

BLOOD DRIVE

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TRINITY BLOOD DRIVE

JULY 23

9:30am - 3:30pm

Oxmoor campus • GYM

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE
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TUMCHWD



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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BIG IMPACT
BIG AND SMALL  GOD USES US ALL



JULY 13
REGISTER TODAY!

KIDS! It has been bugging us that we've been apart for the last few months. So we've joined up with other churches to put on the BIGGEST, BUGGIEST, VBS that has ever been!

VBS is going online so that you will not miss out on singing, laughing, playing and spending time with God this summer.

Follow this link to register:

TRINITYBIRMINGHAM.COM/KIDS/TRINITYKIDS-SUMMER-PROGRAMS-3

Questions? Contact Eleanor at echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

While our buildings and offices remain closed, Trinity is still here for you.

If you need to contact the church, please do so by calling 205.879.1737 or by emailing trinity@trinitybirmingham.com.

Our pastors are also available for you and may be reached by either the Care Line #: 205-868-9709 or by the PASTOR on call #: 205-538-3682.

WWW.TRINITYBIRMINGHAM.COM/HEALTHANDSAFETY

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM TRINITY'S REOPENING COMMITTEE

Dear Trinity,

Pastor Brian has formed a committee to consider when, and under what conditions and limitations, Trinity should begin "reopening." Obviously, front and center in everyone's thinking is when can we return to in-person worship? I agree that's the most important question, but there are others too: What about Sunday School classes and other small groups? What about children's and youth ministry? Wednesday night suppers in person? Choir practice? The list is as limitless as are the opportunities for involvement in Trinity's programs.

Our "reopening committee" wants to consider the opinions of as many Trinity members as we can, in order to make our best recommendations for reopening to Pastor Brian and the rest of the church staff. As anxious as we know everyone is to be back together, in person, we have to keep the health and safety of our congregation, guests and staff at the forefront of our decision-making. As the current mantra cautions, we must be guided by "data, not dates."

We have developed a fairly short and focused survey which we are asking all members and other interested people to fill out. This survey was distributed by email last week to members and hard copies were mailed to our members who do not have internet service. There is also an option for those who want to "phone in" their responses to the church office (879-1737). If you did not receive the survey, please contact the church office and one will be supplied to you.

Our committee is meeting twice a week to try to make our recommendations to the church staff as quickly as possible. So we ask that you act quickly also to make your opinions known.

Also, we want to be totally open and transparent in our process, so feel free to contact me, or any of our committee members, if you have questions or comments that fall outside the questions in the survey. The names of the members of the committee, with their email addresses, are listed to the right. All of us have agreed that we will be happy to field your inquiries and to share them with the entire committee, even if we aren't able to respond to each inquiry individually.

Thank you for your love of Trinity, and for your care for the health and well-being of your fellow church members and the staff.

Blessings,

Terry McElheny, Reopening Committee Chairperson

HEY E-NEIGHBOR

COME BE A PART OF OUR E-NEIGHBORHOOD!

TRINITYBIRMINGHAM.COM/ENEIGHBORHOOD

Join us online throughout the week for e-programming during this time of social distancing. On this E-NEIGHBORHOOD page on the church website, there is an extensive list of some new ways that Trinity can stay connected as a church. Check it out - and plug in!

NOTE: All Trinity Facebook pages are publicly shared & can be accessed without a Facebook account.

REOPENING COMMITTEE:

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David Thompson - dthompson@trinitybirmingham.com

IMPORTANT FACILITY REQUIREMENTS

Upon entering the church, you must sign in and adhere to the following:

- Wear a mask or face covering
- Use hand sanitizer
- Practice safe social distancing, 6 ft. apart
- One person on elevator at a time
- Follow staff guidance

WORSHIP ONLINE

Join us for ONLINE worship services
on Sundays at 8:30 & 11 AM.



Services are live-streamed on the Trinity
Facebook page located at:
www.facebook.com/trinityumcbirmingham
Click on the Videos tab. (Facebook account not required)



Services may also be found on the Trinity
YouTube channel located at:
www.youtube.com/trinityumcbirmingham

Note: All services are archived on both
Facebook and YouTube – allowing you to
watch at any time that is convenient.

RADIO BROADCAST

Another Sunday worship option is through our radio
broadcast. Our service airs weekly on Sunday morning
beginning at 9 AM on stations 1070AM and 99.5FM.
We hope you will tune in and worship with us.

Let us know you are in attendance!

Whether worshipping via radio or live stream, please
remember to use the online attendance & giving form
found at: <http://bit.ly/1400attendance>

Wednesday Night Meals to Go!

Chef Bert and staff are here to help make dinner easier
for you. Place your orders for any of the dates listed below
by Tuesday at 6 PM and pickup at Trinity on Wednesday
between 4–6 PM. Rain or shine.

(Electronic payment available, checks accepted, no cash)

Ordering options: Feeds 2 - \$15 / Feeds 4-6 - \$30

July 8 Menu: Carne Asada Fajitas with grilled peppers and
onions, flour tortillas, Mexican rice, Black beans, Salsa/
Sour Cream/Guacamole, Cookies

July 15 Menu: Chicken Alfredo, Garden salad, Garlic bread
sticks, Cookies

July 22 Menu: Shrimp & Grits, Greens, Summer succotash,
French bread, Cookies

July 29 Menu: Greek Boneless grilled chicken breast, Rice
pilaf, Greek salad, Pita bread, Cookies

Order online:

www.trinitybirmingham.com

Questions? Email hospitality@trinitybirmingham.com.

PACESETTERS IN JULY

Tuesday, July 14 at 12:00 PM • ZOOM

Do not miss this Zoom meeting with Judy Woodward Bates. Known as the Bargainomics Lady, she has spent many years appearing with her bargains and money-saving tips on WBRC Fox 6 TV's News at Noon and Good Day Alabama. She's the author of three books on financial management. She's a graduate of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary's Women's Ministry Certificate Program and she and her husband Larry are active members of Gardendale First Baptist Church. Judy posts a daily Bible study online on her website, Bargainomics.com, and on Facebook. She's been a guest on national TV and radio programs and appreciates every opportunity to talk about Bargainomics, her word for Bible-based money management.

Lunch will be available before the meeting at 11:15-11:30 AM pick-up curbside. Prepaid or check. No Cash. \$7.00. Reservations by Monday, July 13, noon deadline. Menu: Summer Salad – Chicken Salad, Pimento Cheese and Fresh Fruit on a bed of greens, Crackers and Cookie

Tuesday, July 28 at 12:00 PM • ZOOM

Join us again on July 28 for a Zoom Meeting with Joe Lewis. He will cover "Things You Might Not Know About Alabama" Part 3. Back by popular demand. Join us for history, trivia, and a lot of fun in discussing our interesting state.

Lunch will be available before the meeting at 11:15-11:30 AM pick-up curbside. Prepaid or check. No Cash. \$7.00. Reservations by Monday, July 27, noon deadline. Menu: Veggie Plate with Fresh Trinity Garden Squash, Fried Okra, Black eyed peas, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread, Banana Pudding.

– Please contact Julie Wright for instructions and the Zoom link by emailing her at jwright@trinitybirmingham.com –

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive, July 23

Sign up to donate and volunteer! July 23 - Oxmoor Gym

At our recent drive on May 5 we collected enough blood to save 228 lives! We are hosting another blood drive on Thursday, July 23 from 9:30 am-2:30 pm. All successful donations will be tested for COVID-19 Antibodies. Appointments are encouraged.

For an appointment, call 1-800-733- 2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: TUMCHWD. For questions or to volunteer, email Kristan Walker at kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com.

Benevolence Update

As of 6/24/20 Trinity Outreach has provided approximately \$32,000 in financial assistance to households in need. Trinity has never spent over \$30,000 in financial assistance in a calendar year, much less half way through a year! We are so grateful for the individual donations and the local grants we have received that have allowed us to respond to the tremendous increase in financial need in our community. Give online or mail a check to our COVID Response Efforts to support this ministry, and our weekly drive through Food Share.

Questions about Mission and Outreach?

Contact Kristan Walker, Director, at 205-879-1737 or kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com.

CURRENTLY SEEKING DIRECTOR OF ONLINE WORSHIP

Trinity has an immediate need for a Director of Online Worship and Digital Media. This person will manage the production of online worship, the redesign of our church website and development of streamlined portals of communication through our online platforms. This person will work hand in hand with our Director of Communications who will continue to manage all communications content and print media. Contact Laura Ellis at lellis@trinitybirmingham.com with interest in applying.

Best Wishes to Liza!

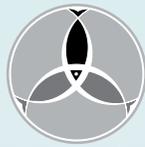
Liza Spencer, our Outreach Coordinator, has been accepted at the Master's in Social Work program at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. She will wrap up her time in Birmingham and Trinity in early August, right around the time she is getting married! Liza has been on staff at Trinity for 5 years, she has done so much during this time and will truly be missed. We are so proud of her and know she will make an incredible difference in the world. Prayers for Liza as she sets out on this exciting new chapter!

Food Share

Our drive through food pantry is operating every Tuesday afternoon at Trinity West Homewood. We are thankful for all of our volunteers! To learn more, reach out to Liza Spencer at lspencer@trinitybirmingham.com

Thank You Volunteers!





TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD

This month marks the completion of my first year with you at Trinity. And wow, has so much changed since then?!

In July 2019, I was meeting with members in coffee shops and restaurants, desperately hoping to make a good impression. In July 2020, I meet with no one, except through text, phone calls, and everyone's best friend, Zoom. In July 2019, my biggest concerns were finding a worship leader and trying not to scare people away with my preaching. In July 2020, my biggest concerns are a global pandemic, a crumbling economy, and societal unrest. In July 2019, I was bursting at the seams to share each Sunday with my Trinity West family as we worshipped and grew together. In July 2020, I preach into a cold screen, hoping and praying someone's on the other side.

My world...our world is very different than it once was. Dare I say, different in a not-so-pleasant kind of way. It feels much darker, as if we've stepped into a pitch-black cave without realizing it. And we all wonder in the darkness, "When we will ever find our way out again?"

As I wonder in the darkness with you, I have been reflecting on the words of pastor and preacher Barbara Brown Taylor in her book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark." She says something quite unexpected yet unmistakably true, "...new life starts in the dark. Whether it is a seed in the ground, a baby in the womb, or Jesus in the tomb, it starts in the dark."

While we imagine our wholeness and healing only arriving when we step outside the cave, Brown suggests the darkness might be exactly where new life begins. Out of the shadows, something fresh, something redemptive might be born. I have found this to be accurate with the wonderful people of Trinity West.

In July 2019, Trinity West faced division over song selection, our traditions, and leadership. In July 2020, church members from across the divide call each other weekly through our Care Circles, ensuring everybody is well loved and looked after during the pandemic. In July 2019, our campus dreamed of being a more faithful neighborhood church. In July 2020, our campus has hosted an additional 301 households of neighbors since March through our drive-thru Food Share program. In July 2019, Trinity West often struggled to understand our relationship with the Oxmoor campus. In July 2020, we have seen staff and laity from both campuses working hand-in-hand to create meaningful worship and discipleship experiences for all.

I am certainly not here to glorify the darkness. I want to get out of this cave more than anyone. Yet, I think Trinity West, Trinity UMC, and the global Church are learning something new about ourselves in the darkness. In the shadows, we are being reborn.

Love you, church!

Pastor Matt

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Need a good music pick-me-up?

Check out

The Covid Sessions

Trinity West Homewood Worship Team

<https://soundcloud.com/swingo-1/sets/the-covid-sessions-trinity>

3K TEACHER
NEEDED!

CONTACT
ALISSA SIMPSON,
DIRECTOR OF TCDC

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JOB OPENING! The Trinity Child Development Center is seeking a qualified 3K teacher for a Monday-Friday, part-time/full-time position for the 2020-2021 school year. Degree in ECE or CD is preferred and a minimum of 1-2 years of experience working with children.

For more info or to submit a resume, contact Alissa Simpson, (205) 879-1749, asimpson@trinitybirmingham.com.



7th Annual
Element Student Ministry
GOLF TOURNAMENT

element student ministry
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FRIDAY
AUGUST
7TH

LUNCH PROVIDED

Check in: 12 Noon
Shotgun Start: 1 PM

Individual: \$125
Team: \$450

**HIGHLAND PARK
Golf Course**
3300 Highland Ave. South
Birmingham, AL 35205

Questions?
Contact Robert Sturdivant
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Register online at www.elementstudentministry.com/golf OR pick up a registration form in the church office.

**ARE YOU READY TO SEE
OUR NEWEST SPACES?**

take a tour!

We would love to show you the new building! Tours are now available and are kept small (10 adults or less), touch-free, and allow for social distancing. Please wear a mask, or one will be provided for you. Kids are WELCOME on the tour, but only note the names of adults in attendance when you register. Tour begins at the NEW Welcome Center on Clermont Drive.

To sign up for a tour time, visit:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49a9aa28a5fd0-trinity3



CALLING ALL GOLFERS

On Friday, August 7, Element is hosting its 7th Annual Golf Tournament at Highland Park Golf Course. This golf tournament directly supports scholarships for students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to participate in life giving ministries and trips such as Discovery Weekend & Mission Trips. Each year, hundreds of students are able to benefit from your generosity. This year particularly, we certainly do not know what the future holds, but we do know that no matter what, we must ensure that whenever our doors open again, they are open for EVERY student.

Social Distancing will be strictly enforced to ensure the safety of our participants as we will also continually monitor the COVID-19 Pandemic. If you (or someone you know) is interested in participating, please go to elementstudentministry.com/golf for more information and registration!