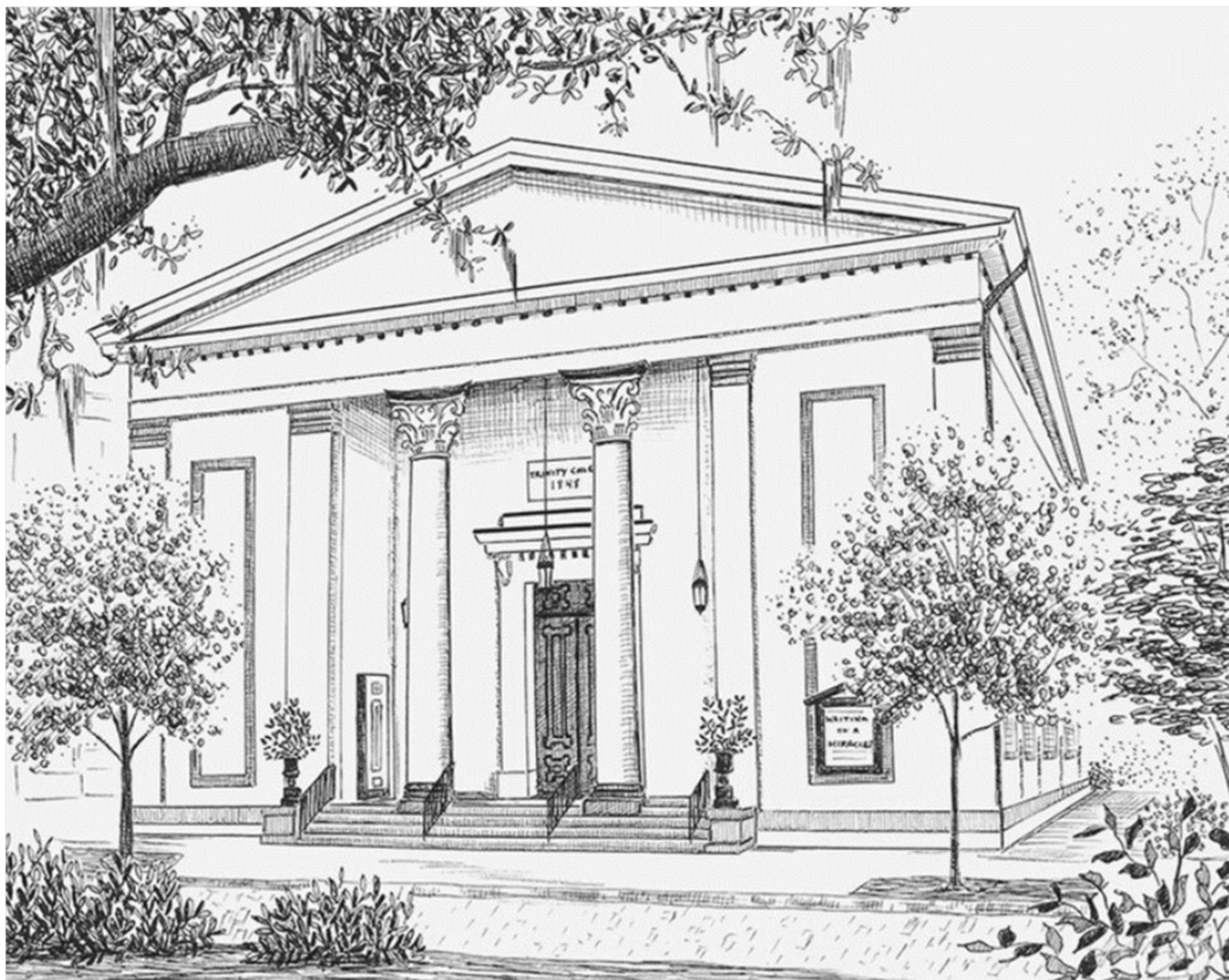


TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mother Church of Savannah Methodism



ASCENSION SUNDAY

THE 17TH DAY OF MAY TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX
ELEVEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

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MORNING WORSHIP

May 17, 2026 . 11:00AM

Prelude

Dr. Jared Register

Welcome

Please register your attendance on a pew card or use this QR code.



Chiming of the Hour

† At the sound of the chimes, please prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

Choral Introit

Trinity Sanctuary Choir

*Call to Worship

Bee Smith

*Leader: Easter people, we have been appointed!
We're the first to hear and see. We are the witnesses!*

**All: We are blessed beyond blessed to know life raised from the grave,
and human love drawn up to heaven.**

The Father has sent what was promised.

Show what is heart-changing on your blocks, in your neighborhoods, and to the ends of the earth.

**Wherever we go, we will share Christ's life with others with words from our mouths,
and by love through the Holy Spirit within us.**

Now, let us worship!

*Processional Hymn (No. 73)

O Worship the King

Tune: LYONS



O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the
The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, thy
Thy boun - ti - ful care, what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the
Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in thee do we



sing God's power_ and God's love; our Shield and De - fend - er, the
light, whose can - o - py space, whose char - iots of wrath the deep
power hath found - ed of old; hath stab - lished it fast by a
air, it shines_ in the light; it streams from the hills, it de -
trust, not find_ thee to fail; thy mer - cies how ten - der, how



An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
thun - der-clouds form, and dark is God's path on the wings_ of the storm.
change-less de - cree, and round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
scends to the plain, and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew_ and the rain.
firm to the end, our Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend.

*Affirmation of Faith (said by all)

Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden

I believe in God, the source of Light;

And in Jesus Christ, the beloved Son, who was carried up to heaven, revealing the Light.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see, our ears to hear, and our hearts to be transformed.

I feel the glory of the Lord, and believe that life and the world can be transcended from ordinary into holy. Amen.

*Gloria Patri (No. 71)

Tune: GREATORIX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning is
 now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men. A - men.

*Passing of the Peace
 Children's Moment

Dawn Wilson
 Director of Children's Ministries



Morning Prayer

Dr. Gosden

The Lord's Prayer (*prayed by all*)

*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, and the power,
 and the glory forever. Amen.*

*Hymn (No. 157)

Jesus Shall Reign

Tune: DUKE STREET

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 To Je - sus end - less prayer be made, and end - less
 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns; all pris - oners
 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - or pe -
 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom spread from
 prais - es crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap and loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with
 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 - fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 - ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men!

*Scripture Reading

Luke 24 : 44 - 53

Bee Smith

Choral Anthem

Trinity Sanctuary Choir
 Dr. Jared Register, Director

Sermon

Dr. Gosden

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*Doxology (No. 94)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the
 Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Closing Hymn (No. 327)

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Tune: DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly
 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious
 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways, from pole to pole, that
 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet vis - i -
 an - them_drowns all mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and sing of
 in the__ strife for those he came to save. His glo - ries now we sing, who
 wars may__ cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and
 ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied. All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For
 him who died for thee, and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 died, and rose on high, who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 round his pierc - ed feet fairflowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thou hast died for me; thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through out e - ter - ni - ty.

*Benediction

Dr. Gosden

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Alex Beauregard
 in memory of my twin sister, Abby Talley, on our birthday.*

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Opportunities for Caring & Healing

Prayer List - Soon-ok Borden, Young Kim & family, Darrell Register, Chuck Fonner, Jeanmarie Collins & family, Kathy Bailey, Anne Rambo, Amy Oliver, David Grice, Frances Richadson, Barry Helmey, Ralph & Vermelle Bailey, Clyde Parker, Addam Wood, Mike Cutlip, Duane Heefner, Harvey Jones, Linda Wing, Gloria Borello, Dan Noble, Richard Grice, Hubert Baker, Nicky Olubajo.

From our Albany congregation: Curt Poer, Archer Seely-Wilson, all who are serving in our nation's armed forces.

Care Ministry - A ministry with opportunities to provide care for each other through prayer circle, card writing, home communion, bereavement meals, and financial peace. Contact ccm@trinity1848.org for more information.

Stephen Ministry - A ministry in which trained and supervised lay people provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges. If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, email stephen@trinity1848.org, or contact Pastor Ben Gosden.

Recovery is Real - A team of Trinity members who understand addiction and recovery. We can offer an informed, compassionate and confidential response if you or a loved one is struggling. Contact: Carol Pine at pineandpartners@gmail.com or 651.291.7236.

Opportunities to Serve

Backpack Buddies - Trinity Church serves our partner school (Gadsden E.S.) to supply weekend food for at-risk students. Pre-packaged, ready-to-eat food items or monetary donations are collected year-round for this ministry. Contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org for more information, or to volunteer for weekly deliveries.

Justice Unites Savannah Together (JUST) - is an interfaith, interracial coalition of 25+ local congregations advocating for justice in Savannah-Chatham County. For more information, contact Trinity Church/JUST liaison Connie Boole at cboole58@gmail.com or 912.210.1583.

SquareOne - an opportunity to serve our neighbors with Christ's radical hospitality and relationship in the squares of downtown Savannah. For more information contact Cale Hall at cale@trinity1848.org.

Sunday Breakfast Mission - an opportunity to partner with the Lutheran Church of the Ascension to serve our neighbors with hospitality, relationship and *breakfast*. We assemble and deploy breakfast teams every other month. Watch the bulletin and the weekly newsletter for teams sign-ups for the next event.

Stitch-A-Hug - an opportunity to use or learn new knitting/crochet skills in preparation for Christmas Breakfast 2026. For more info contact Tiffani Waters: watersoystershack@gmail.com.

Altar Flowers - You are invited to sponsor our altar flowers for Sunday worship. Sponsorships are \$80 and can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one or special occasion. Scan this QR code or contact Lacy Wilson.



United Women in Faith - All women are invited to the mission of Trinity UWF! Potluck lunch meetings are the 2nd Sunday of each month in Fellowship Hall following worship. Contact Dewilla Hooper at dewillahooper@yahoo.com for details.

Opportunities to Learn & Grow

TrinityKids - Trinity Kids is our ministry with children. Children aged 0-2 are welcome in our nursery on the 2nd floor. Children aged 2-up are welcome to join our children's Sunday Small Group at 11am featuring curriculum-based music, motion, and learning. Please contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org with any questions or other interest in Trinity Kids.

TrinityKids Choir - 2nd through 8th graders are invited to participate. Rehearsals are held in the 2nd floor music suite on Sunday mornings at 9:45am (*during the school year*). Schedule and opportunities to sing in worship set seasonally. Contact Dawn Wilson at dawn@trinity1848.org for more information.

Trinity UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) - 6th thru 12th grade youth are invited to join us in the 3rd Floor Youth Lounge, Sundays at 9:45am, to hang, chat, learn and grow! Contact Youth Coordinator Ava Pickens at ava@trinity1848.org for more info.

Upper Room Small Group - An ongoing study group that meets on Zoom, Sundays at 10am, led by Mark Jackovich. If you would like to join this group, please email Mark at jackovich@bellsouth.net.

Smith Small Group - We meet in-person on Sundays at 9:45am, room #317. We question, discuss and learn from one another as we study topics of faith and discipleship. Contact Linda Smith at lsmith629@comcast.net for more information.

Doin' Justice - An adult class that meets in room #316, to study & discuss acts of justice. Currently we are viewing clips of the documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story of the Deep North*. Drop in & join us any Sunday. Contact Connie Boole (cboole58@gmail.com or 912.210.1583) or Peggy Hilleary (p_hilleary@yahoo.com or 404.449.1170) to learn more about this small group.

Young-ER Adults - Our newest adult small group, aimed toward the 30-50 crowd, designed to build a community of adults in the middle of life's busy schedule. Find us on Sunday mornings at 9:45am in room #315. Contact Bee Smith (brittany.l.smith17@gmail.com) or Mark Waters (marksfps@gmail.com) for more details.



Opportunities to Connect

Coffee & Community - Coffee, donuts and a community of friends in the Hospitality Parlor (*behind the Sanctuary*), from 10:00-11:00am. Join us!

Band of Mothers - We are a group of moms, sharing life at all its ages and stages. We meet the 3rd Sunday of each month, room #317, following morning worship. Please text Jessica Hensley with any questions at 912.596.1159.

Telfair Squares - We are a group of active older adults who gather for lunch and a great time of fellowship the 4th Thursday of each month. Contact Wayne Ervin at 912.346.5895 or waynedervin67@gmail.com for more info or to RSVP. May location: Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen | 1425 Benton Blvd, Pooler GA.

Ladies Out to Lunch - Join us every 2nd Thursday of the month at 11:30am for food, fun and friendship. RSVP: Mary Ann Traver at 912.604.0956 or cwtmat@coastalnow.net or Judy DeShea at judydeshea@gmail.com. May location: Western Sizzlin | 230 US-80, Pooler GA.

Graduation Sunday 2026

Today we recognize our Trinity Church graduates, their effort and achievement, and wish them the best as they continue on with the knowledge and wisdom found through their education.



Joe Harvey

Graduating from Savannah Christian Preparatory School, Joe will be going to Georgia College & State University



B. J. Washington

Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education, University of Georgia



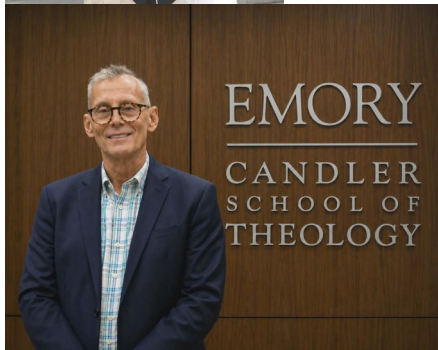
Julia Hensley

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Motion Media Design, Savannah College of Art And Design



Leslie Anne Bonner

Bachelor of Science in Education Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders, University of Georgia



Cale Robert Hall

Doctor of Ministry from Candler School of Theology at Emory University

Trinity Church Council Meeting

One of the agenda items at today's Church Council meeting will be officially voting to make the Albany Home Church a campus of Trinity Church. They have functioned as such for the last 3+ years but we need to make this official for the conference. Please see the resolution we will vote on below:

*Whereas, the district superintendent has authorized Trinity United Methodist Church to sponsor a satellite congregation; and
Whereas, the district board of church location and building has authorized the sponsoring of said satellite congregation; and
Whereas, both authorizations required under ¶ 247.22 of the Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (2020/2024) are in place;
Therefore, be it moved that the charge conference of Trinity United Methodist Church provide for the sponsoring of a satellite congregation to be known as Trinity Albany Home Church, in accordance with ¶ 247.22 of The Book of Discipline.*

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Scott Hagan, has authorized our senior pastor, Rev. Dr. Ben Gosden to preside over this charge conference item at our meeting held at noon today.

Band of Mothers

Our monthly meetings are coming to an end for the Spring semester with a special gathering at 5:00 PM on **Sunday, May 17**. Want to learn more? Reach out to Jessica Hensley at 912-596-1159 with any questions. At Band of Mothers, you'll find friendship and laughter while you socialize, process, learn, and grow together. Mothers of all kinds are welcome to join our group at any time!

Savannah Community Group

Do you seek deeper joy and meaningful connection? As an urban church with a broad geographical membership, we want to bring Adult small groups "closer to home" for you! Our first opportunity is at the Ardsley Park home of Kelly Styles and Barry Welker on **Thursday, May 21** for the first Savannah Community Group at 5:30 PM. All stages of life are welcome! RSVP for this event with the form here. We hope to offer similar groups soon that meet regularly in Effingham, Pooler, Richmond Hill, and the islands. Contact Amy Utley at amy@trinity1848.org for info or to volunteer.



Lunch & Learn Seminar

The May Lunch & Learn Discipleship Seminar will be on **Sunday, May 24** from 12:15 to 1:00 PM. Join us to discover the sacred spiritual balance of Creation and Creativity, consider a Hebrew understanding of environment-alism, hear about Trinity's new Creation Care ministry, and explore ideas for a SING (Spirituality in Nature gathering). Seminars end promptly at 1:00 PM so you can eat with us, or go get lunch elsewhere after the event. Everyone is welcome to attend! Registration is required if you wish to order a boxed lunch or reserve childcare. Walk-ins are welcome if you want to join last minute or bring a friend. For more details, contact Amy Utley at amy@trinity1848.org.



Telfair Squares

All are invited to attend the Telfair Squares luncheon at 11:30 AM on **Thursday, May 28** at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen, 1425 Benton Blvd, Pooler, GA 31322 . This lunch group of active older adults gathers for food and fellowship on the 4th Thursday of every month. For more information or to RSVP for the next event, contact Wayne Ervin at waynedervin67@gmail.com or 912-346-5895.

Reading Rainbow Book Club

This summer we will start a Book Club - "Reading Rainbow!" We will meet in hybrid format the last week of each month to discuss our monthly book that we will have read independently, and all are welcome. Our June book will be: Wesleyan Vile-tality: Reclaiming the Heart of Methodist Identity by Ashley Boggan, and you can purchase it at the link here. Please join us for a lively discussion of this timely book on **Thursday, June 25 @ 7pm** via Zoom. For more details, contact Amy Utley at amy@trinity1848.org.



VBS 2026 Is On June 15-18: Child Registration Is Open!

This year we will again partner with Isle of Hope UMC for a "Snowball Mountain Challenge" VBS from 9 AM - 12 PM on **Monday-Thursday June 15-18**. Kids will embark on a high-energy journey filled with fun games, activities, and lessons as they explore how to grow in their faith and face challenges with courage. Registration is \$20 per attendee; register your child or to volunteer at the link above. Contact Beth Parr for info at bparr@iohumc.com or 912-663-7466.

The Gathering

Calling all 20-somethings! Our newest small group, "The Gathering," is being created just for you. To learn more, please submit this form. For more details on this new group, contact Amy Utley at amy@trinity1848.org.



Register for Middle & High School Summer Camps!

We need ushers & greeters!
Sign up to volunteer here.



Altar Flowers

Sponsor the Sunday altar flowers on a day special to you! You can dedicate them in honor or in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of special occasions. The cost is \$80, and that covers both of our 2 altar arrangements on your chosen Sunday morning. To sponsor altar flowers, fill out the Altar Flower Sponsor form linked here. For more info or assistance, contact Church Administrator Lacy Wilson at 912-233-4766 or office@trinity1848.org.



Find Us Online or Download Our App Here!

This Week at Trinity Church

Sunday, May 17 (today)

Sunday Breakfast Mission ~ 6-8am | 6 E. State Street

TrinityKids ~ 9:45am-12:15pm | 2nd Floor

Trinity UMYF* ~ 9:45am | 3rd Floor Youth Lounge

**UMYF-United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th grade-12th grade)*

Adult Small Groups ~ 9:45am | 3rd Floor

Morning Worship ~ 11am | Sanctuary

Church Council lunch mtg ~ Fellowship Hall

with called Charge Conference

Band of Mothers ~ 5pm | the home of Ginger Heidel

Wednesday, May 20

Trinity Handbell Rehearsal ~ 6-6:50pm | Balcony Choir Loft

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal ~ 7-8:30pm | 2nd Floor Music Suite

Adults & high school students are invited to participate

Thursday, May 14

Savannah Community Group ~ 5:30pm

At the home of Kelly Styles & Barry Welker

The Order of Business at Trinity

Church Council lunch mtg | *May 17*

South GA Annual Conference | *May 31-June 2*

Beyond This Week at Trinity

Pentecost | *May 24*

Discipleship Lunch & Learn | *May 24*

Memorial Day | *May 25*

SCAD Choir Concert | *May 27*

Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | *May 28*

United Women in Faith lunch mtg | *June 7*

Ladies Out to Lunch | *June 11*

Gosden Family Celebration | *June 14*

Vacation Bible School | *June 15-18*

Telfair Squares Lunch Bunch | *June 25*

Summer Guest Preachers at Trinity

Dr. Cale Robert Hall | *June 21*

Rev. Tom Nichols | *June 28*

Rev. Jared Wilson | *July 5*

Recent Attendance

May 10 (Savannah): 115

May 10 (Online): 42

April 2026

Operating
Income \$37,384

Operating
Expenses \$38,826

Trinity Kids Check-in

Children of all ages are always welcome in our services! We have a children's moment every Sunday at the beginning of our 11:00 AM worship service, then afterwards, children 12 and under are invited to go back to the children's space in our education building for Children's Church. If children are going to join us for Children's Church, please make sure to check them in with this form!

Contact our Director of Children's Ministries for more information at dawn@trinity1848.org.



Check-In

Virtual Blood Drive

We are hosting a virtual blood drive with the American Red Cross from April 29 - July 29, 2026. Pledge to donate at the link below--instructions for donation location will follow. Reasons for donating can be deeply personal. Sam Watkins says, "My wife Tobby had Crohn's Disease. She had routine blood work done and soon the phone rang; I was told to take her to the ER; she was immediately taken back. I recognized the blood product and it stated, 'Volunteer donor: American Red Cross.' A volunteer donor saved Tobby's life!" Reach Leisel Weatherford for more info at (912) 220-7830.



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