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**Weekly Schedule**

|                   |                              |                  |   |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b>     |                              | <b>Tuesday</b>   |   |
| 9:40 a.m.         | Contemporary Worship Service | 7:00 a.m.        | Man Cave                                  |
| 9:40 a.m.         | Children's Sunday School     | 10:00 a.m.       | Ladies Bible Study (once a month)         |
| 9:40 & 11:00 a.m. | Adult Sunday School          | <b>Wednesday</b> |   |
| 11:00 a.m.        | Traditional Worship Service  | 12:00 p.m.       | Master Gardeners (3rd Wednesday of Month) |
|                   | Children's Worship           | 5:30 p.m.        | Wednesday Night Supper                    |
|                   | Youth Sunday School          | 6:00 p.m.        | Youth Worship                             |
| 1:00 p.m.         | Korean Church                | 6:30 p.m.        | Wednesday Night Studies                   |
| 5:00 p.m.         | Youth Dinner/Study           | 6:30 p.m.        | Adult Choir                               |
|                   |                              | <b>Thursday</b>  |   |
|                   |                              | 6:00 p.m.        | Contemporary Band Rehearsal               |

*The Pumpkins are coming!*  
**October 3rd at 4 PM**  
 We need your help! If you are available, please come help us unload the pumpkin truck!

*Pumpkin Patch*  
**October 3rd - 31st**  
**Mon - Fri: 11:00 AM - 6:30 PM**  
**Sat: 9:30 AM - 6:30 PM**  
**Sun: 12:00 PM - 6:30 PM**

We need your help! Scan this QR Code or contact Sarah Beth to sign up for Pumpkin Patch Shifts.

**TRINITY PRATTVILLE'S FALL FESTIVAL**  
**October 22nd from 2:30 - 4:30 PM**  
 Games, Inflatables, Candy, Hayrides, Pumpkins, Fellowship, and Fun!  
 610 Fairview Ave. Prattville, AL 36066

**Candy Donations Needed!**  
 As we get ready for the Fall Festival on October 22nd, we are asking for candy donations for the game booths. Drop donations off in Theresa's office!

**Rev Ed Said...**

“Me and Jesus got it all worked out.”

Country music fans remember Tom T. Hall. He wrote “Me and Jesus got our own thing going. Me and Jesus got it all worked out. Me and Jesus got our own thing going. We don’t need anybody to tell us what it’s all about.”

We are approaching November 1st. This will mark one year since my five-by-pass heart surgery. I still feel numbness in my chest, and I remain cautious about lifting things of significant weight: no school buses or Jersey cows.

I announced to the congregation the Sunday before that operation, “This Tuesday I will have open-heart surgery. God and I go this. But I would appreciate you being my prayer warriors also.”

The heart surgeon told me, “Now Mister Shirley, we are going to stop your heart. We anticipate it will start up again.” Then he said, “You have the option of not having the surgery.” My choice was Jesus. He would work it out.

I was just thankful to be spiritually ready no matter the outcome. So, that should be your daily state of readiness without a major surgery date approaching. Jesus told his disciples, “Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning.” (Luke 12:35) So, spiritually watching and with an alert hardy welcome, rather than spiritually asleep with a sluggish “Who is it?”

I always thought an Old Testament passage was a good game plan for every Christian to follow until Christ’s return. Micah 6:8 instructs us, He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”

When you face that major decision, sing with Tom T. Hall: “Me and Jesus got it all worked out.” You can allow worldly influences and other opinions to create confusion in your life. Friend, you and Jesus got your own thing going. You don’t need anybody to tell you what it’s all about.

**I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed**

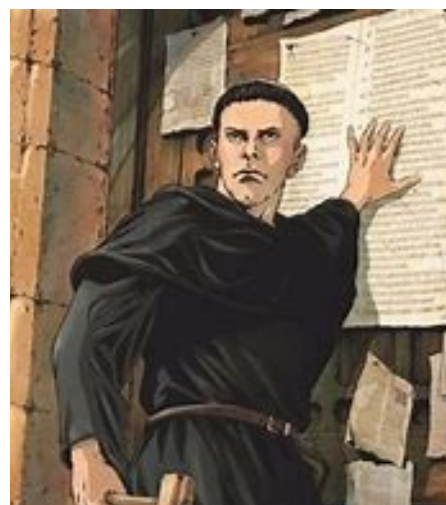
**The Monk with Spunk**

**Meet Martin Luther**

**Sunday October 29th**

**9: 40 a.m. & 11 a.m.**

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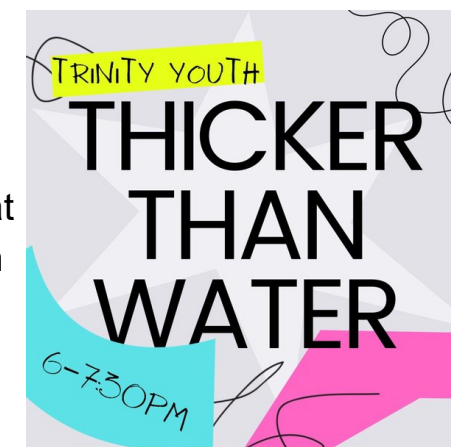


A dramatic monologue by Rev Ed Shirley in honor of Reformation Day (Oct.31). Martin Luther nailed "The 95 Theses" to the cathedral doors in Wittenberg, Germany. A public declaration that Christ alone offered salvation. No indulgences or approval of a pope brought salvation.

# YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

## Wednesday Night Worship Series

Our families: We didn’t choose them, we have no control over them, and all of our families look so different. No matter what, family seems to have a very real impact on all of us. In this series, we’ll discover that our families might be more tied to our own stories than we may have expected. From the way we love people to the way we choose to treat our friends; family can have an impact on so much of who we are.



## Sunday Supper Volunteers Needed



Small groups have begun for our youth on Sunday Nights! They eat supper at 5:00 PM and then move into small group time at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in preparing a meal for our youth on Sunday nights, you can scan this QR code with your cell phone camera and a schedule will pop up of needed dates, or you can call Sarah Roberts!

## Glance at October

Besides lots and lots of pumpkins, we will continue to have Wednesday and Sunday Night programming!

**Wednesdays:**

- Oct. 4th
- Oct. 11th
- Oct. 18th - Sarah Beth will be gone but the youth will still meet!
- Oct. 25th

**Sundays:**

- Oct. 1st
- Oct. 8th
- Oct. 15th
- Oct. 22nd
- Oct. 29th - Parade of Pumpkins!



**Attention Parents:**

Text @kkff48 to 81010 to join our remind for youth program

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

## Upcoming Events:

**October 22 -**  
Fall Festival

**November 5 -**  
Children's Choir singing in church

**January 2024 -**  
6th grade winter retreat

**February 2024 -**  
3rd-5th grade winter retreat

## Wednesday Night Studies: All About Emojis!



**5:30-6:30** Supper  
**6:30-7:00** Children's Choir  
**7:00-7:30** Bible Study

The Bible teaches us that emotions are a gift from God, that He has a purpose for all of them and we can express them in a good way! Come join our Children's Bible study and learn with us!

*Stay  
Connected*

**Remind Text Messages:** Text @6f6e4 to the number 81010

**Facebook:** Trinity UMC Children's Ministry

## Fall Festival Sunday, October 22, 2:30-4:30 pm



We are very excited to be offering our annual Fall Festival this year! **Sunday, October 22nd** in the afternoon. Start inviting your friends and neighbors now! See Theresa if you would like to volunteer. We will need help with the hayride and watching over inflatables.

**We also could use lots of candy donations for prizes this year!**

Thank you in advance!

## Candy Donations Needed

Did you know in Children's Worship each week when the children find the scripture in their Bibles they are rewarded with a small piece of candy? We are so proud that our children are learning to use their Bibles so fluently! However this means we go through A LOT of candy! We are gladly accepting donations of all types of candy. (We prefer NO small hard candy but lollipops are ok). Donations may be dropped off to Theresa's office!



- October 3 Felicia Feerst
- October 7 Miles Gagner III
- October 7 Heather Krell
- October 7 Carolyn Reid
- October 8 Dawson Davis
- October 8 Laura Sanders
- October 9 Don Wharton
- October 10 Carolyn Griffith
- October 10 Meredith Renfro
- October 13 Malory Gibson
- October 14 Lynn Ferguson
- October 14 Gracie Keith
- October 15 Carter King
- October 15 Mason King
- October 17 Gene Cone
- October 20 Ruby Jeanette Neese
- October 21 Sheryl Garrett
- October 21 Bud Jones
- October 21 Susan Roberts
- October 24 Aiden Lawrence
- October 25 Anthony Krell
- October 25 Wes Renfro
- October 27 Inez Luckie
- October 27 Betty McDowell
- October 28 Cindy Arkle
- October 28 Ian Cash
- October 29 Branden Biles
- October 29 Evan Biles
- October 30 Joe Thompson
- October 31 Leslie Dennis
- October 31 Inge Thompson

## CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

|                     | 3-Sep       | 10-Sep     | 17-Sep      | 24-Sep     |
|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| General Fund Giving | \$13,383.00 | \$8,189.06 | \$10,371.00 | \$5,189.10 |
| <u>Attendance</u>   |             |            |             |            |
| - 9:40 Service      | 50          | 89         | 66          | 70         |
| - 11:00 Service     | 77          | 98         | 95          | 83         |
| - Sunday School     | 51          | 63         | 54          | 62         |

## ACOLYTE MINISTRY

|            | Cross Bearer     | Bible Bearer     | Torch Bearer     | Torch Bearer   |
|------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| October 1  | Christian Wilcox | Maisie Petty     | Harrison Till    | Veronika Tuck  |
| October 8  | Emma Ayers       | Jonah Livingston | Artem Tuck       | Kyser Causey   |
| October 15 | Blaine Wesche    | Sydney Jones     | Savannah Jones   | Elodie Godfrey |
| October 22 | Harrison Till    | Veronika Tuck    | Christian Wilcox | Emma Ayers     |
| October 29 | Artem Tuck       | Jonah Livingston | Kyser Causey     | Maisie Petty   |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Harvest Festival for "Mary's Haven" Needs Volunteers!

**Saturday Oct. 7th, 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.**  
**Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

People who can operate games, bring games, homemade crafts vendors are welcome, and generally help with the festival. If you can volunteer, please call 365-6262. Please call by October 1st. Mary's Haven Crisis Pregnancy Center offers care to expectant mothers.

### All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5th, is All Saints Sunday. During both the 9:40 & 11:00 services, we will have a special moment to remember all those who have gone before us since this time last year.

### October Events:

- October 1** - Ladies Cookie Decorating Event at 4:30 PM (RSVP Only)
- October 3** - Pumpkins arrive at 4:00 PM - volunteers needed to unload the truck!
- October 7** - Mary's Haven Harvest Festival at 10 AM - volunteers needed!
- October 7** - ARM Building Workday in Auburn - volunteers needed!
- October 10** - Ladies Monthly Bible Study meets at 10 AM in the Seekers Classroom
- October 14** - S.A.M. Trip to Pike County Pioneer Village
- October 22** - Trinity's Fall Festival from 2:30 - 4:30 PM
- October 29** - Martin Luther Dramatic Monologue by Rev. Ed in both Sunday Services

### Take A Moment in God's Word

- OCTOBER 1** - Ex 17:1-7; Ps 78:1-4, 12-16; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32
- OCTOBER 8** - Ex 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Ps 19; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-46
- OCTOBER 15** - Ex 32:1-14; Ps 106:1-6, 19-23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14
- OCTOBER 22** - Ex 33:12-23; Ps 99; 1 Thess 1:1-10; Matt 22:15-22
- OCTOBER 29** - Deut 34:1-12; Ps 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46

## MISSIONS UPDATES

### Help Support CASA of Autauga County

There are currently over 14,000 abused or neglected children in the Alabama foster care system. TUMC's Mission Group visited with Pam Tindall, the Executive Director of CASA, to better understand its mission and how TUMC can help. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is an organization in Autauga County that advocates for children, ages birth to 18, who are in the child welfare system. A service CASA provides is visits to the children to give support and to advocate for the best interest of the child. As a mission project, the Mission Team has chosen to provide games and activities for their Activity Closet, along with blank note cards and birthday cards. The children like to work on the games and activities while they talk through their feelings with the CASA volunteer. The volunteers also keep in touch with the children through notes of encouragement and birthday cards.

During the month of October, TUMC will be collecting games and activities for the Activity Closet along with cards, both blank and birthday. We asked Ms. Tindall to provide examples of things that would be helpful so we could better understand the need. She provided a Walmart wish list to show examples of items, which consisted of small LEGO sets, social skill games, search and find activity mats, sticker art, Phase 10 card game, and conversation cubes. (We will circulate the wish list, which is meant as guidance.) Walmart gift cards are also a good idea. There will be a basket in the hallway behind the FLC to collect the donations. Any questions, please contact Rhonda Sibley: email [rsibley@abcpa.com](mailto:rsibley@abcpa.com), cell 334-318-4737.

### Volunteers Needed

Trinity is looking for volunteers to help with home repairs in Auburn on **Saturday October 7**. We will be working with Alabama Rural Ministries, whose mission is to provide warm, safe, and dry housing to needy Alabamians. We will be working on minor home repairs. One project specifically our group will be working on is repairing small ceiling areas in the home of a highly spirited 90 year old young lady. This will include mudding and taping. **NO CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED!!!** Tools/materials are provided on site and there will be individuals to lead and direct. We only need to bring willing hearts / hands, a willingness to have fun and laugh (especially at one another) and to be okay with getting a little dirty!

For those who wish to carpool, we will meet at the church early (time tbd) and drive to the ARM office; for those who wish to drive separately, the address is 305 East Thach Avenue. We will go to the residence from there. Call Rich (319) 389-0971 or Eve (334) 391-3507 if you have questions or are interested.

### Operation Christmas Child

#### OCTOBER



#### CONTAINERS

Ages 10-14

- Cups
- Plates
- Utensils
- Tote Bags
- Cosmetic bags

Please place any donations in the appropriate bin behind the FLC.

AMAZON REGISTRY



Join our group for all the info  
Facebook Group: TUMC OCC

## ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Studies have started and will go until November 15th! We have a time change this semester - Suppers will be from **5:30 - 6:30 PM**, and studies will be from **6:30 - 7:30 PM**.

We are offering 3 adult studies this semester:

- Sermon on the Mount Study led by Rev. Ed
- The Book of Hebrews led by Merelo Watt
- Chosen: Season 3 Men's Study led by Scott Carmichael

Learn more about Wednesday Nights by scanning this QR code!



*Adult Sunday School Classes*

9:30 AM  
SEEKERS: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM

9:40 AM  
FELLOWSHIP: MEETS IN THE LIBRARY  
HORIZONS: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

11:00 AM  
LEGACY: MEETS IN THE SEEKERS CLASSROOM  
RENEWAL: MEETS IN THE ROOM ACROSS FROM THE KITCHEN

**Man Cave Men's Group:**  
Meets weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 am

**Ladies Monthly Bible Study:**  
Meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 am

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### October 14th | 9:30 AM

The SAM group will be taking a trip to Pike County Pioneer Village & Museum in Troy, AL. They will eat lunch at Red's Little School House in Grady, AL.

Check the bulletin board outside the library for more details. Sign up on the bulletin board or by emailing [secretary@trinityprattville.com](mailto:secretary@trinityprattville.com)

