



The Trinity Window

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

January 2016



Pastor's Corner

Mission Impossible

Our Mission: *"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."*

Our strategy: *"Connect to God. Grow in faith. Serve the world."*

Here at the church we often excel at using big words and bold statements, but too often we give scant attention to what they really mean. Our mission is to transform the world? Little old us? Are you kidding me? That mission is impossible, it is impossible for us, but as Gabriel mentioned to Mary, for God nothing is impossible! To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world *is* our Mission Impossible.

As we start 2016, I'd like to spend the first three weeks reviewing and reminding ourselves of our mission, who we are and what it is that we are about. *Mission: Impossible* is the title of a three-week sermon series I will be preaching. It is important for us to stay focused and intentional. Some may feel that we already know this. Oh really? As is so often the case, there may be more than first appears: a little closer to home, a bit more personal, with greater implications.

Let's find out together! Renewing our sense of mission, how better to start a new year?

Happy New Year!



Mission: Impossible

Jan. 3 **Connect with God** **Matthew 2:1-12**

Jan. 10 **Grow in Faith** **Luke 3:14-17,21-22**

Jan. 17 **Serve the World** **Luke 4:14-21**

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

transform the world





Making Heartfelt Promises

Today marks the start of Trinity's annual stewardship campaign. The theme of this year's campaign is

Making Heartfelt Promises. The theme is based on Matthew 6:21, which states "*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also*". This scripture invites us to reflect on our priorities, and the things that we treasure in life. During our stewardship campaign, let us reflect on the importance of God and Trinity in our lives. Such a commitment will undoubtedly produce the financial resources required for our church to prosper.

The stewardship campaign will culminate with **Promise Sunday on February 14.** During worship services on this day, members will be asked to submit their promises for financial support for the coming fiscal year. The stewardship committee will also sponsor breakfasts in Trinity Hall on **Sunday, February 7** at both **9:30** and **11 AM.** These breakfasts will give an overview of the church's budget and ministries, and also provide an opportunity for members to ask questions. Please join us for these important events! Thank you for your support of Trinity.



Calling all Pray-ers!

We gather on **Mondays at 11:30 AM** in the **Chapel** to pray for Trinity, our neighborhood, our country and the world. All are welcome to join us!

Is your New Year's Resolution to join a Bible Study? Then we have you covered!

Tuesdays, 7 AM

Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesdays, 1:30 PM

Pastor's Bible Study

Set Apart: Holy Habits of Prophets and Kings, A Bible Study on 1 and 2 Kings

Begins Monday, January 25, 9:15 – 10:45 AM

led by Melissa Sanne

Workbooks: \$10

Dates: January 25, February 1, 8, 22, 29, March 7 and 14

Register with Judy Oguich by January 13

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World, Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life

Begins Wednesday, January 27, 6:45 – 8:15 PM

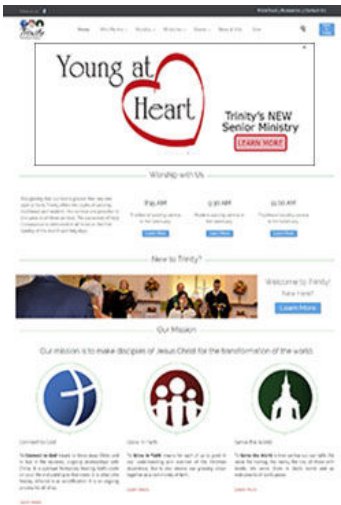
led by Judy Oguich

Workbooks: \$20

Dates: January 27 – April 13

(no class February 10 or March 30)

Register with Judy Oguich by January 13



Have You Visited Our NEW Website?

Though our URL remains the same, **TrinityUMC.net** received a makeover this winter. Please take a moment to visit the site and take a look around. We are excited to share this new, friendlier website with you, and with the world. It has many new features, lots of new photographs, and an

updated, modern look. It is also mobile-friendly. If you have any questions or comments about the new site, feel free to send them to web@trinityumc.net.



Trinity 101

New to Trinity? Want to learn more about how to get involved? You are invited to attend **Trinity 101**, an introduction to Trinity United Methodist

Church. It'll be a great opportunity to learn about the church and meet fellow newcomers. We'll meet on **Sundays, January 3, 10, and 17, 9:30 - 10:30 AM**, in the **Library**. Feel free to attend one, two, or all three sessions!

Contact: Thomas Lott, Associate Pastor, tlott@trinityumc.net, 804-288-6057 ext. 205.

Trinity Adult Ministries

Mature Men's Fellowship Thursday, January 21 – 1:30 PM

On Thursday, January 21 at 1:30 PM we will welcome Henrico Officer Renaldo Arjona who will speak on Senior Safety and Home Security. We hope you will join us!



Young at Heart Socials Tuesday, January 19, 2-3:30 PM February 16, 2 – 3:30 PM

Our new Young at Heart Seniors Ministry is off to a great start! We hope you will join us in January and February for fellowship and fun! On Tuesday, January 19 we will gather to play some board games, including bingo. On Tuesday, February 16, we will enjoy a movie on Trinity Hall's big screen (popcorn included!). Come and bring a friend!

Blessed are the Meek: In the Shoes of an Immigrant

Kika Husejnovic, Director of Refugee Resettlement for Church World Service, will be our speaker about real life experiences of the Refugee Resettlement Ministry on **Tuesday, January 12 at 10:15 AM** in the **Mastin Room**. Trinity's involvement with refugees, dates back to the Vietnam War. Hundreds of members have donated household items to welcome new families. We will also hear Isnina Hassan tell her story. Mark your calendar and plan to join us. We invite you to bring refugee donations. Questions, call Mary Hetzel 282-5872.

District Conference and Leadership Training Event January 10 – Woodlake UMC

Our annual District Conference and Leadership Training Event is scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 1:30 – 5 PM at Woodlake UMC. The keynote, "No More Volunteers, Reclaiming Christian Servanthood" will be given by Kathy Merry, someone very familiar to us here at Trinity. Break-out sessions include Staff-Parish Relations, Trustees, Finance, Mission, Youth, Christian Education 101, Young Adult Ministry, Meetings 101, Communications 101, Worship Arts and Reclaiming Christian Servanthood - lots to choose from! All are welcome to attend!

Gayton Terrace Celebration January 26, 3:30 PM

Please join us on Tuesday, January 26 at 3:30 PM for a visit with our members residing at Gayton Terrace. Fellowship, refreshments, communion, and an update on the activity at Trinity are included. Contact Susie Hildebrand at shildebrand@verizon.net or 740-7490 to volunteer or for more information.

Prayer Covenant Church!

Thank you for taking the time and effort to sign up to be a prayer covenant church! As we have said multiple times over the last several months, "God does nothing except in response to prayer" (John Wesley). Prays that God will continue to honor your congregational commitment and honor your desire to do great kingdom things in the coming year.

You and your leadership are invited to join the Bishop and me for a special meeting in the District for those Richmond congregations that have entered into this covenant. On **January 31, at 3 PM** at **Mt. Pisgah**, the Bishop will be meeting with you in a time of prayer, worship, and conversation around this covenant. It will be an opportunity to listen to and share with Bishop Cho, a man with a special vision and passion for our personal and congregational prayer life. You will have the opportunity to share lessons learned and receive insight from other congregations as they have entered into this covenant. I assure you that you will want to be here for this event. RSVP your attendance to Susan Petrey by January 22 at richmonddistrict@vaumc.org.



Trinity Moms and More January 5 and January 19 9:15 – 11:15 AM

Moms and More is a great way to connect to Trinity! Moms and More is a group that provides support and fellowship for mothers and caregivers in all stages of parenthood. We meet twice a month; in January we will meet on Tuesday, January 5 and Tuesday, January 19. We hope you will join us! We provide free childcare and there is no commitment or fee to join. Contact Krystal Hawke or Natalie Russell for more information (trinitymomsandmore@gmail.com).

Trinity Youth Ministry

January Calendar

January 3	Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Trinity/Eaton Hall
January 10	Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Trinity/Eaton Hall
January 17	Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Trinity/Eaton Hall
January 18	Work Day, 10 am, High School Sunday School Room. It's about time someone finished painting up there! C'mon over in the morning and help us and we'll go out to lunch afterward!
January 24	Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Trinity/Eaton Hall
January 31	Youth Group, 5-6:30 pm, Trinity/Eaton Hall

Save The Dates

HS/MS Spring Retreat, April 22-24

We're heading to Westview for an awesome Retreat! Don't miss out!

HS Youth Mission Trip, June 26-July 2

This year's destination is Boston! We'll be working with CSM doing inner city mission and outreach!

MS Youth Mission Trip, July 31-August 6

Get packed for Lorain County, Ohio! We'll be serving in an area hit with hard times after many of the jobs in the county were lost when manufacturing left.

Youth Service Opportunities

VA Home Bowling

This is a great community service opportunity! We help some residents of the Virginia Home, who are in wheelchairs, bowl. It's really fun, and residents really enjoy it! Come join us! The next date is January 16.

Visit trinityumc.net/youth-service-projects to sign up!



Family Pizza Fellowship

Sundays After Youth Group

Can't get enough of your favorite people at youth group? If you've got time, Youth and their families are invited to join us afterward at Christian's Pizza in the Village Shopping Center (Three Chopt & Patterson) for dinner and more fellowship!

You have to arrange your own transportation, but there are plenty of people to carpool with!

High School Youth Small Groups

HS Girls Small Group meets every Tuesday, 6-7:30 PM at the Short Pump Panera. This group is led by Meredith Kendrick and Melissa Holmes.

HS Guys Small Group meets every Tuesday, 6-8 PM at Two Guys Pizza in Short Pump. This group is led by Brian Clayton and Dan Berlin. For more information on High School Youth Small Groups, email Brian at bclayton@trinityumc.net.

Story TYM

Many of you may know that our theme in Youth Group this year is Story TYM ("time"). Youth and adults have been sharing stories from their lives highlighting a time in their life where they saw God work through them or for them. We have heard many incredible stories so far! Starting in January, we have many opportunities for more youth and adults to share a story. If you or someone you know has a story they could share about God in their life, please contact Brian at bclayton@trinityumc.net. We would love to have you tell your story at Youth Group!



Confirmation Class Begins January 10

Confirmation begins January 10 for all sixth graders and those youth who have not been confirmed and are interested in participating. We will meet from 9:30 - 10:30 AM in the Mastin Room each Sunday morning. Youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 15 during morning worship. Confirmation is a time for youth to explore their Christian faith and have the opportunity to make their first public profession of that faith. The program consists of experiential learning and lessons, a mission experience, partnering in a mentor relationship, and several field trip experiences. It is a wonderful journey. If you missed the orientation meeting and would like to get the forms, contact Amy Lenow (avlenow@gmail.com). For questions contact Amy or Kim Jordan (kmjordan@yahoo.com). We will also be in the Mastin Room at 9 AM before the first class on January 10.

Children At Trinity



Children's Choirs and Handchimes

Resume Wednesday evening practices.
January 6

The New Year

January 1 marks the beginning of a new year. This means many different things to different people. As Christian parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, neighbors, friends or Trinity family members of the children that Trinity ministers to, I hope it means a focus on renewing your commitment to the faith formation of our children.

Who: You and you and you and me; all of us! Not just the parents, not just the Sunday School Teachers, not just those that have a passion for Children's Ministry; it takes all of us.

What: "Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray." Proverbs 22:6. It starts by being the person Jesus has taught us to be (put simply: loving God and loving others) and supporting our church (including the children) with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

When: *RIGHT NOW!* You may detect a sense of urgency, because that is exactly what I intend to convey. I am sure you have noticed that our world is getting crazier and crazier, there are more and more distractions, and we have less and less time to reach the children with the critically important, life-saving message of Jesus.

Where: "Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:7. Not just at church or when we know children are around, but everywhere, all the time. Share God's love and purpose with the children or because of God's love, we need to stand up for the children everywhere we go.

Why: Because God says so! Because of our faith in God, that should be enough of a reason, but if you need more; it is because the children are defenseless and do not know or understand; they need us. By keeping children's faith development high on our priority list, we could help to save ourselves, our family, the children, the church, maybe even the world.

How: "We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." Romans 12: 6-8. How we each fulfil our commitment to the faith development of our children will vary. There are loads of ways to serve; some are just right for you. You may already know how to use your gifts to further children's faith development, but if you are stuck, start with prayer. Just ask God and then listen.

Mission Kids

Mission Kids are kids in 1st -5th grade who are interested in mission and service.

January 11 – 5:00 -6:30 PM - meeting at church to design, make and hang posters to advertise for our "Souper Bowl" collection.

January 24 – Field Trip

February 7 – "Souper Bowl" collection after each worship service.

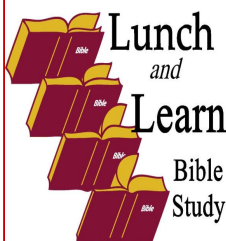
February 21 – Field Trip

For questions or concerns contact Leila Denton at 288-6057, ext. 208.



Stewardship for Children
Kindergarten through Fifth graders
January 17
Room 300, 10:45 AM to noon

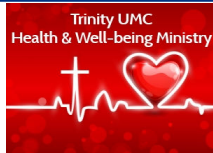
Stewardship involves all aspects of life; it is not just about money and it is not just for adults. Join us as we have fun learning what Stewardship is and exploring ways we can be better stewards for God. **Contact Leila Denton (ldenton@trinityumc.net or 288-6057 ext. 208) by January 6, if interested.**



Lunch and Learn
Learning to use your Bible
Sunday, January 31
Noon to 2 PM

This event will be for 3rd and 4th grade **children and parents** (or other adult) who wish to have fun learning a little more about using the Bible. We will gather to eat a little lunch and then learn. **The event is designed for an adult and child to work together at their own pace in a learning center environment.** Children will experience practical ways to discover God's Word and make the Bible a part of their everyday life. Parents will learn how to cultivate children's use of the Bible at home.

Questions? Contact Leila Denton at 288-6057, ext. 208, ldenton@trinityumc.net.



Health & Well-Being Ministry



Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening is a good monitoring tool and is highly recommended, especially if you are taking high blood pressure medicine. Blood pressure screenings are held in the Parlor on the second Sunday of each month after each service. The hours on each Sunday are **9:00 – 9:30 AM, 10:30 – 11:00 AM** and **12:00 – 12:30 PM**. For questions contact Kathy Barksdale at 288-0239.

Blood Drive

Trinity's Winter Blood Drive, presented by Virginia Blood Services Sunday, January 10, takes place in Trinity Hall from 8 AM – 12:30 PM. For each blood product collected, we help save three lives. For an appointment, contact Mary Hetzel hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872 or visit www.vadonor.org.



Deadline for Submitted Pictures – January 15, 2016

Didn't have your picture taken for the directory? No worries! Pictures can be submitted to Judy Oguich up until January 15. Have great pictures of current events/programs at Trinity? Please send them to Judy Oguich by January 15 with a description of what the picture is depicting.



Inclement Weather Information

As we approach the winter season we prepare for the possibility of snow and ice. In case of inclement weather or pending inclement weather, building closing information will be announced on trinityumc.net, through mass email, on the Trinity Facebook page, on the local TV news stations, and by calling **288-6057**, then dial **4** for more options, and dial **4** again for the Inclement Weather message. We encourage everyone to be safe.

Honduras Medical Mission Team January 23 – 30, 2015

Please be in prayer for the members of our Honduras Medical Mission Team as they serve God's people in Honduras January 23-30:

Don Boyd	Bill Curry	Christine Harper
Jane Tucker	Jamie Eubank	Hannah Lambert
Bert Norfleet	Roger Hart	Joseph Thompson
Linda Taveres	Don Pierce	Larry Girvin
Larry Lenow	Virginia Rhines	Mary Margaret Watson



The Hermitage

The Hermitage Country Store has had record breaking success thanks to the wonderful support of donations from Trinity and other Methodist churches. If you have not had a chance to take advantage of the sales, the next opening is January 22, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. By donating items you not only help support The Hermitage, but some clothing goes to Good Samaritan Ministries as well as "Boots to Suits"--a ministry which helps veterans find proper clothing in order to enter the public workforce.

Twenty-five Angel gift bags assembled at UMW Service Day were delivered to residents at The Hermitage along with several floral arrangements and tray favors. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful support ministry call Marble Jones (740-8002), Nancy Miller (740-3772), or Joyce Caldwell (474-1805) who is the Volunteer Coordinator at The Hermitage.



Sidewalks, steps, and frozen precipitation

When I was a student and later as an educator, I prayed for snow days; but that's not quite true anymore as the Director of Operations. Forecasting winter precipitation in our part of the state can be tricky, so we should always plan to be prepared for whatever falls from the sky on a cold, gray day. To clear the sidewalks and steps on our grounds, we depend upon volunteers to help us out with this removal. In the past Sunday school classes, Boy Scouts, and individuals from the congregation have assisted with the shoveling. If this is something you could assist with this year, contact Bill Pike at 288-6057 ext. 211. Thanks for your time and consideration.



Calendar Highlights January

Every Sunday

8:15 AM - Traditional Worship Service
9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 & 10:45 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Every Wednesday

12:30 PM - Midweek Communion Service
5:30 PM - WFN Dinner

Friday, January 1

Church Closed for New Years

Sunday, January 3

Communion Sunday/Sherbourne Collection
9:30 AM - Trinity 101

Monday, January 4

5:30 PM - Trustees

Tuesday, January 5

7:00 AM - Pastor's Bible Study Resumes

Wednesday, January 6

12:30 PM - Communion Service Resumes
1:30 PM - Pastor's Bible Study Resumes
5:30 PM - WFN dinner Resumes

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM - Blood Drive
9:30 AM - Confirmation Begins
5:00 PM - Mission Kids
7:00 PM - Finance Committee
7:00 PM - Creation Care

Monday, January 11

7:00 PM - Staff Parish Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

10:00 AM - UMW Program

Sunday, January 17

9:30 AM - Trinity 101
5:30 PM - Connect Team

Monday, January 18

Church Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 19

2:00 PM - Young at Heart

Thursday, January 21

1:30 PM - Mature Men

Saturday, January 23

Honduras Mission Team leaves

Sunday, January 24

12:15 AM - Health & Well-Being

Saturday, January 30

Honduras Mission Team returns

Sunday, January 31

7 Upward Sunday
Richmond DS Pete Moon Preaching



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Charles James O'Hagan born on November 11 to Barrett and Patrick O'Hagan. His grandparents are Rob and Sandy Taylor.

Baptism

Rose Noonkester

New Members

Jonathan Hawes, Gale Hawes, Seth Noonkester, Lauren Noonkester, Carolyn Ramsey, Joanne Angelo

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Edna Blackwelder who died December 5
The family of Catherine Crawford who died November 27
The family of John Ingram who died November 27
The family of Rev. Charles Scott who died November 22
Kathy Hoover whose father Dr. Wendell Levi, Jr died November 18
Ashley Love whose grandmother Elsie Meloy died November 15
The family of Connie Fields who died November 14*



Thank You Notes

Thank You Hostesses!

Many thanks to these who came to hostess during our photography sessions! You were a welcome face to those coming to get their picture taken. Thank you, thank you!

Lynn Berry, Nell Smith, Angela Trevvett, Linda Latimer, Anne McWilliams, Ann Hammack, Becky Roish, Louise Girvin, Ann Pierce, Janet Sommerville, Sheila Norfleet, Linda Robinson, and Dee Clements

Thank you from the Staff

The Trinity Staff appreciates the cards, snacks, goodies and other gifts shared with us over the holidays. We are blessed to be working together with such a loving and caring congregation!

TRINITY'S STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

Please call us directly by dialing **288-6057**.

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Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

- In memory of **Mr. Harold & Mrs. Aileen Adams** to **Trinity UMC**
- In memory of **Mr. John Ingram** to **Trinity UMC Property Fund**
- In memory of **Mrs. Connie Fields** to **UMW Circle #9**
- In memory of **Mrs. Connie Fields** to **Trinity UMC History Project**
- In memory of **Mrs. Catherine Crawford** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**
- In memory of **Mrs. Catherine Crawford** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**
- In memory of **Mrs. Mildred Robinson** to **Trinity UMC – Circle 6**
- In memory of **Mrs. Pauline Brown** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**
- In memory of **Mrs. Polly Cocke** to **Trinity UMC History Project**
- In memory of **Mrs. Polly Cocke** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

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	11/29	12/6	12/13	12/20
Worship Service	550	584	807	679
Sunday School	362	374	419	



Staff Anniversary

This month we have the pleasure of congratulating the following staff members on their anniversaries:

- Charles Staples 25 years Director of Music Ministries
- Judy Oguich 23 years Minister of Adult Ministries
- Bill Pike 5 years Director of Operations
- Brian Clayton 1 year Director of Youth Ministries.

Please take a moment to thank each of them for their unique gifts and dedicated service to Trinity. Continue to pray for these and all our staff members as they serve this congregation.



UMW Note Cards Available

\$8/per package for 8 color photograph cards with envelopes. These beautiful cards are wonderful to use for any occasion. Visit us at the display on Sunday morning in the Welcome Center or contact Sandy Cain at 747-9671 or scain811@aol.com.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, January 18, at 4 PM for events taking place in February**. 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 and phone number to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.