



## EASTER SUNDAY

### *March 27*



#### SUNRISE SERVICE

6:30 AM

*Homewood Park*

(Rain: Wesley Hall)

Led by Trinity's Youth

#### SANCTUARY WORSHIP

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

*Sanctuary*

Led by Rev. Brian Erickson  
with Trinity Choirs and Orchestra

#### CONTACT WORSHIP

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

*Wesley Hall*

Led by Rev. Nathan Carden  
with the CONTACT Band

#### OAKMONT WORSHIP

8:30 & 9:45 Contemporary

11:00 AM Traditional

*Oakmont Sanctuary*

Led by Rev. Jack Hinnen  
with the Oakmont Choir and Contemporary Team



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### *Maundy Thursday*

**MARCH 24**

SERVICE OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
6:30 PM - Sanctuary

### *Good Friday*

**MARCH 25**

WAY OF THE CROSS  
PROCESSIONAL  
2:00 PM - Homewood Central Park

SERVICE OF DARKNESS  
6:30 PM - Sanctuary  
Scripture, prayers, liturgy and  
special music by the  
Sanctuary Choir and  
Trinity Orchestra.



**SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

**OXMOOR CAMPUS**

**TRADITIONAL WORSHIP**

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM - Sanctuary  
 Rev. Brian Erickson

**CONTACT WORSHIP**

8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM - Wesley Hall  
 Rev. Nathan Carden

**SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR 10:00 AM**

**OAKMONT CAMPUS**

8:30 AM - Contemporary Service  
 9:45 AM - Contemporary Service  
 11:00 AM - Traditional Service  
 Rev. Jack Hinnen

**PROJECT SERVE 10:45 AM**

**ON CALL LINE | 205-538-3682**

**MARCH 20 - ATTENDANCE**

- 1,251 • Traditional services
- 466 • Contact services
- 260 • Oakmont services
- 163 • Nursery total
- 853 • Sunday School total

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

**PERSONAL WORD**

It's always interesting to me that people show up to Easter morning having not heard the rest of the story. It's something like walking in on the end of a movie's resolving scene, expecting to know what the movie is about, or flipping to the end of the novel, thinking that the last page is all that matters. To understand the joy of this coming Sunday, you have to have walked with Christ the days leading up to it.

The oldest of the four gospels, Mark, uses almost a third of its real estate dealing with the final seven days of Jesus' life. Of all the stories that survived about Jesus, of all the details his followers passed on from one generation to the next, it is the story of his last week on earth that is the most often told. As a result, I think there is a correlation between the way we walk in this Holy Week and what we will experience on Easter morning. It's fine to show up in your Sunday best to the empty tomb next weekend, we will welcome you and save you a seat even if you've not been her since last year, but as you look around, you'll notice that it's only the ones who saw the tomb occupied who seem to fully appreciate the magnitude of the party.

So whatever it looks like for you, I invite you to walk with Him this week. Monday through Wednesday, we will offer a brief worship service in the sanctuary at noon followed by a fellowship meal. On Thursday at 6:30 pm, in the sanctuary at Trinity-Oxmoor, we will mark Maundy Thursday with a service of Holy Communion and a ser-

mon from Nathan. On Friday, we will join in the Community Way of the Cross beginning from the Homewood Central Park at 2 pm, and conclude the day with one of our most powerful services of the year, Good Friday, beginning at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary, led by our wonderful Sanctuary choir.

And then on Sunday, having walked the way of His suffering; having broken the bread of life with Him around the table; having watched Him arrested, beaten, and betrayed; you will better understand why Easter means we must pull out all the stops. For He is risen. And at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00, at both our Oxmoor and West Homewood campuses, we will be sharing the news.

On a personal note, I can't tell you all how much I appreciate the cards, emails, and prayers. I feel grateful and sore, and every day, the gratitude wins more ground from the soreness. But is also feels fitting, that on the week we remember His suffering, to be more acutely aware of my own mortality. I am planning on preaching Easter morning, and I've been hoping that my voice would be 100% by then. But to tell the truth, whether or not my voice works doesn't so much matter. Even if I have to shout my whisper, I've never been more ready to preach the resurrection.

Let's walk with Him this week.

See you (before and on) Sunday.

Brian

**WELCOME TO TRINITY**

Our mission is to *Gather* people to Christ, *Grow* people in Christ, *Go* to serve Christ in the world and *Glorify* Christ.

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

- |                 |  |                    |                            |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|----------------------------|
| -Brian Erickson | Senior Minister                              | -Bobby Scales      | Minister of Pastoral Care  |
| -Nathan Carden  | Minister of Contact Worship and Young Adults | -Reid Crotty       | Minister of Pastoral Care  |
| -Suzanne Pruitt | Minister of Christian Formation              | -David Thompson    | Minister of Family & Youth |
| -Jack Hinnen    | Minister of Oakmont Campus                   | -Robert Sturdivant | Minister of Students       |

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# EASTER AT TRINITY

## PARKING AND SHUTTLE

For your convenience, a SHUTTLE VAN SERVICE will be available on Easter Sunday from Homewood Central Park from 8:00 AM - 12:15 PM.

Trinity Members: Please consider using this shuttle service, or consider parking off site in nearby neighborhoods to allow for more parking in our lots for our Easter guests.

## *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 at both campuses will participate in the annual butterfly release on the front lawns at 10 AM during the Sunday School hour.

## *Prayer Garden*

There will be many locations on Easter Sunday for family photo opportunities, one of which is our Prayer Garden. Please remind children that this is a sacred space. If needed, please use the handicap ramp available out of Room 111 and/or use the handrails on the steps when entering the prayer garden for safety purposes.



**STEEPLE TO STEEPLE 5K**

TRINITY METHODIST TO CANTERBURY METHODIST  
**APRIL 23, 2016 8AM**  
5K RUN • KIDS FUN RUN • POST-RACE PARTY

SUPPORTING  
UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

To register:  
**[www.steeple2steeple.com](http://www.steeple2steeple.com)**

\$35 until 3/31 (will increase in April)

Questions? Contact Kristan at [kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:kwalker@trinitybirmingham.com)

## 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 office or drop your check in the offering plate at any time during Lent. Please mark your check *Lenten Offering*.



## Easter Services

**8:30 am** Contemporary Worship

**9:45 am** Contemporary Worship

**11:00 am** Traditional Worship

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### **LIFE GROUP Signups going on now!**

Life groups are intentional small groups that meet at different times of the week but can follow a church-wide curriculum that will always coordinate with what the church is doing on Sundays.

This isn't just Sunday school – this is “Sunday life” in other times and other places than Sunday morning.

If you are interested in joining a group, please visit:

[www.trinitybirmingham.com/life-groups/](http://www.trinitybirmingham.com/life-groups/)

For more details, contact Jeremiah Toole at [jtoole@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:jtoole@trinitybirmingham.com).

## TRINITY WEST HOMEWOOD UPDATE

They grow up so fast. At least, that's what everyone tells me while my nineteen month old daughter smiles at them as she colors on something important with a permanent marker.

You know, Lent has gone by quickly too and not without a few sneaky changes to my life. February 14th we relaunched Trinity West Homewood. Since then, we've baptized three and had seven join the church. It seems only appropriate that we make the most of the “short” time we have before Easter and the “long” amount of time that will go by quickly in these coming years. It has been a busy season in preparation for Easter. In Luke 22 Jesus directs the Disciples to spend a good bit of time preparing for the meal that will be his last before his passion and resurrection.

My daughter may be undergoing some pretty dramatic growth, but so is the Oakmont Campus. I have been blessed to hear how something as simple as a road sign brought someone to church and they've felt God's presence in their lives. I've heard stories of how people thought they were done with God and church and have found new excitement to make a difference in their community. I've heard about youth being excited about coming to church and engaging in worship. I've heard from ministers in Alabama and the Southeast about how they hope for the same transformation in their own communities of faith. It does not seem that long ago – when we gave ourselves, our church, and our future to God to bring resurrection in a world that needs it so badly. But it really was not that long ago. God is just moving quicker than I thought God would! Ready or not, Jesus is going to the cross and the grave and then resurrecting in a miraculous show of life that can't slow down. Easter is, after all, on the way.

Easter services at Trinity West Homewood will be at 8:30 am, 9:45 am, and 11:00 am. The two earlier services will be contemporary and the 11:00 am will be traditional. I hope you'll join us. After all, they grow up so fast.

Blessings, 

*Rev. Jack Hinnen*



**Make A Joyful Noise!**  
Camp Sumatanga April 8-10, 2016

Family Retreat weekend at Camp Sumatanga!  
Speaker is our own Brian Erickson  
and music by Trinity's own Norton Dill!

This weekend is for ALL ages and life stages...  
a chance to retreat away from everyday life!

Reserve your space now at  
[www.highlandsumc.net/celebrate](http://www.highlandsumc.net/celebrate)

## KIDS SUMMER CAMPS, VBS & ACTIVITIES

**Register Today!**

[www.trinitybirmingham.com/  
kids/summer-programs](http://www.trinitybirmingham.com/kids/summer-programs)

Log on for a list of summer camps,  
dates and registration forms.

Questions?

Contact Eleanor Christiansen at  
[echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:echristiansen@trinitybirmingham.com)



**TRINITYKIDS**  
**Ministry**

Here is what is happening at Element this week:

### **THIS SUNDAY - EASTER AT TRINITY**

We hope you and your family will join us for Easter on Sunday, March 27. Between our two campuses, there will be 10 worship services (8:30 am, 9:45 am, 11:00 am), including our Sunrise Service, which will be at Homewood Central Park at 6:30 am (Wesley Hall if raining). This service is led and organized by our high school seniors, so I hope you and your family will especially join us for this service. Brunch will follow.

**Element will NOT meet this Sunday evening.**

### WEEKLY MINISTRIES:

**Element Cafe** - Every Tuesday and Thursday, 3-5:30 pm. \$1 donation at the door.

**FUSION Bible Study Small Groups** - FUSION Bible Study Small groups will meet this week! If your student loved the small group experience of Discovery Weekend, then they will love our FUSION Bible study small groups. For more information on how to get involved, email Kate McKnight at [kmcknight@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:kmcknight@trinitybirmingham.com).

### MISSION TRIPS:

**Panama International Mission Trip** - As of now, Panama 2016 Trip is FULL. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list, email Robert at [rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com).

**SOS 2016 - Leaders Needed!** Parents, are you interested in joining us this summer at SOS? Make sure to sign up via the link below or contact Robert at [rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:rsturdivant@trinitybirmingham.com). Students - we only have 12 spots remaining! This summer's dates are July 10-16, 2016. To register, please go to: <http://elementstudentministry.com/sos/> to secure your/your student's spot. These spots will be gone soon!

**Urban Ministry Middle School Mission Trip** - This year's trip will be June 26-July 1 with limited space! We are excited to be partnering with a Birmingham Ministry this summer and staying in the West End community of Birmingham throughout the week while doing painting and minor home repair. This trip is open to any middle school student, and high school students are welcome to be leaders! The cost is \$290, including a \$100 registration fee.

To register, go to <http://elementstudentministry.com/clean/middleschoolmissiontrip/>. As always, we do have scholarships because never want cost to be a deterring factor. If you have any questions, please contact Tori Tenniswood at [tenniswood@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:tenniswood@trinitybirmingham.com).

Blessings!

Robert Sturdivant  
Pastor of Student Ministry

## PACESETTERS

### MARCH 29 - PACESETTERS LUNCHEON

World traveler and adventurer returns to share another entertaining presentation for our Pacesetter Lunch. The title is "Leprechauns, Shamrocks, and Danny Boy: We Must Be In Ireland!" It combines the St Patrick's Day celebration in March with a travelogue around the Emerald Isle. Lunch is served at 12 Noon. Cost \$6.

### APRIL 8 - SAMFORD MUSIC EVENT

Tribute to Hovie Lister and The Statesmen Quartet at Samford's Wright Theater, 7 PM. TICKETS still available for \$22.50.

### APRIL 20 - ATLANTA DAY TRIP

Day trip to Atlanta for a tour of the exotic and beautiful BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir (Hindu Temple). Lunch will be at the fascinating Dekalb County International Market. No cost for the tour. You pay for your lunch and transportation.

Contact Amy Lewis for reservations. 879-1737 or alewis@trinitybirmingham.com

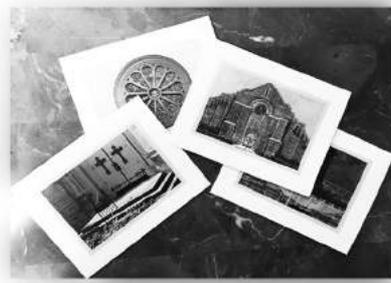


Trinity Seniors enjoyed a recent tour of the Bud's Best Cookie factory here in Birmingham.

## UMW Update...

### Coming in April! UMW Notecards

The new UMW Notecards are here and will be available for purchase Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings in April. Each package contains 8 notecards depicting 4 iconic Trinity UMC images. The notecard package will sell for \$12 each with proceeds benefiting UMW supported agencies. Notecards are also for sale in the church office and correct change or checks made to Trinity UMW are appreciated.



### Save those canning jars...

There will be a church-wide Canning Jar Drive for the Upper Sand Mountain Parish during the month of April. Stay tuned for more details including collection dates and locations.

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



### LISTEN TO SERMONS ONLINE

Weekly sermons from both traditional and Contact worship services are available on the church website at:  
[www.trinitybirmingham.com/worship/sermons/](http://www.trinitybirmingham.com/worship/sermons/)

# NEXT STEPS

*A new track for our guests and new members held every Sunday at 10 AM in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Join us!*

### EVERY 1ST SUNDAY of the Month

**MEET** | Enjoy coffee in a casual setting with the pastoral & program staff.  
10 AM, Fellowship Hall

### EVERY 2ND SUNDAY of the Month

**BELIEF** | Enjoy a discussion to remember your baptism, learn about infant baptism, or explore adult profession of faith. We will also discuss communion and the sacraments of our faith.  
10 AM, Fellowship Hall

### EVERY 3RD SUNDAY of the Month

**HISTORY** | Learn about the history of Christianity and the roots and formation of the United Methodist Church.  
10 AM, Fellowship Hall

### EVERY 4TH SUNDAY of the Month

**BELONG** | Hear from staff and lay ministers on the membership vows and how to find your very own place of ministry at Trinity.  
10 AM, Fellowship Hall

### EVERY 5TH SUNDAY of the Month\*

**TOUR** | Join a Trinity member and others for an informational tour around the church campus.  
10 AM, Fellowship Hall \* *Only held during months when 5 Sundays occur.*

We would love for you to join us. if you have questions, please contact Shelley Brockwell at 879-1737 or sbrockwell@trinitybirmingham.com.

*Please Note:*

- June – Next Steps meets in Large Parlor
- December – Next Steps does not meet

## HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS THIS WEEK

### Easter Sunday - March 27

6:30 AM Sunrise Service - HWD Park  
 8:30 AM Traditional Worship - SANC  
 9:45 AM Traditional Worship - SANC  
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship - SANC  
 8:30 AM Contact Worship - WHALL  
 9:45 AM Contact Worship - WHALL  
 11:00 AM Contact Worship - WHALL  
 10:00 AM Sunday School - various  
 10:00 AM Next Steps - FHALL

### Monday - March 28

12:00 PM Senior Adult Activities  
 6:00 PM TCDC Board Mtg. - CONF

### Tuesday - March 29

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various  
 10:00 AM Trinity Singers - MS  
 11:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch - SDR  
 12:00 PM Pacesetters Lunch - FHALL  
 6:00 PM Young Adults (30's) - SDR  
 6:30 PM Young Adults (20's) - NAT

### Wednesday - March 30

9:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various  
 9:00 AM Yoga - Rm. 304  
 4:30 PM NO Wednesday Supper  
 5:00 PM Trinity Studio - CFT  
 6:45 PM Sanctuary Choir Practice - MS  
 7:00 PM Contact Music Practice - WHALL

### Thursday - March 31

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various  
 9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT  
 9:15 AM Small Group Studies - various  
 11:00 AM Senior Adult Lunch - SDR

### Friday - April 1

8:00 AM Senior Adult Activities - various  
 9:00 AM Trinity Studio - CFT

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	HAVEN	Youth Auditorium	FLC	Family Life Center

## IN THE HOSPITAL

### BROOKWOOD

Juliana Mills

## CONGRATULATIONS

• to **Glenn and Lauren Elliott** on the birth of their daughter, Emma Katherine Elliott, on March 15. Proud grandparents are **Mark and Lisa Elliott** and proud great-grandmother is **Susie Elliott**.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 20, 2016

### GENERAL BUDGET:

Month to date revenue	\$291,120
Monthly needs to date	\$249,126
Balance/shortage	\$41,994

Capital Giving this month	\$6,298
Capital Giving year to date	\$23,878

Balance owed on Debt / Prayer Garden	\$276,000
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### Note from the Treasurer:

Questions about church finances, income or expense? If you wonder how funds are received or expensed, the financial books of Trinity are open to any member. Contact Laura Ellis at 879-1737, [lellis@trinitybirmingham.com](mailto:lellis@trinitybirmingham.com).

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## FAMILY PROMISE TRINITY HOST

During Easter Week (3/27 - 4/1) we will be hosting homeless families, through our relationship with Family Promise of Birmingham. Contact Laura McCain if you would like to volunteer to help at [lamccain@bellsouth.net](mailto:lamccain@bellsouth.net).

# MOMentum

This small group for moms with kids of all ages meets the  
 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

10-11:30 AM, Room 111

Childcare provided in the nursery at no cost.

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**Thursday, April 14:** Dawn Wolfe will join us to discuss parenting.

**Thursday, April 28:** Rev. Suzanne Pruitt will lead us in a discussion on how to pray for our children.



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**SUNDAYS at Trinity** | **OXMOOR CAMPUS:** Worship 8:45 & 11:00 AM • Sunday School 10:00 AM • Youth Activities 6:00 PM  
**OAKMONT CAMPUS:** Worship 9:30 & 11:00 AM • Project Serve 10:45 AM

**Oxmoor Campus:** 1400 Oxmoor Road, Homewood • 205.879.1737 | **Oakmont Campus:** 914 Oakgrove Road, Homewood • 205.942.4622

[www.trinitybirmingham.com](http://www.trinitybirmingham.com)

# Wednesday Supper



4:30-6:00 pm  
fellowship hall

- \$20.00 Family Maximum** (or)
- \$6.00 per adult
  - \$3.00 per child (9 and under)
  - \$5.00 per senior adult
  - \$5.00 Salad Bar option

Please join us for a delicious meal and Christian fellowship! Dinner will include a featured entrée (listed below), sides, bread and desert.

**March 23**  
 Adults – Teriyaki Glazed Chicken  
 Kids – Sweet and Sour Chicken

**March 30**  
 NO SUPPER / SPRING BREAK Week



## HOW CAN YOU SERVE THIS WEEK?

Check out WEEKLY CONNECT for ways that you can plug in to ministry today... simple sign-ups available now.

Log on to: <http://bit.ly/TUMCvolunteer>