



The Trinitarian

August 2023 Newsletter

I'm looking forward to seeing you this Sunday! August 6th will be my first Sunday back in worship with you since May 14th. I have missed you since I have been on sabbatical, and I look forward to catching up on all that has happened over the summer at Trinity.

So much has gone on since I've been away. We've had Vacation Bible School. I have heard great things about VBS and I am so thankful for all of you who volunteered for that. The high school youth have been to camp. The middle school youth have been on their trip. There has been exciting mission and outreach. All this (and so much more) has happened since I've been gone, and I look forward to hearing all about it!

I am so grateful to you, the congregation, and the session for making this sabbatical time possible. It was a great gift to me and to my family. I return eager to get back to the work God has given us to do together! I also want to say a special thank you to Pastor Bill and Pastor Julian for their leadership and preaching over the summer. It has been great to be able to follow the worship services each week online. It has helped Sherri and me feel connected to you while we have been traveling.

One of the great blessings of having this sabbatical time is that you get to think, and reflect, and gain fresh perspective. And anytime I am away from you all for any length of time, I come back with such a renewed appreciation for this church. I say this all the time, but I'll say it again, "I love Trinity and it's such an honor to serve as your pastor!"

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Matt



SR HIGH RYM CAMP

TriYouth Sr.High
would like to say
"thank you" for
your prayers and
financial support.

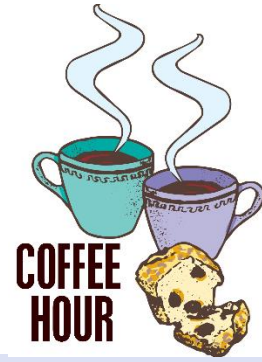


In our thoughts and prayers . . .



Lisa Agnew (sister of Beth Horn)
 Mickey Bell (sister of Rebecca Mikulka)
 Fred Bostrom
 Ella Comer (great-niece of Skip Boulter)
 Richard Crum
 Susan Ham
 Katie Hamlin
 Perry Hartley
 LaVern Haver
 Gayle Hudson (mother of Jeff Hudson)
 Grace James (friend of Mike & Glenda Murphy)
 Frances Jarrett (sister of Bonnie Robinson)
 Warren Krhut (brother of Fred Krhut & Donna Anderson)
 Joe Mikulka
 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
 stroke recovery
 cancer
 melanoma
 healing
 neurological
 general health
 dementia
 cardiac and general health
 dementia
 neurological issues
 general health
 Parkinson's
 hip surgery/recovery
 recovery from back injury
 cancer
 ALS
 cancer
 melanoma
 Polymyositis



COFFEE HOUR

Volunteers are needed to help host our coffee hour, following the 10 am service. **Keep it simple:** cookies, fruit, cheese & crackers.

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.

A Warm Welcome to our New Members!



Henry and Patti Copeland

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 6 2023

Join us at the 10 am service to pray over our children. Bring their backpack/diaperbag.



"DO NOT CONFORM ANY LONGER TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND."

ROMANS 12:2



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.

**Holy Land Informational Meeting
 Sunday, August 13 at 6 pm
 Trinity Hall**

If you are considering going, this will be an important meeting for you to attend! Pastor Matt and Tony Abuaita (from Good Shepherd Travel) will be answering questions about the trip from the itinerary to pricing and everything in between.



Gene Broadus	8/2
Richard Maples Jr.	8/2
Henry Copeland	8/4
Betsy Kranz	8/4
David Seitz	8/4
Bill Hill	8/5
Olivia Scroggie	8/5
McLean Trotter	8/5
Sally Huffman	8/6
Ron Allen	8/8
Donna Calhoun	8/8
Jim Hilderbrandt	8/8
Ali Hudson	8/8
J.D. Lineberger	8/8
Evelyn Teel	8/8
Joanne Vicich	8/8
Jody Logan	8/9
Maxine Miller	8/10
Dale Crowe	8/11
Jamie Lane	8/11
Carol Kirby	8/12
Annette Lay	8/12
Melissa Kell	8/13
Anne Trippe	8/13
Sandy Bell	8/14
Betty Bowdoin	8/14
Marilyn Morris	8/14
Barbara Royster	8/14
Liza Hayes Wilcoxon	8/15
Lucy Summerford	8/16
Alexandra Trosper	8/16
Austin Pennington	8/17
Ann Cox	8/18
Linda Cone	8/19
Ron Singley	8/19
Winston Smith	8/19
Joe Hanson	8/20
Tanner Marie Lynch	8/20
Susan Mayes	8/20
Dick Stewart	8/21
Andy Wilcoxon	8/21
Arcole Brandon	8/22
Morgan McEvoy	8/22
Elise Knight	8/23
Chris Finch	8/24
Charles Ham	8/24
Bonnie Phillips	8/24
Ben Hoover	8/25
Pam Williams	8/25
Carolyn Hutt	8/26
Jerry Jones	8/26
Lisa Trotter	8/26
Stacey Bufkin	8/28
Lilly Comer	8/29
Kimberly Graben`	8/29
Deborah Owens	8/29
Sarah Riggs	8/29
Jason Cross	8/30
Parisa Clarke	8/31



PW Coordinating Team: Monday, August 7 at 9:30 am

We are preparing for the 2023-2024 PW year. Our study, **"Sacred Encounters"** by Olive Mahabir, will help us experience the presence of Jesus in ordinary events. The scriptures will come from Luke and Acts. PW Study books will be available in the church office beginning August 20th. As you pick up your book, please sign the sheet on the table.

Save the Date! Monday, September 11 at 10:30 am
Meet in the sanctuary for Worship and Lesson, followed by a salad luncheon in Trinity Hall. Invite a friend to join you!



Stitchin' With a Mission

**Join us Monday, August 21,
at 9:30 am**
**We will meet on the 3rd Monday
of each month.**
Trinity Hall, upstairs

Please join us for fellowship and mission projects. We have a delightful group of ladies enjoying their time together, while giving their time to others.

We have projects for those who can knit, crochet, quilt, cross stitch, sew, and for those who say, "I don't do any of those things." If you can pull a thread or use scissors, you can make a difference, and as a bonus, make a new friend!

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

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."

Sibley Louise Richerson
August 4, 2013
Daughter of Taylor and Brant Richerson

Stephen Trotter
August 15, 2010
Son of Lisa and McLean Trotter

Edward James Chunn
August 16, 2020
Son of Sherry and Matt Chunn

Samuel Walker Hays
August 19, 2018
Son of Elisabeth and William Hays

Mamie Trest Richerson
August 21, 2016
Daughter of Taylor and Brant Richerson



Remember your
Prayer Partners.

Dear Trinity,

Thank you for all your support, cards, calls, memorial gifts, and visits during the recent loss of my wife, Betty.

*So grateful for my Trinity family,
Toby Gurley*



Trinity Presbyterian:

On behalf of the Fairhope Police Department, we would like to thank you for your generous donation towards our first SRO Summer Program. The program is already off to a great start!

Your donation has made it possible for us to provide summer activities, field trips, meals, and everyday life skills to the children that participate.

The support from the community is amazing! We could not do it without you.

*Sincerely,
Stephanie Hollinghead, Chief
Fairhope Police Department*

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you so much for remembering our first-year anniversary in Fairhope. Without you, this would not have been possible!

We are extremely grateful to you for the support, kindness and love you give us. All the people of the Trinity family are blessed by God.

We are happy to have these wonderful people in our environment!

*With gratitude and love,
Illia, Anna and Ariela*

TRINITY VISIONARY FUND

"Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:37-40

The Trinity Visionary Fund (The Fund) is a permanent endowment that is invested to provide 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.

Everyone is invited to contribute to the Trinity Visionary Fund. There is no required minimum contribution. All gifts are pooled into one endowment which is invested in the markets. If a donor has specific programs that he / she wishes funded, a special fund can be established and designated according to the donor's wishes once the contributions have reached \$25,000. As an example, a member of our congregation who has asked to remain anonymous, has created the Dorcas Sub-Fund. This Sub-Fund is to be used for acts of charity in local or international missions such as supporting Living Waters for the World.

Now, our Trinity family can contribute to four Sub-Funds: Missions, Ministry, Capital Improvements, and Dorcas. Or gifts can be provided to the Visionary Fund without designating a Sub-Fund.

If you have questions about the Trinity Visionary Fund or suggestions for projects you would like to have considered, there is a Question & Suggestion Box on 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. Your interest and support are greatly appreciated!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

The 2023 Guatemala mission team would like to thank the congregation for all your support. Thanks to your prayers and generous financial gifts we had a very successful trip. Both projects were very successful.



The flights were on time and not a single piece of luggage was lost!



The water purification system is installed and working in San Carlos Alzate.



48 stoves were installed in homes in villages around San Carlos Alzate.



We could not have done this without our amazing youth.

If you are interested in seeing more pictures and details about the trip, please visit our blog <https://goguatemala.home.blog>

Highlights from the June Session Meeting

Cynthia Nelson, Clerk

New members were received Sunday, July 2, 2023: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Granade (Ginny) joined by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Bay Minette, AL; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Copeland (Patti) joined by Certificate of Transfer from Vincent United Methodist Church in Vincent, AL (Henry) and from North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church (Patti).

Mr. Patrick Seay and Ruth Bouler Taylor request permission to be married at Trinity on August 26, 2023.

Elizabethann and Alan Gunn request the Sacrament of Baptism for their son, Thomas Alan Gunn, (grandson of Bill and Rhoda Passmore and great grandson of Mary Burns) on August 13, 2023.

Scarlett and Brian Anderson request the Sacrament of Baptism of their daughter, Aya Marie Anderson (granddaughter of Linda Lott) in their home on July 14, 2023. Andy Wilcox, Ruling Elder at Trinity, will be in attendance and will represent the Session in presenting the child for baptism.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Bible Study 6:30am	2	3 Trinity Support Group 11:30am	4	5
		JR HIGH MYSTERY TRIP				
6 Worship 8am & 10am Blessing of the Backpacks 10am	7 PW Coordinating Team 9:30am	8 Men's Bible Study 6:30am	9	10 CBS 8am Session Meeting 6pm	11	12
13 Worship 8am & 10am Holy Land Info Meeting 6pm	14	15 Men's Bible Study 6:30am CBS 9am	16	17 Baking it Forward Class 9am	18	19
20 Worship 8am & 10am All Committee Sunday 11:15am	21 Stitchin' with a Mission 9:30am  Send your news to Ana at the church office.	22 Men's Bible Study 6:30am	23	24	25	26 Wedding: Taylor/Seay
27 Worship 8am & 10am Potluck 11am	28 Baking it Forward 9am	29 Men's Bible Study 6:30am Baking it Forward 9am	30	31		