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The Trinity United Methodist Church **Monthly Newsletter** is available both online at www.trinityprattville.com and by mail by submitting a request to the church secretary at secretary@trinityprattville.com. Submission of articles for the monthly newsletter should be sent to brannon@trinityprattville.com by the 20th of each month.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday		Monday	
9:40 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service	6:30 p.m.	Cub & Boy Scouts
9:40 a.m.	Children's Sunday School	Tuesday	
9:40 & 11:00 a.m.	Adult Sunday School	7:00 a.m.	Man Cave
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Wednesday	
	Children's Worship	12:00 p.m.	Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month)
	Youth Sunday School	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
1:00 p.m.	Korean Church	Thursday	
4:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study	6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Youth Dinner/Study	6:30 p.m.	Girl Scouts

Time

I'm not sure if there is any psychological or scientific study that proves my theory, but I believe time speeds up. I reason that time gets faster the older you get, at least from your perspective. Take for instance my son Levi. He is 10 years old and so this year is 1/10th of his life. That's a big chunk of his total existence. Especially when you factor in that many of those early years he was busy learning to walk and talk. I recently turned 50—yes I know I'm getting old. This year will be only 1/50th of my overall experience of earth. I remember as a child at the beginning of December thinking Christmas would never come. Now as a half-centenarian, the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas seems like about two weeks. Time flies, and then flies faster.

In all the craziness of getting through the holidays and on into this new year, I hope you got a chance to stop and think. My prayer is that you get time to reflect and take assessment of all that has happened. Please try and not measure this past year on a scale of successes and failures. I have been told recently not to be so hard on myself, and I pass that advice on to you also. For the things that went right this past year may we be truly thankful and acknowledge God's work in our lives. For the things that went wrong this past year may we also try and look on the bright side that we survived it. As a song from my youth would say in the refrain, "Scarred but smarter." It is said that hardship builds character. Just try to be optimistic in that now you have a really huge character. But seriously, I hope we can learn from our pain. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matter compared to what lies within us." May we search inside ourselves to bring out the best we have for this new year. As one of my favorite books of the Old Testament says:

Ecclesiastes 3:11-13

¹¹ He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. ¹² I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; ¹³ moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

I have been at Trinity for half a year now and it has truly been a blessing. As hopefully Covid is lessening, I'm praying we find a new normal. 2021 closed out well with our financial giving going beyond what we had expected. Thank you all for your generosity in the past year. As we start this new year look around for who is missing. Encourage old friends to return and always invite new people to come to church with you. Trinity is a wonderful place, and we serve an amazing God.

Share the love of Christ with others.

God Bless,

Stuart



<u>Attendance</u>	<u>9:40</u>	<u>11:00</u>	<u>SS</u>	<u>Giving</u>
December 5th	82	87	61	\$32,608.44
December 12th	107	175	88	\$20,964.84
December 19th	93	93	61	\$9,318.00



- January 1 Jeffrey Burkett
- January 3 Harrison Fisher
- January 4 Kyle Biles
- January 5 Pat Courson
- January 5 Brenda Stokes
- January 8 Veronika Tuck
- January 9 David Rice
- January 10 Slade Headley
- January 11 Christine Cash
- January 11 Jerry Walker
- January 12 Debbie Carmichael
- January 13 Brian Stewart
- January 14 Denise Allen
- January 14 Jan Gagner
- January 15 Betty Hiers
- January 17 Brody Welch
- January 17 Dora Kleinschmidt
- January 18 Leslie Carmichael
- January 18 Lila Ferguson
- January 19 Gene Barber Jr.
- January 19 Wes Guy
- January 20 Damian Walley
- January 22 Scott Ferguson
- January 23 Krystal Beatty
- January 23 Leona Gradick
- January 23 Alex Hollon
- January 23 Joe Reeves
- January 24 Emma Loznicka
- January 24 Grayson Tatum
- January 26 Rhonda Hollon
- January 26 Sydney Jones
- January 27 Stan Coker
- January 28 Lynda Carmichael
- January 30 Lincoln Arkle
- January 30 John Malion
- January 30 Eli Veasey

Upcoming Meetings

- **Missions Meeting:** There will be a Missions Team meeting on **Monday, January 3rd at 6:00 p.m.** in the Seekers Classroom. All are welcome to join in and be a part of the Mission Team which will be lead by Rich and Eve Schirmer in 2022. Contact Rich at rschirmer49@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
- **Church Council Meeting:** The first Church Council Meeting for 2022 will be **Sunday, January 9th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Seekers classroom. We welcome our new council members and look forward to the start of a new year!

The Legacy Sunday School class will begin a 6 week session video study on January 9th. We will be watching and discussing the study "Horizontal Jesus" by Tony Evans. Our vertical relationship with God is connected to horizontal relationships with others. While our relationship with God is based on faith alone, He warns and encourages us to see that the way we treat people affects our experience of Him. Our Sunday School class meets at 10:45 in the Seekers classroom. Hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Rhonda Sibley via text or phone call at 334-318-4737.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE



Dear Trinity Family,

The youth closed out 2021 with a great Christmas season. We all made many memories and shared laughs at our Flapjacks and Flannels night. The youth all came together and rejoiced in the best time of the year!



A spotlight on a major topic this past month was slowing down in our hectic lives and being used by God for his great purpose. The youth discussed how we can be better disciples by letting God guide our steps than always making decisions simply based off our own judgement.

Mark 11:24 "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." As a group, we put a big effort into making prayer a natural habit. By being confident, using our wisdom in prayer, then trusting God's will for our lives.

**Parent Meeting January 16th, 2022
@ 3:30 in the youth room**

Parent Meeting: Parents, please don't forget January 16th, 2022 at 3:30 we will have a meeting in the youth room. This is for parents only and a time for us all to discuss the future of this youth group. I believe God has big plans in store for these kiddos and having all the parents involved will be a huge asset. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Meeting Times:

The youth will meet every Wednesday and Sunday except for Sunday, January 30th.

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 at Theresa's office. We also accept candy donations as well!

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.

Wednesday Nights Resume February 2nd

We are looking forward to resuming suppers and Wednesday evening children's choir and bible studies. We are always looking for great volunteers on Wednesday nights, if you are interested in helping out with Children's Ministry see Theresa Keith. 334-558-3540

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 4th-6th

3rd-5th Grade Winter Retreat
Blue Lake Camp, Andalusia, Alabama

Children's Choir Update



Our Children's Choirs did a great job singing in the 11:00 service in December. We are sure proud of the leadership of Brannon Littleton and the job he is doing with our children. Also, Cathie Leverette and Miranda Gregory are doing an excellent job with our preschool choirs. If you would like to be involved with children's choir, it will resume in February! See Theresa for more information!

Take A Moment in God's Word

January 1st, New Year's Day

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6, Matthew 25:31-46

January 2nd, 2nd Sunday After Christmas

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-9, 10-18

January 6th, Epiphany

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-1, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 9th, Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 16th, 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany, Human Relations Day

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

January 23rd, 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

January 30, 4th Sunday After the Epiphany

Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



Wednesday Night Suppers and Bible Studies will resume on February 2nd. More details will be available soon!



A Farewell to Megan Chaney

Thank you to Megan Chaney for serving as Adult Education Director since April 2019. Megan's last Sunday was December 19th as her and her family are preparing for their upcoming move to Oklahoma. We are grateful for the impact Megan has had on our Adult Education program and she will be greatly missed. The Chaney's will still be around until February, so we still have a little time with their sweet family.



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Date	Cross bearer	Bible bearer	Torch bearer	Torch bearer
Jan 2nd	Kristofer Tuck	Evelyn Ferguson	Emma Chaney	Ezra Chaney
Jan 9th	Ben Baxley	Christian Wilcox	Maisie Petty	Kiptyn Wilcox
Jan 16th	Savannah Jones	Griffin Till	Levi Worth	Charlotte Alford
Jan 23rd	Norah Corindia	Kristofer Tuck	Ben Baxley	Evelyn Ferguson
Jan 30th	Levi Worth	Daria Tuck	Savannah Jones	Griffin Till

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

Hobo Party

When: Tuesday, January 18th at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Wilma Osborn's House

Details: Lunch will be served and there will be a prize for the best dressed hobo.

RSVP: We must have a headcount, so please sign up on the SAM bulletin board by the Seekers classroom or email the church office at secretary@trinityprattville.com.



MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE



Dear Trinity Church Family,

One of my favorite inspirational sayings is an adaptation from Lucy Maud Montgomery's Anne of Green Gables: "Tomorrow is always fresh with no mistakes in it." I always reflect on this thought around the new year, pondering the golden opportunities that new beginnings offer. This is a time to evaluate the road behind us and chart a course toward promising possibilities.

Because of everyone's patience and support, we as a church body have successfully navigated the murky waters of multiple staff change-overs; created more effective teamwork between traditional and contemporary worship efforts, children's ministry, and the audio-visual team; increased higher interest and participation in the adult choir; started a children's choir ministry; and expanded our internal communication efforts to help us all stay abreast with the multiple "happenings" of Trinity.

Special thanks to all our adult choir members who have "endured" my directing these past six months. They have been so supportive in all the new things we have explored together. You will no doubt begin seeing some of our choir members take more active roles in helping lead our worship services in congregational singing and solo work, as some of my duties will be to play the piano and organ until we find the personnel to fill those positions. Please be in continual prayer concerning this need.

I also want to point out the work that my fellow staff members, Kyle and Lindsey Nimmons, do every week for the Contemporary AND traditional service. Kyle coordinates all sound and video tech efforts, including our online streaming and projector system. Lindsey selects the music and plans the rehearsals with our Praise Band, comprised of several rotating volunteers (a special thanks to them as well). She also helps fill in during the traditional worship services as needed. It has been a blast working together to help enhance both of our worship services.

In looking forward into 2022, one of the ministry endeavors about which I am excited is collaborating with Theresa Keith on continuing to build our children's choir. It is my goal to prepare them to sing more often throughout the year for our traditional worship service. I feel it important that our children explore some basic concepts of singing while learning the hymns of the church. Those rehearsals are scheduled to restart in February.

Also, I would like to make a public petition to any church member that is efficient on an instrument to come and talk with me. I would like to see 2022 be a year where more musicians in our laity are involved in our services.

Brannon Littleton