

The Trinity Window

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



Pastor's Corner

Dear Trinity,

Grace and peace to you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Immediately after my sermon on the 23rd Psalm a few weeks ago, I attended a United Methodist Ministers' Convocation here in Richmond in which a brilliant professor of ancient Hebrew and Ugaritic preached on *a certain shepherd psalm*.

There's nothing quite so humbling as putting forth some work in public—only to have an expert come and show you what you missed and what's really going on.

The shepherd psalm was, of course, Psalm 23, and the brilliant professor was the Rev. Dr. Joel LeMon, associate professor of Old Testament at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and a Virginia Conference colleague and musical co-conspirator of mine. (Our Dixieland jam session on trumpet and clarinet at Convocation made all the humbling a little more palatable!)

I wanted to share two of Joel's insights into Psalm 23 so that you can have a richer experience of this shepherd psalm in these days:

- First, in 23:3, "The Lord leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake." Joel points out that the *right paths* here come from the Hebrew word for *grooves* or *ruts*: namely, ox-cart ruts worn deep into the earth by the passage of so many prior travelers.
- Second, in 23:6, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." Joel notes that God's goodness and mercy *pursue* the psalmist back into the house of the Lord—the temple, the holy place—on a permanently regular basis.

Let me confess why this matters so much to me: in times of social upheaval, political disarray, and personal confusion, I find myself searching for the wisdom of my mentors and the paths of my ancestors in the faith. When the road more travelled today is one of shallow contrarianism and false equivalence, I'm looking for the deeper way of openness, hopefulness, and truth-telling that the saints trod before us. In the words of Joel LeMon, I'm looking for a *righteous groove*.

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And when such discord discourages discourse in so many of our public and private institutions, you can bet, dear church, that I find God's good grace pursuing me and pushing me back toward this remarkable holy place we call church community. Church is a tremendous, tremulous laboratory experiment: we do not share uniformity, but we do share unity. We who are many share a common life built around one faith, one Lord, and one baptism. We do not diminish our differences in culture or politics, but we trust that the love we share in Jesus Christ is a stronger unifier than all that could divide us.

There are plenty more dark valleys ahead of us. May goodness and mercy pursue you back to this house of the Lord until we meet again.

Drew Willson

Confirmation Sunday is June 4

Speaking of our common life in the house of the Lord, Trinity

will welcome 23 new members on Sunday, June 4 as this year's confirmation class takes its membership vows. The class and their mentors have been meeting since January. They have learned about United Methodist history, our sacraments and our creeds, just to mention a few topics. The class served together with their mentors at Shalom Farms on Saturday, May 6. Please be sure to make welcome our newest members on June 4.

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**, **June 13** from **6:30-8:00 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Rich-

mond, VA 23230). Trinity's ministers will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!



Father's Day Golf Weekend!

After a year hiatus the Trinity God's Men Father's Day Weekend Memorial Golf Tournament returns! This year's

event will be taking place on **Saturday June 17 at 9 AM** at **The Hollows Golf Club, 14501 Greenwood Church Rd, Montpelier, VA 23192.** Sign your team up ASAP or you can sign up as an individual and be put on a team. The entry fee is \$50.00 and can be paid up until the day of the tournament with cash or check. This year we will be selling mulligans for \$5.00 each (4 mulligans per team max), the proceeds will be going to a Trinity charitable fund to be determined later. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and last place teams with awards also going to longest drive and closest to the pin winners. To sign up: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4badaf2fa0fd0-fathers

Celebrate at Cedarfield!

Please join our ministers at Cedarfield on Tuesday, June 27 at 3:30 PM in the Health Center Great Room for fellowship and worship as we visit Trinity members residing at Cedarfield. Contact Lane Dickinson to volunteer or for more information (lanedickinson@yahoo.com or 754-8110).



Young at Heart

Join us at our planning meetings: Wednesday, June 7, 4:30 PM in the Mastin Room

Wednesday, July 12, 4:30 PM in the Mastin Room

Our Upcoming events:

Wednesday, July 19 – Program in the Mastin Room, 2 – 3:30 PM

Thursday, August 17 – Dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary, 6 PM

Weekly Journey Prayer Group

The Journey Prayer group meets every **Monday**, at **11:45 AM** in the Chapel. Come join us as we pray weekly for our church, our community and our world.



Outreach Summer Forum

The Outreach Class is pleased to announce the following speakers for the

annual summer forum.

On **Sunday, June 25**, Mary Kelly Tate, Associate Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law, will discuss her work as the Director of the Institute for Actual Innocence. **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.



Wednesday Walkers

Come join us as we walk around Trinity's beautiful neighborhood on Wednesday afternoons. We have crafted a 2 mile loop which takes us about 45 minutes to

walk. We gather at 3:30 PM at Judy Oguich's office. Come join us! Contact Judy Oguich with any questions.



Father's Day Attire Reminder

On **Sunday, June 18**, 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.

Virginia Annual Conference to Meet

The Virginia Annual Conference, over 3000 members strong, will meet June 16-18 at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, in Hampton, Virginia. This year's theme is "A New Thing" from Isaiah 43:19. This will be Bishop Sharma Lewis' first annual conference as the bishop of Virginia.

Besides Trinity's clergy – Larry Lenow, Drew Willson and Judy Oguich - Trinity will be represented by Art Utley and Carol and Jim Crowder. Leila Denton will be serving as a delegate from the Richmond District. Please remember to keep our annual conference and its delegates in your prayers as they meet in June.



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. It 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 hopefully 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).



Graduate Sunday

On Sunday June 11, the congregation at Trinity and the Trinity Foundation want to recognize our members who are graduating from

high school and college. These students will be recognized at our 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM services that Sunday morning. At the 11:00 AM service, the Foundation will be announcing who is receiving scholarships for the upcoming year. This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the triumphs of our youth here at Trinity and we encourage you to come and share in our celebration of them.



Lenten Easter Mission Offering, Seeds of Resurrection

Thanks be to God and thanks to you for your generosity in this year's **Lenten Easter mission offering**, *Seeds of Resurrection!* Together, we raised over \$27,000 for special church missions in 2017.

If you have a seed of an idea for new mission projects and are looking for financial support to get that seed planted, or if you would like to see funding support for existing missions in our church and our world, please apply for a grant by June 15. The form to make your request is included in this newsletter.



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. The Mastin Room will be our summer location.

Trinity's Charge Conference

Trinity will be holding our 2017 Charge Conference on **Wednesday, June 21** at **6:30 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.

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 UMC Serve Ministry

2017 Lenten Easter Mission Offering Mission Grant Application

Completed applications are due by June 10 to Drew Willson, Associate Pastor, (you can submit the completed application by e-mail, mail, or bringing a printed copy to the church office).

E-mail: dwillson@trinityumc.net Phone: 804-288-6057 ext. 205

Mailing address: Drew Willson, Associate Pastor, Trinity UMC, 903 Forest Ave., Henrico, VA 23229

Contact Information	
Ministry name	
Contact person	
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Will Trinity UMC members have an opportunity to serve with this ministry? If so, please describe available opportunities.						
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If this ministry received a LEMO mission grant last year, please provide a detailed explanation of how the funds were used.						
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Submitted By:						
Name (printed)						
Date						

Children At Trinity



Children's Summer **Mission Trip** June 24 - 27

All 1st - 5th graders and their parents are invited to participate in a 4 day (3 night)

Mission Trip from Saturday, June 24 through Tuesday, June 27. We will stay at VA Wesleyan College and serve in different ways each day in the VA Beach and Norfolk areas. In addition to the great mission opportunities, we play games, do crafts, have interactive Bible study, make our meals and watch a movie. We usually to go to the beach one afternoon and go out for pizza. Friends are welcome and early commitment is critical for the success of this summer's trip. Contact Leila Denton with questions or to sign up at Ldenton@trinityumc.net.



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

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." Something very different this year; we are looking for a special team of adults that can help the 4th & 5th graders produce short skit videos that can be shown to the younger kids. Contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net, if you are interested. Sign up now for all the times you can help on Sundays throughout the summer at:

http://bit.ly/BoardGames930SummerSS

www.myvbs.org/TrinityUMCRichmond.



Vacation Bible School July 10 – 14, 9AM - Noon

Experience the Thrill of Visiting an Underground Church!

We welcome all N3 to 5th grade kids to explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, race chariots, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God's love. We need many volunteers to staff VBS! This church-wide outreach event needs *your* help!! Our VBS Directors: Jan Benton cwbenton@epix.net, 607-206-6677, Krystal Hawke krystalhawke@gmail.com, 540-421-1659 and Natalie Russell 497-0168 natalie.russell08@gmail.com, would love to talk to you about how you can help! Or Sign up now!



Make a Difference in the Life of a Child

The Recruitment Team for the 2017-18 Sunday School year is excited about the great response to the teaching/ nursery needs! Thanks to all who have signed up.

We still need more servants:

Nursery – 2 people for 1st and 4th Sundays At 8:15 AM 1 person for 5th Sundays

Crib - 2 people for each 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th At 9:30 AM: and 5th Sundays

> Toddler – 2 people each for 1st and 5th Sundays

Nursery 3 - 2 people *each* for 1st Quarter (Sept – Nov), 2nd Quarter

(Dec – Feb) and 3rd Quarter (Mar – May) Nursery 4 - 1 helper each for 4^{th} and

5th Sundays Kindergarten – 1 person for 1st Quarter (Sept - Nov)

2 people each for 2nd Quarter (Dec – Feb) and 3rd Quarter (Mar – May)

1st Grade—1 person for 2nd Quarter (Dec - Feb) and 3rd Quarter (Mar - May)

2nd Grade – 2 people for 1st Quarter (Sept

3rd Grade – 1 person for 2nd Quarter (Dec

2 people for 3rd Quarter (Mar – May)

4th Grade - 1 person for 3rd Quarter (Mar

5th Grade - 1 person for 1st Quarter (Sept

2 people for 3rd Quarter (Mar – May)

At 10:45 AM: Crib & Toddler – 1 person for 5th Sundays 3-4 Year Olds - 2 people each for 1^{st} , 3^{rd} and 5th Sundays

If you have questions or wish to reserve a servant position, contact the Carrie Jared cwjared25@gmail.com, Jenny Murphy ismurphy@live.com or Ann Vaughan annvaughan5@yahoo.com or at trinityumceducation@gmail.com.

YOUTH AT TRINITY

ROAST AND TOAST



On Sunday night May 21st, the church gathered to recognize our Seniors who are graduating from high school and our 8th graders who are graduating from middle school. We gathered for a potluck dinner that satisfied even the hungriest of youth! Next up was the Roasting and Toasting of our graduates. The skits lightly

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played fun at some of our youths funny habits and embarrassing stories. For the finale, the youth thanked Shaw and Ann Marie Blackmon for their wonderful service over the past two years! They received a youth photo collage, a weekend away and \$1325 for their favorite charity.

DATES TO KNOW

- MAY 27
 - TRINITY AT SHALOM FARMS
- **JUNE 4**
 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
- Iune 11
 - o Graduate Sunday
- June 24
 - TRINITY AT SHALOM FARMS
- June 25 July 1
 - O HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
- JULY 10 14
 - o VBS
- JULY 16 22
 - MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP
- July 30 August 3
 - o Serve RVA
- August 10
 - FAITH NIGHT AT THE DIAMOND
- AUGUST 14 17
 - o SWAG

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- Summer Nights
 - NIGHT TBD, AT 5:00PM IN TRINITY HALL

May in Review

- o The confirmation class and their mentors spent Saturday, May 6th doing service work at Shalom Farms. After a tour of the farm, the group was set loose on the crop. By the end of the morning, they had harvested, cleaned, and packaged over 700 pounds of collard greens!
- On Sunday May 7th, the youth cooked dinner for CARITAS. They prepared a wonderful
- meal of beef and chicken tacos with all of the fixings. Before and after dinner, they entertained the children with games and rides on the scooters.
- Partnering with the Children's Program, the Youth Praise Band led worship at the 9:30 service on Sunday, May 14th. They did a fantastic job connect the music and message!



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity friends,

Thank you so much for your kind notes and expressions of love in the death of my sister Lindsey Christiansen. Nearly 15 years ago Lindsey and Charles Staples were in the Trinity Concert Series together. Lindsey had such fond memories of Trinity and great appreciation of Charles. I am deeply appreciative of your compassion.

John Peters

Dear Trinity Family,

Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, flowers, love and support during my father's time in hospice and after his death. We are so grateful to be a part of such a loving and caring faith community.

In Christian love,

Ashley Love

Trinity United Methodist Church,

We want to thank the Trinity members for the outpouring of love and words of condolences shared with us during our time of loss. Pam affected the lives of so many through her devotion to Trinity and the 4th Graders. Until her cancer took a rapid turn for the worse in January, her main goal was to be there every Sunday and do what she could, given her condition. So many members have come up to us and expressed how she touched their lives and that of their children. We are truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful congregation.

Love to all,

Leo Rutledge, Bonnie Edwards (and family), Warren Rutledge (and family)

Update for The Hermitage

Please remember the Samaritan fund drive which we promote between Mother's Day and Father's Day. The Samaritan Fund assures residents at our United Methodist Homes to be able to stay there should they outlive their resources. Envelopes for this offering are available in the sanctuary pews.

The Hermitage continues to appreciate all donations made to the Country Store. As you clean out closets, remember clothing or household items can be delivered there at 1600 Westwood Avenue or taken to Trinity in the area designated just outside the balcony entrance. Tax receipts for those items are located at The Hermitage as well as in the church office in the appropriate cubbyhole. If you have items of furniture that you would like to have picked up, call Teedie Johnson (264-5337) or Hilda Taylor (275-2955).

Trinity United Methodist Women

Over 200 women at Trinity choose to participate in UMW. Our circles meet monthly at a variety of times and places. Now is the perfect time to say "Count me in!" as we are already organizing our Circles and 2017-2018 programs.

Here's a snapshot of recent Unit activities. During Spring Service Day on April 11 we:

- visited with residents at the Hermitage Home and helped them write Easter cards
- delivered prayer shawls and lap quilts to individuals
- delivered fresh produce to Sherbourne UMC Food
- created Prom bracelets for the UMFS students
- wrote friendly notes to Trinity's Homebound members
- assembled 300 SOL Rally Day great bags for Oak Grove Elem. Students 3rd-5th graders
- assembled 20 Health & Toiletry Kits for the July Mattaponi Clinic visit
- wrote 40 appreciation notes to Crossover's Staff
- created 300 SOL 'encourage-mint' packages for OGES 3rd-5th graders
- cleaned windows in Welcome Center and Office Fov-
- polished Bereavement Committee silver
- dusted and beautified Sanctuary
- sewed UMCOR School Kits
- cleaned Trinity's Kitchen
- prepared & served a Teacher Appreciation Brunch to 60 teachers and counselors at UMFS.

On May 2, we presented Open Spaces, Sacred Places: A Creation Care Marketplace with Bob Argabright, guest speaker, who shared how he is living his faith – helping young students in Richmond. Guests enjoyed a delicious covered dish supper and visited displays in Trinity Hall.

- Groundwork RVA), a volunteer, non-profit organization; equipping Richmond's high potential youth to become city builders; creating green spaces, learning landscaping. (Giles Harnsberger, Exec Dir.)
- Shalom Farms' display offered samples of fresh greens, information about the new farm location and how to get involved (Hannah Wittwer).
- BSA Troop 799 provided information about scouting, showcasing some of their completed projects in our church and community (Nicolas Sofinski).
- Trinity's Creation Care Committee shared information on how to be a better steward of our environment at home and throughout the community (Dianne Moore).

Thanks to everyone for taking time to participate and learn more about Open Spaces, Sacred Places. Our next program- September 12 Chaplain Lynn Litchfield of Grace Inside, a prison ministry based on the Chaplain Service of the Churches of Virginia. Interested in learning more about UMW - contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872 hetzelmary@comcast.net or TUMC Staff Liaison Rev. Judy Oguich to see how you can get involved and add your in-8 put!

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 **June 24**, **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.

All God's Children Camp

Trinity members will again have a special summer 'Opportunity to Serve' by providing transportation for children attending the All God's Children Camp. This year the camp will be held June 18-23 at Camp Chanco on the James, near Williamsburg. The children, who have either a mother or father who is incarcerated, need transportation in order to participate in camp. We will set up approximately 5-7 carpools of no more than 3 children. The campers arrive at 3:30 Sunday, June 18 and depart by 2:30 Friday, June 23. We will provide directions and in all but one case, the drivers will make only one stop to pick up the campers. Trinity follows the Child Protection guidelines of the two-adult rule for drivers. To volunteer as a driver or for more information on the camp, contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872 hetzelmary@comcast.net or Camp Director Lori Smith https://example.com.

Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic (MHEC)

See below for the list of over the counter medicines and supplies for the Mattaponi Healing Eagle Clinic. This years visit will be on Saturday, July 15. Please watch out for end-of-fiscal-year sales of the following over-the- counter medicines and supplies:

Multivitamins (adult)

Chewable Multivitamins for Children

Vitamin E

Calcium Tablets with Vitamin D

Omega 3 Fish Oil

Arthritis Strength Tylenol or generic brand

Glucosamine Tablets

Baby Aspirin (81mg.)

Non-prescription Zantac or generic brand

Hydrocortisone Cream

Antibiotic First Aid Cream

Band-aids (Adult and Children)

Ensure or generic brand Protein Drink (all flavors)

Liquid Infant Formula Liquid in quart bottles

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes

Depends or generic underwear briefs (all sizes, esp. L or XL)

Disposal Protective Bed Pads

Wheel Chairs in Good Condition

New, Lightweight Adjustable Canes

Recycle Your Old Cell Phones

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

(Anne Burch, 270-1661)



Joys and Concerns

Baptism

Murphy Larson, Ethan Andreycak, Jayne McCullough

Our sympathies to...

The family of Jack Shehee who died May 9

Fiscal Year Ends June 30, 2017

This is just a reminder that June 30, 2017 marks the end of the current fiscal year. Pledge contributions need to be in the church office by June 30, 2017 or postmarked by June 30, 2017. Should you have any questions feel free to contact Diane Ladd at 288-6057 ext. 203

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	4/30	5/7	5/14	5/21
Worship Service	483	460	533	506
Sunday School	362	318	227	393

Our Gifts as of April 30:

Projected income to date: \$ 102,868 Actual income year to date: \$ 154,928 Excess (-shortfall) \$ 52,060

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Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of Mrs. Marjorie Browder to Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund

In memory of Mrs. Pam Rutledge to Trinity Lenten Easter Mission Offering

In memory of Mrs. Margaret Overton to Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund

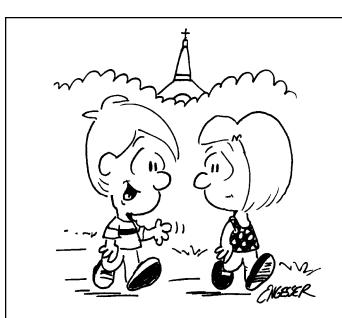
In memory of Mrs. Ada Bivins to Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund

In memory of Mr. Al Oakes to Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund

In memory of Mr. Al Oakes to Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund

In memory of Mrs. Myrta Berger to Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund

In honor of Mrs. Linda Robinson to Trinity Lenten Easter Mission Offering



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, June 19, 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 to Kim Tingler, ktingler@trinityumc.net.