



The Trinity Window

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



Pastor's Corner

January 2017

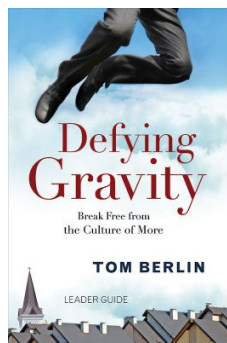
Perhaps it is your practice at each New Year to challenge yourself with New Year's Resolutions, things about your life that you want to change, improve or begin. How's that working for you? Here's an idea: let's do it together, encouraging one another and challenging one another. This month in this New Year we will be offering a Sermon Series/Church-wide Study. As a resource we will be using Tom Berlin's new book *Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More*.

I want to be very clear on one point. While we will also be launching our 2017 Stewardship Campaign this month. These are two very different things. The Stewardship Campaign is about our support of the ministries of the Church. *Defying Gravity* will look at our lives and our culture. We will be critically examining our faith, values and the way we live to question whether they are in synch. Where do we find true happiness and fulfillment? Why do we live the way we do? I believe that regardless of your age or place in life these are vitally important questions that need to be examined. I dare to believe you will find this a very relevant and timely series of messages. A number of classes and small groups will be using this book as a resource or you can obtain your own copy to read along. Our schedule will be:

January 22	Discovering Gravity
January 29	Breaking Free
February 5	Tethered to God
February 12	When We Get It Right

Come, be a part. Dare to ask the questions. This New Year could change your life.

Blessings,



Extending our Reach

"For this is what the Lord has commanded us; 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" (Acts 13:47) Throughout our history, Trinity's story has been one of impact here in Richmond and around the world. In a world of great hurt and need that story not only continues but indeed we must be extending our reach. The command of God to be *"a light for the Gentiles and to bring salvation to the ends of the earth"* has never been more urgent and pressing. The mission will take great faith and a faithful commitment of resources.

Extending Our Reach is the theme of our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Extending our Reach kicks off on **Sunday, January 29**. It will culminate with Promise Sunday on **February 19**. 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 12** 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.



New Classes Begin

New Sunday School Class Starting January 22 Calling All Cross Trainers!

Have you wanted to be a part of a Sunday School class, but felt awkward joining a group that has been together for so long? Are you new to Trinity and you are looking for a Sunday School Class at 9:30 AM? Is one of your "new year resolutions" to grow closer to God? Then we have a NEW class for you! We will start Sunday, January 22 in the library at 9:30 AM with coffee and refreshments. We hope you will stop by and look to be a part of this new opportunity for fellowship, friendship and spiritual growth. All are welcome! Questions? Contact Sara Winterhoff (baw120575@hotmail.com), Melissa Sanne (melissasanne@yahoo.com) or Judy Oguich (joguich@trinityumc.net).

Trinity Adult Ministries



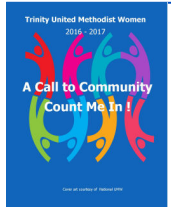
Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, January 10** from **6:30-8 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!



"Journey Back to Joy"

"Journey Back to Joy" is a six week support group for those who are grieving. This is the second year of offering this course. We will gather on **Wednesday, January 18** at **6:45 PM** in the small conference room. At our first meeting we will agree upon a meeting schedule that works best for the group. We will use Alan Wolfelt's book Understanding Your Grief: Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope and Healing our Heart as a guide; the book will be available for purchase at our first meeting. Our group will be led by Barbara Pickels, who has extensive experience in leading grief support groups at local churches. She led our group last year as well. If you are interested in participating in Journey Back to Joy, contact Barbara (248-6848, airymount@comcast.net).



Communities Challenging Mass Incarceration

Rev. Lynn Litchfield guest speaker **Tuesday, January 10, at 10:15 AM** in the Mastin Room.

As GraceInside's Director of Development, **Rev. Litchfield** hopes to raise awareness of this vital ministry for incarcerated individuals. While serving as Chaplain to Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women over 11 years, she saw amazing transformations Christ made possible to women in this maximum-security prison. A dynamic speaker and conference leader, Rev. Litchfield also enjoys writing and has been published in Newsweek, The Guardian and Ethics Daily.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Rev. Litchfield share her thoughts of how we can help this vital ministry that too often remains "out of sight, out of mind."

Mission Emphasis:

Bring donations of 2017 calendars, stationary, and postage stamps



Young at Heart

Please join the Young at Heart on **Thursday, January 19** as we travel to Tanglewood Ordinary for dinner. All inclusive price is \$25. Registrations will be taken on Sunday, January 8 and Sunday, January 15 in Connection Alley. Our reservation is at 6 PM. You may meet us at church at 5:15 PM or meet us at Tanglewood at 5:55 PM. All are welcome!

Please join us at our next Young at Heart meeting on **Wednesday, January 11** at **4:30 PM** in the Mastin Room. We are busy planning our spring calendar. Come join us!

Are you seeking God's will for your life through discerning prayer and other spiritual disciplines?

Join us on Thursday, January 26 at 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM, at Trinity UMC, to hear Dr. Roberta Bondi. In our conversation with Dr. Bondi, she will prompt us to open our eyes to a God of Love, and will guide us in discerning God's will through the Lord's Prayer as viewed by those who traveled in the early church.

Dr. Roberta Bondi is Professor Emeritus of Church History at Candler School of Theology. She is a writer, speaker, retreat leader, and a beloved faculty member of the Academy of Spiritual Formation from The Upper Room. She is the author of nine books including:

To Love As God Loves

Memories of God: Theological Reflections on a Life

To Pray and to Love: Conversations with the Desert Fathers

For registration information go to:

<http://www.richmonddistrictumc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Roberta-Bondi-event-2017.pdf>

Celebrate at Gayton Terrace

Please join us on **Tuesday, January 24** 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.

District Conference and Leadership Training Event January 8 – Reveille UMC

Our annual District Conference and Leadership Training Event is scheduled for Sunday, January 8, 1:30 – 5 PM at Reveille UMC. The keynote, “Your Community is Your Church” will be given by Rev. Ben Campbell, someone very familiar to us here at Trinity. Break-out sessions include Staff-Parish Relations, Trustees, Finance, Food Justice, Mission Shift: From Temporary Relief to Lasting Community Transformation, Cross Racial/Cross Cultural Ministry, What if Youth Designed the Church, Your Community is Your Church, and lots more to choose from! All are welcome to attend! Reveille UMC is located at 4200 Cary Street Road, Richmond, VA 23221.



UM Day at General Assembly

The Church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.”---Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2012-2016.

UM Day at General Assembly will be held Thursday, February 2 beginning at 7 AM with registration and breakfast at Bon Air UMC, 1645 Buford Rd, North Chesterfield. Travel to the Assembly will depart at 8 AM. Attending Committee meeting and meeting with legislators will begin at 8:30 AM. An effort will be made to arrange meetings with legislators for large groups of registrants. If you wish a private meeting, contact your legislator in advance.

Events of the day include meeting with Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy staff members in Senate Room A at 11 AM or attending Joint Session of House and Senate at 11 AM. Depart from Tunnel Entrance at 12:30 PM for lunch at Bon Air UMC and a 25th Anniversary Celebration in the sanctuary at 2 PM including music, a video presentation and a keynote speech by Bishop Charlene Kammerer. Register and pay online at <http://www.vaumc.org/UMDay2017> or print form and mail to UM Day at the GA, Rev. Barbara Lewis, Registrar, Greenwood UMC, 10040 Greenwood Road., Glen Allen, VA 23060. Make checks payable to: “Virginia United Methodist Conference”. All questions regarding registration should be directed to Rev. Lewis at 594-6241.



Winter Weather Decisions

Decisions for closing our building related to winter weather are tricky. Basically, we follow the closing announcements from Henrico County Public Schools. For example, if schools close early or are on a delayed opening, Trinity’s opening and closing times are adjusted. If Henrico schools are closed, Trinity will be closed, and this would include all day and evening events. Our ability to re-open the building after a winter weather event depends upon how quickly we can clear our sidewalks and parking lots. If we can safely get people on to our grounds and into our building, then Trinity might return to normal operations quicker than the school system. Decisions related to closing the building on Saturdays and Sundays will be made based upon weather conditions at that time. Questions contact Bill Pike bpiketrinity@trinityumc.net.

United Methodist Day 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Conference Legislative Committee is hosting a 25th anniversary celebration of **United Methodist Day at General Assembly, Saturday, January 14**, at **Centenary UMC**, 411 E. Grace Street, Richmond. The event will start with registration at 11 AM, lunch at noon followed by a program at 1 PM. Pre-registration is necessary and child care will be available. For more information, email Randy Harlow at crhncboy@aol.com.

Calling the Church Office

The main phone number for the Church office is **288-6056**. Call this number for general information (*you need a phone number, you want to verify the time of a meeting or event, etc.*). The administrative staff member answering the phone should be able to help you. (*If your call to this number goes to the voice mail system, it is only because the main phone line was in use – just hit zero (0) and someone will answer your call.*)

When you are calling a specific person and you know the extension, please dial the secondary phone number – **288-6057**. This will take you directly to the voice mail system. (*Don’t worry if the Pre-School answers– that just means all our other phone lines are in use. Dial the extension of the person you are calling, or simply hit the zero (0). Your call will be answered in the Church office.*)

Refer to the “Trinity Staff is Here to Serve You” phone and email list located in this newsletter for staff phone extensions.

Children At Trinity

Mission Kids

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

January 8 – 5:00 -6:30 PM - meeting at church to design, make and hang posters to advertise for our “Souper Bowl” collection.

January 29 – noon - 3PM Field Trip to Richmond Hill

February 5 – “Souper Bowl” collection after each worship service.

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



Bible
Learning
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BLAST – Bible Learning And Sharing Together

Two different events will be held in Trinity Hall during the **9:30 AM** Sunday School time for kids and parents. One for 3rd grade and one for 4th grade. **Children and parents** (or other adult) will have fun learning a little more about using the Bible. Events are 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.

Sunday, January 22 - For 3rd grader and parent - At 9:30 AM meet in Trinity Hall

Sunday, February 12 - For 4th grader and parent - At 9:30 AM meet in Eaton Hall

Remember to bring your Bible!



January 1 at 9:30 AM Kindergarten - 5th Children’s Sunday School

It is TIME to bring in a new year!

The Education Work Area is inviting all Kindergarten – 5th grade Sunday School children to come to **Room 300 at 9:30 AM** to celebrate together.

Meet & Greet
Join us for a Treat!

Throughout this year we would like to greet you and offer you the opportunity to have a few minutes to meet the other parents in your child’s age group. “Meet & Greet” events will be held at **10:30 AM** in the classroom and will last 10 to 15 minutes.

Upward

Come see the kids play and cheer for eight Saturdays starting January 7.



“I made a New Year’s resolution to eat more fruit, but surely I can’t be expected to go through with it after that!”

Youth At Trinity

T.Y.M. Year in Review

2017 promises to be a fun year for the Trinity Youth Ministry, or “T.Y.M.” (pronounced “time”). Before diving into the New Year, let’s pause a moment and reflect on the blessings of 2016.

Some highlights from 2016 include a spring retreat to Westview, confirming a new group of young members, celebrating and saying good-bye to our graduated seniors, mission trips to Massachusetts and Ohio, summertime Monthly Movie Madness, sloppy wet fun at SWAG, a fall carnival to kick off the new year, teaching tech to the Young at Heart Class, hosting some of Trinity’s Veterans at youth group for Veteran’s Day, screaming at a Haunted Walk and singing at a Bethlehem Walk. In 2016 we served, we played, we sang and we prayed.

In 2017 Trinity will welcome a new Youth Director. All members are asked to pray for the director and the youth in their efforts to be disciples and make disciples. Youth Group meets Sundays in Eaton Hall from 5:00-6:30 PM and is open for all 6th-12th grade students. For updates on additional activities, youth and parents are asked to visit <http://trinityumc.net/email-updates/> and subscribe to the “All Youth News” weekly email.

New Youth Director – Bryce Miller

The SPR and Youth Search Committees are thrilled to announce that Bryce Miller has just accepted the position of Trinity UMC’s Youth Director. Bryce will be joining us in January. His exact start date is currently being determined.

Here are a few things to know about Bryce: He is fun and fun-loving. He has a great and contagious faith in Jesus Christ. He also has a tremendous heart for youth and is excited and eager to get to you our youth and youth families.

Bryce, who is 24 yrs. old, graduated from Campbell University in North Carolina with a B.A. in Religion and Christian Ministry. While at Campbell (2011-2014) Bryce played Division I Men’s Soccer. He was a Big South Conference All Tournament Team Member, Big South Conference All-Academic Team Member, and Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll. He is also into snowboarding, guitar, bass guitar and singing.

Bryce grew up in Roanoke and has worked with South Roanoke UMC Youth Ministry and REACH, Inc. leading work sites at that Youth Missions ministry. Bryce was also a Virginia Conference Calling 21 ministry intern. More recently he has been assisting in the youth ministry at Spanish Fort UMC in coastal Alabama.

Stayed tuned for more information, but get ready; exciting things are in store for TYM!



Confirmation

This year's Confirmation Class will begin on January 8 at 9:30 AM in the Mastin Room. What is Confirmation? It literally means to "make firm or solid what has gone before." The youth during the months of Confirmation are actually preparing to make their first public profession of their Christian faith. This year the youth will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

We invite all 6th grade youth and any youth who have yet to be confirmed to join us on this journey. If you missed the orientation meeting in December, just come to the first class on January 8, we will have all the registration forms and information you need. For more information, contact Amy Lenow at avlenow@gmail.com or Kim Jordan at kmjordan23@yahoo.com



Serve Opportunities

Resolve This Year to Help with Tornado Relief

A lot of us make New Year's resolutions to serve more in our community. If you're physically able, could you be a part of Trinity's work team for tornado recovery?

Trinity UMC is teaming up with Virginia UMC Disaster Recovery to continue the relief efforts that began immediately after the tornado damages last February 24, 2016.

On January 15-16, 2017, Trinity will send an overnight volunteer work team to Evergreen, VA.

If you are interested in joining the Evergreen work team, please let us know by January 5. Our team leaders are Drew Willson (dwillson@trinityumc.net) or Carmen Sheppard (kevinshepp@aol.com).

Start the New Year by helping to make this year better than the last in Evergreen, VA.

Kids Club

Consider signing up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen group at Central United Methodist Church in the Manchester area of Richmond. Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you! We generally have up to 25 people to feed. Use the link to sign up and find out details about time and suggested menus that are well received: <http://goo.gl/ziiAPJ>

Thank you so much!

Hilary Coakley and Sarah Shutt

Blood Drive

Trinity's Winter Blood Drive is Sunday, January 8 from 8 AM – 12:30 PM in Trinity Hall. To register for an appointment, contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net. When you donate blood, you help save the lives of critically ill infants, cancer patients, and accident victims by giving the gift of life. What better way to participate in Trinity's SERVE Ministry! Chef Ronnie Johnson will again prepare his famous Breakfast Bistro Egg Sandwiches with your choice of cheese, sausage, or bacon at a minimal cost of \$2. Our Spring VBS Drive is Sunday, April 9.

Phones needed

Since spring of 2011, members of Trinity have donated a total of 164 cell phones to the YWCA for victims of domestic violence. The YWCA is no longer collecting phones but is requesting that donors take them to any Verizon Wireless retail store and place them in their HopeLine bins for the same purpose. HopeLine collects wireless phones, batteries, chargers, and accessories in any condition to benefit victims and survivors of domestic violence. Trinity will continue to offer a bin in Missions Central (the room down the hall from the church office toward the sanctuary) for donations of your no-longer used phones; these will then be taken to a Verizon Wireless store for HopeLine. Please erase all data and disconnect service for donated phones. This is a great way to recycle what you no longer need and could save someone's life. If you have questions, contact Anne Burch at 270-1661.

Circle 5 Adopts Honduran Family for Christmas

In the spirit of the wise men giving gifts to the infant Christ child, Circle 5 adopted a family served by CrossOver to provide gifts for Christmas. Working with the social worker at CrossOver, we were able to identify a family that matched our needs. The parents of our family came from Honduras ten years ago and now have two young children. Like so many immigrant families they struggle to make ends meet. Our circle members have enjoyed shopping for this family and feel blessed to share in making Christmas special for them. As Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it to me." We are happy to be a part of this family's joy on Christmas morning!

Louise Girvin for Circle 5

Honduras Medical Mission Team January 21 – 28, 2017

Please be in prayer for the members of our Honduras Medical Mission Team as they serve God's people in Honduras January 21-28:

Don Boyd	Bert Norfleet	Roger Hart
Linda Hart	Don Pierce	Larry Girvin
Bill Curry	Cheryl Walsh	Virginia Rhines
Jamie Eubank	Drew Willson	Christine Harper
Courtney Green	David Skillman	Joseph Thompson



Come Serve with Trinity in Haiti: March 11-18, 2017!

Known to many Westerners for its earthquakes and hurricanes, Haiti is a beautiful Caribbean nation also ravaged by poverty: with a per capita income of \$250, Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Pray and consider: could you come serve with Trinity UMC as we join forces with the Robert Ford Haitian Orphanage and School Foundation to improve the living conditions in rural Haiti? For more conversation, contact Drew Willson (dwillson@trinityumc.net).



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Mrs. Dorothy Johnson** to **Trinity UMC Music Fund**

In memory of **Mr. Jordan Strickler** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Mr. Jordan Strickler** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Mr. Norman Hilliard** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

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In memory of **Mrs. Polly Cocke** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In honor of **Mrs. Marsha Shuler** to **Oakgrove-Bellemeade School**

In honor of **Joseph, Mary Holland, Drew and Amelia Thompson** to **Trinity Mission Fund**



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Alexander Kenneth Hawke born on November 28 to Kyle and Krystal Hawke

Baptisms

Carson Robert Vidler, Wellington Watkins Cottrell, V, Luke Van Auken, Lalie Van Auken, Elinam Kanyagui

New Members

Victor Kanyagui, Bubu Banini, Fedelia Banini, Sandy Cain, Joe LaCroix, Lila LaCroix, Mike Smith, Gin Smith, Nan Alschbach, Emily Haenselman, Mary Rice

Our sympathies to...

*Valarie Coats whose father Al Hernandez passed away
December 13*

*George Paxton whose brother Robert Paxton died
December 7*

*Kathy Crew whose mother Shirley Whitley died
December 7*

*The family of John Goetz who died December 4
Kaye Carrithers whose aunt Helen Brown died
December 4*

*Trent Romans whose father Joe Romans died
November 29*

*The family of Norman Hilliard who died November 19
Debbie Mancini whose grandmother Florine Weeks died
November 16*



Hermitage News

The Country Store had a very successful day in December and was able to take in \$3,478.65. This will go toward updating the audio-visual equipment at The Hermitage. This amount is in addition to the nearly \$7,000 raised during the October Holiday Bazaar. That will allow new furniture to be purchased for the new patio there. The next opening of the Country Store will be on January 27, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM. On December 13, twenty-five gift bags assembled during UMW Service Day were delivered to residents at The Hermitage. Want to be involved with volunteering here? Call Nancy Miller (740-3772), Marble Jones (740-8002) or Joyce Caldwell (474-1805)

TRINITY'S STAFF IS HERE TO SERVE YOU

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

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Thank You Notes

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!

Dear Trinity Friends,

Thank you for sharing the altar flowers with me after my recent surgery. The timing could not have been better! I also appreciated your cards, well wishes and prayers. It has been a long recovery, but I am thankful that my progress continues.

With gratitude,

Cindi Colyer Allen

Pumpkin Patch Update

Thank you to all the many youth and adult volunteers for working the pumpkin patch during the month of October! Also many thanks to the members who helped unload and place the pumpkins in front of the church. Over \$9,000 was raised to help support the youth mission trips. The Handmade Harvest Craft Show also raised \$2,200 for the trips.

Melissa Sanne

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	11/27	12/4	12/11	12/18
Worship Service	493	571	747	686
Sunday School	294	361	360	343

Our Gifts as of November 30:

Projected income to date: \$ 625,684
 Actual income year to date: \$ 605,244
 Excess (-shortfall) -\$ 20,440

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE



The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, January 16, 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 to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.