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Trinity Women

Join us for our Kick-Off Event!

Communities Challenging Mass Incarceration



The Trinity United Methodist Women welcome
Chaplain Lynn Litchfield, guest speaker

Tuesday, September 12
10:15 am in Trinity Hall

Join us for a bring-a-salad brunch and hear our outstanding speaker. 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."



Circle 1

Our September kick-off meeting is on Tuesday, September 19, at 9:30 am in the Mastin Room.

Circle 4

Circles 4 and 11 hosted the July Coffee Hour and Bake Sale for the Hermitage residences on July 11. Our first meeting of the year is Thursday, September 7, at 7 pm in Room 323.

Circle 6

We will meet at the home of Janice Elledge at 11 am on Tuesday, September 5, for a planning meeting, pledge service, and potluck lunch.

Circle 7

Our first meeting of the year is on Monday, September 18, at 7 pm in the Conference Room. We are assembling UMCOR School Kits and making plans for the year.

Circle 10

We are meeting at Susie Hildebrand's home at 7:30 pm on Thursday, September 7.

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

From the President

Join a Circle!



Do you know of someone who may be interested in joining a UMW Circle here at Trinity? Perhaps you could invite them to one of your Circle meetings or our program on Tuesday, September 12 with Rev. Lynn Litchfield as our guest speaker. Her topic is "Communities Challenging Mass Incarceration". After the program at 10:15 am we will share our salad lunch. Judy Putnam (Circle 10) is eager to help new and current members find a Circle that is perfect for them. Contact Judy at jep23060@gmail.com.

Sharon Wenger

Treasurer's Tidbit

Trinity's UMW collects pledges on a calendar year basis, so if you haven't yet submitted a pledge during 2017, it is not too late to do so! An amount equal to \$3.25 per member is submitted to the Richmond District UMW to fund their projects. The rest of the money pledged by our UMW unit is used to fund projects and mission giving that Trinity's UMW chooses to do. The more money that is collected, the more projects and mission giving that can be done. Please put pledges in the UMW Treasurer's mail slot in the church office, or mail them to Shari Adams, 1808 Le-Suer Road, Henrico, VA 23229. Thank you.



Gifts in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Jack Shehee, Rev. Judy Brown, Mae Moore Andrews, and Sue Duncan.

Their families received a card notifying them of this donation in their loved one's memory.

Upcoming Events

Richmond District Mini-Mission Encounter

A Call to Community, A Call to Missions will be on Saturday, September 9, at River Road UMC (8800 River Road, 23229) from 12:30-5 pm.

Mission Studies: (you choose one to attend)

- Missionary Conferences of the UMC in the United States (Red Bird Mission, Oklahoma, Alaska)
- Living as a Covenant Community
- Climate Justice

Registration deadline is Friday, September 1.

Registration forms are in the Welcome Center. Mail \$3 (payable to Richmond District UMW) and the form to Richmond District UMW, Rosa Lewis, 829 Old Denny St., Richmond, VA 23231.

Virginia Conference UMW Meeting

The 45th Annual Meeting of the Virginia Conference United Methodist Women will be at Trinity (ours!) on Saturday, October 28, starting at 8:30 am. Our own Bishop Sharma Lewis will be the keynote speaker. You will not want to miss it!

Registration deadline is Sunday, October 15.

Registration is \$15 (payable to VA Conference UMW) and includes lunch. Forms are located in the Welcome Center and should be mailed to Mary Saylor, PO Box 7316, Hampton, VA 23666.

There will also be events on Friday, October 27, starting at 7 pm at Trinity.

Items will be collected for UMFS. The list is on the registration form.

For more information please see the brochure located in the Welcome Center or online at vaumw.com.

UMCOR Relief Supply Kits

Thank you to all Circles for your continued support of UMCOR and the important work they do to aid people around the world in crisis situations. Trinity contributed 223 kits to the 41,522 collected at the 2017 Virginia Annual Conference in June. This included 132 health kits, 91 school kits and \$382 towards postage and toothpaste. Your dedicated support each year makes the work of UMCOR possible. Let's make this upcoming year no exception! Current supply lists and instructions will be available at the September board meeting. This information is also available online at www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Schmitt at Barron.Schmitt1@verizon.net.



Chrismon Caretakers

The Chrismon Caretaker Committee is a group of ladies (and one husband) from Circle 10 who met during the summer to faithfully repair and refresh the Chrismon ornaments. Many of the ornaments date back to 1971 when Carol Gill's father, Linwood Pridgen cut out the styrofoam forms that are still in use. Circle 1 worked on the Chrismons at their homes and in Circle meetings. A few years after that, Circle 3 made many of the ornaments, until the 9 foot tree was covered in gold, silver and white Chrismons. If you have any information on the making of Trinity's Chrismon ornaments or if you have made or contributed some of the ornaments in recent years, please contact Sharon Wenger at swenger66@gmail.com.



Coffee and Bake Sale at The Hermitage Home

Circle 4 and Circle 11 helped in hosting the July Coffee and Bake Sale at The Hermitage Home on July 12. Members from both Circles provided baked goods, cookies, and lemonade for this special gathering for the residents along with participation of staff and volunteers from The Hermitage. Mary Deal, Trinity member, is a frequent volunteer at The Hermitage and coordinates the monthly events. Janet Sommerville and Wendy Floyd from Circle 4 and Gail Clelland and Meg Chisholm from Circle 11 helped with hosting, greeting and serving the refreshments to the residents. We all enjoyed visiting with the residents and staff. The funds are used to help with projects for The Hermitage Home. Trinity UMW supports the July event each year and other local UMWs participate during the other months of the year.

United Methodist Homes now Pinnacle Living

The new name of United Methodist Homes expresses a more positive approach to later life. The same is true for The Treasure Chest, formerly known as The Country Store. It will be open September 22, 10:30 am-2:30 pm. Please continue your kind donations of clothing, housewares, etc. These can be left in the area next to the balcony. Be sure they are on hangers or in bags for volunteers who are transporting them. Tax receipts are available in the church office. If you have furniture you would like to donate, call Teedie Johnson (264-5337) or Hilda Taylor (275-2955). Through these donations we are able to enhance the lives of the residents. There is great appreciation for those who donated to The Samaritan Fund between Mother's Day and Father's Day. Those gifts are used to support residents who have been blessed by longevity but have outlived their financial resources.



VCU Pace Center Reopens

The Pace Center is excited to reopen its doors this fall! Here is how you and your church can help:

1) Send us names and contact Do you know an undergraduate or graduate student at VCU? Are there members of your church who are current or retired faculty/staff at VCU? Send us their names and contact information so we can reach out.

2) Share your mission projects Is your church participating in a mission project that would be a good fit for a student? It could be a one-time event like helping to serve a meal for CARITAS or an ongoing opportunity such as mentoring at an elementary school.

3) Help us stock our kitchen 46% of VCU students experience food insecurity during their time at VCU. Pace is currently in talks with RamPantry (the food

bank on campus) and others to launch a community meal coupled with cooking and nutrition classes. We are fundraising for new pots, pans, plates, cups, utensils, tables, chairs, spices, etc.

4) Keep us in prayer

If you'd like to get involved, there are lots of opportunities. Just let us know! Thank you for helping the United Methodist Church build a Christ-shaped community at VCU!

Rev. Katie B. Gooch, director

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Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond



Malik and Annette Khan, who spoke at Trinity last year, are the Richmond Peace Education Center's 2017 Peacemakers of the Year. Annette is Secretary of ICGR.

Upcoming ICGR programs include the RVA Peace Festival on October 1 at St. Joseph's Villa and the 51st Annual Brotherhood Sisterhood Youth Award in February 2018.

Anyone who is interested in participating in ICGR's projects or committees is encouraged to contact Hayat Donna Bain at mandalasofofife@gmail.com or 804-467-9674.

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Offering

In March we had a Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program and offering. In this month's edition of the e-Advocate, the Virginia Conference's newsletter, an article was written about ODEMIHF that received funds from this offering. ODEMIHF is a UMW-supported non-profit working to support Haitian immigrant women and their families (who live) in the Dominican Republic. Here's an excerpt from *Haitian Women benefit from UMW Grant*:

A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is an annual observance during which United Methodist Women members and friends reflect on the gospel of Christ, pray together and make an offering to mission with women, children and youth in response to God's love and grace. In 2016, the offering received from the observance supported national and international programs that empower women to gain the resources they need to earn a living wage to help

them take care of themselves and their loved ones. In 2017, the offering received will support programming and advocacy for the health of mothers and their children. ODEMIHF is one of these programs. "I want to thank United Methodist Women members for the help they are giving us, because educating Haitian immigrant women in the Dominican Republic is important, positive work, and we appreciate the support," said Vital. "This program is helping Haitian immigrant women know about and learn technology, and I think that they will bring change to their community." "United Methodist Women is doing good work around the world, helping people have better lives. Keep doing the good work," she said.

Through our monetary gifts to the UMW, we are making the world a better place in so many ways.