



# The Trinity Window

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 903 FOREST AVENUE, HENRICO, VA 23229



## Pastor's Corner

August 2017

*Reach Out RVA!* What a way to start a New Year! Save the Dates, **September 9 & 10!** As summer draws to a close and a new school year begins Trinity is launching a new ministry year. But year will be a little different. Okay, this year will be a lot different! You may recall that Jesus said, *"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea, in Samaria and to the ends of the earth."* (Acts 1:8b) Perhaps these words, *"that which you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters you did also for me."* (Matthew 25:40) ring a bell. Talk to one of this year's Confirmands, ask them about John Wesley sending Circuit Riders to all the far flung towns and communities. It makes perfect sense. Trinity, this year we begin the year by *reaching out to Richmond.*

Here's how it will work:

### **Saturday, September 9**

**8:00 AM-2:00 PM** - Teams of Trinity workers will volunteer at various nonprofit partners around Richmond.

### **Sunday, September 10**

**9:30-10:30 AM** Sunday School back in session

**10:45 AM** One combined, joyous Worship Celebration

**1:00-3:00 PM** *Different* teams of Trinity workers go to *different* nonprofits

**4:00 PM** Everyone joins together for a Celebratory Meal in Trinity Hall

Stayed tuned, more information will be following. But, mark your calendars now. This is going to be a great year. Our love, God's love in us, is too great to be contained. We simply have to share it. See you there. God is using this church. Be ready. It's going to be a really great year.

Blessings,



## Faith Night at the Diamond

Trinity will be going to the Faith and Family Night at the Diamond to see the Flying Squirrels on **Thursday, August 10.** Gates open at 5 PM with the game starting at 6:35 PM. There will be fireworks after the game. Tickets are \$8. All tickets are reserved seating in the upper deck. The deadline to order tickets is August 2.

In addition to the game Trinity will be selling t-shirts, they are adult sizes only. T-shirts are \$12, or \$13 for anything over XL..

Tickets will be picked up from Kim Tingler in the church office or before the game.

What a great way to get to know some of your church family.

To sign up: <http://trinityumc.net/news/faith-night/>



# Trinity Adult Ministries



## Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, August 8** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Richmond, VA 23230). Trinity's ministers will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!

## Musicians from Around the World

On Tuesday, August 8 at 7 PM, Trinity will host participants in VCU's annual Global Summer Institute of Music in a Chamber Music concert. The institute is described as "an intensive summer program that aims to bring talented young musicians from different cultures to eclectic Richmond and the vibrant campus of VCU." Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this exciting event.

## Educational Opportunities Tours Information Meeting

Educational Opportunities Tours (EO) offers Christian travel to the Holy Land, Church Heritage sites, Journeys of Paul, and Faith-Based Cruises: *Christian Travel = Lifelong Learning*.

On Monday, August 7 at 7 PM, an information meeting will be held in Trinity Hall highlighting Bishop Sharma Lewis' Holy Land Journey in 2018. You are invited to attend! If you have questions, contact the Rev. Bob Gochenour, EO Director of Travel Ministries – Virginia Area, at [bobgochenour@vaumc.org](mailto:bobgochenour@vaumc.org) or 757-810-7889.

## Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Trinity will go to Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, August 22** from **3:30-4:30 PM** to visit and worship with our members in residence there. Join us in the Jaquelyn Room to share fellowship and then for Holy Communion in their lovely chapel. The residents there look forward to having our members come for this time together and hear of the activities at Trinity and reconnect with members there. To volunteer, or to provide refreshments, contact Nancy Owen at 740-7615 or [neow-en1@verizon.net](mailto:neow-en1@verizon.net).



## Young at Heart

Join us for dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary on Thursday, August 24. Meet to ride the church van at 5:15 PM or meet at us at Tanglewood at 5:55 PM. Cost: \$25 all inclusive. Come join us for good food and fellowship!

Register in Connection Alley on Sunday, August 13 or Sunday, August 20, or with Judy Oguich by Monday, August 21.

Next Program: Tuesday, September 19, Come hear Peggy Watson share about University of Richmond's Osher Institute.

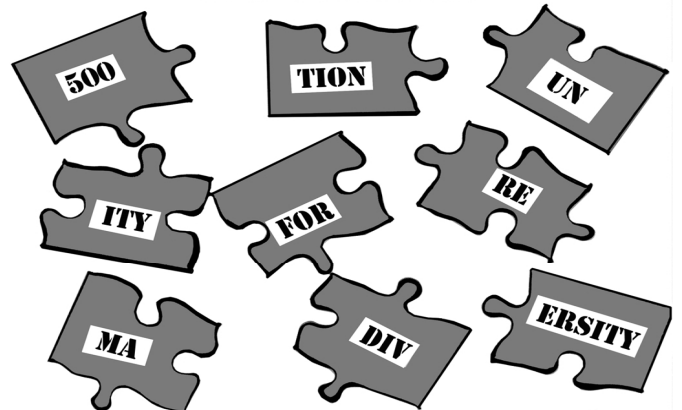


## Outreach Summer Forum

On **Sunday, August 27**, William C. Mims, Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia will be our speaker.

The program starts at 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall. All adult Sunday school classes and middle/high school classes are invited to attend. We ask that adult classes bring snacks to share for each morning. The church will provide coffee, hot tea, etc. We look forward to having you with us again for this last forum of the summer.

## IT'S COMING!



**THE PIECES OF THE PUZZLE  
WILL BE COMING TOGETHER**

**SOON**

## UMW

Join us **Tuesday, September 12** in Trinity Hall at **10:15 AM** for a bring-a-salad brunch and to hear our outstanding speaker Chaplain Lynn Litchfield of Grace Inside: Virginia's Prison Chaplain Service. Watch for a specific list of approved donations. Also mark your calendar, as we celebrate our 65<sup>th</sup> Harvest Day, Tuesday, November 14 when Carol Gill returns to tell her unique story of growing up at Trinity. Circles are gearing up for our new year and welcome newcomers. Get involved in our United Methodist Women and lend a hand! For information, contact Judy Putnam at 672-2932 or Mary Hetzel at 282-5872.

## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to thank the Trinity members for your support for providing us with a successful stewardship campaign in 2017 that provided us with the ability to fully fund all requests from staff for programs, as well as to be able to provide several new program opportunities. Our 2017 / 2018 budget is \$1,638,000 and was approved at our June Charge Conference.

We also want to thank you for the support during the 2016/2017 fiscal year that just closed. This was an unusual year as we not only had the budget to work on, but we purchased the Rock Creek property as well. Your generosity was shown when we received almost \$170,000 of gifts as part of the \$150,000 match challenge. Because of this we were able to payout the related loans on this acquisition by the end of September 2016. In addition, during the fiscal year we received pledge receipts of just over \$1,422,000 and along with the refinance of our building loan and other cost savings we ended the year with a surplus of approximately \$59,000.

We appreciate your generosity in stepping up to assist when needed. When you look at our regular budget and the challenge campaign, you provided us with more than \$1,700,000 of funds to work with during the past year.

We look forward to another successful year of ministry in 2017/2018.

Sincerely,  
Dave Clelland  
Finance Committee Chairperson



## Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Preschool program? Trinity Preschool has available places for children ages 1 through 5 for this coming school year. If you know of someone who is looking for a program for their child, please share this information with them! The Trinity Preschool phone number is 288-6058.

## Minefee House

In the summer of 2014, Trinity entered into an agreement with Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority (RRHA) to restore a boarded up house at 1414 Minefee Street in the city of Richmond. Trinity was charged with supplying materials and labor for the restoration, and RRHA had the responsibility to secure a qualifying homeowner.

A leadership team consisting of Forrest White, Bruce Watson, Tracy Parrish, Mike Eunice, and Jack Berry directed the coordination of the renovation process. From the start, Trinity's volunteers made significant progress in addressing the challenges associated with this property. Once a basic cleanup had been completed, detailed work for the grounds and the interior/exterior of the house began. The goal was to restore the house completely: walls, ceilings, floors, crawl space, attic, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, painting, lighting, windows, and doors. By the summer of 2016, Trinity had positioned itself to have fully completed the house within two months.

However, despite this steady progress, RRHA because of federal regulations found it very difficult to secure a potential homeowner who could qualify. RRHA never gave up in their pursuit for an owner. Civic associations, neighborhood public schools, churches, and other non-profit housing organizations were all contacted during this search, and this included assorted media advertising designed to attract a buyer. Trinity offered search assistance as well, but we too could not qualify a potential owner.

Late in the spring of 2017, RRHA was granted federal approval to publically auction several vacant parcels of homes in the city. These homes had been empty and off Richmond's tax roster for years. The Minefee house was one of the homes in the auction listings. RRHA held the house for Trinity until the last attempt to secure an owner failed.

We want to acknowledge and thank everyone who gave of their time, energy, and effort to restore the Minefee house. It is normal to feel some disappointment that the house was not fully restored, but we can also find satisfaction in what we accomplished, and celebrate that the house was purchased and returned to the tax roster for the city.

## Trinity Foundation Receives Gift from Suhor-Graham Foundation

The Trinity Foundation has received a generous gift of approximately \$315,000 from the Suhor-Graham Foundation (SGF), which was dissolved earlier this year. With this gift a Suhor-Graham Mission fund has been established to support future mission activities of our church.

SGF was founded by John "Stuart" Graham who was, along with his family, a long-time member of Trinity with funds from the estate of George L. Suhor, who was a close family friend. The Trinity Foundation was one of five organizations designated to receive support. Over the course of its 30-years of existence, SGF gave annual grants to the Trinity Foundation to be used to serve the less fortunate. In recent years the grants have helped fund the Micah Initiative in the Oak Grove-Bellemeade area of south Richmond. Trinity Foundation members, Ralph Roop and Larry Girvin served 18 years and 12 years respectively on the Board of SFG as representatives of the Trinity Foundation. Since SGF's inception, the Trinity Foundation has received nearly \$730,000 from SGF.

Trinity Foundation is so blessed to receive this most generous gift. This gift and all other gifts it receives enable the Foundation to support many significant church projects and outreach programs.

### Trinity Foundation

Thanks to the generosity of donors, in 2016 the Trinity Foundation granted \$43,423 and made a difference:

#### In Our World

Haiti (\$2,100) and Honduras (\$2,875) Mission Trips  
Friends of Barnabas Truck (\$5,000)  
Children's (\$500) and Youth (\$500) Missions

#### In Our Community

Trinity In Richmond: Oak Grove/Bellemeade School (\$13,000)  
Pace Center for Campus and Community Ministry at VCU:  
Physical Improvements (\$2,000)  
Cross Over Ministry (\$500)

#### In Our Church

College Scholarship Awards (\$9,000)  
Dillard Forum (\$3,949)  
Grounds Beautification (\$500)

#### In Our People

Staff Development (\$1,000)  
Virginia Institute for Pastoral Care (\$2,000)  
Grace Inside: Chaplaincy Services of Virginia (\$500)



## VBS 2017

What an amazing week at Paul and the Underground Church Vacation Bible School!!! It was an incredible visiting Paul and the Underground Church of 1<sup>st</sup> Century Rome and the Marketplace, sharing God's love, singing, playing, creating, building and learning. A huge amount of items for Oak Grove School, Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry, Honduras, and Richmond Animal League were brought in by the kids. The fourth and fifth graders built and delivered Mason Bee Houses to Shalom Farms.

Dear Trinity,

VBS 2017 focusing on Paul & the Underground Church was wonderful. We loved learning the songs with music led by Natalie Russell and Pat Ruscus. Thanks to Joe Andrews and Bill Burch who cut wood and drilled holes, we were able to learn about Mason Bees and even construct bee houses which we delivered during our Van Trip Wednesday to Shalom Farms. The Mason Bees are great pollinators, so they are a helpful addition to Shalom Farms. We also collected and loaded nearly 100 bags of canned goods for the Sherbourne Food Ministry and a sizeable amount of school supplies for OGES. We'll long remember our daily visits to Paul & Brutus in the Prison Cell and to the early Christians leaders who were worshipping underground in a cave.

Your friends,

*the twenty-three VBS 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders*

# YOUTH AT TRINITY

## S.W.A.G.



Summer Week of Awesome Games is fast approaching. This is a week where our high school youth host games and fun activities, here at Trinity, for our middle school youth to get to know each other better. Our middle school youth attend schools all over Henrico County. With that being said, this week is an opportunity

to develop friendships with other youth who they may only know from previous years of Sunday school. This week is filled with lots of fun and messiness. Middle school youth; be on the look out for your invitation in the mail. And remember, wear clothes and shoes that you do not mind getting extra messy all week.

## DATES TO KNOW

- JULY 29
  - TRINITY AT SHALOM FARMS
- JULY 30 – AUGUST 3
  - SERVE RVA
- AUGUST 3
  - SUMMER MISSIONS DEBRIEF
- AUGUST 10
  - FAITH NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND
- AUGUST 14 – 17
  - SWAG
- AUGUST 26
  - TRINITY AT SHALOM FARMS
  - NATS VS METS IN D.C.
- AUGUST 30
  - HOW TO BE A HOSPITABLE CHURCH
- SEPTEMBER 10
  - TRINITY KICK-OFF
- SEPTEMBER 17
  - SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP
  - PARENTS MEETING

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- SUMMER NIGHTS
  - THURSDAY NIGHT, AT 6:00PM IN TRINITY HALL

## July in Review

- During the week of July 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>, the Youth helped work VBS. They worked in all areas of the programming; from craft and snack, to recreation, and even helping out with the dramas. Thank you to all who helped make this a wonderful week for the children.
- On Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>, Trinity hosted its annual food truck night. This was a great event that saw intergenerational fellowship from all involved.
- The week of July 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, the middle school youth sacrificed a week of their summer to serve the needy in Southeastern Tennessee. They installed siding on Edwin's house, as well as prime and paint it. This was a fantastic week of service and they accomplished a whole lot!

# Children At Trinity



## 9:30 SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017

N4 – 5<sup>th</sup> graders come join the fun as we see how board games can teach lessons from the Bible. Just like there are rules for playing each of these games, God has given us specific rules for how we are to live. There is something very different this year for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. They are producing short skit videos that will be shown to the younger kids the next week. The videos have been a great success. **We still have a great need for teachers on all Sundays for all ages.** Supplies are provided and curriculum is emailed in advance. Sign up now for all the times you can help on Sundays through September 3 at <http://bit.ly/BoardGames930SummerSS>. Contact Leila Denton [ldenton@trinityumc.net](mailto:ldenton@trinityumc.net), if you have questions or concerns.

## 2017/18 Teacher and Nursery Volunteer Orientation and Training

This year we want to make the Teacher Orientation and Training session a priority; it is so important that we all be on the same page and make this the best year ever for our children. Also, this year we are trying to help you by covering the annual Child Protection Training requirement in the same meeting. So, by coming you will not need to do the annual training online.

First quarter Teachers (September, October, and November) and all Nursery Volunteers please join us for one of the Orientation/Training sessions:

**10:45 AM on Sunday, August 27 in the Room 323**

**OR**

**5:00 PM on Thursday, August 31 in the Room 323**

**OR**

**5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 6 in the Room 323**

If you are *not* teaching the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, you may wish to come to the orientations, which will be scheduled in November (for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter) and February (for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter).



## *Make a Difference in the Life of a Child Coming to Trinity!!*

Thanks to all who have signed up. As you can clearly see below, we are in desperate need of teachers and helpers for our Sunday School and our Nursery programs. **WE NEED YOU!**

- At 8:15 AM** Nursery – 2 people for 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
1 person for 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays
- At 9:30 AM** Crib - 2 people for *each* 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Toddler – 2 people *each* for 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Nursery 3 - 2 people *each* for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept – Nov), and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar – May), 1 person for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Dec – Feb)  
Nursery 4 – 1 helper *each* for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Kindergarten – 1 person for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept – Nov)  
2 people *each* for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Dec – Feb) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar – May)  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade - 1 person *each* for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Dec – Feb) and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar – May)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 2 people for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept – Nov)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 1 person for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Dec - Feb), 2 people for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar – May)  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - 1 person for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar – May)  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - 1 person for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (Sept – Nov), 2 people for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Mar – May)
- At 10:45 AM** Crib & Toddler – 1 person for 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
3 – 4 Year Olds - 2 people *each* for 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

If you have questions or wish to reserve a servant position, contact Carrie Jared, Jenny Murphy, Ann Vaughan or Leila Denton at [trinityumceducation@gmail.com](mailto:trinityumceducation@gmail.com). Our September kick-off is just a few weeks away and our need is great.

# Serve Opportunities

## Shalom Farms Volunteer Opportunities

If you enjoy being outside, working with your hands and helping others, please consider joining Trinity members in helping at Shalom Farms. Shalom is an outreach of United Methodist Urban Ministries and works with communities to ensure access to healthy food, and the support to lead healthy lives. Date to volunteer at their new location, 2676 Venita Road in Powhatan, is **August 26**. There are jobs for all ages, so mark your calendars and plan to participate in this rewarding opportunity. For more information or to sign up, contact Teresa Given at [tdagiven@gmail.com](mailto:tdagiven@gmail.com).

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## We are Saving Lives

Trinity's Summer Blood Drive was one of our best ever. In spite of a location change to the Mastin Room, our faithful TUMC donors poured in, and we supplied 25 units of whole blood, 3 double red donations, and 2 platelets for a total of 33.

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 8** for our Fall Drive. To register, contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872 or [hetzelmary@comcast.net](mailto:hetzelmary@comcast.net). With this donation, we send prayers for the many lives touched, as each donation helps three people.

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## Micah Information

We offer opportunities for hands-on weekly involvement as tutors, mentors, classroom assistants and lunch buddies, as well as a variety of 'Done in a Day' projects. John Wesley enthusiastically promoted education and much of Trinity's reputation rests on its emphasis on excellence in Children's Ministries. As you look to your fall schedule, please prayerfully consider how you can get involved to help change the compass of a child's life or encourage a brand-new teacher. Join in preparing for our Back to School Teacher Luncheon on **Thursday, August 31**. Participate in the **September 14** Micah Kick Off, (information below). Be sure to visit our OGES Bulletin Board and the Apple Angel Tree.

Along with the Armstrong High School Leadership Program, Micah is an outreach ministry of Richmond Hill. For more information, to register for the Micah Kick Off, or for a windshield tour of the OGES neighborhood, contact Mary Hetzel, 29282-5872 [hetzelmary@comcast.net](mailto:hetzelmary@comcast.net) or Bob Argabright 310-1080 [rargabright@me.com](mailto:rargabright@me.com).

The 2017 City-Wide Micah Initiative Kick Off will be held **Thursday, September 14** at First Presbyterian Church on Cary Street. Doors open at 8:30 AM. Our program in the sanctuary begins at 8:45, followed by three training modules to include New Mentor Training, Trauma-Informed Care, and Reading Instruction. Box lunches or garden salads by Cuisine a la Carte follows at a cost of \$10, payable at the door. To register, please contact Mary Hetzel, Interim Micah Coordinator, 282-5872 or [hetzelmary@comcast.net](mailto:hetzelmary@comcast.net)

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## Recycle Your Old Cell Phones

Please donate your old cell phones (*with chargers, without service contracts, and with personal information removed*) to the YWCA's Women's Advocacy Program to be given to survivors of abuse to call 911. Bring them to Missions Central, the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary, and leave them in the designated receptacle there. This is a great way to recycle and could save someone's life!

(Anne Burch, 270-1661)



## Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers and your prayers. Thank all of you for your lovely cards. I have enjoyed them. The prayer shawl is so pretty. I appreciate all you have done for me. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Sincerely,  
**Mildred Powell**

Dear Trinity Members,  
Thank you for your contribution to the 2016 Lenten Easter Mission Offering. Your gifts helped to support the 2017 All God's Children Camp. The camps were held at Camp Chanco, Camp Overlook and Occohannock on the Bay. The burden of mass incarceration in the US falls harshly on children who must bear the scars of transient living situations, the grief of parental separation, and the prospect of repeating the cycle of generational poverty and incarceration. Thanks to Bishop Joe Pennel, the United Methodists offer three opportunities for Virginia children to spend a week away from the adult worries that plague them. Special thanks to Trinity members who provided transportation to and from Camp Chanco: Lou Cei & Joanne Angelo; Bonnie & Joe Andrews, and Karen Adams & Jim Scott, as well as drivers from River Road UMC and Mt. Pisgah UMC. If you have a heart for these children, prayerfully consider how you can help at one of the three summer 2018 camps by contacting Camp Director Lori Smith [littlelori@gmail.com](mailto:littlelori@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
**Mary M. Hetzel**

## Our Stewardship

*"We will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness."*

### Our Presence:

Day	7/2	7/9	7/16	7/23
Worship Service	396	473	439	374
Sunday School	233	232	199	195

### Our Gifts as of June 30:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,624,500
Actual income year to date:	\$ <u>1,613,104</u>
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ 11,396



## Joys and Concerns

### Births

*Blake Bennet Samuel born on June 20 to Allison and Brandon Samuel. Her grandparents are Ralph and Susan Freeman.*

### Baptisms

*Thomas Jones, Macklan Edwards Hood*

### Our sympathies to...

*The family of Warren Foster, Jr. who died July 19*  
*Anne Pollard whose father Newman Ogden died July 14*  
*The family of George Burnett who died July 14*  
*The family of Sue Duncan who died July 8*  
*The family of Dilworth Cook who died July 1*  
*The family of Rev. Judith Brown who died June 28*  
*Bana Caskey whose father Richard Weems died June 25*  
*The family of Mae Andrews who died June 15*

## Mission Footprint 5K

For six years, a dedicated team of planners helped to develop and implement the Mission Footprint 5K. After careful thought and investigating other partnerships, the planning team for the 5K has decided not to stage the event this year. We want to thank all participants, sponsors, volunteers, and the Trinity staff for their support. Additionally, we acknowledge the congregations and staffs from River Road Church, Baptist and Third Church for their partnership and participation during the last three years. Because of your support and participation, several nonprofit organizations in the Richmond area benefitted from the shared proceeds from the 5K, and for this we are very grateful.



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, August 21 at 4 PM for events taking place in September.** Articles may be submitted prior to the deadline, and we encourage early submissions. Articles must be submitted in writing with the contact person's name to Kim Tingler, [ktingler@trinityumc.net](mailto:ktingler@trinityumc.net).