



The Trinity Window

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



Pastor's Corner

May 2017

"Then the righteous will answer him,

'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" (Matthew 25:37-41)

Good News! Jesus is coming to Trinity this month. Perhaps when you've read or heard of our hosting of CARITAS you did not consider it especially exciting. After all, we host these two weeks (May 6-20) every year. But put in the context of the parable of the Judgment of the Nations, it is very big news, exciting news indeed. This parable is the only one wherein there is a "test" or "standard" to enter the Kingdom of God. And while I can't honestly suggest that we take that *literally* the message or the point ought to be pretty dog-gone clear: Do this!

Our hosting homeless guests through CARITAS is *very* important. And while our hospitality is something we do for them, perhaps in the most important sense, it is just as much something they do for us. Take advantage. Help out. Sign up now at Connection Alley in the Welcome Center. See the face of Christ in the poor. You will be blessed.

Blessings,

CARITAS

CARITAS is fast approaching. Trinity will be hosting CARITAS May 6-20. We are hosting the Family Focus Program, which provides shelter to mothers and fathers along with their children.

Many of our small groups and Sunday School classes will be providing dinner each night. Check with your small group or class to find out how you can help with the meal they are providing.

If you have never helped with CARITAS before, consider helping in one of the following ways. We need people to wash laundry (personal or towels), people to help with the Saturday setup and cleanup days, and people to spend time with our guests after dinner. Families are invited to come and help any night to help serve a meal, help with homework, or be a friend to one of the CARITAS children.

Volunteers are also needed to spend the night at the church from 8 PM to 6:30 AM. Responsibilities include turning the lights in Trinity Hall on and off, setting out the continental breakfast for the guests, taking out the trash the next morning, distribute the already prepared lunches in the morning, and generally watching over the church facility.

If you would like to help with this ministry or for more information about how to get involved, visit the CARITAS table in the Connection Alley or contact William Marriott at vangogh3000@aol.com.



Extending our Reach

Stewardship Results Announced

The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce the results of this year's Extending Our Reach stewardship campaign. We have received 405 promises totaling \$1,463,840. Praise God! This is a \$53,185 or 2.3% increase over last year's promises. We have received 49 new pledges this year. The budget committee is currently preparing a plan for 2017-2018. We anticipate being able to meet all legitimate budget requests and consistent with our campaign theme, being able to extend our reach in some new and exciting ministries. Thank you Trinity for your faithfulness. As we approach Pentecost we are very mindful of the moving of the Holy Spirit in and through this church!

Trinity Adult Ministries



United Methodist Women
Present:

***Open Spaces, Sacred Places:
A Creation Care Marketplace***

Guest Speaker **Bob Argabright**
Tuesday May 2 in Trinity Hall

An evening to celebrate life, faith, community and the earth.

Learn more about programs that teach others how to enhance and utilize the spaces we inhabit and how to be good stewards. Visit displays and understand how you can be involved to our community and interact with others as they share their stories.

Bring a dish to share at the 6 PM Covered Dish Dinner. Everyone invited- families welcome. Doors open at 5:30 PM - come browse the displays of *Groundworks RVA*, *Creation Care Committee*, *Boy Scouts Troop 799*, *Shalom Farms*.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it." Psalm 24:1



Honoring Carole Smith

On **Sunday, May 21**, the Pre-school invites you to please join us in the Welcome Center immediately following the 11:00 service. We will be recognizing Carole Smith for her 45 years of loving dedication to Trinity Preschool. Refreshments, provided by Kelly Kindle will be served in the Welcome Center followed by a dedication in the Bicentennial Garden.

Trinity Celebration at Westminster

Canterbury

Tuesday, May 23

3:30 – 4:30 PM

Come join us as we gather with members of Trinity who live at Westminster Canterbury on Tuesday, May 23. We will meet in the Jacqueline Room across from the chapel then move to the chapel for a brief worship service, which includes communion. Persons who are willing to bring refreshments should contact Nancy Owen. Come and bring a friend!



**Join us as we hit the
road to visit
Ashlawn- Highland, the
home of James Monroe!**

Wednesday, May 24, 9:45 AM – 4 PM

Tour and box lunch: \$25

Reservations will be taken on Sunday, May 7 and Sunday, May 14 in the Connection Alley in the Welcome Center, or by contacting Rev. Judy Oguich by Monday, May 17.

All are welcome!

In the works for the summer:

- Swift Creek Mill Theater lunch and matinee – Wednesday, June 14
- Thursday, July 20, 2 - 3:30 PM program at Trinity
- Dinner at Tanglewood Ordinary – Thursday, August 17



Concerts at Trinity

Hear three of Richmond's finest sopranos (Anne O'Byrne, Lisa Edwards Burrs and Sharon Munz) as they join Charles Staples in a concert of sirituals, folk songs and even some Gershwin on **Sunday**,

May 7 at 4 PM in the sanctuary.



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, May 9** 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!



Summer Fun Nights at Trinity

Join us Wednesday evening **May 24** from **5:30-7 PM** to kick off summer with a cook-out and **YOUR** Trinity family!

- Live music, free hamburgers and hotdogs!
- Games on the lawn!
- Bring your favorite lawn chair and a friend!

If you know you are coming, please let us know on the friendship pad or by calling the church office. This will allow us to be good stewards in procuring food for preparation.

We look forward to having you with us! Thanks!

Summer Forum



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.

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.



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.



May is Teacher Appreciation Month!

Our Education Committee has once again set aside May for students of all ages to show their love and appreciation to their Sunday School teachers, nursery volunteers, UMYF counselors and confirmation leaders. All education staff, including all teachers and volunteers will be guests at a reception on Sunday, May 21 in the Church Parlor, 9:00 – 11 AM. Be sure to show your appreciation to our leaders during the month of May!

Trinity's Preschool and Parent's Morning Out

Do you know someone looking for a Parent's Morning Out program or Preschool 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.



Save the Date

Trinity will be going to the Faith and Family Night at the Diamond to see the Flying Squirrels on **Thursday, August 10**. Mark your calendars to join your fellow congregation members! Everyone that went last year had a great time. This year Trinity will also be offering t-shirts. Keep your eyes open for more information and how to purchase yours tickets and t-shirts!



We're Saving Lives

Trinity's Spring Blood Drive Results: We registered 33 donors (28 whole blood donors, 5 double red donors) and collected 35 units. A big thanks to Brenda Irby for bringing her popular home-baked bar cookies and to Chef Ronnie Johnson for the Breakfast Bistro featuring sausage and bacon egg sandwiches. If you have questions about your eligibility for our Summer VBS Drive **July 9**, contact Melanie Mitchell at mmitchell@vablood.org. For Early Bird registration to make an appointment from 8 am – 12:30 pm, contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872h or hetzelmary@comcast.net or to register on-line go to www.donateblood.vablood.org. A big thanks to one and all!

Children At Trinity



Mission Kids Mark your Calendar!!

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

May 8 – CARITAS meal. Join us!

Click <http://signup.com/go/7b1HPV> to sign up for items to bring for dinner.

June 25 - 28 - CHILDREN'S MISSION TRIP - Mission Kids (1st - 5th graders) and their parents are planning a 4 day (3 night) Mission Trip this year to the Norfolk/VA Beach area. See Children's Mission Trip article for more information.

Questions contact Leila Denton at 288-6057, ext. 208 or ldenton@trinityumc.net



Children's Worship Service May 14

Join us for this special day! This is the 24rd year that the children of Trinity will do the entire wor-

ship service. This year the children will be leading three services, 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 on Sunday, May 14. Children's choirs will be singing at all services. If you have any questions, contact Leila Denton (ldenton@trinityumc.net).



Bibles Presented to Kindergarteners Sunday, May 21 at 9:30 AM

The Children's Ministry Team is proud to host the annual Kindergarten Bible Ceremony and Reception on Sunday, May 21 at 9:30 AM in Trinity Hall. An invitation with details and an RSVP card was sent out. If you have a Kindergartener and did not receive an invitation, contact Denise Lombardi or Lisa Hart (deniselombardi@comcast.net or lisahhart@msn.com) immediately. Our appreciation and thanks go to the McClure Bible Study class for the gift of these beautiful Bibles. We look forward to celebrating with you!



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 in preparation for our trips, have interactive Bible study, make our meals and watch a movie. We usually go to the beach one afternoon and go out for awesome pizza. Friends are welcomed 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." We have already begun to brainstorm ways to engage the kids, but we want your ideas, too. Want to be a part of the summer planning contact Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net. Sign up now for all the times you can help on Sundays at <http://bit.ly/BoardGames930SummerSS>



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

Experience the Thrill of Visiting an
Underground Church!

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. Our VBS Directors: Jan Benton cwbenton@epix.net, 607-206-6677, Krystal Hawke krystalhawke@gmail.com, 540-421-1659 and Natalie Russell natalie.russell08@gmail.com, 497-0168 **are looking for your commitment to help!** Teachers, leaders and helpers sign yourself and your family up today! www.myvbs.org/TrinityUMCRichmond.

Children At Trinity

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 already signed up.

We still need more servants:

At 8:15 AM:

Nursery – 2 people for 1st and 4th Sundays
1 person for 5th Sundays

At 9:30 AM:

Crib -2 people for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays
Toddler – 2 people for 1st and 5th Sundays
Nursery 3 - 2 people for 1st Quarter (Sept – Nov),
2nd Quarter (Dec – Feb) and
3rd Quarter (Mar – May)
Nursery 4 – 1 helper for 1st, 4th and 5th Sundays
Kindergarten – 1 person for 1st Quarter (Sept – Nov),
2 people 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 – Nov)
3rd Grade – 1 person for 2nd Quarter (Dec - Feb),
2 people for 3rd Quarter (Mar – May)
4th Grade - 2 people for 3rd Quarter (Mar – May)
5th Grade - 1 person for 1st Quarter (Sept – Nov)
and 3rd Quarter (Mar – May)

At 10:45 am:

Crib & Toddler – 1 person for 5th Sundays
3 – 4 Year Olds - 2 people for 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

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



Attention Trinity High School and College Seniors

We want you to be part of our Graduates' display case. There will be a basket in the Welcome Center labeled "Class of 2017". Please pick up a form that will provide us with information about your graduation. Return the completed form along with one of your Senior pictures to the basket in the Welcome Center by Sunday May 21. Your picture will be available for you to pick up in early July. If you have any questions, call Cyndi Worsham at 314-5906.



The Hermitage

During the March Country Store Sale a profit of \$2,865 was made. Donations of clothing and other items to The Hermitage benefit many organizations. If the Country Store is not able to sell merchandise it might go to the Samaritan Thrift Ministries or to "Boots for Suits", a program for soldiers returning to work. Clothing or household items might go to Eastern Henrico FISH, a service through area churches helping people in emergency situations, people who may have lost everything to fires or other natural disasters. Blankets and other linens might go to CARITAS. Children's items and other clothing often benefits United Methodist Family Services. Think about all the many benefits your donations can make!

On Service Day several United Methodist women helped residents send Easter cards to their loved ones.

Father's Day Weekend Golf is Back!

When: Saturday, June 17, 9 AM

Where: The Hollows Golf Course

Who: Get a 4-some together or just sign up and we'll form teams as needed.

Format: Captain's Choice.

More details to come

Contact: booknroy@gmail.com; doug@essimh.com; jutley29@gmail.com; dboyd52@verizon.net with questions or to sign up.

Mark your calendars everyone!



YOUTH AT TRINITY

ROAST AND TOAST ON MAY 21ST



On May 21st, we are going to have our end of the year banquet to congratulate those who are moving up from Middle School to High School, and those seniors who are graduating from High School. We will gather at 5:00PM for a potluck dinner, with a special program to follow. This program will be made up of,

recognition of the numerous amounts of accomplishments that these young people have done through out their time here at Trinity and elsewhere, as well as viewing there journeys from birth to graduation. Please put this date on your schedule as it is an event that you will not want to miss out on. Sunday May 21st, at 5:00 PM!

DATES TO KNOW

- APRIL 28-29
 - SPRING LOCK-IN
- APRIL 29
 - VA HOME WALK AND ROLL
- MAY 6-20
 - CARITAS
 - MAY 7TH COOK DINNER FOR CARITAS
- MAY 21
 - BETHEL AME VISITS US
 - ROAST AND TOAST
- JUNE 4
 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
- JUNE 11
 - GRADUATION SUNDAY

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

- SUNDAY NIGHTS
 - 5:00PM-6:30PM: WORSHIP AND FUN
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
 - 5:30PM-6:30PM

April in Review

- On April 1st, Trinity UMC hosted the Bishop's Convocation on Prayer. There was a group of volunteers, including youth, which helped people navigate the building.
 - On April 9th, a small group of youth and adults went on a two day mission trip to Evergreen, VA. After a fun filled night at the Watson's cabin, on Monday morning, we went to work on a home that was destroyed by the tornado in February 2016. We installed electrical fixtures and the kitchen appliances, as well as cleaned the windows and cut/hung the gutters.
 - On April 22nd, a group of youth met at Sunset Lanes to help residents of the Virginia Home to enjoy an afternoon of bowling!
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Serve Opportunities

Micah Association Lunch

Sign up to attend the May 11 Micah Association Luncheon from 11:30 AM-1:15 PM at Emmanuel Episcopal Church , 1214 Wilmer Avenue, 23227. Our focus will be JEB Stuart ES with remarks by Principal Jennifer Moore and music by the Stuart Stars. Kelly Kindle is preparing a selection of box lunches or a garden salad, cost \$10, payable at the door. Micah volunteers serve at each of the RPS Elementary Schools. Since 2004, Trinity has partnered with Oak Grove Elementary in South Richmond. To sign up, contact Mary Hetzel 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net.

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 **May 27, 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.

Oak Grove Teacher Appreciation

Join us at **3:30 Wednesday, May 3** in the **Mastin Room** to help assemble Grab & Go Breakfast Bags for our 125 hard-working teachers, counselors, office staff, custodians, cafeteria workers & monitors, and bus drivers at Oak Grove Elementary School. In honor of their tireless work, we're recognizing them during Teacher Appreciation Week. We will serve breakfast to them at 8 AM May 4: homemade blueberry muffins, clementines, bananas, granola bar, hardboiled eggs, and a bottle of Tropicana orange juice. Interested in helping us? Phone Mary Hetzel at 282-5872.

All God's Children Camp

"Making a Difference in a Child's Life" is something we try our best to do for our children and grandchildren. One of the truly outstanding experiences that Trinity membership has afforded me is participating in All God's Children Camp. Imagine what life is like for a child affected by parental incarceration. Typically, he or she lives with extended family members or just one parent. AGCC Mentors, ages 17 and up, spend the week with one or two campers providing supervision, companionship and compassion. Mentors agree to maintain contact with the child after camp is over. Mentors arrive by 9 am Sunday, June 18 and depart when clean-up is completed around 4 pm Friday, June 23. A \$20 background check is the only mentor fee for the week.

Imagine beginning the day with breakfast, worship, three activities, lunch, rest time, three more camp activities, dinner, evening activity and devotions followed by bedtime. Camp fun includes swimming, nature, crafts, Bible study, boating, fishing, ropes course, and much more. The gift of your time can change the compass of a child's life. Last summer at Camp Overlook we hiked up to a waterfall and experienced a wildly fun Jr. Olympics in light rain including a mattress race and mud slide. Applications are on the clipboard outside Judy Oguich's office, on the VA Conference website, or contact Camp Director Lori Smith Clittleloris@gmail.com. Metro Richmond campers ages 7-11 will attend Camp Chanco on the James near Williamsburg. Trinity sends a mentor team each year so children can attend camp.

For question contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Zachary Ryan Bartholomew born on March 28 to Scott and Cara Bartholomew. His grandparents are John and Paige Bartholomew

Baptism

Sara Strange

Our sympathies to...

The family of Myrta Berger who died April 14

The family of Al Oakes who died April 7

Mike Smith whose father Robert Smith died April 3

The family of Margaret Overton who died March 30

The family of Ada Bivins who died March 26

The family of Pam Rutledge who died March 25

Samaritan Fund

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 out lived their financial resources. You may donate online at trinityumc.net/give/ or use the envelopes located in the pews. Make checks payable to VUMH and note "Samaritan Fund" on the memo line. 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 the gift in honor or memory of a loved one, cards are available in the Welcome Center.

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	4/2	4/9	4/16	4/23
Worship Service	522	563	1267	483
Sunday School	413	339	341	376

Our Gifts as of March 31:

Projected income to date:	\$ 129,368
Actual income year to date:	\$ 117,827
Excess (-shortfall)	-\$ 11,541



Gifts to Trinity

Gifts were received at Trinity for:

In memory of **Mrs. Joan Finley** to **Trinity Lenten Easter Mission Offering**

In memory of **Mrs. Ruby Chappell** to **Trinity Foundation Memorial Fund**

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

In memory of **Mrs. Margaret Overton** to **Trinity Lenten Easter Mission Offering**

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

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In memory of **Mrs. Pam Rutledge** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

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

In memory of **Mr. Al Oakes** to **Trinity Lenten Easter Mission Offering**

In honor of **Mr. Shaw Blackmon** to **Trinity Youth Ministry**

In honor of **Mr. Robert Skipper** to **Trinity Youth Ministry**



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, May 15, at 4 PM for events taking place in June.** 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.