



# The Trinitarian

June 2023 Newsletter

Didn't we just celebrate the beginning of summer? It sure seems like I was making plans for our Summer Sunday School lessons on obscure books of the Bible, preparing to be a rabbi during Vacation Bible School, and looking for a house to buy in Fairhope only yesterday. But several kind folks here at Trinity have reminded me that, "Um, Bill, that was last summer." Oh, yeah, that's right. I knew that (as I ponder why 52 weeks seemed like 12.)

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, was my first official day as the Associate Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian, and it's remarkable how quickly my first year here in Fairhope went. What a blessing! Time can drag when you're not enjoying what you're doing or experiencing. And in most cases the opposite is true — time flies when you're having fun! "Fun" or "Happy" don't precisely encapsulate what I've experienced—those terms are a little incomplete. "Joyful", "Fulfilling", and "Purposeful" are better. That's where I am.

"Joyful," "fulfilling," and "purposeful" are gifts we experience when we experience a convergence of faith and being, and they have a lasting presence in our life—whereas "fun" and "happy" tend to be temporal sensations. How "Joyful," "Fulfilling," and "Purposeful" find us is a combination of prayerfully seeking God's guidance in our steps along the way, and the Holy Spirit being our advocate, counselor, and helper (the Greek word John uses in his Gospel is, "Paraclete.")

Striving is mostly a good thing—we need to put forth the effort necessary to accomplish certain things in life—but as Christians we know that only goes so far. Striving, combined with a prayerful relationship with God, study of Scripture, and meditation on the Word that listens for God is what leads to a joyful, fulfilling, and purposeful daily existence that can't be bought in a store or downloaded from the Internet. So be sure to carve out some time each day for those things that will bring true riches, the gifts of God.

Grace and Peace,

*Bill*

Pastor Bill



Join us for **Summer Sunday School**, **June 4<sup>h</sup>**, at 9:10 am, downstairs in Trinity Hall. This summer we will examine obscure characters in the Bible.

# YOUTH SUNDAY



Senior Class 2023



Confirmation Class

Worship Readiness Class



Baptisms on Mobile Bay







The 2023 Guatemala Mission Team would like to invite you to join us for a **Taco Lunch**, following the 10 am worship service on **June 11**. We will have displays of our projects set up and team members will be available to answer questions. There is no cost for the lunch but donations to the projects are gladly accepted.



## **MISSION: POSSIBLE**

### **This year the Guatemala trip dates are July 15-21**

We have a team of 20 people, and we will be working on 2 projects:

1. Installing a water purification system in the town of San Carlos Alzatate. This will provide inexpensive and convenient access to purified water for the town and surrounding villages. We will also train some local leaders to teach the community about using purified water and washing hands. For more information about this project, you can visit the website: <https://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org/>

2. Installing ONIL stoves in homes in the villages around San Carlos Alzatate. Currently many families cook on an open fire on the floor of their homes. Severe burns are common and the constant exposure to smoke causes a lot of respiratory illness. Open fires are very inefficient, and families spend a large amount of their resources for fuel. This contributes to deforestation. The ONIL stoves are much safer and much more efficient. For more information about this project, you can visit the website: <https://www.helpsintl.org/community-development/>

#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

We covet your prayers for this trip. Financial support is also appreciated. Here are some ideas about ways that you can support this mission:

##### **1. BUY A PART OF THE WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM**

We buy the purification system and bring it with us to Guatemala. There are a lot of parts to the system at a wide range of price points from \$3 to \$195. Every part is very important! A price list for parts will be available by the display in Trinity Hall.



##### **2. BUY A STOVE FOR A FAMILY**

The cost for a stove delivered to the site and installed by the team is \$220. Donors will receive a picture of their family with their new stove. **BONUS:** Each stove purchased will reduce CO2 put into the atmosphere by 3-4 tons/year, which will offset a significant portion of your carbon footprint.



##### **3. PROVIDE A SCHOLARSHIP FOR A YOUTH PARTICIPANT**

Adult participants cover their own costs for the trip. Trinity has traditionally subsidized the cost for youth participants so that more youth are able to participate. You may donate by dropping a check in the offering or the box in Trinity Hall – please designate if you would like the money used for water, stove, or scholarship. You may also donate through the church website: <https://tpcfairhope.org/give/>



PLEASE CONTACT CARL MARTIN IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, WOULD LIKE TO DONATE AUCTION ITEMS, OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.  
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The Trinity Visionary Fund provided the funding for our **church van** to be wrapped in our logo. Special thanks to Amanda Comer for creating the design, and to Atchison Designs for preparing and installing the vinyl wrap.



### Trinity Visionary Fund

"It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of all shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. Matthew 13:32"

The Trinity Visionary Fund (The Fund) is a permanent endowment that has been invested to provide long-term support for Missions, Ministries and Capital Improvement **not** provided for in the annual operating budget. The Fund will grow from gifts our members provide **and** from the returns generated by the investment. The amount generated annually in the markets will vary from year to year. We anticipate approximately 3% to 5% of The Fund will be available for Trinity to use annually. The remainder of the total return generated will be added to the principle of the endowment which will help it grow.

As an example, the Presbyterian Foundation demonstrated the power of an endowment by pointing out that a church member provided \$100,000 for an endowment that was started in 1980. By 2021, the endowment had paid out over \$507,000 for missions **and** the endowment had grown to \$316,000. While there is no way to predict future returns, we expect the Trinity Visionary Fund to grow over time and to permanently fund the important work of our Church.

If you have questions about ways to give to the Trinity Visionary Fund or if you would like to see the income from the endowment used to support a project that is important to you, a Question & Suggestion Box has been added to the Trinity web page under the "Give" tab where the Visionary Fund is highlighted. We want to provide answers to your questions, and we want to hear your suggestions.

*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  
 Gayle Hudson (mother of Jeff Hudson)  
 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  
 cardiac and general health  
 general health  
 dementia  
 neurological issues  
 general health  
 hip surgery/recovery  
 recovery from back injury  
 cancer  
 ALS  
 cancer  
 melanoma  
 Polymyositis



**PW will host Coffee Hour  
 Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**PW Coordinating Team** will meet in the office parlor on **Monday, June 5**, at 9:30 am, to update yearbook.

**Ecumenical Ministries** needs **toothpaste, powdered milk** (box of individually wrapped packages.)

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.



**Volunteers are needed** to help host our coffee hour, following the 10 am service. Invite a friend to host with you! A member of our Fellowship Committee will assist you, if needed. There is a sign-up board in Trinity Hall.

**Potluck lunch is every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday!**



The Baking it Forward team: Barbara Phipps, Janis Landry, Bonnie Vadas, Sandy Royster, and Holly Kidd, hosted a recent Coffee Hour with their decorated cookies.





June Bonner	6/1
Megg Edgar	6/2
Vernon Hunter	6/2
Holly Jones	6/2
Katie Hamlin	6/3
Barbara Mohler	6/3
Maggie Scroggie	6/3
Linda Glaze	6/4
Elyse Yoho	6/4
Meg Warrington	6/5
Evans Wilcoxon	6/7
Lisa Dahle	6/9
Beth Britt	6/11
Marley Jones	6/11
Curry McEvoy, Jr.	6/12
Tommy Henry	6/13
Kate Passmore Dickson	6/13
Louise Allison	6/14
Ravenna Brandon	6/15
Mamie Ready	6/15
Ginger Eastman	6/16
Becca Mikulka	6/16
Webb Brownlie-Carey	6/18
Jody Bruscato	6/18
Gayle Hommes	6/19
Patrick Doggett	6/20
Ingrid Hartman	6/20
Margaret Britt	6/21
Diana Spillman	6/21
Dick Swanson	6/22
Jo Cromer	6/23
Garnetta Nowlin	6/23
Taylor Richerson	6/23
Fred Schoen	6/23
Donna Swanson	6/23
Claire Marie Maceina	6/23
Sara Nell Maceina	6/23
Lois Manuel	6/24
Kay Braswell	6/26
David Carver	6/26
Anne Cassity	6/26
Kate Fisher	6/26
Mike Murphy	6/26
Ward McCrory	6/27
Anna Scott Phillips	6/29
Janie Stone	6/29
Suzanne Harcourt	6/30
Emmy Kuhn	6/30
Marvin Mayes	6/30

## 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."*

**Wright Wilcoxon**

June 1, 2008  
Son of Jilli and Andy Wilcoxon

**Sitton and Eli Harcourt**

June 8, 2014  
Children of Suzanne and Andy Harcourt

**Michael James Jones**

June 19, 2022  
Son of Mandy and Todd Jones

Remember your  
Prayer Partners.



**Babylon**  
Daniel's Courage in Captivity

**VBS June 12-16**  
completed K-4th  
we offer preschool to  
church members



You are invited to join **The Miracle Choir** any Sunday during June or July. We meet at **9:15 a.m.** in the choir room to practice a simple anthem to sing at the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Men, women, children, whole families are welcomed. There is no commitment beyond the Sunday morning when you miraculously show up. (We will not have Wednesday night choir practice during the summer.)

*Dear Trinity,*

*Thank you for allowing the Choral Society to continue practicing at the church. It really is the perfect location and space for our needs. We have singers who travel from Gulf Shores and Bay Minette as well as Foley, Fairhope, Daphne, and Spanish Fort.*

*Thank you for being patient and accommodating of our crazy 'extra' season.*

*Blessings,  
Mary Katherine Kilgore*



### **Stitchin' With a Mission**

No special skills required!

**Join us Monday, June 19, at 9:30 am**  
**We will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.**  
**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

### **Highlights from the May Session Meeting –** Linda Glaze, Clerk

- During Life, Faith, Ministry, each new member of the Elders-Class of 2026 (Joe Bullard, Dahlia Davis, Annette Lay, Scott Mayes, Nancy McLeod, Laura Osborn and Burton Prewitt) provided a brief statement of their faith journey and sense of call. Pastor Bill reported on the written exams submitted by the elders. Upon hearing both the oral exams and the results of the written exams, the Session unanimously voted to sustain the exams.
- The request from Mr. Mac Campbell and Ms. Taylor Bradshaw to be married at Trinity on March 9, 2024, was approved. Paul Smith, Mac Bradshaw's pastor from Marianna, FL, along with Pastor Matt, will be officiating.
- The request from Mr. Hayden Mezick and Ms. Emily Gossett to be married at Trinity on March 23, 2024, was approved.
- Incoming elder, Annette Lay, was elected to serve as commissioner for the virtual Presbytery Meeting on June 20, 2023.
- The Session approved the request from the Guatemala Mission team to conduct a fundraiser on June 11, 2023. The team will provide lunch during Fellowship and give the opportunity to the congregation to buy parts for the water system.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<u>1</u>  Grief Support Group 11:30am	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>  Worship 8am & 10am  Miracle Choir 9:15am	<u>5</u>  PW Coordinating Team 9:30am	<u>6</u>  Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>  Session Meeting 6pm	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>11</u>  Worship 8am & 10am  Miracle Choir 9:15am  Mission Taco Lunch 11am	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>  Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
<b>Vacation Bible School: 9 am - 12 pm</b>						
<u>18</u>  Worship 8am & 10am  Miracle Choir 9:15am	<u>19</u>  Stitchin' with a Mission 9:30 am	<u>20</u>  Men's Bible Study 6:30am   Send your news to Ana at the church office.	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u>  Worship 8am & 10am  Miracle Choir 9:15am  Potluck Lunch 11 am	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>  Men's Bible Study 6:30am	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	