



# Trinity United Methodist Church

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### Weekly Schedule

|                   |                              |                  |                             |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sunday</b>     |                              | <b>Monday</b>    |                             |
| 9:40 a.m.         | Contemporary Worship Service | 6:30 p.m.        | Cub & Boy Scouts            |
| 9:40 a.m.         | Children's Sunday School     | <b>Tuesday</b>   |                             |
| 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. | Adult Sunday School          | 7:00 a.m.        | Man Cave                    |
| 11:00 a.m.        | Traditional Worship Service  | <b>Wednesday</b> |                             |
|                   | Children's Worship           | 6:30 p.m.        | Adult Choir                 |
|                   | Youth Sunday School          | <b>Thursday</b>  |                             |
| 1:00 p.m.         | Korean Church                | 6:00 p.m.        | Contemporary Band Rehearsal |
| 4:00 p.m.         | Disciple Bible Study         | 6:30 p.m.        | Girl Scouts                 |
| 5:00 p.m.         | Youth Dinner/Study           |                  |                             |

### Wonderful Counselor

#### Isaiah 9:6

*For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.***

We call Jesus by many names. What we call him might have more to do with who we are and what we are going through than who Jesus is. It has been said many times and many ways that because of Covid everything has changed. I pray that things are going well for you but if they are not please realize that Jesus is our *Wonderful Counselor*. I am not saying that you don't need professional help. Only you know what you are actually going through. As a pastor there have been many times where people have needed counseling beyond my skill level and I have referred them to seek a licensed therapist. Our spiritual health and our mental health can and should go hand in hand.

The basics of therapy are this: **1. Get help.** In Luke 5 Jesus is asked why he eats and drinks with people not like him. <sup>31</sup> *Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; <sup>32</sup> I have come to call not the righteous but sinners to repentance."* We are all sick, we are all sinners and we need counseling. Therapy step **2. Be honest.** Santa might know if you have been bad or good but Jesus knows your heart. Talk to Jesus for goodness sake. This means pray. Step **3. Listen to your counselor.** John chapter 10 tells of how sheep know their shepherd's voice. We can listen to Jesus by studying God's word. Once you have gotten help, been honest, and listened to your counselor there is one final step. Therapy step **4. Do what your counselor says.** This can be challenging because our therapist said to love our neighbor and other difficult teachings. My prayer for you this Christmas season is that Christ will be born in your heart again and you will find healing through our *Wonderful Counselor*.

Brother Stuart



| <u>Attendance</u> | <u>9:40</u> | <u>11:00</u> | <u>SS</u> | <u>Giving</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|
| October 31st      | 90          | 82           | 59        | \$18,121      |
| November 7th      | 89          | 98           | 65        | \$15,496      |
| November 14th     | 60          | 95           | 65        | \$6,843       |

**Birthdays**

|             |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|
| December 4  | Robbie Kincade    |
|             | Holly Ruddock     |
| December 6  | Caris Lockett     |
|             | Becca Jean Thomas |
| December 7  | Richard White     |
| December 9  | Ed Steen          |
| December 10 | Paul Moses        |
| December 11 | Shirley Wharton   |
| December 12 | Merrill Carter    |
|             | Sara Keith        |
|             | Vicki Moses       |
| December 13 | Janet Chong       |
|             | Angel Scotz       |
|             | Caroline White    |
| December 16 | Linda Abbett      |
| December 17 | Chuck Cartwright  |
| December 18 | Sheila Harding    |
| December 19 | April Willis      |
| December 20 | Bentley Tyler     |
| December 21 | Elijah Herrington |
|             | Amanda Veasey     |
| December 22 | Wayne Campbell    |
| December 23 | Carrie Martin     |
| December 23 | Ann MeShell Neese |
| December 24 | Carol Ferguson    |
|             | Joyce Rice        |
|             | Don Strength      |
|             | Christian Wilcox  |
|             | Stuart Worth      |
| December 25 | Carolyn Wood      |
| December 26 | Austin Jeffery    |
|             | Maddie Jeffery    |
|             | Amy Stewart       |
|             | Turner Tyler      |
| December 27 | Nathan Ferguson   |
| December 28 | Elaine Rogers     |
| December 29 | Teagan Wert       |
| December 30 | Madison Hollon    |



*Special Thanks*  
FROM THE GRAY FAMILY

**Our special thanks to all our Trinity family for your love and support on the journey we had with Chris. From the time he was diagnosed in March of last year, you have been with us. Especially, these last days of his earthly life. We did truly feel all the prayers of comfort for us. Thanks to everyone for visits, phone calls, cards and for all the food brought to our home. Also, for all that provided the meal, and my dear friends that served the meal after the Memorial Service.**

**Special thanks to Rev. Stuart Worth and Rev. Fred Bailey for your love and support. Your caring support will always be in our hearts.**

**John and Barbara Gray  
Scott and Bonnie Robertson & Family  
Jaimie Gray & Family**



**Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary and FLC for Christmas. You can purchase a poinsettia in honor or remembrance of a loved one. Orders will be taken until December 12th. The cost is \$10.00 each and the poinsettias are yours to do with as you wish after they have been on display at church. Poinsettias may be picked up on December 24th, after the Christmas Eve worship service.**

# YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE



*Dear Trinity Family,*

During this past month, our youth have grown deeper in understanding that we all have questions when it comes to this life and our faith. We discussed how asking Jesus questions is okay because He understands that we are intelligent and curious. This awareness encourages us to trust in God's Wisdom as our relationship with Him strengthens.



Throughout our activities, our ongoing theme has highlighted an awesome truth: that we are "Made Alive in Christ." This powerful blessing comes from Ephesians 2:10:

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."* NLT



On December 12<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00-6:30 we will be having a flapjacks and flannels night for the youth! We will have pancakes with fun toppings, Christmas treats, and a movie will be playing. Be sure to wear your flannels and bring your best Christmas spirit!

Our youth group eats every Sunday night that they meet as a part of their fellowship. It takes a village to feed hungry teenagers, so we are asking for volunteers. If you would like to sign up for a Sunday night and provide a meal, we would love the help! You can keep it as simple as you would like. Please contact Kaylee or Eve White for more details of how to sign up.

**DECEMBER MEETINGS**

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| ✓      |        |         | ✓         |          |        |          |
| ✓      |        |         | ✓         |          |        |          |
| ✓      |        |         | ✓         |          |        |          |
| ✗      |        |         | ✓         |          |        |          |

NO MEETING ON 12/26

Youth will meet every Wednesday from 6:00-7:30 and Sunday from 5:00-6:30. Except Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Interested in volunteering or have questions, email [Kaylee@trinityprattville.com](mailto:Kaylee@trinityprattville.com) for more information.

# Children's Ministry

## 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 Singing

Children will be singing on Sunday December 12, during the adult Christmas program. Be sure to invite your friends and family to hear them sing a joyful noise!

## Children's Ministry Text Messages



Things are changing every day in Children's Ministry! Make sure you keep up with remind text messaging by sending a text message to 810-10 that says @6f6e4 to sign up! Another great place is to follow our Facebook group Trinity UMC Children's Ministry.

## Christmas Eve Service

Be sure to mark your calendars for our Children and Family Christmas Eve Service at 12 noon. Children will be picking a costume to wear to be a part of the acting of the live nativity! The best part- no practices necessary! We hope you all will enjoy this special service with us!

## 2022 Children's Trips



Please be in prayer for our children as they travel for winter retreats. We are so excited to be back to taking this time for our children to grow together!!

### January 28-30th, 2022

6th-7th Grade Winter Retreat  
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

### February 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Retreat  
Blue Lake Camp, Andalusia, Alabama

## Christmas Caroling December 15<sup>th</sup> | 5 pm



Join us at Trinity for some cookies and cocoa and we will go out into the community to Christmas Carol to several homes and locations! We will have the locations picked before we head out, if you know someone who would enjoy being caroled to email [theresa@trinityprattville.com](mailto:theresa@trinityprattville.com)

## Take A Moment in God's Word

### December 5th, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

### December 12th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

### December 19th, 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:47-55; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

### December 24th, Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

### December 25th, Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14;

### December 26th, 1st Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52



An Advent Devotional for TUMC by Megan Chaney



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## NEW MEMBERS

All new members are invited to hang an ornament on our church's Christmas tree, having inscribed your or your family's name on the back, along with your joining date. The tree will be placed in the Family Life Center the last week of November.



| Date   | Cross bearer  | Bible bearer   | Torch bearer    | Torch bearer     |
|--------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 5-Dec  | Griffin Till  | Levi Worth     | Maisie Petty    | Charlotte Alford |
| 12-Dec | Kiptyn Wilcox | Norah Corindia | Evelyn Ferguson | Christian Wilcox |
| 19-Dec | Ben Baxley    | Emma Chaney    | Ezra Chaney     | Savannah Jones   |
| 26-Dec | Artem Tuck    | Kristofer Tuck | Daria Tuck      | Griffin Till     |

### United Methodist Children’s Home White Christmas Offering



This year we invite you to help carry out a legacy of providing homes, healing, and hope to vulnerable children and their families by supporting the United Methodist Children’s Home. Throughout the month of December, we will be collecting monetary donations for the United Methodist Children’s Home. In addition, our altar offering on Christmas Eve will go to support this cause. Just note in the memo line of your check “White Christmas Offering” and your funds will be directed to this cause.



Thank you so much to everyone who has helped this year with Operation Christmas Child. If you have donated, sorted, packed or prayed – we would not have been as successful without you. In March 2021, we started collecting items. Each month was a new theme item and our focus was primarily on boys and girls ages 10-14; this age is the most over looked age OCC delivers to. On November 13th, several people met for a packing party and packed **332** boxes with the collected items. That is at least 332 opportunities to share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Plans are being made to continue this ministry so be on the lookout for more information in the next few months. One way to start helping now is to start collecting items. As you are shopping those after holiday clearance sales, please keep OCC in your thoughts. Christmas stocking stuffers make awesome shoebox fillers. Also, happy meal toys and promotional items from City Fest or other festivals (pens, pencils, note pads, cups, keychains, stress balls, nail files) are free and great for the shoe boxes. Several necessity personal care items can be added to your Wal-mart grocery pick up for less than \$20 and will help fill more than 12 boxes. We will have updates on the status of our 2021 boxes in the next few months, but continue to pray for our boxes and the journey they are embarking on. Any questions or to get plugged in, please contact Tina Lawrence via email at [tinalawrence1122@yahoo.com](mailto:tinalawrence1122@yahoo.com) and for further info on OCC please visit their website at [www.samaritanspurse.org](http://www.samaritanspurse.org). Thank you again to all the hands that have made this ministry so successful!

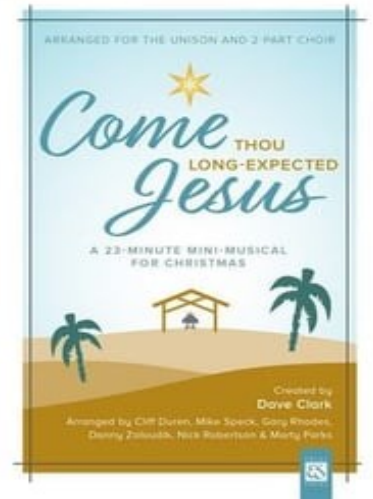
# MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE



## Sunday, December 12 - Special Christmas Music

Our adult choir will share selections from the Christmas Cantata entitled “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” during our 11:00 service. Hear familiar carols along with a new selection or two.

We have been practicing diligently over the past several months to learn not just Christmas music but also fresh anthems with sacred arrangements and gentle harmonies to share almost every Sunday. A very special thanks to all our choir members for whole-heartedly tackling unfamiliar styles and even a new language (*we’ve been learning to sing some Latin pieces!*).



In an effort to expose our church’s children to musical concepts, we have met regularly on Wednesday nights to learn about rudimentary music terms, simple intonation, and elementary tips on how to sing together in a group setting. The children’s choir will perform during the December 12th service to share a few Christmas hymns we have been learning. A shout-out is indeed necessary to all the volunteer helpers who assist in making choir rehearsals fun and productive!

## Saying farewell to our cherished pianist/organist.

Since 2001, Melissa Traywick has faithfully served our church with countless hours of beautiful music. Her rare skill of performing superbly on both piano and organ have made her an invaluable part of the ministry at Trinity. After two decades of service, she feels it is time to step down from her position at the end of 2021. We wish her all the blessings in the world!!



We are looking to feel this upcoming vacancy. Qualified candidates should visit <https://trinityprattville.com/job-openings/> for details.