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Trinity Women

Communities Challenging Mass Incarceration

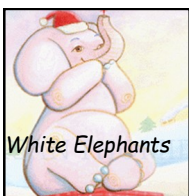


The Trinity United Methodist Women welcome
Rev. Lynn Litchfield, guest speaker

Tuesday, January 10
10:15 am in the Mastin Room

As GraceInside's Director of Development, Rev. Litchfield hopes to raise awareness of this vital ministry for incarcerated individuals. While serving as Chaplain to Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women over 11 years, she saw amazing transformations Christ made possible to women in this maximum-security prison. A dynamic speaker and conference leader, Rev. Litchfield also enjoys writing and has been published in *Newsweek*, *The Guardian* and *Ethics Daily*. Don't miss the opportunity to hear Rev. Litchfield share her thoughts of how we can help this vital ministry that too often remains "out of sight, out of mind."

Mission Emphasis: Bring donations of 2017 calendars, stationary, and postage stamps



Bring your donations!

We will collect *White Elephant Gifts* at the January Unit Meeting to be used for the Crossover Lay Health Promoter Saturday Seminar Series.

Trinity United Methodist Women



For more information about the UMW, contact Mary Hetzel at 282-5872 or hetzelmary@comcast.net. You can also visit: www.trinityumc.net/umw



Circle 1

Our next meeting is January 17 at 9:30 am in the Mastin Room. We will give our church a post holiday "spruce up".

Circle 4

Our December meeting was held at Positive Vibe Restaurant and we welcomed a new member, Terry Royster. We assembled and donated holiday gift bags to UMFS.

Circle 5

In the spirit of the wise men giving gifts to the infant Christ child, Circle 5 adopted a family served by CrossOver to provide gifts for Christmas. Working with the social worker at CrossOver, we were able to identify a family that matched our needs. The parents of our family came from Honduras ten years ago and now have two young children. Like so many immigrant families they struggle to make ends meet. Our circle members have enjoyed shopping for this family and feel blessed to share in making Christmas special for them. As Jesus said, "When you do it to the least of these, you do it to me." We are happy to be a part of this family's joy on Christmas morning!

Circle 7

Our next meeting is Monday, January 16, at 7 pm and we will write notes to those going on the Honduras mission trip.

Service Day Busy Hands Wrap-Up

Over 15 groups received hand-made creations from the busy elves who gathered in Trinity Hall for a fun and festive morning filled with great holiday spirit. The UMW busy hands project day brought over 60 workers together. In addition to creating items, items were donated for many local groups as part of our on-going community missions. Guest Storyteller, **Denise Bennet**, shared a wonderful holiday story for the group. Harvest Day checks of over \$1,900 were presented to The Hermitage and Trinity UMC by **Pat Rollison** and **Andi Morgan**. Special thanks to **Mary Hetzel** and **Pat Rollison** for creating such a tasty lunch of soup and rolls. Just as God shared his most precious gift at Christmas, his Son, we are reminded that sharing with others is the true spirit of Christmas. **Merry Christmas Everyone!**



To all the Service Day Elves: Thank you, thank you for all the many projects you created and in many cases delivered, as well. Our kitchen helpers outdid themselves on Monday. What better way to celebrate the birth of Christ than to reach helping hands to our neighbors. - Mary Hetzel



United Methodist Family Services

On Service Day, 140 beaded candy cane ornaments were prepared for the students at Charterhouse School on the UMFS campus. The bright red and white canes will add a festive touch to their holidays.



Thank You Notes

Dear UMW,

Thank you for the kind honorarium. Your grace was appreciated, but not anticipated. I figured the good Lord tumbled me into Trinity to support all of your activities. I appreciate your leadership and teamwork. Love, Bill Pike

Trinity United Methodist Church gratefully acknowledges your gift to Oak Grove-Bellemeade School in honor of Mrs. Marsha Shuler. The school has been notified. This note refers to a gift Circle 4 made in honor of Marsha who moved to Pittsburgh.

Pledging for 2017

We begin the 2017 UMW year by offering financial gifts we call *Pledging*. Our Pledges support the missions and ministries of the Richmond District UMW, as well as our own programs here at Trinity. Please be sure to bring your pledge to your January Circle meeting or to our Unit Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, when Rev. Lynn Litchfield will join us. Make check payable to TUMW, memo-line "2017 Pledge."

Stitching Love and Encouragement for Others

The Trinity Stitchers' Ministry has been very busy completing lap quilts, shawls, pillows, and tote bags to share with church family and others that are experiencing difficult days. How marvelous that we have caring Christian women who dedicate their time and energy into creating unique items to share. During UMW Service Day, we completed over 100 fabric tree and star ornaments that with the help of Circle 11 were donated to The Hermitage to use as tray favors for the residents. A simple gesture to share the Christmas spirit with others.

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

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



UM Day at the General Assembly

"The Church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust."--Social Principles of the United Methodist Church, 2012-2016.



UM Day at the General Assembly will be held Thursday, February 2, beginning at 7 am with registration and breakfast at Bon Air UMC (1645 Buford Rd, N. Chesterfield). Travel to the Assembly will depart at 8 am. Attending Committee meeting and meeting with legislators will begin at 8:30 am. An effort will be made to arrange meetings with legislators for large groups of registrants. If you wish a private meeting, contact your legislator in advance. Events of the day include meeting with Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy staff members in Senate Room A at 11 am or attending Joint Session of House and Senate at 11 am. We will depart from the Tunnel Entrance at 12:30 pm for lunch at Bon Air UMC and a 25th Anniversary Celebration in the sanctuary at 2 pm including music, a video presentation and a keynote speech by Bishop Charlene Kammerer.

Register and pay online at www.vaumc.org/UMDay2017 or print a form and mail to UM Day at the GA, Rev. Barbara Lewis, Registrar, Greenwood UMC, 10040 Greenwood Rd., Glen Allen, VA 23060. Make checks payable to: "Virginia United Methodist Conference". All questions regarding registration should be directed to Rev. Lewis at 594-6241.



United Methodist Day 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Conference Legislative Committee is hosting a 25th anniversary celebration of United Methodist Day at General Assembly, on Saturday, January 14, at Centenary UMC (411 E. Grace St., Richmond). The event will start with registration at 11 am, lunch at noon followed by a program at 1 pm. Pre-registration is necessary and child care will be available. For more information, email Randy Harlow at crhncboy@aol.com.

Upcoming District Events - Save the Dates

District Day Apart with theme *Praying the Psalms* is a Richmond Hill Retreat from 9 am-4 pm on Saturday, January 21, led by Rev. Margie Turbyfill of Duncan Memorial UMW. This event includes study, reflections, and joining all of Richmond Hill in a cycle of prayer. Bring your Bibles, pen and journal. \$25 registration fee. Deadline is Monday, January 16, with a limit of 25. Richmond Hill is located at 2209 E. Grace St., 23223.

District Hearts for Justice Tea will be at Mechanicsville UMC on Saturday, February 11, with registration at 10:15 am and Tea & Program from 10:30-12:30. Focus: *Children in Poverty*. Speaker: Beth Nolan, Director of VOICES for Virginia's Children. Bring your favorite tea cup.

Richmond District Prayer Breakfast: Saturday, April 15 at Providence UMC, Chesterfield.

On the Road Again: Saturday, April 22, to Wesley Community Service Center in Portsmouth.

Gift to Mission Christmas Cards

Special Gift to Mission Christmas cards were sent to Pam Rutledge, Sharon Wenger, and Betty Allen from the Trinity UMW. For each card sent, a gift to mission through the United Methodist Women has been made in honor of the recipient.

Hermitage News



The Country Store had a very successful day in December and was able to take in \$3,478.65. This will go toward updating the audio-visual equipment at The Hermitage. This is in addition to the nearly \$7,000 raised during the October Holiday Bazaar that will purchase new furniture for their new patio. The next opening of the Country Store will be on January 27, from 10:30 am-2:30 pm. On December 13, 25 gift bags assembled during UMW Service Day were delivered to the residents. Want to be involved with volunteering here? Call Nancy Miller (740-3772), Marble Jones (740-8002) or Joyce Caldwell (474-1805).

Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond (ICGR)

The date of the annual ICGR Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award has been changed to February 16. A weather reschedule date has not yet been announced. Volunteer help and donations are needed. Contact information currently listed in the ICGR newsletter: lynncastle1@aol.com or 804-938-0206



THE NEW/REVISED DATE for BROTHERHOOD SISTERHOOD YOUTH AWARD
Thursday, February 16, 2017
Dinner: 5:30-6:30 pm
Ceremony: 7:00-8:15 pm
River Road Church Baptist (8000 River Road, Henrico, 23229)

For up-to-date information about the Youth Award and other ICGR activities, you are invited to consult Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond on Facebook.

In other interfaith news, five Trinity members attended the Richmond Film Premiere of "The SULTAN and the SAINT" at J. Sargent Reynolds Community College (Parham) on November 19. The film was narrated by Academy Award winning actor Jeremy Irons. It is a docudrama describing how two men of faith -- Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt -- worked together to help effect the end of the Christian-Muslim conflict known as the Crusades. A panel discussion followed the film, led by a representatives of the Franciscans, Islam, and the film's producer.

What is All God's Children Camp?



Children, ages 7 to 12, with an incarcerated mother or father, spend a week at camp, participating in activities such as boating, swimming, hiking,

archery, music, crafts, Bible study, and conflict resolution. Partnering with Virginia United Methodist camps, All God's Children Camp provides a week of sanctuary for children who face so many challenges in their lives: economic poverty; temporary living conditions; loneliness; low self-esteem; violence; and drugs. There are many ways you can volunteer for camp and we definitely need all the help we can get. Please contact Lori Smith at lttlelori@gmail.com or 571-245-9591 if you would like more information.

1. Prayer. Please pray for Camp Overlook, Camp Chanco and Occohannock on the Bay as they host this summer. Pray that we have 90 folks sign up to be mentors and that they will be the hands and feet of Jesus for our campers. Also, pray for all staff members of All God's Children Camp as they prepare for an awesome summer. Lastly, pray for the campers, that their lives may be transformed in and through Jesus.

2. Sign up to become a mentor. It will change your life! There is nothing like spending a week in the outdoors with some awesome kids who just want to be loved.

3. Get a group together to provide supplies for our campers. All the supplies that are donated get to go home with the campers. These include bed sheets, pillows, toiletries, blankets and other goodies. Please contact Lori for a full list of supplies.

4. Sign up to drive campers to camp. This is a big need! Most of our campers are unable to provide their own transportation for various reasons so about 90% of them will need a ride to and from camp.

5. Monetary donations. Thanks to the support of you and our local churches, campers have the opportunity to come to camp at no cost. Without you, this would not be possible. The cost to send one child to camp is \$400. NO donation is too small!

Dates for 2017:

June 18-23—Camp Chanco on the James

June 25-30—Camp Overlook

July 30-August 4—Occohannock on the Bay

Sherbourne Christmas Gift Donations

Between 125 and 150 children receive Christmas gifts through Sherbourne. Trinity's children ministry provided donations of Christmas gifts and several UMW Circles provided festive candy canes and poppers.

Below are pictures taken on the day families were able to choose gifts for their children. Please note the needs there and continue to lift up this ministry within your Circles.

