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FALL FESTIVAL



2023



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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 communications@trinityprattville.com by the 20th of each month.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday		Tuesday	
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	Wednesday	
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
		Thursday	
		6:00 p.m.	Contemporary Band Rehearsal



Rev Ed Said...

Always be mindful of where your blessings come from.

James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

Our skills and abilities are present only by the "blessings of God." Some folks think all that they have achieved in life came from their intellect and strength. Both could have been hindered in some way at birth. Count those major blessings from the moment you entered this world.

Praise be to our God Who disperses these blessings! If we were the distributors of mercy and grace, there would be favoritism, abuse and self-promotion involved. Yes, Christians already have been receiving God's gifts and repackaging them before delivery to others.

The Apostle Paul said, "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (2 Corinthians 2:2) We are to be vessels filled with God's grace, gifts, and power. However, we can narrow the opening with self-serving endeavors in the church and in the world.

We must not let the shadows of the world dim the light of Christ shining into our lives. Someone said, "I'm so bright that's why I wear sunshades all the time." Well, wear the Heavenly prescription lenses and seek to see Christ clearer.

Let your one true "guiding" and "providing" light be Jesus. There are variations and shadows with self. In the brighter light of Christ, we can avoid and dispel those dark stumbling blocks in life.

"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) Your gifts come from the Father of lights.

I pick Jesus.....Rev Ed

**"Pop-In Pastor's Office"
Thursdays from 1:30 pm until 5:30 pm**

Of course, I am available anytime for all ages to visit me, but I will set aside Thursdays (unless there is a conflict) to be in my office for all to drop by for a bag of popcorn, talk, play instruments, sing, drink coffee, and just hang around for fun.
Pop in! - Rev. Ed Shirley



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Wednesday Night Worship Series

For so many students, the Bible just seems to cause more confusion than clarity. Teenagers are already asking questions, expressing doubts, and wrestling with the idea of faith. So, how can they begin to make sense of the Bible? What is it? How does it work? And why does everybody say it's helpful when it doesn't always feel that way?

In this series we'll take a closer look at the documents that make up the Bible, why so many people trust them, how we can use them and why we believe that context is key to connecting the ancient words of Scripture to modern times.

TABLE OF CONTEXT
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a teenager's guide to understanding ancient words for modern times

November Events!



November 5th: We will be taking a hiking trip together to Chewacla State Park in Auburn! Please be sure to wear comfortable clothes, good walking shoes, bring snacks, and bring lots of water! You will also need to bring \$10 as we will be stopping for food on the way back! We will leave the church together at 11AM instead of having Sunday school.

November 19th: We will be having a board game night! Bring your favorite board game from home and bring your friends for tabletop fun!



November Meeting Dates

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| Wednesdays: | Sundays: |
| • Nov 1st | • Nov 5th |
| • Nov 8th | • Nov 12th |
| • Nov 15th | • Nov 19th |
| • Nov 29th | |

THE YOUTH WILL NOT BE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 22ND OR 26TH



Attention Parents:
Text @kkff48 to 81010 to join our remind for youth program

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

Children's Choir Singing in Church

Sunday, November 5th



Mark your calendars for a special morning as the children lead us in worship during the 9:40 and 11:00 services!



Children's Choir Field Trip



Wednesday, November 8th , 6pm

We are ready to take our children's choir on the road and share a joyful noise! Children in grades K-6 are welcomed to ride on the vans as we head over to Hickory Hill Assisted Living and sing our choir songs for them. Children in our preschool choir are welcome to come with a parent!

Advent Family Event

Sunday, November 26



Mark your calendars and save the date for our annual family advent event! Celebrate what Christmas is really all about with your family as we wait for the coming of Christ!

Blue Lake Camp Winter Retreat



Camp is **Feb 2nd-4th** and is for kids in grades 3-5. We leave **RIGHT** after school on Friday afternoon and come back Sunday by noon. Our kids LOVE

going, we stay in cabins and do lots of fun outdoors things, eat yummy meals and best of all- learn a lot about Jesus!! If you have any questions, let me know!! This is open to parents and children!

Stay Connected

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

Facebook:
Trinity UMC Children's Ministry



Thank you to all the people who donated candy or volunteered to make our Fall Festival such a wonderful success! Everyone had such a great time and we had tons of visitors!



- November 1 Cheryl Snellgrove
- November 1 Kim Snowden
- November 2 Andrew Holden
- November 2 Felicia Swanner
- November 4 Bonnie Arkle
- November 4 Emily Branch
- November 7 Josh O'Bannon
- November 10 Crystal Steen
- November 11 Pam Frederick
- November 11 Delores Payne
- November 12 Kristopher Tuck
- November 13 Scott Carmichael
- November 14 Sandra Thompson
- November 16 Pam Anthony
- November 17 Malcolm Branch
- November 20 Lynn Burkett
- November 20 Martina Reeves
- November 22 Tina Lawrence
- November 22 Sandra Walker
- November 24 Jordan Arkle
- November 24 Lucy Ferguson
- November 25 Mike Carmichael
- November 26 Bill Holden
- November 28 Brailyn Jackson
- November 28 Jantzen Jackson



Happy
VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

CHURCH STATISTICS LAST MONTH

	1-Oct	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct
General Fund Giving	\$11,031.00	\$10,748.21	\$4,692.26	\$3,891.31
Attendance				
- 9:40 Service	68	51	49	58
- 11:00 Service	81	70	72	92
- Sunday School	72	52	48	46

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

	Cross Bearer	Bible Bearer	Torch Bearer	Torch Bearer
November 5	Savannah Jones	Sydney Jones	Blaine Wesche	Elodie Godfrey
November 12	Harrison Till	Maisie Petty	Veronika Tuck	Emma Ayers
November 19	Kyser Causey	Jonah Livingston	Artem Tuck	Blaine Wesche
November 26	Christian Wilcox	Elodie Godfrey	Sydney Jones	Savannah Jones

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

November Events:

- November 1 - Chili and Soup Cookoff Fundraiser 5:30 PM in the FLC
- November 3 - Operation Christmas Child Packing Party 6 PM in the FLC
- November 5 - All Saints Sunday
- November 5 - Children's Choir Performance (Both Services)
- November 5 - Youth Hiking Day
- November 5 - Annual Charge Conference at 4 PM at Trinity
- November 8 - Children's Choir Performs at Hickory Hill
- November 15 - Last Wednesday Night Supper and Studies
- November 19 - Youth Board Game Night
- November 26 - Children's Ministry Family Advent Event

Welcome New Members:

Mike and Myra Sellers
Marjorie Barnum

We are so excited to have you as part of the Trinity family!

Take A Moment in God's Word

NOVEMBER 5 (All Saints Sunday) - Josh 3:7-17; Ps 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12
NOVEMBER 12 - Josh 24:1-3a, 14-25; Ps 78:1-7; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 25:1-13
NOVEMBER 19 - Judg 4:1-7; Ps 123; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30
NOVEMBER 23 (Thanksgiving Day) - Deut 8:7-18; Ps 65; 2 Cor 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19
NOVEMBER 26 - Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 25:31-46

MISSIONS UPDATES

Join Us!!



PACKING PARTY
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD AT 6PM
 *WE WILL HAVE PIZZA & DRINKS



We could still use more items to pack such as Soap, wash clothes, deodorant, socks, underwear, shirts, shorts, shoes and school supplies.

Check out our Amazon Wishlist!

As we approach the end of the year, please take a minute to fill out our Missions Interest Survey!

Let us know what current mission projects you would like to participate in and suggest other mission projects dear to your heart for us to try to get involved in too!

Scan this QR Code to Take the Survey:



ADULT MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Studies have been so much fun 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 4 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
- Chosen: Season 1 Study led by Rhonda Sibley



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



Covered Dish Luncheon
November 28th at 11:30 am
 Ms. Wilma Osborn's House

Check the bulletin board outside the library for more information and to sign up. You can also sign up by emailing secretary@trinityprattville.com.