



United Methodist Women
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Trinity Women

“Sojourner Truth”

A Dramatic Portrayal and Discussion
Presented by Mrs. Evelyn Allen



Tuesday, January 9
10:15 am in Trinity Hall

Light refreshments provided.

Make plans to join us for this special program as we kick-off the 2018 New Year!

Learn more about this African-American Abolitionist and Women’s Rights Activist as Mrs. Allen highlights her work and accomplishments as she sought equality. Mrs. Allen will portray Sojourner Truth for our audience, delivering some of Sojourner Truth’s best-known speeches and then participating in discussion.

Board Meeting at 9 am in the Mastin Room.

Circle 1

We will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 9:30 am in the Mastin Room. Jo Lewis will be our special guest, and she will share with us her recent experiences with orphans in Moldova. We will be collecting much needed warm socks for these children.

Circle 4

In December we met for dinner at Positive Vibe Cafe. Our Service Day project will support the staff and patients at CrossOver Ministries, Cowardin. At our January meeting we will assemble 20 health kits.

Circle 5

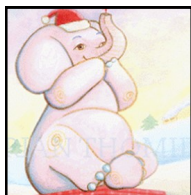
We will meet on January 16 at 7 pm in the Mastin Room.

Circle 6

We had a Christmas party for residents at Cedarfield on December 5 with guest speakers Bill Pike and Nell Chesley. We enjoyed Service Day together on December 12. We will not meet at our regular time on January 2 but encourage everyone to come to the meeting on January 9.

Circle 10

In December we were helpers at the Sharing Hope night. On Service Day, we wrote Christmas cards to the homebound, made Christmas poppers for Sherbourne, and helped wrap the donated books. On January 3, we will meet at the home of Jan Reynolds at 7 pm. It will be a business/social meeting and we will assemble 48 health kits.



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.

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For more information about the UMW, contact UMW President Sharon Wenger at 740-1004 or swenger66@gmail.com.

You can also visit: www.trinityumc.net/umw

Treasurer's Tidbits

If Circles want to donate to ministries beyond the Five Channels of Giving and the Fellowship of the Least Coin program at Church Women United, they can submit the money directly to the organization. However, please add the amount of this donation to the Treasurer's Submission Form in the section at the bottom of the form that was added in September for this purpose. Or at the very minimum, send Shari Adams, the Trinity UMW Treasurer, an email (SLAdams05@gmail.com) letting her know the date of the donation, which Circle donated the money, how much was donated, and the name of the organization receiving the money so she can keep track of the total amount of donations given by the UMW during the year. This process should be used for donations to organizations like CrossOver Clinic, Central UMC Kids Club, Camp Rainbow, TUMC Youth or Children's Ministry, Interfaith Council, Trinity Scholarship Fund, UMFS, etc. Please send me information about donations made in 2017 no later than December 31.



Pledging for the 2018 UMW year begins in January. We work hard to get most Pledges completed in January, February, and March so we are better able to plan for our expenditures. Our Pledge to the Richmond District for 2018 is \$3,500, an increase of \$100. In order to make a Pledge, make your check payable to TUMW and note 2018 Pledge on the memo line.

Thank you to everyone for their time, effort, and financial contributions that they made in 2017. Many organizations and individuals were provided help as a result. November's Harvest Day offering allowed Trinity's UMW to donate \$4,800 to Trinity UMC during December's Service Day program. This was the largest Harvest Day offering since 2009. This Harvest Day program also had the largest attendance since at least 2006! Final totals for 2017 pledging and other donations will be shared during January's Board meeting so please ask your Circle leader for those totals after that meeting is held. A budget for 2018 will also be presented (and hopefully approved) during that meeting. Circle leaders will be able to share that information with all UMW members at that time.

- Shari Adams, TUMW Treasurer

65th Harvest Day

From Timber to Brick special guest speaker **Carol Gill** shared history and memories of Trinity United Methodist Church. This simple event started by the Trinity Women in 1953 continues to inspire us to rededicate ourselves to the needs of our church and community. With over 150 attending, a special offering of \$4,800 was collected to support needs of the church.

If you were unable to attend the service, you can watch the video posted on the church website at: www.trinityumc.net on the UMW page. You can obtain a printed copy of Carol's speech by asking your Circle leader. Find out how a German submarine provided warmth to the Trinity congregation!

Special Mission Recognition Pins were presented to Libby Burton and Nancy Lott.

Thank You Notes

Dear United Methodist Women,
Thank you for have me on September 12. It was a pleasure to see you all. Thank you for the honorarium. It will help me keep getting the word out to all. Thank you also for believing with us that GraceInside Matters.

- Rev. Lyn Litchfield

Dear Trinity UMW,
Thanks for the check related to your successful Harvest Day program. Though not necessary, I will put the money back into Trinity projects.

- Bill Pike

Service Day Busy Hands Wrap-Up



Over 18 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 70 workers together. In addition to creating items, items were donated for 10 local groups as part of our on-going community missions.



Singing "Deck the Halls" together after our work was completed started the program portion of the morning. Linda Robinson gave a short review of Harvest Day and presented the \$4,800 check to Rev. Drew Willson. This Harvest Day offering will be used for various church projects as needed.

Jo Lewis shared information about the special membership recognitions program. Gail Clelland recognized Bill Pike as the recipient of the UMW Man of the Year. Jo presented Kathy Barksdale a special membership pin. Both recipients were pleased to be honored.



The special time of the day came when Drew Willson made some very nice remarks about the UMW and how this group always "Gets It" when it comes to missions and to reaching out to members of the church and community in various ways to make all feel included and part of the fellowship. Drew sang a John McCutcheon's song about the Christmas Truce in 1914. This beautiful, meaningful song about peace in the midst of war and men sharing Christmastime in the trenches in France presented a very moving time for all. He closed with a prayer and blessing for our lunch. Special thanks to Mary Hetzel and Pat Rollison for creating such a tasty lunch of Brunswick Stew and Sally Lunn rolls. Andi Morgan organized goodies and drinks to be on hand when all arrived that morning so we finished up our lunch with dessert.



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.



Service Day Pictures, Continued



All God's Children Camp

All God's Children Camp serves children ages 7-11 whose mother and/or father are incarcerated. Volunteers ages 17+ spend the week at camp with 1-2 children. While we do not lead activities, we provided supervision, companionship, and compassion for our campers. Mentors are responsible for getting to and from camp and the \$20 background check. The 2018 application deadline is June 1. We also need drivers to pick up 2-3 campers and get them to and from camp, as not all children have transportation.

6/17-22 Camp Chanco on James (Richmond)

6/24-29 Camp Overlook (Keezletown, VA)

7/29-8/3 Camp Occohannock on the Bay (Eastern Shore)

Central Kids Club Meals

Please consider signing up to provide a hot meal to the children who attend Kids Club and Teen Group at Central UMC. Did you know that Central hosted 20 Trinity members while we were on a mission trip working all over RVA? The church is located at 1211 Porter St, Richmond, 23224. Many of you have graciously served before and we thank you! Please use this link to sign up and find out the details: <https://goo.gl/Ud4i7c> You can also contact Hilary Coakley at hccoakley@gmail.com or 212-4015.

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The Hermitage

Hidden Treasures, formerly know as The Country Store at The Hermitage-Richmond, will be open again on January 26, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Don't miss this opportunity to find some real bargains. In 2017, over \$26,000 was raised to help support The Hermitage, and this was done when the store was not able to open for two months due to extenuating circumstances. As always, Trinity has been generous with donations to this worthy cause. Please continue to remember us when you clean out your closets. Your donations can be someone else's "hidden treasure". Questions or if you wish to volunteer, call Nancy Miller (740-3772) or Marble Jones (740-8002).