

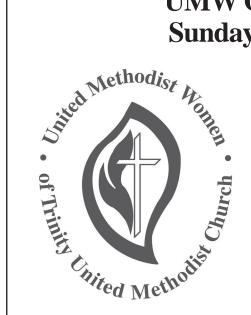




## TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH August 25, 2015 • Vol. 49 No. 34

## You are Invited

## UMW Open House Sunday, August 30



We put faith, hope and love in action.

Ladies, please join the United Methodist Women of Trinity for an Open House and Fall Kick-off on Sunday, August 30 from 9:45 am -11:00 am in the Large Parlor.

Stop by for light refreshments and learn more about fall activities and how you can plug into this mission-focused women's ministry.

The United Methodist Women are women of many generations, phases of life and talents who come together on a monthly basis for fun, fellowship and hands-on-mission work for women, youth and children.

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# Lil' Lambs Fall Sale is **September 11 & 12**

For details on the sale and for seller and volunteer registration, please visit www.trinitybirmingham.com/kids/lil-lambs/





Trinity's new Weekenders

Backpack Program is in full swing!

See inside (Personal Word pg. 2) for an update on this ministry from

Kristan Walker, Director of Outreach.







#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2015**

8:45 & 11 AM • Sanctuary

The 8:45 AM worship service is broadcast via 15-minute delay from 9-10 AM Sundays on WAPI-1070 AM.

#### **SERMON**

Rev. Brian Erickson

#### **MUSIC**

8:45 & 11 AM Trinity Orchestra, Scott Brooks,

Sanctuary Choir

#### **MINISTER ON CALL**

Bobby Scales, 746-4547



8:45 & 11:00 AM
WESLEY HALL
Rev. Nathan Carden

#### **AUGUST 16 - ATTENDANCE**

1,491 • Total Worship Attendance 969 • Traditional | 398 • Contact 124 • Nursery

749 • Sunday School Attendance

### PERSONAL WORD

As a new member of the Trinity staff and congregational family, I have a few initial reactions I would like to share with each of you. Did you know that meeting and knowing the collective you is overwhelming? This is not because there are many of you, although that is a bit intimidating since I am not as freakishly good at remembering names as Brian. The truly overwhelming thing is the generosity that lives and grows within this family.

There are entire non-profit agencies that focus completely on just one aspect of what this church does on a daily basis. Here are just a few examples: our ministry to support and love people who have earned the right to be called "old" or "elder", providing children and youth a safe space to learn and grow, creating small spaces for people to share joys and challenges, delving into the complexities of providing financial assistance to those in our community who cannot pay this month's utility bill, and filling backpacks with food so that children can overcome obstacles and know that they are loved. To top it all off, despite the many different streams there does not seem to be dry spots or stagnant water, instead there is clearly one united river that has a strong current. That is overwhelming.

My first Sunday on staff was the day Jen Hatmaker spoke. I did not know who she was and I certainly did not anticipate the response you would have to the Backpack Ministry (which was "launched" that day). Since April 12, we have raised \$27,831.00 for this ministry and we have gathered 45 committed volunteers. As you may recall, through the Weekender program at the Community Food Bank, it costs \$4.50 to pay for one student to have a 5 pound grocery bag of food for the weekend. A family meal is also included, if the child is hungry how hun-

gry do you think mom/ dad/grandparents will be (the ones who will not eat so that others can)? In May Homewood City School counselors



until every neighbor is fed.

informed us that we should expect to provide food for 56 students. So you do the math, I will give you a hint, the answer is overwhelming generosity.

In response, we began to pray and discuss expanding to include another area where food insecurity is much more prevalent. We then learned about Hemphill Elementary School, which is located in the West End community, on the same block as Urban Ministry. Last year the Community Food Bank provided food for 65 Hemphill students K-5th. So we once again discovered, we can do this and have some left over. This sounds like Loaves and Fishes kind of stuff, doesn't it? Hemphill is excited to partner with us, and the Food Bank is floored by the generosity of the people of Trinity. Especially since they are now able to provide food to other students in another community that was not previously a part of their program.

If you would like to contribute monetarily to this project, or if you would like to volunteer your time, please contact me at 879-1737 or kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com.

Loaves and Fishes until every neighbor is fed! *Kristan Walker* 

Director of Outreach Ministries

## WELCOME TO TRINITY

Our mission is to *Gather* people to Christ, *Grow* people in Christ, *Go* to serve Christ in the world and *Glorify* Christ.

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- 8:45 & 11:00 AM TRADITIONAL services in the sanctuary, offering same sermon and a variety of music.
- 8:45 & 11:00 AM CONTACT—a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.

Sunday School & Nursery:

- 10:00 AM Sunday School Ages 2 yrs. +
- Nursery provided during all services

Contact Us:

• Church Office: 879-1737

Fax: 868-9714Care Line: 868-9709

• Child Development Center: 879-1749

www.trinitybirmingham.com

Brian Erickson Senior Minister

Nathan Carden Minister of Contact Worship and Young Adults

Suzanne Pruitt Minister of Christian Formation

Bobby Scales Minister of Pastoral Care

Reid Crotty Minister of Pastoral Care

David Thompson Minister of Family & Youth

Robert Sturdivant Minister of Students









## GIFTS TO GLORIFY GOD & TO REMEMBER THOSE WE LOVE

#### **HONORARIUMS**

July 27-August 30, 2015

BOB BOYCE Norma Aldridge

RYANE CLAYTON
Joe & Amy Lewis

RALPH & ANNE GREEN Trinity Singers

BRINT HARDY Marcia Bentley

JASON HEATHCOCK Marcia Bentley

BRAD & MANDY HILSMIER Drew Vinson

CAROLYN JOHNSON Norma Aldridge

AMY LEWIS Margie McIntosh

LAURA McCAIN Drew Vinson

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LAWSON RAINES NEESE Bill and Becky Hutto

Wednesday, September 2

6 PM in Wesley Hall

PHELLA PATTERSON Drew Vinson

JIM & NORMA RICE Trinity Singers

AIDEN CONNER ROBINSON Ann & Ken Damsgard

RHONDA RUSH Norma Aldridge

SAMMY & JILL SEALS Mike & Cammie Quinn

DEREK SHARP Marcia Bentley

ROBERT STURDIVANT Joe & Amy Lewis

JULIE TAPSCOTT Daniel Vinson

TORI TENNISWOOD Joe & Amy Lewis

CAROLINE WILDMAN Daniel Vinson

ANDY & DAWN WOLFE Philip & Susan Norton

#### **MEMORIALS**

July 27-August 30, 2015

MARY HALE CLICK Ken & Ann Damsgard Martha Click

FLOYD HAIR
Ruby Ingram
Mike & Cammie Quinn
Gary & Sandra Chapman
Billie Gray
Rip & Norma Harmon
Annie Cornwell
Trinity UMW

SARA HUTCHESON AIMS Sunday School Class

Glynn & Annie Ford Wheeler

MRS. CARL JENNINGS Jennings Testamentary Trust

VIRGINIA McNUTT Margie McIntosh

PAUL MILLS

Billie Gray Norma Aldridge Annie Cornwell Glynn & Annie Ford Wheeler JOHN PEARSON Jack & Carol Reamey June Slimp

BILL POWELL Gary & Sandra Chapman Rip & Norma Harmon Glynn & Annie Ford Wheeler Donnette Lurie



## LISTENING SESSION Wednesday, August 26

The District, Trinity's lay leadership, and Pastors have been
working to find a way forward for
Trinity UMC together with
Oakmont United Methodist
Church to further the Kingdom of
God here in Homewood. There
will be a listening session to
discuss how these two congregations can join in ministry.
It will be held at Trinity UMC in
Wesley Hall this week
on August 26 at 6 pm.





## MISSION & OUTREACH

#### Magic City Miracle 2015 - Team Leaders Needed

This annual event involves 1,000's of people (young and old) throughout Birmingham working together in service with their neighbors. Currently, Trinity is in search of Magic City Miracle Team leaders who have the following skills:

Plumbing (installing toilets) Deep Cleaning Gardening/ Yard work Organization

Painting (indoors and outdoors) Bouncy House jumping and face painting

All team leaders will be asked to complete a site visit before the date of the event (September 27) determine and gather needed supplies, create a team, and communicate with their group of volunteers. All interested team leaders please contact Kristan Walker at 879-1737 or kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com.

#### Meals On Wheels, Service Opportunity

Meals on Wheels need people to deliver meals in the Homewood area on the <u>second Wednesday of each month</u>. If you are interested in participating in the rewarding ministry, please contact Judy Keenum at 942-4614 or 835-4487, cell.

## and Outreach programs? Please contact Kristan Walker

**Questions about Trinity's Mission** 

Please contact Kristan Walker Director of Outreach Ministries kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com 879-1737

## **Save the date!** Magic City Miracle 2015 Sunday, September 27

#### **Trinity's Panama Mission**

God is changing lives by the teams we send each year. Mark your calendar for 2016 trip dates... June 18-26 and July 16-24, 2016.



"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

I want you to know that Trinity's partnership with Panama is a wonderful thing. God is changing lives by the teams we send each year. And let me be clear about this, it has nothing to do with any of the individuals that we send but EVERYTHING about what GOD is DOING through us. We simply get to be a part of His plan and what a wonderful plan it is. My prayer is that Trinity will continue to partner with the people of Panama. All 10 of our team members were moved during our time spent there with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

– Julie Adams, Internatinal Mission Coordinator jadams@trinitybirmingham.com





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Here is what is happening at Element this week:

#### **ELEMENT TAILGATE PARTY, 8/30**

This Sunday, August 30 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm is our annual tailgate party in the small parking lot. We are so excited about this year's speaker and this event! We are honored to hear from Mike Lützenkirchen, father of beloved former Auburn tight end Philip Lützenkirchen, as he shares an important message for students and for parents. We believe this will be an event you do not want to miss.

TAILGATE TENTS - We still need 17 tents for Sunday Night!! Please make sure to sign up to host a Tailgate Tent by emailing Robert at rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com.

#### **HOMEWOOD VS. VESTAVIA TAILGATE, 8/28**

This Friday, August 28 beginning at 4 PM, Element will be tailgating at the Homewood vs. Vestavia game at Waldrop Stadium. We will be providing hotdogs and hamburgers for anyone! We hope that your student and family will come to the game early and hang out with our staff and volunteers!

#### **ELEMENT CAFE**

Element Café is this week on Tuesday and Thursday from 3-5:30 PM. Element Café is a wonderful alternative to going home and being bored. Come hang out with us, grab a snack, play some games and hang out with our staff and friends. All candy, chips and drinks are only 50 cents! Element Café is always a fun time, we hope your student will join us this week! New 6th graders are encouraged to attend!

#### PRAYER BREAKFAST

- Prayer Breakfast meets Tuesday morning! Be here in the cafe at 6:30 am to enjoy a delicious breakfast, and hear a great devotional! This is a fantastic way to start the day, and it is only \$3. New 6th graders are invited to join us too. We hope to see you there!

#### **ELEMENT PARENT PACKET**

Last week you should have received our Element brochure that introduces our staff, our vision and outline for ministry. Please take a look at this in the coming weeks so that you and your student can find a place to get plugged in this semester. Our hope is to partner with you to help your student grow up in a love relationship with Jesus Christ. Please let us know how we can serve you this year.

#### **FALL SIGNUPS**

our student can still sign up for FUSION, The Journey or Elementor on our website. These ministries will begin in September so be on the lookout for more information.

As always, please let us know if there is anything that we can do to partner with you in helping to raise your student in a relationship with Christ.

#### David Thompson

Pastor of Youth and Family dthompson@trinitybirmingham.com



## Don't forget your name tag...

on Sunday mornings or anytime you are attending or representing Trinity! This is a great way to provide hospitality to our guests, and to help us get to know one another better. If you don't have a name tag, contact Marie Pasco at 879-1737.



#### Weekly Radio Broadcast Sponsorships Available

Remember or honor a loved one by sponsoring the radio broadcast of the 8:45 AM service that airs each Sunday from 9-10 AM on WAPI 1070 AM.

For details and more information on radio sponsorship, contact Lisa Elliott at 879-1737 or email lelliott@trinitybirmingham.com.

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#### INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

Trinity has a recently formed an Infertility Support Group for couples. The group is open to any interested members, community, and guests who are currently experiencing infertility. The group will meet on the last Sunday of the month at 5 PM in the Small Parlor (Seminole Drive entrance).

Questions? Contact Mallory and Brian Wilson at mallorywilson725@gmail.com.





### **PACESETTERS**

#### **SEPTEMBER 2 - BRAVES GAME**

Join us for Atlanta Braves vs. Miami Marlins at Turner Field on Wednesday, September 2. Leave Trinity at 8:00 AM. Questions? Contact Rev. Reid Crotty at 879-1737.

#### **SEPTEMBER 9 - LUNCH BUNCH**

LUNCH BUNCH resumes. No agenda. We will enjoy lunch with friends at a favorite restaurant. Leave Trinity at 10:30 AM

#### **SEPTEMBER 16 - FLORENCE**

**The Hallelujah Trail** continues as we travel to Florence, AL. Watch for details in next week's *Tidings*.

#### **SEPTEMBER 22 - PACESETTERS**

Pacesetter Lunch will be held at 12 Noon on September 22 in the Fellowship Hall. Special speaker will be Kelly Kazek.

#### **SEPTEMBER 24 - FLU SHOTS**

8 AM - 1PM in the Fellowship Hall

#### **Save these Holiday Dates!**

- December 3 Christmas Lights at Huntsville Botanical Gardens
- December 10 Christmas Tea, Fellowship Hall. All Trinity Seniors invited for good food, fun and holiday fellowship.
- December 12 Mooresville Holiday Progressive Dinner and Tour

For more info on any Senior Adult event, contact Amy Lewis at 879-1737 or alewis@trinitybirmingham.com.



Senior Adults traveled to Tuscumbia last week for an inspirational tour of some of oldest churches in Alabama and a visit to Ivy Green, birthplace of Helen Keller.

# MoMentum

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 🏶 Mothers Moving Forward

## **Coming September 10**

MOMentum is a group of women who will gather together to gain knowledge, share ideas, support each other, and seek God's grace on the journey that is motherhood. Please join us as we tackle the issues that YOU are facing and enjoy fantastic speakers, discussion and fellowship. The group will meet the second and fourth Thursday of each month from 10-11:30 AM at Trinity UMC in Room 111. Childcare provided in the nursery at no cost to attendees.

#### **SEPTEMBER 10**

**Speaker:** Rondie Wilks Owner of livingfitonline.com **Topic:** Healthy lunches for kids & healthy living for busy moms!

#### Questions?

Sarah Paulk (205) 478-2666 spaulk1@gmail.com

## Register online!

www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/studies-small-groups-2/

MOMentum is listed under On-Going Studies

## NEXT STEPS

A new track for our Guests and New Members held every Sunday at both 10 AM and 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Join us!

#### **EVERY 1ST SUNDAY of the Month**

**Meet the Pastors** | Enjoy breakfast at 10 AM or lunch at Noon in a casual setting with the pastoral staff. Fellowship Hall

#### **EVERY 2ND SUNDAY of the Month**

**Baptism** | Enjoy a discussion to remember your baptism, learn about infant baptism, or explore adult profession of faith. 10 AM & 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall

#### EVERY 3RD SUNDAY of the Month

**Methodism** | Learn about the history, theology, and practices of the United Methodist Church. 10 AM & 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall

#### **EVERY 4TH SUNDAY of the Month**

**Belong** | Hear from staff and lay ministers on the membership vows and how to find your very own place of ministry at Trinity.

10 AM & 12 Noon, Fellowship Hall

#### **EVERY 5TH SUNDAY of the Month**

**Tour** | Join a Trinity member and others for an informational tour around the church campus. 10 AM, Fellowship Hall

We would love for you to join us, contact Shelley at 879-1737 or sbrockwell@trinitybirmingham.com.



#### HIGHLIGHTED EVENTSTHISWEEK

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Sunday - A	August 30	5
8:45 AM	Traditional Worship - SANC	5
8:45 AM	Contact Worship - WHALL	6
9:45-11 AN	M UMW Open House - LP	6
10:00 AM	Sunday School - various	6
10:00 AM	Next Steps (tour) - FHALL	1
11:00 AM	Traditional Worship - SANC	8
11:00 AM	Contact Worship - WHALL	9
4:15 PM	Youth Handbells - Rm. 225	5
6:00 PM	Confirmation - various	6
5:00 PM	Youth Choir - MS	6
6:00 PM	Element - Haven	6
6:00 PM	Adult Handbells - Rm. 225	7
8:00 PM	Men Pick-up Basketball - GYM	6
Monday -	August 31	7
6:30 AM	Trinity Men - SDR	8
Tuesday -	September 1	9
6:30 AM	Youth Prayer B'fast - Haven	3
8:00 AM	Senior Adult Activities - various	I
9:00 AM	Trinity Studio - CFT	8
10:00 AM	Trinity Singers - MS	I
11:00 AM	Trinity Singers Lunch - SDR	]

3:00 P M Element Cafe - Haven & Gym

5:00 PM	Trustees Meeting - CONF
5:00 PM	PDO Open House - Nursery
6:00 PM	TCDC Orientation - WHALL
6:00 PM	Young Adults (30's) - SDR
6:30 PM	Young Adults (20's) - NAT

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6:30 PM	Young Adults (20's) - NAT			
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8:00 AM	Senior Adult Activities - various			
9:00 AM	Yoga - Rm. 304			
5:00 PM	Contact Music Practice - WHALL			
6:00 PM	Men's Study - 310			
6:00 PM	Small Group Studies - various			
6:00 PM	Holy Land Info Mtg WHALL			
7:00 PM	Boy Scouts - Scout Room			
6:30 PM	Sanctuary Choir Practice - MS			
Thursday - September 3				
8:00 AM	Senior Adult Activities - various			
0.15 AM	Small Crayn Studies various			

8:00 AM	Senior Adult Activities - various
9:15 AM	Small Group Studies - various
3:30 PM	Element Cafe - Youth Area

#### Friday - September 4

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various

#### Please Note:

Trinity will host Family Promises of Birmingham this week, 8/30-9/5.

CFT FSR	Craft Room–143 Fireside Room–145	LIB NAT	Library–218 Not at Trinity	CHAPEL MS	Mouat Chapel Music Suite–132
CONF	Conference Room–220 Sanctuary		Large Parlor Small Parlor–105	WHALL SDR	Wesley Hall Small Dining Room
FHALL	Fellowship Hall	HAVEN	Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center

#### **Our Senior Adults Need Volunteer Van Drivers**

Trinity's Seniors are on the go! Most of the day trips are taken during the week, with an occasional concert/play on a weekend. 5-6 volunteers who would be willing to drive 2 or 3 times a year would cover this need. Senior Adult Ministry will pay all expenses for drivers on any field trips. Must be 70 years old or younger. If you are interested in fulfilling this fun volunteer need, please contact Amy Lewis at 879-1737 or email alewis@trinitybirmingham.com.

#### HOMEBOUND

#### COMMUNION SERVERS



One Sunday of each month, Trinity members gather to head out and serve communion to our homebound members. If you would

like to join this group in serving in this rewarding and meaningful ministry, contact Rev. Bobby Scales at 879-1737.

The next Sunday that the group will serve is coming up on

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 Please meet in the Large Parlor at 12:30 PM for instructions and directions. This ministry is open to anyone – families, young adults, all are welcome to participate.

### Sanctuary Choir... Join Us!

Membership in the Sanctuary Choir is always open year round. However, THIS time of the year is an especially good time to join the choir. Currently, we are hoping to increase the size of the choir in a very specific, numerical, voice part way. The request is to seek out 16 singers, divided equally, 4 Basses, 4 Tenors, 4 Altos, and 4 Sopranos. Any moderate level musician is more than welcome to come and speak with the Music Department. Just call the church office, 879-1737 or email Scott Robertson at srobertson@trinitybirmingham.com or Jodi Haskins at jhaskins@trinitybirmingham.com.

#### IN THE HOSPITAL

ST. VINCENT'S	Scott Robertson
	Mary Harris
UAB	Jerry Hooper
	Laura Feld
BROOKWOOD	Gary Jackson

#### CONGRATULATIONS

• to Matt and Laura Feld on the birth of their son, Samuel Paul Feld, on August 21. Big brother is Eli Feld and proud grandparents are Paul and Kay Ciarletta and Brenda and Jerry Feld.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

As of August 24, 2015

#### GENERAL BUDGET:

Month to date revenue	\$206,779
Monthly needs to date	\$244,781
Balance/shortage	\$(38,002)
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Capital Debt Retirement gifts this month	\$5,422
Capital Debt Retirement gifts year to date	\$94,970

## Balance owed on building debt **Note from the Treasurer:**

Questions about church finances, income or expenses? If you wonder how funds are received or expensed, the financial books of Trinity are open to any member. Contact Ann Neptune at 879-1737 or aneptune@trinitybirmingham.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Tidings publishes each week on Tuesday (except for the week of Christmas). The deadline for submitting information to be included is on Thursday, the week prior to the publish date. Please submit info via email to Haley Smith at hsmith@ trinitybirmingham.com. Tidings is delivered to the printing company each Monday at Noon. It is printed and mailed on Tuesday afternoon. Should you not receive your copy in a timely manner, please contact your postal carrier. The online version of Tidings is available each week on Tuesday at: www.trinitybirmingham.com/news/tidings



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#### **Chas and Natalee Smith**

1991 Chalybe Way, Hoover 35226 The Smiths joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist church. Chas is an attorney and Natalee is a teacher. They have a son, Chip, who is two years old.

#### **PARKING NOTICE:**

Do not block the dumpsters or areas that are marked as NO PARKING zones. Note that the small parking lot is reserved for handicapped, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Do not park in marked handicap spaces if you do not have an official handicap permit.



#### **NEW AT TRINITY THIS FALL, BEGINS 9/16**

Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing

#### **WEDNESDAYS 6-7 PM**

You are not the only one, and you don't have to go through it alone. Whether it's a surprise or it's been long in its unraveling, divorce is one of life's biggest transitions. You are invited to join us in a caring community of people gathering to encourage each other in a faith filled environment as you experience the journey of divorce.

#### This 12-week course will cover:

The Road to Healing, Forgiveness, Facing Different Emotions, Financial Survival, New Relationships and more.

- Register Now! www.trinitybirmingham.com/adults/studies-small-groups-2/
- Leader: Ryane Clayton M.MFT, MFTA Marriage and Family Therapy Associate
- Begins September 16 | Cost: \$16

