

## MISSIONS

During May, Trinity's Missions is collecting specific items for emergency food packs. Items to be included are:

- box of cereal, hot or cold
- jar of peanut butter, 16 oz.
- jar of jelly (small)
- individual serving size portions of canned fruit/applesauce, etc. (4-6 count)
- canned vegetable, 15 oz.
- box of spaghetti and 12 oz. jar of spaghetti sauce (plastic or metal containers preferred) OR boxed skillet dinner with canned meat

We'll need plastic grocery bags to bag up each pack. Please bring what you can or provide a pack! Leave your donations in the back of the sanctuary or inside the double glass doors of the Education Wing. The packs will be taken to Grace Presbyterian and Canterbury Chapel Episcopal; both use these in their food pantry missions.

## TRINITY GIFTS

You can support the ministries of the church by placing a check in the offering plate, putting it in the postage box by the glass doors or mailing it to 729 Bryant Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401. You can also donate to Trinity through PayPal at

<http://paypal.me/TrinityMethodistTusc>

PayPal charges a small fee (2.9%), but it may be easier for some people than finding stamps and an envelope. To set up a direct deposit monthly to the church, please contact your own bank. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year!

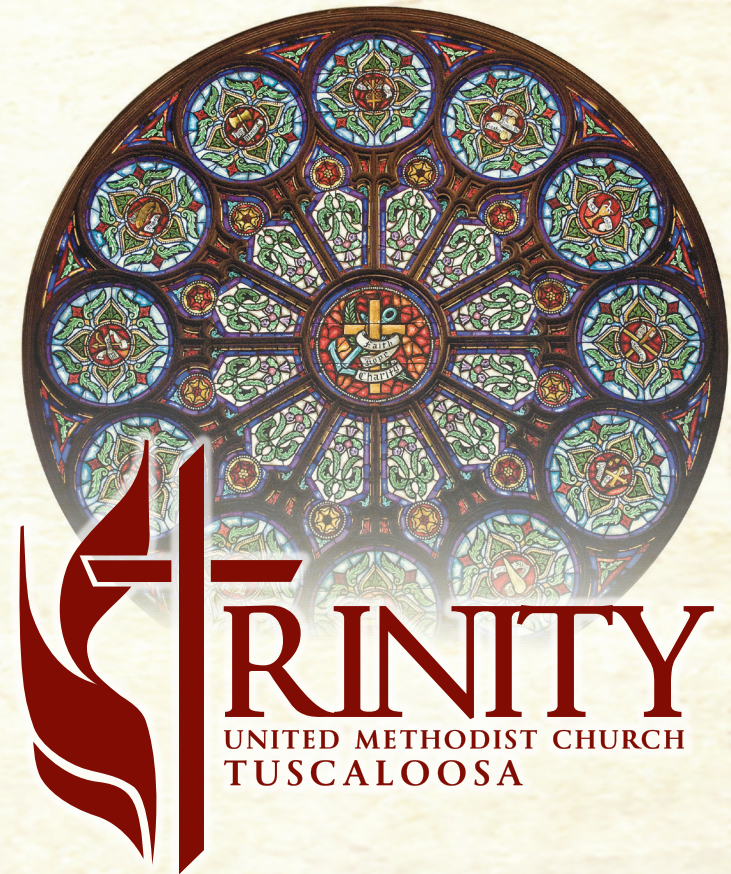
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*Ascension Sunday  
May 21, 2023*

***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.*



**ASCENSION SUNDAY**  
**MAY 21, 2023**  
**TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**PRELUDE** Myles Jordan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Savannah Gross

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God is with us, in all times and places.

**The God embodied in Jesus, now shares with us the Holy Spirit!**

The Holy One is in our midst:

**equipping us for life in the service of Christ.**

May the all surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And the unshakable love of God be with you.**

The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you!**

**\*HYMN** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #154

**\*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** *I Love to Tell the Story* #156

**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.

**A TIME FOR CHILDREN (of all ages!)**

*Children ages 4-8 are welcome to go to Children's Church after the Children's Message, and children ages 0-3 are welcome in our Nursery.*

*Children may also stay in the sanctuary with a parent.*

**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*SAYING WHAT WE BELIEVE** The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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**SCRIPTURE** Acts 1:1-11

**SERMON** Rev. Penny Ford

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus Shall Reign* #157

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** Myles Jordan

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR**

Please welcome our new Children's Coordinator, **Jessica Wyatt**, to Trinity. Jessica, the daughter of missionaries, was born in Zimbabwe but spent most of her childhood in Johannesburg, South Africa. When she was 8 years old, her family relocated to Memphis. She has lived in Tuscaloosa since 1995. Jessica has three children: Camille, age 15; Lily, age 11; and Shepherd, age 9. The whole family loves outdoor activities, including camping and hiking with their black Labrador Retriever, Tilly.

**WELCOME, NEW TRINITY INTERNS**

We are thrilled to introduce two new Trinity interns, **Ja'Kaylah Blackmon** and **Zach Cole**. Ja'Kaylah will be a senior majoring in Social Work, and Zach a sophomore majoring in Cybersecurity. Welcome, Ja'Kaylah and Zach!

**MAY 28: STARBUCKS SUNDAY**

**Meet and Greet at 9:30 am** for young parents, couples and singles. Join Penny at Starbucks and meet other young adults at Trinity. Drop your kids off at Sunday school and come relax!

**NEEDED: NEW OR GENTLY USED ITEMS**

We need the following items in good working condition:

- chest of drawers
- washing machine

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: THURSDAY, JULY 20**

Trinity will host a Red Cross drive on Thursday, July 20, 10 am-2:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to be a donor, please call the church office to register: 205-759-4206.