



The Trinity Window

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

June 2016

Friends,

Wanting to offer a timely and concise report on General Conference 2016 (the Global United Methodist Conference) I forward this message that our District Superintendent Pete Moon sent from the floor of that gathering. Thus, this is a first hand account. Our thanks to Pete and all our Virginia Conference delegation for their faithfulness and service.

Blessings,

Dear Friends at the Richmond District,

Greetings from the floor of General Conference!

Today is our last day of this two week gathering and I thought it might be helpful to offer a brief update for you. Many of you have been praying for all here and I cannot tell you how those prayers have sustained us and our church through these days. I believe that the prayers of April 10 and those before and after have been a premier part of God's agenda and the work of unity that has occurred here.

Human sexuality has been at the forefront of conversation. There has been animated debate and multiple acts of protests. In it all, the Conference elected to invite the Bishops to go to work and lead us forward. As a result, all decisions around human sexuality have been deferred to a special General Conference that the Bishops will potentially call in two or three years. There, all other issues would be set aside and the Conference would deal solely with this issue that has so divided us. It is fair to say that this act, though not without precedent, is close to it.

This is obviously more complex and there are multiple details, but it does mean that as of now, there is no change in our United Methodist Discipline. This is a source of frustration for some and relief for others. I believe however this is the result of your prayers. We will leave this Conference a still united United Methodist Church. We will take some more time to deal with this so that prayerfully and deliberately we find a way forward.

In the midst of potential division, please join me as I seek the prayer and dream of Jesus in John 17, that we might be one. I will look forward to speaking more to this when I get back, but until then, please know that your prayers have mattered and do matter!

*In Christ,
Pete*



**Farewell Reception
for
Rev. Thomas Lott
Sunday, June 12
12:00 PM
Trinity Hall**

The Rev. Thomas Lott will begin serving a new appointment on July 1 after serving as Trinity's Associate Pastor for the last four years. At this time we are not permitted to publically announce his new appointment, but he is very excited about this next step in his ministry.

We are very appreciative of Thomas' service to Trinity and have made plans to say farewell to Thomas and Greta. Sunday, June 12, Thomas' last Sunday with us, we will have a reception in Trinity Hall at noon. Please make plans to attend this special time of recognition. At the reception, we will have a basket to collect cards if you wish to share your personal thanks and best wishes with Thomas and Greta.

**Father's Day Attire
Reminder**



On **Sunday, June 19**, all the men of Trinity are invited to ditch the tie and sport coat, and wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt in honor of Father's Day.



Sing for God This Summer!

As you probably know, the Trinity Choir continues to sing in every worship service throughout the summer. With lots of our people traveling, it can be difficult to fill (fill? who am I kidding) the choir loft. We would like to invite anyone OF ANY AGE who can carry a tune (that is sort of the minimum requirement) to join us. We post rehearsals on YouTube, so you can even join us if you're out of town on Wednesdays. Please consider helping us out and participating in keeping Trinity's Music Ministry strong this summer.



**Welcome Reception for
Rev. Andrew B.
Willson and Family**

On Sunday, July 3 at 12:00 Noon we will have a reception to welcome Rev. Willson in the Welcome Center.



Updates From The Trustees

On Friday, May 6, 2016, our Trustees completed the closing on the property located at 7916 Rock Creek Road. The Trustees, Finance Committee, Trinity Foundation and Church Council worked collectively to secure this strategic piece of land. Negotiations started in October 2015 with the bank representing the estate. One legal hurdle for the estate was cleared in December, and at that point the offer from the Trustees was more carefully considered. In the end, diligence and a practical approach from the Trustees allowed the church to purchase the property for \$300,000. Ironically, this was the same price the Trustees offered the owner in 2008.

The purchase of this property gives Trinity more flexibility for future expansion. At this time, no definitive plans are on the table for discussion. Unfortunately, the interior/exterior conditions of the house do not merit any type of restoration. The Trustees are in the process of reviewing proposals for taking the house down. Thanks to everyone who was involved in this endeavor for your time, patience, and prayers.

Additionally, the Trustees are in the process of working with Jim Byerly, an architect from Huff Morris, who is conducting a review of Eaton Hall and our Nursery areas. Over the last few months, the Trustees have received information from our youth, Preschool staff, Boy Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, Yoga instructors, Bereavement team, and staff regarding the use of both areas. At this point, Mr. Byerly with assistance from the Trustees and Staff are meeting with stakeholders to pinpoint use patterns and needs with the goal of developing a working plan for making practical and aesthetic improvements.



Confirmation Class of 2016

Trinity wants to congratulate and welcome the 2016 Confirmation class received on May 15:

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| Ann Turner Douglas Barricklow | Amelia Grace McRoberts |
| Mary Warren Barricklow | Lilah Mae Monroe |
| James Talbot Beeghly | Britney Nicole Myers |
| Mason Harding Bond | Landon Andrew Romanosky |
| Nathaniel Lee Cundiff | William Maxwell Sanne |
| Owen Patrick DeFrancesca | Christopher William Schmitt |
| Erin Lee Drummond | Parker Daniel Shepherd |
| Annabelle Grace Glassman | Hayden Mercer Simpson |
| Roger Oxford Hart, III | Rachel Hamilton Spencer |
| Emma Catherine Hearn | Matthew Scott Tidey |
| Sophia Grace Jared | Michael Ryan Tull |
| Jackson Lawless Kennedy | Lacey Jane Wortzel |
| Ainsleigh Jo Mancini | |

Trinity Adult Ministries



Got Walking Shoes?

Announcing a new JourneyGroup – Wednesday Walkers! We will meet behind the church at **3:30 PM** on Wednesdays and walk for an hour around the neighborhood.

All are welcome! Contact Judy Oguich if you are interested.



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Bowing to public demand, we will not break for the summer as previously announced. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, June 14** from **6:30-8 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Richmond, VA 23230). Pastor Larry will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!

Summer Forum



Outreach Summer Forum

In July 2015, the Henrico County Police Department initiated their Faith Community Coalition meetings. These meetings have been designed to discuss public safety, but also the meetings were developed to start the steps for building relationships in our communities. On Sunday, June 26, please join us for a presentation about Fair and Impartial Policing Training. Program starts at 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall. All adult Sunday school classes are invited to attend and to supply morning snack items as the church will provide coffee and tea. We look forward to having you with us.

Cedarfield Celebration

Please join us on **Tuesday, June 28 at 3:30 PM** for a celebration with our members residing at Cedarfield. The event will be led by our ministers and includes fellowship, refreshments, music and worship. We will meet in the Health Center Great Room. Contact Lane Dickinson to volunteer or for more information.

Young at Heart

Thursday, June 23

5:15 – 8 PM

Join us as we take a trip to

Tanglewood Ordinary

to enjoy a delicious dinner and wonderful fellowship!

Cost: \$25 per person

(includes dinner, beverage, dessert and gratuity)

Those who wish to ride in the church van will meet at the back of the church at 5:15 PM in order to leave by 5:30. Persons are welcome to drive directly to Tanglewood Ordinary. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, June 15. A registration table will be in Connection Alley on Sunday, June 12. Contact Judy Oguich to register.

Coming Up

Thursday, August 11 –Richmond Squirrels Baseball Game

Thursday, September 22 – “Sharing Your Favorite Vacation” with lunch provided by Kelly Kindle

Come join the fun and bring a friend!

Trinity's Charge Conference

Trinity will be holding our 2016 Charge Conference on **Wednesday, June 22 at 7 PM** in **Trinity Hall**. Plans for the next year will be discussed. Members of the Church Council are voting members of the Charge Conference, but all Trinity members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Zamar Theatre Group presents PINNACLE!

“Pinnacle”, written by and starring Trinity's own modern worship leader Jay Johnson, follows an obscure fellow named Elijah, who is presented with the opportunity of a life

time and gets to live out his wildest dreams only to realize that it all comes at a cost. Join us on June 24 and 25 at 7 PM at Trinity for the telling of this age old story set to amazing music and exciting dances that will leave you amazed and entertained. For more info email Jay Johnson at jasonj401@gmail.com.

Youth At Trinity

June Calendar

- June 5 **Senior Recognition in Worship Services**
SYM Team Meeting, 11 AM, Room 308
- June 12 **SYM Team Meeting**, 11 AM, Room 308
- June 26-July 2 **High School Mission Trip to Boston!**

Middle School Youth Mission Trip Needs Leaders!

The Middle School Mission Trip to Ohio still needs leaders! If you would like to participate in a life-changing week of mission with our amazing youth, please contact Brian Clayton (bclayton@trinityumc.net). No special skills required! **The trip is free for adults leaders!** The Youth Mission Trips (YMT) page has been updated with additional information for both the Middle School and the High School trips, including what to pack lists, sample daily schedules, and more. If you are signed up to go, please review visit the YMT page and read over the information carefully. Trinityumc.net/2016-youth-mission-trips.

Please note that full payment for the mission trips is due on June 1.

Sustainable Youth Ministry Team

TYM is undertaking a months long project to create a healthier and more vibrant youth ministry.

This year, TYM has been working through the book *Sustainable Youth Ministry*. Written by Mark DeVries, the head of Youth Ministry Architects, this book is a how-to manual for producing a healthy, safe, and thriving youth ministry that will be able to stand the test of time. It emphasizes using the right building blocks and creating the right culture to fulfill the vision of a particular youth ministry like ours.

Over the next several months, you will see news about how this process is moving along under the heading SYM. If you have any questions about SYM or how the process is going, please email Brian Clayton (bclayton@trinityumc.net)

TrinityUMC.net/youth

Stay Up To Date With Youth Ministry News & Announcements!

To receive youth ministry emails:

1. Go to trinityumc.net and scroll down to the bottom of the page.
2. At the bottom right of the page, look for where it says Connect and click the envelope icon.
3. Fill out your information and select All Youth News.
4. You're done! You can change which groups you get information from at any time by scrolling to the bottom of a TYM email and clicking on the Update My Preferences link.

SWAG 2016

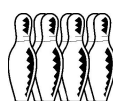
August 15-18

SWAG (Summer Week of Awesome Games!) is coming! SWAG is open to all middle schoolers (including students who will be starting the 6th grade in the fall. This is a great week of huge games, amazing activities, and lots of fun! More info soon!

Virginia 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 June 11.

Visit trinityumc.net/youth to sign up!



Children At Trinity



Parent Pep Rally!
Ready, OK..God is Cool,
God is Fun,
Help us Teach He's #1
June 5
5:30 – 6:30 PM

Enjoy a little time and a snack supper on a Sunday evening with fellow parents and our Pastor. Pastor Larry is very excited about Children's Ministry and is looking forward to talking with you about children, Trinity, parenting and faith development.

Child care drop off and socializing beginning at 5 PM. (Please pack a snack supper for your child – no peanut products.) Please RSVP at <http://bit.ly/ParentPepRally>.

Feel free to contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net with questions.

2016 Children's Summer Mission Trip June 25 – 28



It will not be long before we are packing the van for the Children's Summer Mission Trip (for 1st – 5th graders & parents); we hope you will be there to join us for an exciting 4 days filled with mission, fellowship and fun! Don't let us leave town without you!! **Not sure it will work for your family, check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#).** Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net with questions or to sign up.



9:30 AM Summer Sunday School for N4 – 5th

The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss Sunday School Series highlights the wonderful Dr. Seuss stories we all remember and love. It points out the inspirational messages hidden in the colorful illustrations and rhyming words that remind us of the teachings of the Bible. In the midst of fun and frolic with Dr. Seuss, the meaning and relevance of some Bible passages will come to life for our children.

Sign up to help at <http://bit.ly/DrSeuss930SummerSS>. For questions, contact Leila Denton at 288-6057 ext. 208 or ldenton@trinityumc.net.

"If you never did you should. These things are fun, and fun is good." Dr. Seuss

Vacation Bible School 2016 SURF SHACK – Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love! 9 AM – Noon, July 11 – 15



We wish to welcome N3 – 5th grade kids to Surf Shack! It is a place for kids to have fun and provides a strong biblical foundation for faith development in children. The VBS adventure includes music that will energize, interactive Bible fun, super science projects, cool crafts, mission work, delicious snacks, great games and more.

We need many Adults and Youth to staff VBS!
This church-wide outreach event needs *your* help!!
Please prayerfully consider serving God at VBS!
Sign up now! <http://bit.ly/TrinitySurfShackVBS>

Our Directors for 2016 are **Erin Cundiff**, 301-7386 or thecundiff4@gmail.com, and **Sara Winterhoff**, baw120575@hotmail.com, or 357-4949. For more information contact **Leila Denton** at 288-6057, ext. 208, or 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 April 10 Blood Drive, presented by Virginia Blood Services, collected 34 units of blood, each helping to save three lives. Please mark your calendar for **July 10** and bring a friend. Consuming a protein-rich breakfast: eggs, cheese, meat, and yogurt, and drinking plenty of fluids is a must for donors. Each donor must present a donor card or, for anyone new, a photo ID. VBS sends technicians based on registered appointments. To register for your appointment between 8 AM and 12:30 PM, contact Mary Hetzel at hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872 or on-line www.VADONOR.ORG.

Samaritan Offering

It is a tradition at Trinity to make a special offering between Mother's Day and Father's Day to Virginia United Methodist Homes, Inc. Your gifts are used for benevolent care in our VUMH Communities for those who have been blessed by longevity but have outlived their financial resources. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. You may donate online at trinityumc.net/online-giving or use the envelopes located in the pews. Make checks payable to VUMH and note "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line or if using the envelope in the pew check the box "credit my United Methodist Church for this gift" and write "Trinity" and "Richmond District." In addition, if you would like to make the gift in honor or memory of a loved one, cards are available in the Welcome Center that you may use to notify those people.

Serve Opportunities



Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (MHEC) Day

This year, Trinity's annual collection for over-the-counter (OTC) medicines, medical supplies and monetary donations for MHEC will be delivered on **Saturday, June 11**. The deadline for donations will be **Friday, June 10**.

Here are ways to help:

- Pick up a wish list from the Welcome Center and bring your donation to Missions Central no later than June 10.
- Make a monetary donation, checks made payable to Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic, mail to Janet Sommerville at 6161 River Road #38, Richmond, VA 23226.
- Prepare a lunch item for the volunteers working at the Clinic, sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.
- Join the team delivering the donations to the Mattaponi reservation in King William. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center. We will leave Trinity at 9:30 AM on Saturday, June 11, and return to the church at 2:30 PM.

Shalom Farms



Trinity Volunteers will be heading to Shalom Farms in Western Goochland County on **Saturday, June 18**. We will meet in the Stuart Hall Parking lot at 8 AM and return around 12:30 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for those of all ages who love the outdoors to help with Shalom's mission of raising and providing produce to families who do not have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. Contact Teresa Given at tdagiven@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to attend.

Phones needed

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! If you have questions contact Anne Burch at 270-1661.



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Stella Mae Strouse born on April 25 to Allie and Brad Strouse. Her grandparents are Carol and Chris Butterworth.

Baptisms

Wellington Neal, Annabelle Norton, Landon Romanosky, Emma Hearn, Michael Tull, Carson Harris

New Members

David, Neal, Ann Turner Barricklow, Mary Warren Barricklow, James Beeghly, Mason Bond, Nate Cundiff, Owen DeFrancesca, Erin Drummond, Annabelle Glassman, Roger Hart, III, Emma Hearn, Sophia Jared, Jackson Kennedy, Ainsleigh Mancini, Grace McRoberts, Lilah Monroe, Britney Myers, Landon Romanosky, Max Sanne, Christopher Schmitt, Parker Shepherd, Hayden Simpson, Rachael Spencer, Matthew Tidey, Michael Tull, Lacey Wortzel

Weddings

Congratulations to the following couples who were recently married:

Kate Rogers and Ben Sunderlin who were married on May 14

Donna Helfand and Scott Davidson who were married on April 22

Our sympathies to...

*The family of Mary Anne Noland who died May 15
Randy Mortimer whose father David Mortimer died May 14*

Scott Bartholomew whose father-in-law Warren Deitcher died May 9

*The family of Rev. Eugene Woolridge who died May 1
Joseph Thompson whose uncle Buddy Thompson died April 30*

*Ted Heller whose mother Ann Heller died April 29
Rebecca Barricklow whose grandmother Jean Burton died April 29*

*Teresa Given whose mother Rosalie Alvis died April 29
The family of Charlie Fields who died April 23
Patricia Thaxton whose sister Madeline Brown died April 14.*

2016 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:

Marsha Bond – Toddler Nursery volunteer

Jason Bond – Toddler Nursery volunteer

Nancy Foley – 1st Grade Sunday School teacher and ready substitute

Jo Lewis – every Sunday teacher of God Squad (Children’s class at 10:45 a.m.)

Betsy Keen – every Sunday teacher of God Squad (Children’s class at 10:45 AM)

Ann Marie Dike – teacher for 5th Grade Sunday School, and faithful volunteer with Mission Kids

Brad Dike – teacher for 5th Grade Sunday School, and faithful volunteer with Mission Kids

John Sentz – teacher for Kindergarten Sunday School class

Somer Sentz – teacher for Kindergarten Sunday School class

Teresa Given – teacher for FaithWorks and Life Choices Classes

Kevin Mottley – teacher for Life Choices Class

Doug Rechenbach – faithful volunteer for Pathfinders Class

Chris Smith – faithful volunteer for Pathfinders Class

Joan Yowell – faithful volunteer for Sherbourne Food Pantry

Hilary Coakley – coordinator for Kids Club at Central UMC

Congratulations to these individuals who serve us so faithfully, and thanks to all of our other wonderful volunteers! You are the gardeners of our souls, planting seeds that help us grow into disciples of our Great Shepherd.

Save the Date!



The annual running of the Mission Footprint 5K will take place on Saturday, September 10, 2016. More details will follow during the summer.



FISCAL YEAR ENDS JUNE 30, 2016

This is just a reminder that June 30, 2016 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Pledge contributions need to be in the church office by June 30, 2016 or postmarked by June 30, 2016. Should you have any questions feel free to contact Judy Niedermayer at 288-6057 ext. 203

2016 LEMO Mission Grants

Thanks to the generous financial support of the congregation for this year's Lenten Easter Mission Offering, the Serve Committee was able to award \$34,050.00 of LEMO mission grants to 15 mission initiatives! Through these grants, we continue Jesus' ministry of serving those in need in our community and around the world. Listed below are the grants:

All God's Children Camp: \$2,000.00
 Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary (Estonia): \$1,000.00
 Camp Rainbow Connection: \$2,500.00
 CARITAS: \$2,500.00
 Central UMC Kids' Club: \$1,000.00
 CrossOver Healthcare Ministry: \$2,000.00
 Eurasia in Mission Together (Russia): \$1,500.00
 2017 Haiti Mission Trip: \$3,500.00
 2017 Honduras Mission Trip: \$4,000.00
 Leonard Theological College (India): \$2,300.00
 Rev. Dr. Nkemba Ndjungu (Cameroon): \$1,000.00
 Shalom Farms: \$3,000.00
 Sherbourne UMC Food Pantry: \$1,500.00
 UMFS Auxiliary: \$1,500.00
 Westview on the James Care & Connect Campership Program: \$4,750.00

Total = \$34,050.00

[\$33,941.25 LEMO funds + \$108.75 undesignated missions restricted funds]

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	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22
Worship Service	479	494	640	503
Sunday School	433	346	327	355

Our Gifts as of April 30:

Projected income to date: \$1,390,940
 Actual income year to date: \$1,352,470
 Excess (-shortfall) -\$ 38,470



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Mr. Reid Goodman** to **Trinity UMC BSA Goodman Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Ann Heller** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Ione Gee** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**



Thank You Notes

Trinity UMC,

A Special thanks for the flowers, cards, visits and phone calls during my confinement. You are a loving, caring Church.

Sincerely,
Polly Lantz

Silent Auction for Haiti

The Silent Auction for Haiti raised \$424.00, which has been donated to the Robert Ford Haitian Orphanage & School Foundation to support the Elderly Village of Institution Maranatha in Grison-Garde, Haiti. Thank you to all who participated!



Staff Anniversary

This month three of our dedicated staff members will celebrate anniversaries at Trinity:

Judy Niedermayer – 31 years as Financial Secretary
 Kim Tingler – 13 years as Membership/Publication Secretary
 Pat Ruscus – 12 years as Organist/Children's Choir Leader.

Please extend thanks to these ladies for all they do in their specific roles at Trinity. They each offer their own individual gifts and talents, and their contributions help make Trinity the wonderful church it is.

Continue to pray for each of them and all our staff as they serve this congregation.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, June 20, at 4 PM for events taking place in July.** 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.