



United Methodist Women
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Trinity Women



A Call to Prayer & Self Denial



Tuesday, March 13
10:15 am in Trinity Hall

Guest Speaker: Rev. Christy Haga Turner
Pastor of Westhampton UMC

Everyone is invited to attend this special program and time of fellowship together. Bring a covered dish to share at the brunch following the program as we share hospitality with members and special guests.

The offering is designated to support national and international programs of leadership development for women and girls.

*NOTE: The format has changed this year. We will meet in Trinity Hall instead of the Chapel followed by brunch instead of a reception in the parlor.

Board meeting at 9 am in the Mastin Room

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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

Circle 1

On March 20, we will attend one of the Community Lenten Series Services at St Paul's Episcopal and have lunch afterwards.

Circle 4

At our February meeting we planned future projects including collecting non-perishable foods for UMFS. On February 25 we prepared dinner for the youth group with Circle 2.

Circle 5

We will take part in the Call to Prayer & Self Denial on Tuesday, March 13.

Circle 6

We will prepare a meal for Kids Club at Central UMC on March 4. Our meeting will be on March 6 at UMFS where we will tour the campus and have lunch catered by the Culinary students there.

Circle 7

We are making dinner for the youth group on Sunday, March 4.

Circle 10

In February, Jo Lewis gave a presentation about Face of a Child. We collected \$130 in donations for her cause. On March 1, we will meet at the home of Libby Burton at 7pm. Rai Beasley, a Charter House volunteer, will be our guest speaker.

Treasurer Tidbits

The Richmond District UMW reached (and slightly exceeded) its 2017 Pledge to Mission goal of \$52,000, and the \$3,400 that the Trinity UMW contributed as our Pledge to Mission was part of that. It is truly amazing what we can achieve when we work together! Each pledge that is made is very appreciated! The 2018 total pledge goal for Trinity's UMW is \$6,000, and \$3,500 of it has been pledged to the Richmond District Pledge to Mission. The remaining money will be used to fund the projects and mission work that our UMW decides to work on during the year. Let's do some wonderful things together this year. Thank you for your help!

- Shari Adams, UMW Treasurer



Thank You!

Dear Trinity United Methodist Women,
We appreciate the gifts you sent us for our Christmas Stockings. It is through your generosity that we were able to distribute 63 stockings to the residents in our care. The Healthcare, Memory Support, and Assisted Living residents of Manor East at Covenant Woods sincerely appreciate the Christmas stockings. These gifts brightened the holiday season. They let our residents know that other people are thinking of them.
Sincerely, Nancy Latham, Enon UMC
President, Covenant Woods Guild

Dear Trinity Women,
On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for your kind donation in memory of my mother, Dot Howard. Her years at Trinity were an important part of her life and she cherished the friendships she made there. We are touched that you chose to remember her in such a thoughtful way.
Fondly, Dot Smith

Dear Ladies,
You are so special! Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and special cards. This has been a difficult time for all of us, but we are comforted by your caring words and our faith. Please continue to keep Mom and Dad in your prayers (and our family, also).
Fondly, Bev Woodard
Genevieve and Vernon's daughter

Gifts in Memory

A gift to the UMW National Mission Institutions was given in memory of Don Pierce (husband of Rhunell) and Genevieve Collier.

Their families will receive a card notifying them of this donation in their loved ones' memory.



Special Mission Recognition



The Special Mission Recognition is accepting nominees for the 2018 award. Please take a minute and submit a letter on behalf of a friend or fellow Circle member who has served in the UMW and in activities throughout Trinity. These letters need not be formal, a list will do, and can be emailed to stacybcampbell@gmail.com.

Donate to Refugee Resettlement through Church World Service

Kika Husejnovic at CWS is our primary contact. Since 2001, hundreds of Trinity members have donated household furnishings in good condition to help welcome newcomers from around the world to Richmond, Virginia. Please contact Kika if you would like to donate something. Her cell phone (972-1361) is a good way to reach her. She serves as the Pre-Arrival and Match Grant Coordinator for CWS Richmond Immigration and Refugee Program CWS. Kika can arrange to pick up most donations, but is always in need of a donated van for this purpose. Her location is 3314 North Parham Road, Suite B, 23294.

Office Phone: 658-5279

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Circle 1 Visits the Hermitage

Members of Circle 1 made our annual visit to the Hermitage Home on Tuesday, January 30. Ann Via brought carnations and vases and Andi Morgan brought chocolates. We intentionally visited residents who were members of Trinity: Lee Childress who once headed Meals on Wheels, Lu Graham and Margie Browder's cousin Gloria Shorter. We also visited Iva May Purdy and stayed for the Prayer time with Chaplain Denise Bennett. Ann's husband's parents Bernard Via and his wife helped to found the Hermitage United Methodist Home.

Hermitage Store

Hidden Treasures at Hermitage-Richmond will be open March 23, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please remember as you clean out your closets that items you can no longer use can be someone else's treasure.

Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond



Interfaith Community of Greater Richmond presented the 51st Brotherhood/Sisterhood Youth Awards at Trinity on Thursday, February 15. Juniors and Seniors from 44 area High Schools arrived at 2 pm for special activities, games, and a wonderful meal. Meeting them in the parking lot was part of the joy of our hospitality. Each student received this special award for epitomizing the ideal of human connection across all potential obstacles.

The Brotherhood/Sisterhood Award was originally envisioned by Monsignor Hugh McMenemy of Denver in 1934 as a special time set aside when people of all faiths would get together, to discuss their differences and commonalities and affirm the human bonds that underlie the variations in their different backgrounds. Here in Richmond, the practice of working with the National Brotherhood/Sisterhood Youth Awards began in 1968. These students have the ability to relate to others with empathy and understanding regardless of gender, race, religious, and other perceived differences. They participate in activities that improve human relations, that promote inter-group understanding, and that create harmony between people. They identify and actively respond to those in need with compassion and service. They reach out to help others within their school, the local community and even the world, at large.

Carol Wampler is Trinity's representative to ICGR and helped plan this event with assistance from a variety of UMW volunteers who offered hospitality as greeters. Bill Pike was key in planning the logistics for use of the Mastin Room, Welcome Center, and Sanctuary for the Service. Rev. Drew Willson offered the opening prayer of welcome. Kisha Anderson prepared the meal for our students and the Welcome Center reception for parents and students. Each student received a special treat bag prepared during Service Day with the John Wesley quotation: *"Do all the good you can, to all the people you can, whenever you can,..."* Trinity last hosted this event fifteen years ago.

The Sacred Places of My Heart Recap

Ann Marie Blackmon shared *The Sacred Places of My Heart* in her presentation to us Tuesday, February 13 entitled *Finding God Where the Wild Things Are*. Inspired by a [Faith Sharing](#) during Sunday worship on Volunteer Emergency Families for Children, she and Shaw undertook to host children in their home for short term emergency care. Although Ann Marie initially imagined it to be as simple as adding an extra plate to the dinner table, she quickly learned that the trauma experienced by their guest children made the work both challenging and deeply rewarding. Describing herself as an average kind of woman, we felt just the opposite about her as we heard about their long term work changing lives through VEFC and the demanding work of leading the Trinity Youth Ministry and teaching Middle School Sunday School. Ann Marie told about her love for camping and being a camp counselor. Getting children outdoors often works wonders. She also told about encouraging the eighth graders to help the sixth graders as they can subtly encourage and discourage certain behaviors. Ann Marie shared her favorite and very simple prayer: *God, help me!* A more genuine and heart-felt Valentine Sermon could not be even imagined than what we were so fortunate as to hear. How blessed Trinity is to have members like Ann Marie and Shaw, who by the way was also leading Upward Basketball during much of this time.

United Methodist Family Services

The UMFS Auxiliary celebrated January, February, and March birthdays with a delicious lunch, ice cream & cake, and bingo. Each of our students left with a special birthday bag. Our residential students are attending worship at Reveille, a church which also hosts a monthly dinner for them, as well as a Prom in May. The Richmond Painters Association has again chosen UMFS as a beneficiary and is currently painting and renovating the much-used Foster Care Building. The newly furnished recreation Den is located in the basement of the dining hall and has become a favorite resource for the students. The twenty-five mentors who volunteer with the children also like to use the Den and a newly created mentor closet filled with art supplies, board games, etc. when they are working with students. The Auxiliary will honor the 180 staff members with special St. Patrick's Day treat bags to be assembled at the March meeting. Susan Westfall who runs the Green Thumb Program at the Greenhouse needs a volunteer with some woodworking skills. The next Commencement will be Wednesday, March 14 from 5-7 pm. Mark your calendar for the Green Thumb Plant Sale on May 9-10 from 9 am-3 pm.



UMCOR Kits

Circle 1 put together 30 school kits and 30 health kits led by UMW UMCOR Kits chair Debbie Schmitt.

