



The Trinitarian

May 2023 Newsletter

I have just a few more weeks left before my sabbatical which begins on May 15th. I'm thankful to be part of a church family that is so deeply committed to the long-term spiritual health of its pastors that they would offer this time away. Our Presbytery has a policy that encourages churches to give their pastors sabbatical leave every seventh year of service. The purpose of a sabbatical is for pastors to strengthen their relationship with God and family and to then return to ministry refreshed, recharged, and refocused. I look forward to the next 2.5 months as a season of renewal. I want to thank the congregation and the Session for making this possible.

Some of you have been asking what I'm planning to do during my sabbatical. I have a few trips planned but the one I am looking forward to most is traveling with Sherri to Switzerland. We will spend time in Lucerne, Geneva, and Interlaken among other stops. This is an area of Europe that we have never been to before and we are really looking forward to experiencing that together.

I know that Trinity has a wonderful summer in store! I am happy that Dr. Julian Walthall will share the preaching load with Pastor Bill. My guess is that most of you know Julian as he has preached and taught here regularly over the years. Julian is a great pastor, and he will be a perfect fit to work with Bill while I am away.

I will return to Trinity at the beginning of August. At that time, I look forward to sharing with you about my time away. I anticipate returning with a renewed sense of God's vision for Trinity and a fresh understanding of how I might best serve God here. It's a joy to work alongside you as your pastor and I'm thankful to God for the terrific staff, Elders, and church family here at Trinity Presbyterian!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt

Palm Sunday



Easter Egg Hunt & Bunny Lunch



Easter Sunrise Service



In our thoughts and prayers . . .



Lisa Agnew (sister of Beth Horn)
 Mickey Bell (sister of Rebecca Mikulka)
 Ella Comer (great-niece of Skip Boulter)
 Richard Crum
 Susan Ham
 Katie Hamlin
 Katherine Hammett (daughter & caregiver of LaVern Haver)
 Perry Hartley
 LaVern Haver
 Frank James (friend of Em Johnson)
 Grace James (friend of Mike & Glenda Murphy)
 Frances Jarrett (sister of Bonnie Robinson)
 Warren Krhut (brother of Fred Krhut & Donna Anderson)
 Cynthia Nelson
 Hap Partridge
 Brownie Post
 Tanya Spaulding (mother of Parisa Clarke)
 Walter Stevens (friend of Sheri Vanche)
 Melissa Walker (daughter of Brownie Post)
 Patti Whiteside (daughter-in-law of Margie Whiteside)

Lupus
 lung cancer
 cancer
 melanoma
 healing
 neurological
 broken foot
 general health
 dementia
 general health
 dementia
 neurological issues
 general health
 hip surgery/recovery
 recovery from back injury
 cancer
 ALS
 cancer
 melanoma
 Polymyositis



PW Coordinating Team will meet in the office parlor on Monday, May 1st at 9:30 am.

Presbyterian Women Bible Study & Luncheon

Monday, May 8th, at 10:30 am, in the Sanctuary for Bible study, followed by a salad luncheon in Trinity Hall. **Please bring a salad to share.**

EMI is requesting peanut butter (16 oz size), powdered milk, and evaporated milk. Please bring your donations to Trinity Hall. Thank you!



JAN 29 – FEB 7, 2024

Click on this link for more information:

<https://tpcfairhope.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/January-29-February-07-Pr.-McCollum-1.pdf>

or pick up a brochure in the church office.

Welcome to our New Members!



Kathryn and Jonathan McCardle



With the financial assistance from Trinity Presbyterian, African Universal Church in Daphne now has their van repainted and new interior seating. The church has a pre-k school and is now able to take the children on field trips with the van.

**Senior Recognition Day
Sunday, May 7th**



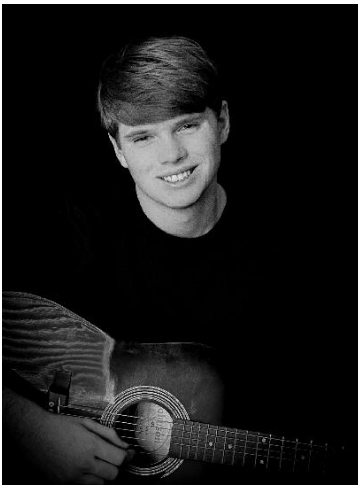
Ravenna Rose Brandon is graduating from Fairhope High School. She is the daughter of John and Joanna Brandon. She is sister to Arcole and Eva-Ro Brandon. Ravenna will be attending Auburn University, majoring in the health care field, most likely Physical Therapy.



*Congratulations
Class of 2023*



Enley Virginia McCollum is graduating from Fairhope High School. She is the daughter of Pastor Matt and Sherri McCollum. She is sister to Jordan and Sam McCollum. Enley plans to attend Troy University, majoring in Accounting, with a minor in Music.



Joseph Douglas Hanson will be graduating from Fairhope High School. He is the son of Jennifer Hanson; grandson of Dan and Cynthia Detman. Joe will be attending the Academy at the Fairhope Airport through Coastal Community College, entering into the Electrical and Instrumentation Program.



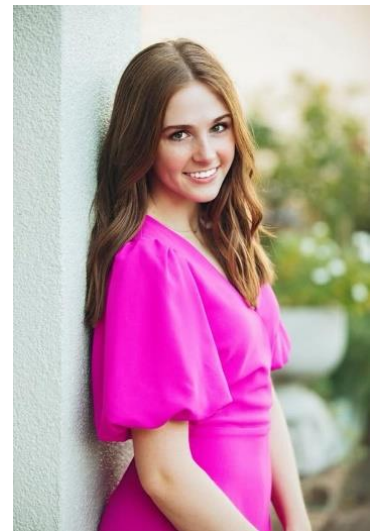
Margaret Lillie Mitchell is graduating from Fairhope High School. She is the daughter of Elizabeth and Michael Mitchell. She will be attending the University of Southern Mississippi, majoring in Health Sciences and is on the pre-med track for Dermatology.



***Maxine Elizabeth Moore** is graduating from Fairhope High School. She is the daughter of Wills and Tracy Moore. She is sister to Alex Moore. Maxine will continue to work at the Grand Hotel and volunteer at the Fairhope Public Library for her gap year. She is planning to attend either the Auburn Eagles Program or Mississippi State University in Fall of 2024.*



***Austin Tyler Pennington** is graduating from Fairhope High School. He is the Son of Chris and Danielle Pennington. He is brother to Matthew Pennington. Austin is planning to attend Mississippi State University, majoring in Engineering.*



***Marion Montgomery Sasser** is graduating from Daphne High School. She is the daughter of Scott and Carrys Sasser. She is sister to Ree Sasser. Marion plans to attend Auburn University, majoring in Exercise Science on track to be a Physical Therapist.*



***Richard Winston Smith, Jr.** is graduating from Woodberry Forest School in Orange, Virginia. He is the son of Winston and Amanda Smith. He is brother to Mason, Ellis, and Gray Smith. Winston will be attending University of Alabama with an undeclared major.*



Margaret Lane	5/1
Lyon Webber	5/2
John Brandon	5/3
Daren Scroggie	5/3
Caroline Adams	5/4
Jolane Edwards	5/4
Kate Wellborn	5/4
Edward Chunn	5/5
Kristen Pegues Ford	5/5
Pierce Callahan	5/6
Walker Teel	5/6
Zoe Vicich	5/6
Andy Cromer Jr.	5/8
Sam McCollum	5/8
Sara Nielsen	5/8
Pat Hudson	5/9
Ginny McCrory	5/9
Ames Chunn	5/11
Cile McNeese	5/11
Scooter Peck	5/11
Lee Teumer	5/11
Betty Gay	5/12
Beth Horn	5/12
Anne Riley Davis	5/13
Joe Rambo	5/13
Jeffrey Jones	5/14
Gail DiIenno	5/15
Muriel Hoequist	5/15
Foncie Bullard	5/16
Susan Ham	5/16
Lori Terral	5/16
Nancy McLeod	5/17
Elizabeth Kell	5/18
Kelli Gaster	5/19
Annette Montgomery	5/19
Linda Christ	5/20
Julie Comer	5/21
Tate Hartman	5/21
Margie Gewirtz	5/22
Roger Ahrens	5/23
Shirley Ellenburg	5/23
Matt Chunn	5/24
Clif Davis	5/24
Janru Galloway	5/24
George Britt	5/25
Mary Katherine Britt	5/25
Margaret Snell	5/25
Perry Hartley	5/26
Tony Cole	5/27
Alston Kranz	5/27
Enley McCollum	5/28
T.J. Rosandich	5/28
Claire Yoho	5/30
Diane Lyon	5/31
Amanda Mitchell	5/31

BAPTISM...

anniversaries
1 PETER 3:21

"We promise to love, encourage and support you. And we promise to share the good news of the gospel with you, and to help you know and follow Christ."

Sarah Chilton Kell

May 4, 2014

Daughter of Melissa and the late Bill Kell

Tanner Marie Lynch

May 20, 2018

Daughter of Chad and Colleen Lynch

Henry Archer Wilcoxon

May 22, 2016

Daughter of Julie and Ryan Duclos

Emily Duclos

May 28, 2006

Daughter of Julie and Ryan Duclos

Edward Dean McKenzie

May 31, 2015

Son of Katherine and Travis McKenzie



VBS registration is open for church members, regular visitors, and grandchildren of church members. Please use this link to register. Want to volunteer? Please use the same link to sign up! <https://vbspro.events/p/trinitypres2023>

Baking It Forward is an outreach ministry consisting of a group of ladies who love baking and decorating cookies together and giving back to our community. The creator of Baking It Forward is Terri Allen, a resident of Fairhope. She established this group a few years ago and continues to teach us the art of cookie decorating.



Fundraisers, donor contributions, and cookie orders enable us to pay for supplies and equipment, as well as provide funds to needy causes, typically, within Baldwin County. In the past, we have donated funds to Pilots for Christ, Embrace Children's Home, Baldwin County Schools, we have purchased tennis shoes for needy students, and playground equipment for a pre-school. We also supported a single mother who lost her job while undergoing breast cancer treatments. We have given cookies to the Boys and Girls Club of Fairhope, first responders, teachers, shut-ins, and church members.

We take orders for special occasions and events. Email order requests to BakingItForward5@gmail.com. If you are a baker and/or decorator and interested in joining our group, we would love to have you. If you would like to donate to this cookie ministry, please make checks payable to Trinity Presbyterian Church with Baking It Forward on the memo line. Thank you!



Stitchin' With a Mission

No special skills required!

**Join us Monday, May 15th, at 9:30 am
Trinity Hall, upstairs**

We have projects for everyone, even those who do not sew, knit, or crochet. If you can pull a thread from a piece of cloth, you can make a lap robes, prayer shawls, and baby items. Invite a friend to join you!

If you have questions, contact Carol Smith,
251-591-5880

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for the new baby gift basket, but more importantly thank you for your prayers. Even though I have moved away from Fairhope and have a new church family, I always know my Trinity family is praying for me and now my son, Bentley. Keep asking the proud new grandparents (Malcomb and Cynthia Pegues) for updates and pictures. I know they are happy to show Bentley off. Thank you again for the prayers and gifts for our son. Keep the prayers coming as we navigate this life as a family of three.

Blessings,

Kristen, Joe, and Bentley Ford



Trinity's Grief Support Group will meet on the **first Thursday of every month, at 11:30 am** in Trinity Hall. Feel free to join us as we fellowship and learn. Sharing our experiences and studying how others have dealt with grief can be one way to navigate the challenges we face.

For more information and to sign-up, please contact Janice Thompson:
ftompson@nettally.com



MISSION: POSSIBLE

The **Witness and Outreach Committee** wants our Trinity Family to know how we are doing the mission work of our congregation. Our big push locally is in support of **Baldwin Family Village**, due to open this month. We delivered all the items needed to furnish two bedrooms in the facility and plan to deliver a meal for the occupants in May. We urge Trinity members to go to their website, www.baldwinfamilyvillage.org and look for the various opportunities for volunteers. We will ask for volunteers to begin to supply a meal each month beginning in July.

We were excited about the recent **Mission Fair** and hope that our members will respond to some of those opportunities. Cards are in pew racks to describe local opportunities to serve along with contact information.

We are happy to report that our **Ukraine family** seems to be thriving, as they are now financially independent, with Ilya having a full-time job in the trucking industry.

In the wider world, we support the upcoming trip to **Guatemala** to install a water system in a village populated with indigenous people and to build stoves in homes for families who now live with open firepits for cooking.

In response to Jesus' blessing to those who "visited me when I was in prison," the Witness and Outreach Committee feels led to pursue a ministry to inmates in the **Baldwin County Jail in Bay Minette**. We are working with the chaplain there who assures us of the safety of volunteers. We will set up a meeting with the chaplain and invite anyone interested to contact Pam Buck at pebb16@yahoo.com

With thanks to the generosity of our Trinity family, we continue to look for opportunities to do our Lord's work near and far.

Highlights from the April Session Meeting –

Linda Glaze, Clerk

- New members were received Sunday, April 2, 2023: Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan McCardle (Kathryn) joined by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, AL.
- The examination of the Confirmation Class for church membership was the focus of Life, Faith, Ministry. Carry Sasser, Director of Children and Family Ministries, provided a brief overview of the program. She reported that the PCUSA curriculum was used and that there were several speakers (Pastor Matt, Pastor Bill, Matt Chunn, Taylor Richerson). After each of the confirmands introduced themselves to the Session, Carry divided the youth and elders into small groups where the youth read their faith statements and responded to questions from the elders. The elders were extremely impressed by the class, and the Session unanimously approved the group for membership. Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2023: Joe Comer, Turner Coody, Jason Cross Quast, Ethan Kok, Ava Kuhn, Emmy Kuhn, Virginia McCrory, Matthew Pennington, Ree Sasser.
- The Session approved the request for the Sacrament of Baptism on May 7, 2023, for Jason Cross Quast, Ava Kuhn, and Emmy Kuhn.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PW Coordinating Team 9:30am Choral Society 6pm	2 Men's Bible Study 6:30am	3 Choir Practice 6:30pm	4 Grief Support Group 11:30am	5	6
7 Worship 8am & 10am Youth Sunday Guatemala Meeting 6pm	8 PW Lesson & Luncheon 10:30 am Choral Society 6pm	9 Men's Bible Study 6:30am Fairhope High School Choir Concert 6pm - Sanctuary	10 Choir Practice 6:30pm	11 Session Meeting 6pm	12	13
14 Worship 8am & 10am  Fairhope High School Baccalaureate 2pm Trinity Sanctuary	15 Stitchin' with a Mission 9:30 am Choral Society 6pm Baking it Forward 9:30am Trinity Hall	16 Men's Bible Study 6:30am Baking it Forward 9:30am Trinity Hall	17 Choir Practice 6:30pm Baking it Forward 1pm Trinity Hall	18 Baking it Forward 9:30am Trinity Hall	19 Baking it Forward 9:30am Trinity Hall	20  Send your news to Ana at the church office.
21 Worship 8am & 10am All Committees 11:15am	22 Baking it Forward Class 9:30am Trinity Hall	23 Men's Bible Study 6:30am Baking it Forward 9:30am Trinity Hall	24 Choir Practice 6:30pm	25	26	27
28 Worship 8am & 10am Potluck Lunch 11 am	29 Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday	30 Men's Bible Study 6:30am	31 Choir Practice 6:30pm			