

## SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE

Have you ever noticed how many beautiful Affirmations of Faith there are in the back of our UMC hymnal? Some are centuries old, like the Apostles Creed (#881) and the Nicene Creed (#880). Others are more modern, like #883 from our friends in Canada. Still others are scripturally based like \*Affirmation From Romans" (#883). All are different expressions of our one faith in Jesus Christ, as proclaimed through the centuries and across the globe. We will be using some different affirmations of faith during Lent until Easter morning, when we will proclaim the Apostles Creed together again.

## EARLY SPRING MISSIONS PROJECT IN A HURRY!

Until March 12, we are collecting the following items for the Tuscaloosa's One Place Job Readiness hygiene drive: body lotion, brushes/combs, dental floss, cotton balls, cotton swabs, deodorant, hand sanitizer, toothbrushes/toothpaste, hair care products for all hair types and soap (face and body). Everything must be new and in original packaging. Please leave items in the baskets in the back of the sanctuary on the tables.

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for a TRINITY WOMEN'S RETREAT, March 3-5, 2023, in Mentone, AL (6139 AL Highway 117, Mentone, AL 35984). You can book your reservation for one or two nights at the Mentone Inn now on a first come, first served basis. Call Cynthia Stinson at 256-634-4836 and tell her you're with the Trinity group March 3-5, 2023. You can book one or two nights.

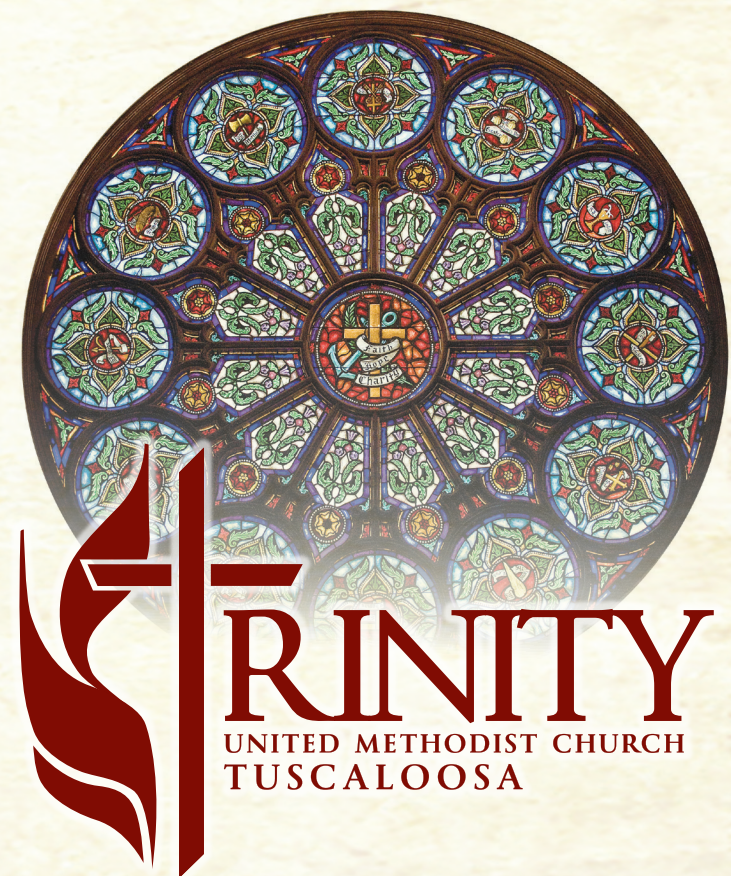
We do not have a specific theme, program or speaker. We mainly wanted to relax and get to know each other. We're all looking forward to being with one another!

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*First Sunday in Lent  
February 26, 2023*

***Trinity United Methodist Church  
is a congregation united by the love of Christ.***

*Because we are rooted in and guided by the grace of God,  
we share the love of Christ in our community and in our world.*

*Because we embrace our ever-changing community,  
we are open and respectful of what makes you who you are,  
and glad you are part of our church family.*

*Because we cherish our multigenerational congregation,  
we are caring and nurturing of all ages.*

*Because we value traditional worship,  
we feel familiar and welcoming.*



**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 26, 2023  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE** Myles Jordan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*If you are a visitor, please fill out a Visitor Card found  
in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate.*

**I LOVE TRINITY BUILDING CAMPAIGN** Debbie Lane

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.  
**We thirst for the waters of eternal life,  
We yearn for a new beginning.**  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,  
**and create in us your new heaven and new earth.**  
Speak to us words of comfort and hope,  
**Speak to us words of challenge and courage.**  
Come: move among us, we pray. **Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *O Worship the King* #73

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*You're invited to greet those around you and move about as you wish!  
Please be sensitive to the fact that some in worship may not feel  
comfortable welcoming a hug or a handshake, and adjust as needed.*

**CALL TO PRAYER** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* #298 (v. 1)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. **Amen.**

**ACOLYTE CONFIRMATION FOR CHARLOTTE GRIMSLEY**

**Almighty God, you who are light and love, bless Charlotte as she helps  
lead worship.  
Give her a reverent heart and steady hands as she shares the light of  
Christ.  
Bless and guide us too and help us to spread your light throughout the  
world.  
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN (of all ages!)** Rev. Savannah Gross  
*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the  
Children's Message, or they may stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

**\*A MODERN AFFIRMATION FOR LENT** UMH 885

***Pastor***

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, There is the one true church, apostolic, and  
universal, Whose holy faith let us now declare:

***Pastor and People:***

We believe in God the Father,  
Infinite in wisdom, power, and love,  
Whose mercy is over all his works,  
And whose will is ever directed to his children's good.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of Man,  
The gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
The ground of our hope,  
And the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit  
As the divine presence in our lives,  
Whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
Of the truth of Christ,  
And find strength and help in time of need.  
We believe that this faith should manifest itself In the service of love  
As set forth in our example of our blessed Lord,  
To the end that the kingdom of God  
may come upon the earth, **Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *That Priceless Grace* John Helgen

**SCRIPTURE** Revelation 21:5

**SERMON** *When You're Old . . .* Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace* #378

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Myles Jordan

**TUESDAY LENTEN LUNCHES**

During Lent, we partner with other local churches for Tuesday Lenten Lunches,  
rotating the location and speaker. The schedule is listed on your bulletin  
insert. Trinity will host on Tuesday, March 28. Please contact Penny if you  
can help. We need folks to host and greet, and people who will make a pot of  
soup to share.