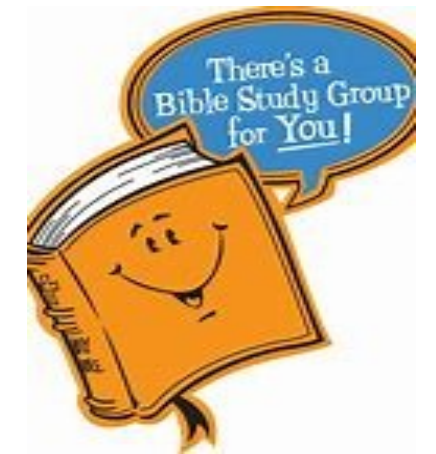
We have two places for parents of Trinity's Children to connect! Parents make sure you like and follow Trinity UMC Children's Ministry on Facebook and/or text @6f6e4 to 810-10 to keep up with new information!

#### 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!

#### Children's Choir

We are beginning our new discussions about children's choir starting! As of now, we plan on beginning our Wednesday evening programming on September 15, which will include children's choir for preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. If you are interested in helping out with our choir program send Theresa an email at [theresa@trinityprattville.com](mailto:theresa@trinityprattville.com)



#### TAKE A MOMENT WITH GOD'S WORD

##### August 1st, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-34

##### August 8th, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

##### August 15th, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51- 58

##### August 22nd, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84; Ephesians 6:10- 20; John 6:56-69

##### August 29th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Join Megan Chaney this Summer for A Weekly Devotional on Psalm 1.

Search for "Like A Tree" on major podcast platforms, or find the link over on our Facebook Page:

[facebook.com/trinityumcprattville](https://facebook.com/trinityumcprattville)

Questions? Email [megan@trinityprattville.com](mailto:megan@trinityprattville.com)



It's August and getting closer to our Shoebox ministry packing party. But we are still in need of donations. Our focus will be on boys and girls ages 10-14; this age is the most overlooked age OCC delivers to. For the month of August, we would like to focus on SCHOOL SUPPLIES. These can be pencils, small manual pencil sharpener, colored pencils, pens, crayons, markers, notebooks, blank index cards, solar-powered calculator, scissors, ruler, protractor, glue stick (do not include liquid glue), small adhesive tape, construction paper and erasers. Please continue to donate personal care items and Clothing/Accessories items; these items are in high demand. Also, keep in mind due to the guidelines by OCC we can't send some items such as lotion or toothpaste and items should be in new condition. For a complete list of approved items and even more information on OCC, please visit their website at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Donations can be dropped off in the labeled bin located behind the FLC. Any questions, please contact Tina Lawrence via email at [tinalawrence1122@yahoo.com](mailto:tinalawrence1122@yahoo.com). Thank you for all the donations we have received.



### HELP NEEDED

Interested in working with the audio/visual ministry at Trinity UMC in the 9:40 & 11:00 service? We need several people to be trained by Kyle Nimmons to help with audio/visual ministry on a rotating basis.

Kyle Nimmons, our IT staff member will train you.

If you are interested, contact Kyle at: [kyle@trinityprattville.com](mailto:kyle@trinityprattville.com). Come be a part of an exciting opportunity to use your gifts and skills for God.

### The Essence of Worship

Several years ago, at one of my earliest ministry positions after Bible college, I directed a small country church choir. One Sunday they wanted to perform a song that the faithful pianist could not play. Rather than putting her in a bind, I told her I could play for her and direct the choir from the piano. The service went by without a hitch.

Afterwards, a lady cornered me in complete frustration (she was the pianist's mother). Pointing her finger in my face, she grumbled, "Young man, that's my daughter's piano. Don't you ever play it again! That's not how we do things here."

While most people would probably not fault me for helping out, nevertheless I had failed to cross my "t's" and dot my "i's" according to what this lady thought was appropriate for their local traditions. Her entire church "experience" had been jeopardized because I had played the piano on one song instead of her daughter.

I chuckled to myself about how human nature had not changed much in thousands of years. Jesus was visiting Mary and Martha's house (Luke 10:38-42), but each sister had a different reception in mind. Mary, sensing the sacred moment before her, yearned to simply sit at the feet of the Savior. Martha, on the other hand, wanted things to go perfectly according to her expectations. The house and dinner needed to be in order, and she wasn't getting any help.

"Lord, make her do what I think she should be doing," exclaimed a frustrated Martha.

The Savior's subtle smile emanates through the text. "Martha, Martha, you are worried about things that don't matter. Mary has chosen that which really is important."

So, what does really matter in worship? Is it our building? Our liturgy? Our music? Or, even the sermons? I'm reminded of the most intimate account of worship in scripture: the dying thief on the cross. With no resounding anthems, towering steeples, or eloquent sermons -- and with utter shame and disgrace -- he recognizes his Creator and Savior. In complete humility he cries out, "Remember Me!"

Herein is the essence of worship. Psalm 51:17 proclaims, "The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise."

Let us not be like Martha, so blinded with external conformity that we, like the church of Ephesus, lose our "first love" (Rev. 2:4), the focus of what is important. Rather, let us follow after Mary's passion for sitting at the feet of Jesus, and join with the song writer in saying...

*"I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about you – Jesus."*

Brannon Littleton