



Easter Sunday

6:30 AM

Sunrise Service

in Wesley Hall led by Trinity Youth.

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8:45 & 11:00 AM

Traditional Worship Services

in the Sanctuary led by Dr. Andrew Wolfe
with Trinity Choirs and Orchestra.

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11:15 AM

Contemporary CONTACT Worship Service

in Wesley Hall led by Dr. Dave Barnhart with the CONTACT Band.

** Shuttle service will be available from Homewood Park
during the hours of 7:45 AM - 12:30 PM.*



Easter Resurrection Cross

Each year, a special cross is placed on the front lawn. It humbly begins as a wooden structure with chicken wire wrapped around it. But just as Jesus' death and resurrection transformed the world, this wooden structure is transformed into a beautiful symbol of life – the flower cross.

On Easter morning, don't forget to select some of your own flowers to add to the cross when you get to church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY • APRIL 9

7:00 PM - Service of Holy Communion in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY • APRIL 10

2:00 PM - Homewood Community "Way of the Cross" Processional, Begins at Homewood Park

7:00 PM - A Service of Darkness in the Sanctuary with scripture, prayers, liturgy and music by the Sanctuary Choir and Trinity Orchestra. *Valet parking available.*

Lenten Offering

Trinity continues to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world, but we could not do it without the generous support of Trinity members giving to our special Lenten Offering. As we go through the season of Lent, please prayerfully consider a gift to empower Trinity's Outreach and Mission efforts.

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Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday

8:45 & 11:00 AM

*The 8:45 AM service is broadcast via 15-minute delay
from 9–10 AM Sundays on WAPI-AM 1070.*

Sermon

Andrew Wolfe

Music

(8:45 & 11:00)

Kathryn Fouse & Leonard Candelaria

Sanctuary Choir

Trinity Orchestra

On Call

Dr. Andrew Wolfe • Phone: 871-1309

Van Driver

Richard Sturm



Wesley Hall • 11:15 AM
Dr. Dave Barnhart

A Look at April 5:

Worship Attendance1,598

Sunday School Attendance913

A PERSONAL WORD

On December 8, 1875, the German ship, *the Deutschland*, sank in the North Sea off the English coast. Among the 157 passengers who perished were five Franciscan nuns traveling to the U.S. on a teaching mission. The nuns sacrificed their own lives so that others could be rescued. When the ship sank and the water rose around them, they clasped hands and prayed.

The Christina poet, Gerard Manly Hopkins, was so moved by the story, he wrote a poem about it, *The Wreck of the Deutschland*. In it is this line:

Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness of us,
be a crimson-cresseted east . . .

Hopkins uses the word easter as a verb. Easter is not simply something we believe in. It is something that we become. It is something that happens to us, in us and through us.

After a Maundy Thursday service, a pastor sat with his young son who was asking what it all meant. The pastor explained that it was to remember the last meal Jesus shared with his disciples. Good Friday was the day Jesus was killed. But Easter was a wonderful day because God raised Jesus from the dead.

Then the boy asked, “Daddy, will Easter ever happen to me?”

Easter is not something we observe, it is meant to be something that happens to us – something we experience. The first Easter account reports an empty tomb, but the empty tomb proved nothing. In fact, one disciple thought that the grave had been robbed. Others fled in terror. Easter really happened when the disciples encountered the risen Christ. It was his impact on the lives of people that was decisive.

God wants to Easter in us, to transform our fear to courage, and our despair to hope. He wants to heal our brokenness, forgive our sins, restore us – raise us up to be his people. It's been a tough year. We approach Easter exactly like those first disciples, with fear, uncertain about the future, our hope shaken. The risen Christ meets us here to be a “dayspring in the dimness of us.”

May Christ Easter in you!

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS & NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to Trinity United Methodist Church!
Our Mission is to Gather people to Christ, Grow people in Christ, Go in Christ and Glorify Christ.

Sunday Worship Opportunities:

- **8:45 & 11:00 AM** – Traditional services in the sanctuary, offering same sermon and music at each service.
- **11:15 AM** – CONTACT – a relaxed, informal, service in Wesley Hall featuring upbeat praise music from the CONTACT Band, children are encouraged to attend.
- **10:00 AM** – Sunday School – Ages 2 years and up.


• **NURSERY** is provided during all services and during Sunday School hours. Please see an usher for information and directions.

Interested in Membership?

Please join us the first Sunday of every month in the large parlor for “Coffee with the Pastor.” This is a time to meet the pastoral staff, ask questions and learn more about the core values and mission of Trinity. We also encourage you to attend “Membership 101” orientation prior to joining Trinity. It is offered on the second Sunday of each month. Contact Rev. Tim Tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org with questions.

- Andrew R. Wolfe – *Senior Minister*
- Suzanne Pruitt – *Minister of Christian Formation*
- David Barnhart – *Minister of Membership Care*
- Tim Tatum – *Minister of Evangelism & Young Adults*
- David Thompson – *Minister of Students*
- Buzz Barrett – *Minister of Visitation*
- Mack Chapman – *Minister of Administration*

Church: 205-879-1737
 Fax: 868-9714
 Care Line: 868-9709
 Child Development Center: 879-1749



TASTE OF TRINITY

SUNDAY / 19 APRIL 2009 / NOON TIL 2 PM

Come sample some of the best foods 40 Trinity culinarians can offer while listening to joyful music. Three acclaimed music ensembles will perform:

The Dill Pickers, The United Methodist Brass Quintet and Alabama's Dixieland Band.

Proceeds from this fund-raiser will support Trinity's Cross and Flame Youth Choir for its singing and mission tour to Colorado in June. Tickets are available at the church office (879-1737) or at the door on April 19.



TICKETS:
\$10 for Adults
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\$5 for Children Ages 4-12
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No Charge for
Ages 3 & under

In the GYM!




Trinity Children's Choir SPRING CONCERT

Sunday, April 26 at 6:00 PM

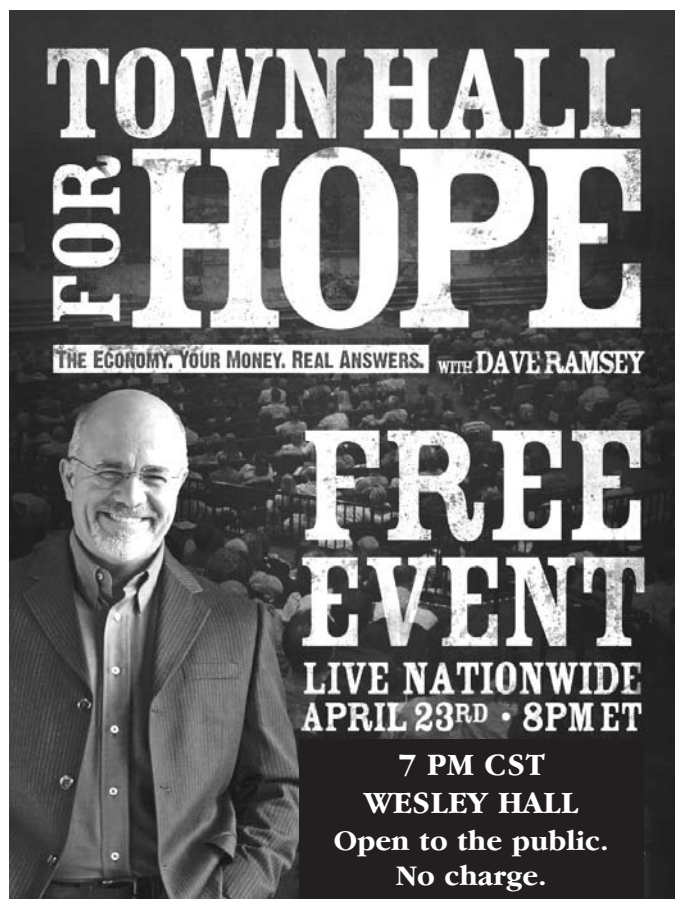
Large Sanctuary

All Choirs from three year olds through sixth graders, plus the Children's Handbells will perform. Please join us!



Convergence
wide awake
young adult retreat • may 29-31

for information, contact tim tatum at
ttatum@trinity-umc.org



TOWN HALL FOR HOPE
THE ECONOMY. YOUR MONEY. REAL ANSWERS. WITH DAVE RAMSEY
FREE EVENT
LIVE NATIONWIDE
APRIL 23RD • 8PM ET
7 PM CST
WESLEY HALL
Open to the public.
No charge.

Sunday Connections—for Young Adults
Sunday, April 19 at 10:35 AM
Large Parlor


- Have you been looking for a small group in the same stage of life as you?
- If you are a young adult and have not found a place to plug in at Trinity, we invite you to come meet several people from different Sunday morning groups.
- Join us in a casual environment for coffee and snacks as you learn about Sunday morning groups.

For more information, contact Tim Tatum at ttatum@trinity-umc.org or call 879-1737.

Baby Recognition Sunday
April 26

Trinity was blessed with an abundance of new life in 2008; and we need to celebrate God's goodness. We will have a group picture at 10:30 AM on the front steps of the church, followed by a special time during the 11:00 AM worship service to recognize these new blessings.

Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested and would like to attend, please RSVP to Lisa Elliott at lelliott@trinity-umc.org or call 879-1737.



Mama & Me

Starts Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 AM
2-year-old room in the Nursery

- For Moms and Dads!
- Very casual Bible Study group designed for stay-at-home caregivers and their children (ages newborn-school age).
- NO NURSERY, as this will be an informal study where children can play with others while watching Mom (or Dad) spend time in prayer.
- Contact: Kelley Winslett at kelleywin@yahoo.com

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ESTATE PLANNING CORNER

Stay informed on information from the Permanent Endowment Committee and watch this spot each month in *Tidings* for information regarding estate planning: you and your church.

• **Memorial Gifts**

Memorial gifts meet two important needs at once. They allow you to express your feelings at the loss of a loved one. In addition, the gift to the church helps support its ministry.

Appropriate cards are sent from the church to the bereaved family indicating that your gift was made.

• **Inheritance**

Have you received an inheritance? If so, consider giving part of it to the church in memory of the loved one who remembered you. You can make this gift now or in your estate plan.

• **Endowment Gift**

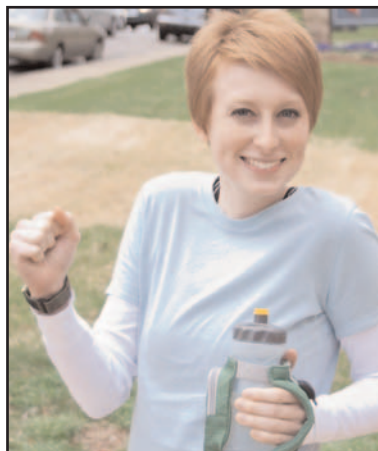
Consider making an endowment gift to the church for a scholarship fund or other memorial in the name of your family. In this manner, your family name can live on forever. Feel free to discuss with a pastor any special program or project you would like to support.

Our trustees and pastors enthusiastically support planned giving to our church. For more information, contact the the Finance Office at 879-1737 or Jack Reamey, Chair PEF.



For the last five weeks, Trinity promoted Walk/Bike/Carpool to Church Month. Every single week, we had lots of dedicated participants. We even had several walkers on the first Sunday of the event when it snowed! On the last Sunday, someone even ran six miles to worship with us!

As a church, we plan to do this every year, but we encourage you to continue throughout the year! The Social Justice Committee would like to say thanks to all of you who supported and participated in the event.



PACESETTERS NEWS

• April 15 - LUNCH BUNCH McWane Center Exhibit & Lunch at Nicki's West



Trinity United Methodist Church

You finished your taxes. Let's celebrate! Lunch Bunch to McWane

Center to see Leonardo da Vinci's exhibit, MACHINES IN MOTION. Leave the church at 8:30 AM.

• April 17 - St. Elias Maronite Catholic Church Lebanese Festival

Among the dishes that will be offered during the festival will be: baked kibbee, rolled grape leaves, spinach pies, falafel sandwiches, tabouleh, grilled Lebanese lemon chicken, hummus and pita bread. Call Amy Lewis to reserve a place on the church van. We will leave at 10 AM.

• April 23-24 - Chattanooga Experience Trip

All Aboard! We leave for our Chattanooga Experience on Thursday, April 23 at 7 AM. You will receive more information closer to the date.

• April 28 - Pacesetters Lunch

Program/Entertainment will be the "Guys and Dolls."

• May 4-6 - Senior Celebration at Camp Sumatanga

May is Older Americans Month. Join us at Sumatanga for a Celebration! \$100 includes lodging for 3 days/2 nights and 6 meals plus LOTS of activities...call Amy for more information.

To make a reservation or for more information on any older adult event, please contact Amy Lewis on Tues. - Wed. - Thurs. at 879-1737 or alewis@trinity-umc.org.

HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Sunday - April 12 *Easter Sunday*

6:30 AM Sunrise Service - WHALL
 8:45 AM Traditional Worship
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 11:15 AM CONTACT Worship
 4:15 PM Youth Handbells - Rm. 225
 5:00 PM Adult Bible Study - SP
 5:00 PM NO Cross & Flame Youth Choir
 6:00 PM NO ELEMENT
 6:30 PM Adult Handbells - MS

Monday - April 13

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 5:30 PM Finance Committee Mtg. - SDR
 6:15 PM Admin. Board Dinner - FHALL
 7:00 PM Admin. Board Mtg. - WHALL

Tuesday - April 14

6:00 AM Emmaus Reunion Group - FSR
 6:30 AM Middle School Prayer B'fast - FHALL
 8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL

Tuesday - April 14 (continued)

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS
 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - SDR

Wednesday - April 15

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 4:45 PM Wednesday Supper - FHALL
 6:00 PM Children's Choirs - Various
 6:00 PM Adult Studies - Various
 6:00 PM Trinity Book Club - LIB
 6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - MS

Thursday - April 16

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - Various
 8:00 AM Exercise Class - FHALL
 8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer
 9:15 AM Adult Studies - Various
 11:00 AM Soup & Salad - FHALL

Friday - April 17

8:30 AM Mouat Chapel Open for Prayer

CFT	Craft Room-143	LIB	Library-218	CHAPEL	Mouat Chapel
FSR	Fireside Room-145	NAT	Not at Trinity	MS	Music Suite-132
CONF	Conference Room-220	LP	Large Parlor	WHALL	Wesley Hall
SANC	Sanctuary	SP	Small Parlor-105	SDR	Small Dining Room
FHALL	Fellowship Hall		The Haven Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 13 at 7 PM • Wesley Hall
 Dinner at 6:15 PM • Fellowship Hall

Join us for Wednesday Night Supper

April 15

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Caesar Salad,
 Garlic Toast & Cookie

KIDS MENU: Pizza, Fruit & Cookie

\$5.00 per person / \$2.50 children (9 and under)

\$2.50 Salad Bar only option

\$20.00 Family Maximum (for immediate family only)

Make a reservation online at trinitybirmingham.com

Fellowship Hall • 4:45-6:15 PM

NOTE: The last Wednesday Night Supper
 before summer break will be served on April 29.

IN THE HOSPITAL

UAB: Melba Kane

IN MEMORIAM

Jo Lightfoot March 31

The Trinity Family extends love and sympathy:

- to friends and family of **Jo Lightfoot** who died on March 31.
- to **Jennifer Hauser Bisig** on the death of her father, Paul Hauser, on April 1.

CONGRATULATIONS

- to **Hunter and Tom Chapman** on the birth of their son, Robert Sims Chapman, on March 23.
- to **Laura Leigh and Brandon Etheridge** on the birth of their son, Brandon Price Etheridge, on April 1.

TREASURER'S REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT: Ending March 31, 2009

Quarter to Date Revenue	\$626,813
Average Needs to Date	\$691,307
Balance/(Shortage)	\$(64,494)



Gifts this quarter	\$148,222
Gifts to date	\$3,947,758

Lenten Offering to Date: \$4,792



WiFi is available on
 the first floor for
 your use.

TAKE NOTE...

Birmingham Hospitality Network (BHN)

Trinity has hosted three homeless families this past week. Thanks to all the volunteers who shared Christ's love and hospitality with our guests. This ministry wouldn't be possible without you!

BHN fundraiser info:

The two previously mentioned fundraisers, the China Sale and the Host Churches Auction have been combined into one big fund raiser! Mark your calendars now for **July 23**. B&A Warehouse will host the event, where those who attend can visit with members of other congregations which participate and enjoy a silent and a live auction. Tickets will go on sale soon...

Currently we are collecting donations – new or nearly new china & crystal (no chips), a beach house for the weekend, artwork, dessert-a-month for 6 months, etc. Contact Kirk & Suzanne Mills (943-9234), Joyce Kent (874-1231), Gretta Hogg (591-4644) or Mark Grauel (981-7481).

Nursery Volunteers

SUNDAY, April 12

Lyndsey Booker, Elizabeth Weaver, Kim Hoover,
Wendy Wisdom, Laura Berry, Morgan Berry

***Extra hands are needed for Easter Sunday.
Please drop in to help!***

You may volunteer by stopping by the nursery on first floor to sign up or email Kim Skelton at nurseryvolunteers@trinity-umc.org, or 879-1737.

The Church of the Reconciler will host “Banquet of the Wide Open Door” on Saturday, April 25.

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Jeremiah Castille

Vestavia Hills United Methodist Church will host the event.
Silent auction will begin at 5:30 PM, followed dinner at 6:30 PM.
Entertainment will be provided by

The Dill Pickers, UAB Brass and Our Lady of the Valley Choir.
This is the MAJOR annual fund raising event for COR and very worthy of your support. Tickets are \$150 per plate contribution, please contact Ken Stalnak at kstalnak@bellsouth.net.

Log on for this week's issue of Tidings: www.trinitybirmingham.com/news/tidings

If you would like to stop receiving your mailed copy, please contact Lisa Elliott at 879-1737 or email lelliott@trinity-umc.org.

Called to Pray

The Mouat Chapel will be open for prayer on weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Prayer request forms can be found on the last pew. Enter silently, pray quietly and stay as long as you like.

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,
Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a
solitary place, where he prayed. – Mark 1:35*

Sounds of Sumatanga

April 18 from 11 AM - 5 PM

Adults, teens, children and families!

Bring your lawn chair and come to the lake at Camp Sumatanga for a relaxing day of music, fellowship, food and fun! Youth and children will have activities and arts and crafts.

\$5.00 Admission - Children under 4 free

All proceeds go to Camp Sumatanga.

PARKING NOTICE:

Please do not block the TUMC dumpster areas or any areas that are marked as NO Parking zones. Also, please note that the small parking lot is reserved for Handicap, elderly and families with small children on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings.

Habitat House Dedication

Friday, April 10 at 4 PM



Trinity has partnered with Habitat for Humanity and several other churches to build a house in a project called Building On Faith. Built and completed during Lent, the house will be dedicated on Good Friday, April 10, at 4 PM. You are invited to share the joy of this event, which will include a litany reading and the presentation of the hammer, Bible and keys to

Christalan Douglas! The address is 2505 19th Street, Homewood, AL 35209 (One block from the Lee Community Center).



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NEEDED ITEMS: Twin size sheet sets and blankets are needed for this ministry. Please leave the items in the church office.



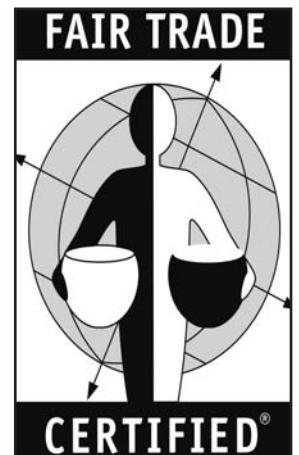
Parents CHECK IT OUT!

Parent Link, an online monthly newsletter with inspiration and information for parents, is now available on the church web site: www.trinitybirmingham.com.

*"Thanks for this insightful, timely piece.
I appreciated the movie reviews."*

FAIR TRADE COFFEE AVAILABLE!

A Fair Trade Coffee Table with information about our upcoming mission trips will be set up in the 2nd floor common area after the 8:45 worship service. Proceeds from coffee sales will go to our mission trips. Come learn more about fair trade and support our outreach efforts!



Sundays: WORSHIP 8:45, 11:00 & 11:15 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM • YOUTH ACTIVITIES 6:00 PM

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