

TRIDINGS

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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holy week

NOON SERVICES

APRIL 10, 11 & 12

These half hour lunchtime services at Noon on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week provide a convenient worship opportunity.

A guest speaker is featured and lunch is served following each service at 12:30 PM in the Oxmoor Fellowship Hall. (\$5 per person)

Nursery is provided.

Holy Week Guest Speakers:

4/10 MONDAY

Rev. Dedric Cowser

New Beginnings UMC

- Amy Johnson, soloist



4/11 TUESDAY

Rev. Jermaine Richardson

Bethel AME Church

- Sara James, soloist



4/12 WEDNESDAY

Rev. Amy DeWitte

Anniston First UMC

- Jodi Haskins, violin



MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 13

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

6:30 PM - Oxmoor Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 14

SERVICES OF DARKNESS

6:30 PM - Oxmoor Sanctuary

6:30 PM - Oakmont Sanctuary



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A NOTE FROM PASTOR BRIAN

From the very beginning of the church, Christ followers have seen it as a sacred duty to trace Jesus' final steps to the cross. There is a depth and a power to Christ's final days that, in some ways, say everything that needs to be said about who Jesus is. The four gospels, which tend to jump from story to story and location to location for the first several chapters, become incredibly specific during the final days of Jesus' life, giving us more detail than in any other portion of the story.

For two thousand years, pilgrims from around the world have descended on the city where Jesus died to remember his sacrifice. One of the most powerful experiences of my life was walking the Via Dolorosa, the "Way of Suffering," through the ancient streets of Jerusalem last February, and imagining Jesus making his way towards Golgotha. For believers who couldn't make it to Jerusalem, many churches built labyrinths (similar to the one in our prayer garden) so that everyone could spiritually walk in the way of Jesus.

I've come to believe that the fanfare of Easter is directly proportional to how well we have walked through the Lenten season with Christ. The joy of Sunday morning belongs first and foremost to the ones who have wept on Good Friday, as you can't fully appreciate the miracle of the empty tomb unless you've known the heartbreak of seeing it occupied. Telling the most painful parts of Christ's passion is more than just recounting history, it feeds our hunger for resurrection.

I say all that to encourage you and yours to take full advantage of the worship experiences this Holy Week at Trinity. Come on Palm Sunday, April 9, and hear the glad hosannas as Christ enters Jerusalem for the last time. Worship with us on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at Noon as some of the finest preachers in the area lead us in a time of reflection before we break bread together as a church family. On Thursday night at 6:30 PM, kneel at the Last Supper as Christ washes the feet of his followers, and calls us to be humble servants after his own heart. On Friday evening at 6:30 PM, watch as they nail the Lamb of God to a criminal's cross, and wonder at the depth of God's love.

And then, come back on Saturday night at 6:30PM, or one of our three Sunday morning services (8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 AM) to hear the shocking news that what was once dead is now alive forevermore. You'll know those who have carried their own crosses, who have knelt at that splintery wooden throne, who have followed him even unto death – they will be the ones singing the Easter hymns the loudest.

He is risen – then, now, and forevermore.
Thanks be to God.

Bri



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Easter at Trinity



APRIL 15

Saturday Evening Service
6:30 PM

Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

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APRIL 16

Sunrise Service
6:30 AM

Trinity Youth, Homewood Park
(Rain: Wesley Hall)

Traditional Worship Services
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM
Sanctuary

Led by Rev. Brian Erickson

Contact Worship Services
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM
Wesley Hall

Led by Rev. Nathan Carden

Trinity West Homewood Services
9:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Oakmont Sanctuary
Led by Rev. Jack Hinnen

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Easter Resurrection Cross

Participate in a Trinity Easter Sunday tradition and bring fresh flowers and greenery from your yard and decorate the "living crosses" on the front lawns of both campuses on Easter morning before worship.

Butterfly Release

Children and their Sunday School classes will participate in the annual butterfly release on the front lawn of both campuses at 10 AM during the Sunday School hour.



United Methodist Women Upcoming Events

UMW Luncheon & General Meeting

Monday, April 17 at 10 AM [Oxmoor Campus, Fellowship Hall]

All are invited to this special UMW Meeting and Luncheon. The program will feature Kam Carden as she shares the story of her family's international adoption journey. Lunch reservations are \$6 each and non-UMW members reservations can be made by emailing Billie Gray at gray81321@bellsouth.net. UMW members should email Circle Chairs for reservations. Reservation deadline is April 11.

UMW Sunday & Brunch

Sunday, April 23 at 10 AM [Oxmoor Campus, Fellowship Hall]

The UMW invites all the ladies of Trinity to join them Sunday, April 23 at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a UMW Sunday Celebration Brunch. Good friends of all ages, fabulous fellowship, and delicious food to celebrate and recognize Trinity's women in mission. If you are interested in joining or learning more about the UMW, please attend!

Upcoming UMW-Supported Events

Church Women United Meeting Friday, April 7, 9:30 am	NACUMW Refresh & Retreat Saturday, April 8
Beloved Community Church (UMW will carpool from Trinity)	Camp Sumatanga (UMW will carpool from Trinity)

– Questions about UMW? Contact Cel Bailey at umwpresident@trinitybirmingham.com.–

MOMentum APRIL 6

Trinity's Village of Moms! MOMentum Mothers Moving Forward - Supporting, Connecting, Growing - will meet on Thursday, April 6

from 10-11:30 AM in the Small Parlor. Moms meet for a morning of fellowship, friendship and programs focused on topics relevant to today's parenting. This month's speakers are sisters, Becky Avery Reamey, Jennifer Avery Patrick and Catherine Avery Skinner. They will tell heart-warming stories of faith and perseverance during the difficult times of life. Be prepared to laugh at their teasing, charmed by their joy, awed by their authenticity, and inspired by their love for each other and God.

*End of the
School Year
Evening Social*

**THURSDAY, MAY 4
SAVE THE DATE!**

This group is open to moms with children of all ages. Childcare is provided and lunch is served (\$7). Questions? Contact, Donya Traylor at donyamt@bellsouth.net for reservations and/or to be added to the email list, contact Elizabeth Sellers at elizabeth.s.sellers@gmail.com.

[A Note From The Finance Office]

In February, year to date giving to the general budget of \$686,627 exceeded year to date expenses of \$649,908 by \$36,720. Additionally, we have kicked off our Lenten Offering raising over \$10,000 in the first two weeks. To make a gift to the Lenten Offering, use the Lenten Offering envelopes available in each Sanctuary, write "Lent" in the memo line of a check, or make an online gift at <http://www.trinitybirmingham.com/giving/>. All proceeds from the Lenten Offering go to over 23 organizations outside the walls of our church!

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Executive Director 205-879-1737



TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD

Join us for worship this month!

April is a busy and exciting month for the church. We hope to see you and your family in worship and at some of the Lenten and Easter events and services.

Remember! We also now have the Sunday 10 AM Community hour where each week there will be a chance to grow closer to each other and know Jesus better.

– Rev. Jack Hinnen

Welcome Micah Shelton

Micah Shelton has joined the Trinity West Homewood staff. He will serve as our Worship Leader. Welcome Micah and his fiancée Hannah on Sunday morning!



Good Friday Service, April 14

6:30 PM | TWH Sanctuary

Easter Services, April 16

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM | TWH Sanctuary

APRIL EVENTS

April 1	Modern Family Ministry Closet, 10 AM
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM
April 11	FoodShare Ministry, 3:45-6 PM
April 14	Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM
April 16	Easter Services, 9 AM, 10 AM & 11 AM
April 18	Oakmont Circle 2, 10 AM
April 20	Trinity Men's Dinner Event & Speaker, 6:30 PM
April 23	Next Steps, 10 AM
April 23	Project Serve - Organize Lenten Donations
April 25	FoodShare Ministry, 3:45-6 PM
April 27	Soul Detox Study, 6 PM
April 30	5th Sunday Brunch, 10 AM

Sunday | 9 AM Modern & 11 AM Traditional 10 AM Community Hour

Oakmont Campus 914 Oak Grove Road, Homewood
Rev. Jack Hinnen | jhinnen@trinitybirmingham.com

MISSIONS OUTREACH CALENDAR

LENTEN "SPRING CLEANING" DRIVE

1. Help freshen up someone else's home by purchasing the following household items for Trinity's FoodShare ministry.

- Paper Products (toilet paper/paper towels)
- Shampoo (for adults and babies) - Unscented Laundry Detergent
- Disinfecting wipes or sprays - Soap (for dishes, hands, body)


2. Support our Children's Clothes Closet by cleaning out your kid's closets! Donate like new or new children's clothing and shoes for SPRING and SUMMER. (Note: Cannot accept used underwear, socks, or bathing suits.)

Donation drop off locations for both supplies and clothing:


- OXMOOR Campus 2nd Floor Commons
- OAKMONT Campus Narthex (supplies) and Closet (clothes)

WEEKENDER BACKPACK MINISTRY

Help assemble food packs from 9-11 AM on 4/19. Volunteers meet in the Oxmoor Campus Fellowship Hall. This great ministry provides

 weekend meals to 150 food insecure children in Homewood and the West End. Delivery volunteers are also needed weekly each Friday.

STEEPLE TO STEEPLE RUN

 Support the United Methodist Children's Home and register TODAY for the 3rd Annual Steeple to Steeple 5K Run/Walk from Trinity to Canterbury & the new 10K Run from Trinity West HWD to Canterbury.

Go to www.steeple2steeple.com for registration.

LENTEN OFFERING

During this season of spiritual evaluation, we are given the opportunity to join God's work to bring resurrection hope to the "least of these" in the Greater Birmingham Area with our special Lenten offering. You may deliver your check to the church office or drop your check in the offering plate at any time during Lent. Please mark your check Lenten Offering.

For full details on all events listed above, log on to www.trinitybirmingham.com/get-involved/

Questions about Trinity Missions & Outreach?
Kristan Walker 205-879-1737 | kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com

Palm Cross Workshop
SATURDAY, APRIL 8
9:00 AM - 12 Noon (Come and go as needed)
Fellowship Hall, Oxmoor Campus

TRINITYKIDS



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Ministry

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/8 EGG HUNT 10:00 AM, Oakmont Campus
Don't miss the annual egg hunt, a morning of fun! Bring your basket and a friend.
5,000 eggs to be found!


4/9 CALM BEFORE THE STORK 10:00 AM, Oxmoor Campus (Room 221)
Will you be welcoming a little one into your home through birth, adoption or fostering within the next 6 months? Join us for an informative session on how Trinity can support your family! RSVP: echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com

4/17 MOM & BABY YOGA 9:30 AM, Oxmoor Campus (Room 304)
NEW! For ages 6 weeks old – Pre-crawlers. In this four-week series led by Mollie Erickson, mom and baby will flow through a casual, come-and-go, feed-as-needed, class. Mom will regain core strength and focus on breathing and calming techniques for self and baby. Baby will benefit from a short, gentle massage and unique bonding time with mom. RSVP: cdedmon@trinitybirmingham.com

4/23 CONFIRMATION EVENT 6:00 PM, Oxmoor Campus (Fellowship Hall)
Current 5th graders and parents, join us for pizza and an informational gathering about Confirmation 2017. RSVP: echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com

4/30 SPRING MUSICAL 10:00 AM, Oxmoor Campus (Sanctuary)
Elementary kids will take part in leading worship on Sunday, April 30 in our traditional worship services. At 10 AM (Sunday School hour) the kids will present their exciting Spring Musical, *Unplugged*, in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend!



 Join us on Facebook: [TrinityKids](https://www.facebook.com/TrinityKids) Questions about TrinityKids? Contact Eleanor Christiansen 205-879-1737 | echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com

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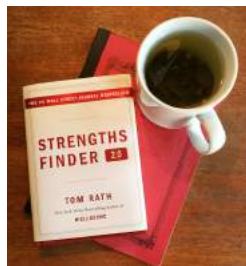
NEXT STEPS

If you are new to Trinity, we invite you to join us for NEXT STEPS. It's a friendly membership track designed specifically for our guests and new members. At NEXT STEPS, you will meet pastors and staff, learn more about Trinity and our Methodist beliefs.

- **Oxmoor Campus: Every Sunday 10 AM in the Large Parlor**
- **Oakmont Campus: Third Sundays 10 AM in the Comfort Room**

Will not meet on Easter, April 16

Questions? Contact Shelley Brockwell
sbrockwell@trinitybirmingham.com | 879-1737



STRENGTHS!

Join this group and discover your God-Given strengths!
Wednesday evening 4 week series:
April 5, 12, 19 & 26 from 6-7 PM 1st Floor Conference Room
To sign up or for questions, email Laura Eanes at
leanes@trinitybirmingham.com.

SEASONED ADULTS



Seasoned Adults Loving & Trusting

Wednesday, April 5 - Box Lunches & Bingo

11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Oakmont campus. We are bringing back the box lunch concept this month! Bring \$6.00 for lunch and be ready for some fun games of BINGO with new ways to play! Don't forget that there will be prizes, too!

Wednesday, April 5 - Baby Boomers Speaker Series, Last Session

6-7:00 PM, Room 219, Oxmoor campus. Join us as Lynne Rogers, counselor from Grayson and Associates, speaks on "Being a Good Grandparent." Whether you are already a grandparent or may be one in the future, you will not want to miss this!

Thursday, April 6 - Palm Stripping

9-11:00 AM, East Narthex, Oxmoor campus. Help prepare palms for our upcoming Palm Workshop. Great opportunity to serve Trinity. We need lots of help!

Wednesday, April 19 - Movie Madness

12:30-3:00 PM, Oakmont campus. Ever wonder what our pets do when left alone? Come, bring a snack to share and see "The Secret Life of Pets" to find out!

Tuesday, April 25 - Movers & Shakers Picnic

11:30 AM-1:00 PM, PICNIC at Oakmont campus. Enjoy a different format this month – Visit with your friends, enjoy a box lunch prepared by our own Chef Bert and be prepared for some surprises.

Thursday, April 27 - Service for the Season

10:00-11:30 AM, Small Dining Room, Oxmoor campus. Give back to the church by working on small jobs that will aid the staff with their never ending list of chores.

Questions about SALT?
Contact Donna Roose at 205-879-1737, droose@trinitybirmingham.com

NEW MEMBERS *welcome!*



Edna McWilliams

5816 Waterstone Point, Birmingham 35244
Edna joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. She is retired.



Amy Lynton

609 Oxmoor Road, Homewood 35209
Amy joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She works as an Assistant/Broker for Shannon Waltchack. She has a daughter, Morgan (8).



Rosemary and Charles Faust

716 Colony Circle, Homewood 35209
The Faust family joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Rosemary is a pediatrician and Charles is a caregiver. They have two children, Alex (25) and William (18).



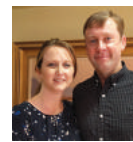
Anna Croft

1702 Shades Park Drive, Homewood 35209
Anna joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. She works as a tax accountant for PWC.



Rita and Sam Croft

308 Ridge Road, Homewood 35209
The Crofts joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Rita works as a plan consultant for Qualified Plans LLC and Sam is the general manager for Pratt Industries.



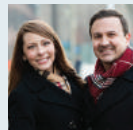
Sherry and Mark Dransfield

1906 Mayfair Drive, Homewood 35209
The Dransfield family joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Mark is a physician at UAB. They have three children, Sam (17), Jake (14) and Caroline (5 mo.).



Lindsey and Peyton Rogers

105 Irving Road, Homewood 35209
The Rogers family joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. Peyton is an operations manager for Harris Doyle Homes and Lindsey is a nurse anesthetist.



Cami and Matt Crane

3767 Fairhaven Drive, Vestavia Hills 35223
The Cranes joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Matt is CPT/Owner of Meta Fitness Studio and Cami is a CRNA at Brookwood Medical Center.

Scott Gustin

2301 Garland Drive, Vestavia Hills 35216
Scott joined Trinity by transfer from another United Methodist Church. He is a physical therapist at St. Vincent's. Scott is married to Trinity member Tiffany Gustin and they have two sons, Nicholas (12) and Langston (9).

Karen and Bart Marcum *(not pictured)*

303 Edgewood Blvd., Homewood 35209
The Marcum family joined Trinity by vows from another Christian denomination. Bart is a recruiter for VACO. They have three children, Zack (15), Spencer (14) and Avery (12).



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OAKMONT CAMPUS: Worship 9:00 & 11:00 AM • Community Hour 10:00 AM

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IMPORTANT DATES

- April 6** MOMentum, 10 AM
- April 8** Palm Cross Workshop, 9 AM-12 PM
- April 8** Easter Egg Hunt, 10 AM
- April 9** Palm Sunday
- April 10** Administrative Board Meeting, 7 PM
- April 10-12** Holy Week Noon Services, 12 PM
- April 13** Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM
- April 14** Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM
- April 15** Easter Saturday Service, 6:30 PM
- April 16** EASTER Sunday Services, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM
- April 20** Trinity Men Dinner Event, 6:30 PM
- April 22** Steeple-2-Steeple Run, 8 AM
- April 23** UMW Sunday & Brunch, 10 AM
- April 30** Children's Choir Spring Musical, 10 AM

Register Today: www.steeple2steeple.com

THIRD ANNUAL

STEEPLE TO STEEPLE 5K & 10K

NEW 10K RUN TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD TO CANTERBURY METHODIST
5K RUN/WALK TRINITY METHODIST TO CANTERBURY METHODIST

APRIL 22, 2017 8 AM

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