



The Trinity Window

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

November 2016



Pastor's Corner

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be...*

So begins my favorite poem by Wendell Berry, "The Peace of Wild Things." When despair for the world grows in him, Wendell goes and lies down "where the wood drake / rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds." I'm reminded of the still summer evening waters on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and I remember some peace into my own life.

When despair for the world grows in you, what do you do? I'm writing this morning after the final presidential debate. Surely I'm not alone in feeling some despair for the world. Maybe you like one major candidate and dislike the other. Maybe you're disappointed in both. However you feel, it's as if we've all been dragged through a lot of muck. Add Aleppo, Syria, Iraq, Yemen, hurricanes, tornadoes... you get the idea.

What do you do? Instead of losing hope and submitting to the fear, distrust, anger, violence, sexism, racism, and xenophobia that have captivated so much of our news, try an alternative: do good. Be kind. Reach out. Offer bread. Welcome strangers. Visit still waters. Tend the earth. Send money. Share a poem. Read to a child. Sing a love song. Give thanks. Remember some peace into the life of our world. Sign up with a Lay Visitation Team to visit with a Trinity member who can't make it to worship anymore. You'll bring light and grace into his or her life. Let me know if you're interested.

These are hard times. Let's not make this harder than it is: love God with everything you've got, and love your neighbor as yourself. When despair for the world is growing, this is what we do.

Drew

Loaves and Fishes

This is not
the age of information.

This is *not*
the age of information.

Forget the news,
and the radio,
and the blurred screen.

This is the time of loaves
and fishes.

People are hungry,
and one good word is bread
for a thousand.

From *The House of Belonging: Poems by David Whyte*
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Town Hall Meeting

**Sunday, November 20
12:15 PM in Trinity Hall**

Trinity Adult Ministries

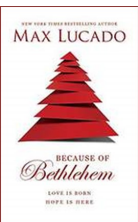
Friday Concert

After a stressful election week, you are invited to join us at Trinity for a concert of special music on **Friday, November 11** in our sanctuary from **7 to 8:30 PM**. That night, a concert featuring RVA United, a band of worship leaders from churches across metro Richmond, will be performing. This talented group of musicians will perform music guaranteed to grab your attention and resonate with your soul. Child care will be provided. For more information contact Jay Johnson our Modern Worship leader (jjohnson@trinityumc.net). See you there!!



Pub Theology

A special thanks to everyone who has been attending Pub Theology sessions. Our next gathering will be held on **Tuesday, November 15** from **6:30-8 PM** at **Ardent Brewery** in Scott's Addition (3200 W. Leigh St. Richmond, VA 23230). Pastor Drew will hold forth and field questions. What a great opportunity to invite your unchurched friends!



Join us for an Advent Study Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado

Sundays: November 13, 20, December 4 and 11; from 7 – 8:30 PM, and led by Milt Burton. The cost is \$20 for the book and study guide.

Register with Rev. Judy Oguich by Wednesday, November 9.

In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, Max Lucado urges you to rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas - to lay down your Christmas "to do" list and receive what Jesus has already done. This study reminds us that "everything works together for the good of those who love God".

Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 23 6:45 PM Trinity's Sanctuary

One of Trinity's most beloved traditions is our Thanksgiving Eve Service. Come join us as we gather to praise God for His many blessings. Bring a non-perishable food item as part of your Thanksgiving offering. All are welcome.



JourneyGroup Leaders meeting will be **Saturday, November 5, 9:30 – 11 AM** in the **Mastin Room**. All JourneyGroups are encouraged to send a representative to this meeting.

Wednesday Walkers

Now that the temperatures are (hopefully) cooler, and you are back in the routine of fall schedules, 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. Come join us! Contact Judy Oguich with any questions.

Westminster Canterbury Celebration

Trinity will go to Westminster Canterbury on **Tuesday, November 15** from **3:30-4:30 PM** to visit and worship with our members in residence there. Join us in the Jacquelyn Room to share fellowship and then for Holy Communion in their lovely chapel. The residents there look forward to having our members come for this time together and hear of the activities at Trinity and reconnect with members there. To volunteer, or to provide refreshments, contact Nancy Owen at neowen1@verizon.net or 740-7615.

Weekly Journey Prayer Group

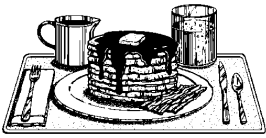
The Journey Prayer group meets every **Monday, at 11:30 AM** in the Chapel. Come join us as we pray weekly for our church, our community and our world.

Come Serve with the Lay Visitation Team Ministry!

Could you serve by visiting members of your Trinity family? We are currently unable to visit many homebound members because we need more volunteers like you!

Our Lay Visitation Team Ministry is made up of 2-person teams that visit Trinity members who can no longer attend worship services. Each team visits just two members each month. All it takes is a listening ear, a sincere interest in people, and the willingness to share your faith and experiences at Trinity with the members you visit.

Advanced training is provided for this great opportunity. Please let Drew Willson know of your interest.



Veterans Pancake Breakfast

On **Sunday, November 13**, the Outreach Class will present the annual Veterans Pancake Breakfast. This year our guest speaker will be Jon C. Hatfield, retired Executive Director of the Virginia War Memorial.

As in years past, we will serve breakfast from 7:30 to 9:30 in Trinity Hall. Pancakes, bacon, baked apples, coffee, juice will be served. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. The program will start at 9:30. We look forward to having you with us this year to celebrate the women and men who have served our country.



Harvest Day 2016

Make your plans to attend our 64th Harvest Day on Tuesday, **November 15**, from **10 AM-12 Noon**. Our theme is "Celebrating Stages of Faith". We will have three inspiring speakers, Genevieve Ebel Embler, Catherine McSorley, and Betsy Keen, who will share insights on those stages. Following the program we will have brunch in Trinity Hall. Registration forms are available in the Harvest Day slot in the church office. Fill out your registration form and submit it with your check for \$10 (lunch cost) payable to Trinity UMW, with "Harvest Day" on the memo line, to the UMW slot in the church office or mail to: Shari Adams, 1808 LeSeur Road, Henrico Virginia 23229. This year our day is dedicated to two women who inspired all of us with their service and leadership in UMW, Ella Ruth Blanton and Margie Browder.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 10

Game Time!
2 – 3:30 PM
Mastin Room
Refreshments will be provided.

Thursday, December 8

Christmas lunch and program featuring the Festival Chorus of Douglas Freeman High School.
Concert: 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Lunch: 12:15 – 1 PM
Lunch cost: \$8.00
Please bring a dessert to share.

Planning Meetings for Young at Heart Events:

Wednesday, November 9, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join us as we plan for this vital ministry!



Advent Adventure Sunday, November 27, 5:30 – 7 pm Adventure starts with “Advent”

Share the Adventure as we prepare to journey through the Advent season. At this event you and your family will design and craft an Advent wreath, enjoy a festive meal and interactive fun, rejoice as we celebrate the first Sunday in Advent with inspiring worship featuring the Children’s Choirs. \$10 per Adult, \$8 per child (2 to 8 years old) \$30 immediate family limit. Advance reservations are requested at <http://bit.ly/AdventAdventure> or by contacting Leila Denton ldenton@trinityumc.net, 288-6057, ext. 208. Pay at the door on November 27 or give payment to Leila. Childcare will be available for babies & toddlers upon request. Please bring evergreens & clippers (if you have them).

Trinity Stitches Ministry

It is amazing how much our small group can accomplish each month. When we leave the workday, we are tired, but excited about the items that are created and shared with so many individuals. Everyone wants to know they are remembered either by their church family, or friends in the community.

We appreciate all of the donations that continue to come our way. Jo Lewis and Marilyn Stewart donated some beautiful fabrics that we will add to our selections. Our group of talented women, constantly create unique, one-of-a-kind designs using fabric that has been lovingly donated by so many people – church members and others in the community. We are able to keep our expenses to a minimum, buying batting, machine needles, and other items needed for the monthly workdays.

We have a supply of things other than just fabrics. If your group is planning any projects that require fabric, trims, felt, buttons, ribbon, etc. during the holiday season or other times throughout the year, please contact us before purchasing items. We have Christmas fabric and other holiday motifs. With so many things on hand, we always want to SHARE with others.

We encourage you to join us on our workday or by working at home. We meet the **3rd Thursday in Room 323 from 9 AM to 3 PM** (or whatever time you have available). There is much to be done and we NEED YOU!

Janet Hill (contact Granhill4@aol.com or 741-4394.

Children At Trinity



Sunday,

November 6,

4 to 5:30 PM

For everyone ages N4 - 5th Grade

At Lego Fest our builders will learn how to connect with God, and their friends, through fun Lego games and challenges! We'll also have lots of pizza...so plan to have dinner with us! We hope you can join us!!! Donations will be collected at the door to help costs.

RSVP at <http://bit.ly/LegoFest>. Please include names and ages of children attending.



W.I.F.F. Classes Completed

On November 6 the WIFF (Worship Instruction For First graders) class will complete six weeks of worship instruction. The children will take home a booklet that will help them continue to learn. Support children's faith development and worship experience by welcoming all children to worship.



Throughout this year we would like to greet you and offer you the opportunity to have a few minutes to meet the other parents in your child's age group. "Meet & Greet" events will be held at 10:30 AM in the classroom and will last 10 to 15 minutes. On November 13 there will be an event for the 3rd grade class. We look forward to seeing you soon!

2nd Quarter Children's Sunday School Teacher Orientation and Training

2nd quarter Teachers (Dec, Jan & Feb) please join us for the Orientation/Training session at **10:45 AM on Sunday, November 13** in the **Mastin Room**.



Mission Kids

Come join the fun with those 1st - 5th graders and their parents who love to serve. Projected future

dates:

- November 13 – 5 PM meeting to create gifts for elderly residents at The Hermitage
- November 20 - noon to 3:15 – Fast-food lunch & FT to Ronald McDonald House
- December 4 – noon to 3:30 - Fast-food lunch & Field Trip to The Hermitage

All parents will be preparing snack meals and acting as helpers/chaperones for activities/field trips; sign up here: <http://bit.ly/MissionKidsVolunteers>. You will need to be Child Protection Policy compliant. Feel free to contact Leila Denton at ldenton@trinityumc.net or 288-6057 ext. 208.



Third Grade Bibles

Trinity will be presenting Bibles to our third graders on November 20. Join us to celebrate and support our 3rd graders as they continue to study, learn and understand the significance of God's word. Each year the McClure Bible Study Sunday School Class faithfully supports this most important event by collecting funds to cover the cost of the Bibles. We are so grateful for the generous donations and continued support.



Children's Advent Gift and Food Drive *Giving Gifts to Our Neighbors*

Each Sunday in Advent children are invited to bring some small items or some food items; one for each Sunday in Advent. Sherbourne UMC would like help with some small gifts for the children in their community. And we wish to support our recent efforts to provide some food bags for some Tuckahoe Middle School kids. The Advent season is a wonderful time to remind our children that it is more important to give than to receive. More details will be in the Winter Kidsnews, the Children's page of our website and a flier through Sunday School. If you have any questions, contact Leila Denton at 288-6057, ext. 208 or ldenton@trinityumc.net.

Advent Devotionals for all Ages

- **Adult:** In an effort to be good stewards, Trinity is offering a collection of Advent devotionals left from the past few years. Three titles by Henri Nouwen are available: "Unto Us a Child is Born", "Wait for the Lord" and "The Lord is Near". Also copies of Tim Wesemann's "Awaiting the Wonder" will be available. An Advent calendar, "Slow Down. Quiet. It's Advent!" will also be available to help individuals prepare for Jesus' birth. Devotionals and calendars will be available on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, in each narthex.
- **Children:** Advent Calendar Cards will be sent home through children's Sunday School on November 27. What an exciting and fun way to prepare the heart of every child for Christmas. Behind each of the 24 windows on the front of these cards are important symbols and pictures as well as a Bible references highlighting the true meaning of Christmas. And there is a poem inside. Enjoy!
- **Families:** November 27 is the first Sunday in Advent. A Devotion Booklet will be available in the Welcome Center and given out at Advent Adventure. We hope that families will enjoy celebrating together throughout the Advent season.
- **Families:** A Christmas Tree sticker book and poster will be available for children in the Welcome Center. Please feel free to come by and get one for your family. The Christmas Tree can be used to tell the salvation story and help children to learn Christian symbols. Each day children can add a sticker ornament to the garland that circles the tree and read the Bible verse for the day.

Children At Trinity

Give a Gift at Christmas

The Trinity Mission Kids are sponsoring a church wide Christmas mission project to benefit the children in the community around Central United Methodist Church. Starting November 9 ornaments will be available. Purchase items according to the age, size and gender designations on the ornament tag. Wrap gifts and make sure each package/bag is clearly marked with the age, size, gender and clothes/toy. Gifts must be returned by **December 7** to Leila Denton's office.



Children's Christmas Pageant



The Children's Christmas Pageant is **December 18 at 4 PM**. All N4 – 5th grade children are invited to participate. **Registration** at <http://trinityumc.net/news/childrens-christmas-pageant/>. More information and conditions are outlined on the registration forms. To be considered for a speaking/acting part, registration forms need to be in by November 2. Parts will be assigned November 20. Questions? Deanna McCullough at dean-namccullough1@verizon.net or 364-2721 or Joey McPhail at johelen.mcphail@gmail.com or 334-1311.

Welcome Diane Ladd



It is a pleasure to welcome Diane Ladd to our congregation and staff as our new Financial Administrator. Diane is currently working on a part-time basis with Judy Niedermayer absorbing as much institutional knowledge as she can about our financial procedures. If all goes well, Judy plans to say "adios" by November 1, but will continue to be available to consult as needed with the transition. Diane has a strong background in working with churches and nonprofits in managing their financial operations, and she is familiar with our accounting software protocols. Diane and her husband Dann are well-grounded in the Methodist church at the local, district, and state levels. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. Please welcome Diane to Trinity! You can reach her by phone - 288-6057 ext. 203, or email - dladd@trinityumc.net.



Remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 5!

Serve Opportunities



Shalom Farms

On Saturday, November 19, join Trinity members for the last visit of the season to Shalom Farms. We will gather at the church at 8:00 AM and return by 12:30. Many families who do not have access to fresh vegetables are able to receive produce from the yields of Shalom Farms. The farm depends on volunteers to assist in all aspects of crop growth, so your efforts will help many men, women and children in the Richmond area. This will also be the last chance to work at the Goochland location. Shalom will be replanting its operation near the intersection of Routes 288 and 711 (Huguenot Trail) during the winter. This is an opportunity to work with those of all ages, have a direct impact on the community and experience the beauty and bounty of the Earth. Contact Teresa Given at tdagiven@gmail.com for more information or to sign up to attend.

Kids Club

Consider signing up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen group at Central United Methodist Church in the Manchester area of Richmond. Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you! We generally have up to 25 people to feed.

Use the link to sign up and find out details about time and suggested menus that are well received:

<http://goo.gl/ziiAPJ>

Thank you so much!
Hilary Coakley and Sarah Shutt

Micah

We invite you to attend the **City-Wide Micah Association Meeting** at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on Thursday, November 10. Our speaker is Overby Sheppard Principal Kara Lancaster-Gay whose topic is "Resilience." Our 'Meet & Greet' begins at 11:30 AM with the lunch meeting at twelve noon. Please let us know if you desire a Sally Bell box lunch or salad lunch (cost \$10). St. Elizabeth is located in Highland Park at 2712 2nd Avenue, 23222, phone 329-4599, and parking is located adjoining the fellowship hall at the rear of the church. To register, contact Mary Hetzel hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872 or on-line at www.micahrva.org with Program Director Qasarah Spencer.

Tornado Relief

On Monday, December 5, Trinity will be sending a team to Waverly, Virginia to assist with the tornado recovery efforts. Additional information will be posted in The Connection and the church website related to signup, departure time, and other needs. For additional information contact Carmen Sheppard via e-mail: Carmen Sheppard kevinshepp@aol.com or Bill Pike e-mail: bpike@trinityumc.net.

Blood Drive

At our Sunday October 9 Fall Blood Drive 30 Trinity donors gave a total of 26 units of whole blood and 8 units from double red donations for a grand total of 34 units. Register now for our Winter Drive on Sunday, January 8 from 8 AM to 12:30 PM in Trinity Hall, by contacting Mary Hetzel hetzelmary@comcast.net or 282-5872. Be sure to arrive well hydrated and having eaten a protein-rich breakfast. Chef Ronnie Johnson will again present the Bistro Breakfast Café with his specialty egg sandwiches. When you serve as a donor, you participate in Trinity's SERVE ministry and help save lives.



Joys and Concerns

Birth

Jayne Mae McCullough born on October 5 to Brian and Marty McCullough. Her grandparents are Rob and Sandy Taylor and Wendy McCullough..

Baptism

Holden Shewey

Wedding

*Congratulations to the following couple who was recently married:
Heather Case and Abel Brand, Jr. who were married on October 14*

Our sympathies to...

*Mary Rice whose mother Judy Kayes died October 9
Frances Daniel whose uncle Harry Ward died October 4
Jason Bush whose grandmother-in-law Mary Royall died September 27
Marilyn Stewart whose mother Dorothy Johnson died September 25
Carolyn Kennedy whose mother Mary Pepera died September 22*



Calendar Highlights November

Every Sunday

8:15 AM - Traditional Worship Service
9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship Service
9:30 & 10:45 AM - Sunday School
11:00 AM - Traditional Worship Service

Every Wednesday

12:30 PM - Midweek Communion Service
5:30 PM - WFN Dinner

Wednesday, November 2

6:30 PM - Serve Committee

Sunday, November 6

Communion Sunday/Sherbourne Collection
All Saints
4:00 PM - LegoFest

Monday, November 7

5:30 PM - Trustees

Wednesday, November 9

3:30 PM - Young at Heart Planning Meeting

Thursday, November 10

2:00 PM - Young at Heart Meeting

Friday, November 11

7:00 PM - RVA United Worship Concert

Sunday, November 13

Veterans Pancake Breakfast
12:00 PM - Children Council
5:00 PM - Mission Kids
7:00 PM - Creation Care
7:00 PM - Finance Committee

Monday, November 14

7:00 PM - Staff Parish

Tuesday, November 15

10:00 AM - UMW Program
3:30 PM - Westminster Canterbury Celebration
6:30 PM - Pub Theology

Sunday, November 20

11:00 AM - Third Grade Bibles
12:00 PM - Mission Kids Field Trip
12:15 PM - Town Hall Meeting
5:30 PM - Connect Team
7:00 PM - Church Council

Wednesday, November 23

6:45 PM - Thanksgiving Eve Service

Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25

Church Closed for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27

5:30 PM - Advent Adventure



The Hermitage

Many thanks to all those who supported the Hermitage Bazaar and Bake Sale. The donations of clothing, craft items, decorations and baked items are so appreciated. With last year's funds we were able to refurbish the Steinway piano, purchase an ice cream cart and another "It's Never Too Late" computer for the residents. The computer is a remarkable piece of equipment all residents can use and interact with technology. This year's funds will go toward patio furniture for the new Resident Patio. Additional funds will be to start an audio-visual fund to replace equipment in the Social Hall. We are thankful to be able to enhance the lives of our senior residents.

Youth At Trinity

Youth Lock-In: November 4

The Trinity Youth are having a Lock-In on Friday/Saturday November 4-5. Students should report to Trinity Hall at 9:00 PM on Friday 11/4 and get picked up at 7:00 AM Saturday 11/5. The cost is \$10* per person. Chaperones are needed and children of chaperones get in free. PLEASE BRING a snack to share (girls bring something sweet and boys bring something salty). *The \$10 fee will be used in the future to purchase items for service projects. Contact Ann Marie Blackmon to sign up - youth@trinityumc.net.

Breakfast Club for High School Girls

Hosts and participants are invited to sign up for our High School Girls Small Group. The young ladies will meet monthly for breakfast. More details can be found in the sign up genius.

SAVE THE DATES:

December 4: Bethlehem Walk
 December 9: Middle School Boys Man-Cave Friday Night
 December 18: Christmas Parties
 March 24-26: Spring Retreat

Raffle Prizes Wanted

Our youth have been working hard in the pumpkin patch this month and we would like to celebrate by raffling prizes for all who worked shifts. We are looking for small gift cards or gift items to give away. Donations are needed by Saturday, November 5. Questions? Please contact Ashley Love at 282-0014 or ashleymlove@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23
Worship Service	476	475	513	398
Sunday School	320	291	343	307

Our

Gifts as of September 30:

Projected income to date: \$265,080
 Actual income year to date: \$244,317
 Excess (-shortfall) -\$



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. Marjorie Browder** to **Trinity Foundation McClure Scholarship Fund**

In memory of **Mrs. Marjorie Browder** to **Trinity UMC History Project**



Thank You Notes

Dear Trinity,

Thank you very much for the cards, emails, prayers and other expressions of love that we were blessed with while dealing with the loss of our beautiful infant granddaughter, Charlotte Elaina Benton. Although we are sad that we lost her, we have felt the prayers of love and support, making it a little easier to bear. We are comforted by your acts of kindness.

Sincerely,
 Colby & Jan Benton

Thanks to everyone who came out on Saturday, October 15 to work on interior and exterior maintenance projects for the church. Your time, energy, and accomplishments are greatly appreciated.

Safety Reminder

Please remember to keep your vehicles locked and keep valuable items out of sight range while parked on church grounds. While inside the building, please do not leave purses and other valuable items unattended. Unless we are having a busy calendar day or hosting a large event, we keep the perimeter doors locked. The door at the entrance to the church office is the best way to enter the building. This is on the playground, south side of the building.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the next Window is **Monday, November 14, at 4 PM for events taking place in December.** 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.

Flower Tribute at Christmas



Advent is a time when we choose to honor and/or memorialize loved ones by listing their names in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

The cost to have a tribute “in honor of” or “in memory of” listed in the bulletins at Christmas is **\$20**.

The funds received will be used to offset the cost of flowers used to decorate the sanctuary and foyers for the Christmas season. Monies received above the cost of the flowers will be donated to Missions at Trinity.

The deadline for receiving contributions is Sunday, December 11, 2016.

Place this form in the offering plate

Attached is my donation in the amount of: \$ _____

Please list the following tribute in the bulletin during the Christmas season:

In Honor Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

OR

In Memory Of: _____

GIVEN BY: _____

Donor's Printed Name and Phone #: _____
