



The Trinity Window

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

July 2017



Pastor's Corner

Come to Rome! Come to Rome with us July 10-14 at Vacation Bible School. I can promise you a week full of energy, smiles, laughter, fun and, oh by the way, learning and faith formation. There is nothing more important that you can do that week. There is, however, something equally important that you can. Invite a friend. Invite the child of a non-Trinity family. Vacation Bible School has its origins in 1894 in Hopedale, Illinois. From its beginnings VBS was about outreach. This is not an event just for the children of our church but for the children of all the community. So, come on, get out there, issue the invitations and offer to bring those kids yourself. Then put on your toga and join us. It's going to be quite a week.

See you there.

Food Truck Night @ Trinity with Nutzy from the Flying Squirrels



Looking for some excitement? Come enjoy fellowship with the Trinity Family on **Wednesday, July 12** as we host a Food Truck Court. Bring friends and family to taste some of the finest food trucks Richmond has to offer. There will be an assortment of trucks with a variety of cuisine to try. The trucks will be at Trinity from **5:30-7:30 PM**. Come get some good food and sit and listen to the band or let the kids play in the bounce house, there will be something for everyone! Nutzy the Flying Squirrel will be here to take pictures and sign autographs.



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More details on page 6 of this newsletter.

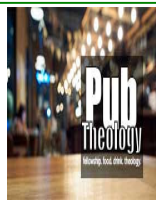


Trinity Adult Ministries



Heartstrings Songs for and from the Heart

On **July 9**, Trinity's **8:15 and 11 AM** traditional services will feature the theme, "Heartstrings - Songs For and From the Heart." The acclaimed soprano and Longwood University professor, Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, will be joined by pianist Charles Staples to present John Carter's "Cantata," a work based on four African-American Spirituals. Even though we're in "ordinary time," our summer worship services are far from ordinary! Don't miss them!



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, July 11** 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!



Outreach Summer Forum

The Outreach Class is pleased to announce the following speakers for the annual summer forum.

On **Sunday, July 30** our guests will be Betsy Keen and Genny Ebel Embler, who will share their presentation from the 2016 UMW Harvest Day program. Then on **Sunday, August 27**, William C. Mims, Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia will be our speaker. Programs start at 9:30 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 this summer.

Gayton Terrace Celebration July 25, 3:30 PM

Please join us on **Tuesday, July 25** at **3:30 PM** for a visit with our members residing at Gayton Terrace. Fellowship, refreshments, communion, and an update on the activities at Trinity are included. Contact Susie Hildebrand at shildebrand@verizon.net or 740-7490 to volunteer or for more information.



Young at Heart

Our new planning committee leaders are Nancy Kindervater, Carolyn Ramsey and Terri Royster. All are welcome at our planning meetings. Our next planning meetings are: **Wednesday, July 12 at 4:30 PM** and **Wednesday, August 16 at 4:30 PM**.

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, July 26, 2 – 3:30 PM: Join us as we gather in the Mastin Room to hear our own Bill Pike present a program on "Cowboy Music". Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, August 24, 5:15 – 9 PM: Join us for good food and fellowship at Tanglewood Ordinary! Meet at the church at 5:15 PM to ride the van, or meet us at 5:55 PM at Tanglewood. Cost: \$25 all inclusive Register on Sunday, August 13 and Sunday, August 20; deadline Monday, August 21.



Please join us and bring a friend!



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 and t-shirt prices are \$12 or \$13 for anything over XL. Deadline to order t-shirts is July 26 and the deadline for tickets is August 2. Tickets and t-shirts will be picked up from Kim Tingler in the church office or before the game. To sign up: <http://trinityumc.net/news/faith-night/>





Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Pre-school 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.

Volunteers Needed

The Bereavement Committee is a mission project at Trinity started by Carol Gill about ten years ago to assist families during a time of sorrow. There are several teams of volunteers who plan and provide a reception in the Welcome Center following a funeral at Trinity. We are looking for more volunteers to join us. If you are interested, or have questions, call Carole Dishman (360-4072), Pam Bullis (346-4919), or Dale Boice (740-0740).

Options for Giving at Trinity

Gifts of Stock: Trinity UMC is pleased to accept your gifts of appreciated stock. Contact your broker to transfer the stock from your brokerage account to Trinity's Brokerage account at UBS (DTC Number 0221, Account Number AP-41183). UBS will immediately sell the stock and transfer the proceeds to Trinity's checking account. Please be sure to contact our Financial Administrator, Diane Ladd either by phone (288-6057 ext. 203) or by email (dladd@trinityumc.net) as soon as you contact your broker to sell the stock, with the approximate dollar amount of the total proceeds and how you would like it applied in Trinity's records. This ensures that your gift will be properly credited to your contribution statement.

Auto Drafts: If you wish to have Trinity automatically draft funds for your pledge from your bank account each month, please contact Diane Ladd to receive the form. Funds will be drafted on either the 5th or the 20th of the month. This is a great way to make sure that the missions and ministries of the church continue even when you are away on vacation.

Flower Tributes



To have a tribute listed for someone in the Worship bulletin, please fill out a (pink) Flower Tribute form located in the Welcome Center (near the sofas). We have many available opportunities now through November. Remember an anniversary, a birthday, or honor someone "just because." The cost for a tribute is \$50.

Blood Drive

Register now for Trinity's Summer Blood Drive **Sunday, July 9** from 8 AM – 12:30 PM by contacting Mary Hetzel 282-5872, hetzelmary@comcast.net or to register on-line, go to www.donateblood.vablood.org. For eligibility questions, contact Trinity's new Donor Advocate Rich Ringrose at Rringrose@vablood.org or at 342-4042. Please note that the Mastin Room will be our summer location.



2017 Good Shepherd Awards Presented

Since 1994, the Work Area on Education has given "Good Shepherd" Awards at its annual May event. This award is given to those who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the educational ministry of our church.

This year's recipients are:

- Dan Berlin** – Senior High Sunday School teacher, youth chaperone
- Emily Toalson** – teacher for Kindergarten, 2nd quarter
- Jenny Murphy** – teacher for N3, 2nd quarter; teacher for 3rd grade, 3rd quarter; worked on the recruitment team for Sunday School and Nursery
- Debbie Schmitt** – coordinator for Life Choices Class, coordinator of UMCOR kits
- Krystal Hawke** – coordinator for Moms and More, teacher for Kindergarten, 1st quarter, VBS (Vacation Bible School) Co-Director 2017
- Natalie Russell** – coordinator for Moms and More, VBS Co-Director 2017
- Bill Bare** – teacher for the Christian Beliefs Class
- Lou Cei** – teacher of McClure Bible Study Class, leads a bible study at Cedarfield every week
- Karen Adams** – coordinator for Sherbourne Food Pantry, faithful volunteer at Oak Grove
- The Outreach Sunday School Class** – the Outreach Class provides learning opportunities through their annual summer forums and through the Veteran's program every November

Thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers! You are the gardeners of our souls, planting seeds that help us grow into disciples of our Great Shepherd. We appreciate you!



Trinity Foundation Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to this year's recipients of the Trinity Foundation Scholarships. The Foundation awarded six scholarships of \$1,500 each to the following students: **Turner Jordan** received the Ekey scholarship to study at Roanoke College, **Margaret Blackman** received the Galaspie scholarship and will attend Virginia Tech, **Jack Neary** received the Graham scholarship to study at UVA. Also, **Emily Case** received the McClure scholarship to continue her studies at Mississippi State University, **Garrett Oguich** received the Basmajian scholarship to study at JMU and **Gracie Smith** received the Ekey/ Galaspie scholarship to continue her education at Virginia Tech. The Trinity Foundation is grateful to the donors that made these scholarships possible as well as these outstanding young people who are so special to Trinity!

UMCOR Kits for Annual Conference

Pastor Larry Lenow dedicated Trinity's 2017 UMCOR Kits during worship Sunday, June 11. Creating UMCOR Kits is one of many hands-on ministries of Trinity's UMW, but anyone in our congregation with a heart to serve can help make them. This year we sent **223 UMCOR Kits** to Annual Conference: 91 School Kits and 132 Health Kits. We also sent \$382 to cover toothpaste and postage. UMCOR School Kits contain the required school supplies, without which children in developing countries are barred from attending school. The Trinity Stitchers generously supply beautiful handmade, double-handled fabric bags to hold the school supplies. Health Kits contain basic health supplies and go to disaster areas world-wide. Debbie Schmitt is the contact person for UMCOR Kits. We collect completed UMCOR Kits in Mission Central closet.

UMFS Women's Auxiliary

The UMFS Women's Auxiliary sponsored their annual High Tea for 40 residential students at UMFS Sunday, June 4 in the Dining Room. Students learned Tea traditions from Sheelagh Davis of Reville and enjoyed traditional refreshments of scones, tea sandwiches, and fruit. The Women's Auxiliary meets the third Thursday at 3900 West Broad Street and includes representatives from 40 United Methodist Churches.



The Civil Air Patrol West Richmond Cadet Squadron

On March 23, 2017, the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) had their final meeting at Trinity after 32 years of meeting here every Thursday night! The West Richmond Cadet Squadron of the CAP presented Trinity with a Certificate of Appreciation.

CAP is a congressionally chartered, federally supported non-profit corporation that serves as the official civilian auxiliary of the United States Air Force. CAP is a volunteer organization that performs three congressionally assigned key missions: emergency services, which includes search and rescue (by air and ground) and disaster relief operations; aerospace education for youth and the general public; and cadet programs for teenage youth.

The Virginia Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) is the highest echelon of Civil Air Patrol in the state of Virginia. The Virginia Wing consists of over 1,800 cadet and adult members at over 24 locations across the state of Virginia. The West Richmond Cadet Squadron is one of the few Cadet Chartered Squadrons in the Virginia Wing of the CAP. To be considered a Cadet Squadron, a unit's membership must be made up of more cadets (youth members) than seniors (adult members). The West Richmond Cadet Squadron now meets at Waller Depot Armory, Headquarters of the Virginia Defense Force, on Waller Road Richmond.

Micah Volunteers

On May 4, 125 Grab & Go Breakfast Bags were created by the Micah Volunteer Team at Oak Grove ES. We served a homemade blueberry muffin, granola bar, banana, clementine, and hard-boiled eggs to the entire staff including classroom teachers, custodial, kitchen staff, cafeteria monitors, special teachers, and bus drivers. The bags were prepared with a sentiment "You're Superheroes!"

Micah partners at Oak Grove Elementary School met Monday, June 12 at Trinity to fill gift bags for 85 fifth grade students for their special Moving on Celebration. Volunteers from River Road UMC; River Road Church, Baptist; Second Baptist, South Richmond; Trinity UMC; and Tuckahoe Presbyterian provided the gift items to wish our students well as they make the big transition to middle school. Delivery of the bags took place Wednesday, June 14 while the students were out for lunch at Golden Corral.



YOUTH AT TRINITY

SUMMER MISSIONS



The summer of 2017 will be another busy one for the youth at Trinity. Not only are many of them holding down summer jobs, but 50-60 of them will be embarking into the mission field at least once. As you are reading this, a group of high school students are ministering to the people of Washington D.C. In July, our middle

school students, some of them for the first time, will get their hands dirty doing repair projects in Tennessee. Born out of the CSM trips that Trinity has done, we will be doing our own inner-city mission experience in downtown RVA. This will be the first week of August and we will be serving our neighbors here in Richmond.

DATES TO KNOW

- JUNE 25 - JULY 1
 - HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
- JULY 10 - 14
 - VBS
- JULY 16 - 22
 - MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
- 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.

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- SUMMER NIGHTS
 - THURSDAY NIGHT, AT 5:00PM IN TRINITY HALL

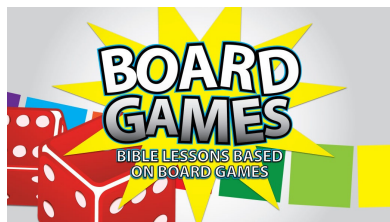
June in Review

- On June 4th, Trinity UMC welcomed 23 new members to our church family from our 2017 Confirmation class. We all look forward to the impact these young people will have in our community.
- The following Sunday on June 11th, Trinity UMC again celebrated its young people, this time with recognizing the graduates from

high school and college. The Trinity Foundation awarded \$9,000 worth of scholarships to those attending college next year.

- On Thursdays throughout the summer we will be gathering for a meal and a bible study. The past three weeks we have been diving into the Book of James and what it means to be a Christian in today's society.
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Children At Trinity



Board Games New and Exciting for 9:30 Summer Sunday School

We are off to a great start!!! N4 – 5th 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. We will explore “Games You Should Play” and “Games You Shouldn’t Play.” There is something very different this year for 4th & 5th graders. They are producing short skit videos that will be shown to the younger kids the next week. **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 throughout the summer at <http://bit.ly/BoardGames930SummerSS> . Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net , if you have questions or concerns.



Child Care Needs at Trinity Do you love Trinity and children? Could you use a little extra money?

Some years ago Trinity had the faithful support of Marjorie Browder and her sister Kitty Jones to help with caring for children at various times when their parents were involved in other activities here at Trinity. They were paid, but they served because they loved the children and saw the great importance of ministering in this way to support Trinity and Children’s Ministry.

Paid helpers are needed year round to care for children during the week for group events and special church services. Assistance is always needed for Sunday morning, especially in the 10:45 A.M. Nurseries.

It is not many hours and the pay is currently \$12 an hour. Helpers would need to comply with our Child Protection Policy, which includes a background check. This takes a few minutes, but is pretty easy.

Thank you for prayerfully considering this way of serving.

If you are interested in being a part of this child-care ministry, contact Leila Denton, 288-6057 ext. 208, ldenton@trinityumc.net . What a great way to help others and provide that nurturing support for the small children and their families in our church.



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Special Supply needs for Rome VBS :

- 7 or 8 **pop-up tent/cabanas** (We need a total of around 12, but have some commitments already) – we would like to borrow these and any size would work. We would need them in Trinity Hall no later than Friday morning, July 7. They will be used all VBS week and we would like them picked up late Friday afternoon, July 14. Please label them with name and contact phone #. (If you have one you would like to donate, that would be fine.)
- 10 or 11 **large wicker type laundry basket size baskets** (Total needed is 15) We would need them in Trinity Hall Friday morning, July 7. They will be used all VBS week and we would like them picked up Friday afternoon, July 14. Please label them with name and contact phone #.
- **VBS Set-up helpers** – for Friday, July 7, Saturday, July 8 and (after noon) Sunday, July 9.

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. Dates to volunteer at their new location, 2676 Venita Road in Powhatan, are **July 29** and **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.

Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (MHEC)

This year, Trinity's annual collection for over-the-counter(OTC) medicines, medical supplies and monetary donations for MHEC will be delivered on July 15, a Saturday. The deadline for donations is **Friday, July 14**.

Here are ways to help:

* **Over-the-counter Medicines and Supplies**

Pick up a "Wish List" from Connection Alley beside the Welcome Center on Sunday, July 2 or July 9, or the Welcome Center counter beginning July 2. Bring your donated items to Missions Central – near the Church offices.

* **Monetary Donations**

Checks

Payable to **Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (MHEC)**

Memo line "MHEC medicines"

Mail to: Janet Sommerville, 6161 River Road, #38, Richmond, VA 23226

Cash Donations

Put in envelope with your name and address

Give to Janet Sommerville on Sunday morning

* **Join the team delivering the donations to the Clinic at the Mattaponi Reservation in King William County:**

Sign-up sheet for this purpose will be available at the Connection Alley beside the Welcome Center on Sunday, July 2 & July 9. We leave Trinity at 8:00 AM in the Church van, and will be back to Trinity before noon.

Spanish Support Needed

In order to try to help our Hispanic Kindergarten parents better advocate for their children, Communities in Schools has designated Ana Nuckols to work at the Family Engagement Manager.

She is seeking an hour and a half of early evening help from anyone bilingual in Spanish to assist on two nights at Oak Grove Elementary School from 5-6:30 PM. The school is located at 2409 Webber Avenue, 23224. The dates are **Tuesday, June 27** and **Tuesday, July 11**. You can reach Ana at anuckols@cisofrichmond.org or call here at 240-507-3362.

Mary Hetzel is planning to attend on July 11 and can help get someone there for the first time.

New Volunteer Training

The Virginia Mentoring Partnership will be presenting a new volunteer training, open to all Micah Volunteers, **Monday, July 17, 5:30 – 8 PM, St. Bridget's Catholic Church** – Parish Hall, 6006 Three Chopt Road, 23226 282-9511. Bring a brown bag supper; beverages & dessert provided. Training covers: Volunteer Do's & Don'ts, Effective Communication, Boundaries, & How You Impact Positive Youth Development.

To register: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/vmp/event/783433/preview>. The promo code is 2017Micah. For manual registration, contact Mary Hetzel, Interim Micah Coordinator, 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net. Attend this training and you will be ready to begin as a new Micah volunteer for the 2017-2018 school year.



Joys and Concerns

Births

Theo McDonald Helms born on June 10 to Jeb and Christine Helms

Berkley Elizabeth Sentz born on June 6 to John and Somer Sentz

William John Marshall born on June 6 to Ryan and Ashley Marshall. His grandparents are Sandy and Elaine Peele

John Patrick O'Hagan born on May 23 to Patrick and Barrett O'Hagan. His grandparents are Rob and Sandy Taylor

Holton Robert Dixon born on April 6 to Josh and Brittany Dixon. His grandparents are Rob and Joanne Spotts.

Baptisms

Kathryn Tull, Leo Kirkpatrick

New Members

Dennis King, Kay King, Henrique Santiago, Juliana Santiago, Mere Avery, Griffin Belding, Rynn Case, Ben Coker, Matt Danforth, Natalie Dike, Quinn Green, Savannah Green, Caraline Kennedy, Leo Kirkpatrick, Emmie Love, Zoey Martin, Austin Purcell, Ella Roberts, Sara Strange, Sophia Swartz, Annabelle Teller, Amelia Thompson, Kristin Tidey, William Tidey, Kathryn Tull, Zachary Verdi, Neely Winefordner

Our sympathies to...

Michelle Williams whose mother Betty Jean Tait-Bond died May 29



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Mr. Marshall McCabe** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Christine Owen** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Ada Bivins** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

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

In memory of **Mr. Ayles Berry "Jack" Shehee, Jr.** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity Friends,

Many thanks to you all for the love and support given to my family following the death of my mother, Ada Bivins. Trinity was an important part of her life for 60 years and she loved her Trinity family. A special thank you to the Reverends Larry Lenow and Jody McWilliams. We are grateful for your compassion and appreciate being a part of this very special church.

Linda Bivins Latimer

Dear Trinity Friends,

My grateful thanks to Trinity for the reception given in honor of my retirement on May 21. It truly was a memorable occasion of love, support, cards, flowers, and hugs from past and present students, parents, friends, and coworkers. I greatly appreciate the kind words from Larry Lenow and Bill Burch and many thanks to Kelly Kindle for the delicious food at the reception.

I have loved coming to work each day for my 45 years at Trinity Preschool/PMO and I feel blessed that I have had the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful program.

Hugs,
Carole K. Smith

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	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25
Worship Service	600	407	393	434
Sunday School	267	231	217	181

Our Gifts as of May 31:

Projected income to date:	\$ 1,481,092
Actual income year to date:	<u>\$ 1,461,047</u>
Excess (-shortfall)	\$ (20,045)



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, July 17, at 4 PM for events taking place in August.** 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.